HENRY COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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Mission statement

The mission of the Henry County Fire Department is to provide safe, professional service through education, prevention, emergency services, and community relations.

Philosophy of Operations

Values

The Henry County Fire Department recognizes that its primary function is to provide for the safety and well-being of the citizens of Henry County. The most precious and valued resource of the Henry County Fire Department is its members. The Department values the contributions of these members and their families to the organization, the community, and the fire service profession.

Service

The Henry County Fire Department recognizes that the measurement of its actions is determined by the service its members deliver to the community. The department strives to provide the best fire protection and EMS service to our community. The department believes that the citizens of our community are safest when they receive preventive fire and life safety education programs. The department also believes that both our members and our citizens are safest when our personnel constantly improve their knowledge, skills, and professional abilities by actively participating in training and education programs.

Accountability

The Henry County Fire Department recognizes that fire service professionals are accountable in the government they represent, and to the communities and personnel that they serve. Accountability applies not only to the professional manner in which the department meets its primary goals, but also to the efficiency, effectiveness, and fiscal responsibility which guides all departmental actions.
The men and women of the Henry County Fire Department are pleased to offer the 2015 Annual Report of the Henry County Fire Department.

Throughout the following pages, you will find information and data which summarizes the general activities of our department. Included in this document are important facts and statistics related to the activities of all our divisions within the Fire Department.

As you will see, calls for assistance continue to increase from year to year. Our citizens have come to expect the highest quality of service from their Fire Department, and we continue to strive to deliver the finest emergency services possible. Our personnel are “Committed to Community” and have performed numerous activities related to fire and life safety prevention.

Henry County Fire Department stands dedicated to being the best community-focused fire and emergency medical service and to ensuring a safe and secure environment for all residents and visitors.
The Henry County Fire Department’s operating budget runs on a fiscal year from July 1-June 30th each year. The Fiscal Year 2015 totaled $22,599,430.48. The HCFD has been proactive in meeting this challenge. In 2015, the fire department will remain on the forefront of initiating both operational and fiscal efficiencies, with continuous efforts made to save Henry County dollars. To ensure the highest quality of service to the community and the most economical means of delivery, the fire department is constantly reviewing the latest technology and strategies for fire protection and life safety.
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Fire Chief
  - Deputy Chief
    - Support/ PIO

Operations Division
  - Shift Commander
    - Battalion 1: Stations 1, 2, 5
    - Battalion 2: Stations 3, 6, 8, 9, 11
    - Battalion 3: Stations 4, 7, 10, 12, 13

Training Division
  - Fire Training
  - EMS Training
  - Paramedic School

Prevention Division
  - Fire Safety Education
  - Investigations
  - Inspections
FIRE STATIONS

1. Located at 664 Industrial Boulevard, McDonough
   - Opened in 1987
   - 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 10 firefighters
   - Houses the Office of Battalion 1, as well as, Engine 1, Ladder 1, Squad 1, Rescue 1, Rescue 21, and Hazardous Materials Resource Unit
   - Home of the Henry County Hazardous Materials Unit

2. Located at 35 Frances Ward Drive, Locust Grove
   - Opened in 1979
   - 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 4 firefighters
   - Houses Engine 2 and Rescue 2
   *To be Replaced with SPLOST IV Project

3. Located at 3030 Highway 42, Stockbridge
   - Opened in 1996
   - 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
   - Houses the Engine 3 and Rescue 3 (as needed as a peak volume resource)
   - Home of the Roy M. Morris KNOW FEAR Theater
   *Houses office of Shift Commander (Car 1)

4. Located at 1092 Keys Ferry Road, McDonough
   - Opened in 2005
   - 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 2 firefighters
   - Houses Engine 4 and the 911 Mobile Communications Unit
   *Replacement Station built with SPLOST II funds
FIRE STATIONS

- Located at 10 Elm Street, Hampton
- Opened in 1993
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
- Houses Engine 5, Rescue 5 and MED 5

- Located at 680 Fairview Road, Ellenwood
- Opened in 1989
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
- Houses Quint 6 and Rescue 6

