

CITY OF NEWBURGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

# MONTHLY REPORT

May 2011



LANDER STREET (CIRCA 1979)

22 GRAND STREET  
NEWBURGH, NEW YORK  
12550

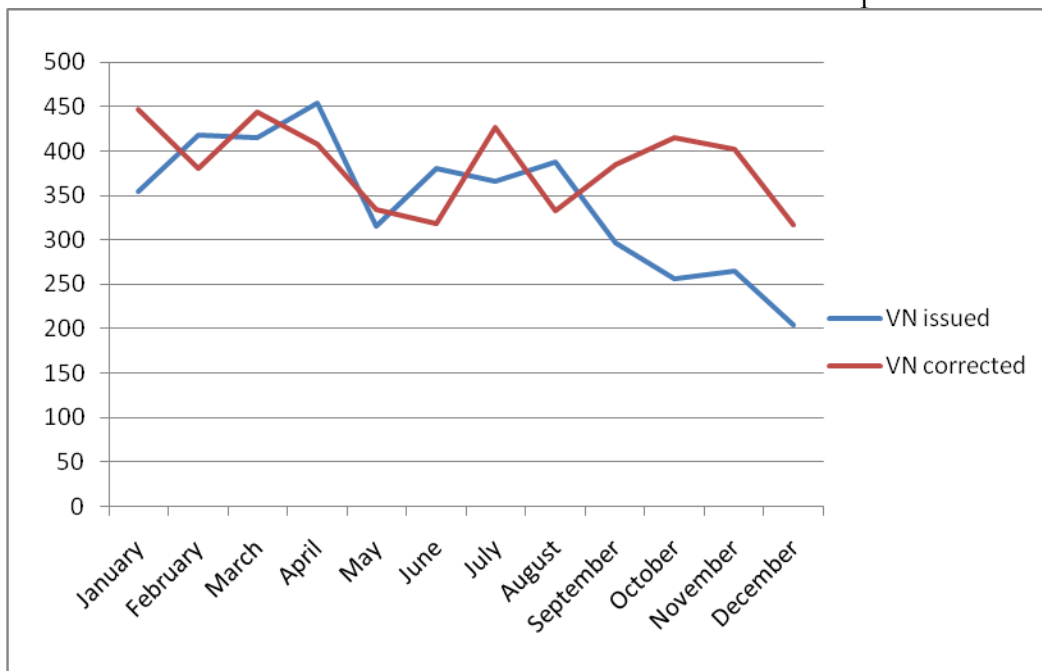
# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## FISCAL YEAR 2011 FIRST QUARTER ANALYSIS

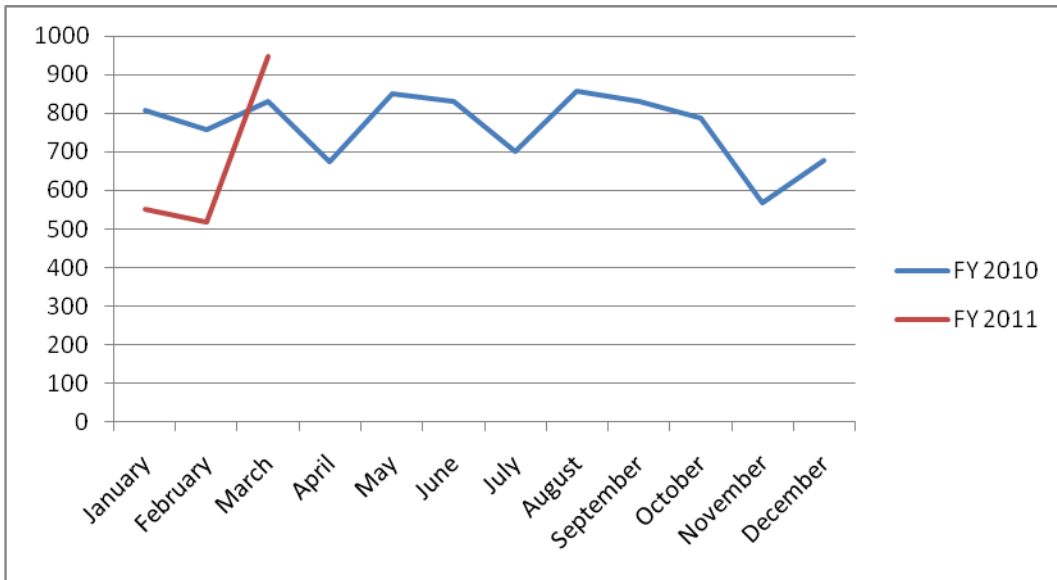
The Code Enforcement Bureau of the Fire Department began the year with 5 inspectors down from 6 in 2010 and down from 8 in 2009. Although new construction has stalled because of economic conditions, the workload on the remaining inspectors remains the same. The biggest decline has come in routine neighborhood inspections where the inspectors would simply go door to door to inspect the property. The national average for inspectors is approximately 600 inspections per year. We averaged 738 inspections per inspector in 2010. Instead, we have been focused on complaint based inspections as well as targeted inspections on Broadway and other streets. We continue to work at improving efficiency and finding creative ways of coping with the reduced staff.

