

# **Regular City Council Meeting**

## **February 23, 2015**

### **Agenda**

**7:30 p.m.**    **Call to Order**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Roll Call**  
**Approval of Minutes: February 9, 2015**  
**Approval of Bills (none)**  
**Approval of Agenda**  
**SLFD & SLPD Lifesaving Citations**  
**Public Comment**

#### **I. Old Business**

None

#### **II. New Business**

- 1) First Reading: Amendment to the City of South Lyon Ordinance Chapter 70, "Signs"  
Sec. 70-7 "Additional sign standards"

#### **III. Manager's Report**

#### **IV. Council Comments**

#### **V. Adjournment**

The City of South Lyon  
Regular City Council Meeting  
February 9, 2015

Mayor Pro Tem Rzyzi called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Rzyzi led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Rzyzi  
Council Members: Kivell, Kopkowski, Kramer, and Wedell  
Also Present: Department Head Martin, Chief Collins,  
Chief Kennedy, Attorney Wilhelm and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton  
ABSENT: Mayor Wallace, Councilmember Dixon and City Manager Ladner

Mayor Pro Tem Rzyzi asked for a motion to excuse the absences of Mayor Wallace and Councilmember Dixon.

CM 2-1-15 MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCES

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Kivell  
Motion to excuse the absence of Mayor Wallace and Councilmember Dixon

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

CM 2-2-15 MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kivell  
Motion to approve minutes as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

Councilman Kramer stated he would like to know what the Check #'s 65782 and 65814 for Mary Navrocki from the Farmers Market were issued for. Clerk Deaton stated she will check and let him know.

CM 2-3-15 MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

2/9/15

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kramer  
 Motion to approve bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA

Attorney Wilhelm stated he would like Council to add an executive session to discuss two items. One regarding the issue of purchasing real property under the open meetings act (8d), as well as on issue regarding attorney client privilege communication under (8h) under the Open Meetings Act. Mayor Pro Tem Rzyzi stated if this is added, we can add it to the Agenda after Council Comments.

CM 2-4-15 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kivell, supported by Wedell  
 Motion to approve the Agenda as amended

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SLFD UNIT CITATION

Chief Kennedy stated there was a basement fire a week ago in Colonial Acres. He further stated winter fires are the most challenging. He stated this particular fire was in the middle of a 6 unit condominium, with a unit on each side. It was originally called in as a smoke investigation. The officers immediately evacuated the surrounding residents. There were overhaul concerns, because the fire began to breach the side wall. Chief Kennedy stated considering a fire of this magnitude, and the fact the neighbors were able to reoccupy their residence that night is outstanding and a huge nod to all who were there that evening and he would like to thank all that were there. Chief Kennedy thanked the following people; Lieutenant Chris Demeniuk, Sergeant Tim Wilson, Sergeant David Johnston, Firefighter Cindy Conrad, Lieutenant Jim Shekel, Firefighter Chad Ulrich, Firefighter Russell Achatz, Firefighter Ryan Carlington, Firefighter Stephanie Shippe, Police Officer Tim Raap, Officer Travis Stevens as well as Lyon Township Fire Department Engine 2 and Green Oak Fire Department Tanker 83. He stated he would like to commend all of them for the great job they did. He further stated Lyon Township and Green Oak Township have been very helpful.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Purchase of 2015 F 350 Super Cab Pick-up with Poly V-Plow Blade and 2015 Ford 250 one ton dump truck with bed and salt spreader

Department Head Martin stated this was approved by Council in November of last year. Unfortunately about two weeks ago, he received a call from Hines Park Ford stating they could not honor the original bid. He stated he asked them to resubmit, but Varsity Ford honored the price they bid back in November. He further stated this truck will be used all year round, not just in the winter. Councilman Kivell asked what the time frame is for receiving the trucks. Department Head Martin stated it will be approximately 3 months.

