

In 2016, the Ogallala Fire Department was paged out to 507 calls for service. Page 3 of this report gives a breakdown by month and type of call that the OVFD responded to. At the bottom of the page where the "TOTAL" line is, I have included total EMS responses (every time the ambulance rolled) to calls for that month. As you can see, over a 12 month period, 84.6 percent of our total runs were EMS or EMS related. Of this 84.6% or 429 EMS calls for service, 76% or 326 were calls in the city and 24% or 103 were rural calls. These figures are indicative of a 1.2% increase in City EMS calls and a 1.6% decrease in Rural EMS calls. If we calculate the average time spent on each call and the total number of calls for service, we arrive at 83.98 hours per volunteer member or 10.5 eight hour work days per volunteer member responding to EMS or EMS related calls. We currently have 9 EMT's on the roster. Of those 9, two are paramedics and we have one member in the current EMT class and one EMT taking the paramedic class. Looking at the 2013 numbers, the OVFD saw a 6.6% increase in calls from 2012. The trend continues and in 2014 we saw another 5.3% increase in EMS or EMS related calls. In 2015, the trend slowed a bit with only a 1.2% increase from 2014. In 2016, the increase was almost identical at 1.18%. Sources within the EMS industry, as well as our own data, support the fact that these trends will continue as society is becoming more dependent upon emergency services for their needs, be they emergent or non-emergent. The ability to provide consistent care with a volunteer service is getting more and more difficult. Agencies nationwide are reducing or halting service because of funding or staffing issues. The daytime staffing solution, in cooperation with Regional West Medical Center, is just one of the advancements our department is involved with. The current partnership the City has with Regional West Medical Center has proven beneficial in numerous ways. The day shift responded to 273 of the 429 EMS calls, without one dropped or deferred call, as well as providing an ALS alternative for our mutual aid departments in the area. We are now able to request ALS response during the volunteer shift for critical patients, if need be. Our department applied for, and has since received, sizable grants for new, advanced equipment to better care for our citizens, valued at approximately \$35,000.00. We are constantly looking at ways to spend budget dollars responsibly, such as constantly refining our inventory and ordering processes, continuous improvement in documentation, and supplementing equipment purchases with available grant funding. With your support and cooperation, all of these things add up to improving our already exemplary service to the citizens and remaining a viable EMS service for the foreseeable future.

Looking at the FIRE numbers, we find 25% or 127 calls were for fire and rescue. This equates to 39.3% or 50 calls in the city and 60.7% or 77 rural fire and rescue calls and 26 calls for "Other Service". If we calculate the average time spent on each call and the total number of calls for service, we arrive at 162 hours per member or 20.3 eight hour work days per member responding to fire and rescue calls. Page 4 of this report gives a breakdown of the calls by day of the week and time of day. There is also miscellaneous information regarding average calls per day, average response time, and an average of the time spent on each call. At the bottom of page 4 there is a monetary sum based on \$20.00 per hour for the time spent by the volunteers. These sums give us a rough idea of what the citizens could be paying for these services. The contract amount with Regional West Medical Center is not figured into the numbers. The numbers contained in this report reflect only calls for volunteer emergency service and do not include training, special events, extra-curricular activities or continuing education hours that the volunteers must continually have to keep their credentials current.

In 2016 we had two fires in our area that were notable for damage. In September, the Ogallala Beach Road Fire scorched approximately 1100 acres in a few hours. Control efforts were hampered by low humidity, high winds (35-40 mph with gusts above 50) and treacherous terrain covered in very dry, flashy fuels. We evacuated two subdivisions, Makochmni and Yacht Club Estates. The fire reached one structure and damaged it slightly and we had no civilian or responder injuries and no major equipment damage. This fire was determined to be accidental in nature and the source a hot ember from a fire that occurred on the property a couple weeks prior to the wind event. In December, the Comfort Inn Motel burned. Responders arrived to fire already in the attic and evacuation of occupants in progress. Control efforts were hampered by freezing temps, treacherous surfaces due to ice, building size and construction and advanced growth of fire prior to arrival. We had no civilian injuries and one responder injury. This fire was determined to be accidental and the source was a refrigerator in a storage area. Damage assessment from this fire reached \$3.4 million dollars, making it the greatest fire loss we have sustained in quite a while.

