Outlook

September report and statistics

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In the Month of September, the Kingston/Forty Fort Fire Department was dispatched to the following incidents.

- 583 total incidents
- 477 E.M.S. incidents
- 59 Fire incidents
- 2 Rescue incidents
- 34 miscellaneous incidents such as trees down, wires down or flooding.
- 11 lift assists
- 303 E.M.S. Calls in Kingston
- 48 E.M.S. Calls in Forty Fort
- 41 E.M.S. Calls in Swoyersville
- 22 E.M.S. Calls in Pringle
- 144 times two calls came in at once
- 83 times three calls came in at once

The month of October is going to be very busy for your fire department. On October 4th we have an open house / fire safety day for persons with special needs. The coordinators are Forty Fort council person Cara Post, and Kingston/Forty Fort Firefighter Tim Saltz.

October 18th your fire department is having the first open house in more than ten years. The Forty Fort Volunteer Fire company, The Columbian Volunteer Fire Company, The Independent Volunteer Fire Company of Kingston, The Luzerne County Professional Firefighters and The American Red Cross are all a big part of this event.

The week of October 19th your firefighters will be giving the very important lesson of fire safety using the West Side Mutual Aide Safety House. We see hundreds of children that week every year.

Some very exciting news is the Independent Volunteer Fire Company of Kingston bought a rescue truck from the City of New Kensington Pennsylvania. This truck will primarily provide breathing air to our firefighters on the scene of fires, lighting with light towers, and very long air lines to fill self-contained breathing apparatus on the upper floors of high-rise fires or below grade in technical rescue situations. It is also designed for every day vehicle rescue calls and in the event of the rescue at headquarters being out of service like it has been the whole last month we can use the Independents truck as a backup rescue. The Independent has bought new turnout gear and currently has three firefighters attending the fire academy at Luzerne County Community College.

Forty Fort Boro just invested a significant amount of time and money into the yearly upgraded and preventative maintenance of Forty Fort Engine 4. Engine 4 is 20 years old but still looks and runs like new because Forty Fort sends it to Honesdale Fire Equipment once a year for upgrades and maintenance. This engine will serve us well for many years to come. In house and with the help of Honesdale Fire Equipment we made some alterations to Engine 4. With electric vehicles becoming more prevalent, the amount of train traffic in Kingston, the airport in Forty Fort and all of the fuel trucks that come through town every day we turned Engine 4 into the engine that responds to any and all vehicle related incidents, any type of incident

that might need foam and we also set Engine 4 up to be a backup rescue vehicle. Deputy Chief Pugh spearheaded this operation and he did great.
As the chief of your department, I am very humbled by all of the time, effort, and money both Municipalities and all three volunteer companies have been providing to make our department a success.