

# CITY OF BINGHAMTON BUREAU OF FIRE



## ANNUAL REPORT 2007

# CITY OF BINGHAMTON

## BINGHAMTON FIRE BUREAU

### 2007



Chief Daniel L. Thomas

Mayor Matthew T. Ryan

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## OFFICE OF FIRE ADMINISTRATION

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Matthew T. Ryan, Mayor

February 2008

Dear Honorable Mayor Matthew T. Ryan,

It is my pleasure to submit the City of Binghamton's Fire Department's Annual Report for the year ending 31 December 2007.

The Binghamton Fire Department responded to over 9000 emergency calls in 2007, continuing the trend of handling increasing number of calls each year. One of the most serious multiple alarm house fire of 2007 occurred on March 9<sup>th</sup> at Froshsinn's Bar and Apartments located on 99 Broad Avenue. There were no fire fatalities in 2007.

The Fire Department accomplished several of its goals in conjunction with the City's stated 2007 goals for ensuring public safety. Additionally, the Department, through a FEMA Wellness and Fitness Grant, secured \$177,000. This grant provided funding for periodic health screenings, physical examinations and stress tests, an immunization program, the purchase of exercise equipment for strength training and cardio and a fitness coordinator to design a fitness program that included functional, job-related training. The Department also conducted a very successful new firefighter training class for nine area firefighters including six recruits from Endicott and Johnson City.

The Fire Department ran an aggressive public education campaign in the past year and was diligent in its city wide inspections. Fire inspectors and code enforcement worked hand-in-hand with city officials in an effort to increase public safety in multi-residential buildings and to address issues in order to protect the occupants and neighbors.

The Fire Department took delivery of a state of the art ambulance which included a specialized 'back injury saver' stretcher. In addition, the Department purchased breathing apparatus, fire hoses, rescue equipment and protective gear.

The Fire Department was actively involved in community events, including our annual United Way campaign where our Team Captain, Sandy Rizzi, was recognized with the Helping Hand Award for her outstanding efforts in rallying our team to once again capture the 'Challenge Cup Award' for having the highest per capita giving in its category. The Binghamton Firefighters Benevolent Association continues to be very active in the community, having raised and donated money for community causes, including the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, Mom's House and Muscular Dystrophy, to name a few.

I wish to extend my gratitude to the members of the BFD for their dedication and professionalism, which continues to be the trademark of the members of the Binghamton Fire Department. I would also like to thank the Mayor, City Council, the City management team, community service groups and local business for their support.

Daniel L. Thomas  
Binghamton Fire Chief

## *MISSION STATEMENT*

We will provide the “City of Binghamton” and its citizens with FIREFIGHTER/EMTs and FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS trained to the highest and most progressive level of skill, to protect and serve our community with the utmost professionalism.

## **A FIREMAN'S PRAYER**

*When I am called to duty, God  
Wherever flames may rage,  
Give me strength to save some life  
Whatever be its age.  
Help me embrace a little child  
Before it is too late  
Or save an older person from  
The horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert and  
hear the weakest shout  
And quickly and efficiently  
To put the fire out.  
I want to fill my calling and  
To give the best in me,  
To guard every neighbor and  
Protect his property.*

**AMEN**

## BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BINGHAMTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

As with most of America's Fire Departments, Binghamton's began in 1834 as a volunteer organization. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> of that year, the trustees of the village voted to establish and organize fire and hook and ladder companies. By June 30<sup>th</sup>, sixteen citizens had accepted appointments. After a somewhat dubious beginning, the village purchased the first real piece of firefighting equipment in June of 1835. Eight hundred dollars was raised to purchase a small "button" hand powered fire engine. An additional \$250.00 was spent to buy land and erect an engine house on the present site of the Broome county Court House Square.

The Village of Binghamton continued to grow and consequently the fire load, necessitating the formation of additional volunteer companies. The loosely organized companies then began electing a Chief annually, with the first recorded Chief being Peter Miller elected in 1842. Two years after Binghamton obtained status as a City in 1867, The City of Binghamton Fire Department was formed under the leadership of Chief Erastus R. Campbell. On October 1, 1911 the Department became fully paid with a contingent of 91 officers and firefighters and with Charles N. Hogg as the Chief. The department continued to grow in size and modernized with motor driven apparatus. The horse drawn equipment was phased out by 1922. With the building of the station at 259 Conklin Avenue in 1929, the department reached its maximum size of 186 men operating nine engine companies, three truck companies and one heavy rescue company out of nine stations.

The department remained relatively unchanged until the late 1950s when the population began shifting to the rural areas of the county. Although the department began to downsize in relation to Binghamton's shrinking population, the scope of its operation expanded. In September of 1981 the ambulance was transferred from the Police Department to the Fire Department. In addition to providing ambulance service, a "First Responder" program was initiated. By having cross-trained firefighter/E.M.T.s responding from each station and in addition to the ambulance, medical assistance began reaching patients in approximately three minutes of the 911 call. To meet the growing needs of the City, the Hazardous Material Response Team began operations in May of 1988. In 1996, the EMS Program was upgraded to provide ALS level of service. Initially, twelve firefighters were trained as paramedics.

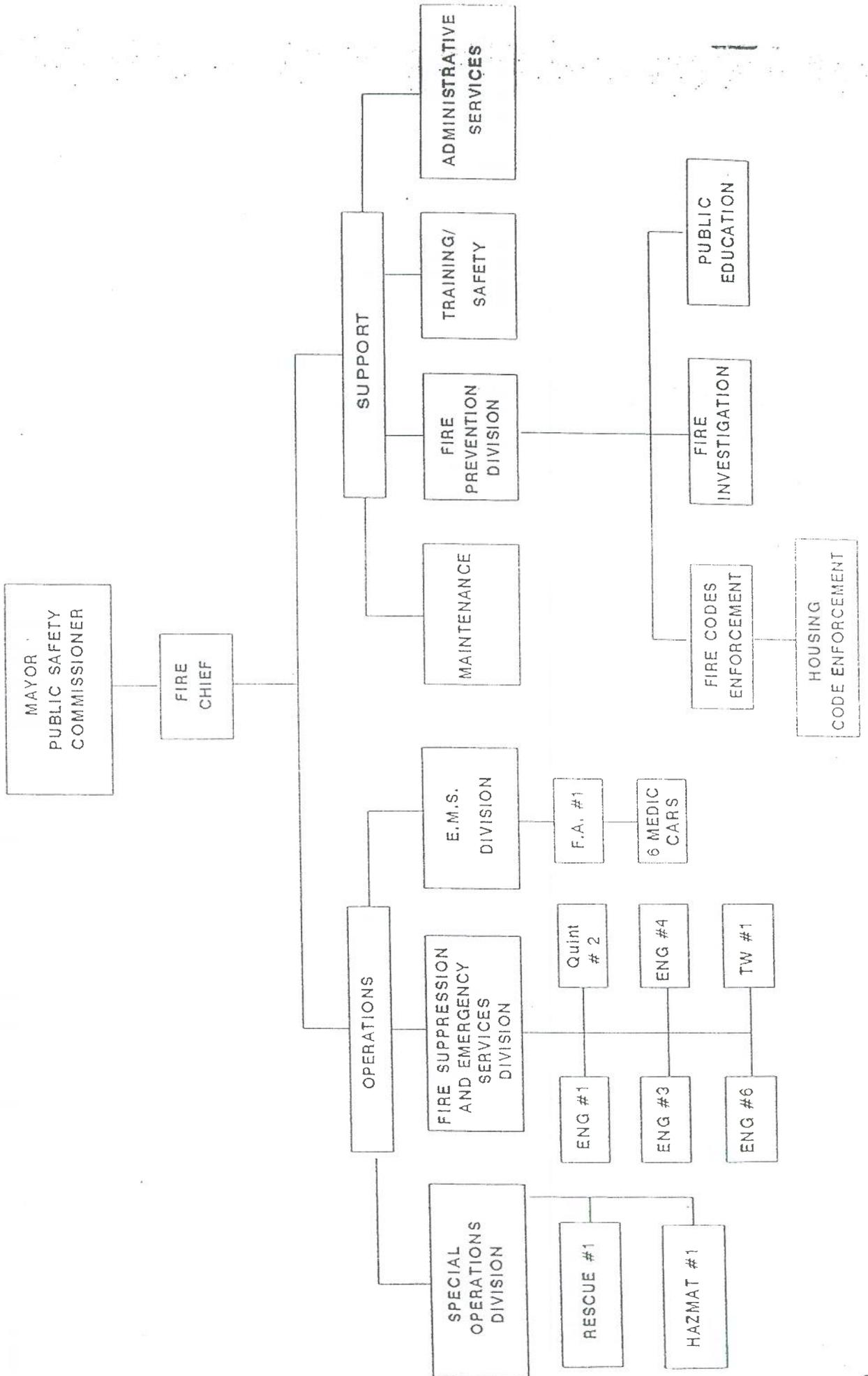
After almost thirty years of trying to develop a suitable training site, the Bureau was finally able to secure the necessary funding and property to realize this dream. The dedication was held on June 15, 2001 at 1 Belden St. The facility was named in honor of Training Instructor James Sullivan, who was killed in the line of duty on November 10, 1962.

