

2011 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Engineer John Darling was hired as a fulltime Firefighter/EMT through the Department's Extraboard program on June 11, 2006. In the ensuing half-decade, he has sought and achieved additional responsibilities with the department.

In 2008, with the support of the department, he became a Kansas and Nationally registered Paramedic. Since then, he has developed a reputation for strong EMS skills and thorough documentation. In 2009, after completing his apprenticeship program, John was promoted to the rank of Engineer. In 2010, he was selected as a Coroner's Scene Investigator and in 2011, he was appointed to Acting Officer, which allows him to serve as a company officer in the absence of a Lieutenant or Captain. Also in 2011, John was appointed to the IAFF Local 1596 Executive Board as Secretary.

In the last year, Engineer Darling has displayed a great deal of initiative in taking on additional projects and responsibilities, which range from streamlining the medical supply inventory, serving on department committees, and updating a portion of the Accreditation Manual.

John resides in Lawrence with his wife Melissa and son, Sean.



ENGINEER JOHN DARLING



20-YEAR SERVICE RECOGNITION

Engineer Leo Leiker
Lieutenant. Sean Sawyer
Lieutenant. Greg Murray
Lieutenant. Ed Noonan
Captain Nathan Stover
Captain Jim Saladin
Division Chief Lyle Schwartz



FIRE CHIEF'S COMMENDATION MEDAL

Engineer John Dines



NEW CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

Firefighter Mark Campbell
Firefighter Brian Fitzpatrick
Firefighter Kirk Landau
Firefighter Eric Miller

PROMOTIONS

Paramedic Dustin Deathe
Captain Pete Easterwood
Lieutenant Will Hallagin
Lieutenant Rob Leach
Lieutenant Greg Murray
Engineer Nick Simon
Engineer. Mike Smasal
Lieutenant Jason Smith
Captain Justin Temple

20TH RECRUIT ACADEMY

Charles Biggerstaff
Cody Briggs
Brendon Crain
Vicent Davis
Matt Dohn
Daniel Franke
Jennifer Persons
Jacob Ross
Trey Strohm
Alex Wolfe



LIFE SAVING AWARD

Lieutenant Scott Seratte
Firefighter Eric Miller
Firefighter Todd Dwyer



MAJOR BILL BURBAKER



ENGINEER ROBERT SMITH

IN MEMORIAM

Major Bill Brubaker (1951 - 2011) worked for the department for more than 30 years, from 1970 until his retirement in 2001.

Engineer Robert Smith (1960 - 2011) was a Engineer for the department from 1994 until his death in 2011. Robert also served in the United States Air Force as a Chief Master Sergeant.



RETIRED FIREFIGHTER BREAKFAST



LIEUTENANT JOE MEHL



CAPTAIN STAN RAY



LIEUTENANT MARK WILSON

RETIREES

Lieutenant Joe Mehl - 03/11/2011 (22 years of service)
Captain Stan Ray - 12/17/2011 (35 years of service)
Lieutenant Mark Wilson - 12/17/2011 (33 years of service)



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2011 ANNUAL REPORT

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On April 16, 2011, we assisted with the delivery of a class coordinated by the Wheat State FOOLS. The Wheat State FOOLS, founded in 2003, is the first Kansas chapter of FOOLS (Fraternal Order of Leatherheads Society) International that continues to provide training in the area. The class covered targeted searches for trapped occupants in residential building fires and was presented by Daniel McMaster (Captain, Truck 8, Alexandria, VA) who has 23 years in the fire service. This class was made possible due to the Fredericks Family Fund.

Andy Fredericks was killed while operating as a member of the Fire Department of New York, in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Shortly after his death, The Fredericks Family Fund was established to support the secondary education of his children. A donation to this fund was presented to McMaster after the presentation.

In March 2011 the department conducted the updated Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) course for all the paramedics on the department. This consisted of new standards from the American Heart Association which covered Basic Life Support, recognition and treatment of cardiac abnormalities, cardiac arrest along with recognition and treatment of Strokes. A total of 48 paramedics were certified in the department.

The department along with the many community sponsors hosted another successful event before the 2011 Spring Football game played by the Kansas University Jayhawks. This year's annual event provided 559 helmets to children under the age of 14.



4/16/2011
2011 Pierce Truck 5 – placed in service



A 1987 Pierce Lance Fire Engine was donated to the Wichita Chapter of the Guardians of the Ribbon by the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Department and the citizens of Lawrence in January 2011 and was dedicated by the citizens of Lawrence June 7, 2011.

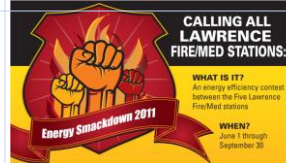
Fifty-two (52) incidents on this day, which is twice our normal call level.



6/7/2011
Guardians of the Ribbon Dedication

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20th Reruit Academy

5/31/2011 - 9/30/2011
Energy Smackdown



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11/1/2011

12/1/2011

1/1/2011

2/16/2011
Hazmat Exercise with 73rd Civil Support Team



5/21/2011 - 5/27/2011
Reading, KS Tornado Relief Efforts

Division Chiefs Bill Stark and Shaun Coffey were sent to Reading, Kansas as part of the Northeast Kansas incident management team to assist Lyon County's emergency management director in helping the community in its recovery efforts. Bill was assigned as the team's incident commander and Shaun was planning chief.

