

# **Fairfield Township**

## **Fire Department**



## **Annual Report**

# **2022**

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## From Fire Chief Timothy J. Thomas Sr., OFE OFC

As I sit here beginning to work on the 2022 Annual Fire Department Report... It has been ten years since I began my career here as the Fire Chief. I am extremely proud of what the members of this Department have been able to accomplish during the past ten years.

I would remind you as you read this report that everything you read about in this report is only made possible through the hard work and effort of all the members of the Fire Department, Township Administration, and the support of our Community.

We continue to make major changes to the Department. As with all area Fire Departments we have continued to struggle with staffing. Ten years ago, we operated as a part-time operation with limited full-time leadership. We were able to add leadership positions to the 24 hour shifts this year. After working with our IAFF Local #5276 and Township Leaders, we created Shift Captain positions. The Board of Trustee authorized the creation of Shift Captain Positions. This is an important step in the development of leadership positions with-

in the full time ranks of the department. We have made some significant changes in our staffing matrix.

The long-time day turn Training position has been eliminated. The training duties will now be part of the Shift Cap-



tains responsibilities.

Captain Baumann has been moved to a 24/48 Shift Position and will now serve as the Unit 1 Shift Captain. On October 11, 2022, Lieutenants Joel Coomer and Chris Sander were hired as full time Shift Captains. Captain Coomer as the Unit 2 Shift Captain and Captain Sander the Unit 3 Shift Captain.

The addition of these positions will continue our commitment to providing leadership and consistency during the entire 24-hour period. The shift captains will work together with the remaining part time officers to keep our staff and operations on track.

However, it has quickly made a positive impact in the overall operations. I will say that having coverage by officers has helped me to get better sleep knowing we have helped close the gap that has existed for a very long time.

We continue our efforts to increase the number of full-time staff members. Trustees authorized an increase of three full-time members in the first quarter of the year. We were able to move forward with hiring some internal candidates. We hired Matt Estridge, Nate Pierani, Noah Enderle, and Eric Rolls. We later hired Bryce Hudson to replace Noah Enderle who resigned. In November we hired Kenneth Rust and Christopher Simpson. They replaced Logan Deboard and Matt Metzner who resigned to take other full-time positions.

The Department also was able to finalize the Collective Bargaining Agreement with our Firefighters Union. While the process did take a while, I was pleased that we were able to reach





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an agreement. I look forward to maintaining a great relationship between the Local and the Fire Department Administration.

The Department had applied for the SAFER Grant asking for 9 full-time positions. Unfortunately, the Department received notification that our grant was denied. We are committed to addressing the staffing needs of the Department and will continue to work with the Administration in our efforts to fund and staff additional full-time positions.

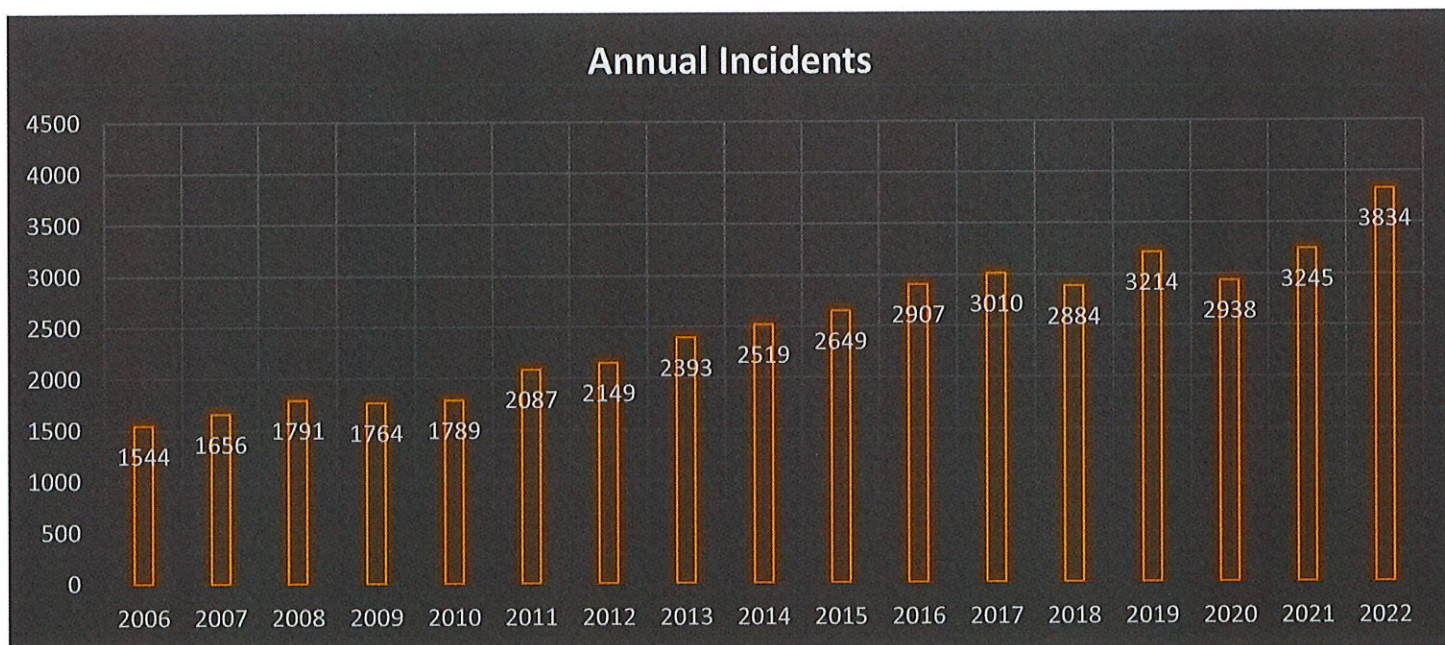
As a Department, we continue to work with area Fire Departments to serve not only our Township, but to provide assistance throughout Butler County. We continue to participate in regional operations such as the Fire Investigation Team, Incident Management Team, Water Rescue, Hazmat, Tech Rescue, and cooperative purchasing opportunities.

This year we were able to purchase a new ambulance as well as add a used unit to our fleet. Due to supply chain issues and difficulty in purchasing a new ambulance, we purchased a Demo unit from Horton. This allowed us to accept delivery of the Demo 1 weeks instead of 18-24 months that was the current delay in delivery.



We also located a used unit that was in excellent shape through Horton and were able to purchase it as well. As we continue to get busier it was apparent that we needed to have more capacity as we experienced several times that we were only able to operate a single ambulance due to mechanical issues. Adding the additional unit allows us to avoid that. We were able to help our neighbors and loan them a unit. It was nice to be able to loan them a unit as we had previously been the Department borrowing units.

After looking for solutions to the ground water issues at Station 211 for many years, our Service Department was able to resolve it. Service Department staff installed drainage along the front of the building along with updating the entire landscaping plan. The mulch beds were changed over to stone with the overgrown plants





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removed and replaced with new plantings. The draining change has eliminated the lake that formed on the sidewalk whenever it rained as well as removed enough ground water to eliminate the water entering the electrical room floor.

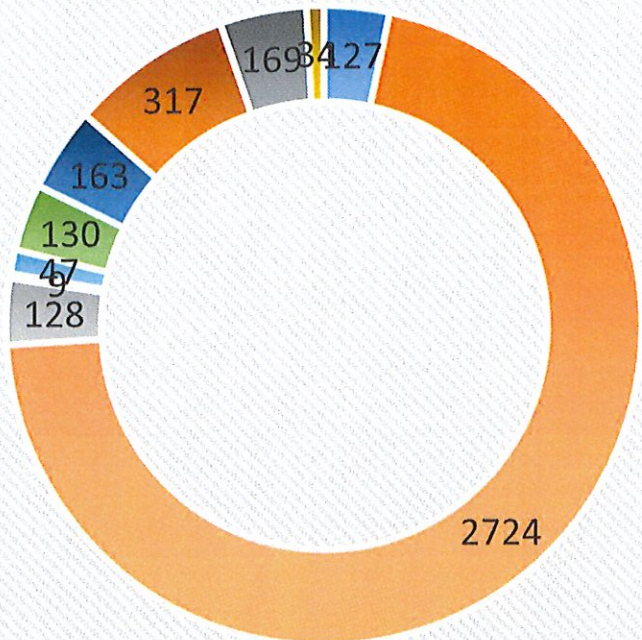
We continue our efforts to maintain a safe and healthy environment in our EMS units as well as our Fire Stations. Members continue to use the UV disinfection systems to help reduce our risks. Medic units are disinfected after runs. The stations are disinfected at least weekly.

We reduced our fleet vehicles by one this year. The changes to staffing allowed the department to eliminate the need for a staff vehicle. We sold the remaining Suburban to the EMA. The Tahoe was placed at Station 211 as a service vehicle. The Training vehicle was reassigned as the Fire Chiefs staff vehicle.

We looked at possible purchasing a new ladder truck with an anticipated 2023 delivery window. We originally looked at an 18-month time frame, this has been moved out to almost 30 months. However, with the ongoing delivery times climbing, it was decided to wait and make this purchase after the new Fire Chief is in place in 2024.



## 2022 Incidents



- Fires
- EMS
- Vehicle Crashes
- Entrapments
- Hazardous Condition
- Service Calls
- Assist Invalid
- Good Intent
- False Alarm
- Weather



## Kay Hilvert—Administrative Assistant

I've been handling phone calls and assisting anyone that comes into the station with questions on a daily basis.

Keeping track of the daily incident runs and then giving that report to Chief Thomas and Assistant Chief Schumann at the end of each month. Keeping track of staffing over the course of the year and then giving that report to Assistant Chief Schumann at the end of the year.

Keeping track of all invoices that are being paid and keeping those invoices in folders on my computer for easy access if needed.

Keeping an excel spreadsheet on inventory of all uniforms so I know what needs to be ordered for new and current staff. I'm the point of contact for Marcia McGuinn making sure she has all new and current staffing names on uniforms so we can get those to new and current staff on a timely matter.

