

Fairfield Township

Fire Department



Annual Report

2021

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

2021 has been a difficult year for the department. We have continued to deal with the Covid Pandemic, Staffing Difficulties, Increased Calls for Service. We also have been forced to deal with the supply chain and product availabilities. I want to thank all the members of the department for the extra effort over the past year. We couldn't succeed without each of them.

We have been very fortunate to partner with the Butler County EMA and the Butler County Health Department to access personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies. The State of Ohio has continued to provide supplies to help assure emergency responders are able to protect themselves during responses to emergency calls.

Additionally, they have provided supplies to us for our residents. We have provided almost 10,000 masks to our residents over the past year. These masks were provided at no cost to either the department or our residents.



The Health Department also provided vaccines and supplies enabling the department to give vaccinations to both department staff as well as other first responders.

Members of our department that serve on the Butler County Incident Management Team as well as some of our paramedics participated in the many vaccine clinics that were held at the Butler County Fairgrounds. We also assisted in the distribution and warehousing operations for the PPE that was disbursed throughout the County.

We began to increase our interaction with the public in June. We remain cautious as we work to resume some of our operations involving the public.

We are happy to have added a full time Administrative Assistant to our staff. Kay Hilvert has been a welcome addition. She is working hard to learn the daily operations and take over tasks that will free both the Assistant Chief and I from some of our daily tasks.

The department continues to struggle with staffing. There has been no improvement in the availability of part time candidates. We continue with our efforts to recruit and hire staff members. The pool of available candidates continues to remain far below the needs of the region. As it continues, many area departments have begun to bolster their fulltime staffing.

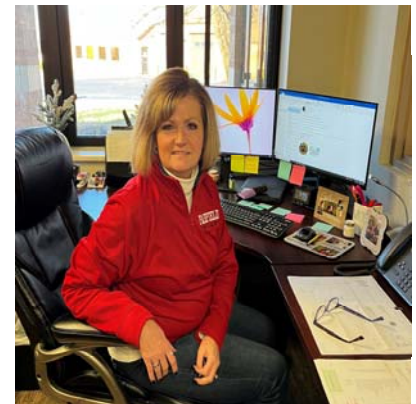
We have moved the Training Captain and the Inspector to a 24/48 schedule on a temporary basis at the end of the year, in an effort to help reduce the staffing issues.

Fulltime Inspector Christopher Ferguson resigned. His wife accepted a position in Tennessee. We hired Albert Lloyd to fill his position in the inspection bureau. At the end of the year, Logan DeBord, announced he was taking a fulltime position with West Chester Fire Department. With this change, Albert Lloyd who was in the Inspector Position requested to move the vacant shift position. The department advertised the opening in the Inspector position. Four personnel submitted applications. The selection was made for Jordan Peters to fill the vacant position. Jordan will be attending Paramedic School in March as a requirement of his fulltime position.

We also anticipate another member of the fulltime staff moving to another fulltime position with another agency in the first quarter of 2022.

We will be looking to increase the number of fulltime staff. Asking both for three additional hires as well as approval to apply for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant to add additional fulltime staffing positions in the beginning of 2022.

The department was able using Cares Act Funding to make several major capitol purchases. The department received three new F-150 Pick Up Trucks. These we assigned to the Assistant Chief, Training Captain, and Fire Inspector. They allow us to move both their potentially contaminated EMS Equipment and Turnout Gear out of the passenger compartments. This will help reduce possible



Chief Thomas cont...

exposures to our members. With this unexpected purchase of service vehicles, the township was able to sell one of our Suburban's to the Butler County EMA

The department received our newly purchased second sets of turnout gear. We were able to use Cares Act funding for this purchase. This meets a long time goal to provide members with a second set of gear.

The new 2021 E-One Typhoon Pumper was placed into service at Station 211 as their new frontline engine. The old engine was moved to reserve status at station 212. The 1997 Sutphen engine was transferred to the Butler Tech Public Safety Education Complex (PSEC). The department received \$30,000 in scholarship credits for the unit.



The Fire Chiefs agreed to purchase a used medic unit from the City of Fairfield to replace the aging Bariatric Unit. The new unit was equipped with the new telescoping ramps. These ramps not only increase weight capacity but are much safer to deploy, reducing the chance of injury to staff members.



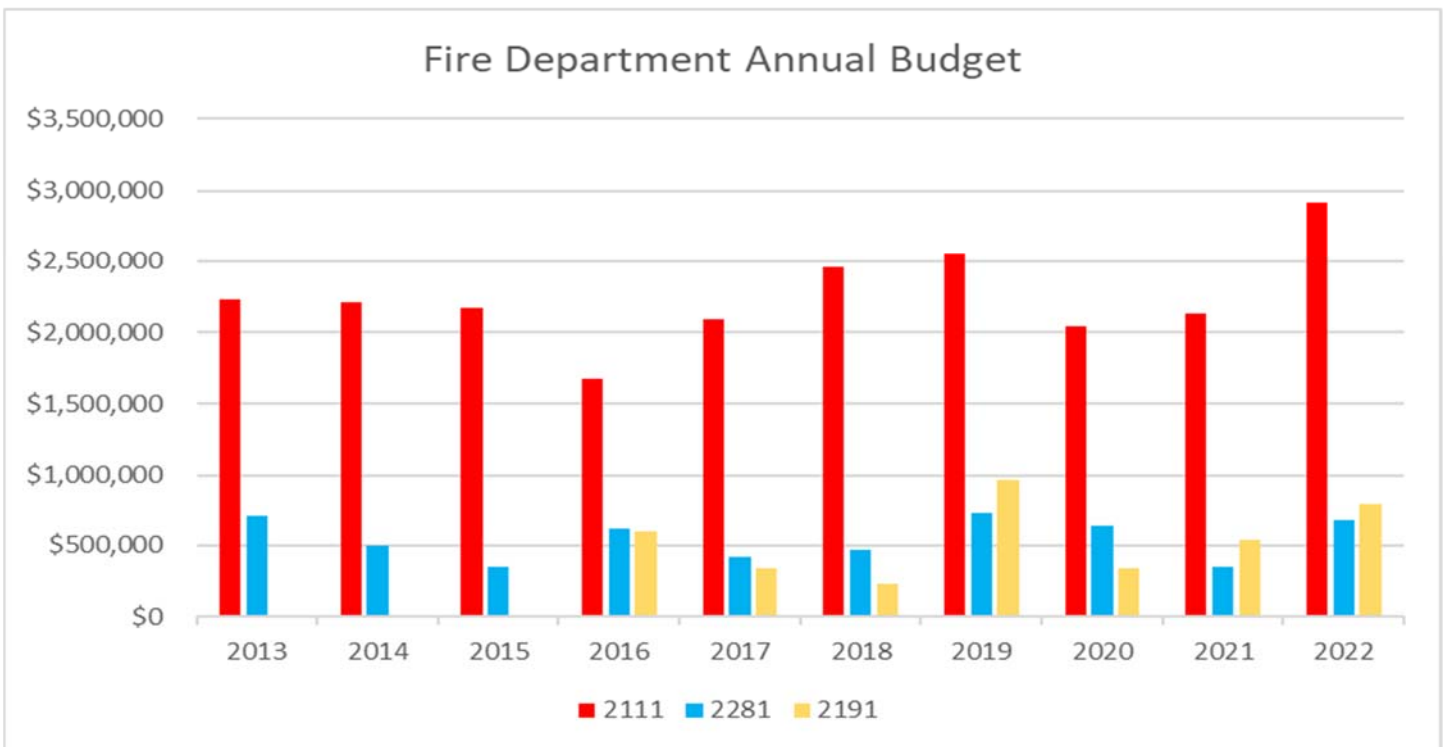
The Township purchased two used golf carts. These were used to begin a hydrant painting program. We hired several Butler Tech Students to begin painting fire hydrants located within the Township. I am hoping this becomes an annual project and allows us to improve the condition of the fire hydrants. Making them much more visible assisting the fire department in locating them during an emergency response.

We purchased a new underwater sonar device designed to assist in locating submerged victims. The Aqua Eye is a handheld sonar unit. This is a part of enhancing our water rescue capabilities.

The department continues to see increases in calls for service. This year the call volume has returned to pre-pandemic numbers. We have again set a new record of calls for service at 3245. Our previous record was 3,214 calls. In 2020 we had a slight reduction in calls, we ended with 2,938 calls for service.