As of this report, there are 29 members on the roster for the OVFD. (See page 5 for the complete roster). Our community, citizens, and our department are very fortunate to have these dedicated members who devote so much of their time to helping others in their times of need. Individual call percentages were presented to the Council for VERP verification and approval. This information is available from the City Clerk. Page 6 is a list of all the equipment parked in the OVFD Station. The volunteers are fortunate to have a generous and supportive community, city council, and rural fire board to have the trucks and equipment to be able to do our job as safely and expediently as possible. The members take great pride in our fleet and the rigs are always ready to go. We must, however, be cognizant of the fact that standards constantly change and trucks and equipment do age and plans must be made and attention must be given to rotating vehicles from the current fleet. I have prioritized the most pressing apparatus needs currently. They are as follows:

Engine 33 / City-Rural pumper \$250K-450K

MEDIC 99B /City Ambulance \$90K-100K

Ladder 50 / City Aerial and pumper \$650K-950K (NEW) \$200-500K (USED)

In summary, I wish to thank the citizens, the Council, and the members of the OVFD for the opportunity to serve our community in this role. There are unique challenges in Emergency Services every day and we appreciate your continuing support and guidance now and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Dell R Simmerman

Fire Chief Ogallala Fire and Rescue

**2016 OGALLALA FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY CALLS**

CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
EMS CITY	16	18	14	20	17	19	21	20	30	19	29	28
EMS RURAL	9		2	4	10	8	10	9	4	4	4	3
NURSING HOME	1	2	0	1	0	5	0	6	4	3	7	1
TRANSFER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEFER TO BRULE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STRUCTURE FIRE CITY	1	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	5
STRUCTURE FIRE RURAL	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
VEHICLE FIRE CITY	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
VEHICLE FIRE RURAL	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	1
MVA CITY	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	1
MVA RURAL	2	3	1	1	3	4	5	2	2	3	2	1
WILDLAND FIRE CITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WILDLAND FIRE RURAL	0	3	1	3	1	3	5	2	8	1	1	2
FLIGHT FOR LIFE	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2
STAND BY EVENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	3	2	1	1
ALS REQUEST	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
FALSE ALARM	1	1	0	1	1	1	3	2	0	1	0	1
CITIZEN ASSIST	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
HAZ MAT /OTHER	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	2	2	0	0
WEATHER SPOTTING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DIVE RESCUE CALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	36	38	20	36	39	48	54	44	57	37	48	49
EMS CALLS	30	30	17	30	33	41	43	39	45	32	45	44

TOTAL CALLS FOR 2016	507
TOTAL EMS SERVICE	84.6%
TOTAL FIRE SERVICE	25%
OTHER SERVICE	5.1%

EMS CITY SVC	326 / 76%
EMS RURAL SVC	103 / 24%

FIRE CITY	50 / 39.3%
FIRE RURAL	77 / 60.7%

Percentages under **TOTAL CALLS** reflect calls for service where both ambulance and fire responded. That is why the percentages equal more than 100%. **SERVICE** are calls not paged out or handled by Ogallala 10 and include investigations and calls not in any other category.