- Located at 1800 Highway 155 North, McDonough
- Opened in 2006
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 4 firefighters
- Houses Engine 7, Rescue 7, Brush Truck 7, Air &Light 7, and the Mobile Command Vehicle
- Home of the Henry County Fire Department Mobile Command Unit

*Replacement Station built with SPLOST II funds

- Located at 1672 Flippen Road, Stockbridge
- Opened in 1985
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 4 firefighters
- Houses Engine 8 and Rescue 8
**FIRE STATIONS**

- Located at 122 Rock Quarry Rd., Stockbridge
- Opened in 2012
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 4 firefighters
- Houses Office of Battalion 2, as well as, Engine 9, Ladder 9, and Rescue 9
  
  *Replacement Station built with SPLOST III funds*

- Located at 1059 Upchurch Road, McDonough
- Opened in 1995
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 4 firefighters
- Houses Engine 10 and Rescue 10
- Houses office of Battalion 3

- Located at 792 Flat Rock Road, Stockbridge
- Opened in 1999
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
- Houses Engine 11, Squad 11, Trench 11, and Car 2
  
  *New Station built with SPLOST I funds*

- Located at 1123 Old Jackson Road, Locust Grove
- Opened in 2001
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 3 firefighters
- Houses Engine 12, Tanker 12, Car 1, Dive Truck 12 and 2 Rescue Boats
  
  *New Station built with SPLOST I funds*
FIRE STATIONS

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- Located at 2815 Highway 20 East, McDonough
- Opened in 2006
- 24-hour coverage with a minimum of 5 firefighters
- Houses Engine 13 and Rescue 13

*New Station built with SPLOST II funds

FIRE HEADQUARTERS

- Located at 110 South Zack Hinton Parkway, McDonough
- Opened in 2008
- Houses the Office of the Fire Chief, Office of the Division Chief of Operations, Office of the Division Chief of Prevention/Fire Marshal, and Administrative personnel
- Henry County Fire Department and Henry County Police Department share the Henry County Public Safety Complex

FLEET

- Located at 121 Work Camp Road, McDonough
- Opened in the early 1970’s
- Services all Fire Department apparatus and vehicles
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

The Fire Chief is responsible for the overall management of the Department. These responsibilities include the establishment of personnel standards and policies, work schedules, public relations, and the continuous review of operations and performance. Fiscal management of administrative processes, including the Operating and Capital Improvement Program budgets and personnel, also fall under the Chief’s duties.

The Fire Administration maintains and controls the operations of the Fire Department. The Office of the Chief, Executive Assistant to the Chief, Fire Department Receptionist, Accounts Administrator, and Quarter Master fall within Fire Administration, as well as, Fire Equipment Maintenance Staff.

All administrative functions ultimately are conducted to support the Operations, Prevention and Training divisions of the department.

2015 ADMINISTRATION NUMBERS

3 Administrative Staff
2 Fire Equipment Maintenance Staff
1 Quartermaster
1 Fire Hydrant Coordinator
O P E R A T I O N S
The Operations Division is supervised by the Deputy Chief and oversees suppression operations, medical emergencies and ambulance transports, and all other special operations. This division contains field personnel working in fire stations and responding to the constant requests for assistance from the citizenry. All field personnel work a 24/48—hour schedule. They report to their assigned fire station by 7 a.m. and are in-service working for the citizens for 24 hours. The following morning at 7 a.m. their shift ends and they are relieved by the oncoming shift. After 48 hours off, they return for their next 24-hour shift.

T R A I N I N G
The Training Division trains all personnel in all disciplines of the fire department functions. This division maintains training records and ensures appropriate personnel are recertified in all certifications obtained and that they are receiving the required number of training hours for their certification/level of expertise.

P R E V E N T I O N
This Prevention Division contains the Fire Marshal, personnel for building plans review, fire code inspectors, fire investigators, and fire and life safety educators. This division plays a role in the construction of new buildings ensuring that the structures are built to meet or exceed today’s life safety codes as well as inspecting existing structures to ensure occupants are remaining within the life safety code. This division also investigates the origin and cause of any fires that appear suspicious or criminal in nature and/or unlawfully set, or of which the immediate cause cannot be determined. Community fire and life safety education is scheduled and coordinated by educators through the Prevention Division.

