

**2024**

**CANTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT**



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**FROM: FIRE CHIEF CHRIS SMITH**

## From the Chief

As we look back at 2024, I reflect back on the growth and progression of the department. Public safety and fire/EMS are a very dynamic service delivery that needs, and should be, constantly evaluated for meeting the mission and expectations of the organization and community. These expectations continue to grow, along with the growing demands placed on our organization from the needs of changing community demographics, industry standards, and self-imposed standards.

We have been very fortunate with having a supportive community that backs the fire department, a supportive Board of Trustees who share a vision, and a staff that is dedicated to the mission. Without this support, we would not be able to provide the level of service that we do to our community. All staff, from the office/administration, fire prevention, fleet maintenance, and duty crews play a vital role in our daily service delivery.

This year we added eight new full-time shift personal to the ranks. This was made possible due to the passage of the levy in 2023. The need was great and enabled us to stabilize staffing and be bettered prepared to meet the needs of the community. Also, with the passing of the levy we have placed orders for the replacement of our four ambulances. This has been challenging due to delivery timeframes of up to three years. Two are expected early 2026 and two in 2027.

Looking towards the next year, we will continue to strive for superior service to the community, continue to maintain our high training standards, and evaluate ways to meet our mission more efficiently.

Thank you to our entire staff, trustees, and community for your continued support.

In Service,

Chris Smith  
Fire Chief



## **Mission Statement**

The Canton Township Fire Department is dedicated to protecting and serving our community with a commitment to professionalism and service excellence.

## **Vision Statement**

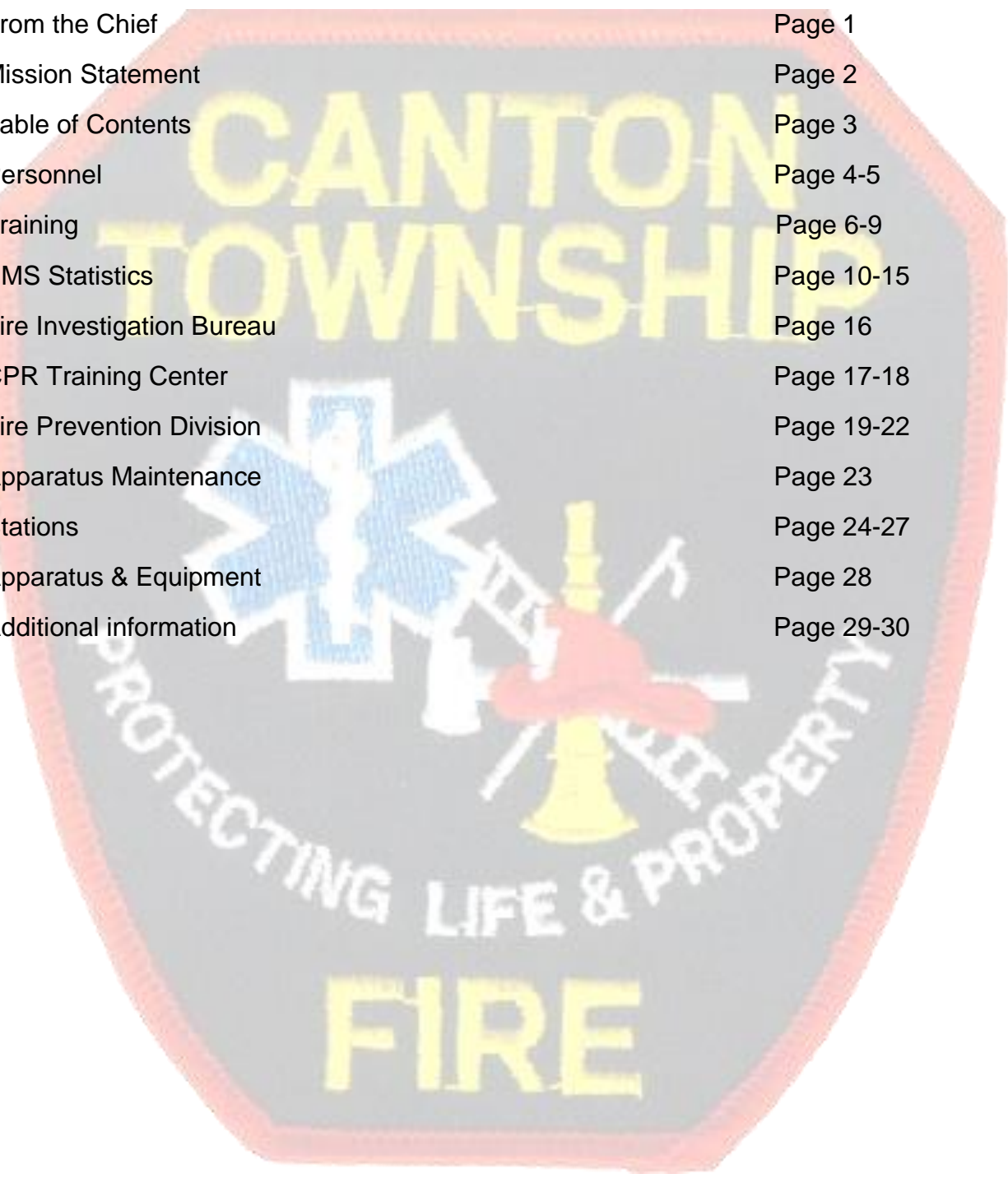
The Canton Township Fire Department will strive to maintain, and build upon, our commitment to safety, training, and customer service. This will be accomplished by adapting and changing within our department to meet the needs of the community we serve.

## **Organizational Values**

- We value honesty and integrity in all matters, leading to the highest level of trustworthiness;
- We value respect for each person as an individual, recognizing the worth of our subordinates, peers, supervisors and customers;
- We value teamwork, as each person's capabilities enhance our performance as a whole;
- We value responsibility, taking ownership of our actions and committing to our assigned objectives;
- We value professional pride, adhering to a strong code of moral and ethical conduct;
- We value compassion, fostering a genuine concern for those we serve;
- We value safety, ensuring our own health as well as the safety of our team and those we serve;
- We value diversity of the people in our department and our community;
- We value training and education as the foundation of superior service;
- We value commitment, working through any adversity to meet the community's needs.

