

# Fire Department

MONTHLY REPORT

March 2023



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This monthly report period is through February 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 February 28<sup>th</sup>. You will also see the comparison of incidents from this year and the mutual aid received and given.

**Incidents thru Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**

Type	Total
Fire	148
EMS	458
Total	606

**Same time last year**

Type	Total
Fire	177
EMS	462
Total	639

**Mutual Aid YTD**

Type	Total
Given	30
Received	18
Total	48

**Mutual Aid same time last year**

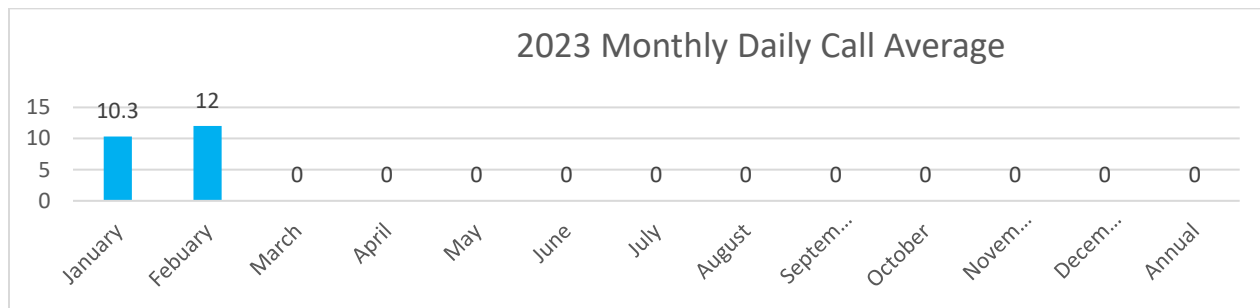
Type	Total
Given	30
Received	24
Total	54

We continued to see call volume increasing as restrictions are continuing to have less and less impact on department operations. This number is **33** calls behind last year's count.

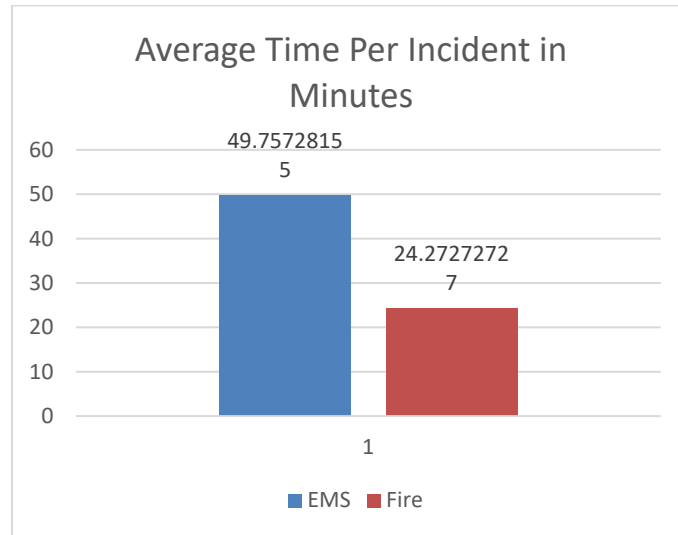
Our daily call average for the month of February is over 12 calls per day.

We are also seeing a major increase in back-to-back calls. We continue tracking this in 2023 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 hope that we can address this need with changes in our staffing levels in 2023. 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**

Fire Prevention continues to monitor the new construction projects around the township. Casey's (Princeton Rd.) and Caliber Collision (Gilmore Rd.) are both making good progress. The Shell building at 7950 Seward Rd. is complete and ready for tenant(s). The other Shell building at 8200 Seward is under roof and the construction crews are making good progress. They continue to work on the storage facility on Anchor drive, progress for that project seems to be slower than the other projects but they are making progress. They have broken ground and started on the commercial strip building on Joseph drive in front of Menards, I expect that project will start moving along pretty quickly in the near future.

