



# Burlington Fire Department

## Monthly Report

### November 2014

“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.”

## Training

On November 9<sup>th</sup> firefighters and officers from all 3 shifts participated in live burn training on West Burlington Avenue. Capt. Wagoner and officers from West Burlington Fire Department organized a day long training opportunity for firefighters in Des Moines County. This training was made possible by the donation of the house by Shearer's Foods and many other donations or discounts from local businesses and individuals.

Other training for the month included Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) class for all paramedics. This is a skill that has been added to our airway protocols in the last few years. It allows paramedics to use medications to sedate and paralyze an alert patient prior to inserting an endotracheal tube.



Courtesy of James Houghton

## **Operations**

We had 342 calls in November, including two house fires on the 17<sup>th</sup>. For all emergency fire calls in Burlington our average response time was just under 5 minutes (this is from the time we receive the alarm to our arrival on scene). We had 122 overlapping calls meaning an average of 4 times per day we have multiple emergencies in progress.

Crews toured and preplanned the Case/New Holland plant and Riley Paint Company. Special attention was paid to the types and locations of hazardous materials, utility shut-offs, and other high hazard areas. We hope to have access to all preplans electronically on scene in the near future. Currently we carry paper copies of the plans in the command vehicle.

Battalion Chief Workman and I attended the Des Moines County Firefighter's Association meeting in Yarmouth. Brian Carter, County Engineer, discussed the county's snow plowing policy. Capt. Inouye, Cedar Falls Fire Department, discussed using the National Grid System for emergency response. It was also decided that Burlington Fire Department will be the host department for the next 3 years, meaning we will appoint the President and Secretary/Treasurer for the association from our department.

## **Fire Prevention**

During the month of November Fire Marshal Crooks completed 18 inspections which included 49 violations of the fire code. He also completed several fire investigations, sprinkler and fire alarm panel reviews, and building plan reviews.

Crews continue to neighborhood smoke detector canvassing on Saturday mornings. In November the shifts installed 92 smoke detectors and 16 carbon monoxide detectors. We are running low on detectors once again but more will be supplied through the Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office in January.

### Other Activities

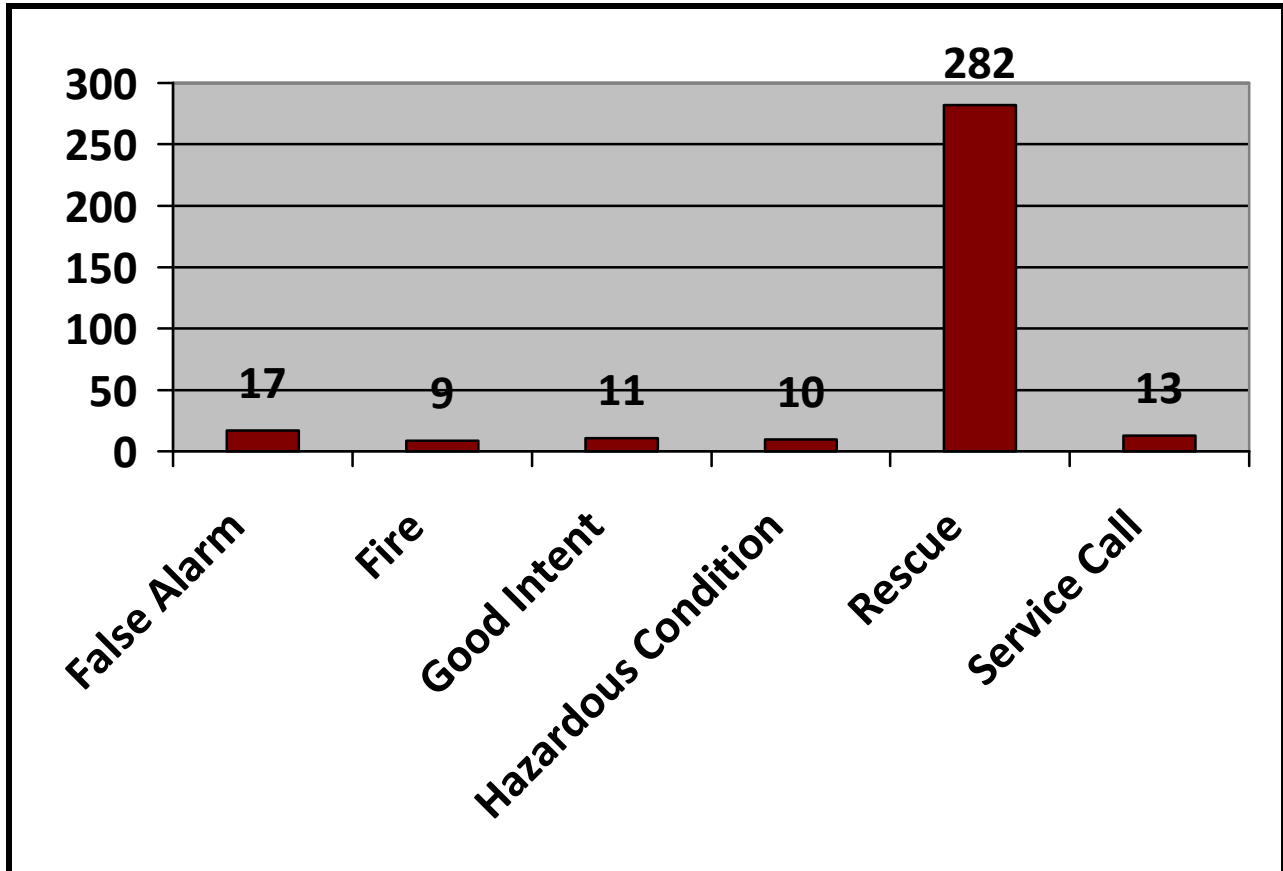
- Fire Marshal Crooks attended the 2015 Building and Fire Code update conference.
- Chief Trexel attended the DESCOM/Chiefs meeting at Central Station.
- Chief Trexel attended the Iowa Society of Fire Instructor's Conference.
- Battalion Chief Ryan served as an assessor for promotional testing in Clinton.
- MABAS Division 62 quarterly meeting held at Central Station.
- Battalion Chief McGhee and Firefighter Howard attended the Critical Incident Stress Management Team meeting held at Central Station.

