

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
2009 ACTIVITY REPORT**



Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of the Department of Emergency Services is to provide efficient emergency response services, and to minimize the impact of fires, natural disasters and other emergency incidents. The scope of our mission also includes providing fire prevention education and fire safety training to all citizens. We are committed and dedicated to making the strongest effort to ensure the safety of all who live, visit and work in Upper Moreland Township.

Station Locations

Station 10A
227 Davisville Road
Willow Grove Pa., 19090

Station 10B
4355 Davisville Road
Huntingdon Valley, Pa., 19006

Fire Protection – Responses for 2009 – Total 1,185

Fire protection for Upper Moreland Township is provided by the Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company and the Upper Moreland Fire Department. There were 1,185 fire and EMS responses handled in 2009. This total represented 771 fire responses and 414 QRS dispatches where members supported the Second Alarmers EMS operation. These statistics compare with a total of 1,330 combined fire and EMS responses for 2008.



<u>Type of Dispatch</u>	<u>Number</u>
Automatic Fire Alarm	228
Carbon Monoxide Alarm	13
Field/ Brush	12
Assist Police	17
Elevator Rescue	11
EMS Assist	3
Fuel Leak	6
Hazmat	3
Investigation	28
No Service needed	8
Odor of Natural Gas	45

<u>Type of Dispatch</u>	<u>Number</u>
Odor of Smoke	4
Rubbish	7
Standby	7
Structure Fire	141
Unfounded/Miscellaneous	53
Water Flow Alarm	2
Water Rescue	15
Vehicle Accident	52
Vehicle Fire	48
Vehicle Rescue	25
Wires/Electrical	43

Fire Prevention Activities



Fire Safety Training and Fire Prevention Education classes were presented throughout the year, with a total of over 3,100 in attendance. This year's training initiatives focused on our children and emphasized the need for fire escape drills and smoke detectors in the home.

The Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company also conducted an open house at the main fire station, during national fire prevention week in October. Adults and children alike participated in a variety of fun-filled activities which included a demonstration on vehicle extrication performed by the volunteer members.

Fire Inspections and Pre-fire Planning Activities

In 2009, a total of 573 fire inspections were conducted. The Department is charged with enforcement of the Fire Prevention Codes as adopted by the Township.

In 2008, an initiative was launched to identify site-specific hazards within the community, conduct familiarization tours of these sites and develop pre-incident plans to better prepare the first responders. This initiative continued throughout 2009 and will be ongoing in the future.

Although regulated by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Department also monitors the installation and removal of underground storage tanks within the township. In 2009, 11 tank installations/removals were monitored by the Department.

Emergency Services Staff

Robert C. Drennen, Director/ Fire Marshal
Edward Momorella, Deputy Fire Marshal
John Fugelo, Acting Captain
James Lambert, Firefighter/EMT
Andrew Gerth, Firefighter/EMT
William Gray, Firefighter/EMT
Christopher Strange, Firefighter/EMT
Elda Maggeo, Clerical Support

Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company Staff

Lee Perlmutter, Fire Chief
Chuck Jones Jr., Deputy Chief
Brian Focht, Assistant Chief
Chuck Dixon, Captain
Brandon Lee, Captain
Tom Winterberg, Lieutenant
Chris Jones, Lieutenant
James Lee Sr., Chief Engineer
Anne Jones, Captain, Fire Police

If you would like to join the ranks of the Willow Grove Fire Company, please contact the station at 215-659-7633 or stop by the station at 227 Davisville Road. The Fire Company web site is www.tiller10.com.