

The Cotton Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) would like to thank the Town Board and the Citizens of Cotton for their continuing support. With your support, we have been able to keep providing quality emergency medical and fire-fighting services to our community.

The CVFD has 17 members, of whom, 10 are First Responders..

In the past year CVFD received 56 calls (several more than last year), approximately evenly divided between Fire and EMS. Many of these involved both EMS and Fire personnel. At least 10 of these calls were for Mutual Aid for surrounding townships.

Training for both EMS and Fire Fighting personnel continued throughout the year. This included Hazmat, Blood-borne Pathogens, Right-to-know, frequent First Responder skills honing courses, the First Responder Refresher (which must be taken every two years in order to remain certified) equipment training and practice, Auto extrication training, and Protocol Review. Several members attended the annual Arrowhead Emergency Medical System Conference, taking in excellent training seminars. Also, ____ members attended a recognition dinner and seminars put on by St. Luke's Hospital.

Throughout the year, inspections, tests, assessment, maintenance, and repairs are performed on equipment, buildings, and supplies.

Accomplishments during 2010 include: updated high visibility safety vests, ice grippers, assembling the Air Compressor, updated MSDS (Material Safety and Data Sheets) for all chemicals used, a new and more efficient furnace, and Fire Department Jackets for all who desired. Research has continued on acquiring new radios, in order to meet coming requirements and changing radio frequencies—for which we have received a FEMA grant.

CVFD participates in Fire Prevention Week at the school, provides EMS readiness at the Annual State Fiddle Contest, and floods the skating rink. This year also CVFD helped personnel from the Meadowlands Ambulance Service teach a CPR course at the Cotton School for seventh through ninth grades, resulting in eight students becoming certified in CPR.

This year, also, advertisements were placed in the Cotton Chronicle in an effort to recruit new members. A mass mailing was sent out for the same purpose. In hopes of recruitment, as well as a welcome to community members and a thanks for their support, CVFD held an Open House on September 18th.

Our goals for the year 2011 including: increasing our membership numbers, Firefighter I and Firefighter II training, researching changing regulations on radios, buying more mobile radios for trucks and possibly new handheld radios and pagers. There also may be another CPR class at the school.