The following charts illustrate code enforcement activities and results from both 2010 and 2011 (to date).

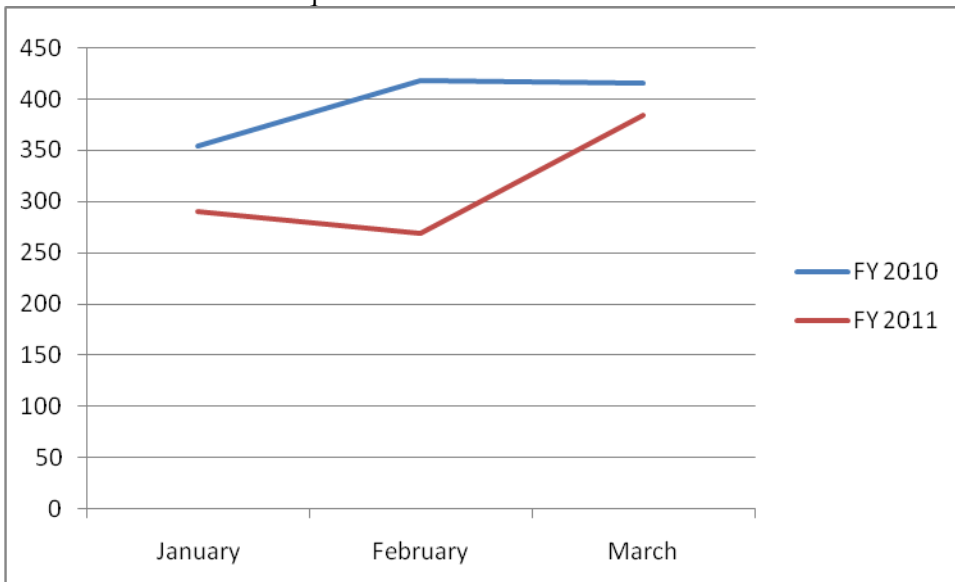
Violations issued and corrected FY 2010 based on 4229 inspections



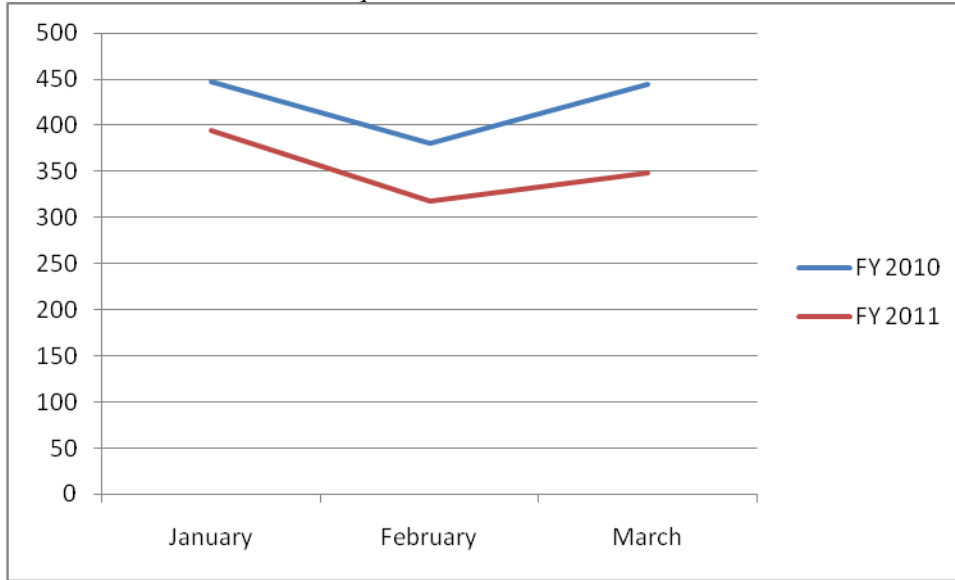
Total inspections 2010 v. 2011



Violations issued 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010 v. 2011



