

Fire Department

MONTHLY REPORT



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February 2024

This monthly report period is through January 31st. Below you will find specific items that the fire department does each and every day. We take pride in providing an outstanding service to our community.

Run Statistics

Incidents are categorized as either a fire incident or EMS incident. Below you will see the incident totals through January 31st. You will also see the comparison of incidents from this year and the mutual aid received and given.

Incidents thru January 31st

Type	Total
Fire	94
EMS	248
Total	342

Same time last year

Type	Total
Fire	85
EMS	250
Total	335

Mutual Aid YTD

Type	Total
Given	17
Received	1
Total	18

Mutual Aid same time last year

Type	Total
Given	18
Received	10
Total	28

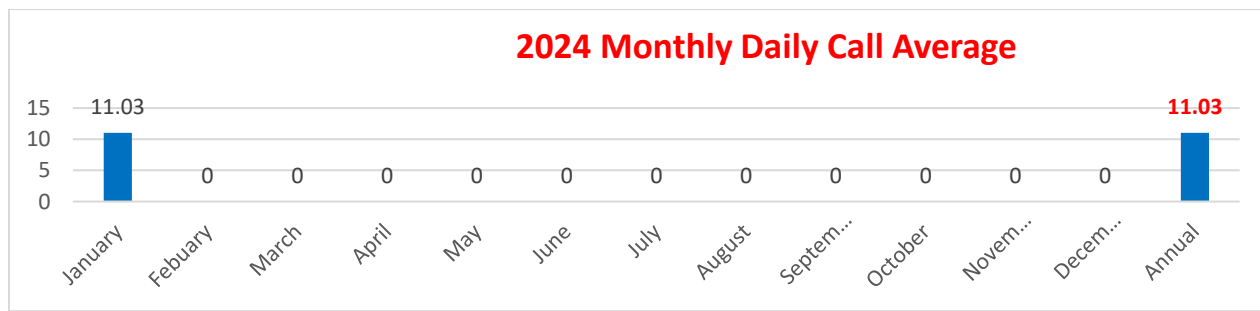
We continued to see call volume fluctuate and continue our efforts to be prepared for calls.

This number is **7** calls ahead of last year's count.

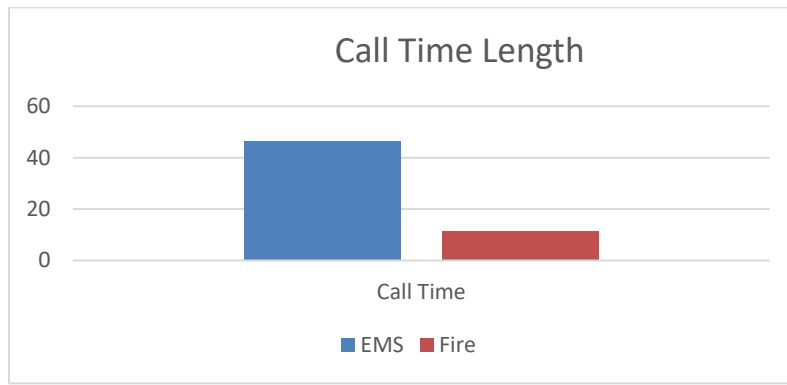
Our daily call average for the month of January is **11.03** calls per day.

We continue to experience an increase in back-to-back calls. We continued tracking this in 2024 in our efforts to remain proactive to changes in our community.

As we completed the month, we have continued our efforts to meet calls for service. We look forward to working with our neighboring departments as we partner together to meet the needs of our communities. Mutual Aid continues to be a cost-effective means for all area fire departments to deal with surges in requests for service. You will note an increase in the number of calls we are using mutual aid. We all try to maintain resources capable of meeting our average needs. However, we all need to have in place a plan to address unexpected requests.



Mutual Aid continues to be a method for all area fire departments to deal with surges in requests for service. However, the number of calls we are using mutual aid is something we continue to monitor. We all try to maintain resources capable of meeting our average needs. However, we all need to have in place a plan to address unexpected requests.