CM 2-5-15 MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF FORD F350 SUPER CAB PICKUP WITH PLOW AND F350 ONE TON DUMP TRUCK WITH BED AND SALT SPREADER WITH PLOW

Motion by Wedell, supported by Kramer

Motion to approve the purchase of a 2015 F350 Super Cab Pick-up with 9.6 ft. Ply V-Plow Blade For \$33,786.00 And a 2015 F350 Chassis One Ton Dump with bed and salt spreader with 9/6 ft. Poly –Plow for \$56,486.00

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Resolution Updating City's Policy and Guidelines for Granting Exemption from payment of Property Taxes

Clerk Deaton stated this is a resolution we originally passed in 2008 and each year we update the poverty level guidelines according to the Federal Government. Our Assessor Jackie suggested we add some language to the Resolution stating that by meeting the poverty income level guidelines does not guarantee a 100% exemption, at the Board's discretion, the Board may approve full or partial exemption if deemed appropriate. Those applicants granted partial exemptions will be required to pay a property tax equal to 3.5% of their annual gross income. Councilmember Kopkowski asked how the assessor can change the Federal guidelines. Attorney Wilhelm stated the Federal poverty income standard is not necessarily related to property tax. This statement adds in that although you may meet the Federal poverty level, there is other criteria that the Board of Review will take into consideration.

CM 2-6-15 MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING EXEMPTION FOR PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve the resolution establishing the polices and guidelines for granting exemption for payment of property taxes

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Waiver of Permit Fee for the City-Wide Garage/Yard Sales

Mayor Pro Tem Rzyzi stated he has a comment from Mayor Wallace. He further stated Mayor Wallace notified him that he has received feedback from some residents regarding the weather and the normal weekend we have the City Wide Yard Sale. Mayor Pro Tem Rzyzi stated Mayor Wallace would like Council to change the dates to the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of May in hopes we would have better weather.

CM 2-7-15 MOTION TO APPROVE THE WAIVING OF GARAGE/YARD SALE FEES FOR THE CITY WIDE YARD SALES

Motion by Kramer , supported by Kivell

Motion to waive the Garage/Yard Sale permit fees for Thursday- Sunday, May 14-17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Acceptance of Monetary Gift from PNC for the holiday party

Clerk Deaton stated PNC bank neglected to get this to us in December but still wanted to donate to our Holiday Gathering, we received the check within the last two weeks.

CM 2-8-15 MOTION TO ACCEPT DONATION

Motion by Kopkowski, supported by Wedell

Motion to accept the donation of \$100 from PNC Bank for the City's 2014 Holiday Gathering

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Contract with Safebuilt

Attorney Wilhelm stated he received an email from City Manager Ladner regarding the contract with Safebuilt. He further stated according to Safebuilt there is no change in costs; the only change is the extension for two additional years. He stated he would also like an updated contract with the updated dates of March 27, 2015 to March 27, 2017 as opposed to the letter of agreement that was included with the contract. Councilman Kivell stated on page 11, it refers to Rod Cook as the City Manager and that should be changed to City Manager Lynne Ladner in the new contract. Attorney Wilhelm stated the contract also states that either party could terminate the contract with 30 days' notice. Building Inspector Dennis Smith of Safebuilt stated he will make sure a new contract is written and presented to the City Attorney.

CM 2-9-15 MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH SAFEUILT

Motion by Kramer, supported by Kivell

Motion to approve to extend the contract with Safeuilt from March 27, 15 to March 27, 2015.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MANAGERS REPORT- None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Wedell stated he would like to recognize Chief Kennedy for his leadership and for the fine group of firefighters we have. He also acknowledged the other Department Heads for the City of South Lyon for their leadership as well.

Councilman Kivell stated all of our Department Heads can handle their own departments, but with City Manager Ladner being out of the office and not being available on a regular basis, he would like to appoint Chief Collins as Interim City Manager until she is able to be back in her office. He further stated mainly as a point of contact and running the City on a day to day basis. Discussion was held in regards to Council adding an actionable item on the agenda.

Councilman Kivell stated he would like to have someone in place to handle things when something comes up out of the ordinary. Attorney Wilhelm stated the Charter states the City Manager may designate a City administrative employee to act as City Manager if he/she is temporarily absent from their office with consent of Council. Mayor Pro Tem Rzyzi stated City Manager Ladner is in contact with us, and he thinks we should have a special meeting and ask City Manager Ladner's opinion. Attorney Wilhelm stated the vote will have to be a unanimous vote to make it an actionable item, but a majority vote for a discussion item. Councilman Wedell stated the simplest way to handle this would be to have City Manager Ladner designate someone to that position. Councilman Kramer stated he is comfortable with the assistant position as opposed to an interim manager. Attorney Wilhelm stated he sees some similarity to when Interim City Manager Cook was out of the office and Chief Collins acted as assistant to the City Manager.