Fire Inspections for the month of February focused on our Nursing Facilities and re-inspections of businesses with fire code violations. Our Fire Prevention Bureau and the State Fire Marshals office conducted fire inspections of the nursing homes within our district, and are currently working with some of these facilities to get a few issues addressed.

We are looking forward to warmer weather and being able to get out and interact with the community. We continue to take calls and schedule upcoming public education events. The

Fire Corps have been working behind the scene to prepare for this year's events by stocking our fire prevention bags and making sure all our supplies are ready.

### **General Department Information**

The Shift Captains are continuing to have a very positive impact on the general performance of the department. The increased continuity is helping the department adjust to our growing department and the increasing call volumes.

At the Trustee Meeting we requested several things. First was a pay raise for the part-time staff. Trustees approved a \$3.00 per hour rate increase for part-time staff. This was in an effort to both retain and recruit part-time staff members. This was approved for the first pay period in March.

We requested additional Full Time staff positions. The Board approved three additional full-time positions. We will be hiring these new positions in March.

The third item was an increase in our authorized staffing level. We requested to increase from 12 on daily staffing to 14. This is designed to allow us to place an additional Ambulance in front line service. We hope to begin this on April 1, 2023.

We continue working with the Township Administration to look for solutions to staffing concerns. We continue to seek out candidates to hire for part time positions. We have experienced an increase in part time applications after the announcement of the new pay rates.

We anticipate hiring several additional part-time staff members in March as well.

All of the members of the department have continued working hard to meet the needs of this community. They have truly made great effort to meet the calls for service as well as the normal operating duties.

Congratulations to Ian Schomaker and Jordan Peters on becoming Certified as Paramedics.

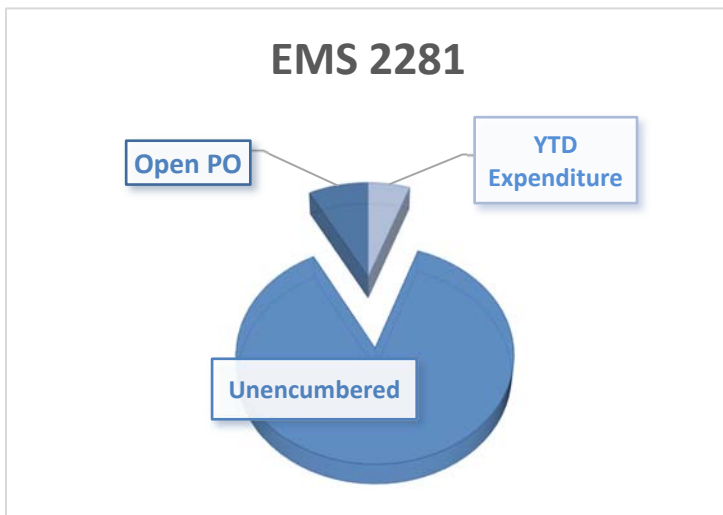
We conducted multiple full-time and part-time interviews during the month.



## Financial Information

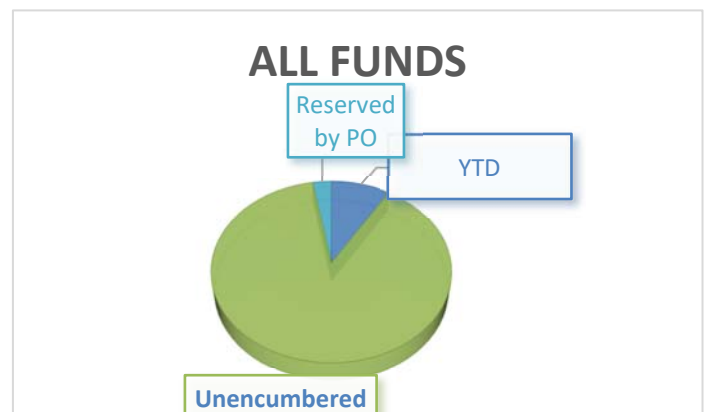
This year the Trustees appropriated \$1,500,000.00 for the purchase of a Ladder Truck to replace Quint 211. However with the delivery time for such a purchase now standing at over 30 months, This purchase will not take place until such time as the next Fire Chief is able to make this purchase.

