

Central Ohio Joint Fire District Annual Program Appraisal and Analysis

Fire Chief



Year End Report: 2022

Program Description. The Office of Fire Chief is tasked to ensure proper administration and oversight at all levels. To serve the public, staff, and outside agencies to better safeguard against disasters and harm that can occur. High levels of effort are spent in planning and ensuring all equipment and members are prepared to safely respond in a fiscally and transparent method. Modern science and data are used as cornerstones in decision making and process.

Mission: *The COJFD shall safeguard our community and all who call for help.*

Goals 2022 for specified time (S.M.A.R.T.).

- Acquire bids for new Grass Truck and P421 – December 2022
- Promote/hire two new Lieutenants and three new OOC Firefighters - July 2022
- Welcome back Lt Swank - Spring 2023
- Second power cot and load system installed - July 2022

Outcomes and Outputs 2022 (Goals Achieved) Status of achieving goals of prior year(s)

- Received bids for Grass Truck and P421 – While this was completed, no action to acquire the vehicles was taken. This was do to inventory shortages and the increased cost of both the new engine and medic unit.
- We did promote two OOC Firefighters which now will be promoted to Lieutenants in 2023
- Lt Swank did return a few months earlier than expected, December 2022 do to a family emergency. Lt Swank has since resigned.
- The second power cot system was purchased and installed Q1 of 2022
- Received the AFG Grant for bay exhaust system.
- Received new “E” Tools
- Secured five-year contract with S. Bloomfield 4th Quarter 2022
- Reviewed status of Strategic Goals 2020-2025 (attached
- CHANGE EMS provider Rate change

Future 2023 Goals for specified time (S.M.A.R.T.)

- Identify new personal protective ballistic gear for firefighters. 1st Quarter 2023
- Finish building pre-plan program. In place by 2nd quarter 2023

- Replace Officer Team – Captain and two new Lieutenants 4th Quarter 2023
- Identify a competitive pay scale – 2023.
- Pass May 2023 levy
- Added four hydrants to Croton Road

Executive Summary

The Central Ohio Joint Fire District (COJFD) for the first time in my annual report writing is not in pandemic protocol mode. COVID clearly caused many hardships at many levels in the District, County, and State. Dr Orth, District Fire Board, Officers, and all firefighters stayed the course. The fire service has always adjusted and performed as the public expects.

The supplies chain for fire, EMS, or simple station supplies continues to negatively impact our operations. For example, structural firefighter turnout gear which usually takes 10-12 weeks to be delivered takes six to eight months. We have ordered 10 sets of turnout gear in 2022 yet only receive three. We have seen some items return to normal levels and costs pre-pandemic.

Staffing will be extremely difficult for COJFD and public services in general. We have lost all sworn officers, which include one Captain and three Lieutenants in the first two quarters of 2023. In short, the cause is pay. We finished the collective bargaining agreement during late 2022. It will take all milage to try and compete with our mutual aid area departments to hire. For example, part-time paramedics for the City of Mt. Vernon are \$17.25/hr. COJFD in 2020 increased our part-time paramedic pay from \$12.00, to \$14.00 and in 2023 increased paramedics to \$16.00. This simply is not competitive, and we will need to increase part-time medic pay to \$18.00/hr for 2024.

The levies will need to be replaced and not renewed each time they come up for a vote. If the District does not see development in the next couple of years, we will need to evaluate our operational goals. If there is a positive statement to be made it is this, we are not alone. The fire service has such a decreased pool of candidates, and it is my opinion we will not return to pre-COVID applicant levels.

The new Risk Reduction/Fire Prevention Education (FPO) office is developing. We had to replace the first full-time person who left in late 2022. Chris Farmer has proved to be a solid fit for COJFD and the FPO position. In only six months, he learned our software, taught several CPR Classes, initiated a car seat installation program, and conducted many inspections/plan reviews.