Violations corrected 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010 v. 2011




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**CODE ENFORCEMENT & THE COURTS**

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***2011 COURT VIOLATIONS (to date)***

<i>NO. OF TOTAL VIOLATIONS ISSUED</i>	1,899
<i>NO. OF VIOLATIONS REFERRED TO COURT</i>	742
<i>FINES IMPOSED</i>	\$21,820

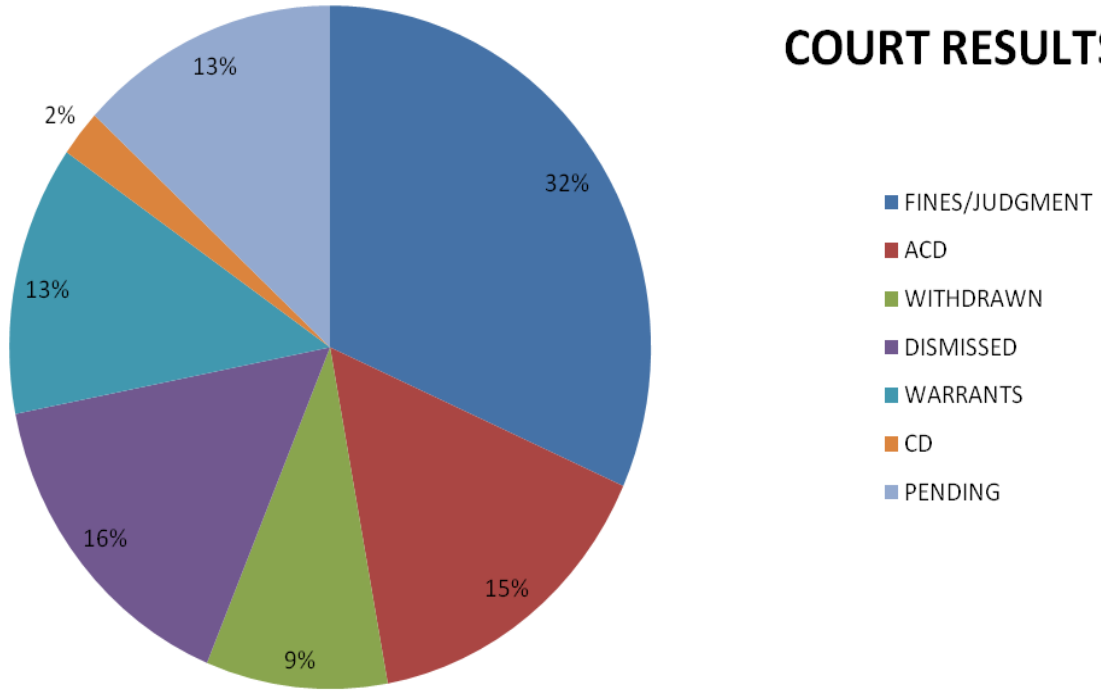
***2010 COURT VIOLATIONS***

<i>NO. OF TOTAL VIOLATIONS ISSUED</i>	4,229
<i>NO. OF VIOLATIONS REFERRED TO COURT</i>	1,322
<i>NO. OF PROPERTIES (SOME PROPERTIES REFERRED NUMEROUS TIMES)</i>	679
<i>FINES IMPOSED</i>	\$24,580.00

