



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I am honored to present the 2024 Dormont Fire Department Annual Report.

This year featured many highlights for the Dormont Fire Department. We are fortunate to have the fantastic support of the Borough and our residents. Thanks to this support and the dedication and hard work of our career and volunteer firefighters and membership, we have much to be proud of.

Our emergency call volume keeps us busy, averaging multiple calls per day. Fire prevention and commercial fire inspections are carried out during the week and have proven successful. In October, we delivered our first-ever month-long Citizen Fire Academy. Outside of incident response and prevention, the fire department participates in many of the events in our community. In the fall, the fire department participated in a regional AFG Grant (Assistance to Firefighters Grant), where we were awarded funds to support the replacement of our aging self-contained breathing apparatus.

In 2025, we have many things to look forward to. In January, we have six recruits starting their training through the SHACOG Firefighters Essentials Program. We will receive our new SCBA this spring from MSA. Production is scheduled to begin this fall on our new Sutphen Custom Pumper, with an anticipated delivery in early 2026.

Thank you to our Borough Council, Borough Management, and the community for all you do for your Dormont Fire Department!



Jeffrey Stakich
Fire Chief

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

“Your Protection, Our Duty”

The department was incorporated in 1910 and has a rich heritage of providing emergency services to the borough for over 114 years. The Dormont Fire Department is a combination department. Our personnel roster features a full-time chief, six full-time career firefighters, seventeen volunteer firefighters, and four association members.



The career staff is responsible for delivering the borough's Fire and Life Safety Inspection program, working in zoning and code enforcement, and staffing the Dormont Police desk. The Chief and three career staff members are on duty Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm, and one career staff member is on duty at all other times, 24/7, 365 days a year. Volunteer firefighters respond from their homes to incidents and are often at the station on a duty shift. Our association members are non-firefighters who assist with various administrative duties and department activities. We work hard not only at responding to emergencies but also maintaining a visible presence at many local events.

Dormont Fire Department also provides EMS support services to our medical provider, MRTSA. The department is certified as a QRS Agency (Quick Response Service) through the PA Department of Health.

The department operates out of our station on Hillsdale Avenue, across from the municipal building. Our fleet includes a 2018 Sutphen 75' aerial truck, a 2008 Sutphen pumper, a command vehicle, two support vehicles, and a utility truck.

RECOGNITION



Dormont Fire Department is one of 43 departments in the Commonwealth to be certified to the Gold 100% standard in the Office of the State Fire Commissioner Participating Department Recognition Program. All non-probationary members of Dormont hold certifications at various levels set forth by the program standards.

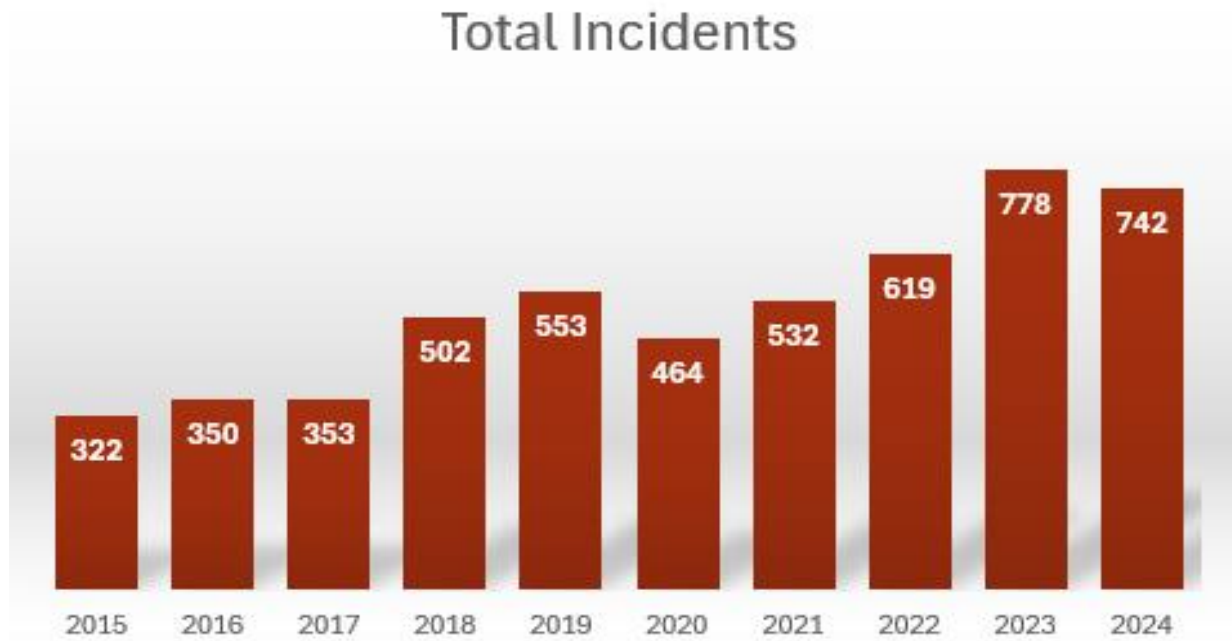


We are a Class 2 organization as rated by the Insurance Services Office. This rating, ranging from 1-10 with 1 being the best, is used to predict future fire loss. A lower number indicates that the department is better equipped and performs well in the mitigation and protection from fire loss. A lower rating can also lead to reduced insurance premiums within the borough.

