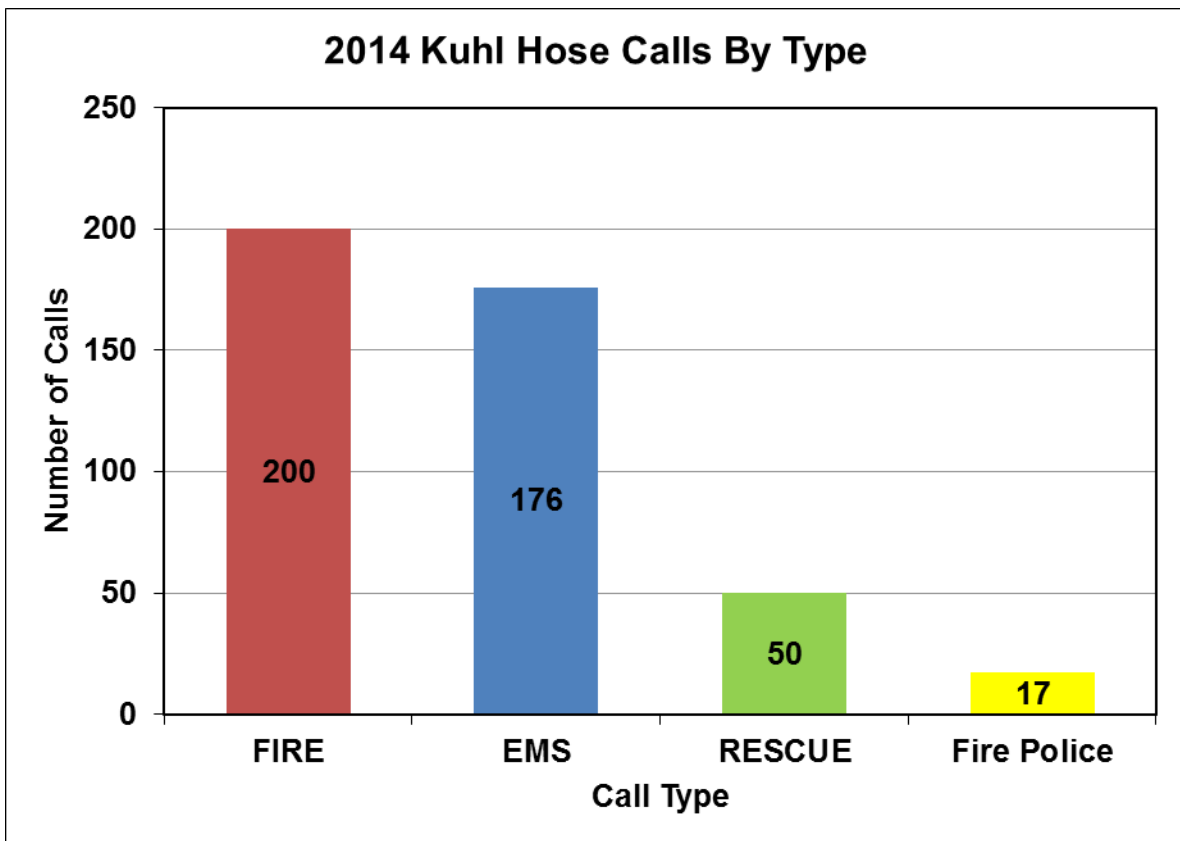




Kuhl Hose 2014 Annual Report



Total Calls - 443

From the Fire Chief Don Erbin Jr. 680

The small "East Greene Community Organization" decided to start a Fire Company with 11 men in late 1949 with no equipment, no vehicles and no training. Kuhl Hose is celebrating 65 years of service to the community in 2014 with a dedicated group of citizens who give back to their community day and night. Out of 3 stations we operate 2 Engines, 2 Tenders, 2 BLS Ambulances and a mini pumper/brush unit.

Our roster includes men and women from many walks of life and experience including: Farmers, business men and women, fulltime health care providers, teachers, truck drivers and local home owners including young citizens. These men and women provide 24 hour fire, rescue and EMS service as well weekly training and community PR events. The fire service is not just about answering emergency responses. Their dedication to community is often only recognized by their families, and their fellow firefighters, who truly realize what today volunteer firefighters commit to do.

In 2014, Kuhl Hose was able to secure several grants that will benefit not only the Fire Department but the residents of the township.

- The EMS for Children Project through the PA Emergency Health Service Council awarded Pediatric Pulse Ox units to several BLS ambulance services in the Commonwealth. Kuhl Hose received 2 units. These units were made possible to improve our patient care to pediatric patients.
- 2013-2014 – Pennsylvania Fire Grant of \$13,619.31 and an EMS grant of \$6,971.56. These Grants were allocated for equipment such as Radios, an Automatic Defibrillator, Hose, Rescue equipment and small hand tools.
- 2014 - DCNR Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant which was a matching grant. Kuhl Hose received a 50/50 match grant. We were awarded \$7,176, which we have matched for \$14,352 to purchase equipment and install 14 dry hydrants across the township. These dry hydrants will be in addition to the 13 dry hydrants we already have. More information on dry hydrants can be found on the department web site <http://kuhlhosefire.org/fire.htm> and <http://kuhlhosefire.org/preplans.htm>
- Lastly, Kuhl Hose was awarded a very competitive Federal grant managed by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security for fire departments and EMS agencies. We were awarded \$124,070 and with the fire departments match being \$6530 to make the entire program \$130,000. This will purchase 18 new SCOTT self-contained breathing apparatus (air cylinders, harness and face masks) as well as spare cylinders and an air filling station. Without this grant we would have had to finance or pursue other funding options for such a large purchase.

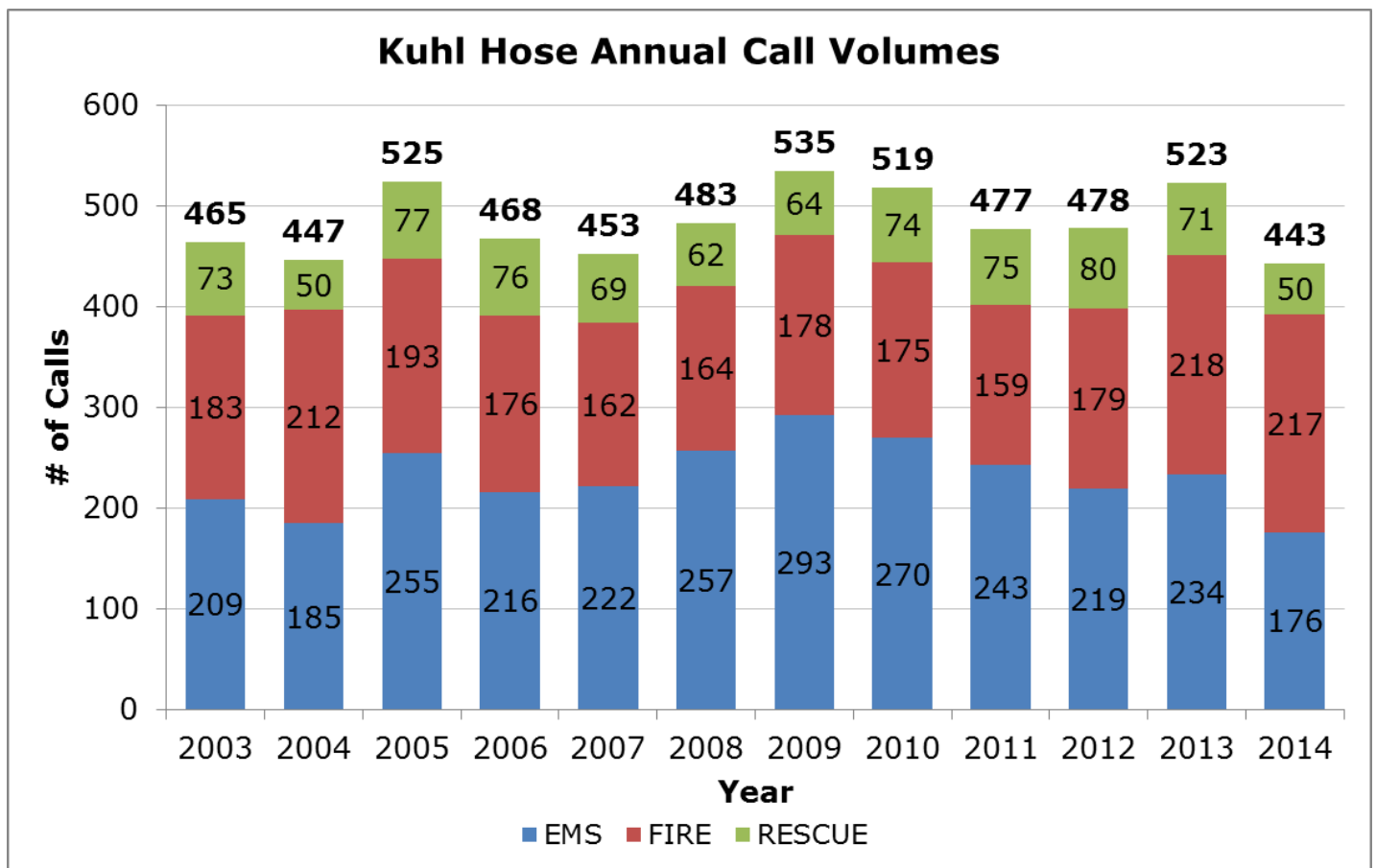
**From the Safety Officer
Carl D. Martin 68-S1**