Contacting new applicants and setting up interviews and helping with any questions they may have during the hiring process. I get them set up with their uniforms, show them around the station on their first day of work and then turn them over to the Captain on shift that day.

Scanning all new employee files to Dianne so she can put them into her system.

Soon will learn how to keep track of all the bariatric billing with Assistant Chief Schumann.

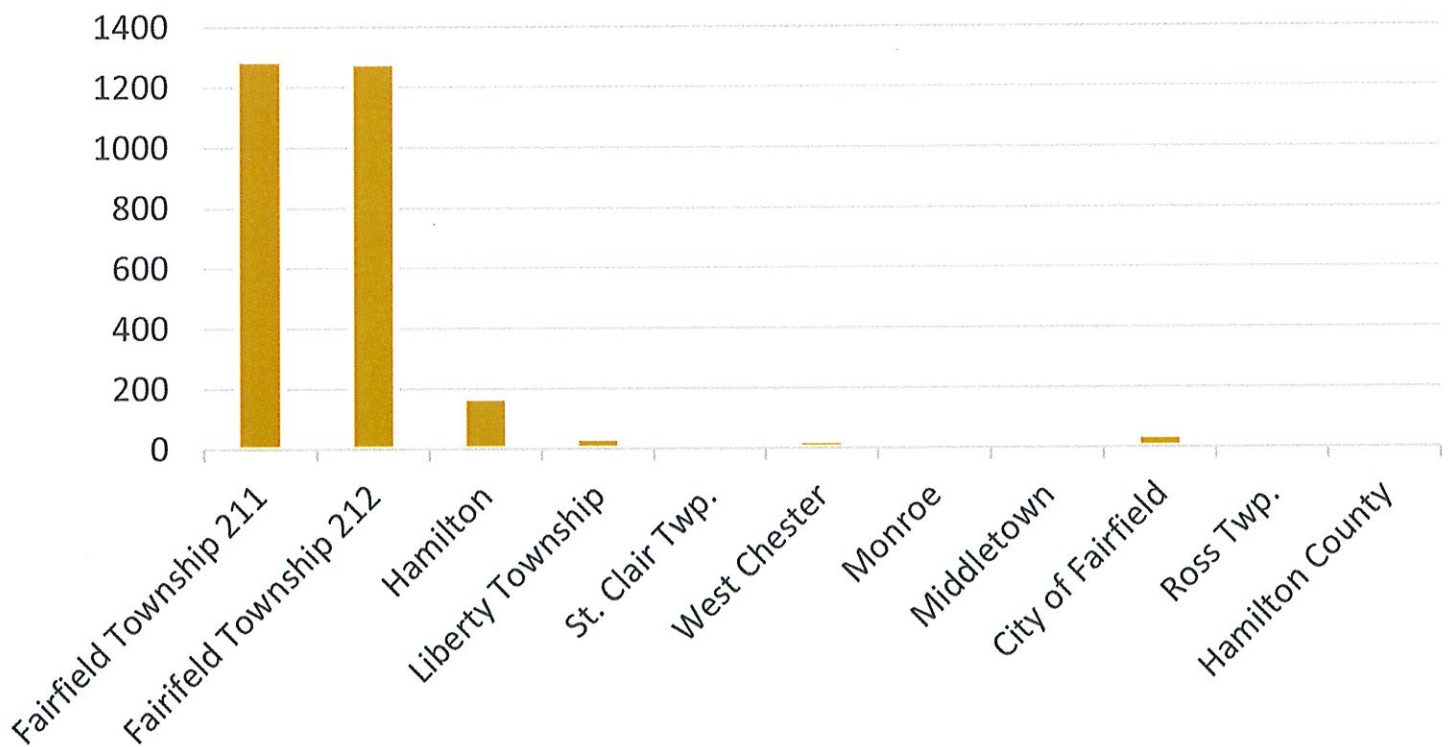
Learning how the budget works and trying to keep an eye on low PO accounts. It's a learning experience and looking forward to learning more and helping out as much as I can in the future.







Incident by District





## Assistant Chief Matthew Schumann OFE OFC

As we close out 2022 and begin 2023 it is exciting to see where we have come from and where we are going. Although 2022 had many hurdles such as denial of the SAFER grant and the AFG Grant, staffing issues and turn over, it would not have been a successful year without the continued commitment of our dedicated staff. From our most seasoned members to our newest members, we could not have been as successful as we were.



2022 was our busiest year on record, responding to over 3,800 calls for service. That allows us to collaborate closely with our neighboring fire departments. We started and updated many projects that increase our abilities to work seamlessly with those departments. For instance, the fire chiefs' association developed and adopted an IMAT response guideline. This system requests chief officers to respond

to predetermined incidents. This system allows the Incident Commander to embed a level of safety into the incident we did not have before. We continue to update our other collaborative guidelines such as Mayday, Radio Procedures, IMAT, and Incident Command. As we continue on we will continue to improve the way we operate so when we work with our neighboring departments it is seamless.



As you read through this 2022 summary, you will notice several graphs that illustrate our demographics for the year. Some of them have the comparisons from years past. It is amazing to me how we were able to keep up with our everyday projects, details and duties and still

provide outstanding service to our communities. Again, we could not do that without the dedication from our staff.

Our Emergency Medical (EMS) incidents increased drastically. Our membership delivers exceptional care to our patients. With exceptional care comes with exceptional equipment. We were able to purchase all new cardiac monitors and AEDs for all of our apparatus. These new monitors/AED have the latest, most up-to-date technology available for EMS. We anticipate delivery mid-2023.

We were able to secure a grant to fund a communication portal for both stations. This portal is a cloud system that is updated through a secure online portal. The communication portal keeps our station and membership informed like never before with real-time incident alerts, news, events, videos, personnel recognition and easy-to-update key information. This will keep everyone up-to-date with the latest departmental information. This system will be updated on a daily basis by our shift captains and administrative staff.

As we continue to progress as our community grows it is important that we work together towards a common goal. The strategic plan has been set and will guide us through the next couple years. The accomplishments of 2022 would not have been possible without the full support of our Township Administrator and our elected officials.





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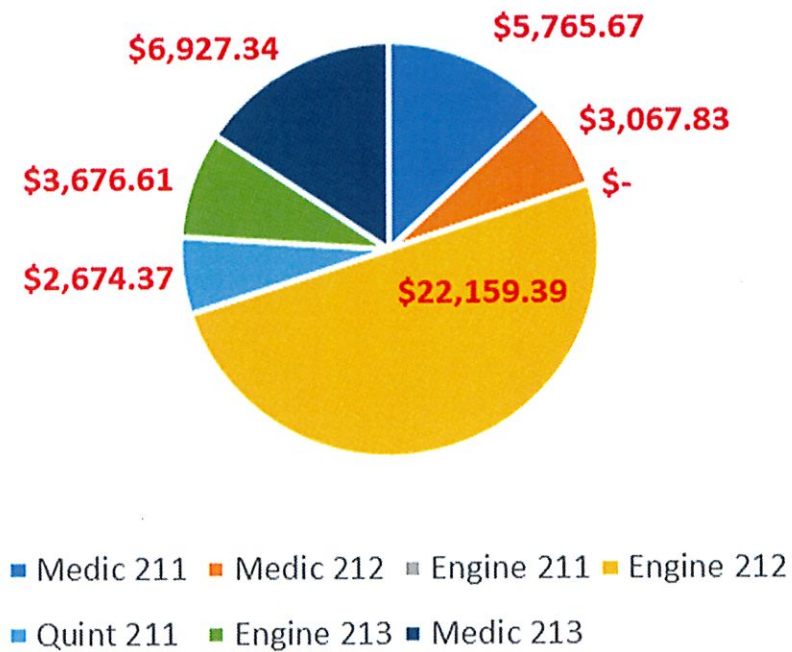
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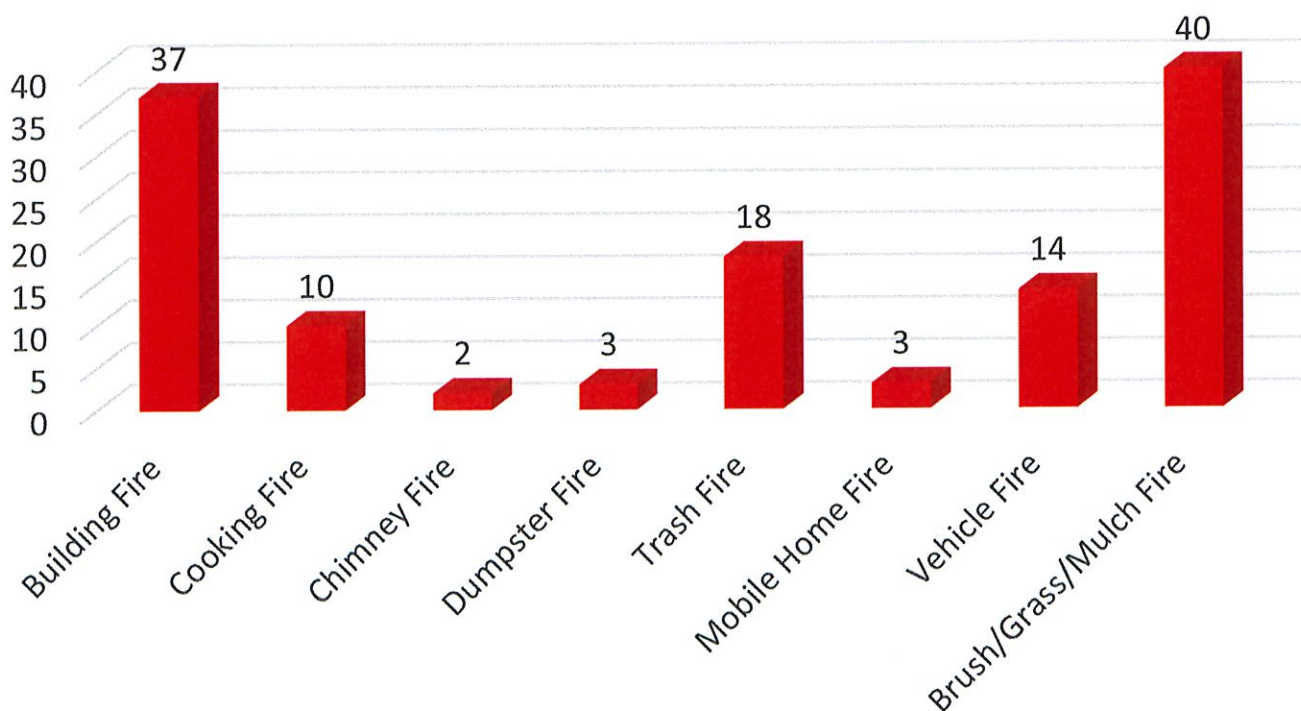




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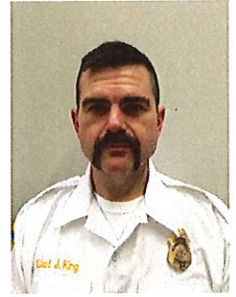
## Fire Incident Type





## Captain John King

To start off, I want to thank all of the personnel for their hard work and continuous commitment to the Department. Due to low manpower in the entire area and another record number of Emergency Details this year, it has been a challenging year to say the least.