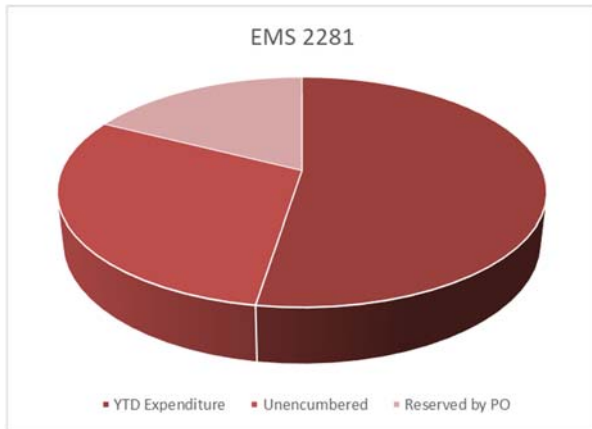
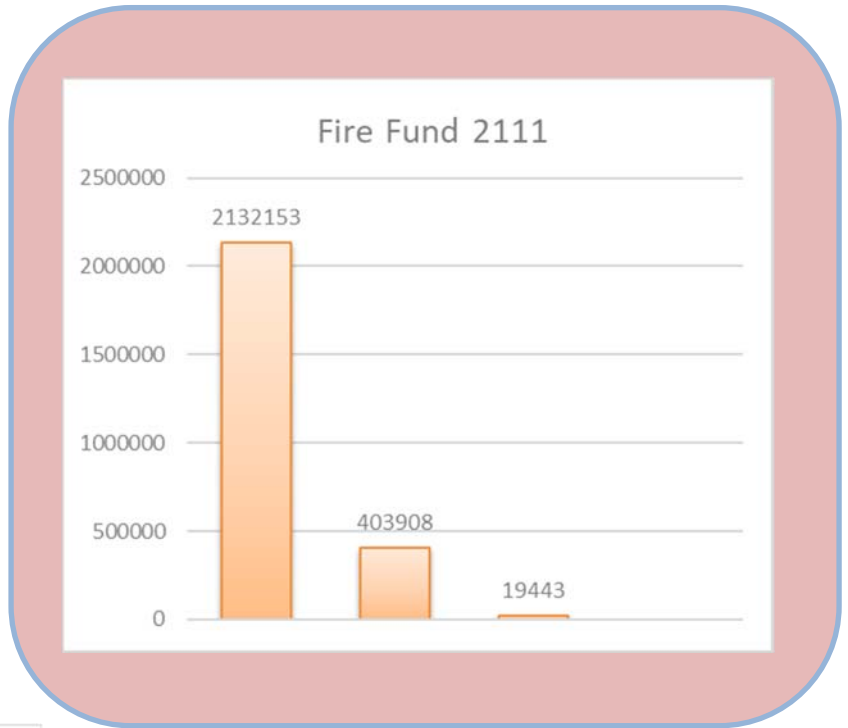
This year we also celebrated the 20th anniversary of 9/11. It is hard to believe that we are now having new firefighters joining who were not born before this event.



2021 Annual Financial Information



Fire Fund	2111
Appropriated	\$2,553,000.00
YTD Expenditures	\$2,132,153.83
Unencumbered	\$403,908.77
Reserved by PO	\$19,443.02

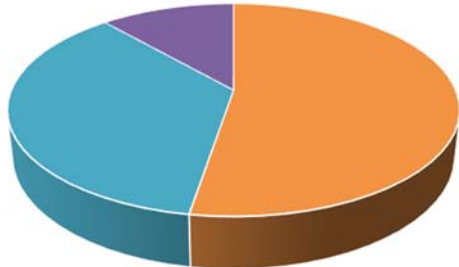


EMS Fund	2281
Appropriated	\$615,000.00
YTD Expenditures	\$349,264.60
Reserved by PO	\$11,996.05
Unencumbered	\$272,659.75

Public Safety Funds	2191
Appropriated	\$729,599.44
YTD Expenditures	\$541,526.68
Reserved by PO	\$0
Unencumbered	\$188,072.76



Fire Department Annual Budget



■ YTD Expenditures
 ■ Unencumbered
 ■ Reserved by PO

Total Funds Fire/EMS/PS Levy	2021
Appropriated	\$3,791,350.00
YTD Expenditures	\$2,978,737.76
Reserved by PO	\$22,150.55
Unencumbered	\$825,629.82



2021 Spending Percentage by Account

83.43% of Fire Appropriation

74.22% of Safety Levy Appropriation

55.09% of EMS Appropriation

77.13% Total Appropriation

2022 Budget

2111 \$2,913,000

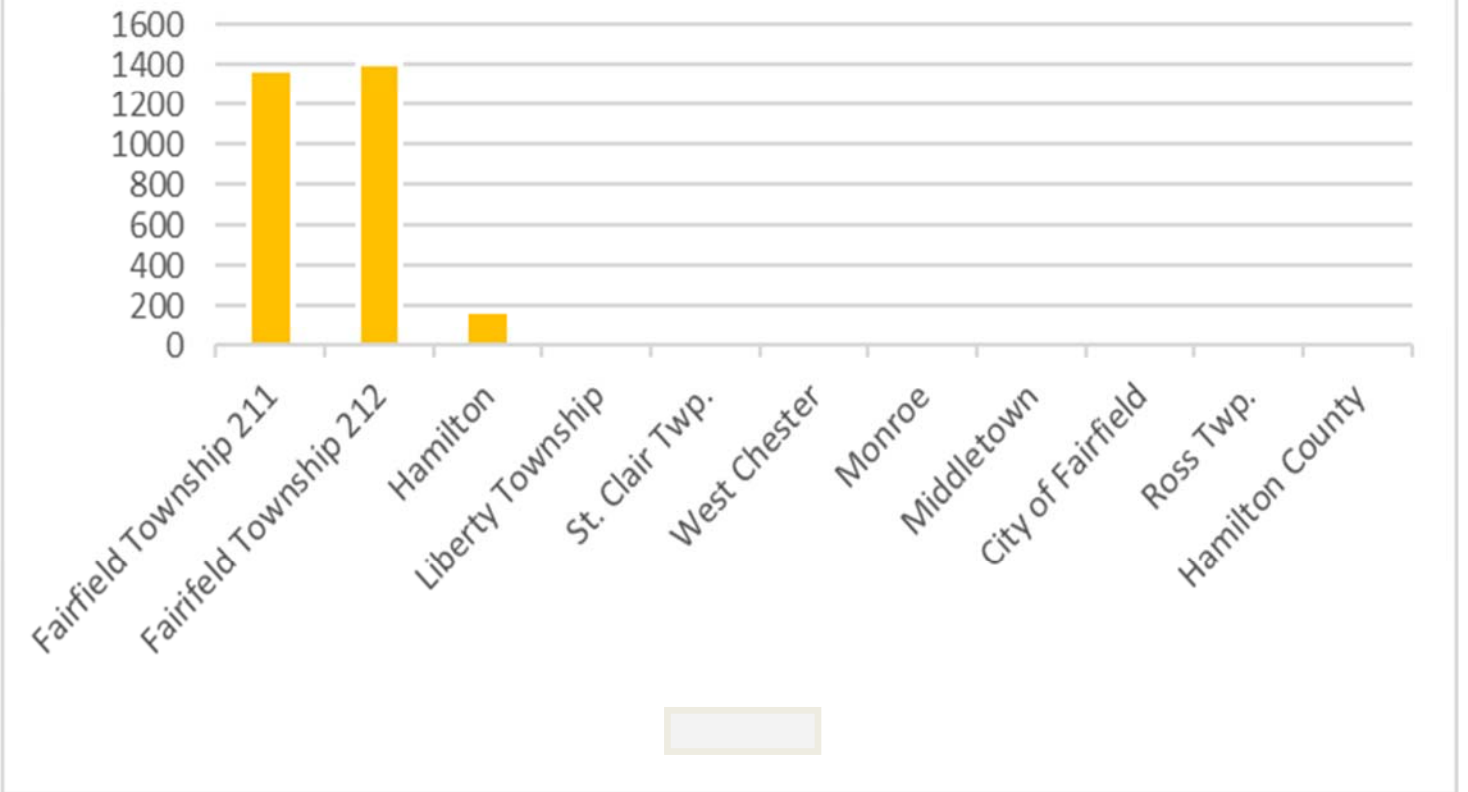
2281 \$675,000

2191 \$800,000

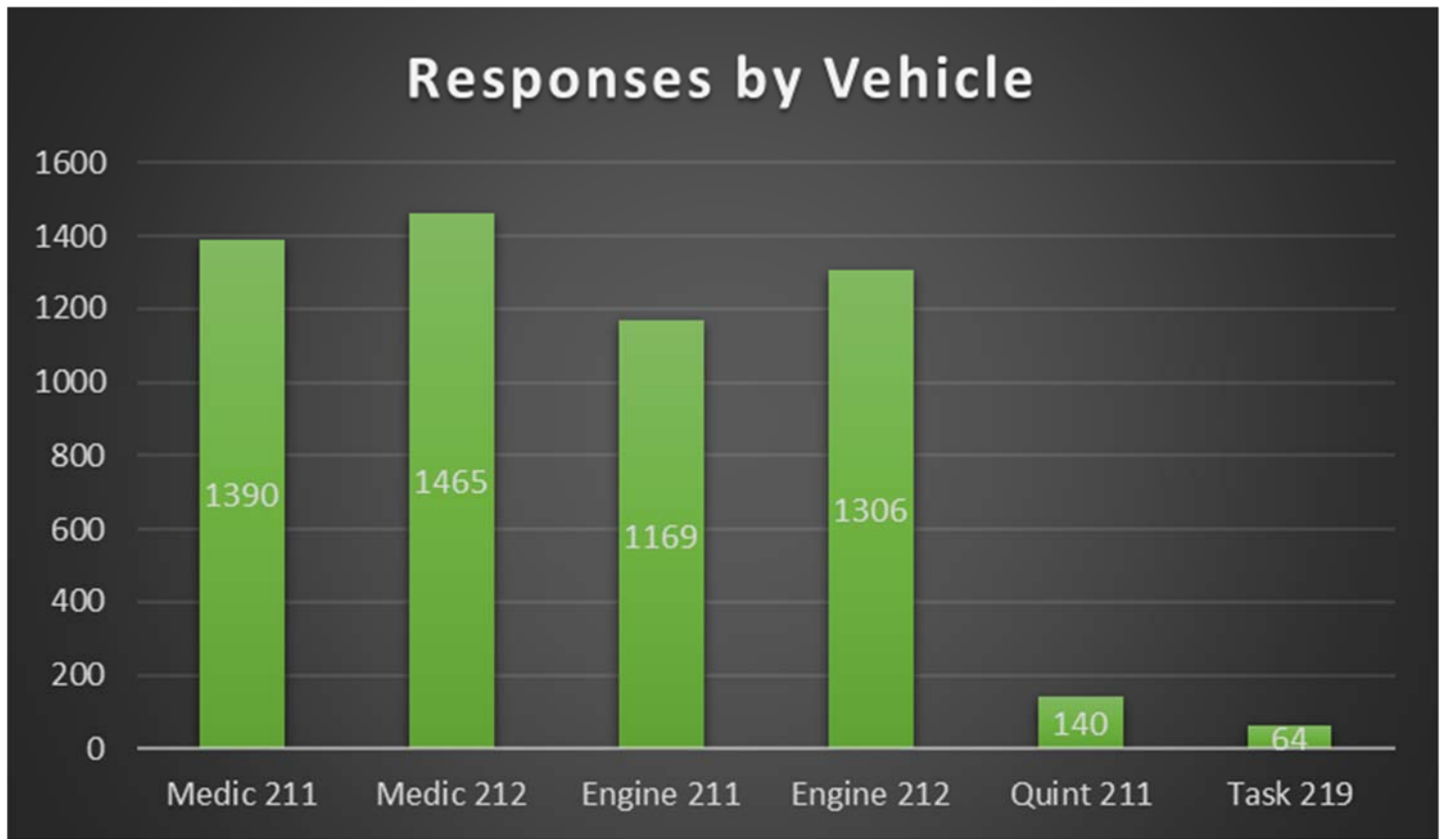
Total \$4,388,000



Incidents by District



Responses by Vehicle



Assistant Chief Matthew Schumann OFE OFC

To say the year 2021 was been challenging is an understatement. Without the continued dedication and commitment of our membership and the willingness of the administration of the township to support our needs we would not have been as successful. This year threw us many challenges. However, we were able to overcome all of them without a detriment to our community.