Total number of incidents: 5

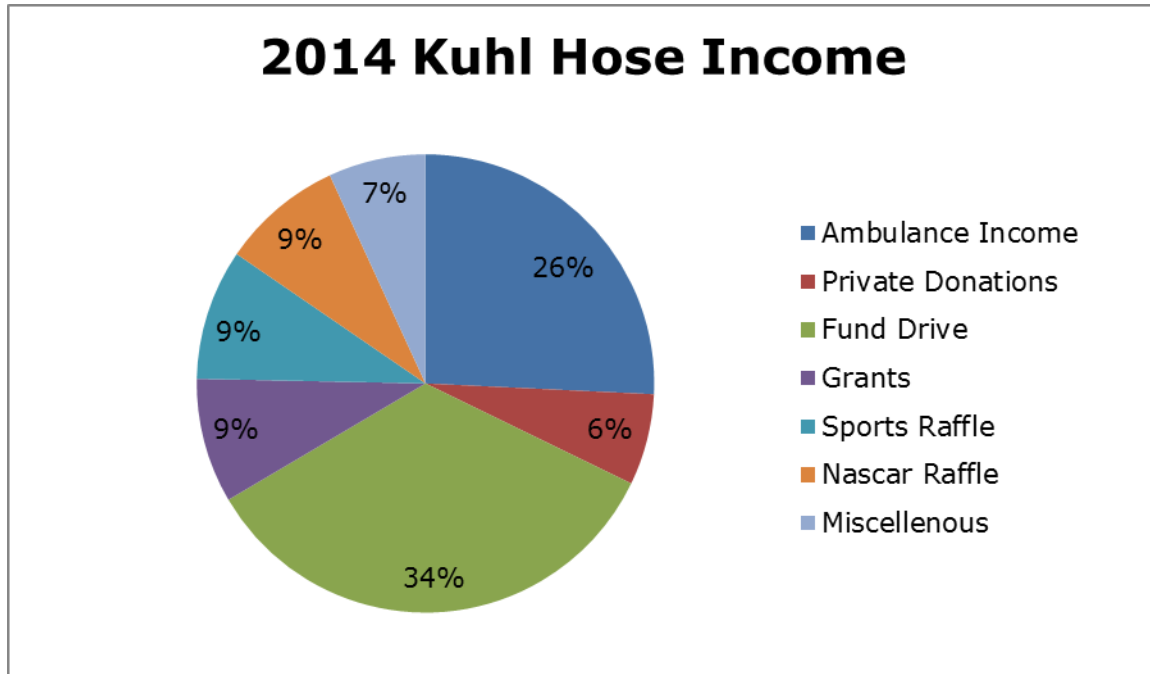
Breakdown by month:	Events:	Injuries:	Causes:
2 February 1 April 1 July 1 November	2 MVA 3 Fire	2 Strains 1 Fracture 1 Debris in Eye 1 Bloodborne non-exposure	2 Trip and fall 1 Weather 1 Improper equipment 1 Equipment Failure/Improper use

Accomplishments:

1. Continuation of a Safety Committee following state guidelines
2. Building inspections still being held on a yearly basis.
3. Progress being made in better installation of equipment in engines.



**From the President
Chuck Will**



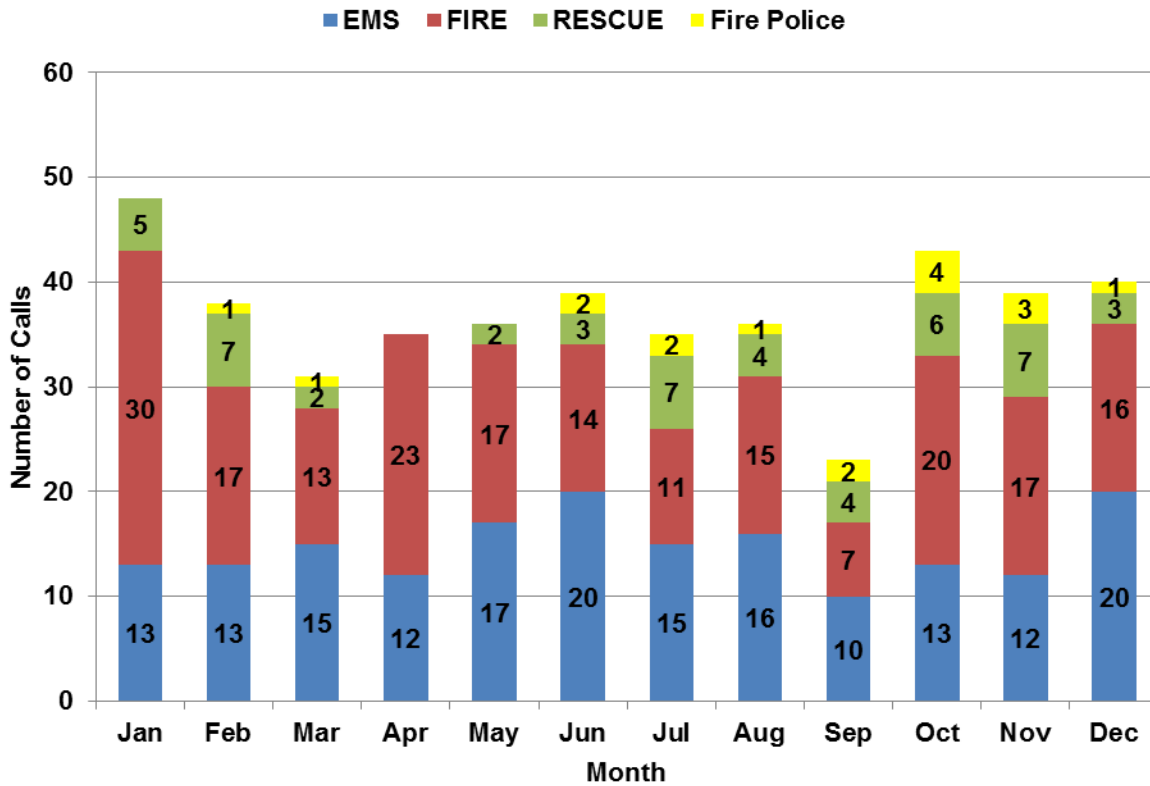
Kuhl Hose Company has been offering fire and ambulance service to the residents of Greene Township for 65 years now. Much has changed over 65 years, in the way fire is fought, how pre-hospital emergency services are provided and how the businesses of a volunteer fire department are conducted. At Kuhl Hose, we raise our own funds to provide the most professional service possible. We are must while constantly changing to meet the needs of our community and meeting the state and federal standards for emergency services. We use the diversity of our membership to identify trends and construct long-range plans, manage budgets, oversee liability while managing and auditing a professionally run business. During 2014, we raised over \$250,000 by several means of fundraising (see the pie chart above). This is a lot of money to raise every year, but this is what it costs to keep our three fire stations and 7 pieces of apparatus ready to serve our neighbors any day of the year.

In 2015, we expect to rebuild one of our aging ambulances. Ambulance number 697, is 21 years old. Normal lifespan of an ambulance chassis is 15-20 years before it is recommended for replacement. We are expecting to replace this old chassis with a new one while mounting our existing ambulance box on the new chassis. The existing ambulance box is 100% aluminum and will likely last many more years. To rebuild this ambulance, it will cost Kuhl Hose around \$100,000.

Greene Township is very fortunate compared to many of our neighboring townships. We have nearly 40 volunteers who train and work unselfishly to serve their neighbors. And in return, our residents and businesses support their fire department by donating to our Fund Drive and supporting our many fund raising events. If you would like to help, simply ask one of our Firefighters, EMS, Fire Police or Social members how you can get involved or give us a call at 825-3349.