### STATION 212

The station continues to remain in good shape. As always, the crews continue to perform small repairs to keep the house up and running.

The department called outside Contractors only a few times for repairs this year to make repairs that they specialize in.



### STATION 212 OFFICERS

The Officers continue to oversee required duties that are set forth such as scheduling, inventories, daily duties and minor repairs that may be needed.

### VEHICLES

All vehicles are currently in-service and continue to be maintained on a preventive maintenance schedule. Unfortunately, we have had multiple unforeseeable repairs performed to the front-line apparatus this year that required some out of service time

### HYDRANTS

All of the Fire Hydrants in the Station 212 Districts were tested by on duty crews with only minimal maintenance request that had to be forwarded BCWS.

### HOSE TESTING

Hose Testing went well this year, all Apparatus and Spare Hose was tested by the on-duty crews without any issues.

### SCHEDULE UPDATE

The Southwestern Ohio area continues to have a Firefighter/Paramedic shortage and the entire area is suffering. We as a department are making every effort to fill the schedule.

With the hiring of the new Full-Time Captains gave some more consistent supervision and Line Personnel and was a great step in filling voids in the schedule as well.

Currently we have thirty-six 12 hour open shifts on the Master Schedule.

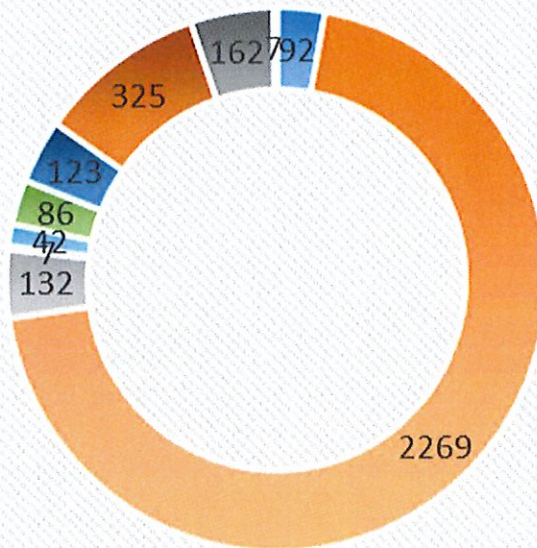
### PERSONNEL

This year, we as a Department have had fifteen personnel resign for a Fulltime Position, different careers and various other reasons.





## 2021 Incidents



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- EMS
- Vehicle Crashes
- Entrapments
- Hazardous Condition
- Service Calls
- Assist Invalid
- Good Intent
- False Alarm

### *Capt King Continued*

A high percentage of our part-time ranks have Full-Time jobs and with the amount of overtime throughout the area caused the Domino Effect. Again, I would like to thank everyone who still put the time in to help cover the schedule deficiencies.

### TRAININGS

I attended multiple Fire and EMS trainings on/off shift throughout the year to obtain the required amount of continuing education hours to remain current.





## Captain Joel Coomer

As a fire lieutenant for station 211 I am responsible for Engine 211 and SCBA'S ( self-contained breathing apparatus) for both stations.

### Engine 211

I oversee the daily/yearly maintenance of Engine 211 and all of the equipment on the apparatus.

### SCBA

I oversee the maintenance and ordering of all SCBA equipment. I am a certified MSA technician able to work on repairs in house instead of constantly sending them to Vogelphol Fire.

The MSA G1 air packs have been a great addition to FTFD and have held up very well. All firefighters have been assigned their own mask. With everyone having their own masks, it cuts down on cross contamination of illnesses. In 2023, we are hopefully going be able to host a MSA class in station to certify more people.

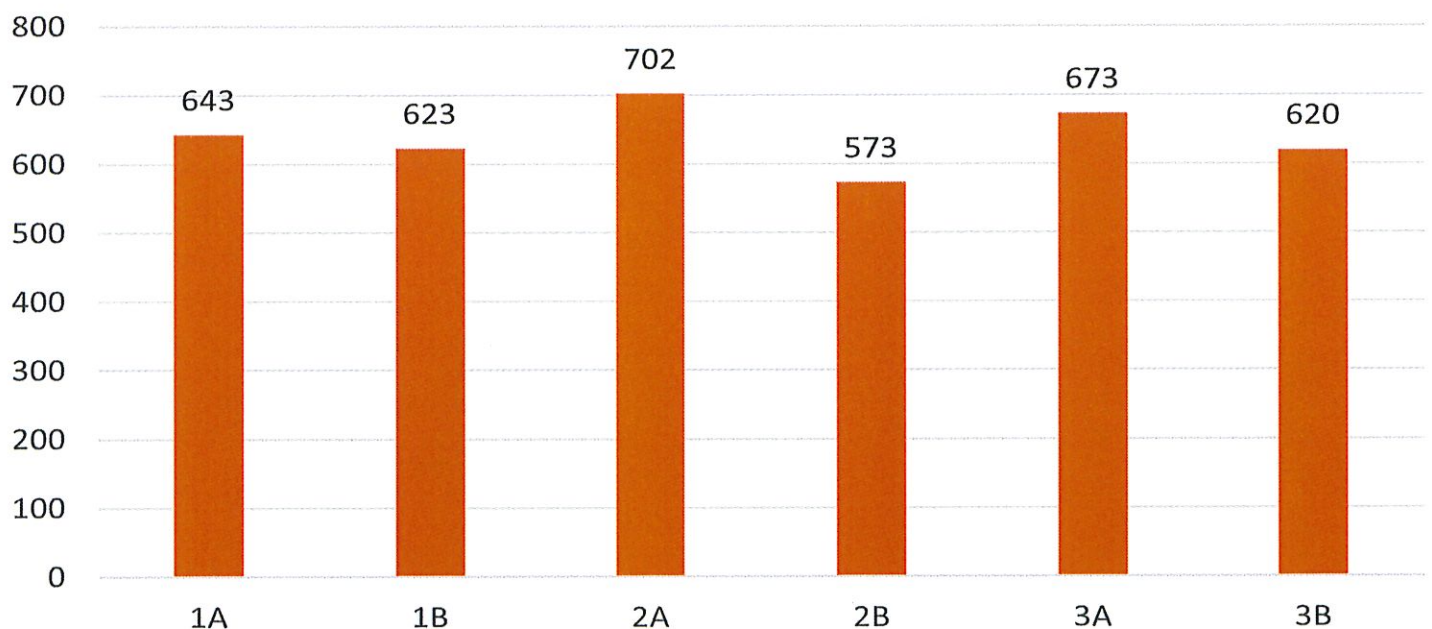
### Quarter master

We have a contract with Cintas for most of our station supplies. Any additional supplies are bought in bulk and stored at station 212.

In October of 2022 I was blessed with an incredible opportunity to become a Full-Time Shift Captain with FTFD. I transitioned from a part-time Lieutenant to Full Time Shift Captain. It has been a learning curve but I am enjoying the new position and constantly learning. This is my 25<sup>th</sup> year with FTFD and this is still an incredible place to work and live. My crew and I cannot wait to see what 2023 has in store for us.



## Incident Count by Shift

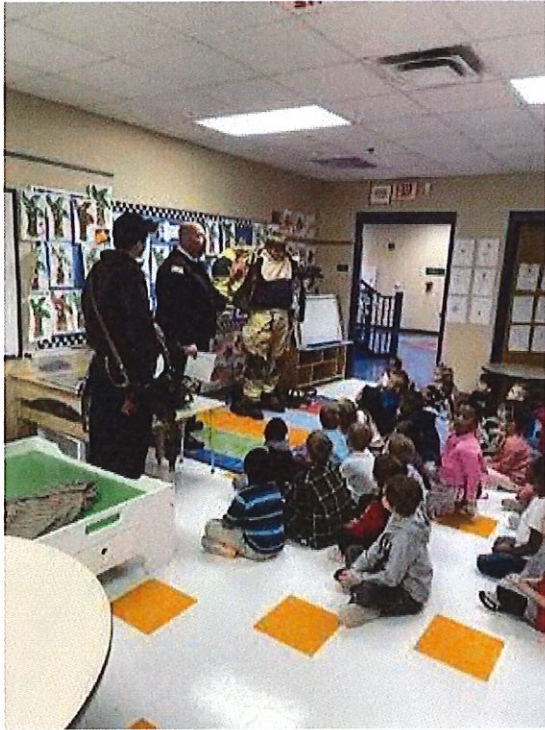
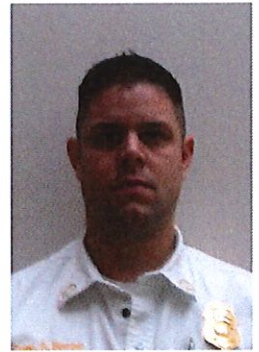




## Captain Ryan Berter

In 2022 we continued with our plan of rotating gear out of service every 10 years as required by NFPA 1851.

Fairfield Township continues to work with the Butler County EMA to provide support with county wide response. Task 2, which is a 52' Semi Truck, was removed from service this year and decommissioned.