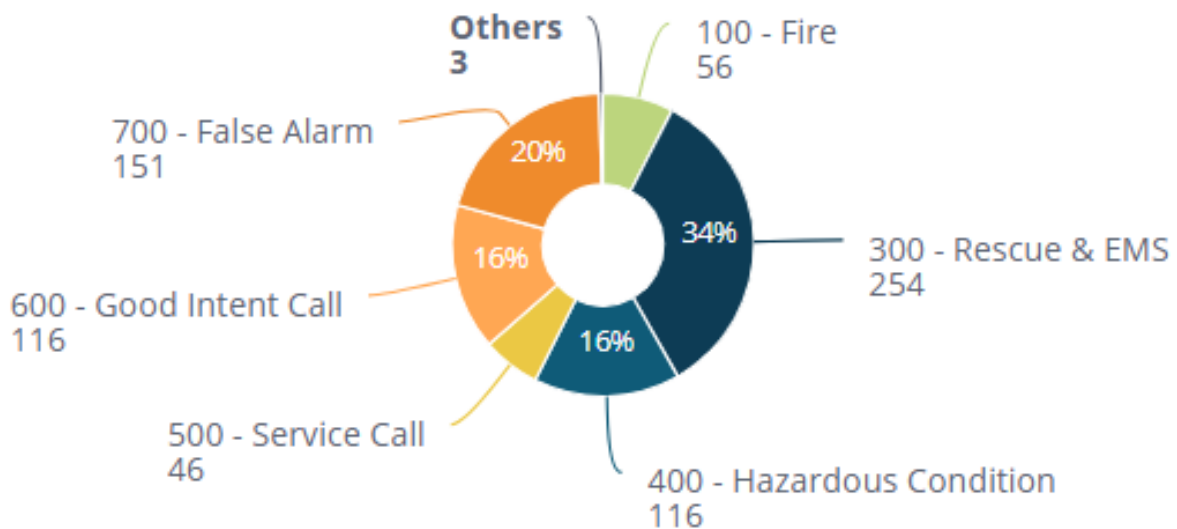


The department is a Quick Response Agency (QRS) licensed by the PA Department of Health. Dormont supports MRTSA and is dispatched on all E-0 (highest priority) medical calls. All career staff and multiple volunteers are trained EMS providers. To maintain this license, the department must keep the QRS vehicles and all necessary equipment to PA DOH standards.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE



2024 Incidents



EMERGENCY RESPONSE



Building Fire_____	20
Cooking Fire_____	19
Vehicle Fire_____	3
Dumpster/Trash Fire_____	5
Other Fire_____	9
Boiler Overpressure_____	3
First Responder / Assist EMS_____	207
Vehicle Accident_____	48
Vehicle vs. Pedestrian_____	9
Vehicle Accident w/Extrication_____	4
Building Collapse_____	2
Power/Cable Line Down_____	26
Gas Leak_____	28
Hazardous Condition_____	44
Miscellaneous Service_____	35
Lock-Out_____	13
Cancelled En Route_____	90
Good Intent_____	26
Unintentional False Alarm_____	151
TOTAL:	742

Dormont Fire Department continues to see an increased demand for service. While many elements contribute to call volume, several constants remain. Through established mutual aid agreements, the department responds, as needed, to over a dozen neighboring municipalities. Medical calls account for just over 30% of our call volume. False alarms are also a large contributor to call volume. While false alarms may be perceived as a nuisance, they often occur when a detector is accidentally activated, reinforcing that the system is working as it should be. Alarms also malfunction, giving the fire department to opportunity to inform the owner to have the system or device serviced.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Why does the fire department provide medical services?

The Borough of Dormont is fortunate to have primary emergency medical services provided by one of the area's premier agencies, *Medical Rescue Team South Authority*. Like many EMS agencies though, their resources have been stretched thin. Some reasons include the increased demand for EMS service and staffing difficulties.

Where does the Dormont Fire Department fit into the equation?

Several years ago, the department became licensed by the PA Dept. of Health as a QRS agency. We are dispatched on all high-priority (E-0) dispatches to assist MRTSA. In most of these dispatches, we arrive first and initiate patient care. We transition into a support role when the MRTSA crew arrives, enhancing patient care and expediting transport to a hospital.