CM 2-10-15 MOTION TO ADD APPOINTING AN INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO AGENDA UNDER A SUPER MAJORITY VOTE

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kopkowski

Motion to add an agenda item for appointing an interim City Manager

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CM 2-11-15 MOTION TO APPOINT ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kopkowski  
Motion to appoint Chief Collins as the Assistant to the City Manager up until such time the City Manager can perform her duties on a full time basis.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councilmember Kopkowski stated she would like City Manager Ladner to get some rest and feel better. Mayor Pro Tem Rzyzi stated Mayor Wallace will be out of the state for the next meeting as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CM 2-12-15 MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Kramer, supported by Wedell  
Motion to enter into executive session to discuss purchasing real property under the Open Meetings Act (8d), as well as on issue regarding attorney client privilege communication under (8h) under the open meetings act at 8:20 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

CM 2-13-15 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kopkowski  
Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:05 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe Rzyzi, Mayor Pro Tem

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Lisa Deaton Clerk/Treasurer

# AGENDA NOTE

New Business: Item #1

**MEETING DATE:** February 23, 2015

**PERSON PLACING ITEM ON AGENDA:** City Manager

**AGENDA TOPIC:** First Reading: Amendment to the City of South Lyon Ordinance Chapter 70, "Signs" Sec. 70-7 "Additional sign standards"

**EXPLANATION OF TOPIC:** The Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 12, 2015 regarding an amendment to the City's Sign ordinance. This ordinance amendment was suggested so that a local church can install an changeable message, LED ground sign in a multi-family district.

**MATERIALS ATTACHED AS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** 1-page section of the sign ordinance detailing the proposed amendment.

**POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION:** Approve/Do Not Approve the First Reading of an Amendment to the City of South Lyon Ordinance Chapter 70, "Signs" Sec. 70-7 "Additional sign standards".

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the First Reading of an Amendment to the City of South Lyon Ordinance Chapter 70, "Signs" Sec. 70-7 "Additional sign standards".

**SUGGESTED MOTION:** Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, supported by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the First Reading of an Amendment to the City of South Lyon Ordinance Chapter 70, "Signs" Sec. 70-7 "Additional sign standards".

## Kristen Delaney

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**From:** Carmine Avantini [avantini@cibplanning.com]  
**ent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 3:10 PM  
**To:** Kristen Delaney  
**Cc:** Timothy Wilhelm  
**Subject:** Revised EMS Language  
**Attachments:** 2015-2-12 Sign Ordinance - EMS Institutional Amendment.pdf

Hi Kristen,

Attached is the latest version of the sign ordinance with two additional amendments to the changeable message sign section:

1. The Master Plan uses the term "Principal Arterial" instead of "Major Thoroughfare" so that change is made; and
2. Monument signs are only allowed to be 24 square feet in area in residential districts so a standard of 50 square feet is added for institutional uses.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I would appreciate it if you can copy page 14 in color for distribution to the Planning Commission tonight.

Thanks!!!!