With pandemic restrictions loosening we found ourselves getting back to more of a normal operation. Our members have been able to get back out and interact between crews as well as the public. This has helped to reduce the amount of stress on our members.

Our focus has been and will continue to be ensuring the operational readiness of our members and their dedication to serving those in need.

The fire department took a huge step forward in 2022 with the addition of full-time shift captains that serve as shift supervisors. These three individuals have transitioned into their new roles and are performing well.

We look forward to continuing our effort to build the relationships throughout our community that allow us to provide the best possible services to the citizens and visitors of Fairfield Township.

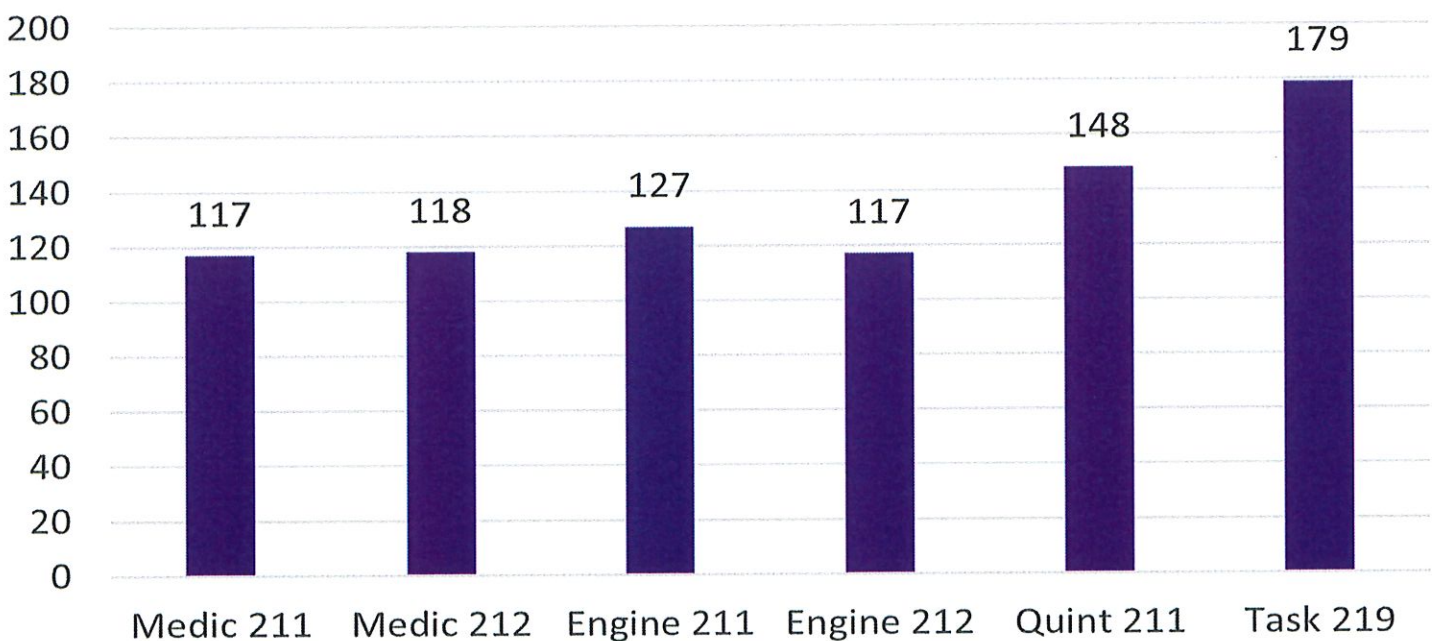




## Fire Loss by Month



## Reaction Time (Seconds) Per Vehicle







## Dept. of Emergency Medicine

Division of Emergency Medical  
Services

231 Albert Sabin Way  
Cincinnati, OH 45267-0769



27 January, 2023

Fairfield Township Fire Department  
6048 Morris Road  
Fairfield Township, Ohio 45011

Chief Thomas,

Please accept the following 2022 EMS Annual Report from the Fairfield Township Fire Department medical direction team. Over the past 12 months, 13 hours of direct medical director/assistant medical director-led continuing education were performed in station. Topics included:

- Protocol review
- Hypothermia
- Pediatric seizure treatment
- Trauma resuscitation
- Pharmacology

This was complimented by an additional 22 hours of office time and impromptu education, during which time the medical direction team was able to perform ride-along activities on several occasions facilitating invaluable crew field observation.

FTFD continued participation in the UC Health / West Chester Hospital Drug Bag Exchange program, with its associated cost savings, convenience, drug security, as well as minimized drug waste. On this topic, FTFD was critical in formulating improvement recommendations regarding the stocking and administration of ketamine for pain.

The process of evaluating and operationalizing the new portable ventilators for non-invasive ventilation applications is well underway, and it is my hope to begin the necessary training to rollout these devices in the first half of 2023.

Looking forward to 2023, we will continue to have an at-least monthly presence in the fire house, covering fundamental EMS topics as well as focusing on areas for improvement identified through the CQI process. We intend to reinvigorate the physician side of the CQI process as we onboard our new Resident Assistant Medical Director, Dr. Elizabeth Stevens. We will also be conducting a variety of yet to be determined educational offerings and hope to increase the use of simulation training.

As always, the medical direction team will remain available for any and all Fire Department EMS needs.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dustin J. Calhoun".

Dustin J. Calhoun, MD FAEMS  
Medical Director  
Fairfield Township Fire Department





## **Lieutenant Shane Owens**

Calls for service in 2022 proved to be the busiest year in the history of the Fairfield Township Fire Department. With the growth of businesses and residential population, I suspect calls for service will continue to increase each year forward.

Department administration continues to take action in an effort to meet the increase in demands on the department by hiring additional full time and part time personnel, but with the constant turn over in personnel, it continues to be a struggle to maintain proper scheduled staffing on certain days.

My outlook for the new year is hopefully the administration can come up with a solution to obtain or and hire additional full time certified paramedics to remedy this current situation with department staffing.



### **STATION 212 SMALL ENGINE HYDRAULIC/BATTERY UNITS**

Annual service and maintenance performed on all current extrication equipment.

Reserve hydraulic extrication tools in storage evaluated and deemed obsolete and not safe for current use due to its age and the capability of obtaining replacement parts per service technician, units removed from service.

Q-211's Hurst rabbit tool currently out for service, unit may also have to be taken out of service as well due to age and accessibility of obtaining re-

placement parts.

### **ASSIGNED STATION 212 PERSONNEL**

Completed yearly assigned employee evaluations.

Monitor and completed uniform/individual fire gear replacement request.



### **DEPARTMENT TRAINING/NEW HIRES**

Remained very busy assisting new hires completing required job skills in department issued blue skills book.

Completed online required certification courses and obtained additional outside training subjects.

### **COMPANY OFFICER MANAGEMENT/SUPERVISION**

Supervised and managed unit day operations and assigned tasks such as daily logs, vehicle checks, scheduling, vehicle-station preventive maintenance and repairs.

### **ANNUAL HYDRANT SERVICE AND HOSE TESTING**

Assisted with the completion of servicing hydrants and testing hose on E-212 and E-213.

### **ANNUAL FIRE GEAR INSPECTION**

Completed personal PPE inspection in provided survey.

### **STATION 212 VEHICLE FLEET**

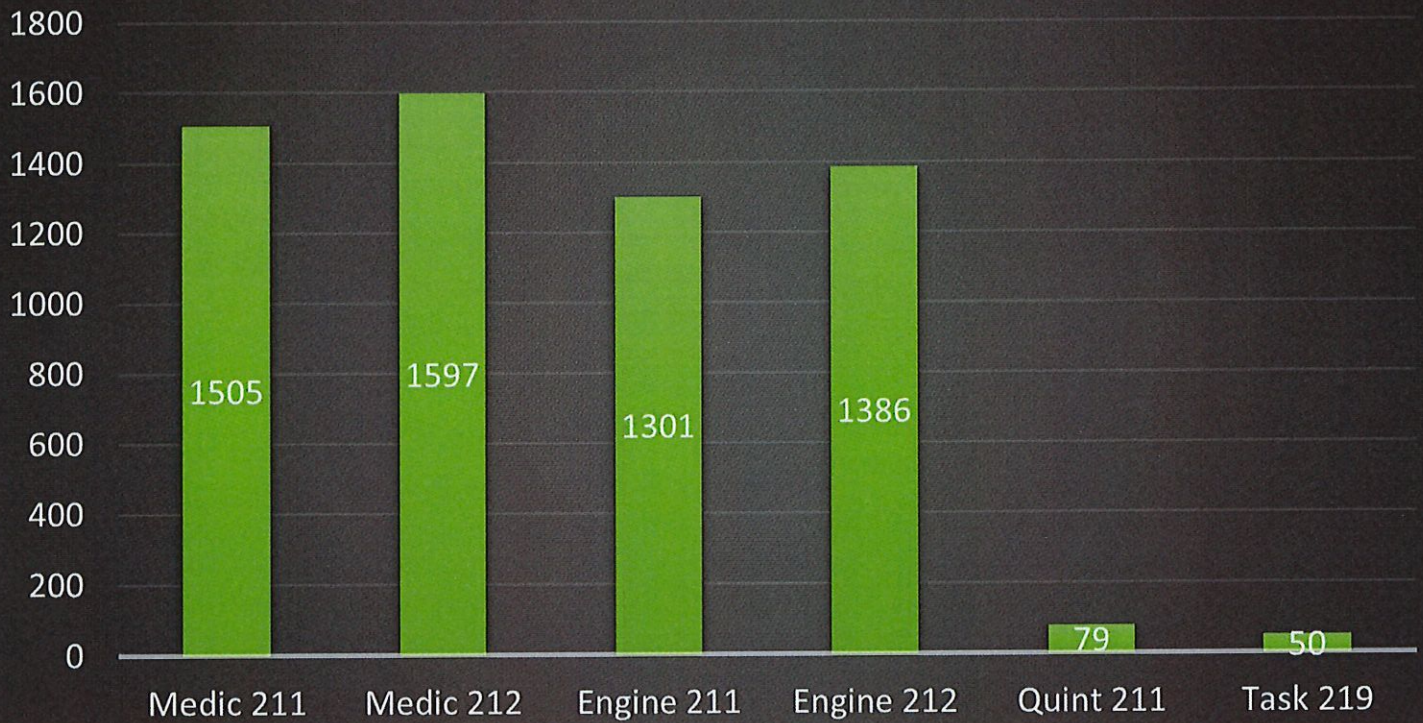
E-212 hose bed tarp replaced and PPV fan replaced with upgrade.