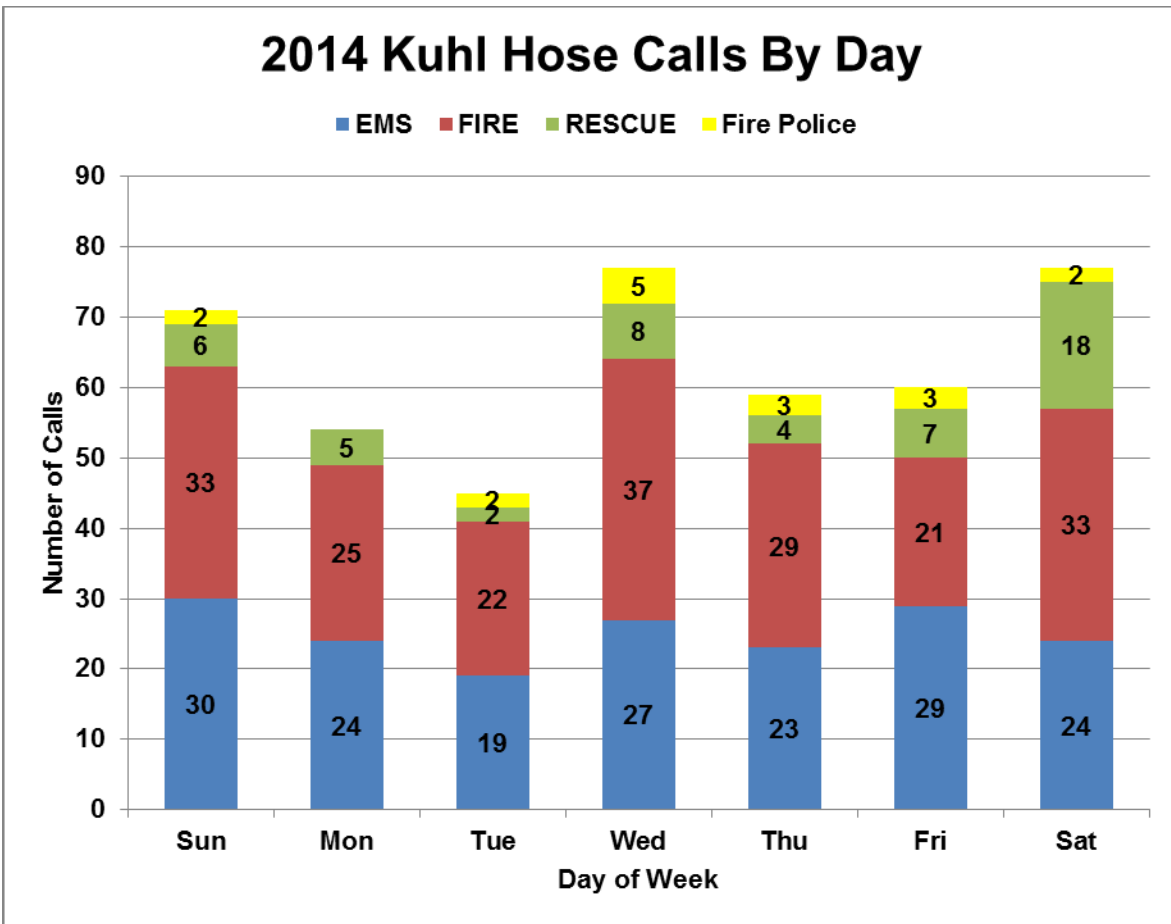
Thanks for your support,
Chuck Will, KHC President

2014 Kuhl Hose Calls By Month

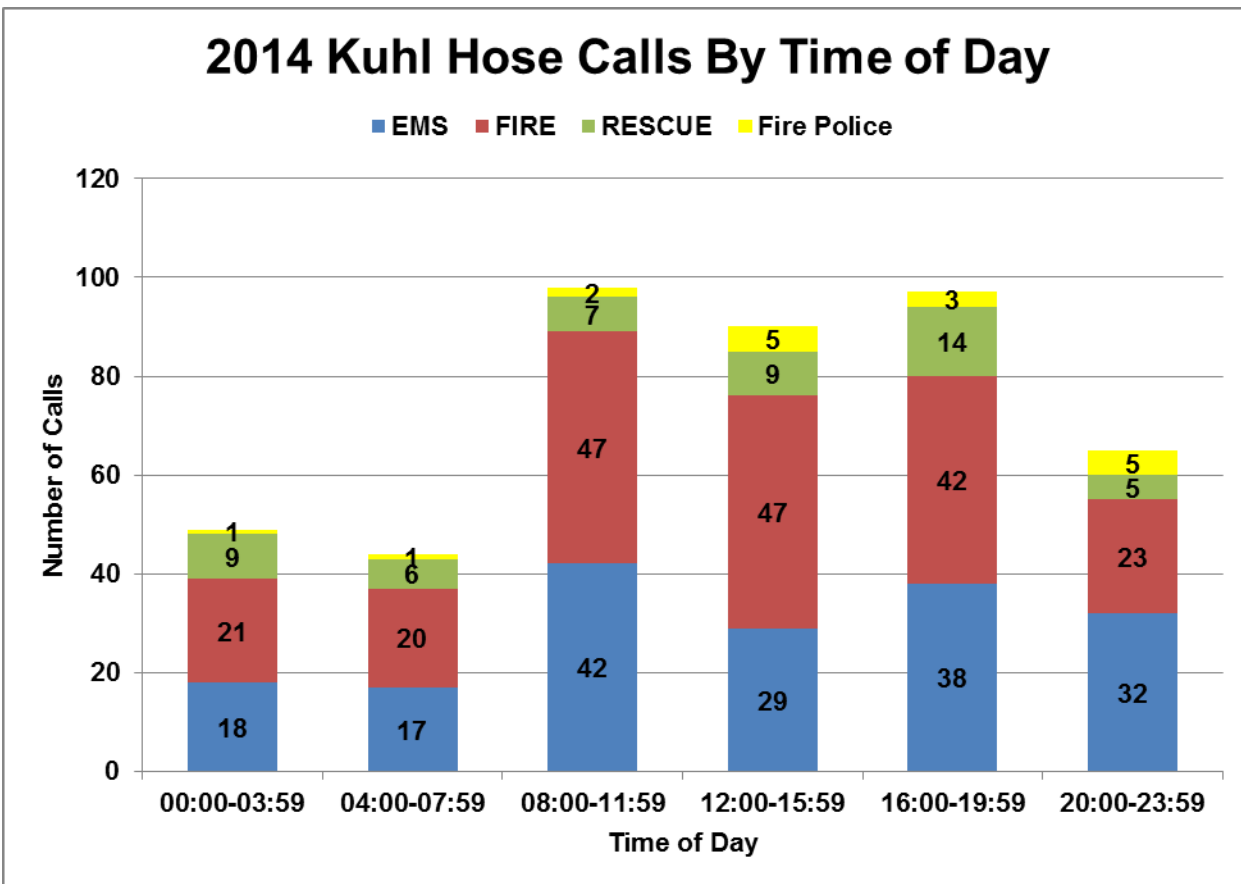


Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
EMS	13	13	15	12	17	20	15	16	10	13	12	20	176
Structure Fire	11	10	5	9	6	3	5	5	2	6	6	8	76
AFA	9	5	5	5	7	7	4	7	3	9	5	5	71
MVA	5	7	2		1	2	6	3	4	6	7	3	46
Traffic Control		1	1			2	2	1	2	4	3	1	17
Chimney Fire	4	1		1						2		1	9
Wildland Fire				4	2		1				1		8
Vehicle Fire				1	1	1		1	1	2	1		8
Wires Down			1	1		2	1		1		1		7
Tree Down			1	1		1				1	1	1	6
Pump Detail	2										1	1	4
Investigation		1	1	1				1					4
CO Alarm	2				1						1		4
High Angle Rescue						1	1						2
Gas Leak	2												2
Dumpster Fire								1					1
Search Detail								1					1
Water Rescue					1								1
Grand Total	48	38	31	35	36	39	35	36	23	43	39	40	443

