

The City of Oneonta Fire Department

2015 Year-End Report



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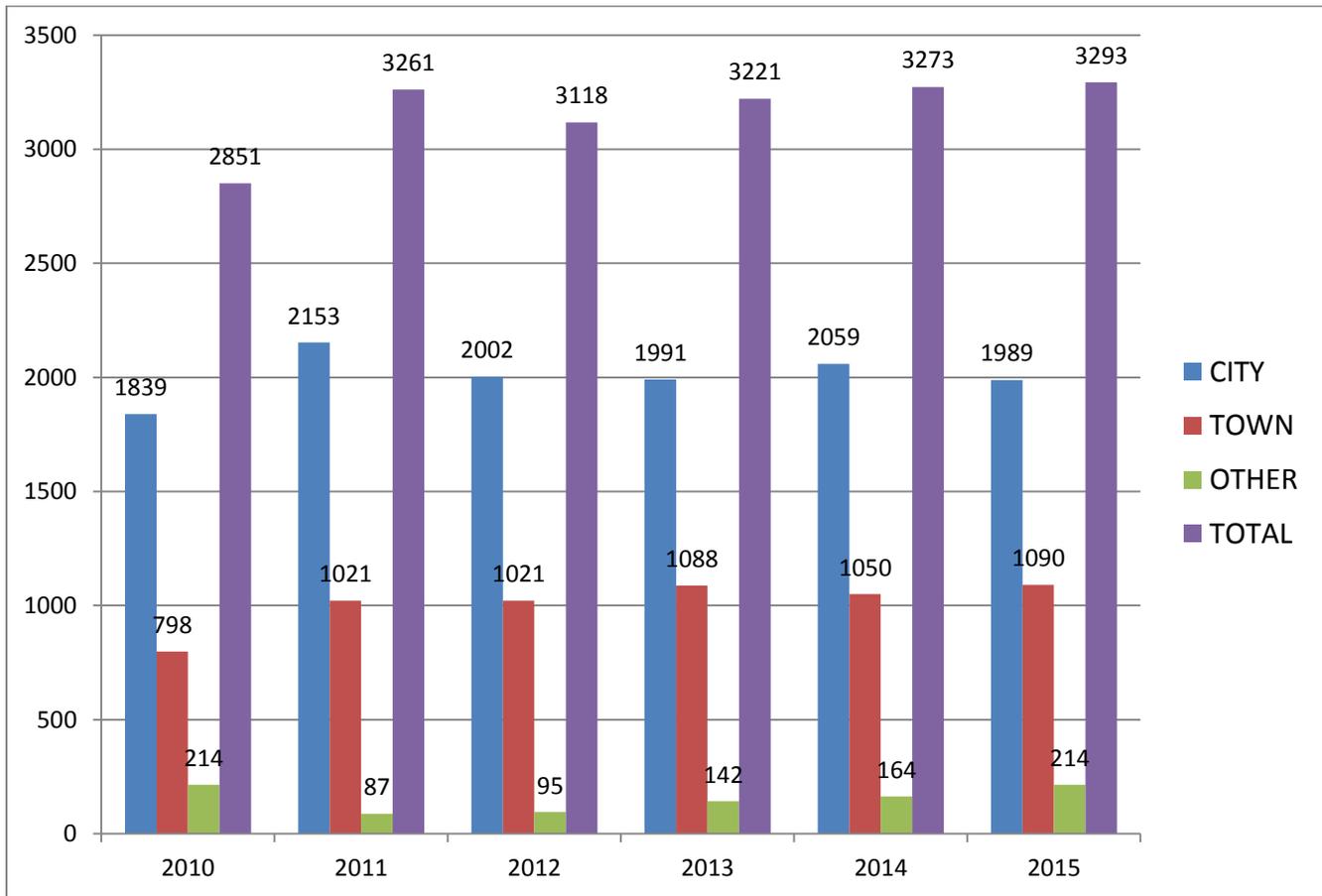
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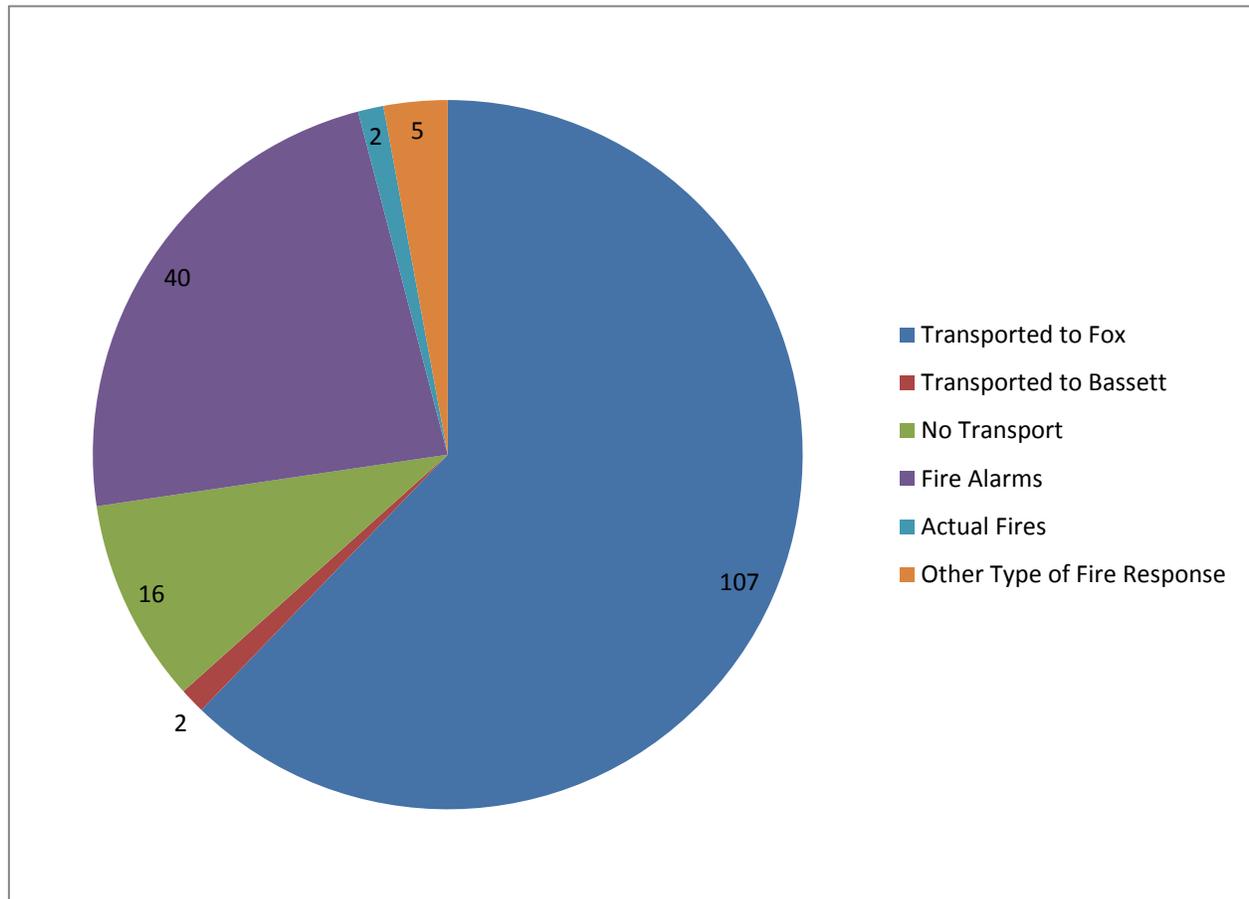
In **2015** the Oneonta Fire Department responded to **3293** calls for service. Service including EMS, Fire, Rescue, Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA), Hazardous Material Incidents, Severe Weather, Investigations, Alarms, Stand-by coverage, Mutual-Aid, Emergency Management Incident Action Planning and coverage for Community and Special Events.