As COVID continues to spread and our calls for service increase we continue to do our best to keep our members and our community safe. From the start of 2021 to the end of 2021 many great things happened even in spite of the pandemic.



The new fire engine arrived and the vehicle committee did a fantastic job outfitting it and getting all of the needed equipment mounted on it.

We received an old retired medic unit from the City of Fairfield to be utilized as our new bariatric unit.

The vehicles that were purchased with CARES ACT funding arrived and were placed into service.

Butler Tech received a great fire truck as we traded it for training costs for the future.

We started to get back out into the community for public

education and fire prevention inspections.

We continue to see a turnover of both full-time and part-time members. We have been able to replace our full-time members with current part-time members to keep the hiring from within the department.

We lost our fire prevention position due to a move to Nashville. We were able to fill that position but had to train them for the position. Hopefully, in 2022 the fire prevention program can get moving again.

We were able to assist with the Butler County Fair again by providing staffing for EMS. Due to COVID, it was cancelled in 2020. This past year was the busiest the fair had ever been.

As we continue to see global staffing issues in the fire service we have to get creative on how to keep our schedule full as to provide the best protection for our community. We moved the Training Captain and the Fire Prevention positions onto a 24/48 schedule to fill some of the gaps in scheduling. Although this is just a band aid we are confident that in the future we will be able to hire more personnel to assist with the staffing problems.

As COVID continues to plague our nation, we continue to work with the Butler County EMA and the Butler County Health District to get needed supplies and equipment to our department. We were able to hold a drive through booster shot clinic which also provided shots to our department and the Police Department.

In 2021, we responded to more calls for service than we ever have before. An average of 9 calls per day keeps our department busy. With the increased amount of calls, the more time is spent reviewing those reports and making sure they are exported to the State of Ohio. This allows us to apply for state and federal grants to offset our budgetary costs.

We were able to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant through the federal government. We requested two SCBA washers. SCBA's are



Assistant Chief Schumann cont...

one of the hardest pieces of equipment we have to thoroughly clean and disinfect. We will not know the status of the grant until mid 2022.

We were able to hire an administrative assistant to assist with the ever growing daily duties of the fire department. She has been instrumental in relieving the work load of the administrative staff so they can focus more on the administrative and operational functions of the department.

The administrative staff are members of several local, regional and state committees that help us collaborate with other organizations. Some of these committees include, Butler County Hazardous Materials TAC, Butler County Fire Chiefs' Association, Southwest Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association, Butler County Radio Committee, Butler County Regional Response Committee and numerous other online based organizations. All of these groups/committees help us stay up to date with latest trends in the fire service they also continue working to improve the operational effectiveness of how we respond every day.

The Butler County IMT responded to Louisiana to assist with hurricane recovery. Members from Fairfield Township deployed with the team for 16 days to provide incident management support to the region.

As the duties for fire prevention switched during the year, fire prevention and fire inspections fell back to me to complete. Throughout the year several inspections were conducted to ensure fire safety at our commercial buildings and schools.



We continue to look for ways to improve our department by training and staying up to date with latest equipment and trends. We were able to purchase a hand held sonar device called an Aquaeeye. This device works similar to that of a sonar device you would find on a boat. This will allow us to scan large bodies of water for submerged people in a very short time. This is state of the art equipment and at this time we are the only department in the county that has one.

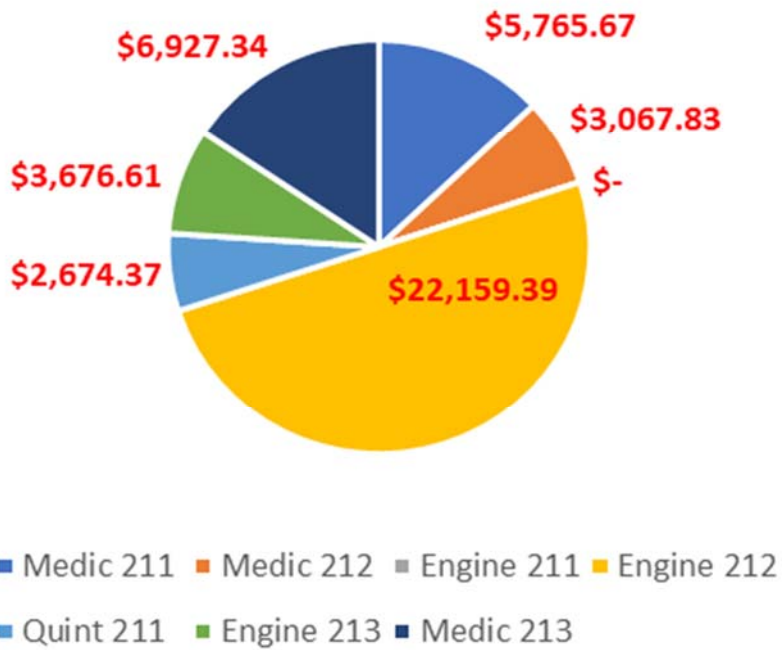
We continue to support our members who are a part of our regional response programs. We have many members that area trained in specialized areas such as Hazardous Material, rope rescue, building collapse, confined space, swift water rescue and fire investigations. Although we may not have specialized equipment to perform rescues in all of those categories, many of our members train with the Butler County Technical Rescue Team, Butler County Regional Hazardous Materials Team, Butler County Fire Investigation Team and the Butler County State of Ohio Incident Management Team. Our department is very

lucky to have such to have members trained in each of those specialized areas because it enhances our ability to respond to a mitigate technical incidents.

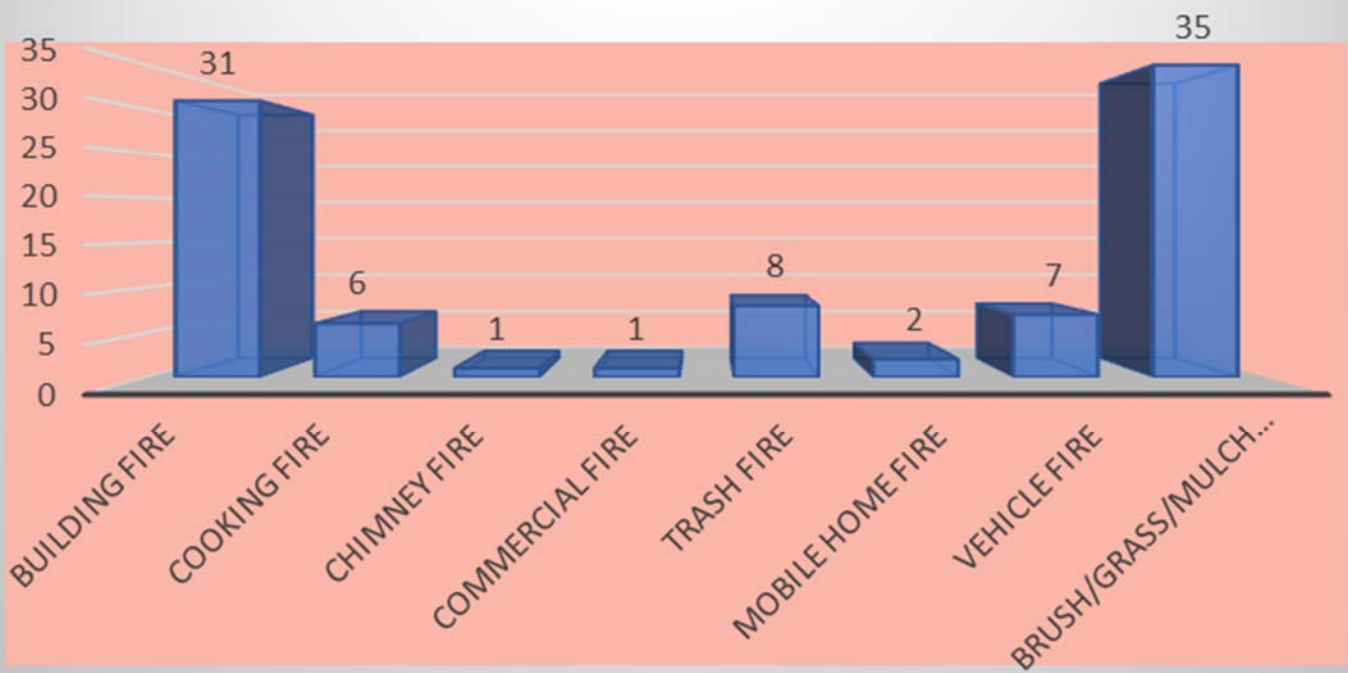
We continue to support our employees by sending members to paramedic school. This certification allows them to provide advanced life support to their patients. These skills include surgical cricothyrotomy, needle decompressions, intubations, administering cardiac and pain medications and many more. We continue to support outside training requests to ensure our members are trained and ready to respond.