<b>Fire Fund</b>	
Appropriated	\$ 3,112,000.00
YTD Expenditures	\$ 518,797.59
Unencumbered	\$ 2,487,512.78
Reserved by PO	\$ 105,689.63



<b>EMS 2281</b>	
Appropriated	\$ 983,000.00
YTD Expenditures	\$ 52,737.13
Unencumbered	\$ 854,543.93
Reserved by PO	\$ 75,718.94

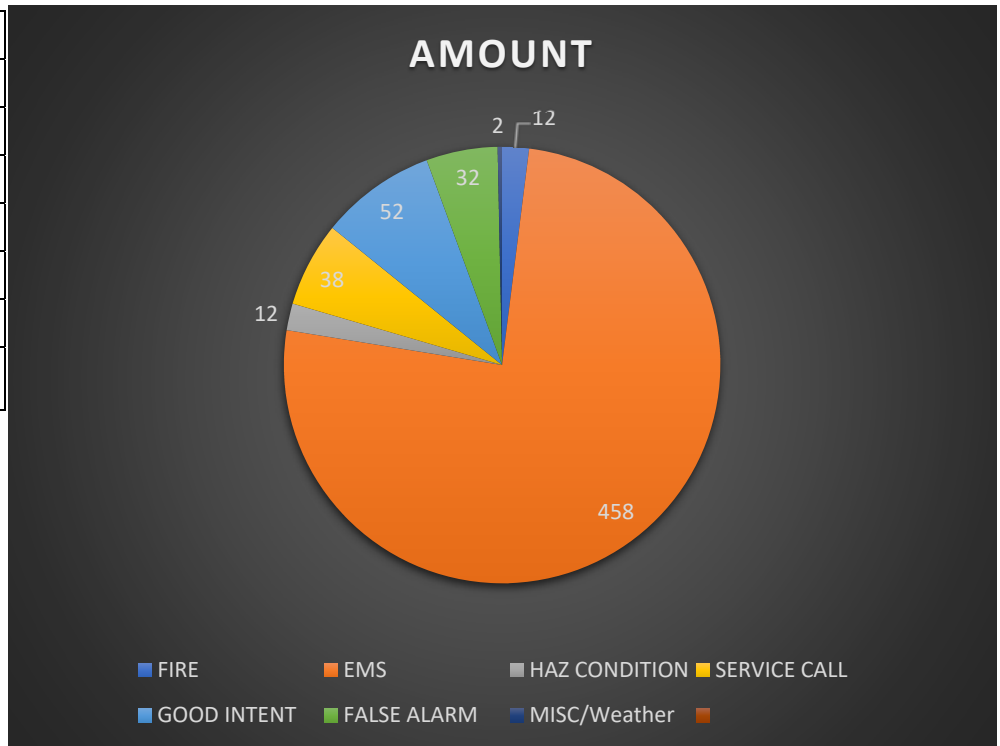
<b>Total All Funds</b>	
Appropriated	\$ 6,545,000.00
YTD Expenditures	\$ 571,534.72
Unencumbered	\$ 5,792,056.71
Reserved by PO	\$ 181,408.57



## Incident Statistics

Below are the year-to-date run statistics as of February 28<sup>th</sup>. 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	12
EMS	458
HAZ CONDITION	12
SERVICE CALL	38
GOOD INTENT	52
FALSE ALARM	32
MISC/Weather	2



# Shift Captain Reports

## UNIT 1 Captain Baumann

### Projects/Special Activities

- Annual Gear Inspections
- 1<sup>st</sup> Officers meeting of the year
- Trustee Meeting
- o 3 FT positions
- o \$3 pay raise for Part Time Personnel
- o Staffing increase to 14
- St 211 Day room wall repaired, new TV/Monitor installed, and First Arriving activated
- The Certification list for the department has been audited and updated
- Missing EMS run reports forwarded to ERs
- Trainings
- o Medic Refresher
- o Communication
- o Township Policy
- o Infectious Control
- o Pump Training
- o Aerial Training
- T219 new batteries installed
- E211 out for service – exhaust
- M-214 getting new Batteries
- M-212 heating system repaired