Response types by location:



- **1989** – Responses within the City limits = **60.4%** of the total responses.
- **1090** - Responses to the Town of Oneonta including West Oneonta Fire District = **33.1%** of the total response made.
- **214** – Responses made M/A to Otsego & Delaware County's = **6.5%** (63% was for EMS)
Note: 62 of these requests were cancelled prior to OFD arrival on scene.

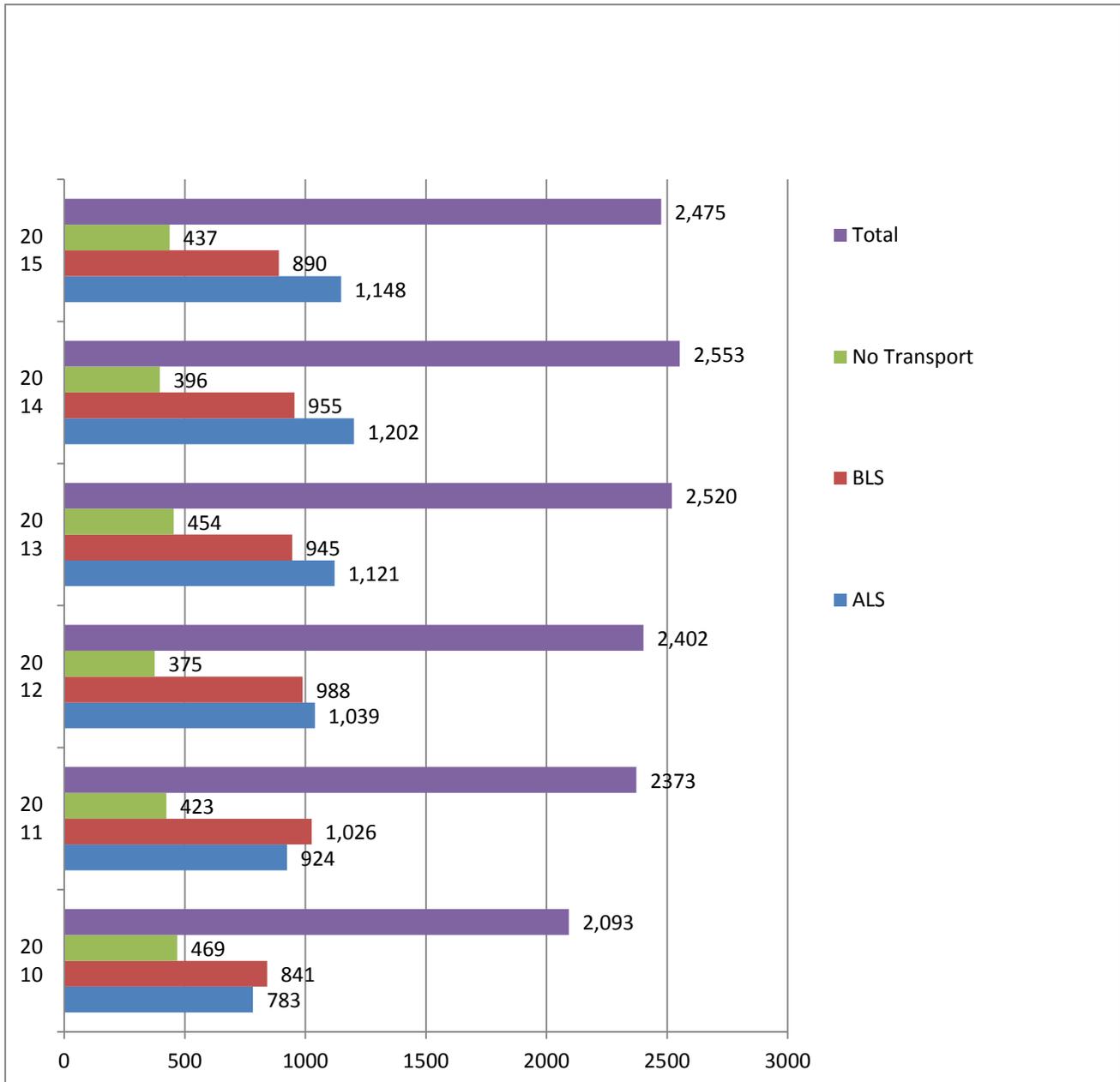
2015 Call Locations and Response Type



Call Types by category – 2396 calls for EMS, or approx. 72.8% of calls. 133 responses were made for motor vehicle accidents, 48 in the City, 66 in the Town Contract Area, 6 to West Oneonta Fire District, and 13 MVA responses were made to other departments under Mutual Aid. There were 764 Fire related responses, of these fire responses 510 were in the City, 160 in the Town Contracted Area, 15 in West Oneonta Fire District, and 79 were Mutual Aid. OFD fire related responses were primarily made for a “hazardous condition” or fire alarm responses; this continues to be primarily from Carbon Monoxide alarm incidents.