Supporting Documentation of 2022:

1. Fire Chief's Appraisal Report
2. EMS Rate change
3. Training Program Analysis
4. EMS Program Analysis
5. Fire Program Analysis
6. Risk Reduction Program Analysis.
7. Strategic Goal Review

Professionally, Chief Mark McCann

Chief McCann



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Training Program

Category 8: Training and Competency

Program Manager: Lieutenant Leo Swank, Firefighter Kenneth Lambert

Calendar year 2022

Program Description:

A Fire and EMS Training and Education Program has been established to meet the needs of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District (COJFD), as well as continuing education requirements established by the State of Ohio, OSHA, ISO, and NFPA. Fire District Staff is assigned to both fire suppression and emergency medical transport units. The COJFD provides access to, and guidance on educational programs that increase advancement potential, and support the needs of the COJFD. The COJFD utilizes outside agencies to supplement in-house training, in order to meet the training requirements necessary to maintain certifications, or obtain advanced certifications as required by the State of Ohio, and additional operational needs identified by the COJFD.

The COJFD provides fire suppression and emergency medical transport service to the Village of Centerburg, Milford Township, and Hilliar Township. The COJFD is also contracted to provide fire and emergency medical transport services to South Bloomfield Township, Morrow County. The COJFD covers a geographical area of approximately 72 square miles, and an estimated residential population of 7,751 (2020 Census).

Mission Statement:

The COJFD shall safeguard our community and all who call for help.

Regulatory agency, policy, or law:

- NFPA
- State of Ohio Department of Public Safety
- National Highway Transportation Safety Administration
- OSHA
- BWC
- ISO
- CFAI



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Training requirements to participate (initial, continuing education).

All operations personnel and the Fire Chief are trained to State of Ohio Firefighter Level II. All operations personnel and the Fire Chief are trained to a minimum of Emergency Medical Technician. The COJFD roster currently includes 3 EMT's, 14 paramedics. There is 1 part-time employee currently enrolled in paramedic school. All operations personnel, and the Fire Chief are trained to at least the Hazardous Materials Operations level. Currently there are 6 Certified Fire Safety Inspectors, 4 Fire Instructors, 4 EMS Instructors, and 4 Live Fire Instructors on the District roster.

Annual continuing education is required for personnel to maintain current fire and EMS certifications with the State of Ohio:

- Volunteer Firefighter, Firefighter Level II – 54 hours of continuing education every 3 years.
- Emergency Medical Technician – 40 hours of continuing education every 3 years.
- Paramedic – 86 hours of continuing education every 3 years.
- Fire Safety Inspector – 24 hours of continuing education every 3 years.
- Fire Instructor – 24 hours of instruction and 6 hours of instructional continuing education every 3 years.
- EMS Instructor – 24 hours of instruction and 6 hours of instructional continuing education every 3 years.

In addition, personnel are required to maintain current BLS for Healthcare Providers, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certifications. These are renewed every 2 years.

Currently the district relies on in-house training, and training conducted by outside agencies for continuing education. Personnel are also encouraged to attend training hosted by other departments and organizations throughout the state and beyond.

Special certifications/education are encouraged, this would include but not limited to, Fire Officer I, II, III and IV, Hazardous Materials Technician, Rope Rescue I and II, Grain Bin Rescue, Farm Rescue, Swift water rescue Awareness, I and II.

Status of goals for 2022.

- Subscribe to an on-line continuing education site for the department; **This has been researched and quoted. Training division is currently discussing the options with the officers and plan to make a decision after January 1, 2023.**
- Enroll all department members in the UL fire academy, and add courses to monthly training requirements; **All members have been instructed to create a profile and courses have been on the training calendar since September of 2022.**
- Send personnel to regional conferences and training events; **Captain Miller and Chief McCann attended the Ohio Fire Chiefs conference. FF Andrian attended the BGSU fall fire days for Auto Extrication Ops. FF Lambert attended the Crash Course Village Vehicle and Machine Rescue Technician course at Crash Course Village.**



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- Designate a temporary training officer, and transition responsibilities to them, prior to Lieutenant Swank leaving for 9 months of active-duty orders. **FF Lambert was assigned as the temporary training officer after Lt. Swank deployed.**

Goals for 2023.