2015 D I V I S I O N N U M B E R S

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T R A I N I N G
2 Fire / EMS Instructors 1 Paramedic Instructor 1 EMT Instructor 1 Administrative Assistant (Civilian)

P R E V E N T I O N
5 Inspector/Investigators 1 Plans Reviewer 1 PIO/Fire Safety Educator 1 Fire Safety Educator 1 Administrative Assistant (Civilian)
The Operations Division is overseen by Deputy Chief Brad Johnson, and includes all of the apparatus, firefighters and paramedics who respond to emergencies when citizens call “911.” Thirteen stations are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, prepared to respond at a moment’s notice.

The HCFD Operations Section responds to emergency requests from the public for fires, medical calls, motor vehicle crashes, rescues from entrapment, hazardous materials incidents, and many other emergency situations. As first responders, our firefighters are also Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) who can begin administering treatment before an ambulance arrives on scene. The cross-training is an important component of how the HCFD Operations Division works together to provide the most efficient and effective medical care for the citizens of Henry County. 2015 statistics consist of 24,238 responses; 650 were fires, 19,031 were Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responses, 376 were hazardous condition responses; 253 were mutual aid responses, 903 were false responses and 3,122 consist of other types of responses.

The Fire Section in conjunction with EMS, have implemented and maintained 11 Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responder Engine Apparatus to supplement the ever increasing call volume and demand for EMS; thus providing the community with the highest level of first responder care available at this time.

Additionally the Fire Section supplements the City of McDonough Fire Department with an ongoing automatic aid agreement.

Fire Section
The Fire Section serves unincorporated Henry County and cities of Stockbridge, Hampton, and Locust Grove, with 12 Engine Apparatus, 1 Quint Apparatus, 2 Ladders, and 2 Squads for fire fighting and rescue operations, supplemented with EMS ambulances.

Fire Section responds to all Fires, Rescues (extrications), Hazmat, Confined Space, Trench Rescue and Dive Rescues. Fire Section promotes and disseminates progressive equipment and tactics for Henry County’s rural communities, suburban housing, and commercial landscape.
New Additions

4 F250 Command Vehicles

2 International Ambulances

2 Replacement Ferrara Pumpers E1 and E7

Brush 11

28 ft Hazmat Trailer
The Henry County Fire Department EMS Section is responsible for providing emergency medical care and transport to all of the citizens and visitors of Henry County, responding to 19,031 medical calls in 2015. Of those we cared for 18,945 patients, transporting 14,483 to various hospitals. This is accomplished utilizing 12 advanced life support (ALS) ambulances, 1 quick response ALS unit, 11 ALS fire apparatus and 2 basic life support fire apparatus, as well as multiple first responding vehicles. All of the department's 237 uniformed personnel are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians, and of those personnel 96 are Paramedics.

Henry County ambulances are equipped well beyond the minimum state requirements and are capable of caring for and transporting any type of emergency patient to the appropriate emergency department. Under the direction of our Medical Director, Dr. Charles Evans, the emergency medical personnel care for patients utilizing the most current standards and practices in the EMS field. All ambulances have GPS and vehicle locating capability and have easy contact with receiving emergency rooms. Along with this capability, we are able to transmit 12 Lead EKGs to the receiving hospital, activate cardiac care teams, and dramatically reduce the amount of time it takes for a patient suffering from a myocardial infarction (heart attack) to receive lifesaving treatment in the cardiac catheterization unit.
This year we upgraded our cardiac monitors to the new Zoll X-Series, which delivers the latest technology to care for patients with any type of cardiac condition. We also began the implementation of automatic CPR devices to provide continuous quality compressions to patients in cardiac arrest.

We constantly seek ways to improve the overall health and wellness of the public we serve. The department works closely with local hospitals to ensure the highest level of care and smooth continuity of care from pre-hospital to in-hospital treatment.