Current iPad replaced with used unit.

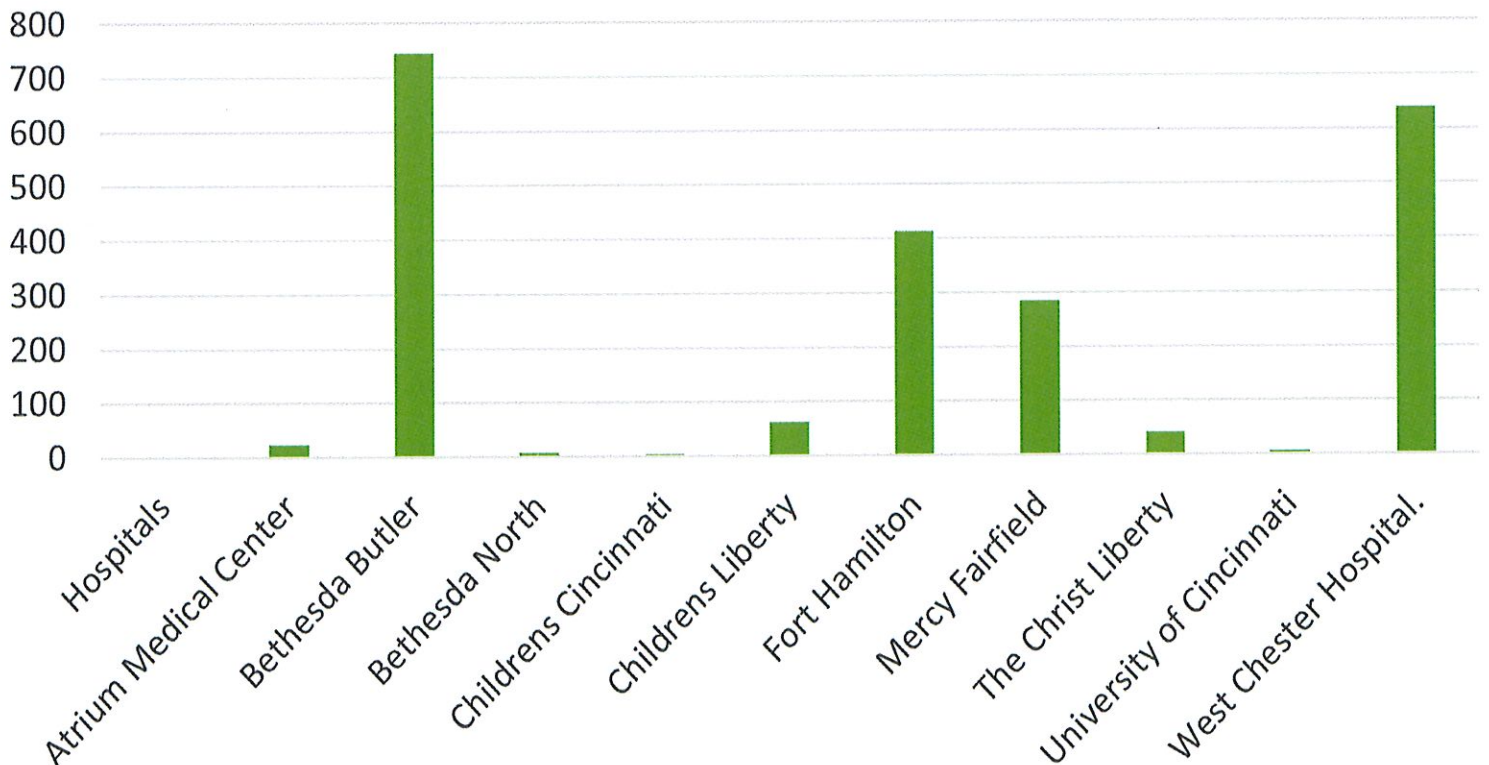




## Responses by Vehicle



## Transport Destinations

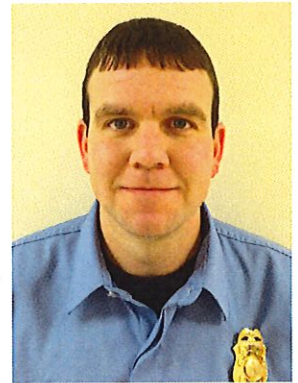




## Captain Chris Sander

2022 proved to be another busy year for the fire department. The trend of increased call volume continued as it was yet another record setting year. Crews came through like they always do and met the challenge providing excellent care and service to the community.

Hydrant Maintenance was still performed despite the increased calls. All hydrants within the Township were serviced and checked for operability. Only a handful of hydrants were found to be out of service, which were reported to Butler County Water and Sewer for repair. This work that is often 'behind the scenes' is vital to ensure that we have working hydrants should we get a fire call.



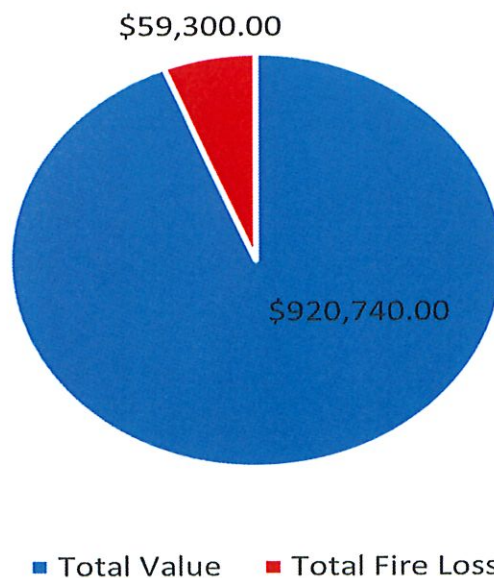
We also continued the summer hydrant painting program in 2022. Two young ladies went out throughout the summer months and painted the hydrants that were unable to be completed the previous year. The program has proved to be successful as almost half of the hydrants in the Township have now been painted. We plan to continue this program in 2023. The freshly painted hydrants are easier for crews to see on calls, slows their deterioration prolonging their service life and look much nicer.

I'm looking forward to helping Capt. Baumann and Capt. Coomer tweak our training program in 2023. We plan to make sure all three unit days are receiving the same quality training across the board. To accomplish this, we plan to utilize the knowledge and experience of our members as well as bring in outside trainings that will help us stay up to date on the ever-changing world of the fire service.



As I transition from part-time Lieutenant to full-time Captain, I am looking forward to having the opportunity to work for and with all of the great people at Fairfield Township. 2023 is going to be a big year for us and I am excited for all that it has to bring.

### Fire Loss vs. Value





## **Captain Bryon Baumann**

2022 has proven to be an interesting year with many changes, ups and downs, and big strides forward. We are seeing unprecedented times in the fire service. 2022 has shown that no department is immune to staffing shortages, overtime, and inflation. FTFD is experiencing the same short falls, but the department has adjusted the staffing matrix to provide the best service to our community. Starting off 2022 My position, 40-hour work week training captain, was moved to 24/48 to assist staffing woes. In March the department was able to secure full time positions to assist with staffing and I was assigned back to 40-hour work week. In September the department was able to add two full time captains and reassign my position to 24/48 to provide shift captain positions to add supervision and build upon continuity in the department. With the changes training will be assumed by the 3 shift captains.



As the fire service gives it also takes away. We have welcomed some new faces to the department with our constant efforts to hire and maintain staffing levels. With that we have also lost many great personnel to other fire department full time. We are not only seeing part time personnel leaving for full time jobs but also seeing full time personnel leaving for other full time fire positions.

A huge thanks to the Administration for allowing us to utilize old Station 212 (The Train Station) to conduct trainings in more realistic setting. Crews have assisted in building simulators at the train station to enhance hands on practical training. We now have a simulator for pulling ceiling, breaching walls, entanglement and entrapment, hose bed for pulling hose, forcible entry, Denver drill, and vent enter search. These simulators provide hands on training while keeping apparatus in service.

We also send members to the City of Monroe for a Swiftwater rescue technician class again this year.

This year the department has completed the following trainings:

