

**City of Easton**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**2014**  
**Annual Report**



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# Message from Chief Bast

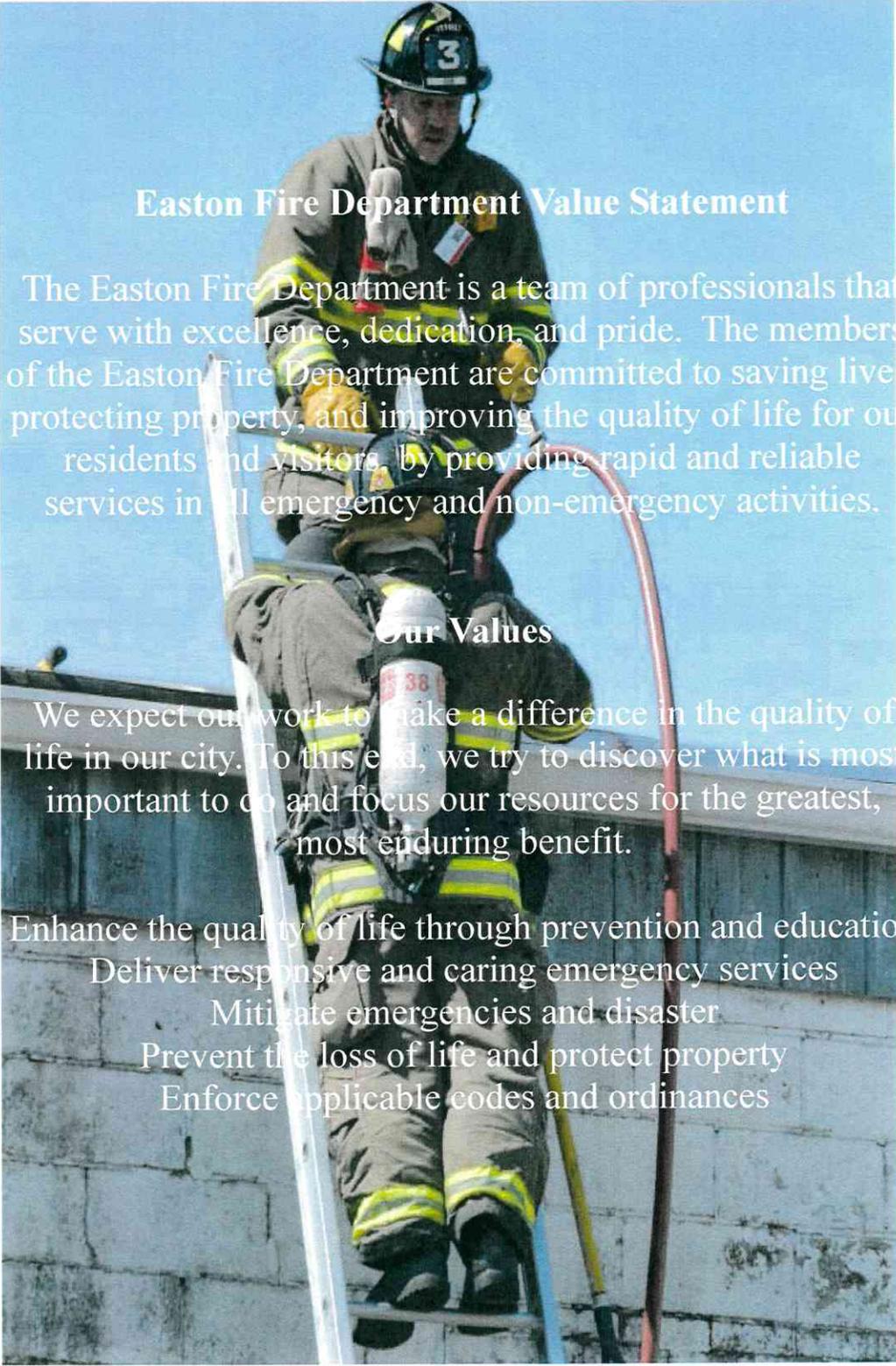


As the Fire Chief of the Easton Fire Department, it is my pleasure to present this summary of activities for the year 2014. Your department continues to accept the challenges presented by the economy, increased demands for service and the adaptation to ever changing technology.