**Carmine P. Avantini, AICP**



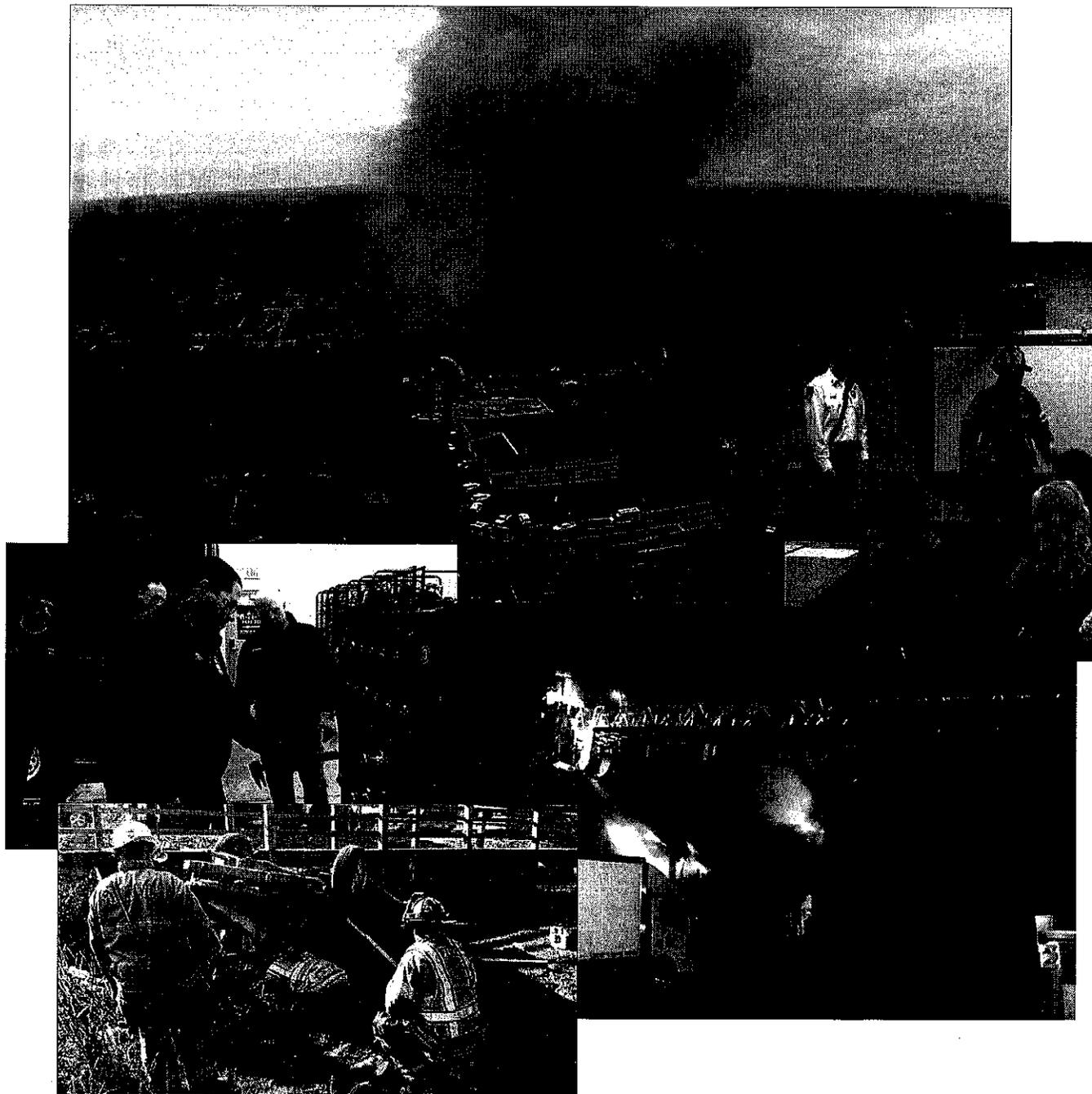
Community Image Builders

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1. One (1) changeable message sign or one (1) gasoline price sign shall be permitted per premises.
  2. Message or gasoline price may be changed electronically or manually.
  3. The area of a changeable message sign or gasoline price sign shall not exceed one-third (1/3) the total area of the sign.
  4. Illumination shall be concentrated within the face of the sign to prevent glare upon adjoining properties and thoroughfares.
  5. Electronic messages or gasoline prices shall not flash, fade in or out, or scroll.
  6. Electronic messages or gasoline prices shall be displayed for at least one (1) hour, and changes shall take less than one (1) second.
  7. Any voids or burned out bulb in an electronic display shall be replaced within seven (7) days and any malfunctioning signs must be turned off until repaired.
  8. Electronic changeable message signs shall be at least one hundred (100) feet from any residential district or use, except as modified in subsection 10 below.
  9. Electronic changeable message signs shall use only one (1) color of lighting or bulbs to prevent nuisances and distractions upon adjoining properties and thoroughfares.
  10. One electronic message sign, meeting the above requirements, may be approved by the Planning Commission for institutional uses, meaning a use by public or quasi-public institution such as a religious organization, church, nonprofit organization, academic institution, library or hospital, located in a multiple-family residential zoning district when meeting the following requirements:
    - i. The institutional use is located on a principal arterial, as designated in the City of South Lyon Master Plan;
    - ii. That the sign will not create a nuisance for residential properties in the immediate vicinity of the sign, as determined by the Planning Commission and subject to any conditions;
    - iii. The appropriate size of the sign shall be determined by the Planning Commission but shall be no greater than 50 square feet in area.
- f. **Sandwich Board Signs.** Sandwich board or portable A-frame signs are permitted in the B-1, B-2 and B-3 Districts at the customer building entrances to businesses subject to the following requirements:
1. One (1) sign per customer entrance shall be permitted regardless of the number of tenants on the premises.
  2. The sign is permitted only during operating business hours and must be stored inside when the establishment is not open to the general public.
  3. Each sign shall not exceed an overall height of forty-two (42) inches and an overall width of twenty-four (24) inches.
  4. The sign must be located adjacent to the building, no more than ten (10) feet from the customer entrance to the business, be a minimum of two (2) feet from the edge of the curb, and be located so that at least a five (5) foot wide sidewalk is maintained.
  5. No sign shall be located in such a manner as to interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic flow or visibility.