Swift water rescue – in the pool and on the river

Ropes/knots/RPM systems/Z Drag

MPD

Aerial Operations

Fire Alarms-Fire Pumps

Search and Rescue

Protocol Update

Incident Management

Ladders

Water Supply

Driving Proficiencies

Transitional Attack

Hose Movement

Bariatric Unit





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Drowning

Company Operations

RIT

Airway

Forcible Entry

VEIS

Pulling Ceilings

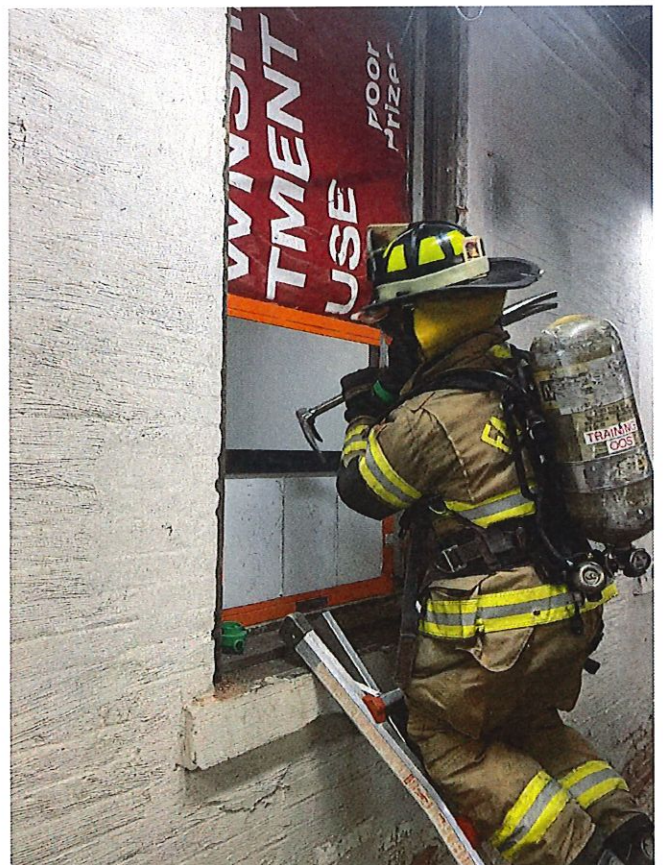
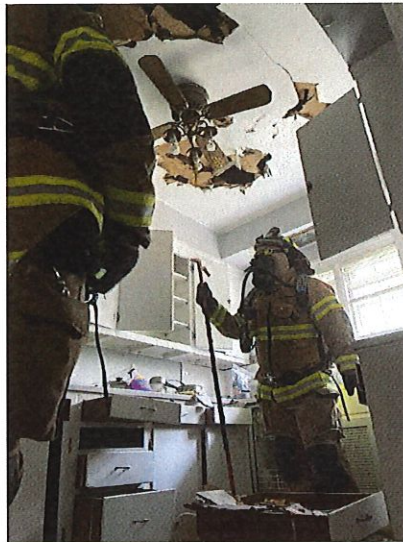
Entanglement/Entrapment

Denver Drill

In 2022 the Fairfield Township Professional Firefighters Union Local 5276 finished negotiations with the Township and came to an agreement on a contract.

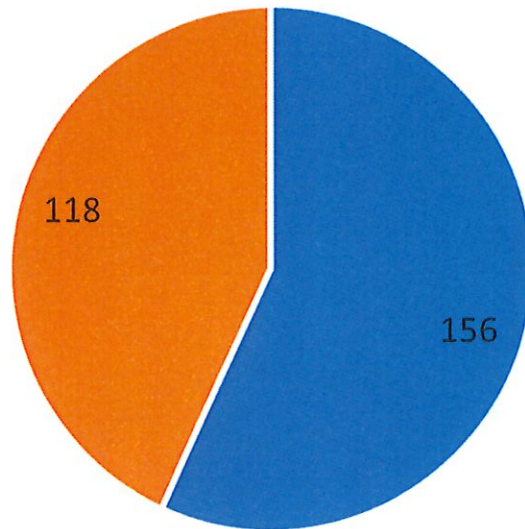
In May of 2022 I, along with other members of FTFD and HFD, travelled to Las Vegas and played in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Tournament.

In 2023 we hope to conduct more joint trainings with neighboring departments. The goal in 2022 is to pick up from where we left off in 2022 and get back on the trend of hosting classes as well as send personnel to outside trainings as things hopefully normalize. I am confident that 2023 will bring many opportunities for our department.





## Aid Given/Received

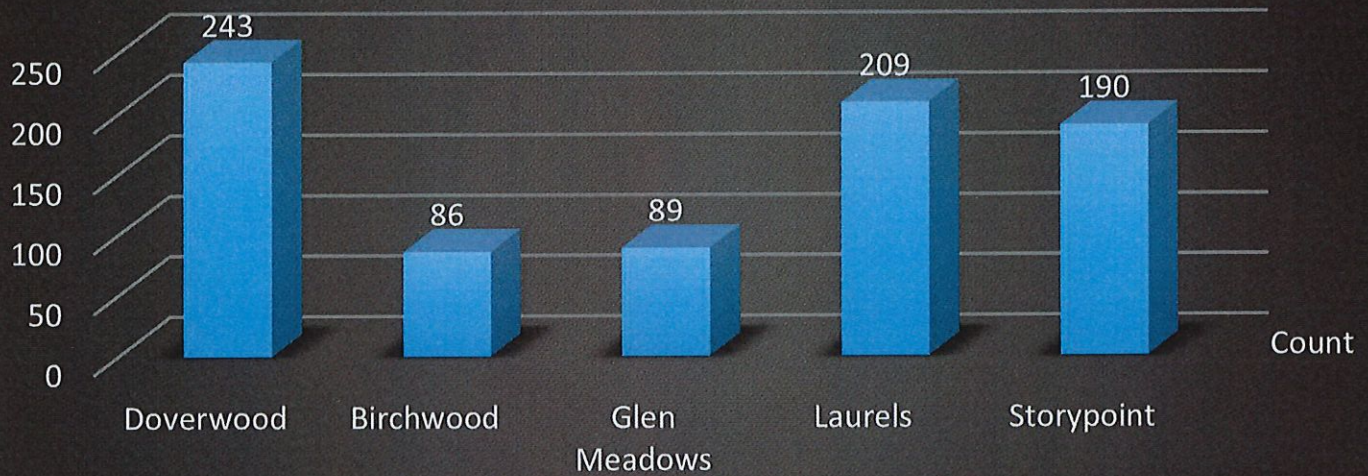


■ Mutual Aid Given   ■ Mutual Aid Received



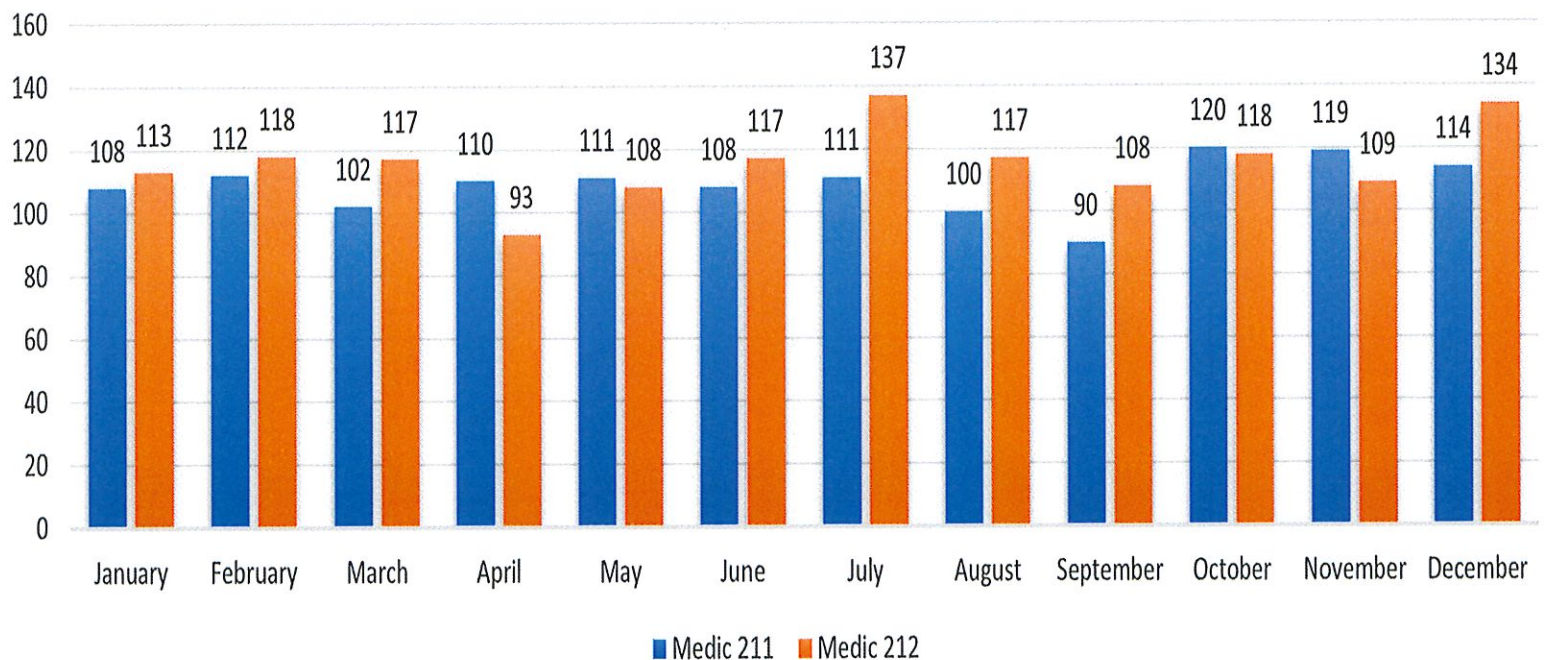


## Nursing Facility Response



One of the statistics we felt was becoming important was the number of responses to our nursing facilities. As Storypoint has added additional residents the number of calls has continued to rise. As you can see these facilities account for 21 % of our total calls for service.

## Transports by Medic Unit



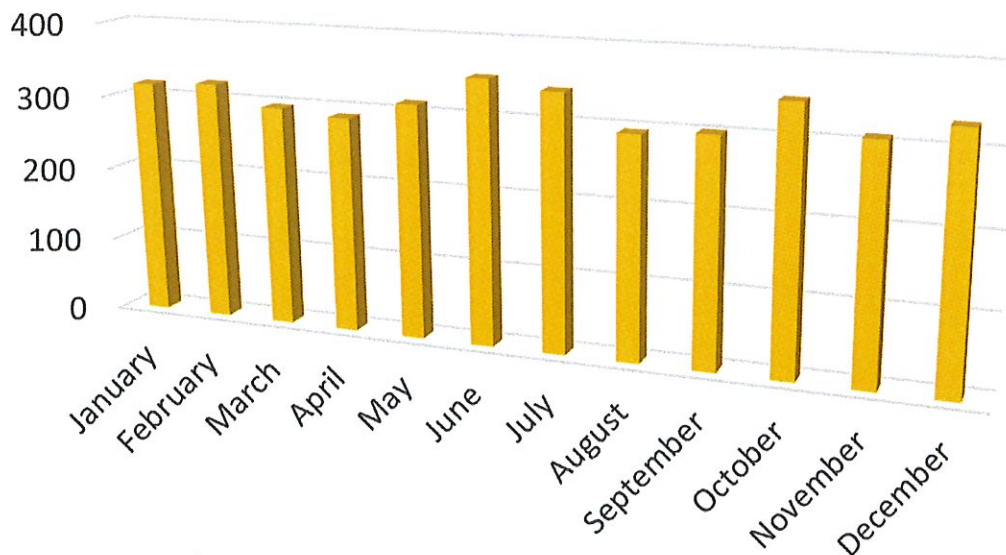


## Butler County Fire Investigation Team

Fairfield Township Fire members continue serving on the Butler County Fire Investigation Team. During the year our members participated in a number of fire investigations not only in the township but also in other communities. The department benefits from this process because one of the difficulties in being a good investigator is gaining experience. Since the Township only has a limited number of investigations and our investigators would only get to investigate fires which occur during the duty shift, they would have a very limited opportunity to gain experience.