- Other agencies were requested to assist OFD via Mutual aid 30 times, 2 times were cancelled for a total of 28 calls into Oneonta to help under Mutual – Aid. These responses include; structure fires, MVA’s, ambulance responses and stand by coverage.
- M/A was received from; CMT, East Meredith, Franklin, Laurens, Otego, Pindars Corners, Sidney, Treadwell, West Oneonta, Worcester, Otsego County Fire Coordinators. (11) Departments.
- OFD responded M/A to; Cooperstown, Davenport, East Meredith, East Worcester, Franklin, Grand Gorge, Laurens, , Milford, Morris, Otego, Pindars Corners, Schenevus, Sidney, West Oneonta, Treadwell, Unadilla, Worcester, (17) fire and EMS departments.

EMS Call Comparisons



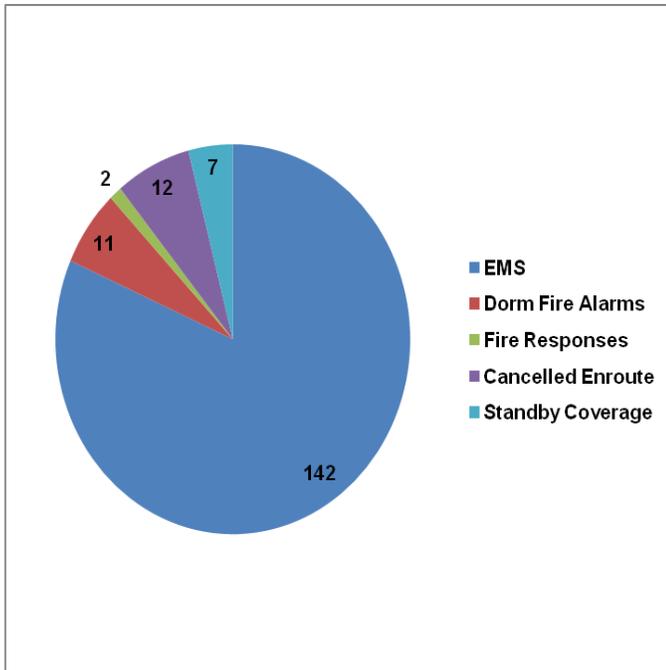
Emergency Medical Services:

In 2015 OFD continues to provide the best EMS care for its citizens and visitors to the area, transporting patients from their residence, emergency scenes, and health care facilities to the most appropriate hospital for needed care. Of the **2,475** EMS calls, **1,148** patients were treated with Advanced Life Support measures and **890** were treated under Basic Life Support Protocols. Additionally, **437** patients were provided emergency first aid on site. They either refused or did not require transportation to a hospital.

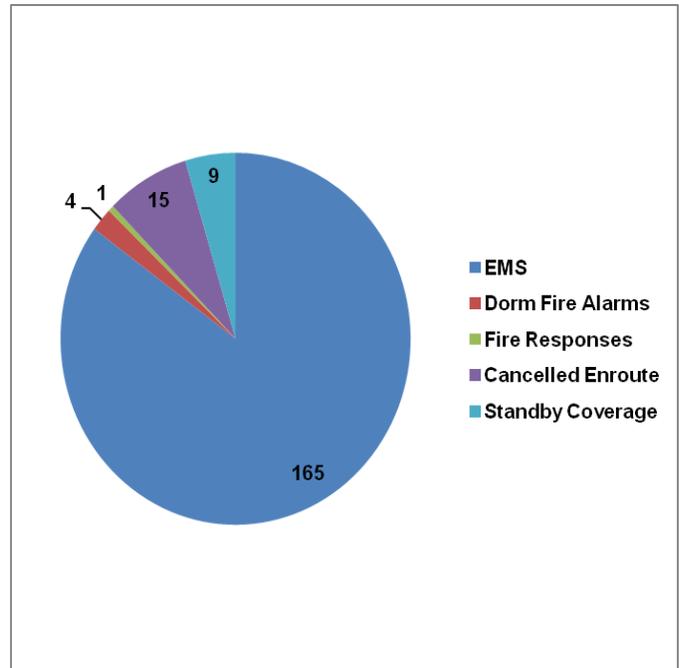
College Responses - Three Year Comparison;