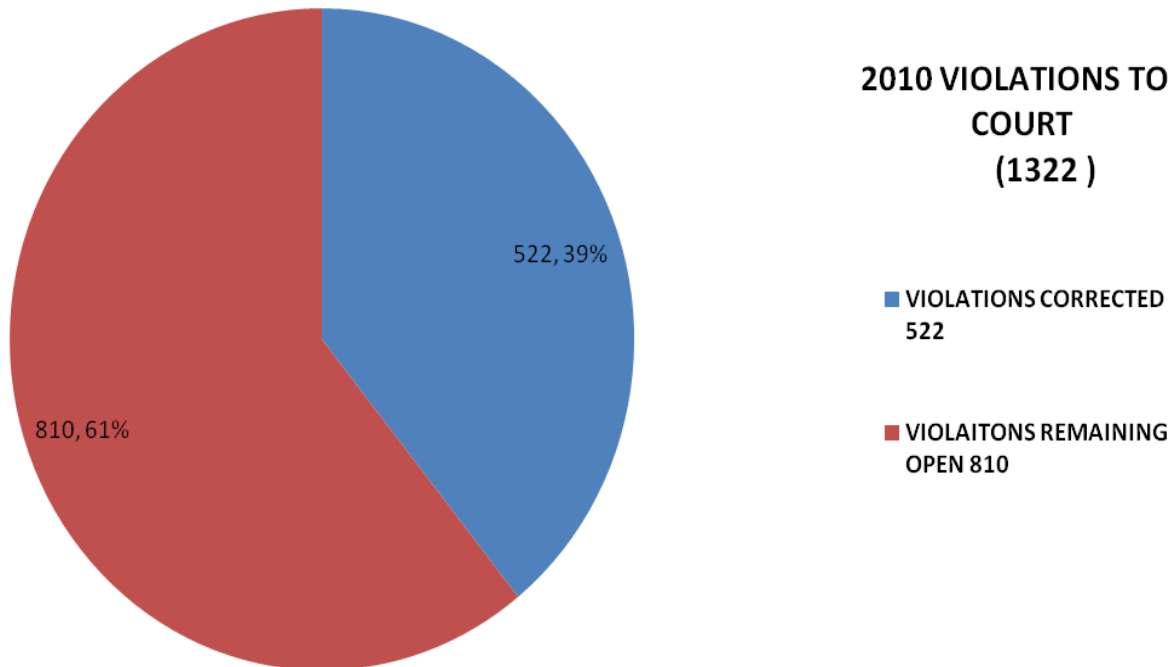


*Basement of Liberty Street apartment building*

## COURT RESULTS



## 2010 VIOLATIONS TO COURT (1322)



2010 Court Results:

<i>Fines</i>	187
<i>Judgments</i>	28
<i>ACD</i>	105
<i>Withdrawn</i>	62
<i>Dismissed</i>	106
<i>Warrants</i>	87
<i>CD</i>	15
<i>Pending</i>	89