Incidents By Month







## Net Revenue Yearly Comparison Report

Date Range: 1/1/2022 - 12/1/2022

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP OHIO

Month Name	Current Year	Previous Year	Net Change	% Change
January	\$54,027.97	\$47,572.65	\$6,455.32	
February	\$60,116.26	\$52,363.87	\$7,752.39	
March	\$70,872.15	\$58,860.16	\$12,011.99	
April	\$64,478.44	\$51,409.55	\$13,068.89	
May	\$71,218.61	\$39,920.77	\$31,297.84	
June	\$53,143.41	\$40,009.63	\$13,133.78	
July	\$44,146.84	\$49,777.92	\$-5,631.08	
August	\$62,949.94	\$32,849.70	\$30,100.24	
September	\$66,921.35	\$51,983.23	\$14,938.12	
October	\$61,522.14	\$30,709.61	\$30,812.53	
November	\$50,726.68	\$55,787.76	\$-5,061.08	
December	\$69,544.32	\$83,839.48	\$-14,295.16	
Total	\$729,668.11	\$595,084.33	\$134,583.78	22.62%



### EMS Billing by Date of Entry - 12 Month Activity





## Firefighter/Paramedic Matthew Estridge – EMS Supply

For our 2022 Fiscal Year appropriated \$63,362.35 for Fairfield Twp Fire Department to purchase non-capital EMS Supplies. Our year-to-date total expenditures for 2022 is \$49,362.46 with an Unencumbered Balance of \$13,999.89. The items that we use are a crucial part of our day to day operations. The items we use are most of the time single use for each patient that we treat in the field. Most of our supplies expire over time and are replaced to comply with safety regulations. With the Covid-19 Pandemic still around but not comparable during our 2021 Fiscal Year we still see price increase on EMS items that we use. We are still purchasing the best priced items needed for our units.



The 2022 Fiscal Year compared to the 2021 Fiscal Year, we saw an approximate 20% increase in EMS Supply orders; with majority of that percentage being contributed to the outfitting of Medic 211 when it went into service in May of 2022. The increase in call volume we continue to see each year also contributed to that percentage increase. We utilize many vendors to purchase our day to day EMS Supplies, for example: Boundtree, Henry Schein, and Penn Care. Boundtree was our main EMS Supply Vendor during the 2022 Fiscal Year, which we spent \$34,326 utilizing Boundtree as our main vendor. Boundtree was utilized mainly due to the low price comparison with our other vendors but also due to the turn around time from checkout time to free shipping/delivery. We saw deliveries as fast as 1 day from time of checkout mainly due to Boundtree opening a warehouse in Indiana.

This year we continue to stock up in bulk with certain non-perishable items such as oxygen delivery devices, moving devices, bandages, traumas supplies, etc. This continues to allow us to be ahead of any long-term back orders that we may see arise in the future. For the 2022 Fiscal Year the top 5 item categories (Supplies) for EMS supply usage/ordering was as follows:

Monitoring/Diagnostic (Waveform Capnography Lines, Electrodes, Defib Pads)

Intravenous/Drug Administration (Catheters, IV Start kits, IV extensions sets, IV Fluid)

Infection Control (Emesis Bags, Gloves)

Patient Transport/Handling ( 1800lb 14 Handle Patient Transporter)

Resuscitation & Ventilation (BVMs etc.)

Again items in these categories are crucial for our day to day operations and Fairfield Twp Fire Department continues to utilize the best items to provide the best treatment for our patients.



In 2023 we look forward to forming a committee to look into the purchase of new EMS bags for our apparatus. The bags that we are utilizing are becoming damaged and have been discontinued by the manufacturer. These bags carry all the items needed to treat patients in the field when outside of an ambulance. Also in 2023 we look forward to placing in service our new Phillips Tempus cardiac monitors as well as our new portable ventilators systems. With the addition of the new cardiac monitors and ventilators Fairfield Twp Fire Department will continue to provide the best patient care for our residents/visitors in times of need.



## Lieutenant Chris Meador

2022 was another exciting year for the Fairfield Township Fire department. Much like in 2021, our agency faced several staffing issues, which continue to be one of the most significant challenges for fire departments in southwest Ohio. Some firefighters accepted positions within F.T.F.D., while others found opportunities elsewhere. From my company, Career Firefighter Scott Smith moved to West Chester Fire Department, and career Firefighter/Medic Matt Metzner accepted a position with the City of Cincinnati Fire. Part-time firefighter Ian Schomaker remains on staff with F.T.F.D. but accepted a Job with the City of Springdale F.D. before moving to a position with U.C. medical center. Ian is currently enrolled in Paramedic school and hopes to continue his education in nursing. Firefighters Nathan Pierani and Eric Rolls transitioned from part-time to full-time within the department. I wish all of these great firefighters the best of luck.



One of the most significant changes to the department staffing model is the addition of the three shift captains. Command structure within F.T.F.D. has suffered for a few years, and the development of a shift officer position immediately proved valuable with communication, training, and consistency improvements. Captain Baumann, Captain Coomer, and Captain Sander have worked hard to take F.T.F.D. to the next level. I am excited to see what the future holds as we move into 2023. Again, I wish each of these great leaders the best of luck in their new roles.



### Shift Achievements for 2022:

All assigned hose was tested and recorded.



Most S.C.B.A.s were annually flow tested in-house. In-house service reduces downtime, labor cost, and the need for shipping valuable equipment out. (a few packs were out of the station on an O.O.S. rig at the time of testing; therefore, testing was not performed)

All assigned Hydrants were serviced and logged as required.

Participated in daily training, specialty teams training, and tool and equipment proficiencies.

### Personal Achievements

As of April 5, 2022, I completed my Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Service Administration.

Completed a 40-Hour Paramedic refresher program.

Renewed Fire/E.M.S. certifications.



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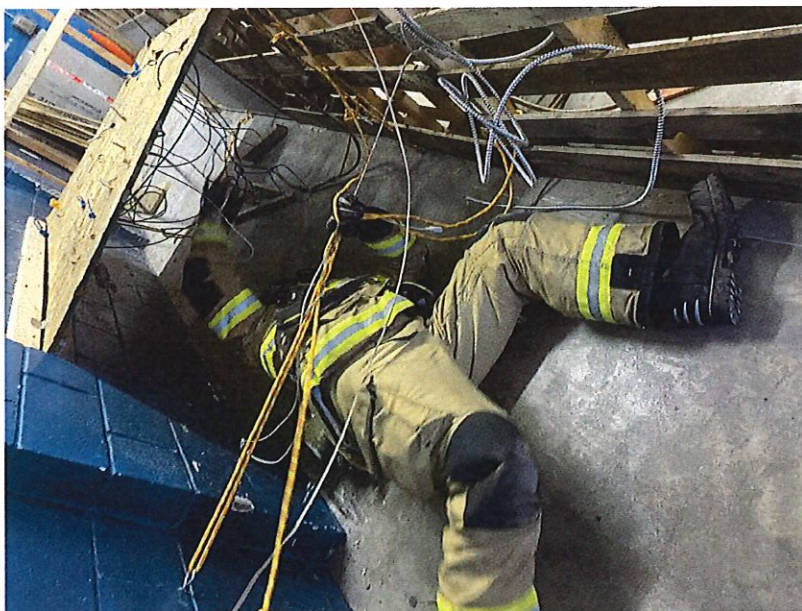
Recertified in ACLS, PALS, and T.C.C.C. training.

Completed the C.O.L.S. 3 fire service leadership module.

Participated as an instructor in a multi-agency vehicle rescue and extrication training hosted by Ross Township fire/Reffitt's garage; spearheaded by F.T.F.D. firefighter Jason Agoston. Plans to continue this training are in place after overwhelmingly positive student feedback.

### **Moving forward:**

As we move into 2023, my first challenge will be moving to station 212 shift 1B to aid in the balance of company officers. I am excited to work with my new crew. I would like to continue training in personal development and leadership and take opportunities to focus on the essential basic skills that make a great firefighter. Plans for several courses are already taking place, the first being a 5-day company operations and fire tactics course in Pensacola Beach, FL, at the end of January. Similar training has already been discussed with other F.T.F.D. members to strengthen our personal and team skillset. I plan to continue developing my special operations skillset, which will benefit Fairfield Township and the entire region through my membership on the Butler County Technical Rescue Team.







## Shannon Splawn, Chairman Fire Corps

The Fire Corps celebrated another successful year in 2022 by providing public fire safety education to the community and participation in township sponsored events. Members of Fire Corps participated in many events throughout the year that shined positive light on the Fairfield Township Fire Department.

Inspector Jordan Peters, Fire Prevention, has been assigned to be the Fire Department liaison for Fire Corps. In this position he is the Fire Department representative at monthly Fire Corps meetings.

The Fire Corps membership currently stands at 10 active and non-active members. It is Fire Corps goal in 2023 to recruit at least five new volunteers so that additional activities can be undertaken.

Our single largest event of the year is the Butler County Fair where we teach adults and children about fire safety using the Smoke House simulator. In 2022 we presented to 94 adults and 277 children about the importance of fire safety and how to safely exit a dwelling if it catches fire. Volunteers spent approximately 30 hours at fair running the Smoke House during fair week.