State University at Oneonta

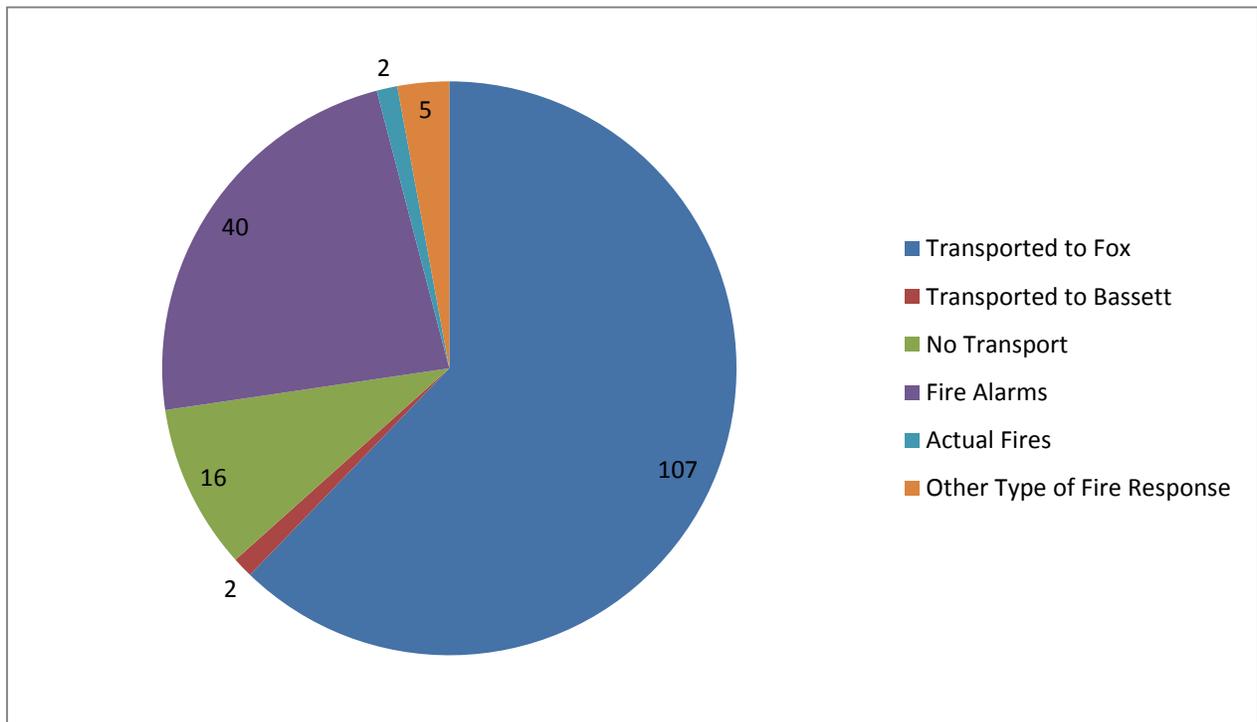
2013 – 174 responses



2014 – 194 responses

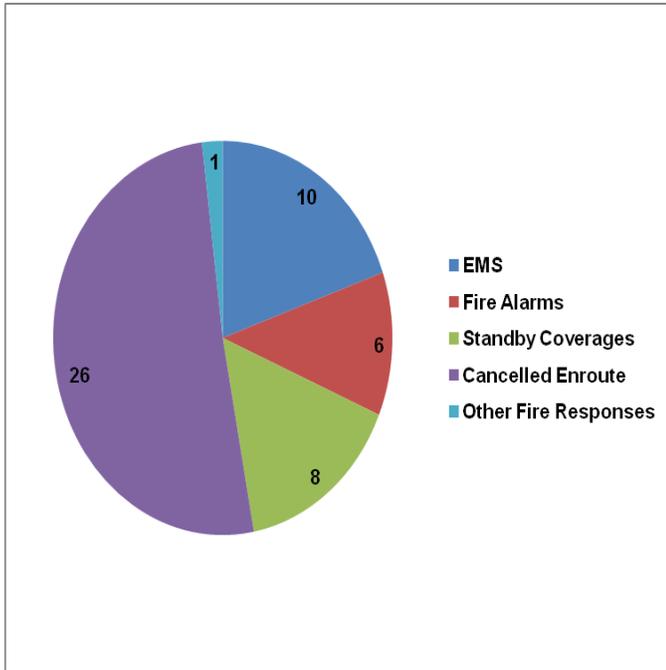


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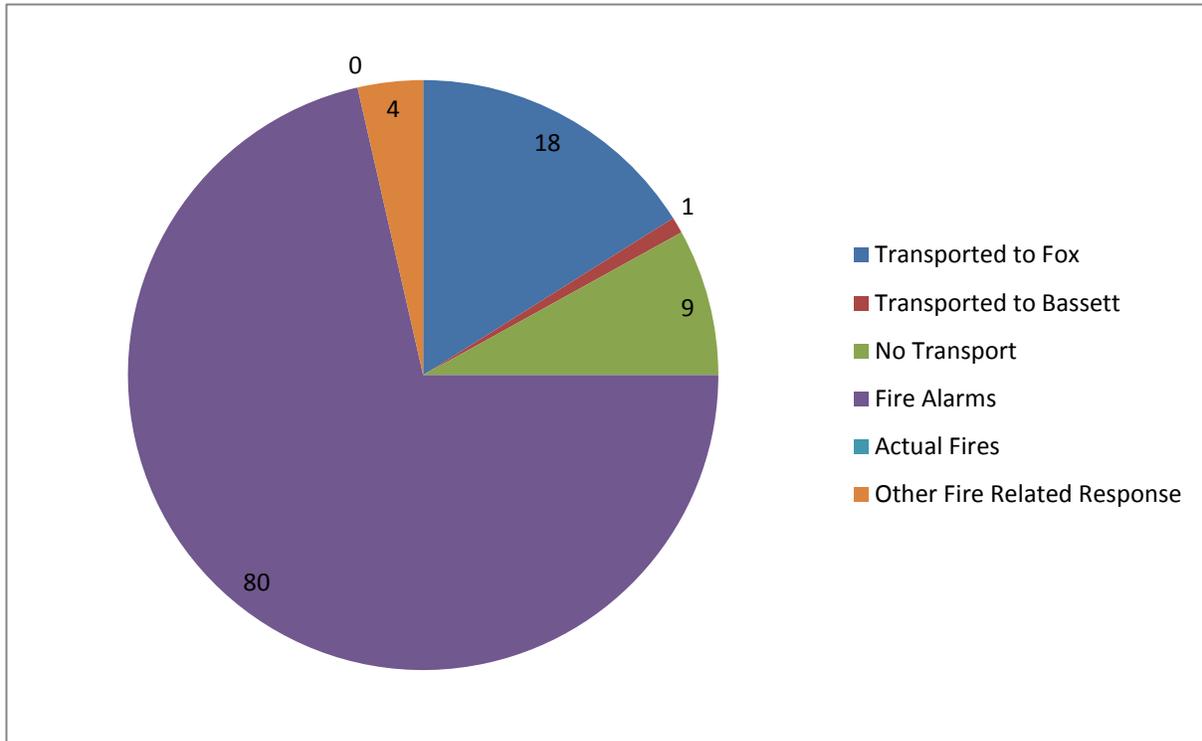
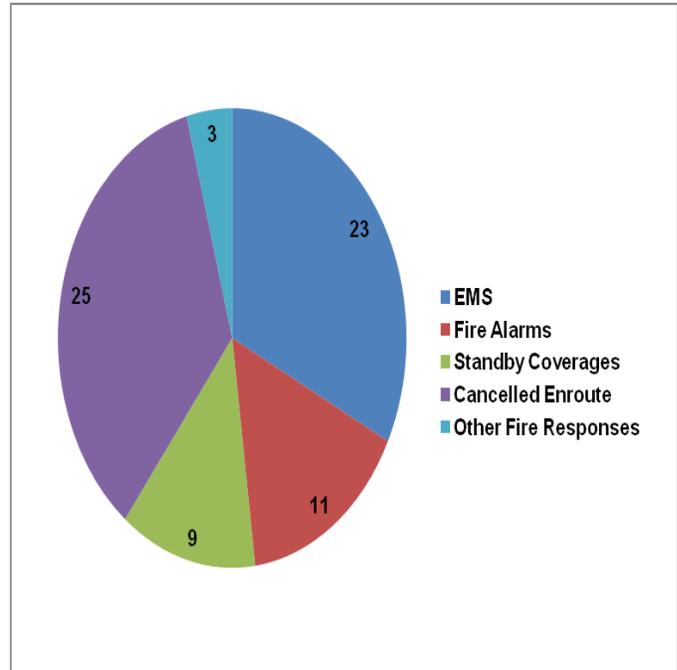


Hartwick College

2013 – 71 responses



2014 – 51 responses



In addition to the on campus responses, OFD made **76** responses to off campus student residences. Responses were mostly EMS related, **40** transported to the hospital, **9** no transport or need for medical assistance. OFD responded to **27** fire responses, **2** confirmed house fires, **5** other type of fires, and **20** fire alarm calls.