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**BUILDING PERMIT REVENUE**

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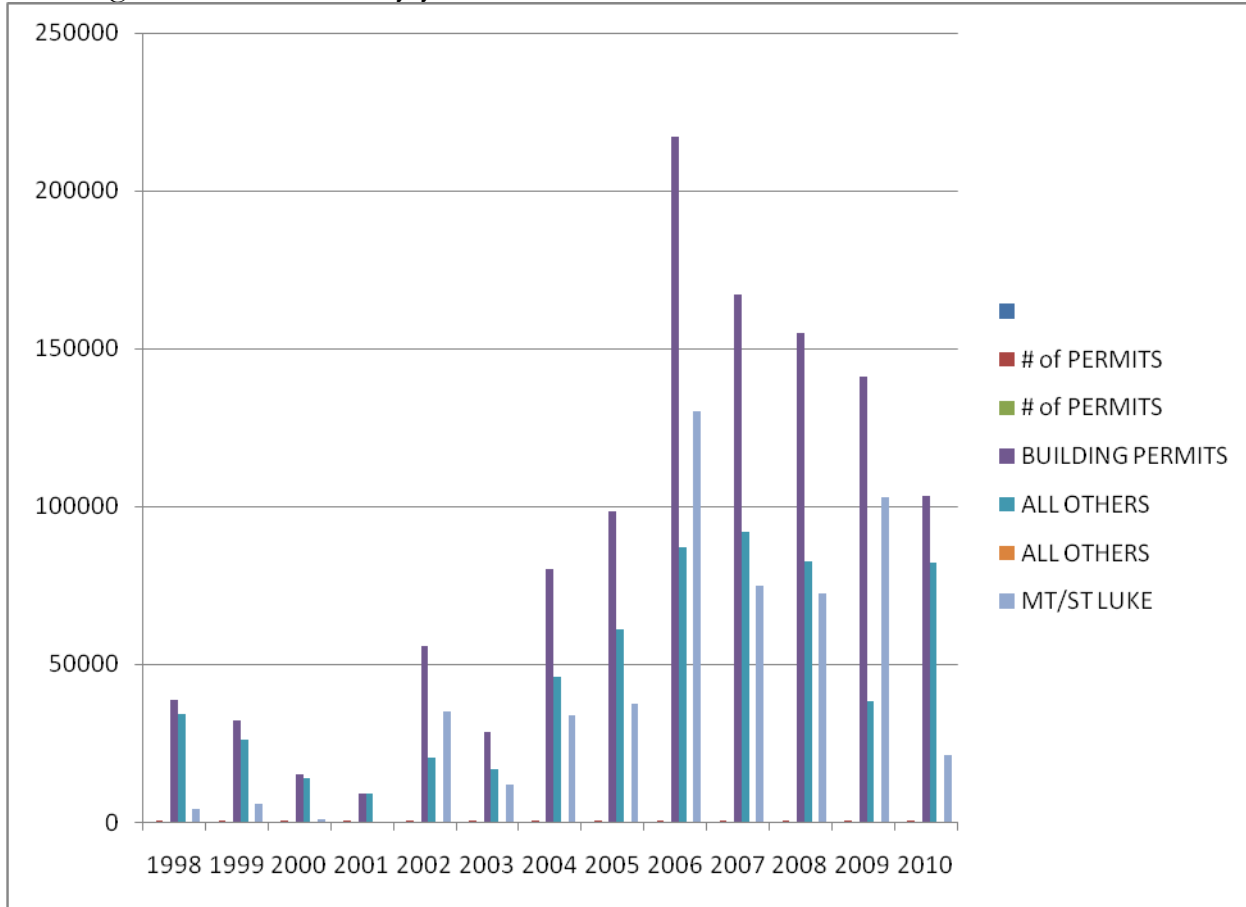
2010 Building Permit Revenue (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

<u>BUILDING PERMIT</u>	<u>14,812.00</u>	<u>16,925.00</u>	<u>5,519.50</u>
BLDG PERMIT REINSPECTION	0.00	0.00	228.25

2011 Building Permit Revenue (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

<u>BUILDING PERMIT</u>	<u>3,631.25</u>	<u>712.50</u>	<u>1,725.40</u>
BLDG PERMIT REINSPECTION	80.00	80.00	200.00

Building Permit Revenue by year and source 1998 - 2010



# VACANT BUILDINGS





**TOP – Privately owned vacant**

**BOTTOM- Bank owned vacant**

## **Vacant Building Registry**

Vacant and unkempt properties are an ongoing problem for the City. Accumulated trash and squatters continue to threaten the health and safety of our residents. There are approximately 225 properties listed on the registry. Buildings listed on the registry are in private hands and does not include city owned vacant properties which number in the range of 70. The Land Bank is scheduled to take title to approximately 50 of the city owned properties by the end of the year.

Of the 225 properties on the registry, 88 have paid the fee as required by our ordinance. All unregistered properties have either been sent to court for enforcement or will be by the end of June 2011.

To date we have received \$75,000 in vacant building registry fees which nearly equals the yearly average of \$76,000 (4 year average.)

## **Vacant Building Inspection Program**

The vacant building inspection program has been in the process of being revised and upgraded. Simply put, in order to utilize the resources we have to the greatest efficacy, on-duty firefighters are being used to continually monitor, inspect, and evaluate the City's vacant buildings. These building threaten the health and safety of our residents as well becoming havens for crime and dumping.

We expect to have completed the first comprehensive evaluation of the City's vacant building stock by the end of July.

## **City Owned Vacant Buildings**

With funding provided through CDBG, the City will begin demolition of at least 4 vacant buildings early this fall pending final approval of the ARC. We have identified 10 buildings that should be taken down as funding becomes available. The cost of demolition is high because the age and nature of the buildings. Most of them are brick and contain some form asbestos that must be handled and disposed of according to New York State regulations.

