



BIRDSBORO-UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT

Serving Birdsboro Borough and Union Township

AUGUST 2013 ACTIVITY REPORT

Number of Incidents: **43**

Municipality of Incident:	Birdsboro:	22	Union Twp:	15
	Exeter Twp:	0	Amity Twp:	3
	Robeson Twp:	2	Other:	1

Total Number of Personnel In Service for Emergencies: **356**

Average Firefighter per Emergency Incident: **9**

Total Man Hours for Emergency Incidents: **267.95 hrs**

Total Number of Personnel In Service for Training: **18**

Total Man Hours for Training: **158 hrs**

Total Number of Personnel In Service for All Activities: **374**

Total Man hours for All Activities: **425.95 hrs**

Type of Incident (Summary):

Alarms:	3	Appliances:	2	Building:	4	Wires	0
CO Alarm:	1	EMS Assist:	4	Fire Police:	3	HazMat:	0
QRS	13	Public Service:	3	Rescue:	0	Trees:	3
Vehicle:	4	Brush/Trash:	0	Other:	3		

Total Fire Loss: **\$150,500.00**

Busiest Apparatus: **Rescue 7 (39.53%)**

Busiest Day of the Week: **Saturday (23.25%)**

Busiest Shift: **2nd Shift (39.53%)**

Average Reaction Time (Dispatch to Street) **3:39 Minutes**

Average Response Time (Dispatch to Scene) **6:34 Minutes**

Highlights August 2013:

August 1st: 03:55 hrs, The department, along with mutual aid from Monarch FC, Exeter FC, Gibraltar FC, Mt. Penn FC, and Southern Berks EMS were dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main Street for a reported deck fire. Police arrived and found smoke showing. Upon Chief 7's arrival, the rear deck was found to smoldering after the resident extinguished the fire. Crew evaluated the structure for extension and ventilated the smoke from the structure. Birdsboro's Fire Marshal investigated. There was an estimated \$500.00 fire loss.

August 3rd: Department members and Mt. Penn Fire Company conducted joint live fire training at the Berks County Fire Training Site. Members focused on commercial building fire attack under live fire conditions. During this training, BUFD was covered by Temple Fire Company.

August 10th: 19:43 hrs, the department was dispatched to the French Creek State Park for a lost hiker in the woods. Members worked with the Park Rangers to locate the hiker. With the assistance of Monarch FC, Geigertown FC, and Twin Valley FC, the lost hiker was safely located and removed from the woods around 22:00 hours.

August 19th: 18:28 hrs, the department, along with mutual aid from Monarch FC, Exeter FC, Gibraltar FC, Mt. Penn FC, and Southern Berks EMS were dispatched to the 100 block of S. Mill Street for a house fire. Rescue 7 arrived within two minutes of dispatched and found heavy fire from the second floor of the residence. Crews worked simultaneously to contain and extinguish the fire before spreading the adjoining house. One firefighter was evaluated at the scene by Southern Berks EMS for heat exhaustion, but he did not require transport to the hospital. The estimated fire loss is \$150,000.00

August 27th: Department Members prepared and served community dinner for the homeless at the Birdsboro Community Dinner. In the end, approximately 150 people were served dinner.

August 31st: The fire police unit provided traffic control for an annual bike race through the French Creek State Park.

Top 5 responders for July:

1.	Scott Kulp	25 (58.13%)
2.	Ken Long	25 (58.13%)
3.	Jason Reeder	25 (58.13%)
4.	Chris Bickings	22 (51.16%)
5.	Chris Fort	20 (46.51%)

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher J. Bickings
Fire Chief