The title “fire department” although traditional in its term, by no means is an accurate or all inclusive reflection of what our department provides today. The EFD provides fire suppression, rescue and first responder emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, fire inspection consultation, fire investigation, disaster preparedness and public education to the City of Easton.

I am reminded daily of the great service the EFD provides our city. I am also proud of the work we do and am thankful for the support we receive from our community. I want to thank everyone who made 2014 a safe and successful year!

*John B. Bast*

A firefighter in full gear, including a helmet with the number 3, is climbing a silver ladder. The firefighter is wearing a dark jacket with yellow reflective stripes and a white air tank with the number 38. The background is a clear blue sky and a brick wall.

## Easton Fire Department Value Statement

The Easton Fire Department is a team of professionals that serve with excellence, dedication, and pride. The members of the Easton Fire Department are committed to saving lives, protecting property, and improving the quality of life for our residents and visitors, by providing rapid and reliable services in all emergency and non-emergency activities.

### Our Values

We expect our work to make a difference in the quality of life in our city. To this end, we try to discover what is most important to do and focus our resources for the greatest, most enduring benefit.

- Enhance the quality of life through prevention and education
- Deliver responsive and caring emergency services
- Mitigate emergencies and disaster
- Prevent the loss of life and protect property
- Enforce applicable codes and ordinances

# City of Easton Fire Stations

**Central Fire Station  
11 North 6th Street**



**College Hill Fire Station  
327 Parsons Street**



**South Side Fire Station  
424 Reynolds Street**



# City of Easton Apparatus

**Engine 2011**  
**South Side Fire Station**



**Engine 2012 Reserve**  
**South Side Fire Station**



**Engine 2014**  
**College Hill Fire Station**



**Engine 2015 Reserve**  
**Central Fire Station**



**Engine 2016  
Central Fire Station**



**Tower 2022  
Central Fire Station**



**Rescue 2041  
Central Fire Station**



**Rescue Boat 2045  
Central Fire Station**



**Utility 2046  
Central Fire Station**



**Fire Chief's Buggy  
Central Fire Station**



**Deputy Chief's Buggy  
Central Fire Station**



## **RESPONSE TIMES**

**The Easton Fire Department prides itself on quick and safe response times to a incidents. The average response time for an arriving first unit for all emergency calls was three minutes 53 seconds. In addition, the average response time for the second arriving unit at emergency incidents was four minutes 26 seconds. We are able to maintain such response times by the strategic location of our three fire stations.**

## INCIDENT RESPONSES

The Easton Fire Department responded to  
1,888 emergency calls in 2014

District	2014	2013
College Hill	342	366
Downtown	599	526
South Side	359	329
West Ward	531	444
Glendon	43	32
Mutual Aid	14	19

RESPONSE TYPES	2014	2013
Fire	307	281
Overpressurization	1	3
Rescue/EMS	369	329
Hazardous Condition	246	195
Service Call	109	84
Good Intent	170	136
False Call	408	458
Severe Weather	2	4
Special Call	0	1
First Responder	276	229

## PROPERTY SAVED

During 2014 there was 14.6 million worth of property at risk due to fire

Ninety-six percent of the property involved was saved.

Only \$608,930 worth of property was lost



Courtesy of the Express Times

## CASUALTIES

Our Quick Response Service attended to 256 patients.

There were 3 civilian injuries due to fire.