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## PERSONNEL

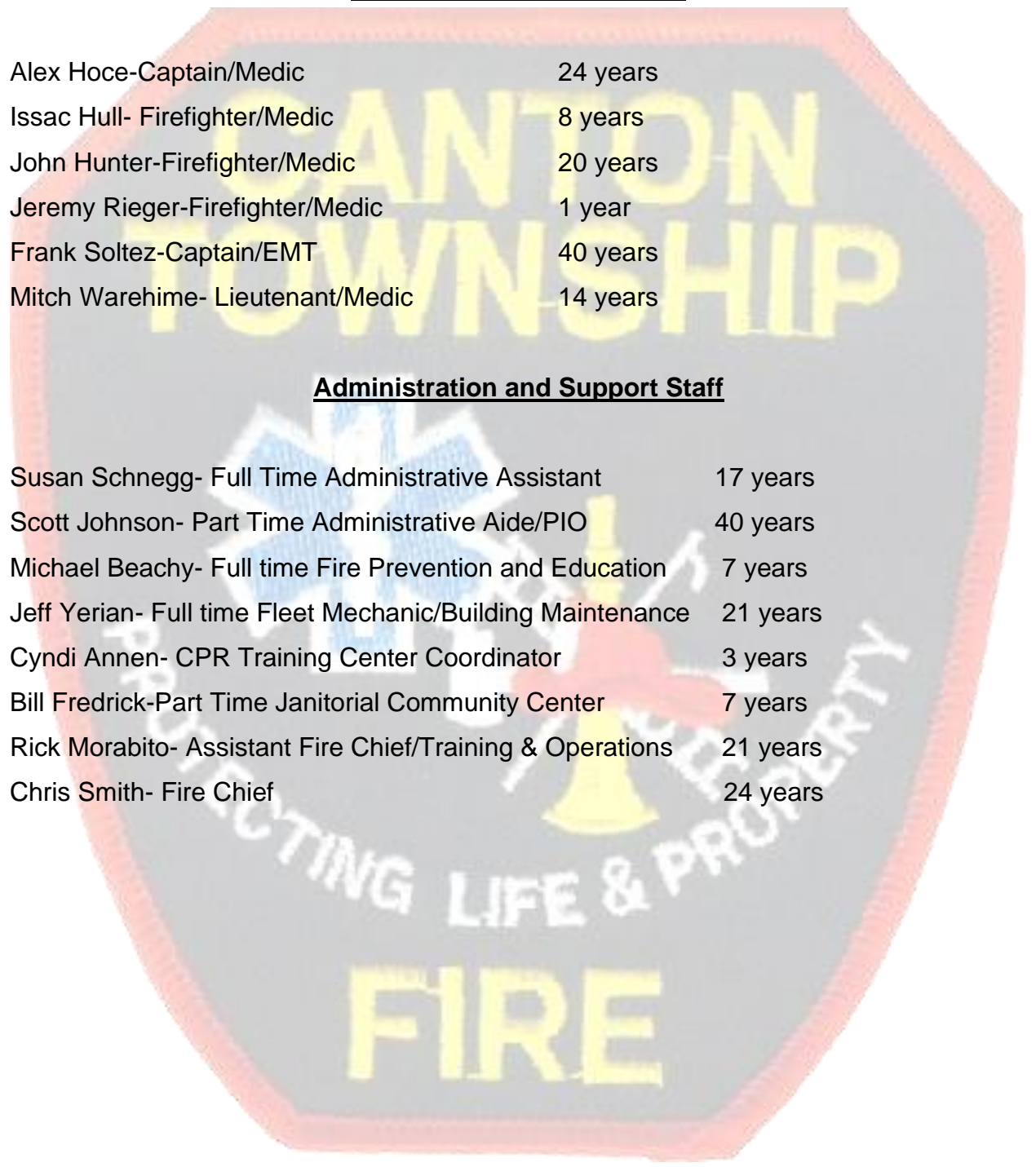
The staff of Canton Township Fire Department is the life blood of the organization and without each member we would not be able to meet our mission.

### Full time shift staff include

A large, semi-transparent watermark of the Canton Township Fire Department logo is centered in the background. The logo is a shield-shaped emblem with a red border. At the top, the word "CANTON" is written in large, yellow, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, "TOWNSHIP" is written in a similar font. In the center, there is a blue Maltese cross with a white fire helmet and a red fire hose nozzle. Below the cross, the words "FIRE" and "LIFE & PROPERTY" are written in a curved path. At the bottom, "FIRE" is written in large, yellow, sans-serif capital letters.

Tim Copeland- Firefighter/Paramedic	6 years
Mike Deyaeger- Firefighter/Paramedic	3 years
Tanner Dodge- Firefighter/Paramedic	1 year
Mike Edwards- Captain/Shift Commander	6 years
Kevin Gonyer- Firefighter/Paramedic	14 years
Nathan Hahn- Firefighter/Paramedic	6 months
Shaun Hamilton- Firefighter/Paramedic	14 years
Aaron Keener-Firefighter/Paramedic	24 years
Jared Lee- Firefighter/Paramedic	1 year
Kris Moll-Firefighter/EMT	4 years
Austin Moseley-Firefighter/Paramedic	4 years
Jon Peters- Lieutenant/Paramedic	34 years
Kyle Peters- Firefighter/Paramedic	3 years
Chris Putnam- Captain/Shift Commander	26 years
Michael Stevenson Firefighter/EMT	2 years
Tim Wagner- Firefighter/Paramedic	3 years
Dakota Wamsley- Firefighter/Paramedic	4 years
Dane Whitsett- Captain/Shift Commander	11 years
Nathan Weisel-Firefighter/Medic	2 years
Mike Wiseman-Firefighter/Medic	1 year
Tessa Yurich-Firefighter/Medic	3 years

**Part time shift staff include**



Alex Hoce-Captain/Medic	24 years
Issac Hull- Firefighter/Medic	8 years
John Hunter-Firefighter/Medic	20 years
Jeremy Rieger-Firefighter/Medic	1 year
Frank Soltez-Captain/EMT	40 years
Mitch Warehime- Lieutenant/Medic	14 years