Sincerely,

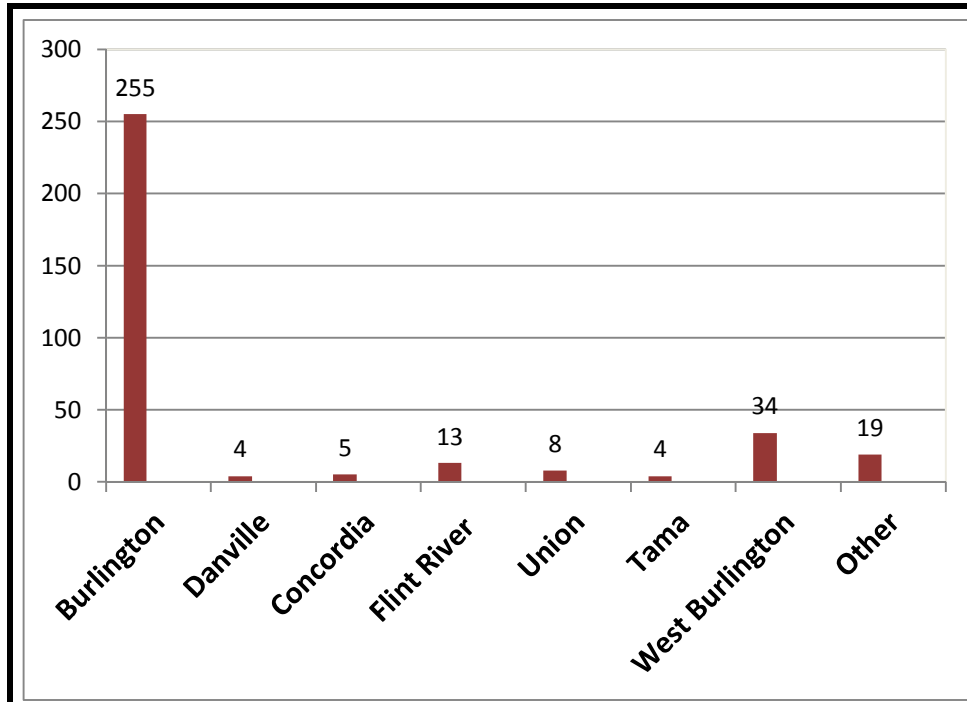
Matt Trexel

Fire Chief

### Incident Type Report November 2014



## Responses By District November 2014



## Fire Department Training November 2014

### Administrative Summary - November

#### Assignments

##### Completions (November 1-30)

Users with completions:	40	91%
Total completions:	319	

##### Overdue Assignments (as of November 30)

Users with assignment(s) that are overdue:	26	59%
Total overdue assignments:	56	

##### No Assignments (as of November 30)

Users with no assignments:	17	39%
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#### Users

##### Log-ins (November 1-30)

Users who have logged in:	35	80%
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##### Credentials

Users with credentials expiring next month (December):	39	89%
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