- Every OOC/Officer should attend Fire Officer I and Fire Officer II.
- Decide on one of the two proposed on-line continuing education sites.
- All OOC/Officers retake the OFIRS course through the Ohio State Fire Academy.
- Host a training once a month both EMS and fire to include Mutual Aid Departments to ensure and build a better working relationship.
- Host a rescue awareness class for our members.

Budget

The 2022 budget request addresses department proficiency training, as well as grain bin rescue training. The budget also includes professional development for our Out of Class personnel. With the implementation of company level fire inspections, I've included money to send one personnel from each shift to CFSI to further augment our company level inspections.

● OFA Fire Instructor I&II (1 personnel)	\$300.00
● OFA Virtual Fire Officer I (3 personnel)	\$150.00
● OFA CFSI (3 personnel)	\$900.00
● OFA Grain Bin Rescue (Department)	\$650.00
● On-line continuing education subscription	\$3000.00
● Local classes, seminars, and trainings (FOOLS, Crash Course, ETC)	\$4500.00
● Miscellaneous (Cars for extrication, etc.)	\$500.00
Total:	\$10,000.00

Outcomes and Impacts

- The district continues to have a very high turnover rate. The COJFD saw 9 full and part-time employees leave the District, and 6 new personnel hired in 2021. This has created challenges in maintaining district familiarization and knowledge among the crews, and forcing us to place greater responsibility with personnel that have very little time in the department.
- With COVID-19 restrictions lifted members were able to attend multiple off-site trainings that lead to bringing in a new outlook and tactics to the department to further be able to assist the citizens.
- A rescue task force training was hosted by COJFD at Centerburg Elementary schools and was taught by the Knox county sheriff's office.
- COJFD hosted 2 grain bin rescue classes, one was taught by the State Fire Academy, the other was put on thanks to Nationwide insurance grant for a Grain Bin Rescue tube.
- COJFD hosted the Mobile Structural Fire Attack trailer from the State Fire Academy.



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Summary

2022 has been a year of accomplishments for the Central Ohio Joint Fire District. We continue to struggle with retention and hiring. In 2021, 9 personnel left COJFD, and 6 new personnel were hired. This is not a problem that is unique to the COJFD. Fire departments throughout the state and region are experiencing difficulties attracting and retaining full-time and part-time personnel. This turnover does create a strain on training, as we are forced to complete probationary training with new personnel continuously throughout the year. This can take time away from training on more advanced skills. Covid 19 restrictions were lifted. In 2022 the Central Ohio Joint Fire District had multiple personnel attend off-site training and was able to host multiple trainings from external instructors. In addition, the Ohio Fire Academy was able to provide the Central Ohio Joint Fire District with the Mobile Structural Fire Attack Lab, and the grain bin rescue course. In 2023, the COJFD has submitted requests with the Ohio Fire Academy for the Grain Bin Rescue Trailer, the Mobile Structural Fire Attack Lab, the OFIRS course, and the mobile search and rescue trailer and is currently awaiting the status of those requests. In 2022, COJFD had 2 personnel attend the Ohio Fire Chiefs Conference, 2 personnel attended the Ohio Fire Academy's Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I, 1 personnel complete Fire Officer I, 1 Personnel attend fire officer IV, 1 Personnel attend BGSU Auto extrication Ops course, 1 Personnel attend Vehicle and Machine rescue Technician Course, Also in 2022, personnel renewed their BLS for Healthcare Providers certification, and an ACLS recertification course was held at Station 420. Thanks to Nationwide Insurance a Grain Bin rescue class was held for COJFD personnel. In 2023, the District will continue to move forward. New District policies and procedures are being released on a weekly basis, and personnel are reviewing and acknowledging the policies as they are released. As more policies and procedures are released, DTB's will be utilized to ensure correct application of the policies and procedures. In 2023, Lieutenant Leo Swank will return from active duty and his deployment with the United States Air Force. The training program will also continually strive to meet the criteria set forth in CFAI Category VIII, Training and Competency.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Criterion 8: Training and Competency

CC 8A.1 The organization has a process in place to identify training needs. The process identifies the tasks, activities, knowledge, skills, and abilities required to deal with anticipated emergency conditions.