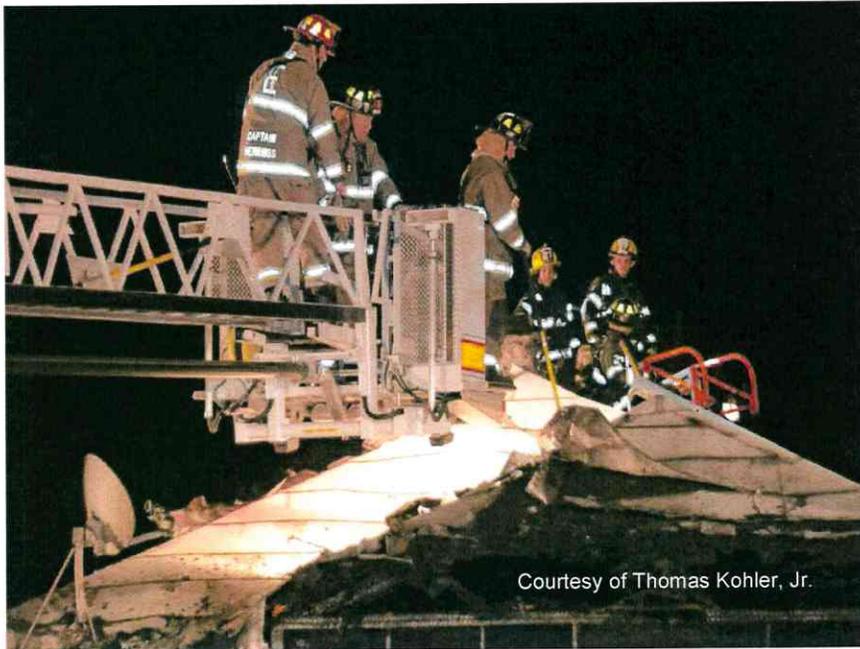
There were no fire fatalities reported this year.



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# APPARATUS RESPONSES

2011 - 12 Spartan Rescue Pumper	716
2012- 98 KME Pumper	394
R2014- 98 KME Pumper	646
R2015 - 95 E-One Pumper	110
2016 - 04 KME Pumper	589
2022 – 09 KME Tower Ladder	535
2041 - 08 Ford Rescue	1,405
R2044 - 96 Rescue Boat	1
2045 - 05 Rescue Boat	5
2046 - 04 Chevrolet Utility	122
2050 – Fire Chief	17
2051 – Deputy Fire Chief	<u>57</u>
<b>Total Apparatus Responses</b>	<b>4,597</b>



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# FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

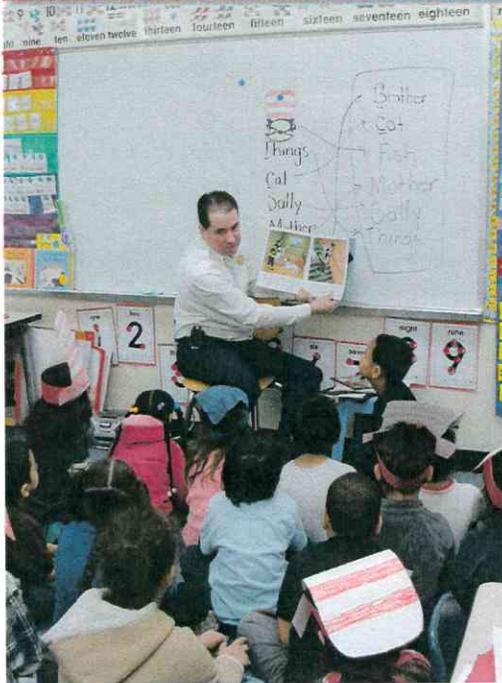
During 2014 there were 300 fire investigations with the following results: 23 found to be intentional, 235 found to be unintentional, 12 caused by equipment failure, 20 were undetermined, 9 were found to be other causes and 1 resulted by an act of nature.



## DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

<b>708 Non-Incident Activities</b>	<b>5,167 Staff-Hours</b>
<b>205 Training Sessions</b>	<b>3,918 Staff-Hours</b>
<b>49 Inspection Activities</b>	<b>82 Free Smoke Detectors Installed</b>

# Fire Prevention



The Easton Fire Department conducted 84 fire prevention programs that reached over 3,400 children and over 2,400 adults.

These programs included fire station tours, fire prevention presentations and fire extinguisher training to daycare and nursing home facilities.



