



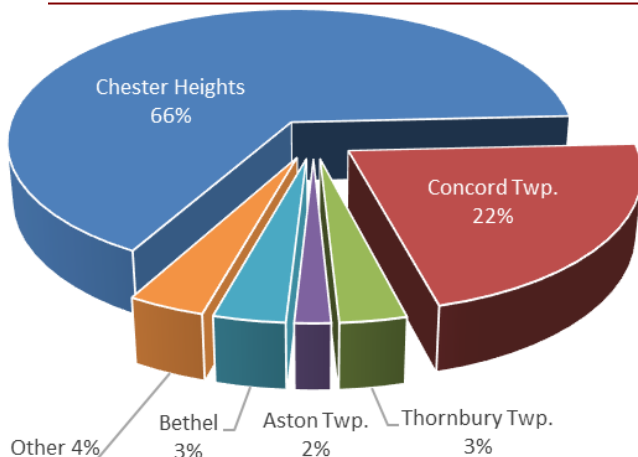
2019 ACTIVITY

Total service call numbers are in for 2019 and we have been busy! Our call numbers over the last 5 years continue to climb reaching **405 total calls in 2019**, with the largest number of calls resulting from medical assists at 170. This is a 4% increase over 2018 and a 14% increase over the average number of calls in the last 10 years (average # for 10 years of calls 355). Our well trained members continue to respond, allowing us to average 5 nationally trained firefighters per call per call.

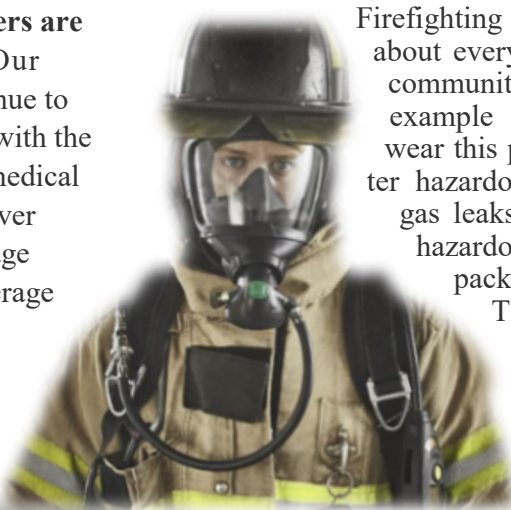
2019 FIRE STATISTICS

- 405** CALLS
- 5** AVERAGE STAFFING PER CALL
- 137** NIGHT CALLS (7PM AND 7AM)
- 268** DAY CALLS (7AM AND 7PM)
- 804** MEMBER HOURS ANSWERING ALARMS
- 1125** TRAINING HOURS (48 NIGHTS)

CALLS BY LOCATION



GRANT FUNDING



Firefighting is an expensive enterprise just about every item we purchase to serve the community comes at a premium; take for example our air-packs. Our firefighters wear this piece of equipment when we enter hazardous environments such as fires, gas leaks, carbon monoxide alarms, and hazardous materials incidents. One air-pack with 2 cylinders costs \$6800.

The packs are certified on an annual basis and are valid for 10 years. This means the units we purchased 10 year ago are no longer viable. To be an effective company we need 16 air-packs. If you're doing your

math, that's \$108,800.

We have been very fortunate to have the support of our Borough Council. The 2016 tax ordinance allowed us to create a plan for the future and keep out of the red. It is important that you understand that we do not take that for granted and have been working hard to offset costs for capital purchases by continually applying for grants and looking for cost savings that are available for Volunteer Fire Companies. In 2019 after several years of applying and being denied we were finally awarded a FEMA Grant in the amount of \$103K that will offset the purchase of the much-needed air masks. Once the masks are delivered and paid for FEMA will reimburse CHFC for most of the cost, or \$103K with our part being only \$5K.

Every year we also continue to apply for the annual grant with PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency) in the amount of \$15K. This grant is specific to offsetting the interest payment on the mortgage on our building, freeing up those funds for operational expenses.

NEW ENGINE?

The 2016 Chester Heights Fire Company financial plan included the purchase of a new Rescue Engine in 2022. This Rescue Engine was forecast to cost between \$750K - \$800K.



That is still the expected cost of a new Rescue Engine in 2022. Fortunately, CHFC was approached with a unique opportunity to reduce the overall cost of the new engine.

The original plan was to wait until 2022, buy the new 2022 Rescue Engine for \$750K & sell our 2008 Rescue for \$150K to offset the purchase price. The total net cost with discounts and interest for this plan would be approximately \$626,199.

The new plan is slightly different. A Pennsylvania Fire Company has offered to buy our 2008 Rescue for \$280K; our new engine will cost approximately \$662,500. While we wait for our new engine to be built, CHFC will buy their 1986 Pumper for the short-term for \$5,000. This will net CHFC \$275,000 to be applied toward the purchase of the new Rescue Engine. Taking advantage of this opportunity reduces our total rescue engine cost to \$449,486.

**BUYING THE NEW RESCUE ENGINE IN 2020 VS. 2022
CHFC IS PROJECTED TO SAVE \$176,713.**

	2022	2020	Savings
NEW Rescue Engine Price	\$ 750,000	\$ 662,500	
Additional Equipment	\$ 37,352	\$ 37,352	
Subtotal Rescue Engine Price	\$ 787,352	\$ 699,852	\$ (87,500)
less Revenue on sale of 2008 Rescue	\$ (150,000)	\$ (280,000)	\$ (130,000)
Add'l costs - Repay Loan on 2008 Rescue	\$ -	\$ 34,486	\$ 34,486
Add'l Cost - Purchase of 1986 Pumper (temporary)	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
less Prepayment discount	\$ (11,153)	\$ (9,852)	\$ 1,301
Cost of New Rescue/Pumper Engine	\$ 626,199	\$ 449,486	\$ (176,713)

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Chester Heights Fire Company holds two community events during the fall and winter seasons. One is our annual Halloween event when we visit local neighborhoods with the Rescue Engines and hand out candy. This year Halloween was especially warm and pleasant and we got to see more neighbors than usual. The second event is our annual Santa visit. We are so grateful that Santa is willing to freeze his nose off and take the time out for Chester Heights. The kids & grown-ups love to see him around town, and we enjoy spreading holiday cheer while meeting you in non-emergency situations.

But NONE of this happens

WITHOUT our VOLUNTEERS.

This year along with Candy Canes we distributed post cards encouraging volunteers. If you're interested in learning more about becoming a Chester Heights Fire Company Volunteer or know someone who is please contact us. We are in need of help from all walks of life and would love to speak to you about the opportunities we have for you here.



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