Fire Prevention

Construction for Christian Brothers Automotive is complete, they will be conducting training in the coming weeks before opening for business. Progress continues slowly for the new Tidal Wave Auto Spa on Bridgewater Landing, they have been battling the weather and dealing with supply shortages which has put them behind on the project. Construction for the new Canes Chicken on Bridgewater Landing is moving quick, they anticipate opening sometime in April. We have several new businesses going into the Bridgewater Falls shopping center, we are currently reviewing plans as those businesses go through the permit process. The MSC Bridgewater storage units on Anchor Drive continue to make progress, completion date is still unknown at this time. Construction in the Timber Trails, Timber Hill, Walden Springs and Windsor Pointe subdivisions continues with several new homes and multi family Structures being built. Several of those locations have moved into phase 2 of the construction. We will continue to monitor progress at all the above locations. Fairfield Twp. Zoning and Fire Dept. are in discussion with an architecture company and McDonalds about a potential new location on Menards BLVD. More information regarding that will be available in the coming weeks.

FTFD took delivery of our new “Andy the Ambulance”. It was taken to Fastsigns in Fairfield where it was decaled to match our current fleet. Andy will be used at events throughout the Township to educate kids on Fire Safety. In January MTFD had one Public Relations event which was a tour of Station 211. Fire Corp members met January 8th for their monthly meeting where we discussed 2024 trainings and events.

Jordan Peters
Fire Prevention

General Department Information

The Township Trustee's hired Ryan Berter to fill the position of Fire Chief. Ryan's first day is February 5th. This will certainly bring many changes for the future. The Department will begin to transition to new leadership under Chief Berter over the two months. Members will begin to see changes as we move forward.

I have enjoyed the years I have served the Department and the Community. I look forward to helping Chief Berter as he takes on the position.

The department continues to receive applications for both full and part time positions.

Engine 212 remains out of service and has been returned to Specialty awaiting the completion of repairs.

Trustees approved the creation of three(3) Lieutenants positions. We have not finalized a promotional process to fill these three promoted position.

We continue to work on keeping up with maintenance of our apparatus.

Wow, I never would have seen myself sitting in the Fire Chiefs office, typing a section in our annual report, as the next Fire Chief. What a humbling experience this has been. I am beyond grateful and I'm truly excited for the opportunity to lead our great fire department. Although I've been a member of our fire department for 24 years, I feel this is a homecoming of sorts, leaving West Chester and devoting all of my time and efforts to ensuring "The Townships" continuing success.

My work began on Monday February the 5th and we are truly off and running. Chief Thomas and I have set a schedule of covering different topics each workday that will continue throughout his tenure. We spend several hours each shift covering a multitude of topics in order to ensure that I am as prepared as possible prior to his retirement.

As time moves forward we will begin transitioning more responsibility from Chief Thomas to me, leading to a point where he can sit back and act as an advisor for the last 3-4 weeks. Chief Thomas has a wealth of knowledge with not only fire department operations but also township government. He has spent his entire career in a township system and has a grasp of the system that I can only hope to achieve at some point and we will take every opportunity to transition as much of his knowledge as possible.

I look forward to working with each and every one of our stakeholders and I cannot wait to see the things that our team can achieve moving forward.

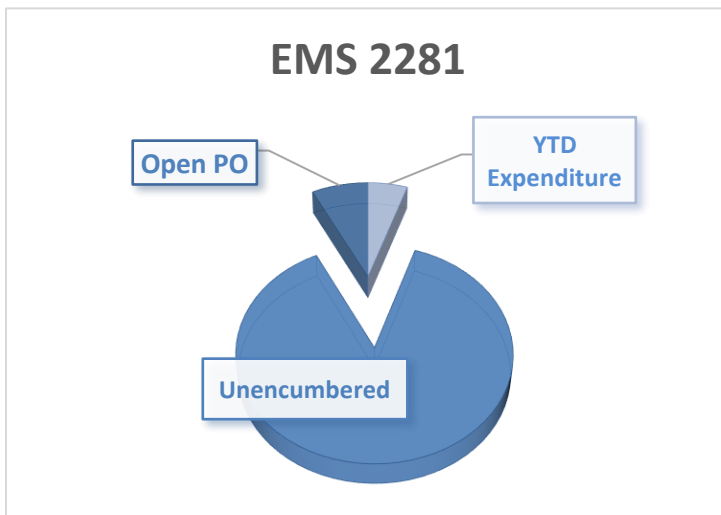
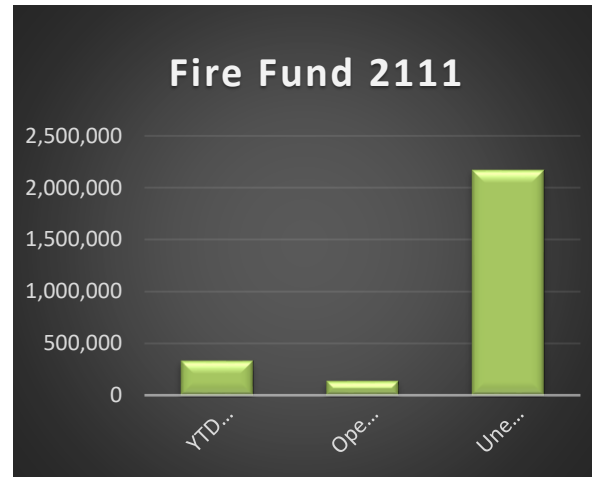
One Team!!