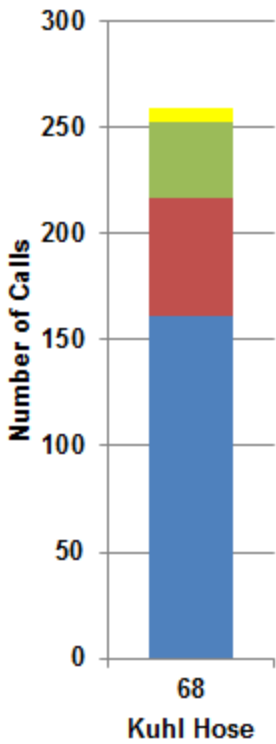
2014 Kuhl Hose Calls By Day



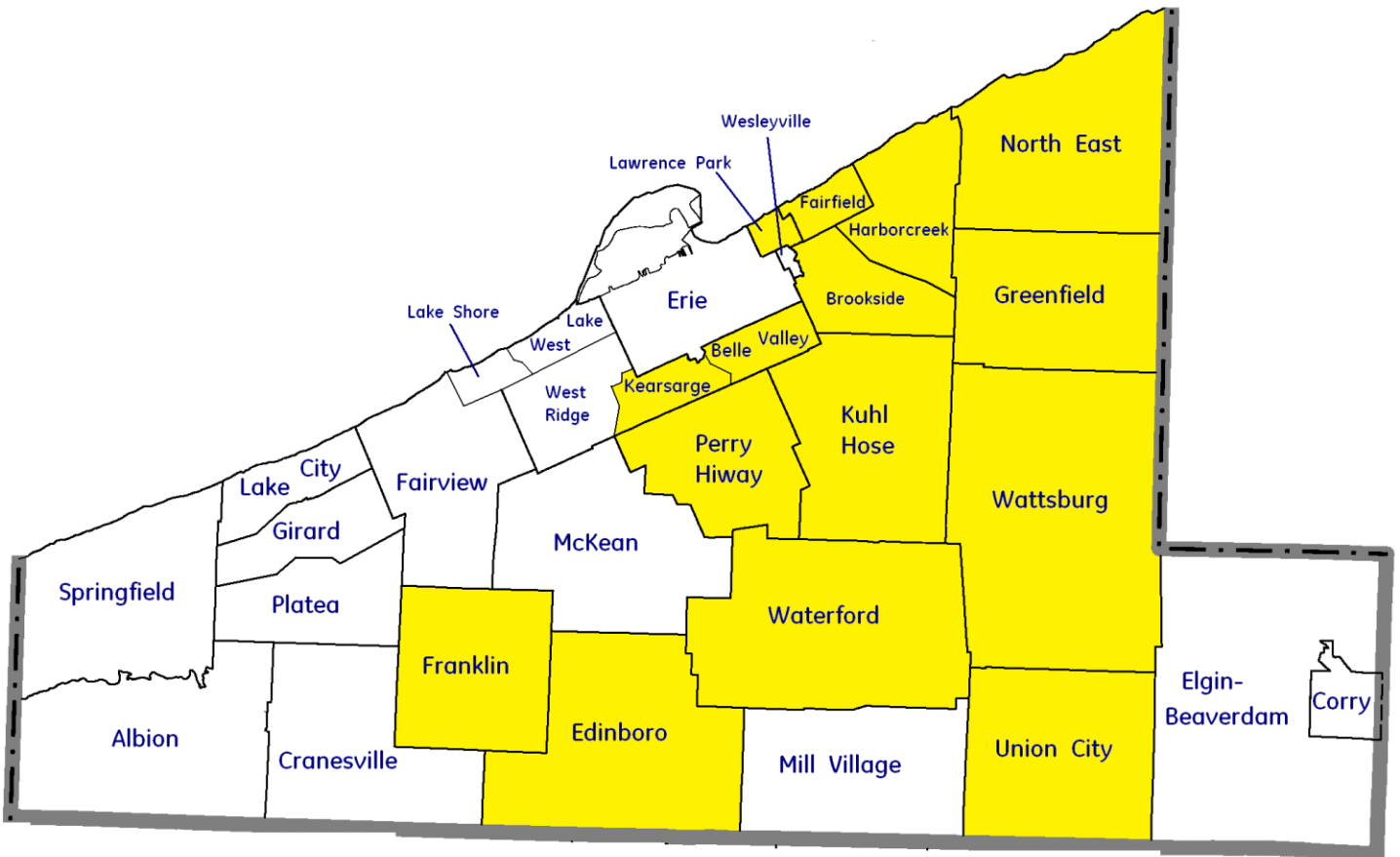
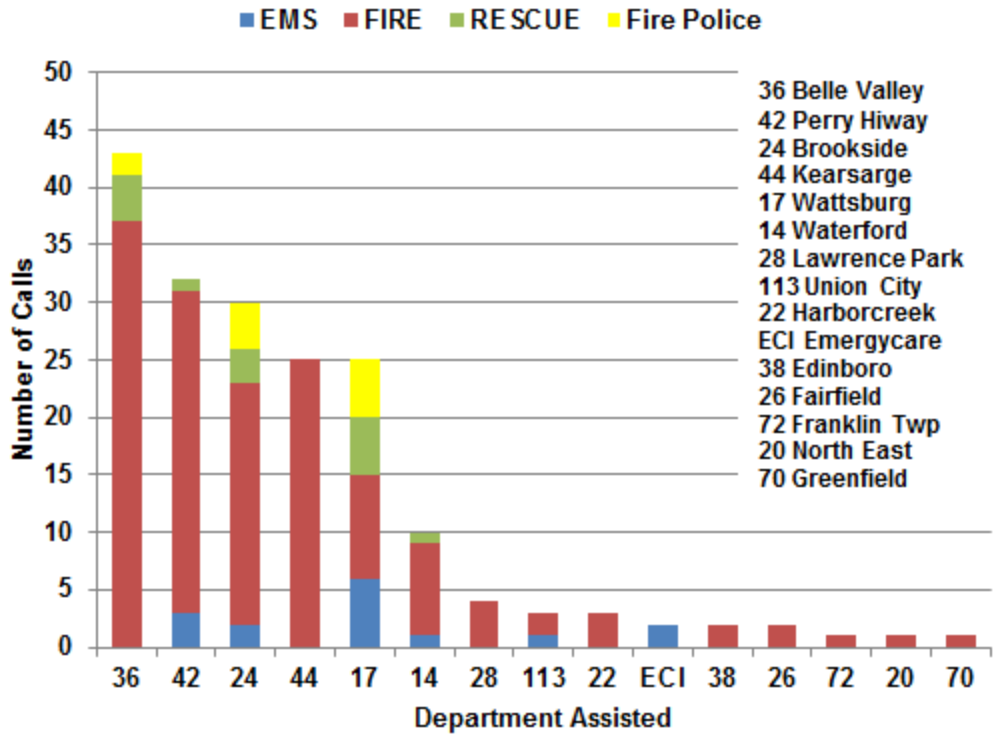
2014 Kuhl Hose Calls By Time of Day