# SOUTH LYON FIRE DEPARTMENT 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



### Message from the Fire Chief

In 2014, the South Lyon Fire Department continued to make enhancements to its organization, operation, and administration. This success would not have been possible without support and assistance from the City Manager, Mayor, City Council, city staff, and city department managers, along with that of the fire officers and firefighters. The following report outlines many of the accomplishments that occurred during 2014.

#### 2014 significant accomplishments:

- Training room was renovated.
- Improvements made to parking lot and dumpster enclosure.
- New computer server, router, and rack were installed.
- Multiple training evolutions were conducted with the Lyon Twp Fire Department.
- SLFD and SLPD worked on developing a joint response to an active shooter incident. This training included attending a series of tabletop scenarios with the South Lyon Community School District. This effort culminated in a drill at Centennial Middle School. This was an excellent endeavor where both departments trained on each other's roles in an active violence incident.
- Worked with private hydrant system owners to ensure operational readiness.
- SLFD was presented with a Life Safety Achievement Award for its fire prevention accomplishments in 2013 by the National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire Research and Education Foundation in partnership with Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. The Life Safety Achievement Award recognizes fire departments for their fire prevention programs that have been proven to save lives year after year.

It is an honor to serve as your Fire Chief, and I look forward to leading the South Lyon Fire Department in further progress - Chief Mike Kennedy



Clockwise pictures on cover page

Pullum Window fire, public fire education class for second graders, mutual aid fire to Lyon Township on Pontiac Trail, vehicle crash on Lafayette at Lottie, forcible entry training.

**Incidents**

🚒 Average response time: 7 minutes 17 seconds

🚒 There were eight structure fires in the City of South Lyon. (The Pullum fire resulted in the total loss of both the structure - \$467,000 and contents - \$560,000, which are reflected in the below numbers).

- \$2,320,100 in pre-fire value
- \$1,117,080 in property saved
- \$1,203,020 in property lost

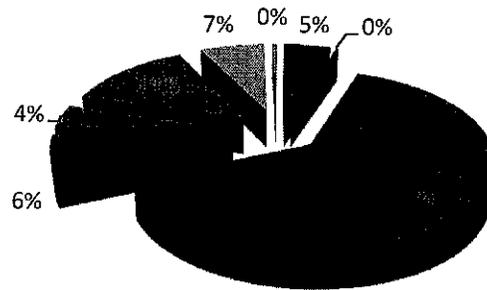
	Structure fires	17	
	Cooking fire	5	
	Vehicle fire	3	
	Grass / wild land fire	4	
	Other	3	
<b>TOTAL - Fires</b>			<b>32</b>
	Explosion (no fire)	1	
<b>TOTAL - Explosion</b>			<b>1</b>
	Medical Assist	382	
	Vehicle crash with injuries	9	
	Vehicle / pedestrian crash with injuries	3	
	Vehicle crash with extrication	3	
	Water / Ice Rescue	1	
	Other	1	
<b>TOTAL - EMS</b>			<b>399</b>
	Natural gas leak	11	
	Carbon Monoxide	3	
	Power line down	8	
	Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	5	
	Vehicle crash without injuries	9	
	Other	4	
<b>TOTAL - HAZARDOUS CONDITION</b>			<b>40</b>
	Water evacuation, leak	3	
	Animal rescue	1	
	Public service	12	
	Unauthorized burning	1	
	Coverage, stand-by	11	
	Other		
<b>TOTAL - SERVICE CALL</b>			<b>28</b>