Today's department has evolved into a modern multifaceted emergency response force providing firefighting, emergency medical services, hazardous materials and rescue coverage. If the emergency isn't directly to law enforcement, it is the Fire Department's job to provide assistance.

The "Mission Statement" developed by the firefighters demonstrates their enthusiasm and commitment in providing that most basic and important of all municipal responsibilities -- Public Safety. Since 1914 nineteen members have given their lives in the line of duty fulfilling this "Mission"

# BINGHAMTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

**CHIEF DANIEL L. THOMAS**

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**2007**

*DANIEL L. THOMAS*

*CHIEF, BINGHAMTON FIRE BUREAU*

*FIRE MARSHAL DANIEL EGGLESTON*

*FIRE PREVENTION  
CODE ENFORCEMENT*

*DEPUTY CHIEF BRIAN O'LOUGHLIN*

*"C" SHIFT COMMANDER*

*ASSISTANT CHIEF LAWRENCE OSTANEK*

*"A" SHIFT COMMANDER*

*ASSISTANT CHIEF JAMES RICE*

*"B" SHIFT COMMANDER*

*ASSISTANT CHIEF STEPHEN FAUGHNAN*

*"D" SHIFT COMMANDER*

*ASSISTANT CHIEF MICHAEL WASHINGTON*

*TRAINING INSTRUCTOR*

*CAPT. JOHN COLLING*

*E. M. S. COORDINATOR  
E. M. S. OPERATIONS*

*DOUGLAS MEGILL*

*GENERAL EQUIPMENT FOREMAN  
REPAIR OF APPARATUS AND  
EQUIPMENT*

**CITY OF BINGHAMTON BUREAU OF FIRE – PERSONNEL  
EMPLOYEES FOR YEAR 2007  
FOR EACH POSITION CLASSIFICATION**

Title	Actual	Authorized
<b>Uniform:</b>		
Fire Chief .....	1	1
Fire Deputy Chief .....	1	1
Fire Marshal .....	1	1
Fire Assistant Chief.....	3	3
Fire Training Instructor.....	1	1
Fire Captain.....	8	9
Fire Lieutenant .....	22	24
Firefighter .....	86	92
<b>Total Uniform:.....</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>Civilian:</b>		
General Equipment Foreman .....	1	1
Program Assistant .....	1	1
Senior Typist.....	1	1
Account Clerk Typist.....	1	1
Code Inspectors.....	7	7
<b>Total Civilian:.....</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>143</b>

**SUMMARY**

	UNIFORM	CIVILIAN
Active.....	123	11
Permanently Disabled .....	5	0
Temporarily Disabled .....	4	0

**PERSONNEL DATA FOR 2007**

Appointments.....	4
Retirements..(Total).....	3
Resignations.....	1
Promotions.....	4

## 2007 HIGHLIGHTS

### PROMOTIONS

*Chief Daniel L. Thomas*  
*A/C Stephen Faughnan*  
*Capt. John Colling*  
*Lt. Daniel Vail*

### RETIREMENTS

*Chief Clifford C. Colgan*  
*George Kilpatrick*  
*Anthony Sindon*

### RESIGNMENTS

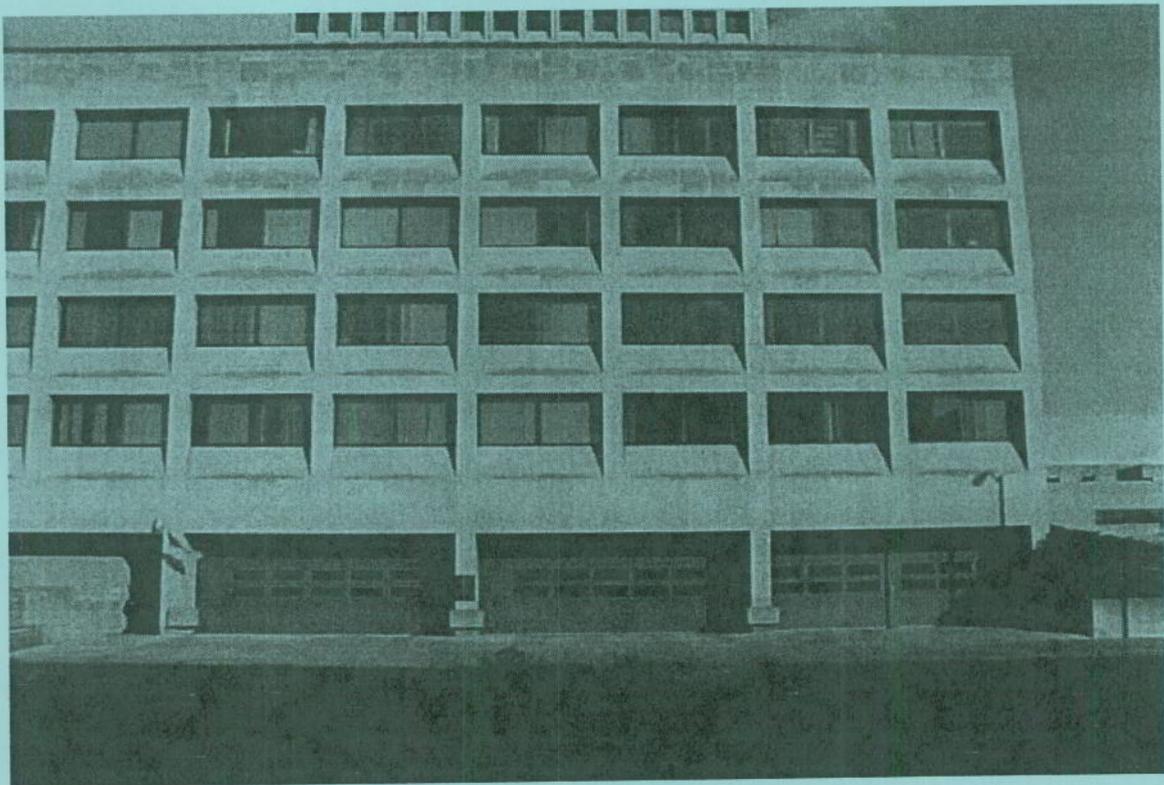
*Jeffrey Hammitt*

### NEW APPOINTMENTS

*Steven T. Coffey*  
*Devin P. O'Neill*  
*Jeffrey Liccion*  
*Marco Michitti*

# SECTION ONE

# OPERATIONS DIVISION



**FIRE HEADQUARTERS**  
**38 HAWLEY STREET**

Binghamton Fire Department

Activity Report

This month: 02/01/2007 to 02/28/2007, This year: 01/01/2007 to 12/31/2007

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**Incident Types (NFIRS)**

Incident Type Group	>>>This month<<<		>>>This year<<<	
	# Inc.	% of Total	# Inc.	% of Total
10-Fire, other	2	0.3%	52	0.6%
11-Structure Fire	5	0.8%	129	1.5%
12-Fire in mobile property used as a fixed structure	0	0%	1	0.0%
13-Mobile property (vehicle) fire	3	0.5%	32	0.4%
14-Natural vegetation fire	0	0%	8	0.1%
15-Outside rubbish fire	0	0%	24	0.3%
16-Special outside fire	0	0%	9	0.1%
17-Cultivated vegetation, crop fire	0	0%	0	0%
20-Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat, other	0	0%	3	0.0%
21-Overpressure rupture from steam (no ensuing fire)	1	0.2%	4	0.0%
22-Overpressure rupture from air or gas - no fire	0	0%	0	0%
23-Overpressure rupture, chemical reaction - no fire	0	0%	0	0%
24-Explosion (no fire)	0	0%	2	0.0%
25-Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1	0.2%	3	0.0%
30-Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other	91	14.2%	1247	14.1%
31-Medical assist	97	15.1%	1964	22.2%
32-Emergency medical service (EMS)	354	55.1%	4186	47.4%
33-Lock-In	0	0%	4	0.0%
34-Search for lost person	0	0%	0	0%
35-Extrication, rescue	1	0.2%	21	0.2%
36-Water or ice-related rescue	0	0%	4	0.0%
37-Electrical rescue	0	0%	0	0%
38-Rescue or EMS standby	0	0%	3	0.0%
40-Hazardous condition, other	0	0%	60	0.7%
41-Combustible/flammable spills & leaks	3	0.5%	41	0.5%
42-Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition	0	0%	11	0.1%
43-Radioactive condition	0	0%	0	0%
44-Electrical wiring/equipment problem	4	0.6%	100	1.1%
45-Biological hazard	0	0%	0	0%
46-Accident, potential accident	1	0.2%	23	0.3%
47-Explosive, bomb removal	0	0%	1	0.0%
48-Attempted burning, illegal action	0	0%	1	0.0%
50-Service call, other	12	1.9%	153	1.7%
51-Person in distress.	0	0%	6	0.1%
52-Water problem	15	2.3%	69	0.8%
53-Smoke, odor problem	2	0.3%	46	0.5%
54-Animal problem or rescue	0	0%	6	0.1%
55-Public service assistance	1	0.2%	16	0.2%
56-Unauthorized burning	0	0%	9	0.1%
57-Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up	0	0%	0	0%
60-Good intent call, other	9	1.4%	118	1.3%
61-Dispatched and canceled enroute	5	0.8%	17	0.2%
62-Wrong location	0	0%	2	0.0%
63-Controlled burning	0	0%	4	0.0%
64-Vicinity alarm	0	0%	0	0%
65-Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	1	0.2%	20	0.2%
66-EMS call where party has been transported	0	0%	1	0.0%
67-Hazmat release investigation w/ no hazmat	0	0%	3	0.0%
70-False alarm and false call, other	4	0.6%	67	0.8%
71-Malicious, mischievous false alarm	2	0.3%	24	0.3%
72-Bomb scare	0	0%	0	0%
73-System or detector malfunction	9	1.4%	143	1.6%
74-Unintentional system/detector operation - no fire	18	2.8%	185	2.1%
75-Biohazard scare	0	0%	1	0.0%