**Administration and Support Staff**

Susan Schnegg- Full Time Administrative Assistant	17 years
Scott Johnson- Part Time Administrative Aide/PIO	40 years
Michael Beachy- Full time Fire Prevention and Education	7 years
Jeff Yerian- Full time Fleet Mechanic/Building Maintenance	21 years
Cyndi Annen- CPR Training Center Coordinator	3 years
Bill Fredrick-Part Time Janitorial Community Center	7 years
Rick Morabito- Assistant Fire Chief/Training & Operations	21 years
Chris Smith- Fire Chief	24 years



## 2023 FIRE TRAINING ANNUAL REPORT

As first responders, our job relies upon our members education and understanding into the complex competencies demanded from our profession. We have taken an oath of service excellence, and with it, comes tremendous time, effort, and dedication. Our ability to professionally mitigate incidents is vital to executing this mission. The following is a synopsis to our agencies 2024 company and individual fire training accomplishments:

### **Company Fire Trainings:**

- Annual gear inspections and fit-testing
- Roadway & inclement weather-related operations
- Chimney fire operations
- First due communications & resource allocation
  - Mayday management
- Firefighting competencies:
  - Securing water supply from pressurized water source
  - Suppression hose deployment
  - Securing entry PPE
  - Ground ladder deployment & operations
- First due company operations (putting it together)
- Alternative fuel responses
- Rural water supply operations
- Advanced pumping operations
- Heavy rescue operations
  - Bus extrication
- Rescue Task Force (RTF) operations
  - Integration with law enforcement
- Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) operations
  - Command & control

Additionally, our crews are assigned monthly map tests. This assists with review of our geographical response areas and the use of map books that can be used for navigation assistance, in the event of technology failures.

**Total Hours: 303**

## Technical Rescue Operations Team (TROT) Trainings:

Our department has continued the focus on complex/technical rescues. These low frequency/high risk incidents require specific knowledge and frequent practice to execute effective operations. This past year our agency has brought in an outside training specialist to augment our training delivery. The following is a synopsis of the years TROT focus:

- Rope Rescue Operations:
  - Basic and advanced overview of all hardware and equipment in CTFD rope cache
  - Knot tying that included basic technical rescue knots and hitches
  - Anchoring
  - Mechanical advantage systems- 2:1,3:1,4:1,5:1,9:1
  - Lower and haul systems (Twin Tension/Mirrored)
  - Rigging of COD pulleys and use of the CSR in vertical lifting and horizontal movement
  - Patient packaging: Split stokes, Swiss seat and webbing tie in system for lowering/hauling
  - Victim pick-offs; both rescuer and team-based pick-offs
  - Low and High angle patient access and rescue
  - Rappelling
  - Skate block operations both twin tension and skate block with a track line
  - Victim removal from a pitched or flat roof using a ground ladder and simple systems
  - Advanced aerial rescue overview and rigging limitations
  - Ground ladder rescue operations (life safety rope assisted)
  - Annual Job Performance Requirement (JPR) evaluations
  
- Water Rescue:
  - Swift Water Rescue:
    - Coordinated operations with Plain Twp. Fire Department. This entailed review of PPE, equipment, safety, and executing rescue operations. These were conducted from both water craft and shore.
  - Surface Water Rescue:
    - Coordinated with Plain Twp. & Canton City Fire Department's. This entailed review of both inflatable and pontoon rescue operations.
  - Urban flooding operations:
    - In the event to localized flooding, responder safety & removal of occupants within the flood areas.

**Total Hours: 146**



## Facility Pre-Plan Reviews:

- Review and tours of our local buildings under non-incident/normal conditions continue to provide insight for our members to review facility pre-planning, identifying water supply considerations, floorplan layouts, utility locations, & special hazards. The following reviews are facilitated and led by our Fire Prevention Bureau:
  - Foundation Systems & Anchors; 2300 Allen Ave SE
  - County Coroner's Office & new County Records facility; 3053 Cleveland Ave SW
  - Southgate MRDD School & Bus Garage; 3057 Cleveland Ave SW
  - Metallus (Timken) facilities (2 Industrial sites):
    - Gambrinus; 4706 Navarre Rd SW
    - Faircrest; 4511 Faircrest St SW (Mutual response facility with Perry Twp FD)
  - Marathon Refinery facilities; 2408 Gambrinus Ave SW
  - Habitat For Humanity; 1400 Raff Rd SW
  - Solmet Technologies; 2716 Shepler Church Ave SW
  - Technibus Inc; 1501 Raff Rd SW
  - Leppo Rental facilities; 1534 Shepler Church Ave SW

## Individual Development:

Confident performance starts with an individual seeking the knowledge to learn their jobs effectively. This culminates with competence and execution of skills to perform at their best. At Canton Township Fire Department, our people are the foundation to our operational success. We understand this and support this investment. The following is a list of outside formal development courses performed by our members:

- FEMA ICS 400- 32 Hours; Two members
- Fire Officer 1- 80 Hours (Meeting NFPA 1021); One member
- Fire Officer 2- 160 Hours (Meeting NFPA 1021); Two members
- Rope Rescue 1- 160 Hours (Meeting NFPA 1006); Four members
- Rope Rescue 2- 40 Hours; One member
- Peer Support- 96 Hours; Four members
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)- 18 Hours; Two members
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) Instructor- 16 Hours; One member
- Fire Investigator/Arson Seminar- 32 Hours; Two members
- Emergency Vehicle Maintenance- 27 Hours; One member

**Total Hours: 661**

In addition to the above training categories, members also conduct self-study to keep their state certifications current along with additional trainings that do not fit into the above overview.

2024 TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR OUR DEPARTMENT MEMBERS:

**3160 Hours**

Rick Morabito, OFE, OFC  
Assistant Fire Chief/Training Officer



## Emergency Medical Services EMS

2024 was my first full year as EMS coordinator and with that came a lot of training, learning, and continued growth for our department and our EMS care. As discussed in 2023, I focused heavily on data collection and analytics to better focus our EMS training and our areas for improvement. An area we discovered that we could improve was the time it takes for a report to be completed and submitted to the receiving hospital; this is an important part of the EMS chain as the receiving physician needs as much information as possible in a timely manner to best treat the patient. We began putting an emphasis on completion time and as a result, we have lowered our report completion time from an average of 86.25 minutes in 2023 to an average of 67.79 minutes in 2024.

