



BIRDSBORO-UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT

Serving Birdsboro Borough and Union Township

FEBRUARY 2014 ACTIVITY REPORT

Number of Incidents: **74**

Municipality of Incident: **Birdsboro: 33 Union Twp: 26**
 Exeter Twp: 8 Amity Twp: 3
 Robeson Twp: 0 Other: 2

Total Number of Personnel In Service for Emergencies: **383**

Average Firefighter per Emergency Incident: **6**

Total Man Hours for Emergency Incidents: **184.51 hrs**

Type of Incident (Summary):

Alarms:	5	Appliances:	0	Building:	5	Wires	6
CO Alarm:	0	EMS Assist:	5	Fire Police:	4	HazMat:	1
QRS	26	Public Service:	2	Rescue:	4	Trees:	4
Vehicle:	7	Brush/Trash:	0	Other:	4		

Total Fire Loss: **\$500.00**

Busiest Apparatus: **Utility 7 (37.8%)**

Busiest Day of the Week: **Wednesday (18.9%)**

Busiest Shift: **1st Shift (51.2%)**

Average Reaction Time (Dispatch to Street) **3.12 Minutes**

Average Response Time (Dispatch to Scene) **9.28 Minutes**

Highlights February 2014:

February was a very busy month for the department. Although the weather was horrible, it is not to have drastically affected the increase in calls. There were a large amount of QRS calls; some were in response to the inclement weather.

February 4th:

- 15:30 hrs: Engine 7 assisted Exeter Twp with a car fire at the intersection of W. Benjamin Franklin Hwy and S. Center Road. Engine 7 arrived first finding a small fire in the truck. Crews extinguished the fire.

February 11th:

- 20:37 hrs: The Department, along with Quint 6 (Monarch), Ladder 1 (Mt. Penn), Tanker 23 (Gibraltar), Engine 25 & Rescue 25 (Exeter), and Medic 680 Station 1 (SBEMS) responded to the 100 block of N. Walnut Street for a reported bedroom fire. Crews arrived to find a mattress fire in a 2nd floor bedroom. The fire was contained to the mattress. The fire resulted in approximately \$500.00 fire loss/damage.

February 14th:

- 12:19 hrs: Engine 7 was dispatched with Exeter Twp for a working vehicle fire threatening a structure on Scotland Drive, Exeter Twp. The bulk of the fire was knocked down prior to Engine 7's arrival. Crews provided water support until released by Exeter Command.

February 23rd:

- 15:57 hrs: Engine and Tower 7 were dispatched with Exeter Twp and surrounding mutual aid departments for a reported attic fire in the 4800 block of Deborah Dr, Exeter Twp. ETRFD arrived to find a working fire. Engine 7's crew assisted with fire suppression and overhaul, while Tower 7's crews provided ventilation and other truck company operations.

In addition to handling 74 calls, crews drove around Birdsboro Borough and Union Township digging out snow covered fire hydrants to ensure that there was no delay in securing a water supply in the event of a fire. As a result, a request was made to Birdsboro Municipal Authority to purchase hydrant markers that will stand approximately 4-feet above hydrants to help indicate hydrant locations. These markers are also reflective, so even when there is no snow, the markers will help show hydrant locations.

Thank you to the residents that cleared the hydrants on their properties. There were numerous hydrants that were cleared before our crews drove past. Additionally, we received a few offers to help dig out hydrants as residents saw our crews out.

Top 5 responders for April:

1. Ken Long	52 (70.3%)
2. Chris Fort	32 (43.2%)
3. Chris Bickings	29 (39.2%)
4. Scott Kulp	27 (36.5%)
5. Barry Katzin	25 (33.8%)

Municipality	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	%
Birdsboro Borough	24	33											57	47.50%
Union Township	9	26											35	29.17%
Amity Township	5	3											8	6.67%
Exeter Township	4	8											12	10.00%
Robeson Township	1	0											1	0.83%
Other	3	4											7	5.83%

Apparatus Response	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	%
ATV 7	0	0											0	0.00%
Brush 7	1	0											1	0.83%
Car 7	16	22											38	31.67%
Engine 7	17	15											32	26.67%
Engine 7-1	1	7											8	6.67%
Fire Police	13	26											39	32.50%
Rescue 7	3	13											16	13.33%
Tower 7	8	4											12	10.00%
Utility 7	13	28											41	34.17%

Time Statistics	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	
Ave Disp -> Street (Min)	3.79	3.12											3.46	
Ave Disp -> Scene (Min)	7.74	9.28											8.51	
Busiest Day of the Week	Friday (21.7%)	Wed. (18.9%)												
Busiest Shift	1 (60.9%)	1 (51.2%)												

Shift 1: 7:00am - 4:00pm; Shift 2: 4:00pm - 10:pm; Shift 3 10:00pm - 7:00am