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**Incident Types (NFIRS)**

Incident Type Group	>>>This month<<<		>>>This year<<<	
	# Inc.	% of Total	# Inc.	% of Total
90-Special type of incident	1	0.2%	5	0.1%
91-Citizen complaint	0	0%	2	0.0%
	<u>642</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>8835</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

**Report Types**

Incident Type Group	>>>This month<<<				>>>This year<<<			
	#Inc.	#Pers.	#Hrs in Svc	#Man Hrs	#Inc.	#Pers.	#Hrs in Svc	#Man Hrs
D-Drill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M-Meeting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N-NFIRS	642	2469	286.8	1165.4	8835	32072	4305.3	17478.9
O-Other (not NFIRS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S-Special Assignment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W-Work Detail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>642</u>	<u>2469</u>	<u>286.8</u>	<u>1165.4</u>	<u>8835</u>	<u>32072</u>	<u>4305.3</u>	<u>17478.9</u>

**Reports by Category**

Incident Type Group	>>>This month<<<				>>>This year<<<			
	#Inc.	#Pers.	#Hrs in Svc	#Man Hrs	#Inc.	#Pers.	#Hrs in Svc	#Man Hrs
1-Fire	10	104	4.4	50.4	255	2191	164.5	2094.9
2-Overpressure Rupture, Explosion...	2	12	1.4	11.9	12	87	6.6	55.5
3-Rescue & Emergency Medical S...	543	1844	252.1	924.3	7429	24017	3654.4	12866.9
4-Hazardous Conditions (No fire)	8	54	2.7	25.7	237	1113	120.2	621.6
5-Service Call	30	146	12.8	63.1	305	1443	127.4	638.7
6-Good Intent Call	15	81	2.4	14.3	165	917	81.2	421.9
7-False Alarm & False Call	33	226	10.4	74.9	420	2256	146.2	751.8
8-Severe Weather & Natural Disast...	0	0	0	0	5	20	1.1	4.5
9-Special incident type	1	2	0.5	1.0	7	28	3.8	23.2
D-Drill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M-Meeting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O-Other (not NFIRS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S-Special Assignment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W-Work Detail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>642</u>	<u>2469</u>	<u>286.8</u>	<u>1165.4</u>	<u>8835</u>	<u>32072</u>	<u>4305.3</u>	<u>17478.9</u>

**Causes of Ignition (NFIRS)**

Cause of Ignition	>>>This month<<<		>>>This year<<<	
	# Inc.	% of Total	# Inc.	% of Total
Cause, other	0	0%	4	3.3%
Intentional	0	0%	14	11.5%
Unintentional	3	60.0%	45	36.9%
Failure of equipment or heat source	2	40.0%	19	15.6%
Act of nature	0	0%	1	0.8%
Cause under investigation	0	0%	25	20.5%
Cause undetermined after investigation	0	0%	14	11.5%
	<u>5</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

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**Losses (NFIRS)**

<u>Total Losses</u>	>>>This month<<<		>>>This year<<<	
	<u># Inc.</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u># Inc.</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
None	641	99.8%	8753	99.1%
1 to 9	0	0%	1	0.0%
1 billion and up	0	0%	0	0%
10 to 99	0	0%	2	0.0%
100 to 999	1	0.2%	33	0.4%
1000 to 9999	0	0%	24	0.3%
10000 to 99999	0	0%	20	0.2%
100000 to 999999	0	0%	2	0.0%
1 to 9.9 million	0	0%	0	0%
10 to 99.9 million	0	0%	0	0%
100 to 999.9 million	0	0%	0	0%
	<u>642</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>8835</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

**Aid Given or Received (NFIRS)**

<u>Aid Given or Received</u>	>>>This month<<<		>>>This year<<<	
	<u># Inc.</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u># Inc.</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Mutual aid received	0	0%	1	0.0%
Automatic aid received	0	0%	3	0.0%
Mutual aid given	0	0%	3	0.0%
Automatic aid given	0	0%	0	0%
Other aid given	1	0.2%	2	0.0%
None	641	99.8%	8826	99.9%
	<u>642</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>8835</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

**Mutual Aid Agencies Used (NFIRS)**

>>>This month<<<

>>>This year<<<

Station/Agency Giving Aid

# Responses

No incidents with 'Mutual Aid Agencies Used (NFIRS)' found for this report.

**Other Districts Responded To (NFIRS)**

>>>This month<<<

>>>This year<<<

FDID Receiving Mutual Aid

# Inc. % of Total

No incidents with 'Other Districts Responded To (NFIRS)' found for this report.

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**Calls by Day of Week (NFIRS)**

	>>>This month<<<			>>>This year<<<		
	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Avg Apparatus/Call</u>	<u>Avg Personnel/Call</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Avg Apparatus/Call</u>	<u>Avg Personnel/Call</u>
Sunday	86	1.2	4.1	1243	1.1	3.7
Monday	83	1.3	4.2	1323	1.1	3.6
Tuesday	90	1.1	3.8	1249	1.1	3.7
Wednesday	116	1.2	3.9	1261	1.1	3.6
Thursday	99	1.1	3.6	1200	1.1	3.5
Friday	88	1.1	3.6	1306	1.1	3.6
Saturday	80	1.1	3.7	1252	1.1	3.7

**Calls by Time of Day (NFIRS)**

	>>>This month<<<			>>>This year<<<		
	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Avg Apparatus/Call</u>	<u>Avg Personnel/Call</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Avg Apparatus/Call</u>	<u>Avg Personnel/Call</u>
00:00-00:59	25	1.1	4.0	326	1.1	3.6
01:00-01:59	35	1.1	3.9	281	1.1	3.4
02:00-02:59	14	1.1	3.6	215	1.1	3.6
03:00-03:59	19	1.2	3.8	233	1.1	3.4
04:00-04:59	12	1.2	4.3	203	1.1	3.6
05:00-05:59	15	1.3	4.5	162	1.2	4.1
06:00-06:59	12	1.3	4.3	195	1.1	3.4
07:00-07:59	25	1.2	4.0	269	1.2	4.0
08:00-08:59	27	1.0	3.3	312	1.2	3.8
09:00-09:59	21	1.2	4.2	429	1.2	3.7
10:00-10:59	39	1.1	3.8	465	1.1	3.5
11:00-11:59	36	1.1	3.5	470	1.1	3.5
12:00-12:59	22	1.2	4.4	409	1.1	3.6
13:00-13:59	41	1.1	3.7	461	1.1	3.7
14:00-14:59	34	1.1	3.9	452	1.2	3.8
15:00-15:59	31	1.4	4.5	430	1.1	3.7
16:00-16:59	28	1.0	3.5	422	1.1	3.6
17:00-17:59	40	1.1	3.9	470	1.2	3.7
18:00-18:59	21	1.2	3.8	457	1.2	3.7
19:00-19:59	30	1.1	3.5	457	1.2	3.7
20:00-20:59	25	1.2	3.6	457	1.1	3.7
21:00-21:59	29	1.1	3.7	493	1.1	3.4
22:00-22:59	34	1.2	3.6	402	1.1	3.5
23:00-23:59	27	1.1	4.0	365	1.1	3.6

# SECTION TWO

# FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION



QUINT #3  
39 W. STATE STREET

# FIRE-MARSHAL'S OFFICE

## 2007 REPORT

### 1. FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE & CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Fire Prevention/Code Enforcement office was in a state of transition in 2007. Code Enforcement, an essential high visibility department dealing with “**quality of life**” issues was combined with the Department of Building & Construction at the end of 2007. This move has allowed the Fire Prevention office to return its focus to Fire Prevention and “**life safety**” issues. By years end Fire Prevention conducted hundreds of inspections of various buildings in the City including but not limited to public & private schools, hospitals, day-care centers, churches, public assemblies, senior housing & senior centers. All Fire Prevention officers attended numerous training classes and seminars throughout 2007 and by doing so completed their required New York State training.

