



Burlington Fire Department

November 2013

“The Mission of the Burlington Fire Department is to provide for the fire and life safety needs of the community in the most professional, courteous, and efficient manner possible.”

Fire Prevention

Fire Marshall Crooks completed 28 inspections or re-inspections in November, including 2 motels. To date he has completed 4 hotel/motel inspections with various results. He has found some serious deficiencies, most notably a lack of working smoke detectors in one motel, and some minor issues. The life safety issues, such as a lack of working smoke detectors, must be remedied immediately, while other problems can be addressed prior to a re-inspection (normally in 30 days).

Operations

In November we had 122 fire-related incidents and 272 ambulance calls. Included in the fire calls was a kitchen fire at the Burlington Apartments, 206 North 3rd Street. Below is a picture of the kitchen immediately after we stopped the water flow from 2 sprinkler heads. Other than the water damage there is very little evidence of a fire. Contrary to popular belief, only the sprinkler heads in the affected area will activate not every sprinkler head in the building.



In November our average response time for all ambulance calls including those out of town was 6 minutes 6 seconds. If we include only the calls in Burlington the average time is 5 minutes 12 seconds. On the fire side we averaged a 5 minute 1 second response time, including non-emergency calls.

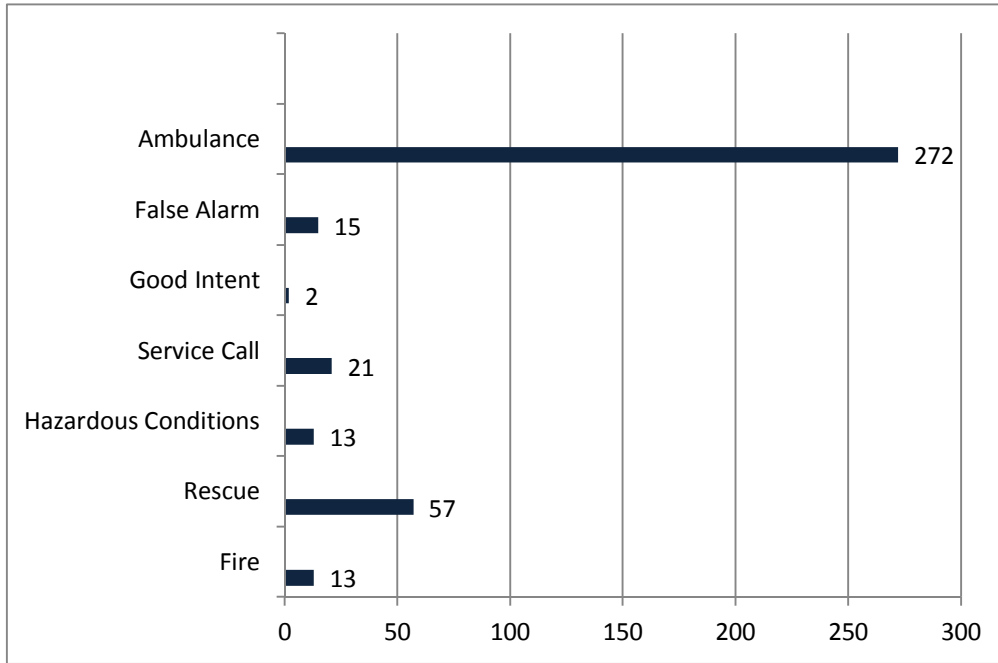
Here is a picture of our completed rolling file system that the firefighters installed in the attic at Central Fire Station.