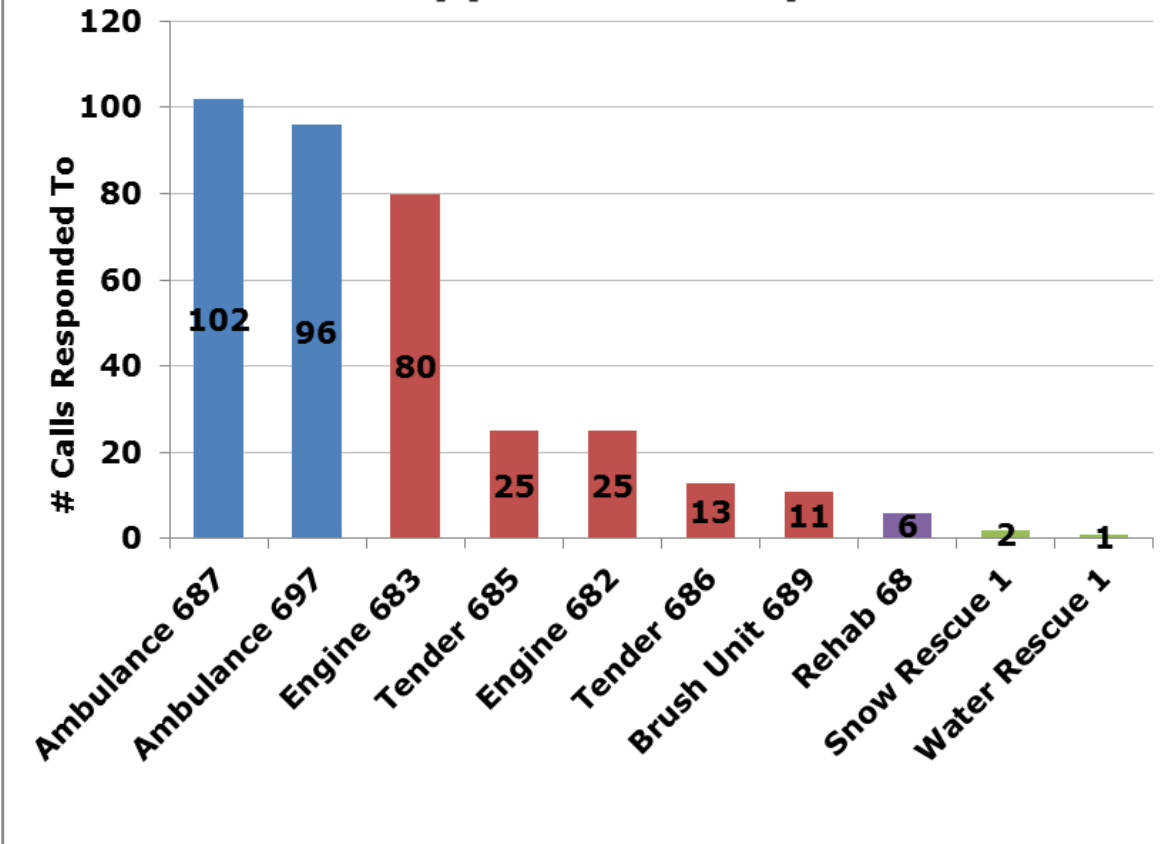
2014 KHC Calls



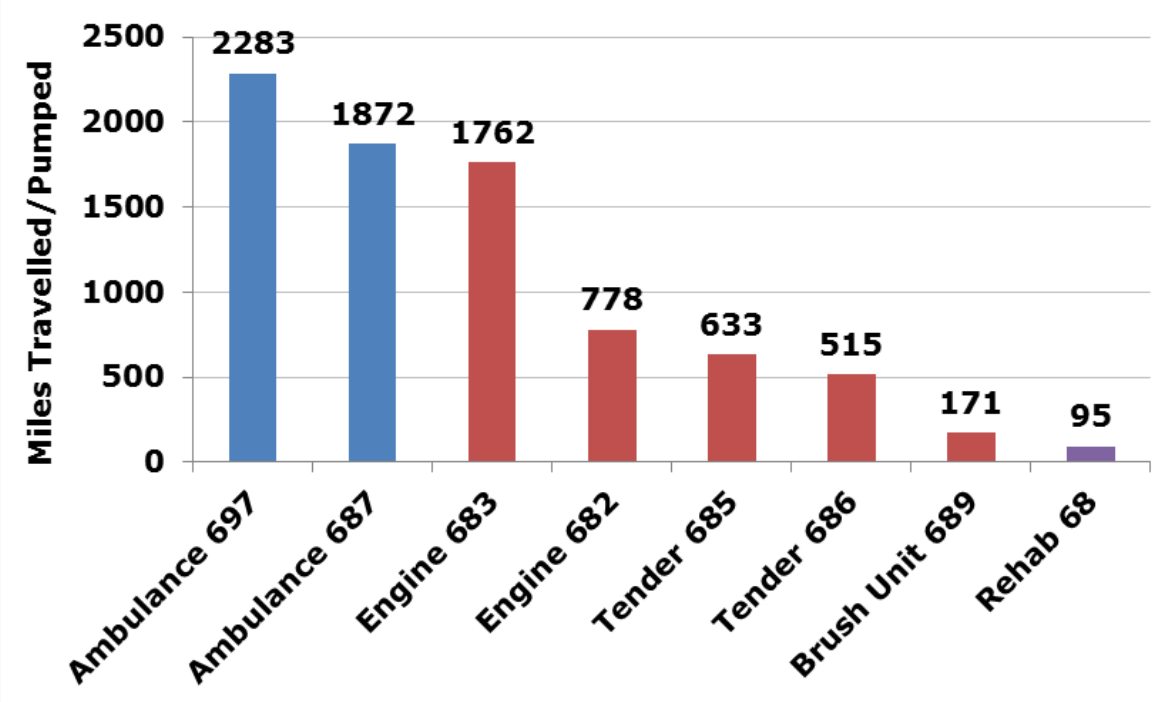
2014 Kuhl Hose Mutual Aid Calls By Department



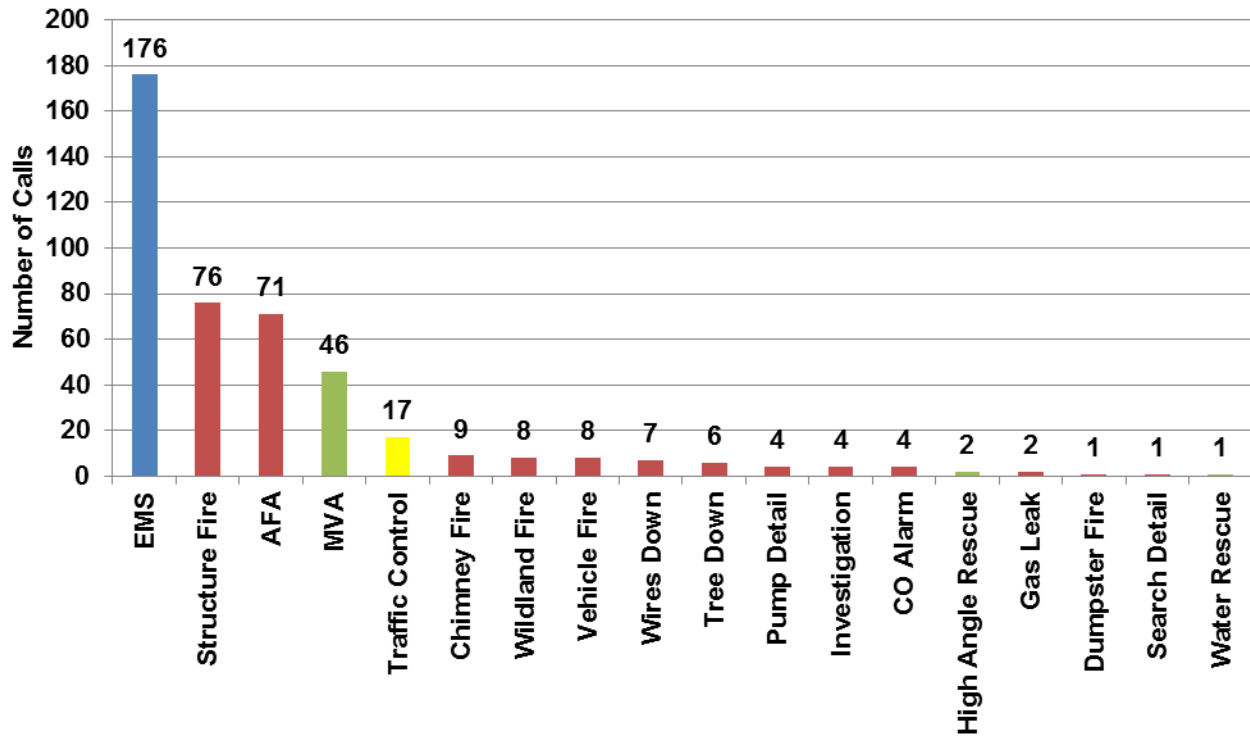
2014 Apparatus Responses



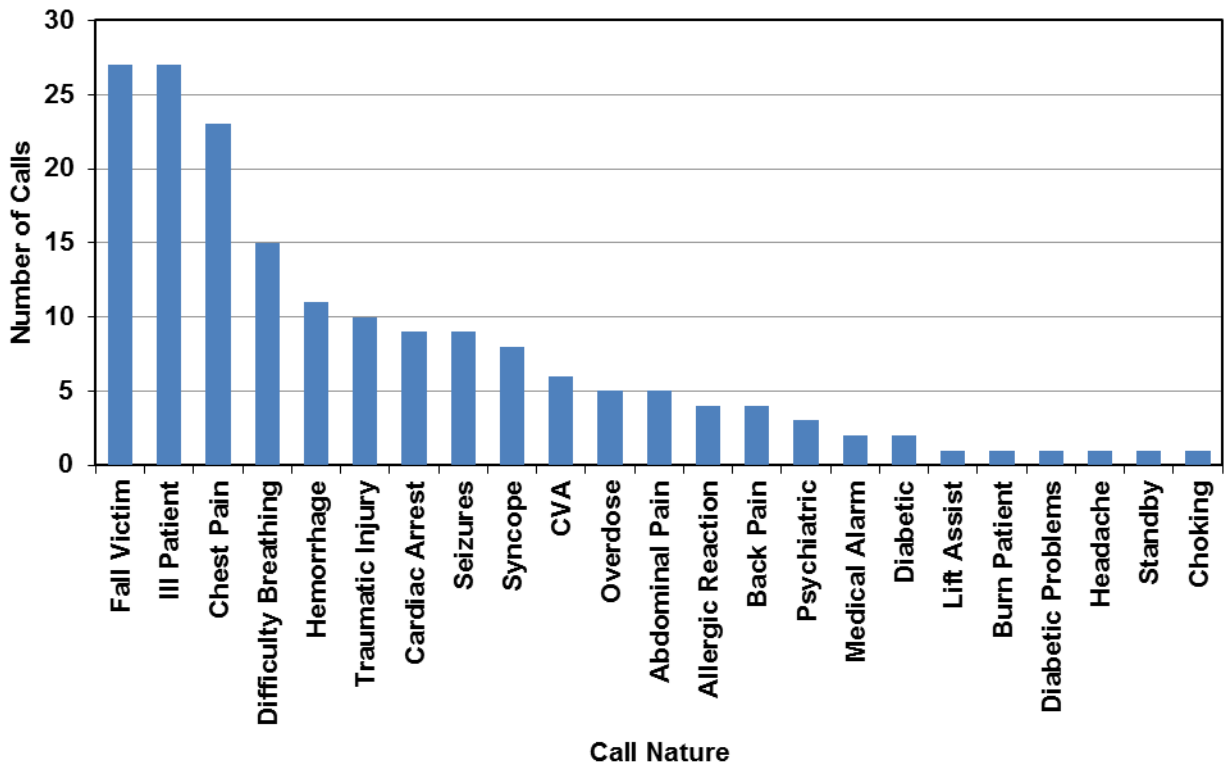
2014 Miles Logged by Kuhl Hose Apparatus