The newest Code Enforcement officer, Chris Schleider completed his required 6 weeks of training with New York State in 2007. The remaining Code Enforcement officers completed their required New York State training in 2007 and have retained their Code Enforcement status. The ultimate goal of Code Enforcement is for all properties in the City of Binghamton to be in 100% compliance with the City of Binghamton and New York State Property Maintenance Codes.

### 2. PUBLIC EDUCATION

Throughout the year, the Binghamton Fire Department (through the Fire Prevention office) provides numerous “Public Education” lectures as a means

of communicating valuable fire safety information. The Fire Prevention personnel are assisted in this endeavor by line companies for demonstrations, whenever possible. In addition to our normal school system program, additional lectures/demonstrations are presented by line officers on a voluntary basis. Over 75 of these presentations are given at schools, day-care centers, senior citizen centers, community organizations, hospitals, etc. These lectures/demonstrations consisted of the following topics:

1. Basic Fire Safety
2. Fire Extinguishers
3. "Stop, Drop & Roll" (youth)
4. "Safety Town Lectures" (youth)
5. Smoke Detectors
6. Holiday Safety
7. Fireplace & Wood-Stove Safety
8. High Rise Safety
9. Exit Drills In The Home (EDITH)
10. Evacuation of handicapped school children
11. Fire Safety for the elderly.

### **3. FIRE INVESTIGATIONS**

Among the varied and crucial functions of the Fire Prevention office, "Fire/Arson Investigations" are one of the top priorities. Every fire in the City of Binghamton, which is not of obvious cause, is referred to an officer from the Fire Marshal's office (Fire Prevention). A complete and thorough investigation is then done to determine cause and origin. In 2007 sixty four such investigations were completed. All members of the Fire Prevention office are Level 2 fire Investigators (highest level available in New York State) and were recertified in 2007. Our office works in conjunction with the Binghamton Police Department to expose arsonists and put them in jail. While fire investigations are time consuming, low profile and sometimes dirty work, I am proud of the professionalism and dedication of the investigators in the Fire Prevention office.

#### **4. FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE**

In 2007, we continued our expanded effort to achieve an increased degree of compliance with all City and State mandated requirements, particularly life-safety items (i.e., smoke detector & exiting requirements). The objective for this office is to utilize our unique accessibility privilege to assure compliance has been met and exceeded.

##### **A. Housing Code**

The seven officers in Code Enforcement falling under the supervision of the Fire Marshal continued to improve the resident's quality of life in 2007, with strict enforcement of the City of Binghamton and N.Y. States Property Maintenance Code. Code Enforcement is committed to making our City clean, healthy and safe.

#### **5. ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY RESPONSE**

The continued efforts of Fire Prevention personnel to work with the owners and managers of establishments with defective or poorly designed alarm systems to upgrade and/or repair such systems has lowered unnecessary responses. Any decrease in unnecessary Fire Department response saves wear and tear on equipment and also increases the availability of personnel and apparatus for legitimate requests for assistance.

## **6. APPARATUS INSPECTION PROGRAM**

The objective of this program inspection program is to increase the number of buildings inspected annually and thereby reduce and/or eliminate the existing fire and life safety hazards. These inspections also increase the “fire suppression” company’s knowledge of the layout and construction of commercial buildings in their districts. This information is crucial in assisting them in fire suppression tactics should a fire occur in that building. Over 700 such inspections were conducted in 2007, resulting in the elimination of many “serious” hazardous conditions which would, more than likely, have eventually caused structure fires.

## **7. SPECIAL NOTE**

The desired result of all Fire Prevention Programs is to protect and preserve life and property! Most, if not all, fires are preventable. The Fire Department, as a whole, does not rest on the success of these mentioned accomplishments, but instead concentrates on non-compliances and any other issues that affect the degree of life-safety and security of the citizens of our community.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Eggleston  
Fire Marshal

# SECTION THREE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



**ENGINE #6  
8 WEST STREET**

**City of Binghamton Fire Bureau  
Special Operations/Hazardous Materials Response Units  
2007 Annual Report**

The Special Operations and Hazardous Materials Units of the Binghamton Bureau of Fire continued to provide the City of Binghamton with the highest professional quality of emergency response in these fields. In order to stay current with modern trends and maintain critical skill levels, training was conducted on a daily basis. Members trained to safely mitigate emergencies in confined space rescue, explosive environments, hazardous materials, high and low angle rope rescue techniques, elevator rescue, collapse rescue, vehicular extrication and water rescue.

During the course of 2007, Eng 21-6/HazMat 21 and Rescue 21, which make up the Special Operations Unit, continued joint training exercises with the Broome County Hazardous Materials Team. Monthly training sessions were held at various field sites where hazardous materials are stored or are in use in the daily work environment. Subjects of training included topics such as decontamination procedures, plugging, patching and leak control, fully encapsulating suits, foam/petroleum operations, using computers to aid in response and mitigation, response to terrorism events, as well as pre-planning tours of selected sites in the City where hazardous materials are in use. Additionally, team members continue to upgrade their education through classes taught by the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control at the Montour Falls Fire Academy. A considerable amount of new equipment, paid for by a federal grant, was added to the City's Haz-Mat trailer.

Captain Robert Parke was reassigned to Eng 21-6 as the Hazardous Materials Station Captain. Capt. Parke's extensive experience in Hazardous Materials response should prove to be highly beneficial to the City's team.

Rescue #21, under the direction of Capt. Edward Bergman, continued the tradition of top-notch technical rescue capabilities. On-going training included Swift Water Rescue and joint Confined Space Rescue training with the Johnson City Fire Dept. as well as teaching High Angle Rope Rescue skills to the recruit class at the James Sullivan Training Center in Binghamton. Upgraded extrication equipment was added to the Rescue to facilitate more rapid rescue of victims from motor vehicle accidents with entrapment.

In closing we would like to thank Assistant Chief James Rice for his many years of service as the City's Special Operations Chief. For over ten years Chief Rice, who is retiring in early 2008, led the Special Operations Division through numerous growing pains, the tragedy of September 11<sup>th</sup>, the new threat of terrorism in the US and the increasing demands placed upon our rescue and haz-mat teams. At all times, he answered the challenges presented to him and is responsible for the high level of skill exhibited by our Special Operations teams today. Thanks, Chief.

Assistant Chief Stephen Faughnan, Special Operations

*AC Stephen Faughnan*

# SECTION FOUR

# TRAINING DIVISION



JAMES M. SULLIVAN FIRE TRAINING FACILITY

1 BELDEN ST

# City of Binghamton Fire Bureau Annual Training Report 2007

“Actions speak louder than words, let your words teach and your actions speak”

**The City of Binghamton Fire Bureau Training Division believes that training is paramount to maintain the safety and efficacy of firefighters charged with protecting the residents of the City of Binghamton. The Training Division continues to strive towards delivering the safest, most up to date training available in keeping with this goal. That is why so much time and energy has been devoted to quality training this year, not only of our recruit class but also for our entire Fire Bureau.**

**In 2007, the City of Binghamton Fire Bureau Training Division began working towards becoming compliant with NIMS standards that have been mandated by federal, state, and local government. While most emergency situations are handled locally, when there's a major incident help may be needed from other jurisdictions, the state and the federal government as we experienced with the 06 floods. NIMS was developed so responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines can work together better to respond to natural disasters and emergencies, including acts of terrorism. NIMS benefits include a unified approach to incident management; standard command and management structures; and emphasis on preparedness, mutual aid and resource management. Most of the Chief Officers have taken ICS 100 & 200 on line and classes are being scheduled to make the entire Bureau NIMS compliant by April of 2008.**

**The Training Division made several facility upgrades in 2007 including the addition of a 54 inch flat screen TV, wireless internet service, a new laptop, two new large dry erase boards, and 12 new tables to help facilitate classroom learning. With the help of a grant obtained for health and safety, a treadmill and weight training machine has been purchased to assist with the Candidate Physical Training program (C-Pat), a mandatory physical fitness requirement for all new recruits. A new wireless remote for the burn trailer has been placed**

into service and an agreement with the NYS OFPC has been made so that the Burn Trainer now meets New York State Live Burn criteria. This allows for live fire training to be done here at the Sullivan Training Center. All the firefighters have successfully met and exceeded the Part 426 Minimum Standard 100 hours of State Certified Training again this year and I am proud to say that the Bureau logged over 29,500 training hours this year. This is a new record and I congratulate all the firefighters for their commitment and dedication. Once again the Training Center held a recruit class with recruits coming from the Johnson City, Endicott and Binghamton Fire Departments. Eight recruits passed both the State and National Fire Fighter I and II Certification Exams, along with State Certifications in Apparatus Pump Operator, Rescue Technician Basic, ICS 100& 200, Truck Company Operations, Accident Victim Extrication, Basic Wild land Suppression, Apparatus Operator Emergency Vehicle, and WMD Awareness and Operational. Congratulations to : *Steven Coffey, Devin O'Neill Binghamton Fire, Benjamin Savichky, Gregory Maney and Ryan Willis Johnson City Fire and Chad Francis, Darin Lewis, Christopher Sampson Endicott Fire.* The Bureau also had two additional firefighters join the force this year, Firefighter Jeffery Liccion, a 12 year veteran from Auburn Fire Department and Marco Michitti from Johnson City. Jeffery was a lateral transfer hire and Marc was on the City Civil Service list. Because of their extensive fire backgrounds and their State Credentials they attended shortened training classes and were able to join the firefighting ranks within two weeks of their hire dates. Congratulations again to all the new hires.