**Other Functions of the EMS Section Include:**

- Continuous Quality Improvements (CQI)
- State and Federal EMS reporting
- Equipment and supply procurement
- Infection control

The EMS Billing Department assures fiscal responsibility to the citizens of Henry County by collecting revenue from ambulance transports and ensuring compliance with the complex rules and regulations from federal agencies such as Medicare and Medicaid. In 2015 a total of $8,864,276.91 was billed out with a collected amount of $4,783,606.58.
The Training Division, under the direction of the Training Chief Ike McConnell, conducts and coordinates all department training activities including but not limited to recruit training, fire suppression, emergency medical, technical rescue, officer development and other training programs as necessary to meet established state and federal mandates each year. The division is responsible for ensuring that all department members meet the requirements as set forth by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Insurance Services Office (ISO), Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training, and the Georgia Department of Human Resources.

The training division is divided among FIRE and EMS training with the goal of providing the highest quality training, instruction, and educational support to our members. This is intended to prepare our department to serve our community in the most efficient and effective means possible, and to ensure the safety of our citizens and personnel.

Additional Responsibilities Include:

- Processing applications for new employees.
- Testing, interviewing and hiring.
- Conducting recruit school for new hires.
- Providing continued education training.
- To assist employees in career development.
- Conducting promotional processes.
- Providing an Annual Training plan.
- Hosting and delivering developmental classes for all personnel.
- Maintaining complete comprehensive training records.

Total Number of Training Hours for 2015
- Target Solutions: 7828hrs
- All Other: 71801hrs

2015 Monthly Training Hours
Fire Training

Captain Robby Russell is responsible for organizing, designing, implementing, and managing training and employee development programs for the Henry County Fire Department. Captain Russell is assisted by Training Lieutenant Richard LeCroy in efforts to coordinate and lead firefighter training classes, drills, and skills assessments in all disciplines and levels of training. They also manage and lead all training associated with new personnel through the fire departments in-house recruit school program.

2015 Accomplishments:

- 77 personnel attended 88 classes at the GPSTC for a total of 4387 training hours.
- Training hosted 50 scheduled events and various non-scheduled opportunity events.
- Hosted an Introduction to Technical Rescue Class
- NPQ Evaluator Class
- Vehicle Machinery Rescue Train the Trainer
- Hosted Organizational Leadership Training by Dr. David Griffin in October.
- Hosted the Metro Atlanta Training Officers Fall Workshop in October.

Recruit School

HCFD Recruit School trains new hires in the skill of firefighting, as well, as other disciplines encountered while responding to emergencies. Recruits are subjected to comprehensive testing and must complete 360 hours of firefighter training. In 2015:

- 500 applications for employment processed
- Conducted written testing for Recruit FF
- Physical Agility Test for 101 candidates
- Hired 11 Fast Trackers
- Hired 14 Recruits
- Completed Recruit Class 14-02 (11 Graduated)
- Completed Recruit Class 15-1 (9 Graduated)
- Conducted Fast Track Class 15-01
- Conducted Fast Track Class 15-02
EMS Training

Amy McCullough coordinates and provides instruction for the department’s in-house EMT and Paramedic programs, a multitude of various specific medical skills training, as well as, required annual recertification classes. Under her direct supervision the departments EMS academy has maintained it’s program accreditation.

In 2015, the training division added the position of EMT Instructor. Lt. Ben Leverett was subsequently promoted to the position and now assist with EMS training and recertification efforts.

2015 Accomplishments:

◆ Took delivery of our Hi-Fidelity Simulation Mannequin
◆ Offered National Registry Refresher Training
◆ Graduated 17 Paramedic students Sept. 2015
◆ PALS Course October 2015
◆ AHA Instructor Updates
◆ Paramedic and EMT Preceptor Updates
◆ EMT-AEMT with 14 students Sept. 2015
◆ Paramedic Class began 10/2015 with 28 student
◆ ACLS Recertification for all Paramedics
◆ Coordinated Zoll Monitor Training

2016
Training Division Goals

◆ Graduate current EMT Class
◆ Start and complete at least two Recruit classes
◆ Continue to fill open positions
◆ Coordinate qualified Fast Track Classes
◆ Continue Paramedic course
◆ PHTLS
◆ Begin EMT-AEMT course in April
◆ Preceptor Updates
◆ BLS recertification for all personnel
◆ AHA Instructor courses
◆ Instructor to EMS Instructor development

As one can see we have a fairly substantial training operation. Over the past few years we have become more self sufficient and provide most of our developmental classes in-house. We have found that having in-house training of personnel results in higher quality service providers and in higher employee retention rates. The Henry County Fire Department Training Division intends to provide the highest quality training, instruction, and educational support to our members in support of the goal that “Everyone Goes Home”.