## Civilians & Firefighters Receive Valley Preferred Spirit of Courage Heroism Awards



### **Kevin and Jason Soto (l-r)**

When Jason Soto was roused from sleep in September he quickly discovered that the duplex he shared was on fire. After getting his family out he and his son Kevin rescued a woman and a baby from a third floor ledge with flames at their backs. Three people died in this tragic fire, but it would have been worse if Jason and Kevin had not risked their lives to save these two.



### **Firefighters Baran, Rivera and Gruver (l-r)**

These firefighters arrived at a chaotic early morning fire just as the Sotos began their rescue. After assisting the Sotos they found an unconscious woman, whom they brought out through extreme conditions to waiting EMS crews. Unfortunately three civilians perished in the blaze. This was the first multiple fatal fire in the City of Easton since 1982.

# In Memory Chief Earl Brotzman Served as chief from 1967 to 1982



# Community Service Activities



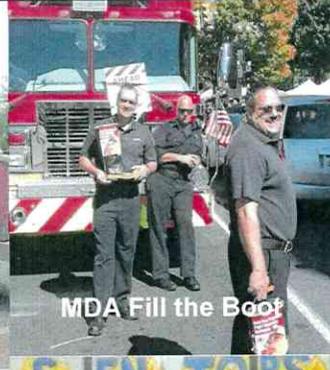
Give Burns the Boot



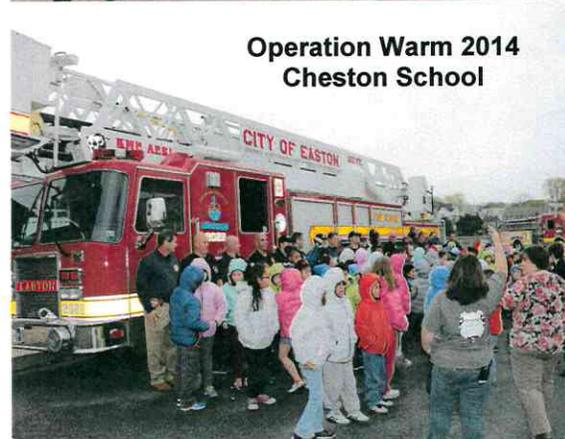
Garlic Cook-Off Champ



Pink Heals Tour 2014



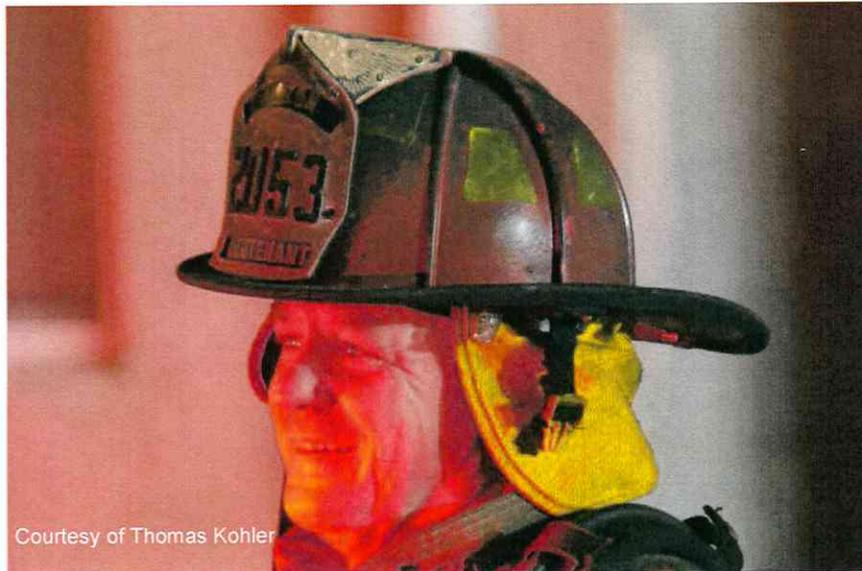
MDA Fill the Boot



Operation Warm 2014  
Cheston School



9/11 Memorial at  
NDHS



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