**OTHER**

RUNS BY DAY OF THE WEEK		
SUNDAY	75	14.79%
MONDAY	73	14.39%
TUESDAY	61	12.03%
WEDNESDAY	66	13.02%
THURSDAY	56	11.05%
FRIDAY	95	18.74%
SATURDAY	81	15.98%

RUNS BY TIME OF DAY					
12:00 AM	26	5.13%	12:00 PM	55	10.85%
2:00 AM	14	2.76%	2:00 PM	50	9.86%
4:00 AM	23	4.54%	4:00 PM	66	13.02%
6:00 AM	36	7.10%	6:00 PM	54	10.65%
8:00 AM	44	8.68%	8:00 PM	54	10.65%
10:00 AM	58	11.44%	10:00 PM	27	5.35%

MISCELLANIOUS INFORMATION	
CALLS PER DAY	1.39
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME	9 MINUTES 3 SECONDS
AVERAGE TIME ON CALL	63.54 MINUTES

TOTAL HOURS BY VOLUNTEERS	9,414
X \$20/HR = \$188,280.00	
VOLUNTEER EMS HOURS	5,039
X \$20/HR = \$100,780.00	
VOLUNTEER FIRE HOURS	4375
X \$20/HR = \$87,500.00	

The hours reflected here do not include training or continuing education hours. These are only "in service" hours to the community. Adjustments have been made to reflect calls responded to by the daytime staff.

NUM	NAME	OFFICE	RANK	FIRE CERT	EMS CERT	ADDRESS	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
00-4	RICHARD BOURQUE	TREASURER	FF	FF1 INSTRUCTOR		115 SPYGLASS CIRCLE OGALLALA, NE 69153	lutefound@live.com	308 289 5918
09-8	COREY BOYLE		JR FIRE CAPT. (13)	FF1		901 WEST 10TH OGALLALA, NE 69153	cboyle@nppd.com	308 289 4187
07-3	JUSTIN CARTWRIGHT	EXEC COMMITTEE	ENGINEER			316 WEST 4TH OGALLALA, NE 69153	justin_cartwright2001@yahoo.com	308 289 6964
15-3	JENNIFER ECKMANN		FF / EMT P	FF1	EMT P	1601 HIGHLAND DRIVE	jeneckmann@hotmail.com	402 720 9455
16-5	JESSIE ELMSHAUSER		SAFETY OFFICER		EMT B	817 EAST C OGALLALA, NE 69153	wcfl10189@yahoo.com	308 289 3934
07-5	THERESA ELMSHAUSER					817 EAST C OGALLALA, NE 69153	jessie@atcjet.net	308 289 3334
16-8	TONY GARRELT					613 EAST C STREET OGALLALA, NE 69153	garrelts45@hotmail.com	308 284 4250
15-7	CHANTEL GORHAM					1149 ROBIN LANE OGALLALA, NE 69153	chantelgorham@yahoo.com	
93-8	TERRY HOFFMAN	EXEC COMMITTEE	ENGINEER	FF1		717 WEST 2ND OGALLALA, NE 69153	tdhoff1984@yahoo.com	308 284 3138
90-2	TRACY HOOD		SR. ENGINEER	FF1		1307 WEST 5TH OGALLALA, NE 69153	fireeaper_902@msn.com	308 289 2652
04-5	KEN KNOEPEL	PRESIDENT	ENGINEER / ETC.	FF1		1505 EAST 8TH OGALLALA, NE 69153	ken.knoepfel@ogallala-ne.gov	308 289 0640
15-8	ASHLEIGH LARSON	SECRETARY	EMS LT. (17)		EMT B	716 WEST 5TH STREET OGALLALA, NE 69153	ashleighlarson@comcast.net	720 670 0437
16-9	NICK LEMMEL					1003 EAST G STREET OGALLALA, NE 69153	lemmeldvm@gmail.com	920 933 4393
15-5	KYLE MEININGER				EMT B	1017 WEST 7TH OGALLALA, NE 69153	kyle.meininger@nebharv.com	402 676 5842
16-1	TYREL MOST		JR FIRE LT. (15)			1149 ROBIN LANE OGALLALA, NE 69153	tymost@hotmail.com	308 289 0626
13-2	PAMELA OGG				EMT-B	618 WEST D OGALLALA, NE 69153	blucevedpyro@yahoo.com	308 353 2969
08-1	RON OLSON		ENGINEER	FF1	EMT B	911 WEST 2ND OGALLALA, NE 69153	skolseon47@charter.net	308 284 8289
90-1	TRAVIS PONCIK	EXEC COMMITTEE	ENGINEER	FF1		1325 EAST 8TH OGALLALA, NE 69153	turnkey1@charter.net	308 289 2006
09-10	TOM REESON		ASST. CHIEF (11)	FF1		305 WEST Q OGALLALA, NE 69153	tom_reeson@hotmail.com	402 380 1322
17-2	CHRIS REILLY					508 WEST 9TH STREET OGALLALA, NE 69153	reilly2010@hotmail.com	308 230 7112
16-4	ZACK RINGER					412 WEST 5TH STREET OGALLALA, NE 69153	twinnversadlen@gmail.com	308 539 1031
07-6	WES SCHMER		SR. FIRE LT. (14)	FF1		605 EAST M OGALLALA, NE 69153	olehiderider@yahoo.com	308 289 3017
08-4	ASHTON SIMMERMAN					320 WEST A OGALLALA, NE 69153	ashtonsimmerman@hotmail.com	308 289 0891
03-2	DELL SIMMERMAN		CHIEF (10)	FF1	EMT B	320 WEST A OGALLALA, NE 69153	dell_simmerman@ogallala-ne.gov	308 289 5924
12-8	AL SIPLEY		SR. FIRE CAPT. (12)	FF1 INSTRUCTOR	EMT P	736 CHRISTINE DRIVE OGALLALA, NE 69153	astbley@standardethanol.com	308 520 6293
16-7	KAYCEE SMITH					403 WEST 9TH STREET OGALLALA, NE 69153	kaceems1992@gmail.com	308 672 5555
17-1	ADAM TRYON					1105 WESTLAWN DRIVE OGALLALA, NE 69153	dearsgreen@outlook.com	308 289 3211
16-6	AUSTIN WHEELER					1540 EAST 11TH STREET OGALLALA, NE 69153	wheeler_am@hotmail.com	308 289 5709
11-6	JOHN YORK		EMS CAPT. (16)		EMT B	714 WEST 5TH OGALLALA, NE 69153	joyork@msn.com	308 289 6264