-Chief Ike McConnell
PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention Division is led by the Fire Marshal and Division Chief of Prevention, Joe Kelley. The Prevention Division is charged with enforcing "Rules and Regulations for the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards" as adopted by the State Fire Commissioner. The Prevention Division is the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) in these matters for all of unincorporated Henry County and the cities of Hampton, Stockbridge and Locust Grove.

The Fire Marshal’s Office has six major responsibilities:

- Conduct fire and life safety inspections
- Plan reviews
- Issuance of permits and certificates
- Conduct cause and origin investigations
- Code enforcement
- Educational programs for the purpose of informing and protecting the public.

Inspectors are tasked with performing inspections for all businesses and restaurants in the county, including all other high hazard targets such as:

- Schools (Public and Private)
- Churches
- Apartments
- Daycares
- Hotels

The Fire Prevention Division is divided into 3 sections; New Construction Inspections, Existing Inspections / Investigations, and Fire and Life Safety Education. The division is currently staffed with 3 Captains, 5 Lieutenants and 1 Administrative Assistant.

Administrative Assistant

This position assists in the planning and/or supervision of the administrative function of the division. It serves as the point of contact for this division by maintaining required paperwork and the documentation and the scheduling of inspections. The Administrative Assistant also works with each city hall and the county tax office to ensure businesses obtain licensure and fire inspections are conducted on new and existing structures.
New Construction & Plans Review

Captain Dale Hutchison supervises New Construction Inspections and plan reviews. His section’s primary responsibility is to ensure the life safety code compliance in all new buildings in the county. The inspection section is staffed with 1 Inspector, and 1 Plans Reviewer. This Section is actively involved with development efforts in the county. Personnel regularly participate in due-diligence meetings, on-site consultations and pre-construction meetings. They also work hand-in-hand with other county development agencies such as the building department, tax commissioner, planning & zoning, and the county’s water authority. All certified Fire Inspectors are members of the Georgia Fire Inspectors Association and the International Building Code Council. This section reviewed 530 building and site plans and inspected 797 new buildings in 2015.

Existing Inspections & Investigations

Captain Ron Reagan supervises the inspection of all existing buildings and origin and cause investigations. Fires which may be suspicious in nature, involve criminal activity, or property loss are routinely investigated. Personnel work closely with law enforcement, the District Attorney’s Office, insurance companies and the State Fire Marshal’s Office.

This unit is staffed with 4 personnel who are certified as State Fire Inspectors and Fire Investigators. In 2015, they conducted 5,646 inspections and 116 origin and cause investigations.

In addition to their regular assignments prevention personnel are cross-trained in multiple disciplines such as inspections, investigations, law enforcement, and plans review.

The Fire Marshal and 5 of his personnel are cross-trained, and certified as Fire Investigators. The Fire Marshal and both Captains are also certified police officers, which allows them to apply for search and arrest warrants.

Prevention Affiliations

- Georgia Fire Investigators Association
- International Fire Investigators Association
- Metro Arson Task Force
Fire and Life Safety Education

Captain Michael Black supervises the Fire and Life Safety branch of the Fire Prevention Division. He also serves as the Public Information Officer (PIO), acting as the communication liaison between the department, media outlets, community partners, and government officials.

The PIO is responsible for issuing media releases and coordinating media events to keep the public aware of emergency events and issues which may affect their health and safety in an emergency situation.

The Fire and Life Safety Education branch is composed of two certified educators; Captain Black and Lt. Wanda Sue Maddox. Their goal is to reduce the threat of fire and associated deaths and injury through public education programs.

Fire and Life Safety Programs
- Get Alarmed Henry
- Fire House Tours
- Fire Safety Theater
- Fire Safety Trailer
- Juvenile Firesetter Intervention
- Senior Fire and Fall Prevention
- S.A.F.E Lessons For K thru 12

In 2015, the department reached over *27,879 members of the community through its various fire and life safety education programs.