Ryan Berter
Fire Chief

Financial Information

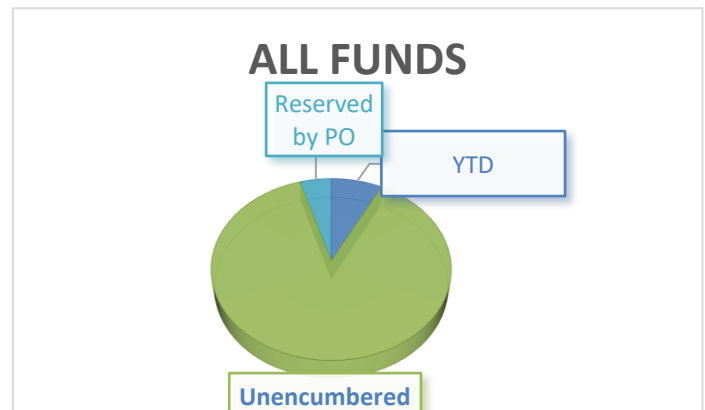
The Department continues our efforts to be fiscally responsible and operate within our budget.

Fire Fund	
Appropriated	\$ 2,644,000.00
YTD Expenditures	\$ 334,534.72
Unencumbered	\$ 2,169,056.41
Reserved by PO	\$ 140,408.87



EMS 2281	
Appropriated	\$ 1,555,000.00
YTD Expenditures	\$ 79,048.15
Unencumbered	\$ 1,363,016.12
Reserved by PO	\$ 112,935.73

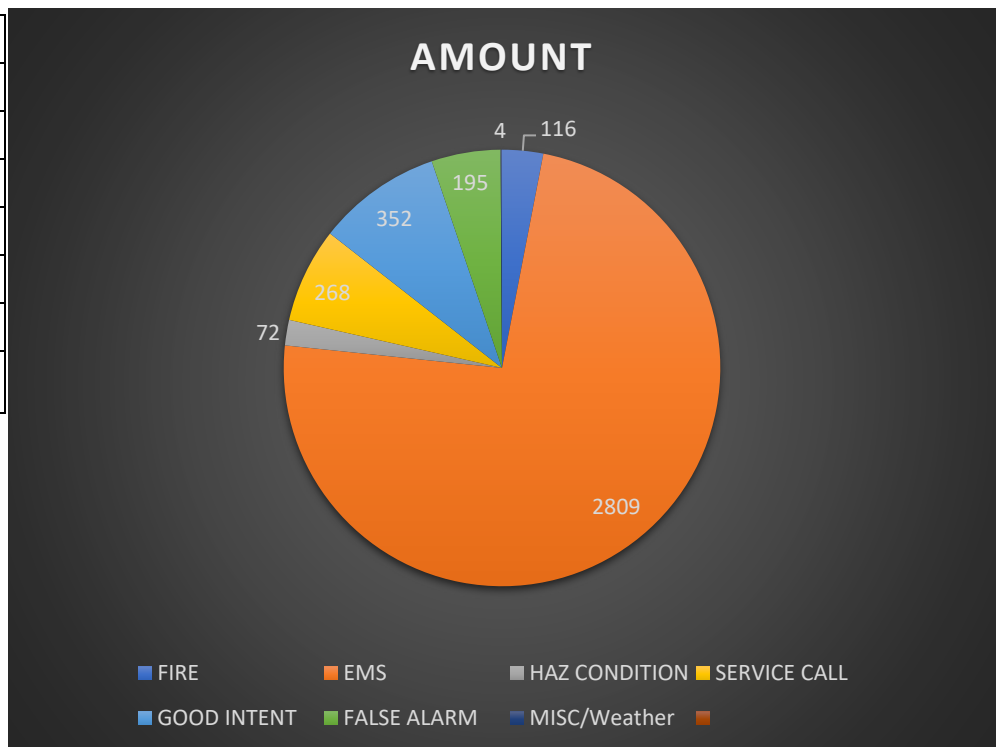
Total All Funds	
Appropriated	\$ 5,471,332.76
YTD Expenditures	\$ 413,582.87
Unencumbered	\$ 4,804,395.29
Reserved by PO	\$ 253,344.60