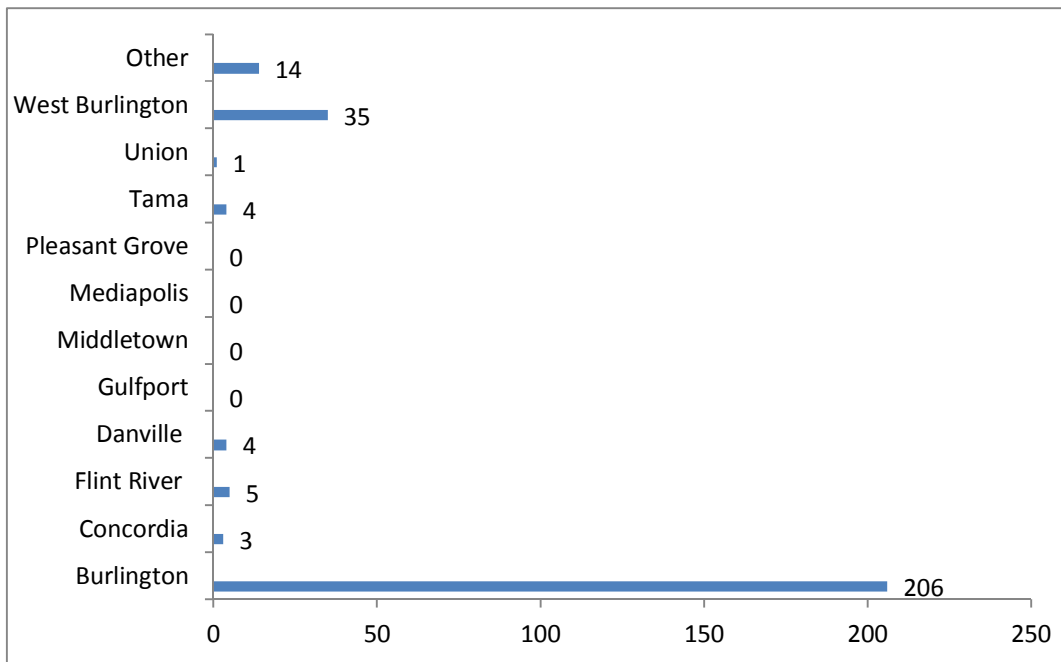
Training

We had 83 hours of training in November. Four firefighters attended the Iowa Emergency Medical Service Association Conference in Des Moines. We are being reimbursed for their tuition (\$950) through the Des Moines County EMS Association. We also had two people attend the Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor class. This will enable us to have our ACLS classes in-house instead of hiring an outside instructor.

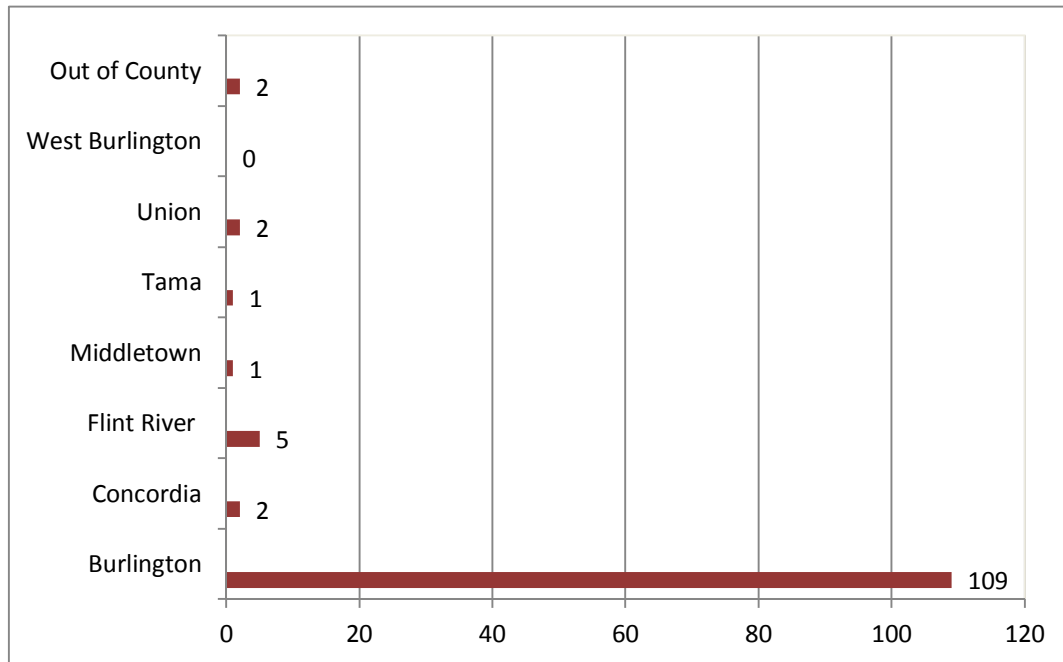
Incident Types and Volume for November 2013



Ambulance Responses by District for November 2013



Fire Responses by District for November 2013



Sincerely,

Matt Trexel

Fire Chief