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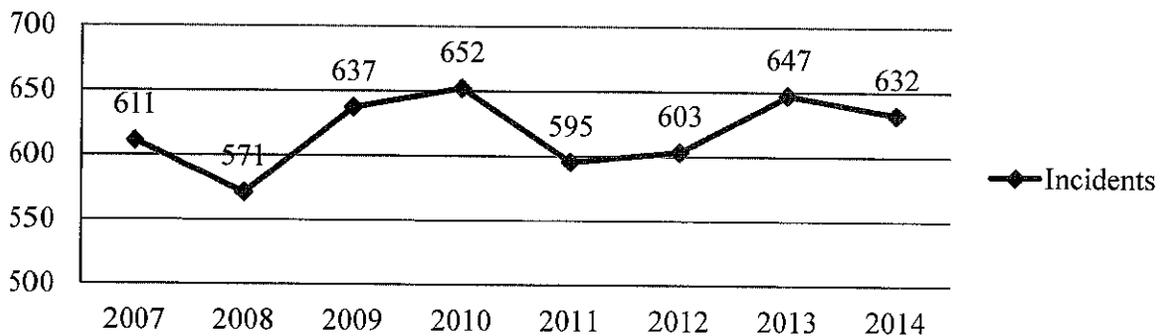
Cancelled incident	81	
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	3	
Other	2	
<b>TOTAL - GOOD INTENT</b>		<b>86</b>
Smoke detector unintentional	8	
Smoke detector malfunction	6	
Unintentional transmission of alarm	9	
Carbon monoxide detector malfunction	10	
Other	10	
<b>TOTAL - ALARMS</b>		<b>43</b>
Lightning strike (no fire)	2	
Severe weather stand-by	1	
<b>TOTAL - SEVERE WEATHER</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>TOTAL - INCIDENTS</b>		<b>632</b>

**2014 Incident Comparison**

- Fires
- Explosion
- EMS
- Hazardous Condition
- Service Call
- Good Intent
- Automatic Alarms
- Severe Weather



**Annual Incident Comparison**



### Mutual Aid

Green Oak Township	Lyon Township	Salem Township
Given 19	Given 14	Given 0
Received 3	Received 9	Received 2

Agencies that provided mutual aid for the Pullum fire.

- 👤 Brighton Area Fire Authority
- 👤 Consumers Energy
- 👤 Detroit Edison
- 👤 Green Oak Township Fire Department
- 👤 Hamburg Township Fire Department
- 👤 Lyon Township Fire Department
- 👤 Northfield Township Fire Department
- 👤 Novi Fire Department
- 👤 Oakland County Sheriff's Office
- 👤 Salem Township Fire Department
- 👤 Salvation Army Canteen Services
- 👤 South Lyon Department of Public Works
- 👤 South Lyon Police Department
- 👤 South Lyon Water Department
- 👤 Wixom Fire Department



In March, SLFD received assistance from Green Oak Twp and Lyon Twp FDs for a large grass fire between the cemetery and CSX right of way.

In January, SLFD received assistance from Green Oak Twp and Lyon Twp FDs for a structure fire at Sun Steel on North Mill Street. Fire damage was limited to an outside blasting booth.



## Human Resources

### Promotions

- Mike Weir promoted to Deputy Chief
- Cory Armstrong promoted to Lieutenant
- David Johnston, Brad Moynihan, and Chris Demeniuk promoted to Sergeant.
- Ryan Carlington, Chris Lynn, and Stephanie Shippe promoted to Aerial Platform Operator.
- Russell Achatz promoted to Engineer.