In the fall, we were dispatched for a report of a 1-year-old who had a seizure and was not breathing. We arrived, along with Dormont Police, and immediately began CPR and set up for the use of our AED. Fortunately, by the time MRTSA arrived, we had regained a pulse, and the baby was breathing. Personnel who were on the scene were awarded with recognition for their life-saving efforts by MRTSA. When seconds count, a quick response is imperative.



TRAINING

Dormont Fire Department trains on Monday nights. Various topics are covered throughout the year, including fire suppression, vehicle rescue, EMS continuing education, and more.



Training is conducted at different locations around the area. Classes and training are also attended through the PA State Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy. The department participates in at least one live fire training each year.



1939.25 total training
hours in 2024.



FIRE PREVENTION



The fire department takes a very active approach to fire prevention. We are actively engaged throughout the year with the Keystone Oaks School district, where we attend many fire prevention and public safety events. Our career staff also aids the Keystone Oaks School Police with emergency drills, evaluations, and planning. This collaborative effort ensures our youth are familiar with fire prevention and emergency preparedness at all ages. Dormont Fire Department also participates in various career events, promoting public safety as a career choice for aspiring children and young adults.

FIRE INSPECTIONS

The career staff is responsible for Dormont's Fire and Life Safety Inspection Program. Inspections are performed biennially at all commercial properties, including multi-family dwellings of three or more units. Items that are inspected include fire alarm system service records, fire extinguisher maintenance, sprinkler systems, exit signs, emergency lighting, commercial cooking hoods and extinguishing systems, and more. In 2024, there were 140 commercial inspections and 40 multi-family inspections. Staff also assisted the Building Inspector with 123 new Occupancy inspections in 2024.



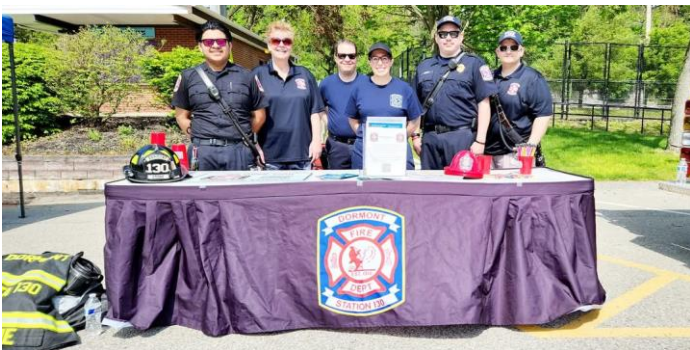
COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT



Dormont Street & Music Festival



Dormont FD Christmas Parade



Dormont Goes Green



Smoke Detector Installation



South Hills Memorial Day Parade

The Dormont Fire Department is committed to providing superior service. The first step is engaging with the community at any opportunity. Whether we are installing smoke detectors, assisting with a community event, or welcoming visitors just walking by the station, we strive to be active in the community.

CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY

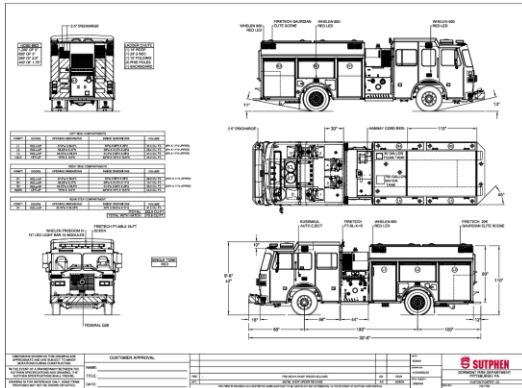
In 2024, the Dormont Fire Department held our first-ever Citizens Fire Academy. We had six outstanding citizens participate in the month-long academy where they learned the hands-on skills required of today's firefighters. At the end of the academy, our participants were fortunate to observe live fire evolutions at the newly constructed Mt Lebanon Fire Department Fire Training Facility. The Citizens Fire Academy will now be an annual event and another example of community engagement.



CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY, CLASS OF 2024



2025 OBJECTIVES



A new Sutphen Custom Pumper is scheduled for production this fall and will replace our existing pumper. Delivery is anticipated in March of 2026. It will feature increased compartment space for tools and equipment, and improved suppression capabilities to ensure that the department is equipped with the best equipment possible for emergency response.

This year, we will explore the feasibility of expanding the fire station. Originally designed as a two-story building, the station was constructed with only one floor. The current station lacks many essential features typically found in a functioning fire station. Amenities that we currently lack include an isolated decontamination area, adequate office space, locker rooms, training classroom space, a bunk room, storage space, and a kitchen. This lack of amenities has been identified as contributing to difficulties in recruiting and retaining career and volunteer firefighters.



Additional Objectives:

- Transition of career staff from the Police Desk to Code & Zoning.
- The completion of training for six new volunteers.
- Update pre-plans utilizing new FLOW Software.
- Review and revise operating Standard Operating Guidelines.
- Continued recruitment of new volunteer firefighters.

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