



Coitsville Fire Department 2018 Annual Report



COITSVILLE TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT

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It is my pleasure to submit this report of the activities of the Coitsville Fire Department for 2018. This report is dedicated to the past members of the Coitsville Fire Department who established a strong foundation for which we can grow upon.

The 2018 year was an exciting year for the members of the community and the fire department. We saw many changes and I am sure we will not list all the positives that occurred throughout the year. But we will tell you about many of them.

As you are aware, we were able to paint the outside of the fire station in 2017 with the assistance of the Ohio State Penitentiary



Inmates. Well, in January we were able to get them back and they painted several rooms on the interior of the fire station and also waxed all of the vehicles. Unfortunately, this program was cancelled in 2018. I did receive a phone call saying they may do it on a limited basis in 2019.



A long needed and awaited project was the replacement of the front asphalt aprons. We were able to bid out this project and secure a loan. The front aprons were replaced with concrete, which is a major improvement and much safer. The aprons were sealed in the fall by Jerry Backo, Nick Maker, and Ed Sutak.



We had a few changes in personnel this year with Matt Burch leaving due to work commitments and adding Josh Flynn and Ethan Grismore. We had several personnel attend certification courses this year. Rob Flynn completed his firefighter II course, Pete Drescher completed his Firefighter I and started his EMT-B Certification. Matt Smith completed his EMT-B Certification. These individuals provided hours and hours of training on their own time.

We were able to sell the three old vehicles that had been out of service for many years. We were also able to purchase a used 1995 Pierce Pumper from the Wooster Twp. Fire Department in Wayne County, Ohio



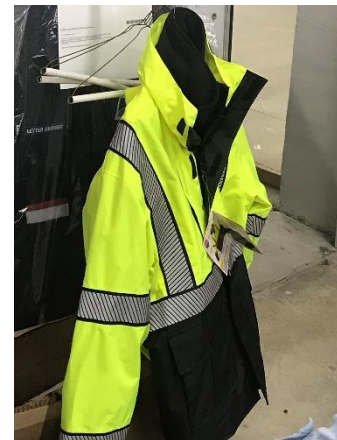
for \$17,000.00. This was needed as our 1981 Pierce Pumper failed to pass the pump test and was no longer reliable. The Chief Car that was purchased from Boardman for \$1.00 was marked in 2018.



We participated in or sponsored several public events in 2018. These included; Flag Day Celebration at the Township Park, the Ladies Auxiliary's Chili Cookoff, the Township Christmas Tree Lighting, provided coverage for one day at the Canfield Fair, and sponsored an open house at the fire department during Fire Prevention Week.

We were successful in several grants this year. We received a grant from BWC for an Extractor Washing Machine and 24 pair of gloves and 24 Nomex hoods. This grant was for \$11,100.00 and required no match from the township. This was to improve the department efforts to reduce cancer in firefighters.

We received a \$1500.00 grant from the Ohio Division of EMS for equipment and were able to purchase some needed items or items that were outdated. Thanks to Lt. Mike Maloney, Ryan Phillips, and Candice Maker for entering three years of EMS reports and keeping current on the new reports. We also received an Tablet through a grant from them and neither grant required any matching funds.



The department was in desperate need for new alerting pagers. The department budget could not cover the full cost. The Ladies Auxiliary stepped up and donated \$2500.00 and the department put in \$1500.00 and we were able to get 10 new pagers. We hope to get an additional five pagers in 2019.

We replaced the pump for the well that brings water into the fire station. The old pump no longer functioned well and was creating issues.



It was our luck that the Boardman Fire Department built a new fire station. The old fire station had a large generator to power the building in the event of a power failure. The generator was no longer needed and Coitsville Township was able to purchase it for \$2500.00, this included the transfer switch and all wiring and conduit. Firefighters worked with a certified electrician to remove the generator and get it to Coitsville. Special thanks to Mersaros Towing and Tom Mersaros for hauling all of it and storing it until we can get it installed in early 2019.

In November we received 3200 feet of used hose from the East Palestine Fire Department. These handlines and small supply lines will help the department as we had no spare hose. If we lost a hose line, we had no hose to replace it.

In 2019, we will purchase some large diameter supply hose that we are currently short on Rescue 401.



The highlight of the year was the passage of a two-mill levy on the November General Election. The Levy Committee and members of get the message out to our for and 37% against. We are the citizens. This levy will let the safety standards which long have



the fire department worked very hard to residents. The levy passed with a 63 % pleased that we have the confidence of department progress and improve the been needed.



The personnel of the department responded to 64 Fire/Rescue Calls and 144 EMS related calls. Total responses were 371 and 98 work details. There were 343 attendants at trainings for a total of 757 in-service hours. This does not include certification classes or those outside classes attended by personnel.

The community should be very proud of this group of dedicated men and women.

Respectfully,

George D. Brown

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**Coitsville Fire Department
Run and Training Totals for 2018**

Name	Fire Runs	EMS Runs	Total Runs	In-Service Training Hours
George Brown	34	14	49	96
Rich Pope	34	3	37	54
Mike Maloney	14	14	28	40
Jerry Backo	5	9	14	43
Ed Sutak	7	4	11	73
Nick Maker	35	16	51	100
Ryan Phillips	13	2	15	21
Candice Maker	9	25	34	88
Warren Drescher	7	4	11	54
Rob Flynn	11	14	25	85
Matt Smith	35	40	75	61
Josh Flynn	14	4	18	18
Ethan Grismore	1	2	3	24
Totals	219	152	343	757

Training hours do not include outside classes or hours in a certification program.