### New Hires

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|------------------|------------------|
| ○ Mike Olando    | ○ Tim Hefferan   |
| ○ Cindy Conrad   | ○ Tyler Knutson  |
| ○ Dean Mitchell  | ○ Matt Schornack |
| ○ Britany Tooman | ○ Leticia Blumer |
| ○ Jamie Allen    |                  |

### Separations

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| ○ Dan Hammon      | ○ Tyler Knutson   |
| ○ Rob Glenn       | ○ Matt Schornack  |
| ○ Josh Glenn      | ○ Leticia Blumer  |
| ○ Jon Gearns      | ○ Jamie Allen     |
| ○ Shawn Hitchcock | ○ Dexter Kernohan |
| ○ Daniel Stanisiz |                   |

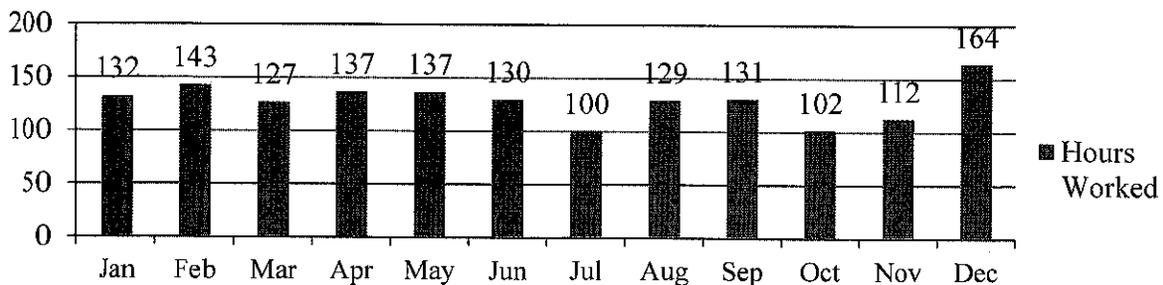
## Firefighter of the Year

(Right) Ryan Carlington (pictured on the right) was selected by the fire officers as the 2014 Firefighter of the Year. FF Carlington has served with SLFD since December 2011. Ryan is one of the top responders and frequently assists with community and public events. Company. Ryan is an aerial platform operator and has become an excellent firefighter during his tenure with us.



## Fire Chief Hours Worked

 Detailed summary available upon request. 1,541 hours worked.



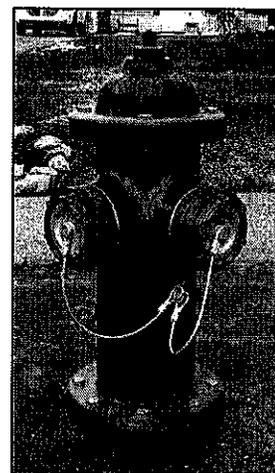
### Day Shift Program

Staffing is at its lightest during weekdays when the majority of on-call personnel commute out of the City to their fulltime jobs. This phenomenon is shared nationally by paid-on-call fire departments. Additionally, the fire department has a regular need for personnel to be available during regular business hours to allow contractors access to perform vehicle and facility maintenance, answer citizen inquiries, accommodate public education requests, inspect hydrants, and conduct fire inspections. In order to address this predicament, two on-call personnel have been assigned to work on-duty day shifts Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. As a cost savings measure, the Fire Chief normally fills the shift on Friday. Personnel are expected to perform work during this period, and a daily log is submitted to the Fire Chief. This shift program has ensured consistent and rapid response to weekday emergencies. Additionally, it has significantly improved apparatus, equipment, and facility maintenance.

### Hydrants

This was the third year that the fire department has had primary responsibility for municipal fire hydrant inspection and preventative maintenance. A significant amount of time was spent liaising with the representatives from the numerous private hydrant systems to ensure operational readiness of these private systems.

- 👤 412 - city hydrants inspected, flushed, and lubricated.
  - 31 referred to DPW for repair.
- 👤 101 - private hydrants inspected.
  - 7 repaired.



(left) SLFD staff interact with the community and explain fire equipment during Pumpkinfest.

### Community Relations and Fire Safety Education

- 👤 Participated in forty-four public education activities ranging from school presentations, station tours, varsity football stand-bys, and presence at community events.
- 👤 Functionally checked smoke alarms at 35 residences.
- 👤 Installed 29 new smoke alarms.
- 👤 Installed 26 new batteries.
- 👤 Replaced 10 carbon monoxide alarms on dispatched carbon monoxide incidents.