Annual Maintenance

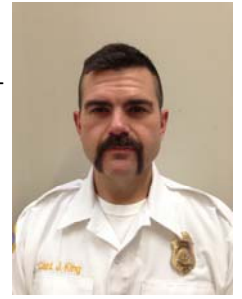


Fire Incident Type



Captain John King

I would like to start off with thanking all of the personnel for their hard work and another record year for Emergency Responses. We responded to 3,245 details in 2021.



STATION 212

The Station overall is in great shape with a few pending repairs that are scheduled to be repaired by a Professional Contractor. Throughout the year the on-duty crews only had to perform minor repairs and we continue to do minor upgrades to keep the station up and running smoothly.

STATION 212 OFFICERS

The Officers continued to oversee the daily operations at the station such as inventories, scheduling and miscellaneous duties that are expected to be completed throughout the year.



VEHICLES

All Apparatus are in-service and have been Maintained through normal Preventative Maintenance throughout the year.

HYDRANTS

In the Station 212 Districts, crews tested every Hydrant with only minimal issues.

HOSE TESTING

All of the Hose on the apparatus and spare Hose was tested with very minimal issues.

SCHEDULE and PERSONNEL UPDATES

The Schedule continues to be a challenge to say the least due to the Southwest Ohio Firefighter shortage. The shortage falls with the area Full-Time Fire Departments hiring and personnel leaving their Part-Time job to start their careers and with the lack of new applicants applying continues to be an issue.

We currently have 25 twelve-hour openings on the Master Schedule, this number is up from this time last year from 20 openings and 10 twelve-hour opening in 2019.

PERSONNEL

The Department allows personnel to take a Leave of Absences up to a year for special reasons, currently we are set to gain four personnel by the month of June.

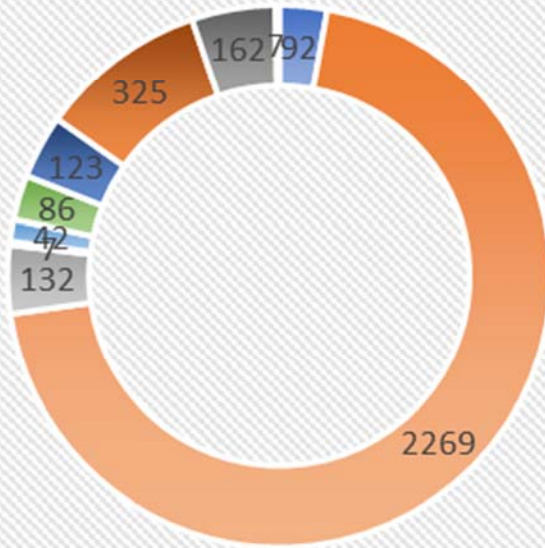
The PRN roster has four personnel currently listed.

TRAININGS

Attended various Fire/EMS trainings on and off shift as all personnel are required to have a certain amount of training CEUs throughout the year.



2021 Incidents



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



Lieutenant Joel Coomer

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As a Fire Lieutenant for station 211 I am responsible for Engine 211, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and maintaining station supplies.

Engine 211

I oversee daily/yearly maintenance of E 211 and all its equipment.



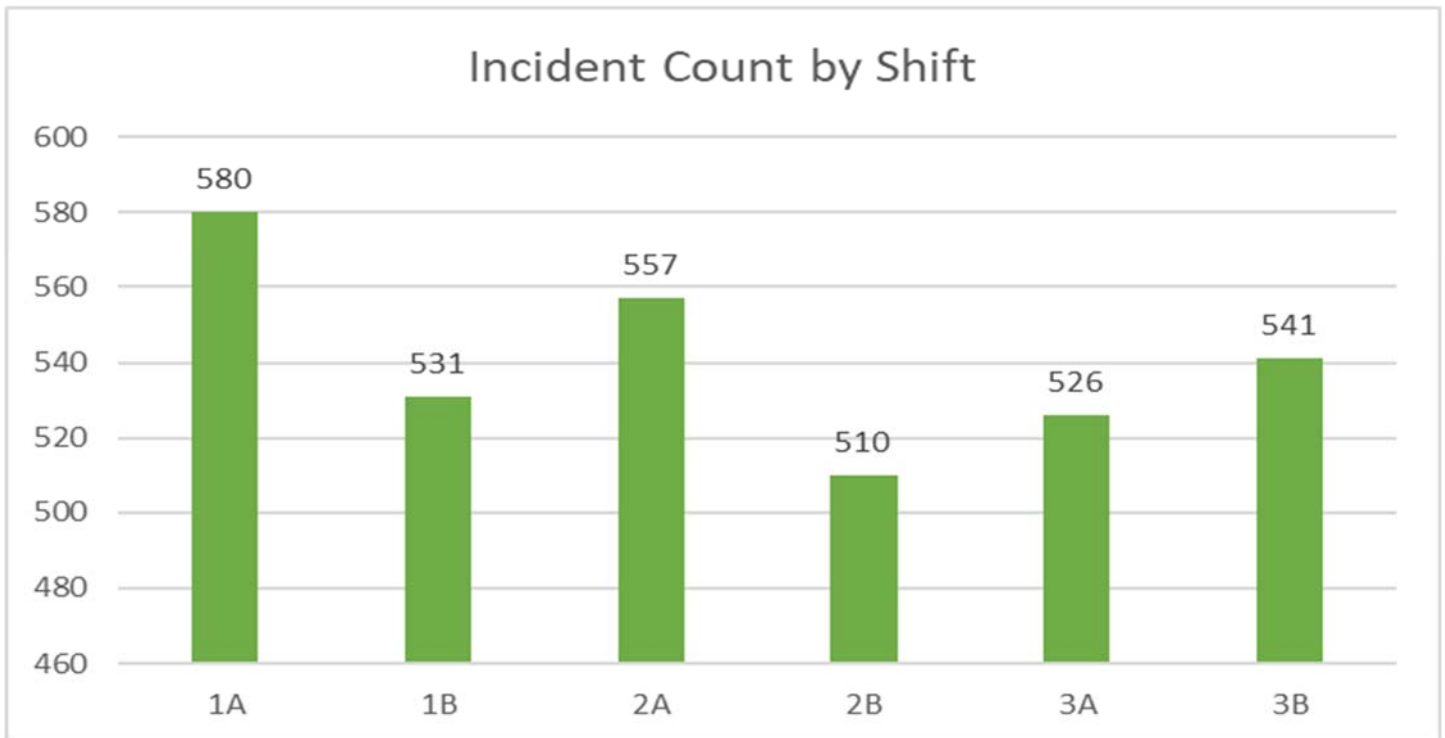
SCBA

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 sending them out to an outside service. Little to no maintenance so far. All Firefighters are assigned their own personal mask. In 2022 I am planning on sending two more individuals to get MSA Tech. certified.

Quartermaster

I oversee all the ordering of station supplies for both firehouses. In April 2019 we moved all our cleaning supplies to Cintas. They now supply us with most of our stock. They are in once a week to both stations to always keep our stock current. Matt Metzner has been my go-to at station 212. With his help things have gone smoothly.

In closing this is my 24nd year with FTFD. This is an incredible place to work and live. My crew and I can't wait to see what 2022 has in store.



Captain Ryan Berter

In 2021 we continued with our plan of rotating gear out of service every 10 years as required by NFPA 1851. Thanks to a federal grant related to Covid response we purchased 82 sets of gear, giving each member of the department a second set of gear. This enables the members to immediately switch out of contaminated gear, improving their health and wellness amidst the pandemic.

The challenges of the Covid pandemic continued into 2021. The pandemic brought challenges that the members of the department handled with professionalism and poise even in the face of the unknown.

Fairfield Township continues to work with the Butler County EMA to provide support with county wide response. One of these areas that we participate is maintaining and operating Task 2 which is a 52' Semi Truck that carries a large supply of Hazardous Materials supplies. This truck requires our members to operate the vehicle as well as maintain the items stored inside including the annual testing of 30 Level A Hazardous Materials Suits. Task 2 makes numerous responses throughout the year which requires our members to respond and operate in conjunction with other agencies within Butler County.