In 2022 Fire Corps volunteers also participated in the following events:

***Career Day Fest – Fairfield H.S.***

***Easter Egg Hunt***

***Touch-A-Truck (Bridgewater Falls)***

***Home Depot Safety Day***

***East Elementary Family Festival***

***Fairfield H.S. Homecoming Parade***

***Bridgewater Treat Street***

***Halloween candy give-away***

***Marine Corps Toy-for Tots program***

***Christmas at Bridgewater – Santa arriving in fire truck!***

The Smoke House was sent to a RV garage for needed structural repairs.

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funds allocated by the township, was able to purchase an inflatable bounce fire house for children to play. This bounce house was a great attraction at the events where it was set-up. In addition to inflatable the Fire Department purchased or otherwise acquired a travel trailer and dolly so that the inflatable can be transported easily.

Other education material purchased in 2022 included two stand-up fire department themed photo-booth frames.

Fire Corps also invested heavily into restocking inventory of fire safety handouts and activity books for young children.





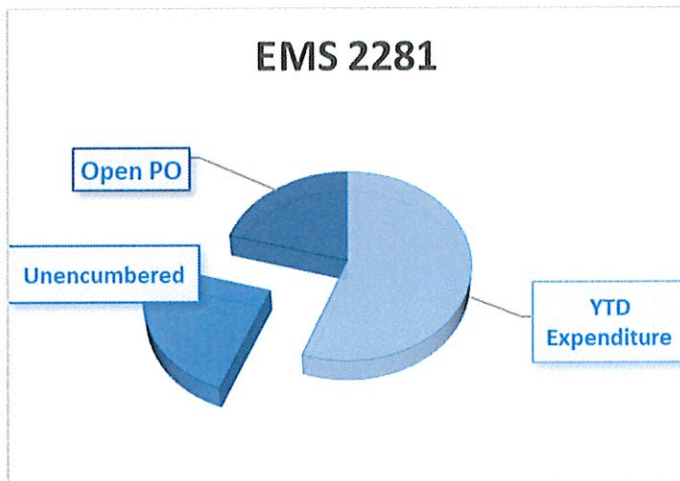
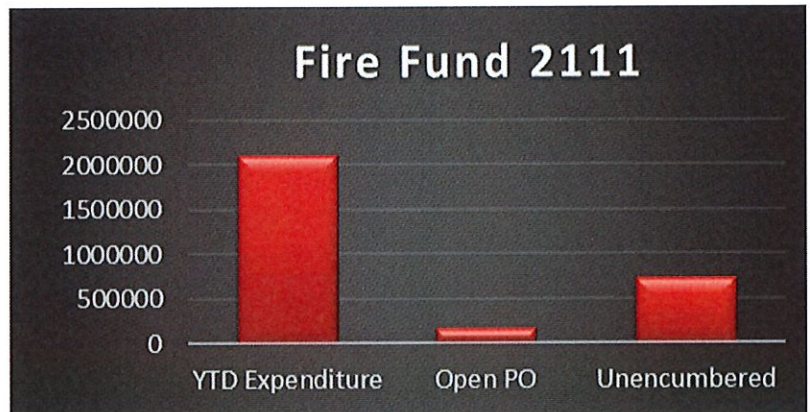
## 2022 Annual Financial Information

The department was able to maintain a watchful eye on our financial operations. We were able to remain in budget again for 2022. During the year we made several major expenditures, purchasing two EMS Units. We also hired three additional full time Firefighter Paramedics in the first quarter. We added two Fire Captains fulltime in the 4th quarter of the year.

Thank you to the Fiscal Office staff for there efforts over the past year. Our budget continues to be something we watch to make sure we are spending wisely.

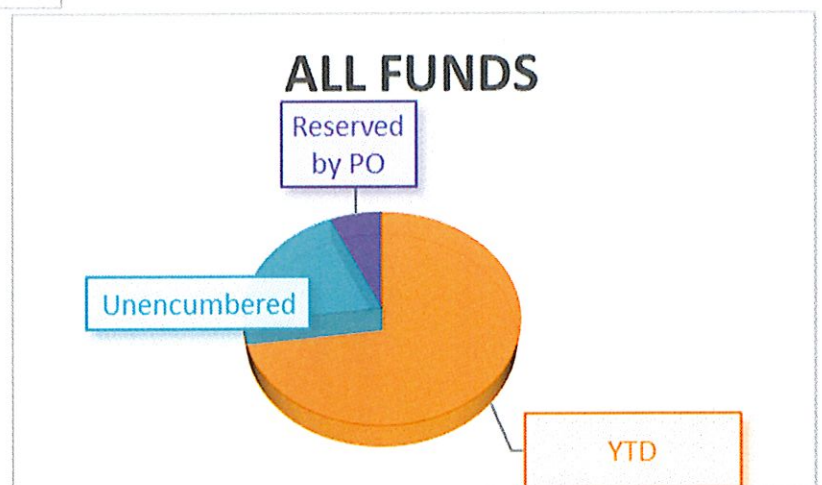
In 2023 we hope to continue to add additional full time staff members. Our financial position for 2023 appears to be on stable footing.

Fire Fund	
Appropriated	\$ 2,913,000.00
YTD Expenditures	\$ 2,099,287.58
Unencumbered	\$ 655,732.07
Reserved by PO	\$ 158,132.16



EMS 2281	
Appropriated	\$ 675,000.00
YTD Expenditures	\$ 382,531.03
Unencumbered	\$ 163,721.85
Reserved by PO	\$ 128,747.12

Total All Funds	
Appropriated	\$ 4,334,000.00
YTD Expenditures	\$ 3,163,878.43
Unencumbered	\$ 887,194.10
Reserved by PO	\$ 286,879.28





## Fire Prevention Bureau - Inspector Jordan Peters

2022 was a busy year for the Fire Prevention Bureau, we were heavily involved with inspections, plan review, and public education events. We continue to make progress on a daily basis and continue to work towards goals we have set.

In 2022 for inspections we targeted our big box stores, restaurants, and the Bridgewater Shopping Center. During these inspections, we noted several fire code violations that we were able to work with business owners and employees to get corrected in a timely manner. During these inspections, we also worked with the businesses to make sure their Knox Box had up to date keys for Fire Dept. access in the event of an emergency. In addition to all the commercial fire inspections, we also did several residential fire inspections for adoption and/or foster agencies to ensure the safety of the children living in those homes.



FTFD took part in several public education events in 2022. We were fortunate enough to be able to team up with several local businesses, Fairfield School District, the Butler County Fair Board and many more to participate in events throughout the community. We took delivery of 2 new bounce houses (1 for the Fire Dept. and 1 for public works). These proved to be a very big hit with the children that came out to the events. We were also able to send our safety house out to get some much-needed repairs so we can continue to utilize it to teach fire safety at events in Fairfield Twp. and surrounding communities. FTFD obtained a trailer

from the Butler County EMA which will be utilized by the fire prevention bureau to store our bounce houses and all other public education tools and materials we utilize. As we prepare for the coming year, we have ordered and taken delivery of additional fire prevention/safety materials and we are currently working on getting those prepared for events in 2023.

As our township continues to grow, the Fire Prevention Bureau has been busy with building plan reviews for new construction and remodel projects in the Township. We currently have 4 commercial structures under construction, and several more in the planning stages. In addition to these commercial buildings, we also have 2 residential neighborhoods in development.

Throughout 2022, the Fairfield Twp. Fire Corps participated in a majority of our public education events. They have proven themselves as a vital part of the Fairfield Twp. Fire Department, assisting our duty crews on larger public education events. We continue to have our meetings on the first Monday of every month, and are actively

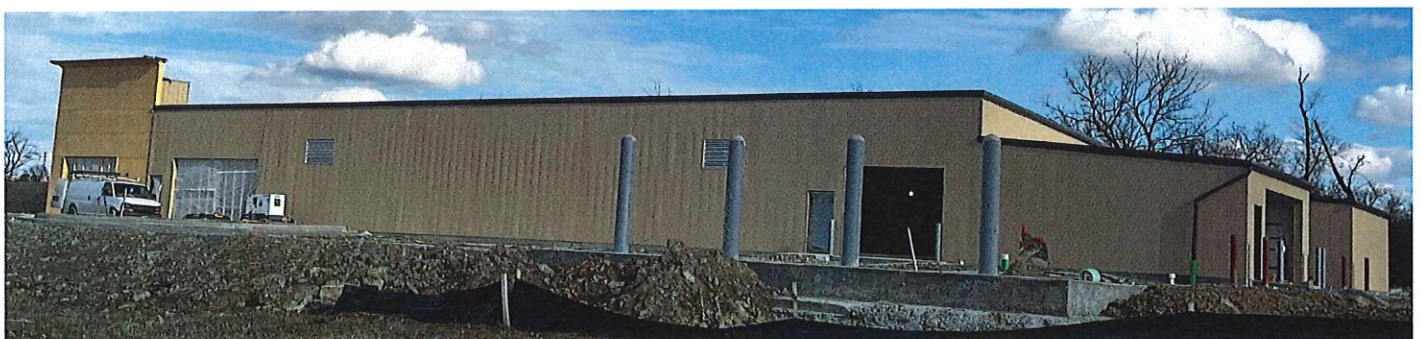




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recruiting new members to join. I would like to thank the Fire Corps for their hard work and dedication in assisting us with special events, and helping educate the Fairfield Township community on Fire Safety.

2023 will be another busy year for Fire Prevention as our Township continues to grow and see more commercial development. We will continue to oversee new building projects, as well as complete fire safety inspections in current commercial occupancies to make sure there are no fire code violations, proper keys are in the Knox Box, and all building owner and/or emergency contact information is up to date.







The Butler County Fire Chiefs regional bariatric project continues to operate. In 2022 the Butler County Fire Chief's Bariatric Unit known as Task 219 continued to provide service.

We are continuing to apply Fairfield City Fees towards the purchase of the vehicle.

We upgraded the halogen lighting in the patient care area to new LED lights. This will improve the visibility in the back of the unit.

The new unit has only required minor maintenance since being placed into service.

The unit responded to 52 calls for service in 2022.



## Bariatric Transport Unit - TASK 219

Bariatric use by Agency