CURRENT OVFD EQUIPMENT	
EQUIPMENT MAKE - DUTY / CALL NUMBER	EQUIPMENT AGE / OWNERSHIP
2012 FORD F 350 - COMMAND TRUCK / #10	5 YRS / CITY VEHICLE
2004 FORD F 250 - TROOP - TRAFFIC SAFETY TRUCK / #60	13 YRS / CITY - RURAL VEHICLE
1995 CHEVY SUBURBAN - TROOP TRUCK / #62	22 YRS / CITY VEHICLE
2013 FORD TYPE 1 - AMBULANCE / 99 A	4 YRS / CITY VEHICLE
2003 FORD TYPE 3 - AMBULANCE / 99 B	14 YEARS / CITY VEHICLE
1995 FREIGHTLINER BECKER - PUMPER / #33	22 YRS / CITY -RURAL VEHICLE
2007 SPARTAN CRIMSON - PUMPER / #31	10 YRS / CITY VEHICLE
1975 FORD SMEAL - PUMER / LADDER TRUCK / #50	42 YRS / CITY VEHICLE
2009 SPARTAN METRO - HEAVY RESCUE / #R1	8 YRS / CITY - RURAL VEHICLE
1934 CHEVY - PUMPER PARADE TRUCK / #34	83 YRS / MEMBER VEHICLE
2008 KENWORTH FAUTS - WATER TENDER / #42	9 YRS / RURAL VEHICLE
1985 FORD F350 - QUICK ATTACK GRASS RIG / #25	32 YRS / RURAL VEHICLE
2002 FORD F550 - QUICK ATTACK GRASS RIG / #24	15 YRS / RURAL VEHICLE
2012 FORD F550 - QUICK ATTACK GRASS RIG / #23	5 YRS / RURAL VEHICLE
2004 MOBILE CONCEPTS FIRE SAFE TRAILER	13 YRS/ MEMBER VEHICLE