Criterion 8B: Training and Education Program Performance Training and education programs are provided to support the agency's needs.

CC 8B.3 The agency evaluates individual and crew performance through validated and documented performance-based measurements.

CC 8C.1 Facilities and apparatus are provided to support the agency's all-hazards training needs. The agency has plans addressing any facilities and apparatus not available internally to complete training activities.

CC 8C.2 The agency has instructional personnel with teaching qualifications and expertise to meet its needs.

CC 8C.8 Training materials are evaluated at least annually, to reflect current practices and meet the needs of the agency.

**Central Ohio Joint Fire District
Annual Program Appraisal and Analysis**

Emergency Medical Services



Year of Report: 2022

Inputs

- Program Description. The EMS program is established to monitor and guide the utilization of resources to ensure appropriate coverage to the residents of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District (COJFD) for the purposes of all emergency medical incidents. The program monitors data relating to suppression efforts including response times, numbers and distribution of response. The EMS program oversees the risk assessment of EMS related emergencies and evaluates critical task analysis to ensure proper responses meet the demands of incidents. The EMS program is currently managed by Captain David Miller.
- Mission: The COJFD shall safeguard our community and all who call for help.
- Regulatory agency, policy, or law: NFPA1710, State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, State of Ohio Board of Emergency Medical Services, State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy, National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, United States Drug Enforcement Administration, COJFD Medical Director.
- Training requirements to participate (initial, continuing education). All members of the department are trained to a minimum level of State of Ohio Emergency Medical Technician- Basic. The majority of members have advanced training to the level of State of Ohio Emergency Medical Technician- Paramedic. The Central Ohio Joint Fire District became an approved Ohio EMS Continuing Education Site on June 17, 2020. COJFD also uses outside agencies, such as Ohio Health and Mount Carmel Hospitals, for additional approved continuing education and training.

- Special certifications/education needed or applied. Current BLS/CPR certification and the State of Ohio EMT minimum is required for employment. Additional certifications, such as ACLS, BTLS, PALS, and NRP are encouraged and offered in house on a rotating basis to ensure recertification.
- The department maintains a minimum ALS medic unit staffing requirement of 1 State of Ohio Paramedic and 1 State of Ohio EMT on each of the departments 2 transport medic units. We maintain a minimum daily staffing of 2 State of Ohio Paramedics.
- Set future goals for 2023 specified time period:
 - Place new medic unit in-service. June 2023
 - Regular (minimally once per year) written protocol testing. 2023
 - Look for grants to assist with equipped. All of 2023
 - Have new protocol in place by end of 2023 or 1st Quarter 2024
 - New EMS Coordinator by June 2023. Now moved to 4th Quarter 2023

- **Budget**

The EMS division is funded from the COJFD general funds. EMS billing and grant income are added to these funds (general funds) as they arrive. Program expenditures are as follows:

EMS Supplies:	\$33,984.00.
EMS Contracted Expenses:	\$6,733.00.
EMS Billing expenses:	\$18,935.00.

The Expenditures for fiscal year 2022 were \$40,717.00.
 EMS billing produced a gross income of \$246,121.00.
 EMS grants income was \$ 800.00.