## **What We are Doing**

In order to improve community health and safety, we declared violations of the following Code Sections are considered immediately dangerous to life and health and shall be immediately sent to Court for prosecution. Violators of these codes and ordinances will

be issued appearance tickets by both Code Enforcement Officers and Firefighters.

**NYS Property Maintenance Code:**

- 301.3 Vacant Structures & Land
- 302.1 Sanitation
- 307.1 Accumulation of rubbish or garbage
- 404 et. seq. Occupancy limits (overcrowding)
- 604 et. seq. Electrical Equipment Installation
- 605.1 Electrical Safety
- 702.4 Emergency Escape Openings
- 704.2 Smoke Alarms
- 705 et. seq. Carbon Monoxide Detectors

**City Code of Ordinances:**

- 190-45 Yards, courts, & vacant lot
- 190-46 Rubbish & garbage
- 190-73 Rubbish & garbage
- 190-86 Means of egress
- 190-93 Occupancy limits (overcrowding)

# FIRE BUREAU & FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

FISCAL YEAR 2011



56 William Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm

## Fire Prevention Bureau Activity FY 2010

Since 2010, the Fire Prevention Bureau has had only one firefighter assigned fulltime. In addition to conducting specialized inspections and administering incident data collection and reporting, the Fire Prevention Bureau had the following activity for the year:

- 253 Electrical permits processed
- 282 New Daily Inspections performed
- 152 Re-inspections performed
- 176 Violations issued
- 202 FD Officer Complaints investigated
  - 37 Fire Investigations
  - 14 High Rise Inspections

6 Private School Inspections  
11 Informational Inspections

In addition the Fire Prevention Bureau provided Public Fire Education programs to 1200 grade school students as well as programs to 40 High School students.

Three Senior Citizen groups received the “Senior Safety” program. A total of 67 citizens attended.

Residence Life staff at Mt St Mary’s College received the “Leaving Home Safely” program twice.

The Fire Prevention Bureau provided Public Fire Education programs to three community health fairs and two career fairs. In addition members of the Department provided Public Fire Education details at five community health fairs and taught 3 fire-related In-service training programs to the staff at St Luke’s Hospital.

Nine members of the Fire Investigation Unit, including myself, completed the annual Arson In-Service program at the NYS Fire Academy and one of our senior investigators graduated from the National Fire Academy’s Fire Evidence Collection program.

Fire Prevention Bureau Activity FY 2011 (to date)

The Fire Prevention Bureau had the following activity to date.

- 86 Electrical permits processed
- 127 New Daily Inspections performed
- 50 Re-inspections performed
- 112 Violations issued
- 110 FD Officer Complaints investigated
- 16 Fire Investigations
- 18 High Rise Inspections

In addition, we have provided 7 Public Fire Education programs for approximately 300 citizens.

# BUREAU OF FIRE

## YTD 2011

<u>Call type</u>	<u>Number</u>
<b><u>FIRES</u></b>	30
<b><u>EMS</u></b>	4
<b><u>MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS</u></b>	
With Injuries	21
Property Damage Only	27
MVA vs Pedestrian	12
<b><u>RESCUE</u></b>	
Lock-in/out	10
Elevator	1
Water Rescue	2
Water Search	1
Rescue Other (Inc. Stdbby)	2
<b><u>HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS</u></b>	
Flammable / Combustible Liquid Spills	10
Gas Leak	10
Carbon Monoxide	7
Electrical Malfunctions	9
Building Collapse	0
Aircraft Standby	1
Chemical Hazards (Inc Spills)	0
Explosives Removal	0
Hazardous Condition (other)	101
<b><u>PUBLIC SERVICE CALLS</u></b>	
Water/Steam Leak	42
Smoke calls (no fire)	18
Assist other gov't agency (non MA)	8
Assist in Lifting	9
Person in Distress	6
Animal Rescue	0
Public Service call other	406
<b><u>MUTUAL AID</u></b>	

Total Mutual Aid

20

**ACCIDENTAL ALARMS**

Good Intent calls

95

Accidental Automatic alarm

57

**FALSE ALARMS**

Alarm Malfunction

43

Sprinkler Malfunction

4

False Calls

4

Bomb Scare (no bomb)

0

Malicious False Alarm (Municipal Alarm System)

101



Above: 194 Broadway.