The department received \$3,000 in state EMS grant funding which allowed us to purchase new portable suction units that will be placed on our new ambulances when they arrive. These new suction units will replace our current portable suction units while also negating the need for “on-board” mounted suction units, freeing up much needed space in our ambulances.

We have upgraded numerous pieces of equipment and are always looking for new equipment to help aide us in providing the best, most advanced medical care possible for our residents. The state grant funding allows us to purchase equipment that may need updated or additional equipment that can further improve our medical services.



## Training

Throughout the year, the department completed a combined 700+ hours of EMS training. Training varied from lecture to hands-on practical application of skills and covered a variety of topics including trauma, cardiac, pediatric, geriatric, and environmental emergencies. We also placed focus on MCI (Mass Casualty Incidents) by training in bleeding control and trauma triage.

A quarterly “skills review” was implemented in 2024 where we use our CAE Ares mannequin to provide members an opportunity to practice skills that are not frequently used in the field but have a high-risk potential and require the crews to be well educated and well trained.

Additionally, we have continued to receive feedback from our medical director and have been conducting “run review” every few months to highlight areas that we are successful in, as well as areas for us to improve. Using the “run review”, we can tailor our hands-on training to the needs of our department, ensuring we achieve the best possible patient outcomes.

In 2024, we began hiring full-time members who are certified as EMT-B's and will attend Paramedic school while working full-time. This has given our members who are certified Paramedics the opportunity to teach and mentor other members of the department, which has been a benefit to all our staff.

## Run Statistics

*All data in this report was pulled from ESO and previous years' EMS reports. The accuracy of this data is only as good as its' initial entry. Not all data is perfectly accurate but gives us a good insight into our overall performance.*

### Call Volume By Unit

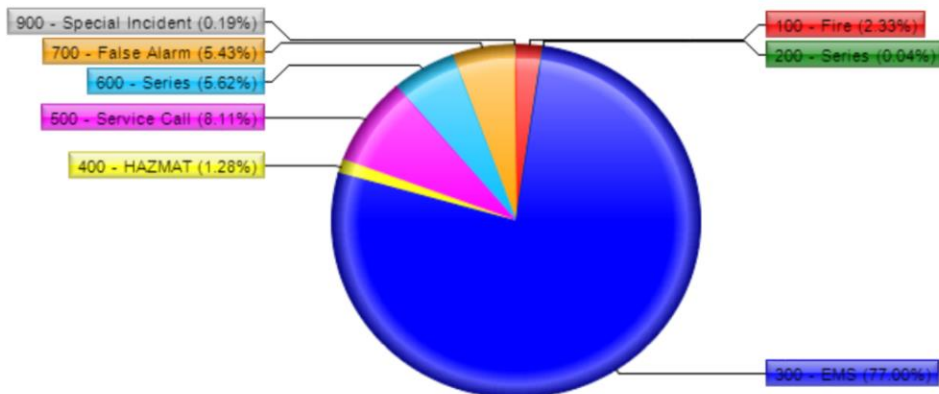
Unit	Total Responses	Total Patients
CTBC	7	7
CTM15	8	8
CTM2	547	559
CTM1	780	783
CTM3	579	584
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### Destination Locations

Destination Locations	Total
Akron Children's Hospital	15
Aultman Hospital Canton	880
Aultman Hospital Massillon	2
Cleveland Clinic Akron General	1
Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital	722
Kreighbaum-Sanders Funeral Home	1
Stark County Coroners Office	7
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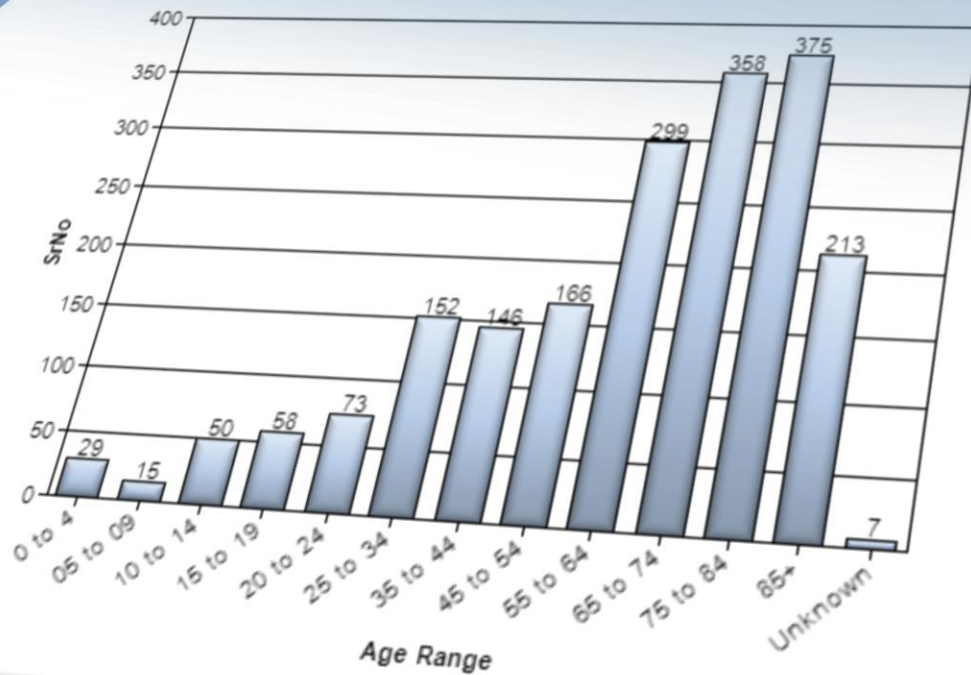
### Fire Incident Type Breakdown

Incident Type Group	
100 - Fire	60
200 - Series	1
300 - EMS	1985
400 - HAZMAT	33
500 - Service Call	209
600 - Series	145
700 - False Alarm	140
900 - Special Incident	5
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### Disposition Breakdown