* 17,014 educational materials were distributed
Fire Department personnel participate in a variety of community activities and perform numerous public relations details throughout the year. Highlights from 2015 include the following events:

- Annual Children's Fishing Rodeo
- Bear Creek Festival
- Commissioner Holmes Public Safety Night
- Hampton Christmas Parade
- Health and Safety Fairs
- Locust Grove Christmas Parade
- Locust Grove Days
- McDonough Christmas Parade
- National Fire Prevention Week
- National Night Out
- School Career and Truck Days
- Southern Belle Farms Hero Day

Fire Safety Educators maintained vital community partnerships with the following local businesses and organizations in 2015:

- Allstate Insurance
- American Red Cross
- Children’s Hospital of Atlanta (CHOA)
- Connecting Henry
- Leadership Henry
- Youth Leadership Henry
- Piedmont Henry Medical Center
- Safety Kids Henry
- Sam’s Club
- State Farm Insurance
“Get Alarmed Henry” Smoke Alarm Program

It is our goal to ensure that no one lays their head on their pillow another night without the protection of an early detection device, a smoke alarm. One hundred thirty six smoke alarms were provided and/or installed for citizens free of charge. Our smoke alarms are obtained through the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation and the citizens of Henry County.

Henry County Youthful Firesetter Intervention Program

The Youthful Firesetter Intervention Program is a multi-agency collaboration dedicated to the intake, treatment, education, and care of youthful setters in our community. This group represents a collective effort to provide a safe and caring community for Henry County.

Remembering When, Fire and Fall Prevention

Remembering When helps older adults evaluate their safety needs while making fire and fall prevention messages fun and easy to remember. The program content is centered on 16 key messages and is presented through group discussion, trivia games, and handouts. By focusing attention on these two serious issues, we can make a measurable improvement in the health and well-being of older adults, who are a rapidly growing segment of our community.

Firehouse Tours

This program is intended to establish consistency in conducting Firehouse tours, and in the delivery of the appropriate safety. This program identifies the targeted age groups as pre-schools thru 5th grade. Key safety messages for all tours have been established as: Get Out...and Stay Out; Play it Safe; Seat belts save lives; Firefighters are our friends; EDITH.

Roy M. Morris Memorial

Know FEAR Theater

The Know FEAR Theater is where we educate future generations on Fire and Life Safety Fundamentals. Audience members learn through audio, visual, and hands on interaction with educators. The focus of this outreach program is in reducing the number of fires, fire deaths, and associated injuries.
The Henry County *Fire and Life Safety Curriculum Guide Book* provides educators with lesson plans for all age groups. K thru 12 lesson plans provide for a link across state approved education curriculums, and custom lesson plans span the needs of the entire community. An educator's goal is to provide consistency in the delivery of all fire and life safety messages and to ensure students of all ages are Safe And Fire Educated.

The **Fire Safety House** is an excellent opportunity to make a positive impression on young minds and to teach students important fire and life safety lessons. This unique program uses a travel trailer specially designed as a kid-sized home complete with a kitchen, living room and bedroom. The Fire Safety Trailer is taken to elementary schools and set up for a 45 minute fire and life safety program. This program is taught by an engine company and a Fire and Life Safety Educator.

## Community Risk Reduction

*In the fall of 2015, station personnel completed the first **HOA Blitz**. The goal was to reach out to homeowners associations and neighborhood co-operatives in an attempt to gather contact information to aid in future outreach efforts. The blitz also targeted churches within all 13 station territories.*

In 2016, all contact information gathered will be used to further assess the education needs of all communities which represent Henry County.

Our mission is to take fire and life safety messages to the citizens and to develop additional education programs based on their individual community needs.

- Capt. Michael Black
Citizen Fire Academy

The Citizens’ Fire Academy is an eight week program designed to educate and inform citizens about fire and emergency services. Participants gain a greater understanding of the inner workings of the Henry County Fire Department. A class is offered in the spring and in the fall of each year. Classes are held one night per week.

Twenty-six citizens participated in the eight week program in 2015. The goals of the Citizens’ Fire Academy are to:

◆ Provide residents a basic understanding of the tactics and strategies of firefighting and rescue operations.