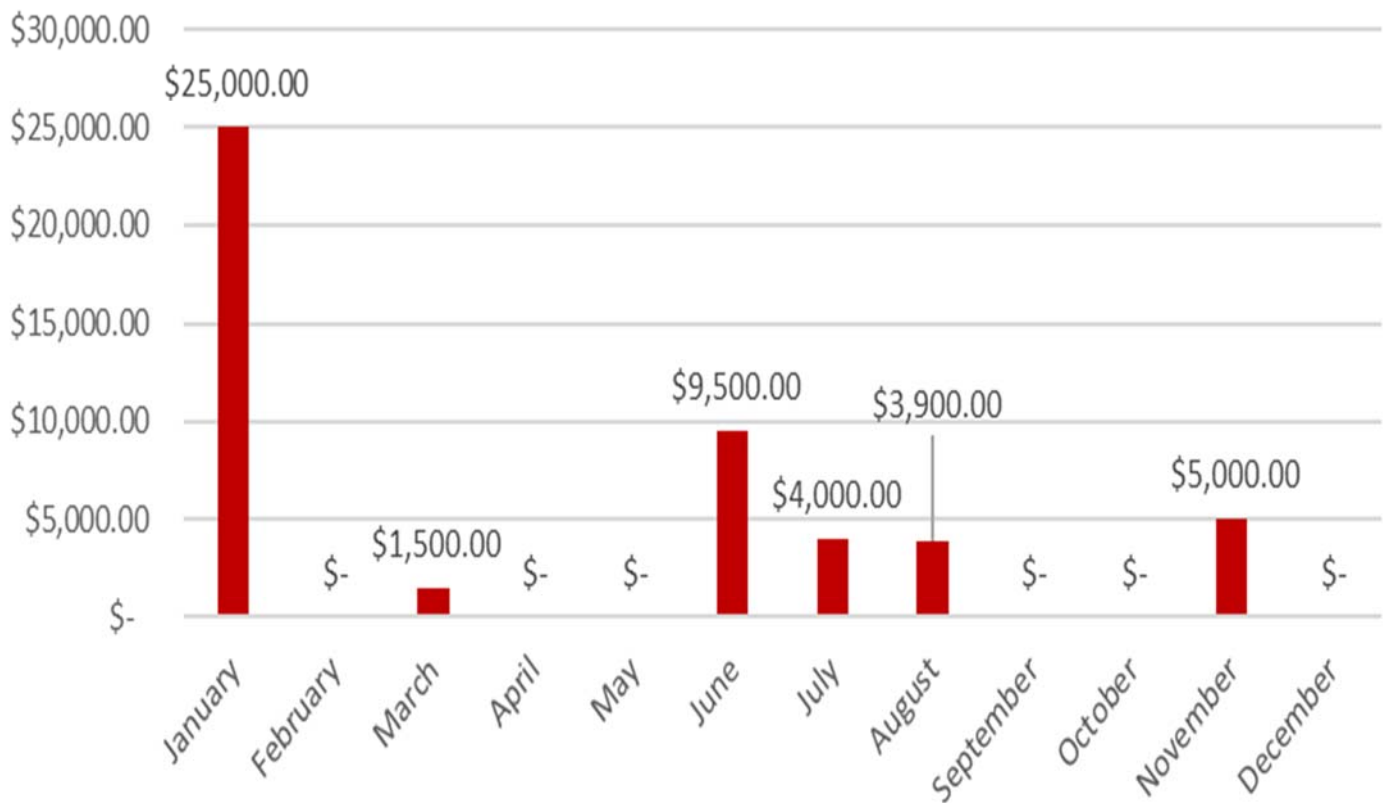


In May, the culmination of nearly two years of hard work paid off when we placed our new pumper into service. This pumper replaced an aging pumper that had reached the end of its service life.

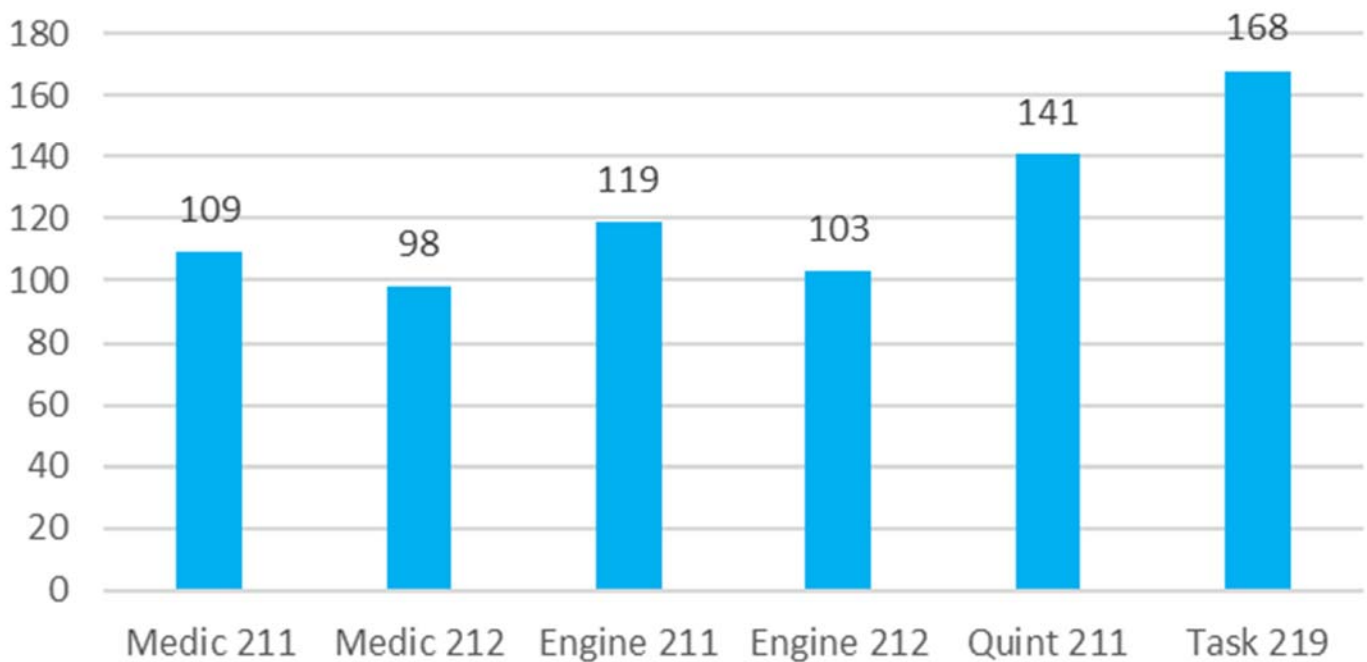
We look forward to 2022 and the challenges that will no doubt come along with it. We look forward to continuing our effort to build the relationships throughout our community that allow us to provide the best possible services to the citizens and visitors of Fairfield Township.



Fire Loss by Month



Reaction Time Per Vehicle





Dept. of Emergency Medicine

Division of Emergency Medical Services

231 Albert Sabin Way
Cincinnati, OH 45267-0769



10 January, 2022

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

Chief Thomas,

Please accept the following 2021 EMS Annual Report from the Fairfield Township Fire Department medical direction team. Over the past 12 months, 10 hours of direct medical director/assistant medical director- led continuing education were performed in station. This included topics such as:

- Cardiac arrest management
- Protocol review
- Pediatrics
- Trauma patient care
- Cardiac dysrhythmias / EKG interpretation

This was complimented by an additional 20 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.

In conjunction with UC Health Air Care, we did three-unit day simulation of the technical rescue of a sick patient with subsequent cardiac arrest utilizing both high and low fidelity simulation equipment.

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.

Looking forward to 2022, 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 will be conducting a variety of yet to be determined educational offerings and hope 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

Once again in 2021, personnel and administrative staff remained vigilant battling the ongoing threat of covid-19 and new emerging omicron virus related incidents and general exposure while on-station in addition to managing the daily department operations.

On a positive note, personnel received new fire gear, multiple tools and equipment purchased and placed on units and in stations. We also upgraded Task 219 unit with a used squad from the City of Fairfield Fire Department.

Improvements I would like to see for 2022, future hiring of additional full- time/part-time paramedic certified personnel to help with maintaining proper staffing levels, and the purchase of new ladder apparatus.



STATION #212 HYDRANT TESTING

Assisted with annual hydrant testing and reporting.

ASSIGNED STATION 212 PERSONNEL

Completed yearly employee evaluations.

Monitor and completed uniform/individual fire gear replacement request. Completed annual fire gear inspection and submitted to Capt. Berter.

DEPARTMENT TRAINING/NEW HIRES

Assisted with completing required job skills for new hires and assigned daily trainings.

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

STATION 212/211 VEHICLE FLEET

Oversaw completion of weekly inventories, general maintenance, and equipment service. Assisted with transferring equipment from previous Task-219 vehicle into newer vehicle placing unit in-service.

New leaf blower unit, RAM XD ground monitor, and RIGID cases containing equipment placed on E-212.

New Knox Box unit installed on E-212 as well.

*Need outside light installed on station over grill area so crews can see when cooking.



STATION 212 SMALL ENGINE/HYDRAULIC/BATTERY UNITS

Pressure testing and preventive maintenance process on battery operated/hydraulic tools and generator not performed this year.

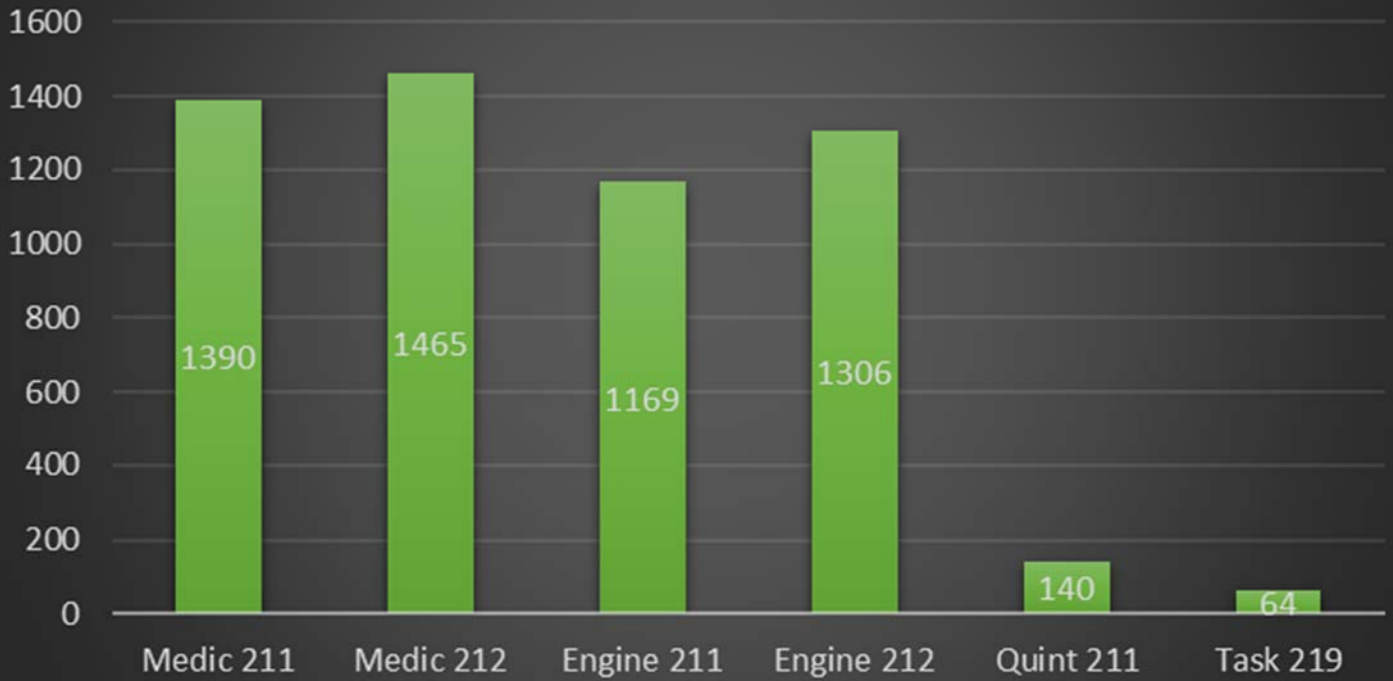
Currently in process of replacing rechargeable battery not holding a charge on extrication tool.

