

Downriver Fire Fighters – Bowl for Burns History

1982 - \$ 156	1995 - \$ 19,000
1983 - \$ 560	1996 - \$ 20,130
1984 - \$ 1,200	1997 - \$ 23,400
1985 - \$ 4,000	1998 - \$ 31,130
1986 - \$ 4,500	1999 - \$ 32,567
1987 - \$ 5,900	2000 - \$ 40,834
1988 - \$ 8,400	2001 - \$ 48,000
1989 - \$ 10,000	2002 - \$64,006
1990 - \$ 11,200	2003 - \$50,546
1991 - \$ 12,600	2004 - \$48,255
1992 - \$ 13,200	2005 - \$51,982
1993 - \$ 16,400	2006 - \$51,608
1994 - \$ 16,000	2007- \$51,950

Total 27 Years = \$686,158.00

1982 - Tournament began at Trenton Lanes, 1 Saturday, 2 squads – Called the “Trenton Fire Fighters Bowl for Burns”

1984 - Tournament expanded to 3 Saturdays, 2 squads each day

1984 - Detroit Fire Fighters – IAFF Local 444 brought first squad to bowl

1985 - Added Friday night squad and included 9-pin No-Tap as a separate event

1985 – “Monsanto” squad organized by Gary Free. 110 bowlers in squad.

1986 – Expanded to 5 weeks – 15 squads

1988 – Tournament originally raised funds for National Institute for Burn Medicine. We changed beneficiary to University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center.

1989 – Event moved to Parkway Bowling Center to allow more participation (40 Lanes)

1990 – Tried a “Senior Singles” Division. Lack of support caused cancellation.

1991 – Central Distributors of Budweiser became involved as the major sponsor of the tournament.

1994 – First Year for the “Lincoln Park Fire Fighters, Police and VFW” squad.

- 1995 – First year for “Jim Clark Squad”. Jim organized many friends and family for the “Monsanto” squad, but continued growth caused Jim to start his own squad. (Now the “Scott’s Professional Mobile Homes Squad”)
- 1995 – 1700 participants in four different events. First year for the “Classic Division” Other divisions were Mens, Womens, 9-pin.
- 1997 – John Mills took charge of the “Solutia Squad”. 200 bowlers in squad.
- 1998 – More than 1900 participants. First year of Auction organized by Mike Szepanick, raised \$6900.
- 1999 – First year for Steve Allen’s Bowling and Trophy squad.
- 2000 – Allen’s Bowling and Trophy expanded to 2 squads. One team and one 9-pin.
- 2002 – Auction expanded through the effort of Mike Bitner and raised nearly \$9,000. UAW Local 600 and Ford Motor Company became involved through the efforts of Mike.
- 2003 – “Downriver Fire Fighters” became the host of the “Bowl for Burns”. Project became too large and many fire fighters volunteered to assist in many ways. Web page is begun by Gary Chambers - “bowlforburns.com”
- 2004 – Tournament was moved to Woodhaven Lanes, due to ownership changes and lanes availability.
- 2005 – Hamtramck Singles Classic became Gold Sponsor and help organize a bowling squad with Jeff Lizewski - Ski’s Bowlers and Pro Shop.
- 2006 – Tournament Returned to Parkway Lanes. C*MAC Transportation became major sponsor along with Ford Motor Company and Hamtramck Singles Classic.

There are more than 100 volunteers that have made this fundraising event a success. They include:

Board of Directors, “Bowl for Burns” Committee, Fellow Fire Fighters, Squad Organizers, Squad workers and many others.

Thanks to All!