All the Binghamton Firefighters have had and met the annual mandatory quantitative fit tests. Our quartermaster clothing program has successfully completed a new bid. All of the turnout gear meets the minimum NFPA 1981, 1989, and 1975 standards for interior fire fighter and the new vendors are fitting each firefighter that needs new turnout equipment. The SCBA compressor had been overhauled and new contracts for air quality testing had been implemented, the SCBA tanks have been Hydrostatically Tested. All Fire Bureau hose was inventoried and service tested to meet NFPA standards.

**The Training Center continues to serve as a meeting and training place for the entire region. This fall, over 100 firefighters from 8 area Fire Departments attended Thermal Imaging Training Classes give by SAFE-IR. Many thanks to Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, Mayor Matthew Ryan and Training Instructor M. Washington for successfully attaining a \$17,500 grant from New York State to make this valuable training a reality. We again held exercises with the US Postal Service, The Broome County Health Department, BPD and DPW, and local Postal Employees with the Bio-Detection System at the Binghamton Post Office. We also continue to meet with the Broome County Hazardous Material Team and train monthly in this specialty area.**

**As stated before, our training programs and facility can and always should be described as a work in progress. We should and must constantly strive to find new and innovative ways to do our job safer and more efficient, always with the safety of our firefighters and service to our citizens as our top priority.**



**Assistant Chief Michael F. Washington**

**Training Instructor**

**City of Binghamton**

**Bureau of Fire**

**SECTION FIVE**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL**  
**SERVICES DIVISION**



**QUINT 2**  
**180 MAIN STREET**

## 2007 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE REPORT

Two Thousand and Seven turned out to be another record setting year for the Bureau of Fire. Calls for EMS assistance increased yet again. While the reasons for the increase may be uncertain or hard to define, one point is clear: The Binghamton Fire Department stands alone as the premier emergency services organization in the Greater Binghamton area.

With response times averaging under four minutes the residents of the City of Binghamton enjoy some of the country's lowest "call to door" times, a critical factor in many serious medical emergencies. A fast response is only part of the equation. Our professional responders are ready twenty four hours a day, seven days a week and three hundred sixty five days a year to handle any medical emergency, be it medical or traumatic in nature.

Our professionals continue to receive the training they need to stay on the forefront of emergency medicine. The Southern Tier Paramedic Program provides first class continuing education for our paramedics. Our paramedics also completed an Advanced Cardiac Life Support course which updated them on the latest intervention techniques for cardiac emergencies. Senior Instructor Toni-Lou Griffis leads our Basic EMT education efforts sharing her knowledge, humor and experience. We took advantage of our own personnel to refresh all of our members in CPR and foreign body airway obstructions.

Training and motivation can only take you so far. You also need equipment to provide the care our patients need. The year 2007 saw our emergency medical services program move forward as we took advantage of changes in state and regional protocols. Aspirin is a drug we now carry in our basic equipment kits. This drug can be administered by basic EMT's and can make a tremendous difference in a cardiac patient's outcome. Albuterol, a life saving respiratory medication used by asthmatics, can now be found in our basic equipment kits and can be administered by our basic EMT's. We also placed adult and pediatric epinephrine pens on every apparatus in the fleet. To any patient having a severe allergic reaction these pens can mean the difference between life and death.

The summer saw us receive our new ambulance. Trainings were conducted for all members and included classroom and hands on sessions. Many innovative features can be found on the new ambulance such as an oxygen lift, powered stretcher, air suspension and rear view camera. It is our hope that these new tools will reduce injuries to our members and ease their workload.

An EMT Basic original class was conducted alongside recruit training and produced eight successful graduates. Joseph Griswold, Stephen Harahus, Greg Maney, Devin O'Neill, Benjamin Savichky, Robert Tinklepaugh, Scott White and Ryan Willis. Our congratulations to these new EMT's.

The EMS office launched a new program at the request of the Safety Town program, based at MacArthur elementary school. A poison safety class was designed with the target audience being 3-6 year old children. This interactive class was very well received and will be continued in 2008.

MRSA, a drug resistant bacterium, gained prominent national and local attention in the fall of 2007. The EMS program responded and with the help of Firefighter Dan Babcock, paramedic and RN, we designed and implemented a disinfection and hand washing regimen that will help to keep our members and patients safe from this pathogen.

One of the many functions of EMS is to standby at large public events in case of emergency. Again, 2007 saw us continuing our long tradition of providing medical coverage to the Chris Thater races and the First Night celebration. We were also awarded a contract with Broome County to provide EMS coverage for large events at the Arena.

My time in the EMS office began in June with promotion to Captain. I assumed duties from Captain Parke who was leaving for Engine Six. I would like to thank Captain Parke for all his assistance in easing my transition from the line to the office. To this day, he is always available to answer my questions, whether he is on or off duty.

In summation, **2007** saw many changes in the way we provide care to our patients. Our constant has been our commitment to excellence and customer service. We look forward to another dynamic year in 2008 and the continued opportunity to serve our community.



J. Colling, Capt.  
EMS Coordinator

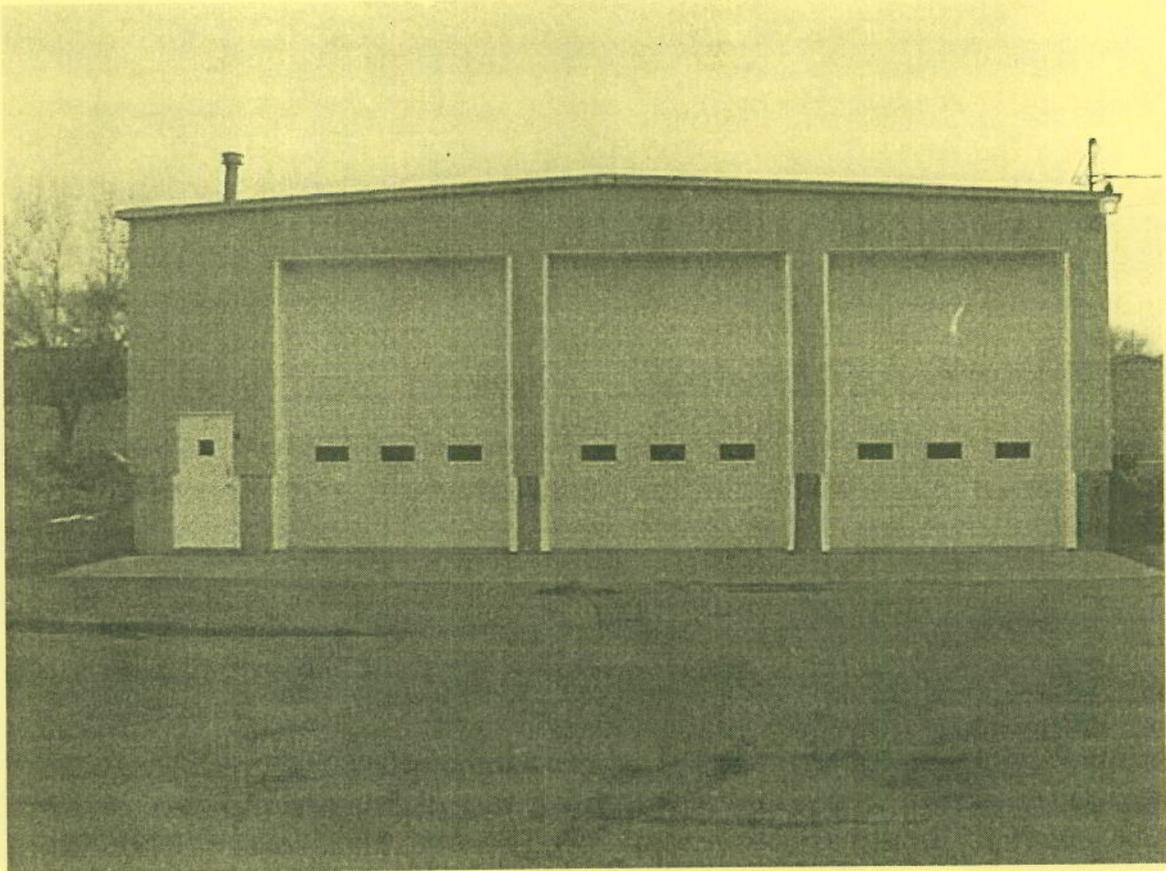
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24	37	38	45	39	46	32	43	280
1	44	37	35	31	23	34	37	241
2	36	25	23	16	26	26	41	193
3	50	28	21	12	25	25	44	205
4	24	18	21	32	20	30	32	177
5	27	17	17	11	28	15	21	136
6	25	31	16	18	33	28	22	173
7	32	30	33	29	26	39	27	216
8	24	45	40	31	44	44	33	261
9	52	57	42	56	54	57	37	355
10	41	61	69	54	47	68	58	398
11	62	65	55	63	50	50	45	390
12	45	47	46	44	55	50	39	326
13	54	51	67	55	49	52	52	380
14	55	53	58	46	53	68	37	370
15	33	65	50	47	50	55	51	351
16	41	48	54	53	39	50	42	327
17	50	52	54	52	47	58	73	386
18	49	48	46	46	47	48	58	342
19	53	54	38	72	39	52	53	361
20	54	60	48	56	57	63	45	383
21	53	56	55	63	63	69	52	411
22	41	45	47	47	53	49	43	325
23	43	48	42	44	49	55	49	330
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>7,317</b>