◆ Provide a greater understanding of the services the Henry County Fire Department is able to provide to the community.

◆ Encourage academy participants to return to their families and neighborhoods and share their experiences. Thus providing more safety conscious and informed citizens.

◆ Provide an enjoyable, interactive atmosphere in which fire department members and citizens can share information and concerns.
The Henry County Fire Explorer Program is a platform to provide young men and women the opportunity to learn and experience the fire service. This is accomplished through weekly training meetings in which participants learn about the many facets of the fire service. While attending these training meetings, post members participate in exercises and receive training much like a recruit firefighters receive while in "Rookie School". Most of the training is hands-on; however, there is some time spent in the classroom learning from presentations, videos and books. The goal of the members of Post 190 is to earn the privilege of a ride-along where they can experience the “Day in the Life of a Firefighter.”

**Accomplishments:**
- Due to higher than average interest than in the past, we instituted an interview process for those desiring to become a member of Post 190
- 5 new members were added to the program
- CPR certification
- Gear inspections & SCBA Respirator Fit Test

**Events/Training:**
- February 2015 Winterfest
- 7th Annual Henry County Explorer Expo
- March 2015 Coweta Competition, received 2 individual & 3 team awards
- Car Fire and Live fire settee/behavior training
- Repelling training
- Competitions in Texas, Alabama and Tennessee

**Upcoming in 2016:**
- Henry County Explorer Expo
- Winterfest 2016
- CPR Certification for new members & recertification for members with expiring cards
- Live burn exercise
- Extrication Training
- Continue searching for community and charity events to participate in
- Member ride-along
The Henry County Honor Guard honors fallen public safety professionals and military veterans. Training and services are provided on a voluntary basis by members of the Fire Department. The Honor Guard responds to many service requests for funerals, parades, and other various venues for flag presentations each year.

**Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Henry County Fire Department Honor Guard to honor fire service members, both past and present, and the United States of America with the highest degree of professionalism, dedication, loyalty, and dignity possible.

**Membership**

Currently, we have 23 personnel that are on the Guard. Membership to the Honor Guard is open to any member of Henry County Fire Department. To be considered for membership personnel submit a letter of request to the Honor Guard Coordinator through their chain of command. The three most important characteristics looked for in a member of the Guard are: Participation, Dedication, and Dependability.

**Details**

Throughout the year, the Guard is available for several different types of events. Some are listed below:

- Flag Presentations
- Funerals and Memorial Services:
  - Henry Fire Personnel (Current and Retired)
  - Public Safety Personnel
  - County and Local Dignitaries
  - Veterans
- Weddings of HCFD Personnel
- Retirement Ceremonies
- Any other activity that requires the formality of a flag or guard presentation.

An annual event that the honor guard participates in is the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. In 2015, five of our members served as part of the National Honor Guard. At the conclusion of the Memorial Weekend, the Guard traveled to Arlington National Cemetery. There a wreath was laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in recognition and memory of the Veterans of Henry County.
Rehabilitation is an imperative part of operations on incidents requiring personnel to work extended hours and under various climatic conditions. On January 1, 2009, Squad 82 was placed in service.

The unit is positioned where personnel can check in to rehab, remove some of their gear, rehydrate and take a seat while medical personnel check out their vital signs and any signs and symptoms that could lead to injury. All personnel remain under the incident command and accountability systems while in rehab.

Squad 82 is staffed by a host of volunteers with deep roots in the fire service. Dedicated to serving both firefighters and the citizens of Henry County, they often self-dispatch to reported structure fires providing relief for firefighters and peace of mind for command staff.

The volunteers keep the unit stocked with supplies and appliances themselves. The stock consist of Gatorade, water, coffee, hot chocolate, ice, candy bars, microwave meals and snacks.