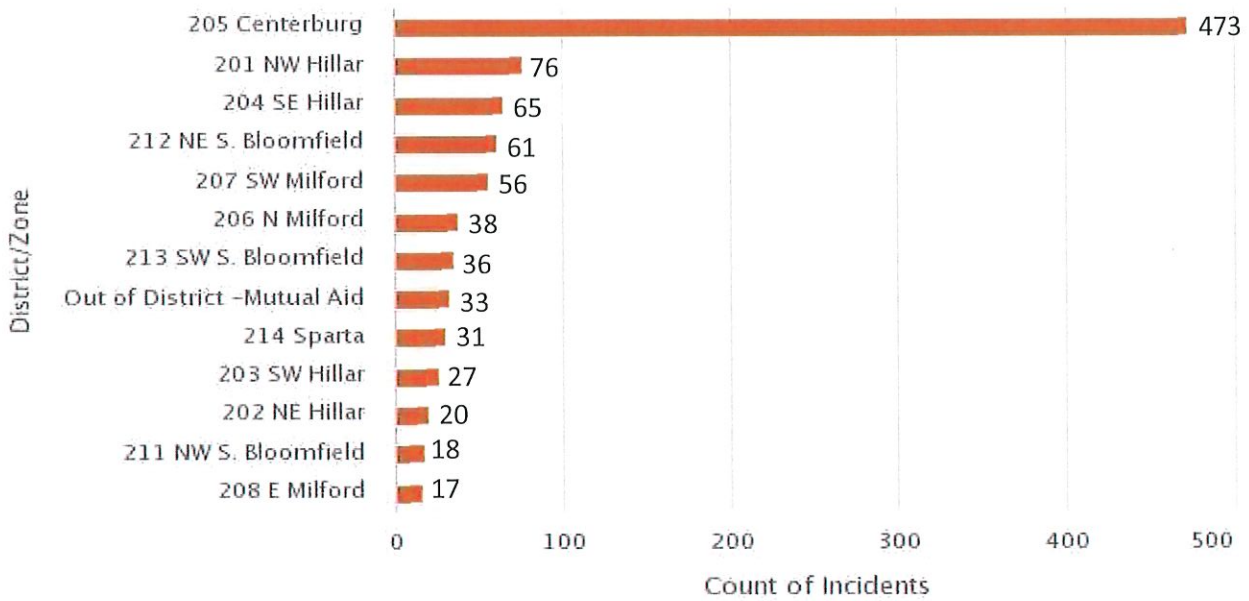
Outcomes and Impacts

- Equip a second EMS unit with an autoloading-type cot. June, 2022
- Regular (minimally once per year) written protocol testing. NOT Completed
- Purchase a second LUCAS CPR device so that both EMS units are such equipped. October 2022.
- Continuous review of all response data and crew compliance and implementation will increase quality of delivery to patients. Monthly Peer Review results are incorporated into the training schedule to ensure that current topics are reviewed with crew members.
- A second LUCAS was purchased and placed in service which replaced an aging Auto-Pulse. This achieved the goal set for 2022.
- A second auto load system was placed in-service in 2022 which will help decrease firefighter injuries and assist with patient care and safety.

- An extensive review of our protocol was undertaken by the EMS Committee and reviewed by the department. Dr Orth has approved that we will come current and constant by adopting Westerville FD's protocol. This will only take minor changes and be ready in late 2023.

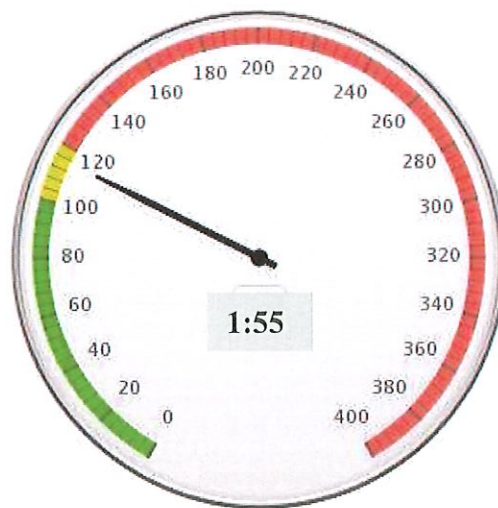
Incidents by District/Zone

Jan 01, 2022 to Dec 31, 2022



Unit 90th Percentile Turnout Time (Seconds)