Incident Type	EM1	EM2	EM3	EM4	EM5	EM6	R21	E211	Q212	Q213	E214	E216	Total
ALS ASSIST	0	0	1	0	0	0							1
ABDOMINAL	34	48	47	44	65	40							278
ALLERGIES	11	17	9	15	18	16							86
ANIM BITE	2	4	3	2	3	3							17
ASSAULT	24	47	28	23	53	30			1				206
BACK PAIN	13	31	26	12	49	22							153
BREATHING	132	150	128	150	234	165	2				1		962
BURN/EXPLO	3	4	5	2	2	2							18
INHALATION	0	0	0	0	1	0							1
CARDIAC	12	31	16	12	15	26					1		113
CHEST PAIN	77	102	85	103	163	127							657
CHOKING	1	5	0	2	4	6							18
SEIZURES	25	66	43	35	42	48							259
DIABETIC	32	33	31	44	52	36	1						229
ELEC SHOCK	0	0	0	1	0	0				1			2
EYE INJURY	1	2	4	2	3	3	1						16
FALLS	146	190	151	175	309	145	2				1		1119
HEADACHE	4	6	3	16	8	7							44
HEART PROB	10	19	7	29	31	12							108
EXPOSURE	2	1	2	1	3	0							9
HEMORRHAGE	34	57	50	51	61	50	1						304
OVERDOSE	18	59	35	35	72	30	1						250
PREGNANCY	17	41	19	10	24	18							129
SUICIDE	12	15	11	15	20	18							91
SICK PERS	75	115	112	147	177	123			1				750
STAB/SHOOT	4	7	3	6	4	4	1						29
STROKE	14	30	21	39	17	20							141
MVA/EMS	3	5	6	8	8	6							36
TRAUMATIC	37	73	46	29	63	46	1	1					296
FAINING	41	85	56	52	103	52				1			390
UNKNOWN PR	26	47	22	20	55	28	1						199
EMS ALARM	27	43	24	14	83	47							238
TRANSPORT	0	4	0	0	1	0							5
EMS ALL OT	10	12	8	8	23	8	1					1	71
TOTALS	847	1349	1002	1102	1766	1138	12	1	2	2	1	3	7225

# SECTION SIX

## APPARATUS/EQUIPMENT

### MAINTENANCE DIVISION



MAINTENANCE FACILITY  
1 BELDEN STREET

## STATION LOCATIONS/APPARATUS ASSIGNMENTS

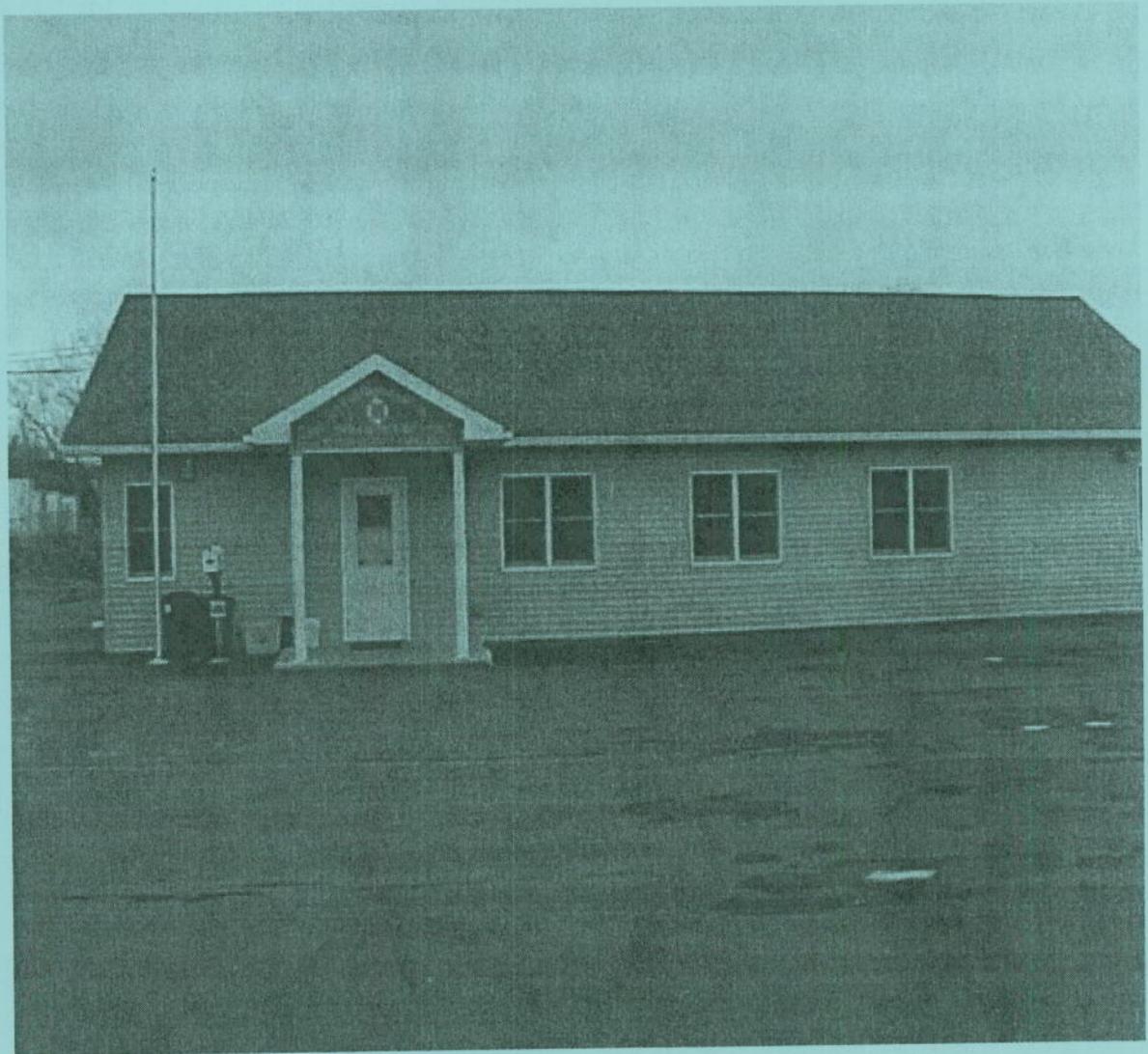
STATION	ADDRESS	APPARATUS
HEADQUARTERS	GOVERNMENTAL PLAZA 38 HAWLEY	CAR #21 (DUTY CHIEF) RESCUE #21 TOWER LADDER #21 FIRE AMBULANCE #7121 EMS-21-5 RESCUE BOATS #1 & 2 RESERVE AMBULANCE 7122
STATION #1	259 CONKLIN AVE.	ENGINE 21-1 EMS 21-1
STATION #2	180 MAIN ST	QUINT #21-2 EMS 21-2 RESERVE ENGINE #21-7
STATION #3	39 W. STATE ST.	QUINT 21-3 EMS 21-3
STATION #4	176 ROBINSON ST.	ENGINE #21-4 EMS 21-4
STATION #6	8 WEST ST.	ENGINE #21-6 EMS 21-6 HAZ MAT #21

**THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE BINGHAMTON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FLEET**



# SECTION SEVEN

## MEMORIAL MASS-RECOGNITION



JAMES M. SULLIVAN FIRE TRAINING FACILITY

1 BELDEN STREET

## RECOGNITION – WITHIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

- FATHER BUCKLEY IN MAY OF THIS YEAR CELEBRATED 50 YEARS AS A PRIEST
- NEW FIREFIGHTER GRADUATION
- AT THE MEMORIAL MASS HELD IN OCTOBER OF 2007 A FALLEN FIREFIGHTER FF JOSEPH HENEHAN WAS RECOGNIZED AND A PLAQUE PRESENTED TO HIS FAMILY.
- SANDI RIZZI WAS RECOGNIZED WITH THE HELPING HAND AWARD FOR HER OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN RALLYING OUR TEAM TO ONCE AGAIN CAPTURE THE 'CHALLENGE CUP AWARD' FOR HAVING THE HIGHEST PER CAPITA GIVING IN ITS CATEGORY. THROUGH SANDI'S EFFORTS IT INCREASED EACH YEAR FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS.
- CITY RESCUERS ON BUS TRIP HELP AFTER SIX-VEHICLE CRASH
- FIRE SERVICES DAY WAS HELD DECEMBER 1, 2007 AT ROBERSON MUSEUM AND BINGHAMTON WAS ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND

## RECOGNITION

### *Rev. Gerald J. Buckley* — CELEBRATING — 50 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

#### *Rev. Gerald J. Buckley* CHRONOLOGY OF PARISH ASSIGNMENTS:

St. Paul	Binghamton	1957-1966
St. Joseph	Oneida	1966-1969
St. Rose of Lima	N. Syracuse	1969-1971
St. John	Binghamton	1971-1973
Corpus Christi	S. Onondaga	1973-1977
St. Patrick	Onisco	1973-1977
St. Joseph	Deposit	1977-1987
St. Andrew	Binghamton	1987-1999

Chaplain, New York State Professional Firefighters Assoc.  
1998-present

Chaplain, Binghamton Fire Department  
1970-73, 1987-present





# CITY OF BINGHAMTON BUREAU OF FIRE 2007 Graduation Ceremony

Hosted By  
Mayor Matthew T. Ryan  
Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 1:00 PM

## GRADUATION

**Benediction**  
**Father Corey VanKuren**  
**Associate Chaplain**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Christopher P. Sampson  
*Invocation*  
Father Gerald Buckley  
Fire Department Chaplain

### **Badge & Assignment Presentation**

**Binghamton**  
Chief Daniel L. Thomas and D/C Brian P. O'Loughlin  
**Endicott**  
Chief Steven Hruslich  
**Johnson City**  
Chief Henry Michalovic & A/C Kenneth Roe

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have organized and participated in the Basic Firefighter Training Program. This program ensures that the City of Binghamton Firefighters and those of other surrounding communities will provide our residents with the highest caliber of service possible. Good luck and have a safe and long career."

### **Welcome**

Assistant Chief Michael Washington  
**Congratulatory Message**  
Chief Daniel Thomas, Binghamton Fire Bureau  
Firefighter John Janos  
President Local #79 PFFA

### **Firefighter Graduates**

**Binghamton**  
Devin O'Neill  
Steven Colfey  
Jeffrey Liccion

**Matthew T. Ryan, Mayor**  
**of the City of Binghamton**

*The Graduating Class of July 2007 wishes to thank the following for their knowledge and assistance during the*

### **Basic Firefighter Training Program:**

Assistant Chief/Training Instructor Michael F. Washington,  
Chief Kenneth Roe, Johnson City Fire Department, Capt.  
Rick Allen, Capt. Ed Bergman, Capt. John Colling, Capt.  
Robert Parke, Capt. Mark Whalen,  
Lt. Christopher Ballard, Lt. Francis Fitch, Lt. Peter  
Holleran, Lt. R. Lew, Lt. Rick Tinder, Firefighter Patrick  
Giblin, Jeremy M. Oldroyd, Office of Forest Protection and  
Management, David Watkins, Director of Personnel and  
Safety.

### **Endicott**

Chad R. Francis  
Darrin J. Lewis  
Christopher P. Sampson

### **Remarks**

Assistant Chief Michael Washington

### **Johnson City**

Benjamin W. Savichky  
Gregory J. Maney  
Ryan M. Willis

And:

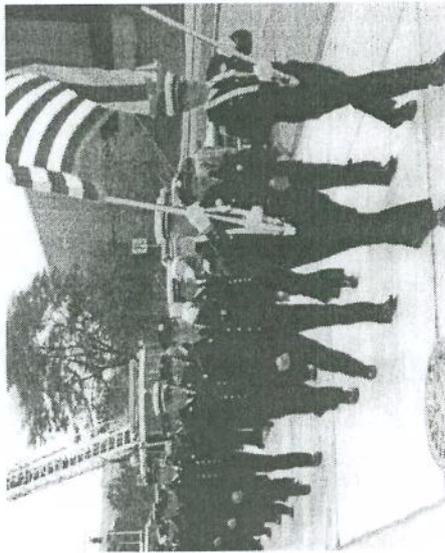
*To all of the Officers and Firefighters of the City of Binghamton, Bureau of Fire whom so graciously gave their time and talents to this graduating class.*

### **Class Remarks**

Steve Colfey

### **Class Remarks**

Christopher P. Sampson



**INVOCATION**

Father Corey Van Kuren  
Fire Department Chaplain

**BENEDICTION**

FATHER GERALD BUCKLEY

**REMARKS**

Matthew T. Ryan  
Mayor of the City of Binghamton

"We have some of the most professional and dedicated firefighters in the country. The selfless commitment they bring to the job every day, in service to others, can easily go unnoticed, so it's important that we take time out this week to pause and acknowledge their heroism and what they do for our community."

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
2007 FIRE MEMORIAL AWARDS**

Mayor Matthew T. Ryan  
Chief Daniel L. Thomas

**FIREFIGHTER'S MEMORIAL  
MASS**

**ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Hosted By

*Mayor Matthew T. Ryan*

Tuesday, October 09, 2007 at 11:00 AM

**HONORING FF JOSEPH HENEHEN  
OCTOBER 31, 1938**

Mayor Matthew T. Ryan  
Mayor of the City of Binghamton

**MEMORIAL MASS**



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*F. F. Francis J. Hahar*  
September 26, 1898

*F. F. Joseph Muggleton*  
June 14, 1914

*F. F. Clair Brainard*  
March 25, 1925

*Chief Charles VanCleve*  
January 16, 1929

*F. F. James McCarthy*  
October 8, 1940

*F. F. Arnold Shepard*  
February 5, 1951

*T. I. James Sullivan*  
November 10, 1962

*Lt. Clyde Johns*  
October 24, 1970

*Chief John Cox*  
September 29, 1975

*F. F. Francis Furch*  
December 31, 1977

*F. F. Gerald Mullins*  
January 8, 1994

*Capt. Walter Howell*  
March 5, 1914

*Capt. William Ford*  
October 29, 1915

*F. F. William Moran*  
September 17, 1928

*F. F. William Kennedy*  
April 29, 1929

*Chief Arthur Dillon*  
March 7, 1946

*F. F. Jerome Ryan*  
September 3, 1951

*Capt. Lawrence O'Hara*  
January 13, 1967

*F.F. John Russell*  
September 28, 1975

*Capt. Donald McGeever*  
September 29, 1975

*Chief Donald Faughnan*  
May 1, 1987

*F.F. Joseph Henahan*  
October 31, 1938

# City rescuers on bus trip help after six-vehicle crash

## Police officer, firefighters lift car off victim

By John Hill

PublicAffairs.com  
Press & Sun-Bulletin

A Binghamton church group's trip to Atlantic City this weekend turned out to be most lucky for a man who wasn't on it.

After their bus was involved in a six-vehicle crash Sunday on the Northcast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike in North Whitehall Township, Pa., a group of Binghamton first responders -- including three city firefighters, one retired firefighter and a city police officer -- lifted a car off a trapped motorcyclist and checked on other crash victims until emergency personnel could arrive.

A bus carrying about 45 members of St. Patrick's Church was making its annual trip to Atlantic City when it swerved to avoid a Department of Transportation truck in the right lane assisting a stranded motorist. The bus hit a minivan in the left lane, which started a chain reaction crash involving the bus, motorcycle, three cars and a van.

Motorcyclist Dustin S. Giffin, 23, was pinned from the chest up when members of the St. Patrick's group -- which included Officer Bob Burnett, retired firefighter Bill Kozel and current city firefighters Brian Kozel, Mike Fitzgerald and Pat McManus -- lifted the Toyota Camry off the ground and pulled Giffin out.

Despite what initially looked like possibly devastating injuries, Giffin was conscious and alert after being pulled from underneath the sedan. He appeared to have a broken right arm, Brian Kozel said.

"This guy would be dead if he didn't have his helmet no question," Fitzgerald said. "That car was actually resting on his helmet."

Pennsylvania law does not require motorcyclists to wear helmets.

After rescuing Giffin, the group checked on the drivers and passengers in other vehicles.

The rescuers said Tuesday they were able to stay calm and knew what to do because of their day jobs.

"We were just doing what we nor-



CHUCK HAUPT / Press & Sun-Bulletin

Members of the Binghamton fire and police departments, from left, retired firefighter Bill Kozel, firefighter Pat McManus, firefighter Brian Kozel, Officer Bob Burnett and firefighter Mike Fitzgerald, helped out at the scene of a six-vehicle accident in North Whitehall Township, Pa., on Sunday while on a charter bus trip to Atlantic City.

mally do," said Brian Kozel. Seven people were injured, but no one was seriously hurt, including Giffin, police told the Morning Call newspaper in Allentown, Pa. The nighttime crash shut down the southbound highway for two hours, causing a four-mile traffic backup, the newspaper reported.

No one on the bus suffered injuries. After about 15 or 20 minutes, Pennsylvania emergency responders were on the scene. The St. Patrick's group was taken from the scene by school bus to the next exit to wait for the bus company, Coach USA, to send another bus.

After a four-hour delay, the group finally made it safely to Atlantic City Sunday night, although they were a little nervous every time the bus driver stepped on the brakes, they said.

2007  
*HOME*  
for the  
*HOLIDAYS*  
Roberson Museum and Science Center

Roberson is  
History  
WEEKEND

  
imagine. **ROBERSON**  
explore.