COMPANY OFFICER MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION

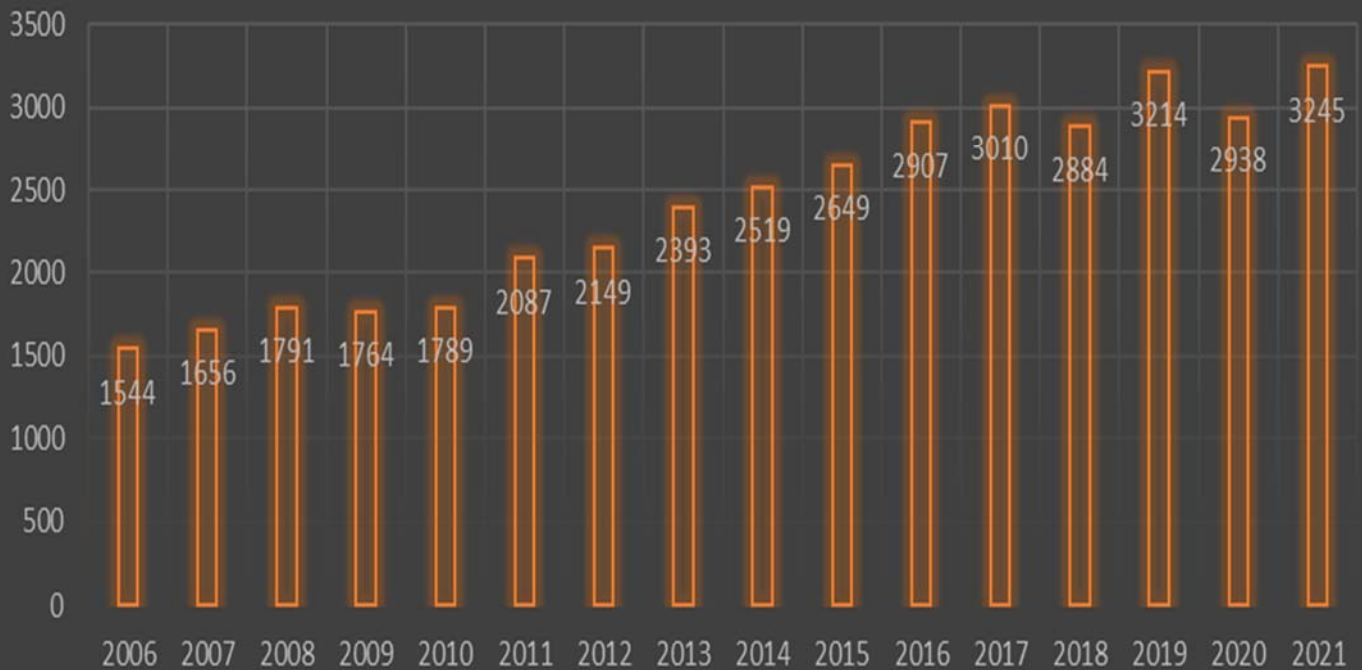
Assisted with managing work schedule activity, supervised daily station and department operations. Completed minor repairs and submitted repair/ replacement request to administration.



Responses by Vehicle



Annual Incidents



In 2020 COVID-19 impacted our call volume as the public was asked to stay home and many businesses were closed. We responded to 2938 Calls.

Lieutenant Chris Sander

2021 continued to be a tough year for the fire service as COVID continued to be a large factor in the day to day operations. Crews continued to provide excellent care throughout the year regardless of the strain that COVID caused. The service provided by the Township during a record setting year was remarkable and all the employees should be proud of the way they handled the increased workload.



Hydrant Maintenance continued on and was successful once again. The crews handled the extra work during this season, on top of the increased workload mentioned above. I personally want to thank each of them for their diligence and hard work during this thankless, but necessary task each year. They, with the help of the Butler County Water Department, are the ones that ensure we have working hydrants throughout the township when a fire call comes out. Like previous years, all hydrants with problems were quickly reported and handled by the water department.

On top of hydrant maintenance this year, we started a pilot program with the help of the Butler Tech High School Fire program. Two eager students from the fire class assisted the fire department with painting hydrants throughout the township. The most important purpose of this being that freshly painted hydrants are much easier to see when arriving at fires which aids in the quick application of water on a fire. This makes the scene much safer for both the citizens and the firefighters on scene. The second purpose is keeping the hydrants painted slows the deterioration of the hydrants allowing their service life to be much longer. An added bonus being that they look much nicer! It was a great first year for this program and we look forward to continuing the program with the Butler Tech students in 2022.



As we move into 2022, the fire department will continue to provide the high level of care the citizens and visitors have come to expect and deserve.



Captain Bryon Baumann

Another year has passed with 2021 out and 2022 in. 2021 was an exciting year filled with hard work, accomplishments, building moments, and more. The new "NORMS" in the department with COVID, like temperature checks, mask in the firehouse, N95 on every run, hand sanitizer everywhere have not gone away.

2021 the department trainings were finally back on track and back to a somewhat norm. After being cooped up for a lot of 2020 we made the most of 2021 by getting out and having trainings together. Thanks to the Administration for allowing us to utilize old Station 212 to conduct trainings in more realistic setting. We also conducted joint trainings with the City of Hamilton, City of Monroe, and Butler Tech Highschool.



We joined forces with the City of Hamilton and conducted joint trainings on the following:

Building Familiarization and Pre Plans

Relay Pumping and Couplings

RIT

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

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

New Engine 211

Drowning

Stop the Bleed

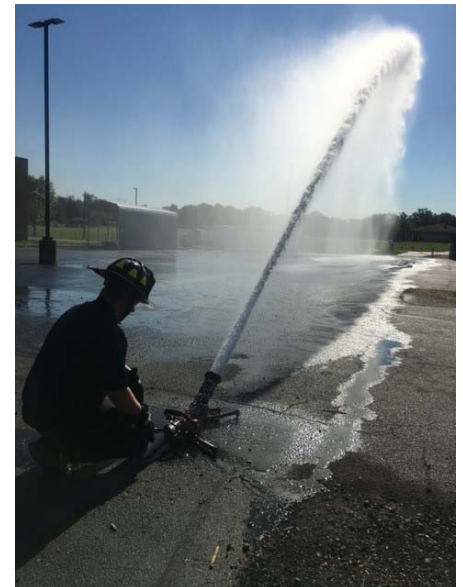
Company Operations

RIT

Decon

Documentation

Mega Codes



Capt Baumann cont...

Health and Wellness

Airway

Autism Awareness – Online

Hypothermia– Online

Inspector – Online

Live Burns

We took delivery of the new Engine 211 and conducted drivers training and equipment training in order to get the unit placed in service.



A new Ford pickup truck was purchased and placed in service as the new CAPT 210 vehicle.

In 2021 the Fairfield Township Professional Firefighters Union Local 5276 has been working diligently with the Administration to form a contract and together we have made great progress with a few items to finish in 2022.

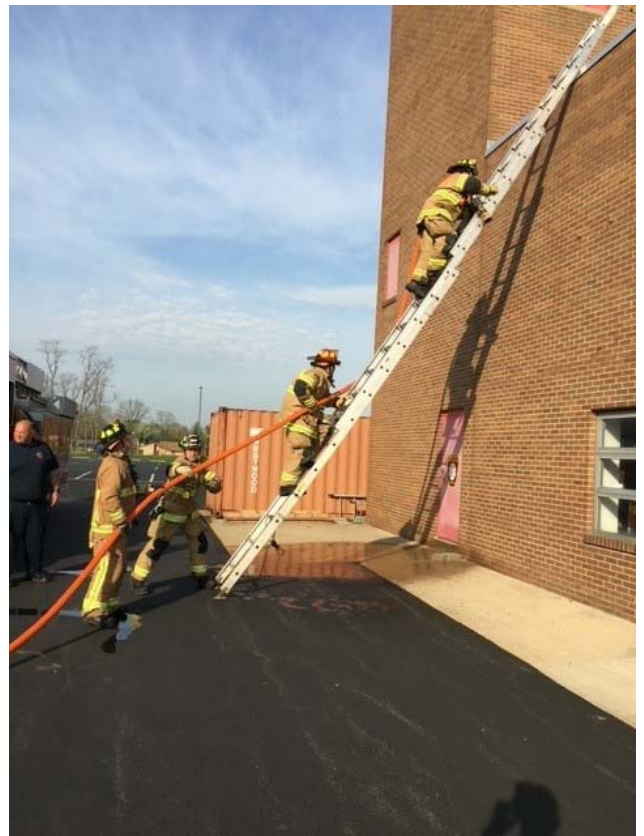
In May of 2021 I, along with other members of FTFD and HFD, traveled to Las Vegas and played in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Tournament.