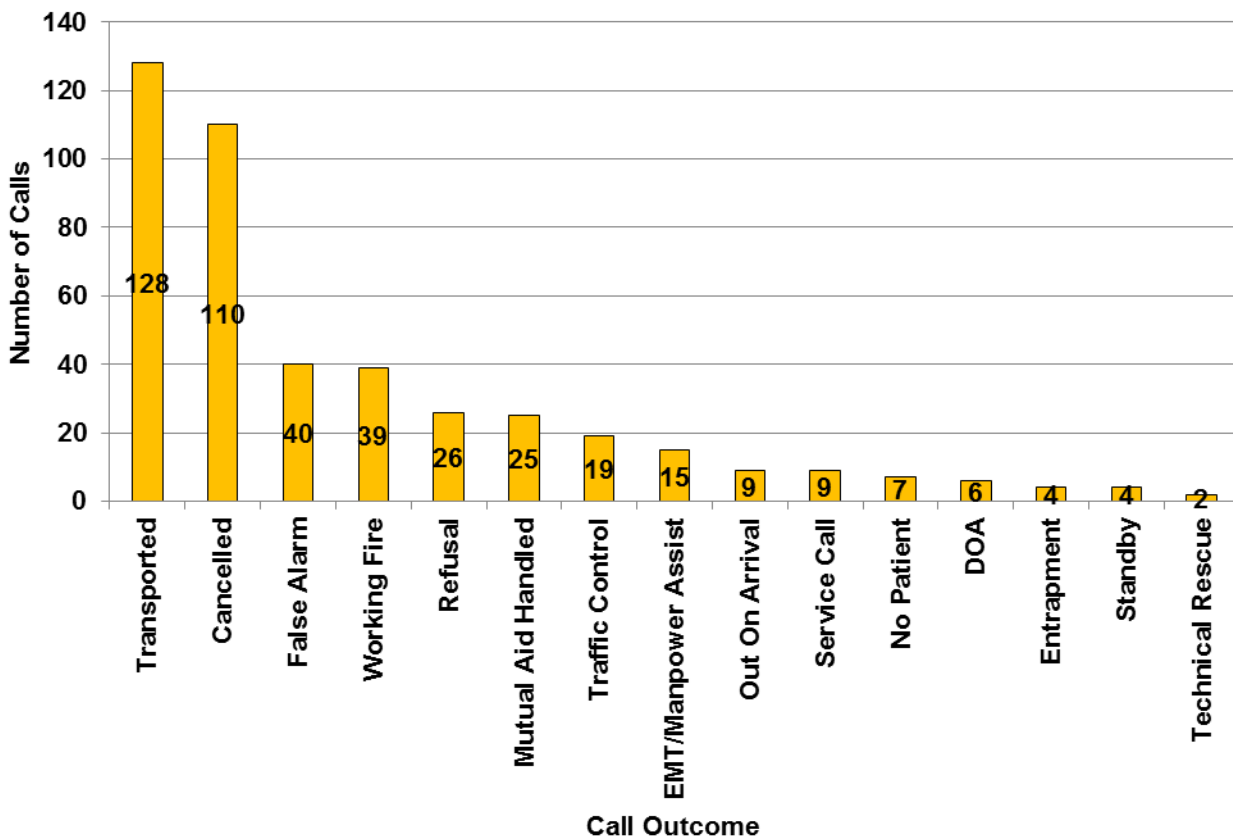
2014 Kuhl Hose Calls By Nature



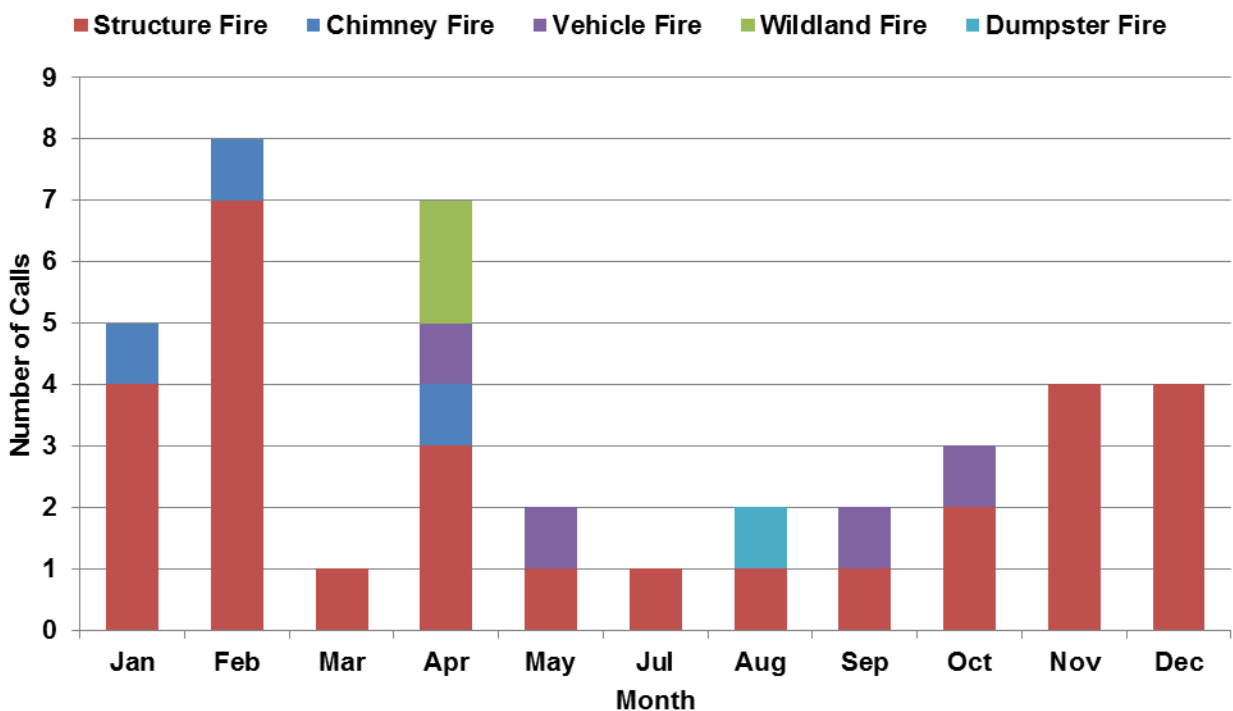
2014 Kuhl Hose EMS Calls By Nature



2014 Kuhl Hose Call Outcomes



2014 Kuhl Hose Working Fires



Total 2014 Hose Used/Can Jobs

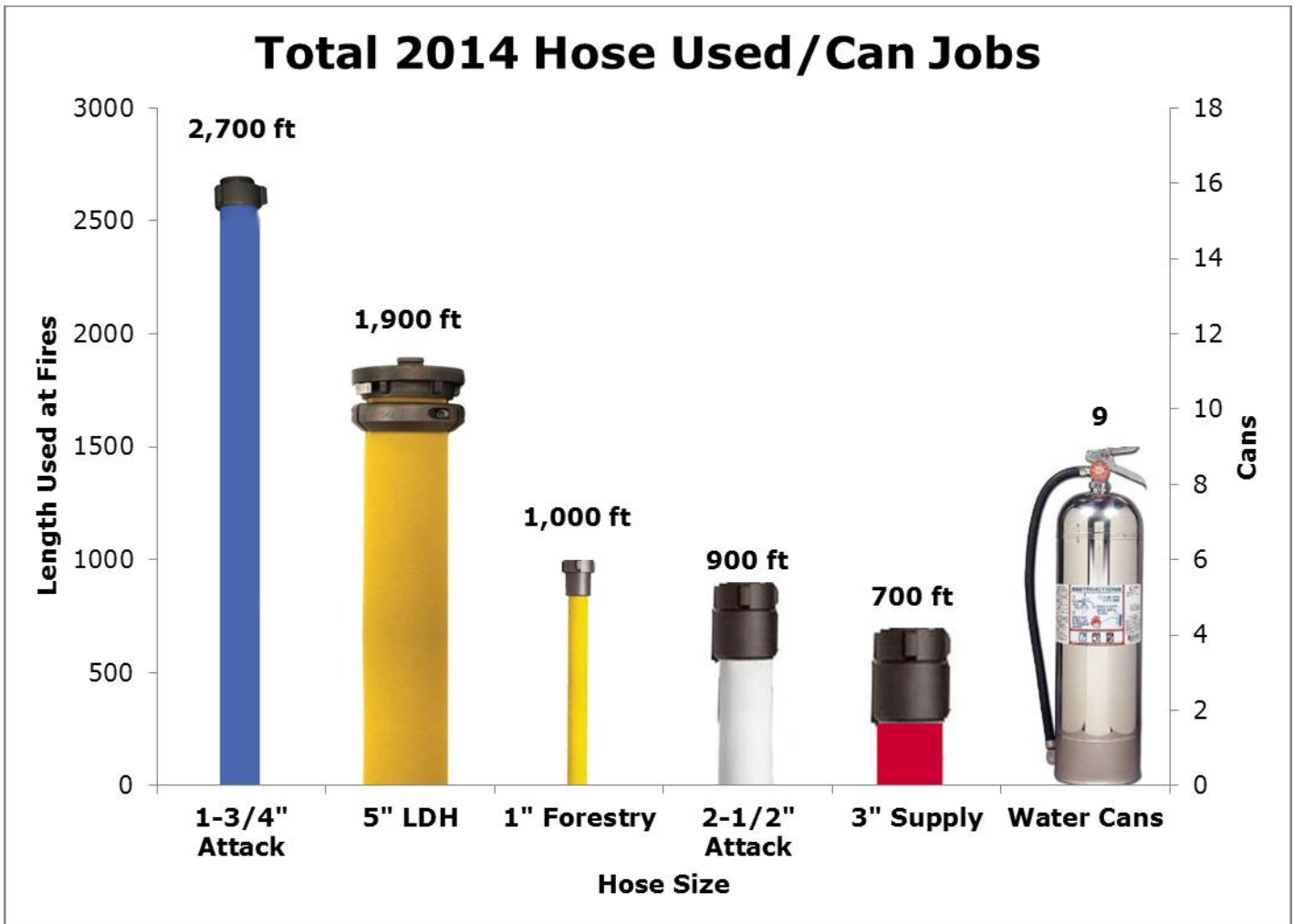