Training of OFD members;

During 2015- 527 in house training classes, covering **55** topics were made available for OFD members to attend. A total of **4014** training hours were documented. On an annual basis all firefighters are required to complete **100** hrs. in-service fire training on **24** topic specific categories. This year, **30** firefighters averaged over **133** training hours.

Eight members attended classes at the New York State Fire Academy, (395 Hrs).
OFD staff completed - NYS Civil Service Job Survey.

EMS Training;

- In 2015, **9** members renewed their 3 year EMS certifications. **6** BLS level, **3** ALS level.
- All OFD members continue to complete 6 month Continuing Medical Education (CME's)
- OFD continues to offer additional in house EMS training with 'Core Content' classes.

Fire and Life Safety Prevention and Education;

Every year the Fire Department staff provides the community with fire prevention and life safety education classes. Throughout the year OFD staff provides classes, lessons and station tours to schools, daycare centers, colleges, Greek houses, local businesses and other City Departments.

35 presentations were delivered. Training was provided to the **3** elementary, and both Middle and High Schools, during fire prevention week. School groups from throughout the area came to the Oneonta Fire Station for tours and safety education. Several local businesses were provided with fire safety education and hands on fire extinguisher training. Approximately, **1800 children and 600 adults** received this very important education and training. Additionally, OFD members volunteered at the YMCA's Junior Firefighter camp.

OFD Accomplishments / Changes during 2015;

- Feb. – new multi- gas meters & testing station in service.
- March - E-PCR project went on-line, has been very successful.
- April – Chief & Asst. Chief attended training at the National Fire Academy.
- May – all OFD members completed water & boat rescue training.
- June - Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM), Data collection started.
- June – Captain Len Carson retired after 21 years of service.
- July 2015 –Bradley Smith was promoted to Captain and in August successfully completed First Line Supervisory Training Program.
- September – hired new firefighter – David Dirig.
- October - Received DEC grant to replace grass and brush firefighting equipment.
- November - Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM) – Report completed.
- New aerial truck (1642) - received and in service.
- New Zoll heart monitors and Auto-Pulse purchased 1 – 2 years ahead of schedule.
- Total call volume increased by **20** responses; Overtime was down by **813.75** hours.

Emergency Management;

E/M continues to participate with many other local agencies, in table top exercises, meetings, construction plan review, and preparation for events - Including; the NYS Eastern District Emergency Management Team, Otsego County E/M, Otsego County 911, Otsego County Traffic Safety Committee, Otsego County Fire and EMS Advisory Boards, Goodyear Lake Dam Emergency Response, AAREMS, the College at Oneonta, Hartwick College, the Oneonta City School District, and AO Fox Hospital Emergency Management Team.

E/M has continues to work closely with the City and Town Codes Offices on vacant / abandon & unsafe buildings. Sign program used to identify buildings for firefighter safety.

E/M continues to review new construction and expansion projects for;

- SUNY Oneonta – Fitzell Hall & Science 1 and other building projects.
- Housing Visions projects - West and Columbia St.'s & Silver Creek.
- McDonalds, Buffalo Wild Wings, Bassett IT

E/M reviewed and updated emergency action and evacuation plans, and provided fire and life safety education for area mobile home parks and ARC residential homes.

Chief participated in Otsego County strategic planning meetings.

E/M planned for and participated in event coverage for several community events including; Snomegang, OH-FEST, Tuff-Nuff, 4th of July, Balloon Fest, Hospice concert event, Pit Run, graduation for both Colleges, Lower Deck Dash, Turkey Trot, Frost Bite 5K and First Night Oneonta, others.

E/M sent out several Code Red messages for emergency notification to the public. Messages continue to be sent out for road closures, construction projects and water main breaks.

E/M attended training / meetings with - Pipeline Emergency Response and Planning and Constitution Pipeline installation project.

2016 Fire Department Goals;

- Continue contract negotiations with Local 2408.
- Continue City / Town contract negotiations for fire and EMS.
- Spec and order 2 new ambulances, command vehicle and brush truck.
- Complete County radio project upgrades.
- Complete community risk assessment.
- Building projects; “K” wall replacement.
- Front bay repairs and lighting upgrade.
- EOC – update area for E-PCR work space.

Respectfully submitted on 1/19/2016 by: Fire Chief Patrick W. Pidgeon