30 Front St., Binghamton, NY 13905

# Fire Services Appreciation Day

December 1, 2007

*Firefighters and their immediate family are invited to the Museum FREE on that day!*

### Sponsored by VESO Life

The feature exhibit is **FIRE**, a tribute to the tradition of keeping our citizens safe that started in 1848.

Museum hours: 11am-5pm

### ACTIVITIES:

- Antique Fire Trucks will be on display, 11 am-3 pm.
- Representative from the Broome County Firefighter's Association, will speak on fire prevention and safety during the holidays.
- Bob Blakeslee, author of *History of the Johnson City Fire Department* will speak, with a book signing to follow.
- There will be hands-on activity/crafts from 1-3 pm for families with children.
- The "Bucket Brigade Holiday Raffle" (Drawing will be held at 4:30 pm that day.)



*Home for the Holidays 2007* runs from November 23 - December 31. For more information, call Roberson at (607)772-0660, or visit website: [www.roberson.org](http://www.roberson.org)

# SECTION EIGHT

## REVENUE



**ENGINE #4**  
**176 ROBINSON STREET**

**CITY OF BINGHAMTON**

**BUREAU OF FIRE**

**2007**

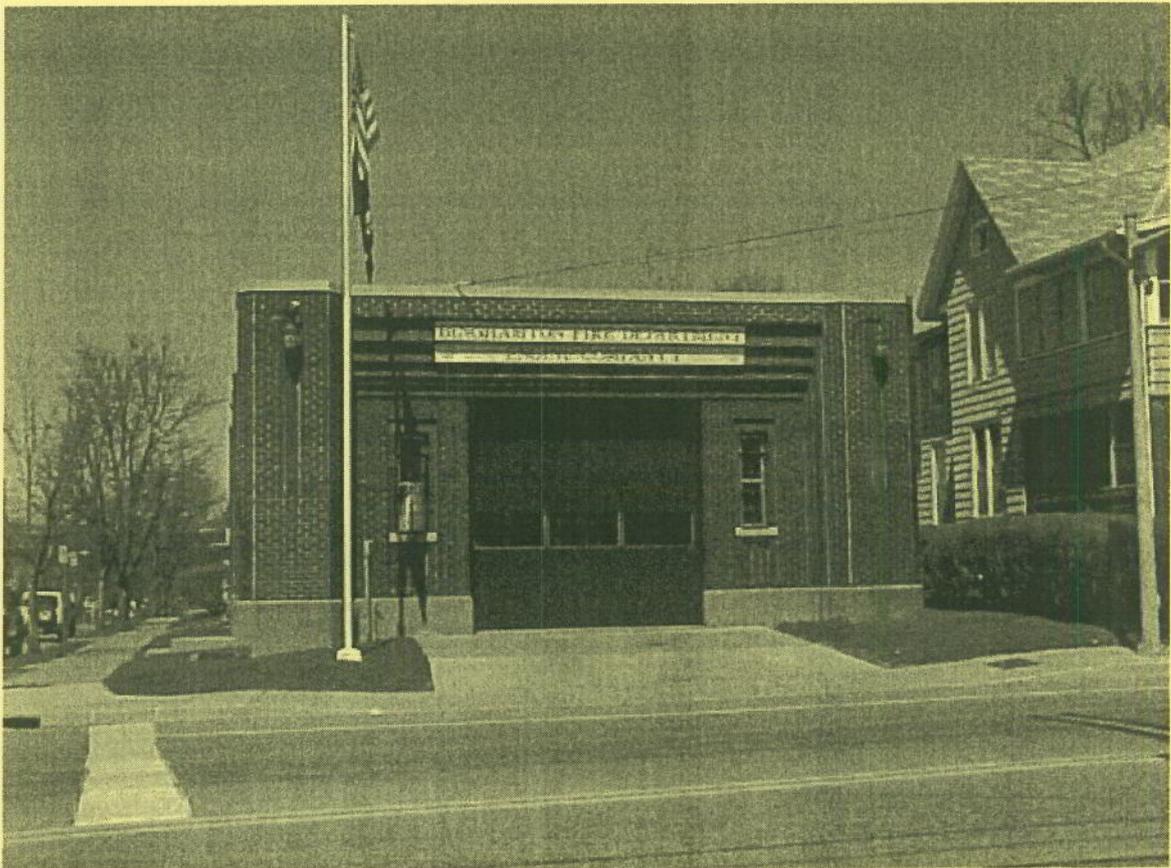
**REVENUE**



<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AMBULANCE TRANSPORT	\$ 755,269.24
FIRE PROTECTION FOR BOCES	26,000.00
B.A.E. SYSTEMS FOR PROVIDING REQUIRED OSHA CONFINED SPACE RESCUE AVAILABILITY SERVICE	2,080.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 783,349.24</b>

# SECTION NINE

# SPECIAL REQUESTS



**ENGINE #1**  
**259 CONKLIN AVENUE**

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

2007

<u>REQUESTING AGENCY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GROUP &amp; STATION</u>
FRONT STREET DOG SHELTER RABIES CLINIC	3 SESSIONS 6/9, 9/15, 12/8	E3 & E4 GR A & C
BOSCOVS SPRING SPRING	3/31/2007	FIRE PREVENTION
UHS – RIG STANDBY LOURDES	4/14/2007	GR A
SCHIMMERLING LAW OFFICES	4/30/2007	RIG & AMBULANCE GR B
JAMES MAY – DANIELLE RUN	5/6/2007	EMS 5 GR C
THE PAST PRESERVATION	5/12/2006	Q2 TOUR
LEARN A NEW THING DAY	5/18/2007	AMBULANCE GR C
REQUEST HONOR GUARD HANAGANS HERO	5/24/2007	HONOR GUARD
AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL PARADE	5/28/2007	RIG GR A
ANNUAL FESTIVAL & SAFETY	6/2/2007	GR B
BROOME COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE COLUMBUS PARK	6/2/2007	RIG & FIRE PREVENTION GR B
WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL	6/14/2007	RIG & FILL DUNKING TANK GR 6
BINGHAMTON CITY YOUTH BLOCK PARTY	6/23/2007	GR C
COLUMBUS ST IRA BLOCK PARTY	6/28/2007	RIG GR D
MT SINAI CHURCH	7/9/2007	AMBULANCE & RIG GR A
LEE BARTA RACE	7/28	MEDICS GR B
BMX ASSOC –CHERYL LINDSEY PARK	7/28 & 7/29	MED 3 GR B & C
NEIGHBORS AGAINST CRIME COLUMBUS PARK	8/7/2007	TOWER GR D

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – CRIME RECREATION PARK	7/7/2007 -5 – 8 PM	Q2 GR D
COLUMBUS SCHOOL		
BROOME URBAN LEAGUE AGAINST CRIME	8/6/2007 1:00pm	RIG GR C
NEIGHBOR NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME LINDSEY PARK	8/7/07 5:00 – 8:00 PM	RIG GR D
NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME – FAIRVIEW PARK	8/7/2007 5:00 – 8:00 PM	RIG GR D
FAIRVIEW PARK NIGHT OUT	8/7/2007 4:30 – 5:30 PM	FILL DUNKING TANK GR D
CHRIS THATER MEMORIAL RACE	SAT. 8/25 & SUN 8/26 9:30 -6:00 PM	AMBULANCE & MED CAR GR B & GR C
NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME – RECREATION PARK	8/7/2007	RIG GR D
BOCES – CAREER DAY	8/10/2007	A/C M. WASHINGTON
BRIDGEWATER NURSING HOME	8/29/2007	RIG GR B
BROOME COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS	9/8/2007	E 3 & E 4 POLL SITES GR B
MOTHERS & BABIES	9/ 8/2007	RIG GR C
BEN FRANKLIN SCHOOL	9/14/2007	RIG – FIRE PREVENTION E1 GR B
LUNG AWARENESS RECREATION PARK	9/23/2007	NOTIFICATION- STAND BY
EMPIRE MOTOR CAR	9/22/2007	RIG GR B
COLUMBUS DAY PARADE	10/8/2007	RIG GR B
BOCES – CAREER DAY	10/12/2007	RIG GR B
MACARTHUR SCHOOL	10/19/2007 2 GROUPS	RIG GR A
BINGHAMTON SENATORS	10/26/2007 5:45 – 7:00 PM	RIG GR D
ST. MICHAEL'S HALLOWEEN PARTY	10/26/2007 6:30 7 – 7:30	RIG GR D



# BUREAU OF FIRE BUREAU CITY OF BINGHAMTON

**2007**

## FIRE STATION TOURS FOR COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL GROUPS

<b>STATION</b>	<b>NUMBER OF TOURS</b>	<b>NUMBER OF ATTENDANCE</b>
<b>ENGINE #1 259 CONKLIN AVE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>222</b>
<b>QUINT #2 180 MAIN ST.</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>ENGINE 3 39 W. STATE ST.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>ENGINE 4 176 ROBINSON ST.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>HEADQUARTERS GOVERNMENT PLAZA</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>317</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>938</b>