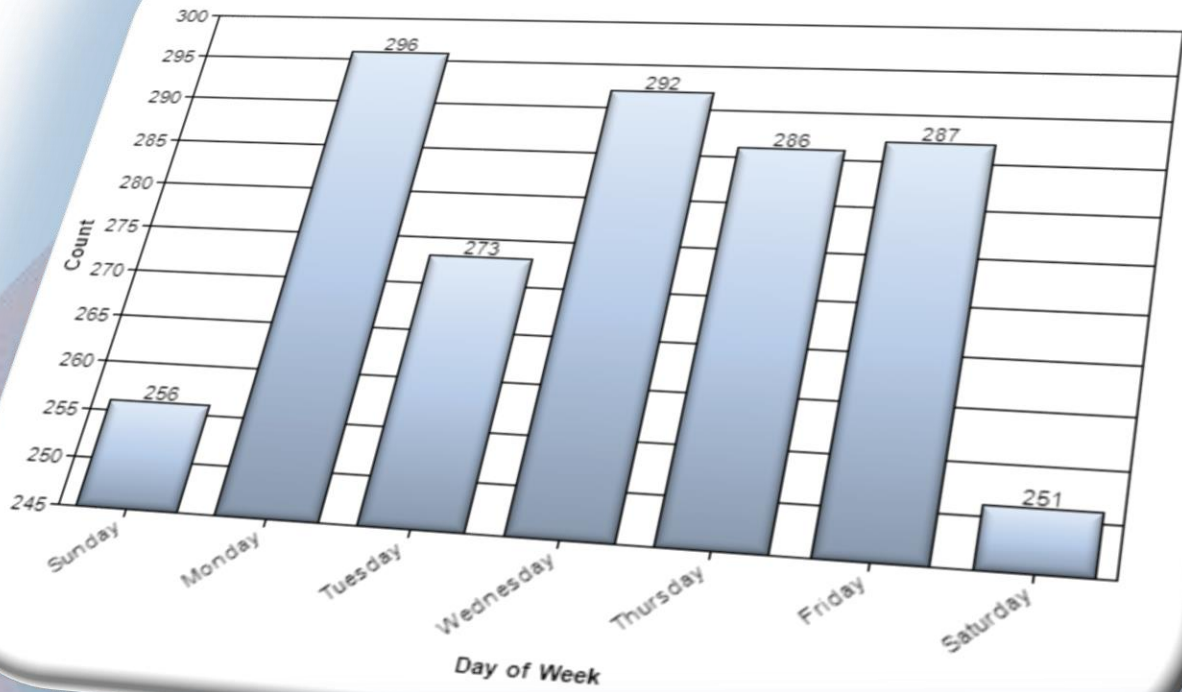
Disposition	Total
Patient Dead on Scene - No Resuscitation Attempted (With Transport)	2
Patient Dead on Scene - No Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)	25
Patient Dead on Scene - Resuscitation Attempted (With Transport)	2
Patient Dead on Scene - Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)	8
Patient Evaluated, No Treatment/Transport Required	76
Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (Without Transport)	39
Patient Treated, Released (AMA)	62
Patient Treated, Released (per protocol)	99
Patient Treated, Transferred Care to Another EMS Professional/Unit	1
Patient Treated, Transported by Law Enforcement	1
Patient Treated, Transported by Private Vehicle	3
Transported Lights/Siren	139
Transported Lights/Siren, Downgraded	1
Transported No Lights/Siren	1476
Transported No Lights/Siren, Upgraded	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1941</b>



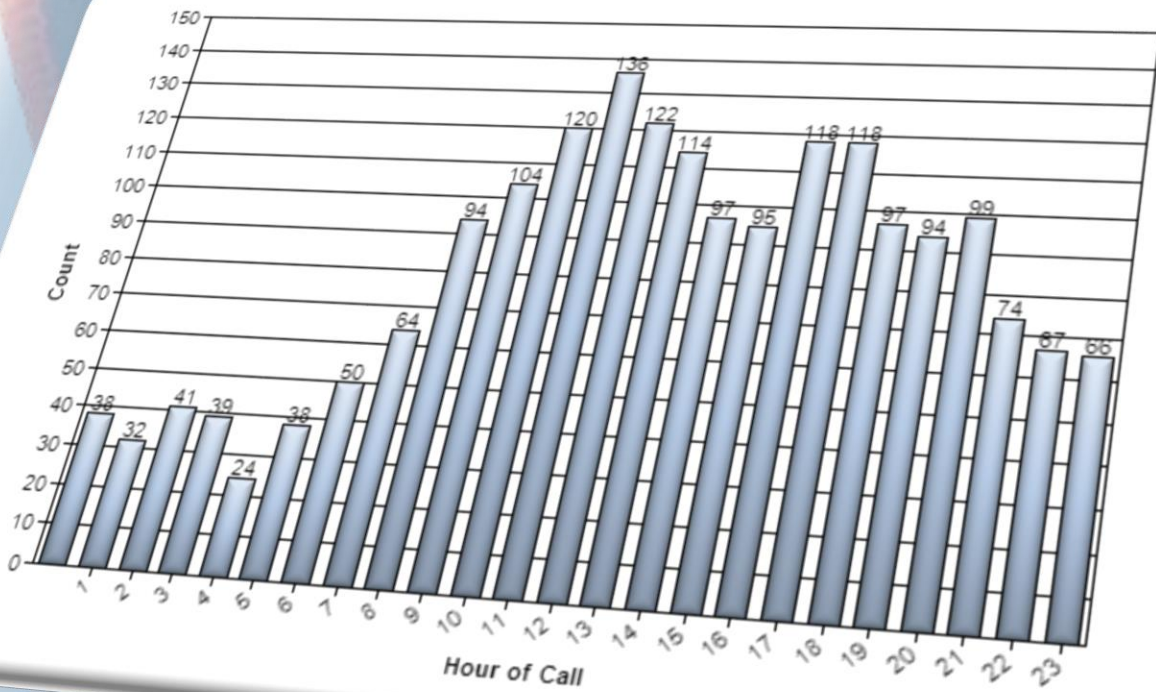
**Patient Contact by Age**



**Calls by Day of Week**



**Calls by Hour of Day**



## Summary

As always, a special thank you goes out to the administration for supporting the ever-changing EMS field and providing opportunities for improvement and advancement. As our department grows, we will continue to take every chance we can to train and improve.