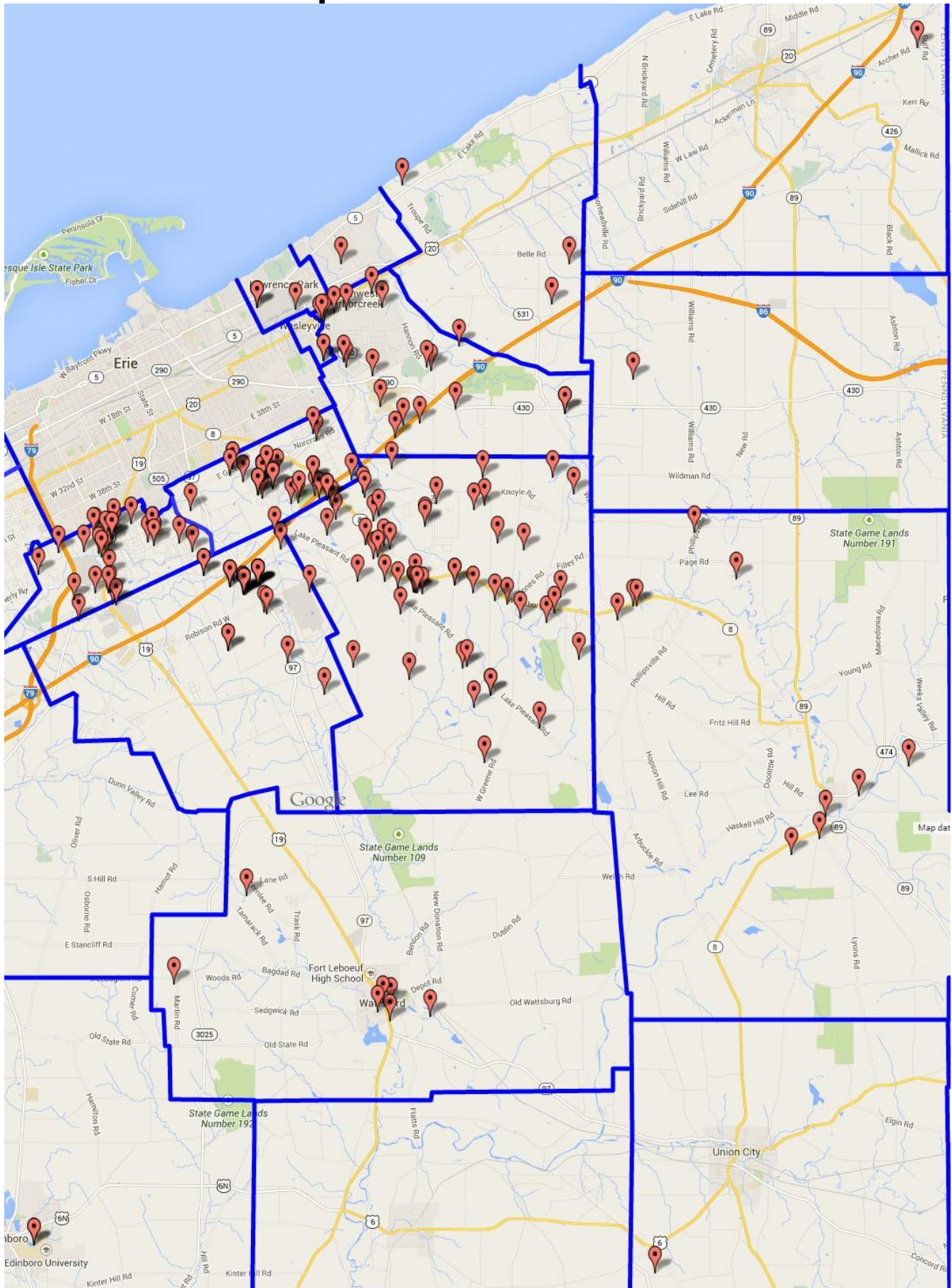
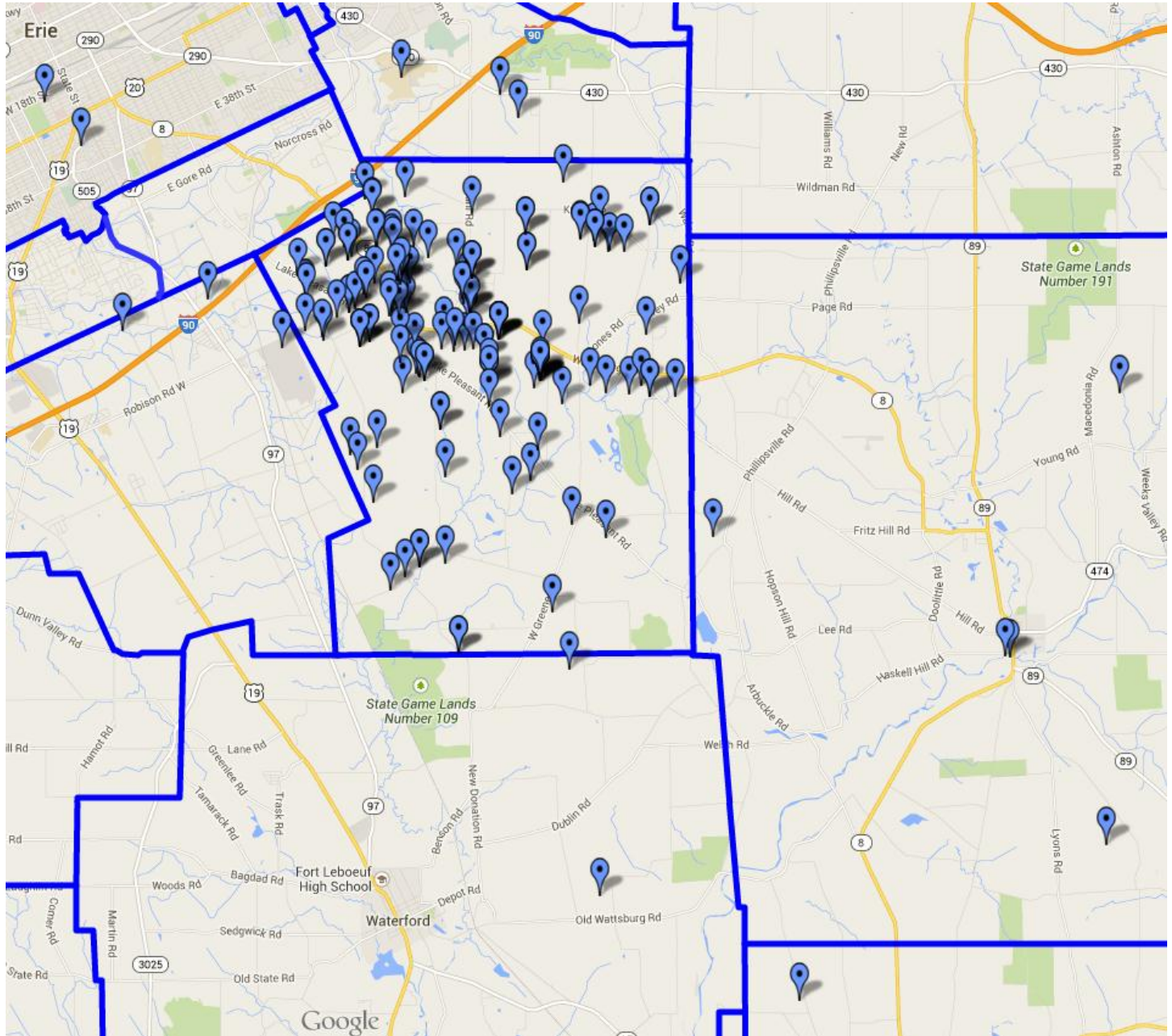


Chart shows total length of varying hose types utilized on Kuhl Hose responses. Number of fires extinguished with water cans is also shown. The total amount equates to 7200 ft or 1 -1/3 miles of hose laid throughout the year.