**Squad 82 members:**
Charlie Rice          Sherry Rice
Gloria Rice           Don Baldwin
Dale Rice             Brent Taylor
Jerry Neal
Harold Williamson
Lee Morgan

**Out of Pocket Expenses for Squad 82**

- Bags of ice: $242.18
- Gal Jugs of water: $27.50
- Crackers and candy: $171.31
- New coffee pot: $130.00

**County Supplied**

- Gatorades: 68
- Bottled water: 59 cases
- Gallon water jugs: 12
- Fuel for Squad: 137.9 gal
- Truck service and repair

**Donations for Squad 82**

- Cash: $1,018.00
- Water: 15 cases
- 2 boxes of chips and crackers

**2015**

- Number of Runs: 47
- Gallons of Fuel Consumed: 137.9
- Cases of Gatorade: 68
- Cases of Water: 41
- Bags of Ice: 118
- Pots of Coffee: 10
- Packs of Hot Cocoa: 14
- Packs of Crackers and Candy Bars: 1200
- Total Man Hours: 245
The contributions made by this group to the community of Henry County are immeasurable. While we are happy that they can now enjoy the fruits of their labors, both our organization and our community will miss them dearly.
In 2015, our Fire Department Family lost one of its brothers.

Brian Waits

December 31, 1969—August 19, 2015

Brian was a member of the Henry County Fire Department for 12 years. At the age of 45, he was diagnosed with cancer. On Wednesday, August 19, 2015, fellow Henry County firefighters and paramedics responded to a call for help for one of their own. Brian passed away after nearly a year long battle with cancer. He was a beloved friend, loyal husband, and loving father. He enjoyed helping others and above all spending time with his family.
2015 Data Summary

General

Positions

Uniformed 237
Civilian 11

Territories

Stations 13
Battalions 03
Shift Commander 01

Staffed Functions

Engines 12
(ALS Engines) 11
Quint 01
Aerial Apparatus 02
Heavy Rescue 02

Response Data

Incidents

Structure Fires 201
Other Fires and Incidents 449
Total Fires 650
Medical 19,031
False Alarms 903
Mutual Aid Given 253
Hazmat Responses 166
Other Hazardous Responses 210
All Other Responses 3,122
Total Other Responses 3,332
Total Emergency Responses 24,238
Average Response Times for Fire Calls 8:24
Average Response Times for EMS Calls 8:35

Fires

Total Residential 172
Total Fires in Evolving Buildings 201
Other 1,149
Vehicle 115
Fatalities 0

False Alarms

Malicious 60
Malfunction 304
Unintentional 502
Other 37

Engine Responses

Engine #01 2,116
Engine #02 1,298
Engine #03 1,348
Engine #04 448
Engine #05 876
Quint #06 1,150
Engine #07 691
Engine #08 1,888
Engine #09 1,734
Engine #10 692
Engine #11 917
Engine #12 610
Engine #13 368

Rescue Responses

Rescue #01 2,952
Rescue #02 1,729
Rescue #03 1,234
Rescue #05 1,917
Rescue #06 1,505
Rescue #07 1,969
Rescue #08 2,595
Rescue #09 2,609
Rescue #10 1,524
Rescue #12 542
Rescue #13 1,022
Rescue #21 2,552
Rescue #31 60

Property Value

Total Property Affected By Fire $10,915,280.00
Property Saved $7,674,550.00
Property Loss $3,240,730.00

Emergency Medical Services

Responses 19,031
Patient Contacts 18,945
Patient Transports 14,483
Amount Billed $8,864,276.91
Amount Collected $4,783,606.58

Inspections

New Construction 797
Existing Construction 5,646
Pre-Construction Meetings 310
Plan Reviews 530
Burning Permits 11

Investigations

Fire Investigations 114
Fire Investigations Closed 63
Fire Investigations Open 51

Life Safety Education

Preschool Visits 44
School Visits 26
Station Tours 50
Career Days 28
Community Outreach Events 137

GFBF Boot Drive Collections $41,713.75
GFBF 10% Return $4,171.37

Total Pop. Receiving Fire & Life Safety Education 27,879.00

Training

Training Hours Completed 79,629

Squad 82 Rehab Responses 47 (volunteer)

Squad Responses

Squad #01 497
Squad #11 346

Ladder Responses

Ladder #01 227
Ladder #09 166

Special Vehicles

Tanker #12 18
Brush #07 28
Brush #11 14
Dive Unit 0
Haz-Mat Hauler 0
Med 5 1,247