The end of July and most of August was out of the office traveling to Indy and Williamsport, PA to watch my oldest son complete in the Little League World Series. Not the ending we hoped, but very pleased with the Tom Seaver Championship and 2nd place overall.

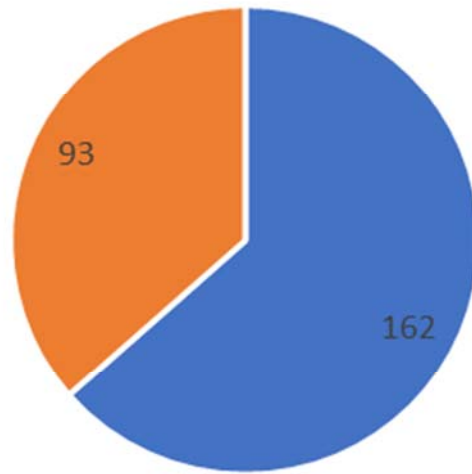
I have recently completed classes at Anna Maria College for my bachelor's degree in Fire Service Administration. The list of classes has assisted me with becoming better at my current role as the Training Captain

- Strategic Management of Human Capital
- Drugs and Society
- Fire Investigation and Analysis
- Community Risk Reduction
- Emergency Services Budgeting
- International and Comparative Pre-Hospital Services

In 2022 we hope to conduct more joint trainings with neighboring departments. The goal in 2022 is to pick up from where we left off in 2021 and get back on the trend of hosting classes as well as sending personnel to outside trainings as things hopefully normalize. I am confident that 2022 will bring more opportunities for our department.

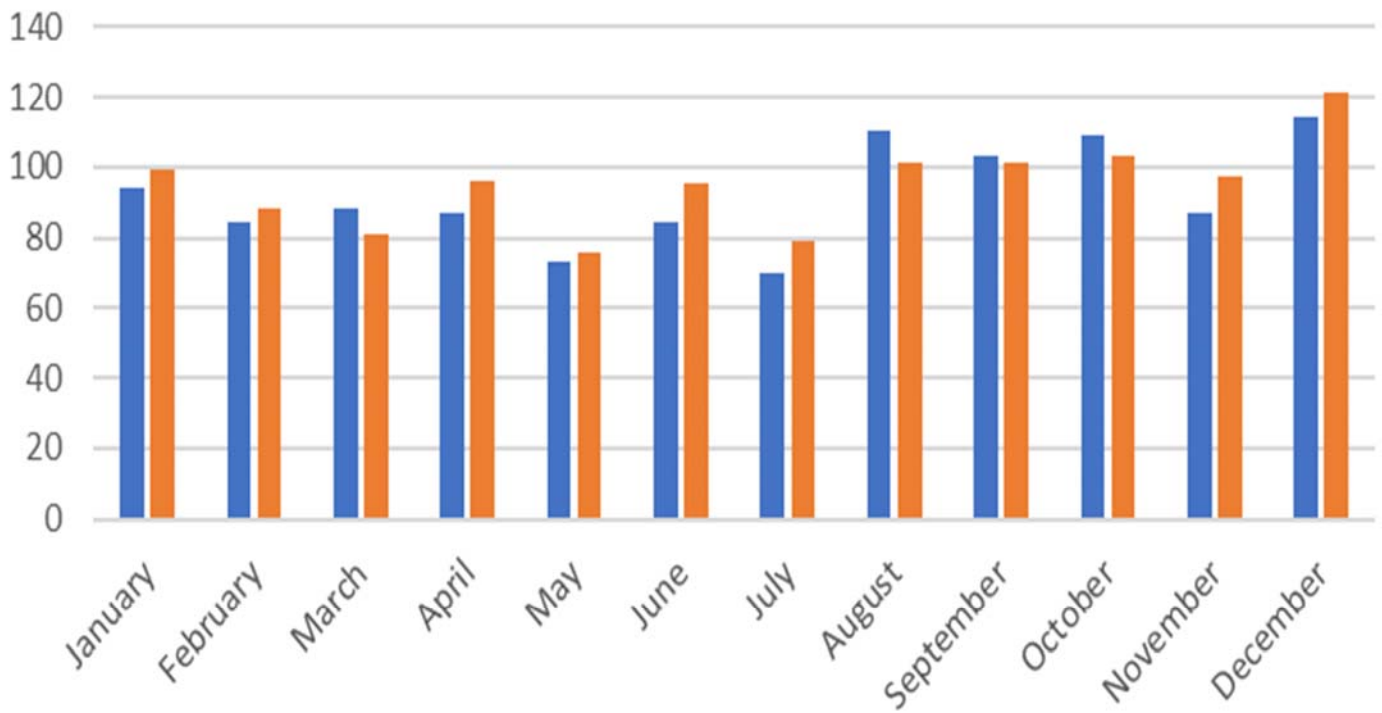


Aid Given/Received



■ Mutual Aid Given ■ Mutual Aid Received

Transports by Medic Unit

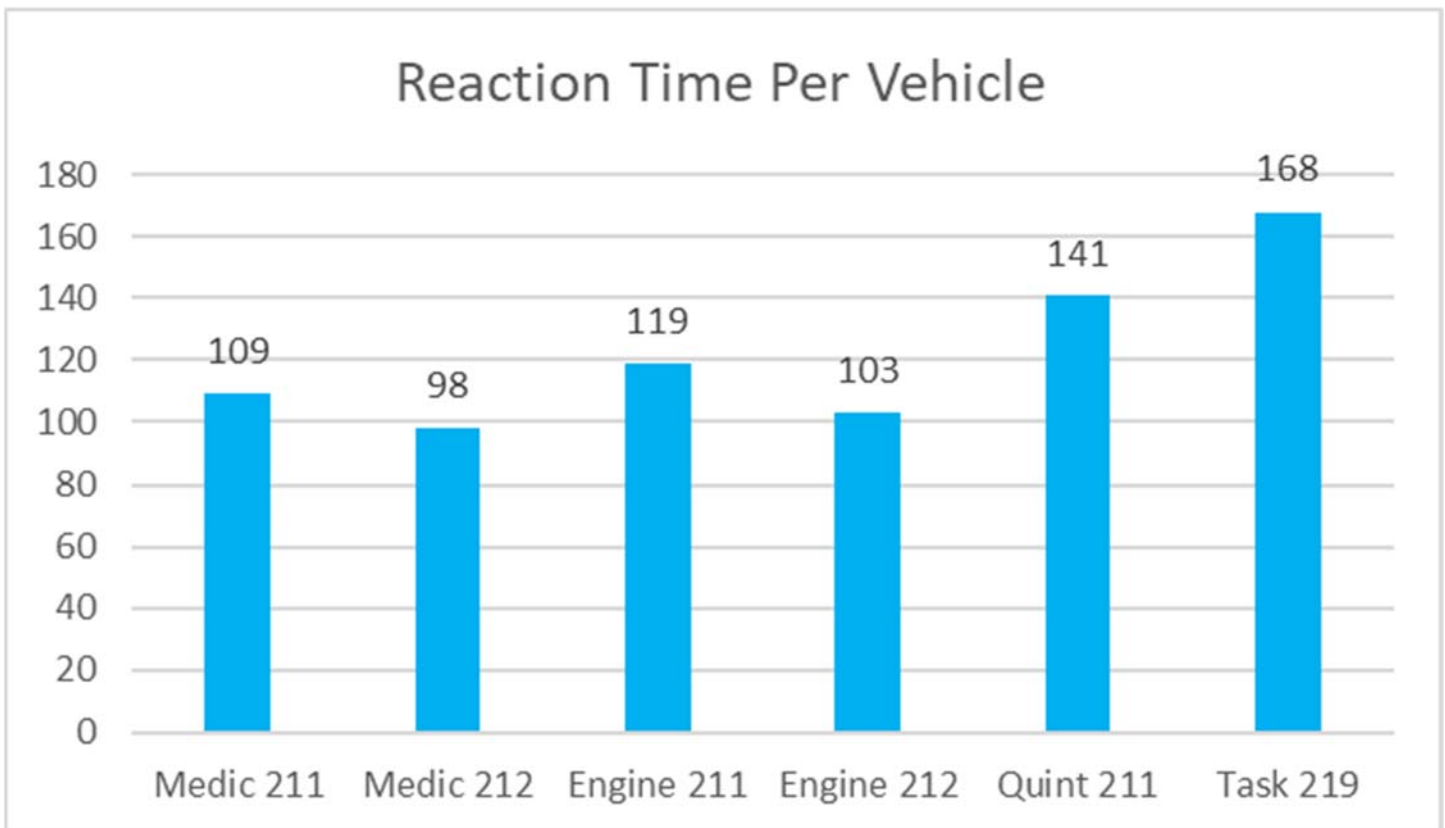


■ Medic 211 ■ Medic 212



Butler County Fire Investigation Team

Members of the department continued 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.