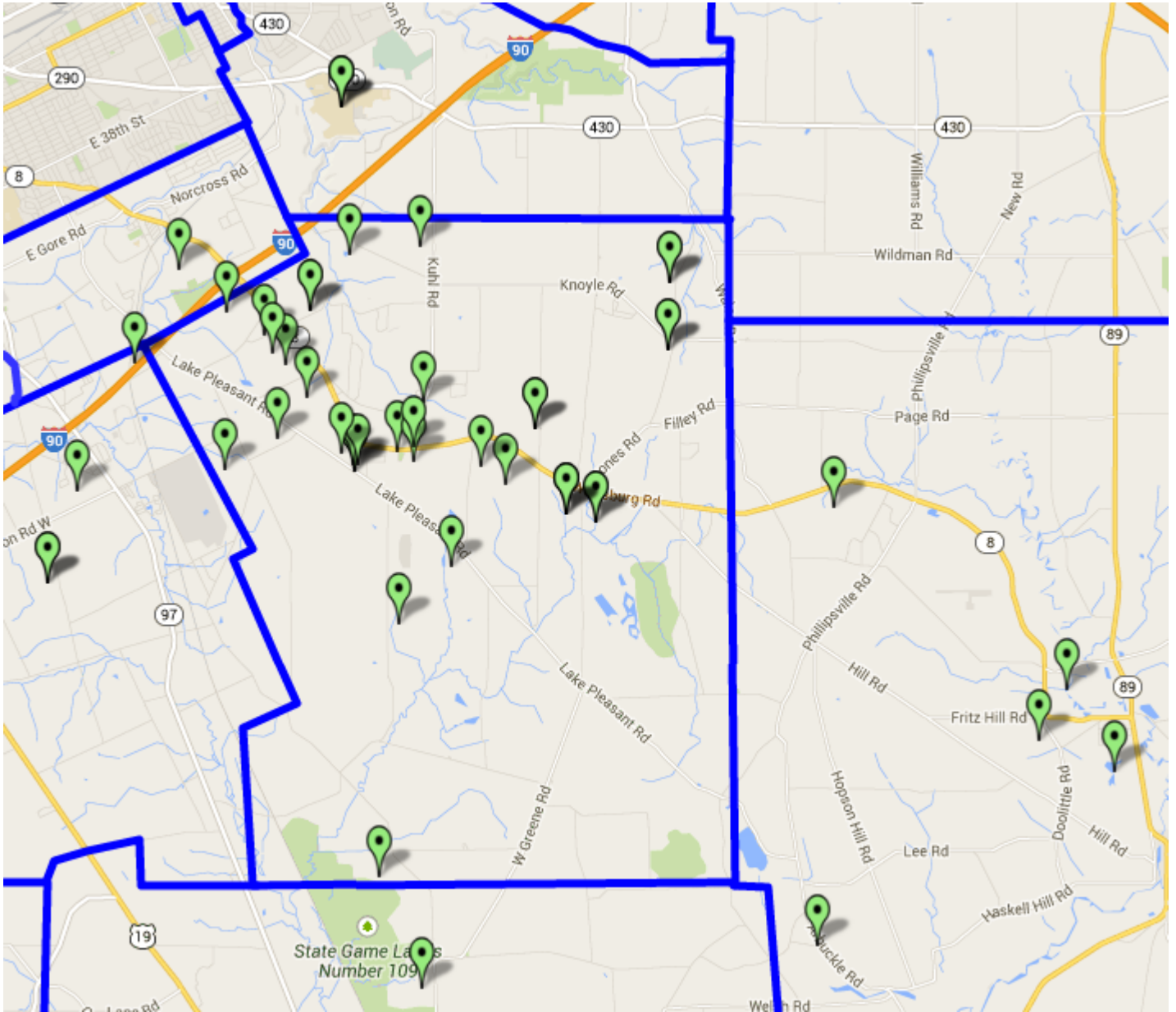
2014 Fire Calls Map



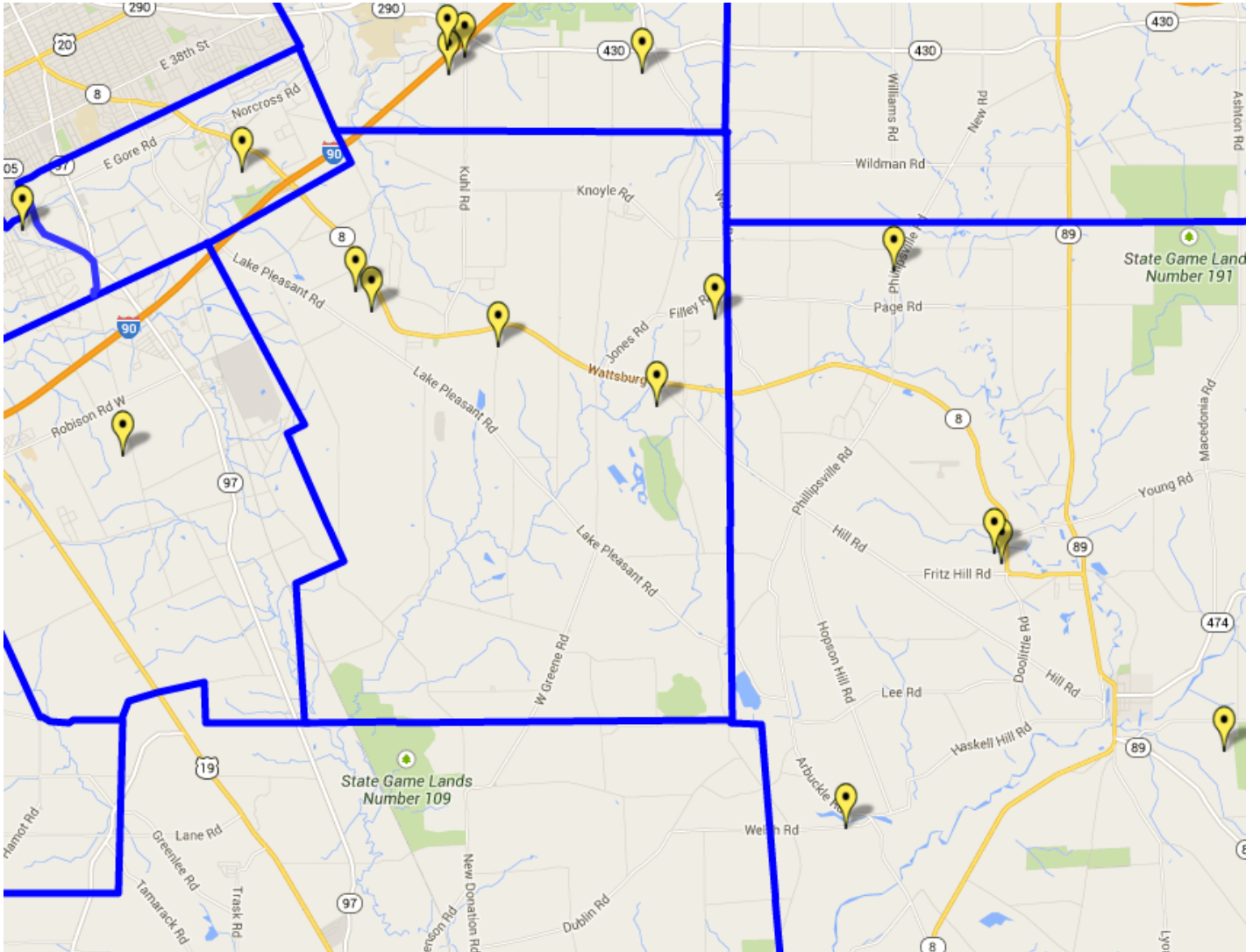
2014 EMS Calls Map



2014 Rescue Calls Map



2014 Fire Police Calls Map



2014 Responses Highlights

January 3 – RIT Assist Dept 22



January 22 - Chimney Fire – Dewey Rd



January 25 – Assist Dept 36 Structure Fire



January 25 – Assist Dept 24 Structure Fire



January 28 – Chimney Fire Lake Pleasant Rd



February 2 - Assist Dept 17 w/ Snow Rescue



February 9 – RIT Assist Dept 44



February 13 – Assist Dept 36 Structure Fire



February 14 – RIT Assist Dept 44



February 27 –Dept 17 Structure Fire Page Rd



February 27 –Dept 17 Structure Fire Lowville



February 27 – MVA Route 8 & Tate Rd



March 3 – Assist Dept 42 Structure Fire



March 12 – Tree into House



April 14 – Structure Fire



April 15 – Semi Fire- Wattsburg Rd



April 17 – Wildland Fire - Wattsburg Rd



April 17 – Assist Dept 14 Structure Fire



April 22 – Assist Dept 42 Structure Fire



April 24 – Chimney Fire, Hartman Rd



May 28 – Assist Dept 24 Structure Fire



July 6 – Assist Dept 24 Structure Fire



July 16 – MVA with Pin, Route 8 x Tate Rd



August 24 – Structure Fire, Old Wattsburg Rd



September 16 – RIT Assist Dept 44



September 25 – Assist Dept 17 Vehicle Fire



October 5 – MVA with Pin



October 11 – Fatal Structure Fire, Bennett Rd



October 11 – MVA Jones Rd



October 17 – UTV Accident with Pin



October 18 – Assist Dept 42 Structure Fire



October 26 – Chimney Fire, Langdon Rd



October 26 – Tractor Fire



November 10 – Attic Fire Wattsburg Rd



November 22 – MVA with Pin, Wattsburg Rd.



November 23 – Assist Dept 24 Structure Fire



November 28 – MVA Old Waterford Rd



November 29 – Assist Dept 24 Structure Fire



December 3 – Assist Dept 22 Structure Fire



December 19 – Assist Dept 22 Barn Fire



December 21 – Assist Dept 44 Structure Fire



December 31 – Structure Fire Wattsburg Rd



Training, Community Events and Standbys

In addition to answering emergency calls, Kuhl Hose participates in many events within our community each year, train each week and provide EMS standby services to local sporting events.

Cub Scout First Aid



Winter Off Road Snowmobile Rescue Class



Multi Department EMS Week Challenge Drill



Participated in the Lights and Sirens Expo



Co-Sponsor National Night Out Event



Guns and Hoses Charity Hockey Game



Fire Prevention for Kindergarten Classes



Crotty Memorial Bike Run Stop



Grass Drags EMS Standby



Eeriez Speedway EMS Standby