Below: 56 William Street



## Fire Department Responses by Type of Incident (FY2010)

<u>Call type</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>FIRES</u></b>													
Structural	3	0	4	1	5	5	3	3	5	3	2	2	36
Un-attended Cooking	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	21
Mobile Property (inc Pass Vehic.)	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	9
Transportation Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Boats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brush/Vegetation	0	0	0	1	3	3	2	2	2	1	0	0	14
Rubbish (inc dumpsters)	1	3	1	2	4	4	1	2	4	1	1	0	24
Combustion of Vapors (Inc. Explosions)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Burns	0	1	5	2	0	0	1	1	3	3	1	0	17
Not otherwise specified	5	5	1	2	1	1	5	3	1	0	2	1	27
<b>Total Fires</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>149</b>
<b><u>EMS</u></b>													
Assist EMS Crew	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	12
EMS Other	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	5
<b>Total EMS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>
<b><u>Motor Vehicle Accidents</u></b>													
With Injuries	9	7	6	3	7	7	5	4	6	9	10	7	80
Property Damage Only	7	12	6	6	8	8	10	6	3	0	1	8	75
MVA vs Pedestrian	2	2	4	5	5	5	3	4	2	2	1	2	37
<b>Total MVA</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>192</b>

## RESCUE

Lock-in/out	4	2	3	1	2	2	3	0	3	3	1	4	28
Elevator	1	3	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	12
Water Rescue	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Water Search	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rescue Other (Inc. Stdbby)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
<b>Total Rescue</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>

## HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

Flammable / Combustible Liquid Spills	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	4	0	0	13
Gas Leak	5	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	5	5	6	40
Carbon Monoxide	3	2	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	5	2	1	24
Electrical Malfunctions /Lines doewn	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	1	3	1	16	1	34
Building Collapse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Aircraft Standby	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Chemical Hazards (Inc Spills)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Explosives Removal	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hazardous Condition (other)	17	14	21	29	28	28	25	18	20	25	78	28	331
<b>Total Hazardous Conditions</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>447</b>

## PUBLIC SERVICE CALLS

Water/Steam Leak	17	4	8	4	7	7	1	6	5	5	11	8	83
Smoke calls (no fire)	1	4	4	9	2	2	4	5	4	7	11	1	54
Assist other gov't agency (non MA)	2	3	2	1	1	1	0	3	0	1	1	3	18
Assist in Lifting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	5
Person in Distress	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	11
Animal Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Public Service call other	73	70	74	91	117	117	89	78	113	70	34	46	972
<b>Total Public Service</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1144</b>

## MUTUAL AID

Total Mutual Aid	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>
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## ACCIDENTAL ALARMS

Good Intent calls	13	13	27	36	14	14	19	12	18	20	20	12	218
Accidental Automatic alarm	21	22	16	16	18	18	14	9	12	12	20	20	198

<b>Total Accidental Alarms</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>416</b>
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**FALSE ALARMS**

Alarm Malfunction	18	8	12	10	14	14	9	5	8	2	11	10	121
Sprinkler Malfunction	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	1	10
False Calls	0	0	0	1	3	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	10
Bomb Scare (no bomb)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malicious False Alarm (Municipal Alarm System)	24	43	45	52	30	30	42	37	48	34	36	51	472

<b>Total False Alarms</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>613</b>
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<b>Total Calls 2010</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>3071</b>
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**Property Value Risked**

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**Property Value Lost**

	<b>Assessed Value</b>	<b>Property Lost</b>	<b>Property Saved</b>
2005	\$ 13,765,900.00	\$ 407,200.00	\$ 13,358,700.00
2006	\$ 18,174,467.00	\$ 441,700.00	\$ 17,732,767.00
2007	\$ 15,007,100.00	\$ 613,801.00	\$ 14,393,299.00
2008	\$ 31,127,750.00	\$ 519,760.00	\$ 30,607,990.00
2009	\$ 19,596,700.00	\$ 388,500.00	\$ 19,208,200.00
<b>2010</b>	<b>\$ 22,945,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 645,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,299,500.00</b>
Average	\$ 20,102,819.50	\$ 502,743.50	\$ 19,600,076.00
Median	\$ 18,174,467.00	\$ 441,700.00	\$ 17,732,767.00