Jan 01, 2022 to Dec 31, 2022



Responded to 951 Total EMS Runs in 2022

Mutual Aid Given

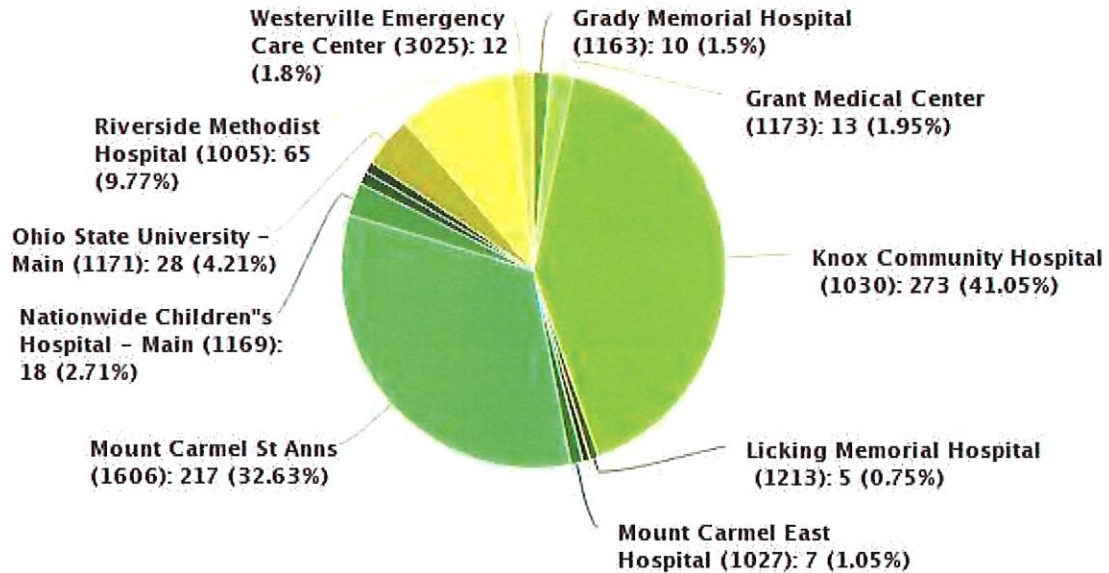
Fire Department	2022 Grand Total - Current
Delaware County EMS	1
Fredericktown EMS	2
Hartford Fire Dept	7
Homer Fire Dept	0
Morrow County EMS	1
Mount Vernon Fire Department	9
Grand Total	20

Mutual Aid Received

Fire Department	2022 Grand Total - Current
BST&G Fire Dept	9
Delaware County EMS	26
Fredericktown Fire Dept	1
Hartford Fire Dept	5
Monroe Township Fire (Johnstov	1
Morrow County EMS	44
Mount Vernon Fire Department	2
Porter Kingston Fire District	1
Grand Total	89

Transports by Destination

Jan 01, 2022 to Dec 31, 2022



665 Total Transports

Summary

- We treated 771 patients. 511 patients were ALS (42.69%) while 260 patients were BLS (21.72%)
- Monthly peer review of all alert criteria incidents was instituted in 2020 and continued to date.
- EMS supply costs changed again in 2022 with several items returning to pre-pandemic cost. Most notably were gloves which we use on all responses.
- Grant funding received in 2022 from Ohio was \$800.00.
- We sponsored one person for Paramedic School that will graduate in 2023.
- Began reviewing new triage system

Respectfully Submitted

Mark McCann
Fire Chief / Intern EMS Coordinator

CC 5F.7 The agency conducts a formal and documented appraisal, at least annually, to determine the effectiveness of the EMS program and its impact on meeting the agency's goals and objectives. This should include de an evaluation of the agency's standard operating procedures, protocols, and equipment.

Description

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Fire Suppression



Year of Report: 2022

Inputs

Program Description.

The district provides around-the-clock fire suppression service within the boundaries of the Village of Centerburg, Hilliar Township, Milford Township, Ohio covering a geographic area of 51.8 square miles. The estimated resident population served is 7,962. We also have contracted services to South Bloomfield Township in Morrow County, Ohio. Fire suppression service is provided from one fire station. The district's daily minimum staffing is four personnel including firefighters and command staff. Staff is cross-maned to two fire apparatus, two ALS equipped EMS units and command/support units.