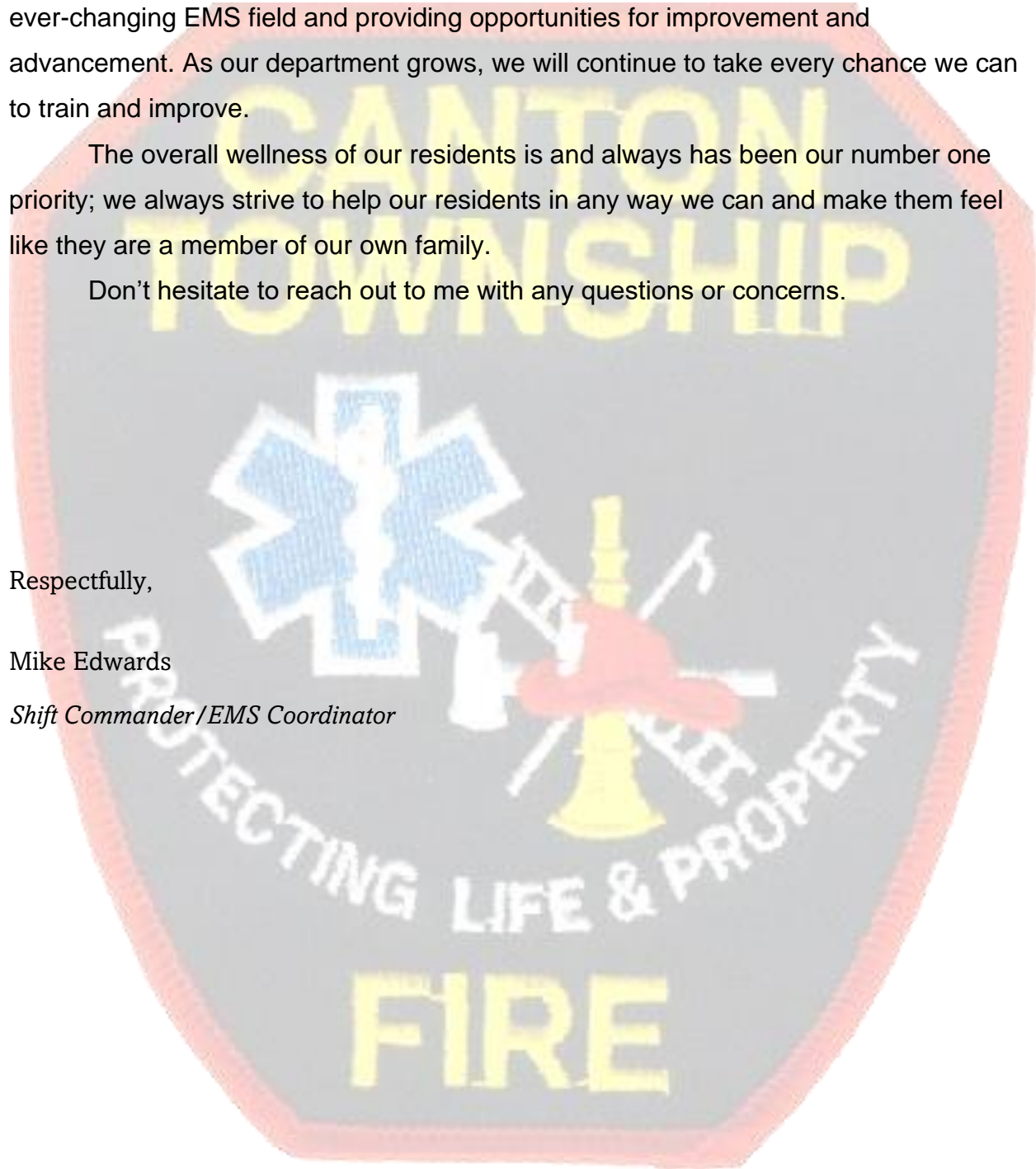
The overall wellness of our residents is and always has been our number one priority; we always strive to help our residents in any way we can and make them feel like they are a member of our own family.

Don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Mike Edwards

*Shift Commander/EMS Coordinator*



## Fire Investigation Bureau

The Fire Investigation Unit investigates all structure fires, vehicle fires, any other fires deemed necessary, and fires required by the state of Ohio. The Fire Investigation Unit currently consists of six fire investigators. Currently, the department has two investigators on each shift and a couple of firefighters have showed interest in becoming fire investigators which would benefit the department in the future.

The Fire Investigation Unit strives to be professional and proficient when investigating fires. The department has sent two fire investigators to Ashland, Ohio to attend the Ohio Arson Seminar in February 2024. Five fire investigators attended a virtual class on "Fire Patterns" based on the new NFPA 921 Guide. This class was conducted by Legal and Liability Risk Management Institute in August of 2024. The Fire Investigation Unit will continue to provide training and education to our current fire investigators. This will be obtained by sending fire investigators to the Ohio Arson Seminar in 2025, as well as, bringing in other training opportunities throughout the year.

The Fire Investigation Unit conducted 21 fire investigations in 2024. This was one more than in 2023. The Fire Investigation Unit investigated eight residential fires, three commercial fires, one mobile home fire, four vehicle fires, and five other fires. The category other would include brush/vegetation fires, storage shed/barn fires, and detached garage fires. The estimated dollar loss, which includes property and contents, for 2024 was \$763,000.00. This loss is down from 2023 which was \$850,758.00. The estimated dollar saved, which includes property and contents, was \$1,522,900.00. This is an increase from 2023 which was \$1,293,850.00. The Fire Investigation Unit has no open fire investigations for 2024.