7/16/2011
2011 American Emergency Vehicle Medic 2 – placed in service



7/27/2011
ISO Rating

The City of Lawrence participated in a Public Protection Classification survey conducted by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) from December 14 through December 16, 2010.

ISO collects and evaluates information from communities in the United States on their structure fire suppression capabilities. The data is analyzed using a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) and then a Public Protection Classification (PPC) number is assigned to the community. The surveys are conducted whenever it appears that there is a possibility of classification change. As such, the PPC program provides important, up to date information about fire protection service throughout the country.

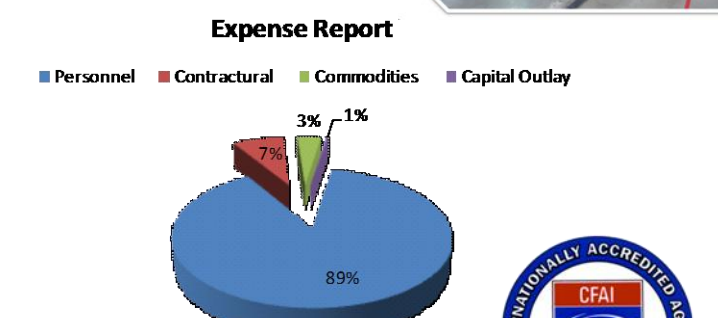
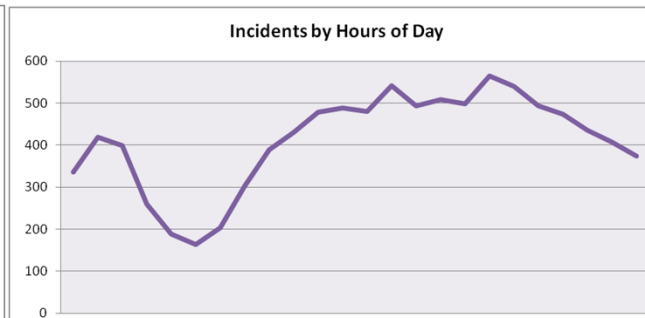
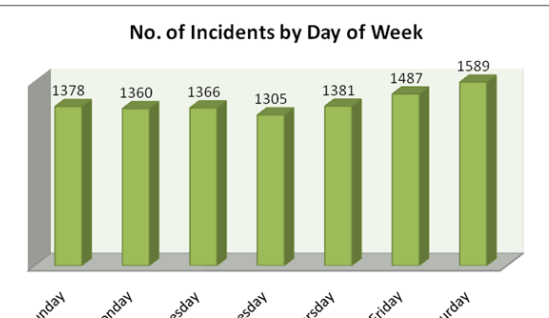
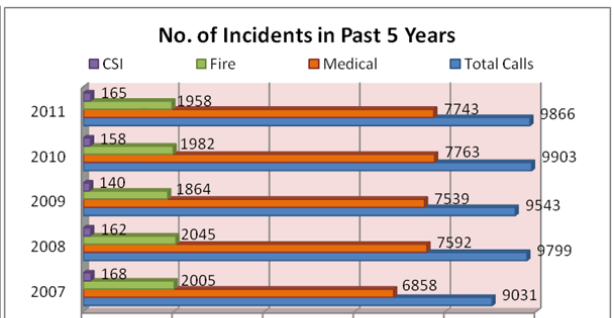
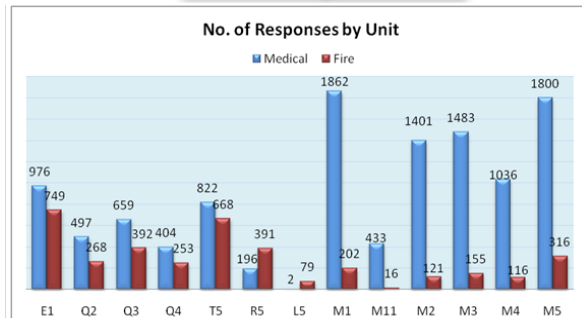
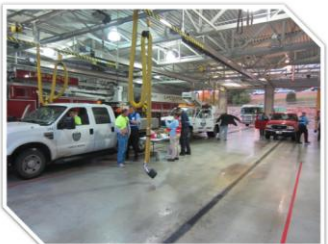
The City was notified that it had maintained its PPC of 2 on July 27, 2011. It should be noted that there are only 592 Class 2 departments in the United States and 7 within Kansas.

10/3/2011
Incident Safety Officer Training

On 10/3 & 10/4/2011 Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Department hosted the National Fire Academy Direct Delivery Program "Incident Safety Officer". The Department Management team attended the course to provide the members with the knowledge and skills needed to perform the duties of the Incident Safety Officer during emergency incident operations and training evolutions. During an incident or in training, any Manager can be assigned this important position. Employee safety is priority one; this program helped provide safety considerations through interactive scenarios and group discussions. All managers are better prepared to help remove or reduce injuries on the emergency scene and in training.

10/26/2011 - 10/29/2011
Drive-Thru Flu Shots

The department participated in a drive-through flu shot clinic with the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, which provided free immunizations for city employees, their family and retirees. The flu shot clinic was designed as a way to test community public health emergency response plans.



Total Budget = \$13,422,605.00