### Highlights/Unique Calls

- Car Fire

### Shift Accomplishments

- Ian Schomaker successfully passed medic class and National Registry
- o Offered Full Time Position on Unit 1
- o State Certified Paramedic
- o Cleared as an Engine Driver Operator
- o Started his Quint Driving packet
- Jordan Peters successfully passed medic class and National Registry
- o State Certified Paramedic
- Dominic Hunter successfully passed Fire Safety Inspector class and is now a state certified FSI
- McKenzie Healy, Dominic Hunter, Nathan Lockwood attending Ice Rescue Technician class at St Clair Fire Department and are now certified

## UNIT 2 Captain Coomer

## **Projects/Special Activities**

### **Trainings**

Search and rescue at The Train Station

Township Policies class

Insurance forms/waivers

Personal accountability podcast with open forum after

CO monitors from both stations calibrated at LTFD

### **Highlights/Unique Calls**

Gun shot victim

Gear inspections are completed for my staff.

Part time interviews

Full time interviews

### **Shift Accomplishment**

Had an intern start with the crew from Butler Tech. She is a Junior and has been assigned to my shift. She is training and learning from the crew. She is here after school until 2100 during the week and on weekends spends all day with us. We have treated her like our own.

Chris Simpson tested out on Quint driver packet and now cleared as a Driver/ operator

Aaron Foley tested out on Quint driver packet and now cleared as a Driver/ operator

## **UNIT 3 Captain Sander**

### **Projects/Special Activities**

- Completed the Competency forms for new hires that were started in January. There are 15 tasks/skills that new hires must be proficient in before they can be added to the schedule as a functioning crew member. This will cut down on the time to get them on shift helping to fill gaps in the schedule.
- Continued SOP review as well as working on a policy for After Action Reports to be consistent with our critiques of low frequency/high stress calls.



- Setup meeting for March 6<sup>th</sup> with FireRescue1 in reference to a new training website for Fire and EMS continuing education.
- Trainings with Dr. Calhoun/West Chester Hospital were scheduled out for the rest of the year.

**Highlights/Unique Calls**

- Capt. Baumann, Jason Agoston, Matt Estridge and Jimmy Montgomery along with A/C Schumann helped cover City of Fairfield during the funeral for Dep. Chief Tom Wagner.
- Structure Fire on Tyler Point, kitchen fire. Crews made a good stop with as little property damage as possible. There were no injuries to either civilians or firefighters. Fairfield Township was assisted by our Mutual Aid partners from the City of Hamilton and Liberty Township.

**Shift Accomplishments**

- Firefighter Dominic Hunter attended Fire Safety Inspector class and is now a certified Fire Inspector in the State of Ohio.
- Unit 3 has a student from the Butler Tech Fire Academy serving an internship with Fairfield Township. She is a Junior enrolled in the program. In her short time with us she has proven that she is eager to learn and ready to help in any way she can. We look forward to continuing to work with her and teach her as much as possible during her time here.

**Unit 3 Monthly Training**

Date	Training Topic	Discipline	CEU's	Personnel Trained	Total Personnel Hours	Day/Night
2/1/2023	Search and Rescue	Fire	2	10	20	Day
2/7/2023	EMS Documentation	EMS	1.5	10	15	Day
2/10/2023	EMS Documentation	EMS	1.5	3	4.5	Day
2/13/2023	Radio Communications	General	1	9	9	Day
2/16/2023	Policy Review	Admin.	1	10	10	Day
2/22/2023	Gear/SCBA/Saws	Fire	1.5	5	7.5	Night
2/25/2023	Hose deployment/reload	Fire	2	4	8	Day
2/28/2023	FF Decon/Gear Washing	Fire	5	1	5	Night