Prepared by

Shift Commander Chris Putnam  
Lead Fire Investigator



## **AHA Training Center**

### **2024 Summary**

#### **Currently the instructors for the Training Center include:**

**Stark County Sheriff Office**

**Stark County Jail Clinic**

**Stark MRDD**

**Alliance City Health Department**

**People Check Services**

**JM Smucker Company**

**Marathon Petroleum**

**Timken Co.**

**Metallus Steel**

**Muskingum Watershed**

**Our House Cares Home Health**

**22 fire departments**

**3 local colleges**

**8 high schools**

**3 nursing facilities**

**3 private ambulance companies**

**We currently have a total of 180 Instructors under the Training Center**

**19 eCard locations**

**14 Training Sites**

**22 Training Site Faculty**

**Cards issued for 2024**

**24180 BLS Provider**

**78 Heartsaver First Aid**

**1059 Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED**

**247 Heartsaver CPR**

**252 Heartsaver K-12 Schools**

**54 Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid CPR AED**

**Training was provided to eight local Canton Township businesses along with helping them establish First Aid Teams.**

**Classes were taught at a Domestic Violence Shelter as well as The Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts Troops.**

**Currently have a total balance of \$20,060.27**

**Cyndi Annen, CC Paramedic/EMS Instructor/AHA TCC**

## Fire Prevention

### **Fire safety inspections**

A total of 329 inspection reports completed in 3,266,998 sq. ft. of commercial buildings in the township. Assisted the Ohio State Fire Marshal's office - code enforcement, five times this year. For the motels and nursing homes in the township for their annual licenses. There were five inspections done with Stark County Building Department on building renovations, additions and new construction in commercial properties. A total of 26 food trucks were inspected for events in the township. We had two different events with fireworks.

### **Daycares & foster inspections**

There was a total of four daycares inspected and three new foster home inspections completed.

### **Regional planning – life safety equipment & devices**

There were seven plan submittals from Stark County Regional Planning commission. A total of three fire alarms finalized with an inspection. There was one new paint booth finalized and inspected. There were three sprinkler systems modified with inspections. There was also a new commercial kitchen hood finalized and inspected. There were two Knox boxes added to buildings in the township. The permit fees for the year were, \$1,150.

### **Commercial fires and alarm incidents**

This year we responded to 25 commercial alarms. Work continues with a few businesses that have had a total of 21 of those alarms, nearly one alarm a month. Our response model has been scaled back for those places. There were three fires inside commercial buildings & five rubbish and or equipment fires on commercial properties. We also had at least three alarms in our Ceda area- Canton City does all the code enforcement.

### **New businesses**

Stark County Records, Southgate Library, MVP Custom Tee's, L&M Auto, Carverse, Euro Gyro

### **Education - prevention events**

A total of 18 safety talks events were conducted in businesses and the schools in the township. There were four different businesses where I conducted fire and life safety education. A total of 290 employees in attendance.



Fire safety talks were conducted for all the students at Faircrest Elementary, and a burn safety class for the sixth-grade science class. A total of 786 students in attendance.

### Post testing – knowledge retainment

I tested the 111 students of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade science class. They were asked four questions regarding fire safety that has is taught annually in the elementary grades and to all classes.

Data from goggle forms

Question on what device wakes us up	95.5%
Question about a smoke alarm	54.1%
Question on the least amount of way out of a room	62.2%
Question on what you call the place after exiting	53.3%



## Events

At our annual (safety day) event Stark County Safe Kids installed four car seats and gave out three bicycle helmets.

There was a total of 13 events with fire equipment and or Fire Pup. A total of 1,855 safety packages distributed.

## Safe Home – (residential community program)

There was a total of 79 safe home conducted & completed. A total of 165 smoke alarms installed in township homes. Those alarms protect 138 people. In May, in conjunction with the Red Cross, we conducted the (Sound the alarm) walk where we were in 27 homes installing 76 working smoke alarms. The smoke alarms are through the Red Cross, saved us over **\$6,600 this year**

## Additional (residential community program)

In collaboration with The Ohio Department of Commerce – (Fire Marshals Office) we are part of the thermal fuse program. This program gives us small devices that go oxygen tubing for fire safety. It works by melting the oxygen shut if there was a fire. It is still better to not smoke on oxygen. Just a tool that can be used to prevent residents from losing their homes in smoking accidents, four thermal fuses installed.

We are also part of the (smoke alarms for everyone) the fire marshal's office gives us ten smoke alarms to install for homes in need in the township. They also provide (bed shakers) they shake the bed in the event the smoke alarm goes off. This is for people with little or no hearing. There are no costs to either of these programs, & are for our residents. One bed shaker installed.

## Overview

Trying to balance what is needed can be challenging. When digging into data, it shows where the focus needs to be. The key is getting buy in from the firefighters, businesses, & the community.

Data from U.S. Census

Households in Canton Township	5,261
Households in Canton Township 60 year & older	2,319
Households in Canton Township 60 year & older – living alone	300

With EMS being the majority of our incidents, the breakdown of the data shows we have more residents getting hurt from slips, trips, & falls then fires. That is why getting into the community with our Safe Home Program is so important. It will help assist our community in being safe.

## Data from strategicfire.org

Top reported fire types in Ohio and Stark County

Stark County (building fires)	28.6%	Ohio overall average	21.4%
Stark County (cooking fires)	15.5%	Ohio overall average	13.4%

### CTFD CPR

Cyndi was in seven businesses in the township teaching employees CPR. Some of that has been because of the rapport that has been built.

### Administrative – Meetings – Trainings

Took crews through 11 different businesses and buildings for building familiarization. Assisted with new cadets, orientation, expectations etc. from fire prevention. Attended many different classes. From fire data exchange continuing education classes, annual fireworks class, EMT protocol update, and the other mandatory CE that the State and of Township requires. A total of 41 hours of EMS CE and 21 hours of fire and inspector CE. I also assisted Jeff with taking apparatus places for warranty and repairs.

There were many hours spent on the ESO platform to add fire flows & (sq. ft.) and finishing things. Adding fire flow to all buildings. Eso added Occupant Vulnerability Assessment Profile (OVAP SCORE) that can be used in ESRI arc GIS. It is part of Community Risk Reduction with tracking and help strategically with future needs and data.

There were many issues and complaints with vacant buildings and residential properties. They were handled in conjunction with Canton Township Zoning as we work together to find solutions.

There were also many meetings attended and conducted this year. There is never enough time to give each area of my responsibilities the time it requires. It's a balancing act, seeing the need and going from there.

Lastly, I want to thank both chiefs for allowing me to do what I do on a day-to-day basis. Without their support or the support of all the crews from all three shifts, I wouldn't be able to serve the businesses and citizens of Canton Township.