Net Revenue Comparison

Date Range: 1/1/2021 - 12/1/2021

Month Name	Current Year	Previous Year	Net Change	% Change
January	\$47,572.65	\$50,640.20	\$-3,067.55	
February	\$52,363.87	\$48,205.37	\$4,158.50	
March	\$58,860.16	\$38,068.14	\$20,792.02	
April	\$51,333.92	\$46,606.86	\$4,727.06	
May	\$39,920.77	\$33,924.22	\$5,996.55	
June	\$40,009.63	\$43,006.27	\$-2,996.64	
July	\$49,703.20	\$32,307.97	\$17,395.23	
August	\$32,849.70	\$40,677.44	\$-7,827.74	
September	\$51,983.23	\$44,059.98	\$7,923.25	
October	\$30,709.61	\$40,882.80	\$-10,173.19	
November	\$55,787.76	\$54,081.04	\$1,706.72	
December	\$86,065.98	\$56,768.51	\$29,297.47	



Average Payment by Call Date

Date Range: 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

Month Name	Charges	Gross Charges	Average Charge	Adjustments	Write-off	Call Credits	Average
January 2021	167	\$121,455.40	\$727.28	\$55,227.84	\$13,435.77	\$53,010.99	\$317.43
February 2021	144	\$105,385.20	\$731.84	\$46,299.50	\$12,463.11	\$46,281.39	\$321.40
March 2021	151	\$111,732.60	\$739.95	\$47,029.51	\$12,304.27	\$49,491.47	\$327.76
April 2021	156	\$112,151.00	\$718.92	\$51,097.38	\$11,791.37	\$46,832.46	\$300.21
May 2021	129	\$91,757.40	\$711.30	\$41,923.49	\$6,704.99	\$43,243.83	\$335.22
June 2021	145	\$100,164.60	\$690.79	\$45,458.33	\$5,718.24	\$43,491.24	\$299.94
July 2021	134	\$95,553.20	\$713.08	\$45,001.51	\$2,866.74	\$40,495.64	\$302.21
August 2021	169	\$120,254.00	\$711.56	\$52,754.42	\$3,338.15	\$57,252.59	\$338.77
September 2021	161	\$116,982.60	\$726.60	\$49,657.29	\$57.25	\$52,424.69	\$325.62
October 2021	164	\$116,703.20	\$711.60	\$49,266.43	\$85.39	\$48,321.63	\$294.64
November 2021	161	\$117,057.00	\$727.06	\$40,264.52	\$79.92	\$41,271.13	\$256.34
December 2021	130	\$95,980.60	\$738.31	\$2,183.70	\$0.00	\$482.80	\$3.71



Firefighter Paramedic Matt Metzner

For our 2021 fiscal year appropriated \$82,000 for our department to purchase non-capital EMS supplies. Our year-to-date total expenditures for 2021 is, \$47,462.70. These items are a crucial part of our day-to-day operations. These items most of the time are a 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. Due to the pandemic, we have seen price increases in certain products. We are still purchasing the best priced items needed for our units.

We are still battling with Covid 19 in our field every day. This year we have successfully managed to increase our Stock of PPE (personnel protective equipment). These items include gloves, surgical masks, N95 respirators, gowns, sanitation equipment etc. With the help of the EMA and other state agencies, we were able to increase our stock of these crucial items. We've received multiple donations from these organizations, which have helped us drastically. Many of our vendors were on a long-term back order for much of our needed PPE. As of right now we are well equipped with our PPE.

This year we have started to stock up in bulk with certain non-perishable items such as oxygen delivery devices, moving devices, bandages, trauma equipment, etc. This has allowed us to be ahead of any long-term future back order that we are dealing with during the pandemic. We now have the needed items on hand and continue to operate as usual. Certain items are still on back order (24g/ 16g IV angio catheters and certain sanitation supplies) but we are able to adapt during these difficult times.

In 2022 we look forward to purchasing new medical bags for our units. Our old bags are tattered and have been discontinued by the manufacturer. This process should allow our crews to operate more efficiently on EMS calls. These bags carry all the needed items to treat our patients in the field. We're currently working hard with our vendors to see what our right fit is.

2021 Appropriated	2021 Expenditures	Unencumbered Balance	Current Reserve for Encumbrance
\$82,000.00	\$47,462.70	\$24,498.55	\$10,038.75

Lieutenant Chris Meador

2021 was another year for the books. We faced several challenges, some expected, some not so much. We hoped the COVID pandemic would have left with 2020; however, it remained a focal point for response practices, training, economic decision making, and an overall health concern for the community and staff. Several firefighters moved on to full-time careers, and current part-time members were called to serve overtime assignments within their respective departments, which compounded day-to-day scheduling concerns. Formal training, community relations, and outside contact were affected as we had no choice but to adhere to C.D.C. guidelines for the COVID pandemic. A measurable increase in calls for service in 2021 combined with reduced staff levels, heightened safety procedures, and an uncertain future was a recipe for a rise in personnel injury or property loss. Fortunately, we made it without any significant impact. In contrast, F.T.F.D. Proved once again that we can achieve success through teamwork, dedication, and adaptation. It wasn't always pretty, but we pulled our resources together and made it happen.



Achievements for 2021:

All assigned hose was tested and recorded

All S.C.B.A.s were annually flow tested in-house. My M.S.A. C.A.R.E. certification allowed NFPA 1852 S.C.B.A. testing to take place in house. In-house service reduces downtime, labor cost, and the need for shipping valuable equipment out.

All assigned Hydrants were serviced and logged as required

Added equipment to engines to aid in motor vehicle crashes/extrication

Obtained, transported, and assembled several physical fitness appliances for station 211

Three of our crew members initiated the application process for paramedic school; all three plan to start school in early 2022.



A 12-year member was offered and accepted a full-time inspector position within F.T.F.D.

Countless hours were spent participating in daily training, specialty teams training, and tools and equipment development.



Several members participated in the COVID vaccination events from January through June.

Multiple vaccination events were also hosted in-house to contribute to awareness, prevention, and hopeful elimination of the virus.

I am looking forward to what 2022 has in store for F.T.F.D. As we leave behind the struggles and difficulties of 2021, we will carry the progress and development of each member into 2022. The coming year will have some exciting changes as we hope to overcome COVID and return to normalcy; of course, this will not happen without challenge and resistance. Following 2020 and 2021, I have no doubts that this agency is prepared to handle anything

thrown our way. I am excited to watch three of my crew members obtain their paramedic certification, and one member will complete driver-operator training. Achieving these goals would mean all crew members are firefighters, paramedics, and apparatus operators.

I believe our most significant challenge of 2022 will be the staffing crisis affecting the entire nation. As the cost of fire and E.M.S. training increases, the fire service career is becoming less attractive to young workforce members. I think the fire service as a whole will focus a considerable amount of time on employee recruitment and retention in the coming year(s). To overcome these growing challenges, F.T.F.D. will need to be at the head of the pack, something I believe we will successfully overcome.





Shannon Splawn, Chairman



The Fire Corps has been forced to remain inactive during the year. As many of the members are just a bit older. There was concerns by the Fire Chief and our members that there was no reason to risk the health and safety of either our members or the public.

We hope to return to being as active as possible. We still believe in our missions and objectives and can't wait to get back out there!

In the mean time we want to remind everyone to remain safe. Practice Fire Safety, and of course check those smoke detectors!



**Smoke Detector
Replacement
Project**

**Fire
Safety
Trailer**

School Safety

Fire Explorers

Another year has come and gone for the men and women of the Fairfield Township Fire Department. 2021, like other years, provided its own set of challenges and hurdles for us to overcome. In 2020, the explorer post was abruptly put on hold due to COVID19. In September of '21 we were able to begin recruitment for new explorers, and get the paperwork for the Boy Scouts of America completed for a re-



sume date of October 5th. I spent a day at Butler Tech answering questions and distributing applications. I could not be more grateful for Lead Instructor Richard Hall in the marketing of our explorer post.

Our explorer post is comprised of all but one Butler Tech D. Russel Lee students. Give or take the explorer post has approximately 15 active members in it. I coordinated with Lead Instructor Richard Hall and obtained their curriculum schedule to mirror our trainings in an attempt to get the most information to the explorers as possible. The explorers have done a variety of classroom instruction and hands on skills as well including Ice Rescue, Hazmat, Fire Behavior, Search & Rescue, Hose Advancement, Trauma/Medical, Apparatus Review. The policy for the explorers is almost complete which will allow our explorers to begin ride time again! They are very excited for it and I can't wait for them to get out there and learn from our members.

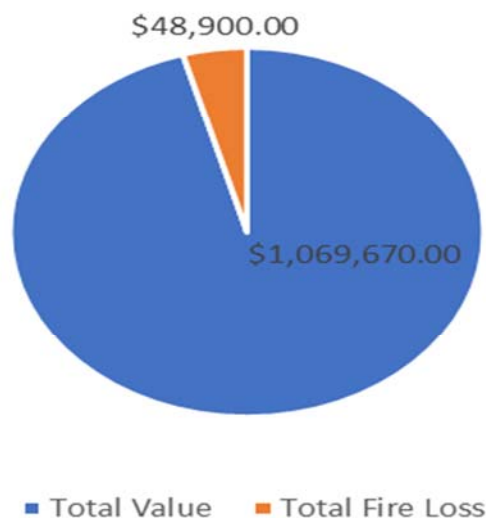
The future of our post is very bright. There are plans to travel to other departments that house specialty units that would be good for them to know about. There are also plans to do a combination training with other area explorer posts hopefully sometime this summer at Butler Tech's training tower.

In closing, I am very grateful to have this opportunity to lead our Explorer post and am beyond appreciative for the support each of you provide to the growth and development of our explorers.



Firefighter Brendan Blair

Fire Loss vs. Value



The Butler County Fire Chiefs regional bariatric project continues to operate well. In 2021 the Butler County Fire Chiefs reached an agreement with the City of Fairfield Fire Department to purchase a replacement vehicle. The cost is being covered through an exchange of service fees until the cost has been met.

A new ramp/loading system was purchased using proceeds from the service fees. The new unit now has a higher weight capacity loading system as well as a higher GVW Rating on the vehicle.



Bariatric Transport Unit - TASK 219

Bariatric use by Agency