The district works with outside agencies providing and getting automatic and/or mutual aid from neighboring agencies on a regular basis.

The district uses the incident command system at all incidents and it is supported by procedures and training. All agency personnel are trained in incident command system (ICS), National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100, 200, 700 and 800. Additionally, all officers are trained in ICS 300 and 400.

It is the Central Ohio Joint Fire District's benchmark to arrive on the scene within the fire district for medium and high fire responses and be on scene within ten minutes of dispatch 90th percentile with four firefighters to assume command, establish life safety initiatives, and stretch lines to protect life and property. The full alarm assignment shall be in less than 33 minutes.

Structure Fires-90th Percentile 2022				Goal
Alarm Handling	Pick-up to Dispatch	1:52		90
Turnout Time	Turnout Time 1st Unit	1:50		2
Turn Out Time	Travel Time 1st Unit Distribution	6:25		10
	Travel Time ERF Concentration	8:41		
Total Response Time	Total Response Time 1st Unit On Scene Distribution	8:41		12
	Total Response Time ERF Concentration	13:47		30 min
Total Structure Fire Calls for Service		3		

Mission: The Central Ohio Joint Fire District shall safeguard our community and all who call for help.

Regulatory agency, policy, or law:

- NFPA, OSHA, NAFI, ORC, OAC, OFC

Training requirements to participate (initial, continuing education).

- State of Ohio 240 Professional Firefighter
- Hazmat Operation Level
- EVOC Bi-annually
- State of Ohio CEU's for firefighter

Special certifications/education needed or applied:

- Emergency Medical Technician

What are the resources required to perform the program or deliver the service.

Include, for example, dollars, staffing (additional personnel and time allocation of existing personnel), equipment, supplies, support systems (GIS, wireless, record management system) and other tangible goods.

- ImageTrend Elite, RMS
- Ensure equipment is inspected on required schedule.
- Turnout gear for current staff and back-up gear to be ready for decon procedures.
- 2022 Budget Items:
 1. \$19,000.00 for four new sets of gear and repairs to current stock
 2. \$15,000.00 for repair of fire suppression equipment and apparatus
 3. \$2,500.00 - Hose, couplings and attachments
 4. \$25,000.00 for Rescue extrication ETools
 5. \$3,500.00 for Rescue Boat and \$10,000.00 for dry suits and rescue rope equipment.
 6. \$7,560.00 for 20 new structural firefighting helmets

Set future goals for specified time period (S.M.A.R.T.)

- Researching and purchasing nozzles for our engines. Be completed by the end of September 2022.
- We have a committee to come up with specifications for a new engine for purchase in 2022.
- Complete run cards and zones for Morrow County, May 2022.
- Researched new structural firefighting helmets to purchase this year, November 2022.

Outputs (Goals accomplished and programs implement and completions status)

- Run cards implemented at Knox County Dispatch, Completed in November 2021.
- Replaced extrication rescue system with ETools, April 2022.
- Replace 20 structural firefighting helmets by November 2022.

Outcomes and Impacts

- Working on our rescue capability for water rescue of which we are adding a rescue boat and water rescue equipment.
- Updating our auto extrication capability by purchasing new ETools for extrication and our rescue strut system.
- Adding battery powered hand tools to our rescue capability.

Executive Summary

For the year 2022 we are updating our auto rescue extrication capability by purchasing new ETools and battery powered hand tools and lights. We are also working on water rescue with a purchase of a boat and water rescue equipment. We are also purchasing a new fire engine and it is projected to be here in 2024. In the year 2021, we were able to save over \$1,000,000.00 in property and personal contents. We also did not hit our full alarm assignment as stated in our benchmark statement of 30 minutes, we were at 34 minutes.

Program Coordinator Signature

Lt Jason Whipple

CC 5E.3 The agency conducts a formal and documented appraisal, at least annually, to determine the effectiveness of the fire suppression program and its impact on meeting the agency's goals and objectives.

Description

The appraisal includes program goals and objectives, inputs, outputs, outcomes, conclusions, and next steps.