Yours in safety,

Michael Beachy



## Fleet Maintenance

As the 2024 year comes to an end, we have made many improvements in many areas of our fleet service program. I believe we can look at the year as a success with no catastrophic or major repairs occurring. Over 195 workorders with multiple services on each workorder were performed this year.

Our on-hand inventory has grown to roughly a value of \$18,368. This included electrical supplies, hardware, filter & fluids, and brake parts.

The Fleetio fleet maintenance software has had a large amount of work put into the background operating data entry. With help from their customer support and many hours on our end customizing inputs, the system is finally creating quality reports and service reminders. Continued work now on digital inspections are the priorities of 2025 year.

In 2024 approximately \$2,460.75 was spent in “outside” labor. Outside labor includes services we do not possess the equipment or space to handle in-house. i.e. tire mounting/balancing, alignments, A/C recovery & charging and manufacturer specific software diagnosis.

2024 has seen an increase in parts cost. This is due to a few factors that include aging vehicles, price increases and additional inventory on hand being stocked due to decreasing availability on vendors’ shelves. Approximately \$34,296.04 was spent on parts this year. The #1 largest expense was tires. \$6,621.00 was spent on tires, about 20% of the parts dollars. The second largest area of money spent was engine emissions and controls. A total of \$4,911.52 was spent on DEF and emission controls, about 15% of parts dollars.

The largest project in 2024 was the upfitting of the new grass fire/water rescue unit. Also, the swift water boat and trailer upgrades. The truck received a completely new emergency lighting system, equipment mounting other upgrades. The boat received a new motor installation, transport wheels and trailer equipment mounting upgrades.

Looking forward, 2025 promises to be a busy year. Our fleet is beginning to show its age by its need for increased preventive maintenance and repairs. The ambulances are now 10+ years in age and have 70,000 / 91,000 / 106,000 miles on the front-line units. The reserve firetruck is now 18 years old with 99,700 miles on it. Under body/frame corrosion has become an area of concern, along with its age.

Personal goals for 2025 are to continue with the track of obtaining EVT “master” certification. Only 11 more ASE tests are needed to achieve this.

Jeff Yerian  
Fleet Maintenance

## STATIONS



Station One is located at 210 38<sup>th</sup> SE. This station was opened in 2020 and is staffed 24/7. At this station is housed an ALS ambulance, ladder truck, shift commander, reserve engine and ambulance, maintenance garage, and is staffed with 2-3 personnel.

The departments' multi-purpose use and live fire training facility is located at this location.







Station two is located at 1655 Waynesburg Dr. SE in the Waco area. This station is staffed 24/7 and houses an ALS ambulance, Engine/Tanker, boat, brush truck, and two personnel





Station three is located at 3103 Parkway NW and serves the northwest portion of the township, as well as Meyers Lake Village. Station is staffed with two personal 24/7 and has an ALS ambulance and a rescue/engine.



Fire department administration is located within the Community Center which is also located at 210 38<sup>th</sup> SE. Administration is made up of the fire chief, assistant fire chief, fire prevention bureau, administrative assistant, and administrative aide.

For any questions related to this report or fire department operations/activities, please reach out to Chief Smith at administration at (330) 484-6165

## Apparatus and Equipment

(2) 2015 Ford ALS Ambulances

2014 Ford ALS Ambulance

2002 Ford ALS Ambulance- (reserve)

2022 Engine/Tanker- **Engine 22**

2017 Pierce Rescue/Engine- **Engine 32**

2016 Pierce 75ft Ladder (Quint)- **Ladder 12**

2006 Spartan Engine- Engine (reserve)

(2) 2017 Ford Explorers- Staff Cars

2015 Ford Explorer- Shift Commander

2015 Ford F-250-Mechanic

2011 Chevy Equinox- Fire Prevention

2023 Dodge Ram 3500- Brush Truck

2001 Playtime pontoon boat- Meyers Lake

1997 International tractor (out of service – to be sold)

2005 Training Tower

2018 Live fire/multi-use training facility

Zodiac rescue boat and trailer



## Additional Information

The cost for fire apparatus vs current replacement costs (RC):

Engine 22- \$645,000 (2022)	RC \$900,000
Engine 32-\$565,000 (2017)	RC \$900,000
Ladder 12- \$672,000 (2016)	RC \$1,500,000

The cost for ambulances vs replacement costs (RC): Three of our current ambulances were remounted to new chassis in 2014.

Medic 1- \$110,000 remount	RC \$302,000 (on order)
Medic 2- \$110,000 remount	RC \$302,000 (on order)
Medic 3- \$110,000 remount	RC \$334,000 (on order)
Medic 15 (reserve) 2004	RC \$334,000 (on order)

## Numbers at a Glance

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Total Calls	2,590	2,588
EMS Runs	1,920	1,974
Structure Fires	25	35
Vehicle Fires	8	6
Grass Fires	10	7
Public Service	185	171
False Alarm	78	108

The majority of our "Public Service" calls cover incidents of patient falls with no injury. This also covers assisting residents who need assistance in/out of their residence due to mobility issues.

**Insurance Organization Standards (ISO).** This review is conducted every five years and is based on:

- ◆ Emergency Communications (Dispatching)
- ◆ Fire Department training, staffing, equipment, and deployment.
- ◆ Water Supply (hydrant and non-hydrant)
- ◆ Community Risk Reduction

Our rating is stated as a 03/3X out of a 1-10 rating scale, with 10 being the worst. This rating impacts the homeowner's insurance rates of our residents and commercial properties. If you have any questions regarding this rating, please call administration (330-484-6165)

**Equipment required to have annual testing/maintenance:**

- All fire hose 10,175 feet
- All ladders 283 feet ground ladders and 75-foot ladder truck (testing)
- Ambulance cot, load and stair chairs (PM)
- Cardiac heart monitors (testing)
- SCBA Bench testing
- SCBA Mask Fit testing
- Vehicle Extrication tools (PM)
- Apparatus pump (testing)
- Radio Maintenance
- Portable gas monitors (testing/PM)
- LUCAS CPR devices (PM)
- SCBA fill station (PM)
- Vehicle annual inspections/maintenance (PM)