## Fire Prevention Bureau

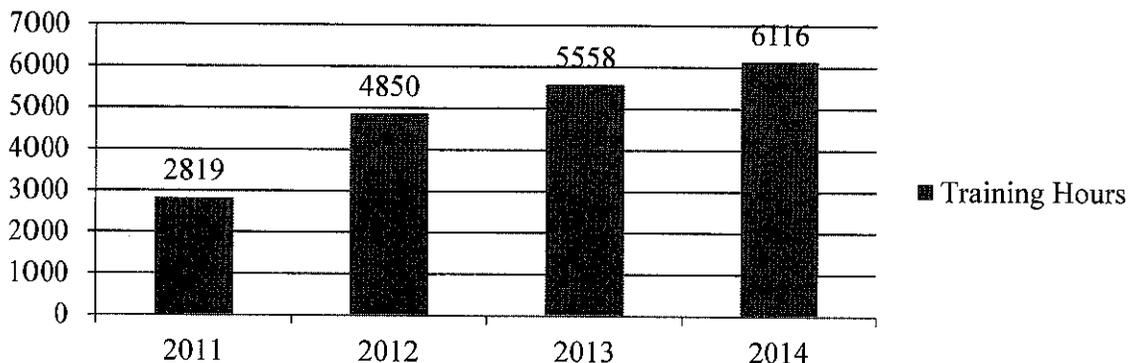
With local economic improvement, the fire prevention bureau witnessed a steep increase in activity. Lt. Jeff Noechel serves as the fire inspector and coordinates the daily functions of the Fire Prevention Bureau. He averages eight to ten hours per week, which includes field inspections, application reviews, and special projects.

### 2014 Accomplishments:

- 2 major community events with occupancy load calculations.
- 50 annual fire inspections of commercial occupancies.
- 7 sets of architectural print reviews.
- 3 sprinkler tests due to system modification.
- 30 key box checks.
- 5 change of occupancies for new businesses.
- 2 business site relocations.
- 16 hours of continuing education.

## Training

- Multiple live fire training sessions were conducted at the City of Wixom burn tower.
- In September, staff completed mandatory competencies for engineer and aerial platform operator.
- Numerous opportunities were provided for firefighters to attend advanced training courses such as large vehicle extrication, advanced extrication techniques, aerial platform operator, engineer, and officer development.
- Firefighters Esper, Bromley, and LaCroix completed the Livingston County Fire Fighter Training academy at the Brighton Area Fire Authority. This course is eight months and over 400 hours of training.
- Firefighters Mitchell, Conrad, and Orlando completed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training.
- Lieutenant Armstrong, Sergeant Johnston, and Sergeant Moynihan completed Fire Officer I & II.
- Deputy Chief Weir completed Fire Officer III.
- Chief Kennedy, Deputy Chief Weir, Lieutenants Armstrong and Shekell, and Sergeants Wilson, Johnston and Demeniuk completed the 24 hour Blue Card Command Incident Commander certification program.

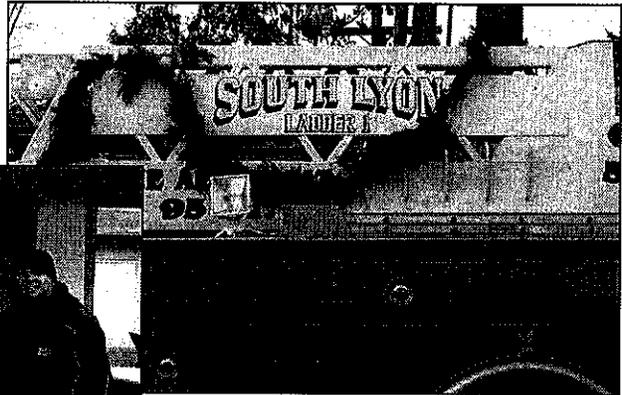


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On Friday, August 8 at 2:00 PM, SLFD created a “water park” in the Whipple Street parking lot. The genesis for this came from city resident Kenyson Borkowski. Ms. Borkowski is part of a local non-profit group that is part of a larger effort called The Greatest International Scavenger Hunt the World Has Ever Seen. It is estimated that 100 adults and children attended. Due to the success of this event, we will look to do this again.

On Saturday, December 6, 2014, SLFD participated in the Cool Yule parade and provided transportation for Santa Claus.



In July, staff practiced technical rescue evolutions using rope systems and the aerial ladder.