Incident Statistics

Below are the year-to-date run statistics as of January 31st. The types of calls are generalized. For instance, fire incidents include everything but not limited to building fires, cooking fires, fuel burner issues, vehicle fires and brush/grass fires.

TYPE	AMOUNT
FIRE	6
EMS	248
HAZ CONDITION	2
SERVICE CALL	30
GOOD INTENT	36
FALSE ALARM	20
MISC/Weather	0



Shift Captain Reports

UNIT 1 Captain Baumann

Projects/Special Activities

- Trainings
- RIT/Mayday
- Ice Rescue Equipment
- Ice Rescue Tech (Classroom and Practicals)
- Gear and SCBA drill
- Scene Size up
- 2024 EMS Protocol

Shift

- E-212, M-214 OOS
- Crews have been playing pickleball. This improves cardio and crew integrity.
- Celebrated Chiefs Birthday
- E-211 had a starter/battery issue which was repaired.
- Members Welcomed new Fire Chief Ryan Berter at his swearing in
- Union meeting
- Peer Support Group meeting
- Repairs were made to the RDC, ice rescue suits, and replacement equipment ordered.
- New battle ropes and gym towels were purchased for both stations from auction monies.
- Crews took down Christmas lights and pack them away until next year.

Captain Bryon Baumann

UNIT 2 Captain Coomer

Projects/Special Activities

Trainings

Completed 2024 Protocol update review.

RIT training/ Search and rescue

Pulled cross lays multiple times.

Ice rescue classroom portion/ Then took to the ice and practiced on pond

Gear mask up drills.

Highlights/Unique Calls

Multiple serious medical calls with good outcomes.

Mutual aid structure fire with St Clair township. We were fire attack due to man power.

Vehicle fire in Bob Evans parking lot

Shift Accomplishment

Welcomed our new Fire Chief at his swearing in ceremony. Welcome and congratulations to Chief Ryan Berter.

Kenny Rust held a CPR class for our members.

We did some training with the juniors from Butler tech fire program.

Captain Joel Coomer

UNIT 3 Captain Sander

Projects/Special Activities

1. Training Subjects:
 - 2024 Southwest Ohio Protocol Update
 - Review Ice Rescue Equipment
 - Ice Rescue Classroom and Practical's at Rentschler pond
 - Pediatric Airway considerations-Akron Children's(virtual)
 - Gear/Mask up drills
 - GSW/Ballistics-EMS/Trauma
 - Search and Rescue at Train Station

- Preventative Maintenance Performed on HVAC units at both stations.
- Ford performed recall work on all three pickups. (Windshield wipers)
- Station 211 Tour by 'Liberty Twp. Mom's' group.
- 'Andy' the Ambulance made his debut during the tour mentioned above. It was a hit with the kids in attendance. It has since been 'striped' to resemble FTFD medic units.
- 2023 Annual Report components put together and completed.

Shift Accomplishments

- Josh Morrow recognized at the January Trustee meeting for his life saving efforts following a car wreck in the City of Cincinnati. We are all very proud of Josh.

Captain Chris Sander