Appraisal

The Fire District has consistently provided the Board of Trustees with reports summarizing the monthly activities in this division. Included in the reports are statistics that can be used to evaluate the activities of the fire suppression division.

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Community Risk Reduction



Year End Report: 2022

Program Description. The Community Risk Reduction program monitors risks, or trends that could potentially show up in the Central Ohio Joint Fire District. To ensure the safety of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District population, we monitor these trends in the surrounding cities, state, and country. It is the responsibility of our fire department to engage and educate our residents about properly preparing for today's threats.

The Community Risk Reduction program falls under a shared group of responsibilities between our EMS, Fire Prevention, and Community Education Division.

Mission: *The COJFD shall safeguard our community and all who call for help.*

Regulatory Agency, (policy, or law to do your job): NFPA, OSHA
Training requirements to participate (initial, continuing education).

- State of Ohio CEU's for firefighter
- State of Ohio CEU's for Fire Safety Inspector
- IAAI CFI CEU's
- IAAI FIT CEU's
- NAFI CFEI CEU's
- NAFI CFVI CEU's

Special certifications/education needed or applied:

- Background checks for public school

What are the resources required to perform the program or deliver the service.

Include, for example, budget, staffing (additional personnel and time allocation of existing personnel), equipment, supplies, support systems (GIS, wireless, record management system) and other tangible goods.

- Sparky Suite
- On company staff
- Computer and iPad
- Cell Phone

Future goals 2023 for specified time (S.M.A.R.T.).

- Start researching for Community Risk Reduction Plan Development as defined in NFPA 1300.
- Community public education in fire safety and health.

Outcomes and Outputs (Goals) Status of achieving goals of prior year(s)

- Visited both Centerburg and Highland Elementary Schools during Fire Prevention Week. This was a fire safety education using the residential smoke trailer trainer. This had a positive impact on the students and staff for fire safety.
- Talked with both Centerburg and Highland School educators/teachers about building and fire safety for school facilities. Explanation of fire codes and what to expect when we inspect your classroom and school building.

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For the 2022 year, January 01 through December 31, all of the fires that occurred within Central Ohio Joint Fire District were investigated in compliance with the standard operating guideline for fire investigations adopted by the District, specifically investigated using NFPA 921 as a guideline and the scientific method was followed to assure consistency in our investigations. In addition, 200 adults and 600 children received fire safety education through fire prevention week and Farming Festival. All the commercial occupancies were inspected for code compliance.

Program Coordinator Signature

Fire Inspector, Lieutenant Jason Whipple

CC 5A.5 The agency conducts a formal and documented appraisal, at least annually, to determine the impacts of the community risk reduction program and its efforts in risk reduction based on the community risk assessment, standards of cover, and measures performance against adopted loss reduction goals.

Description

The department dedicates a great deal of time to fire prevention and life safety. Hazard risk assessment is part of this program along with establishing the appropriate response to identified risks. Preplanning, occupancy risk assessments, company familiarization and walk-through help plan a proper response to incidents and support mitigation efforts.

Documentation of specific hazards, protection systems, structural information, occupancy type, and layout assist the Fire Department in the application of effective, appropriate mitigation efforts. The Fire Department can assess hazards against capabilities and establish resources that will support efforts in mitigation of incidents.

Appraisal

Preplan information is available on every apparatus responding to an incident. Presently this is in the form of hard copy which has become cumbersome. The department was in the process of using a dispatch computerized system for data. Mitigation efforts of identified risk hazards were supported by automatic/mutual aid, low water flow operating procedures, and other resource options. Both the community and the department benefit from risk identification and preparedness by allowing for appropriate, effective response planning. Effective safety and confidence result from this proactive planning process.

Plan

The department will continue to evaluate the community risk against its own capabilities and initiate appropriate actions to support effective mitigation activities for those risks.

References

- *COJFD Computer - Fire Inspector/C-Drive/Case Files*
- *ImageTrend Elite- Inspections*
- *Building and Fire Safety for School facilities*