

THE CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Central Ohio Joint Fire District Annual Program Appraisal and Analysis

Fire Chief



Year End Report: 2025

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 fiscal and transparent method. Modern science and data are used as cornerstones in decision making and process.

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

Vision Statement – *The COJFD strives to see a world free of preventable hazards where citizens can thrive in a safe community.*

Future 2025 Goals for specified time (S.M.A.R.T.)

- Purchase new body armor by 4Q 2025. **COMPLETED** (on back order)
- Place new fire engine in-service by 2Q of 2025. **COMPLETED**
- Hire a new Clerk by the end of the 1Q of 2025. **COMPLETED**
- Form a Levy Committee and pass May Levy 2Q 2025 **Levy Committee formed. COMPLETED** forming Levy Committee. Levy passage **COMPLETED 4Q**
- Replace one building for storage 2Q 2025. **NOT COMPLETED**
- Install Delco Water 2Q 2025. **COMPLETED**
- Become a registered agency with Center for Public Service Excellence 2Q 2025. **NOT COMPLETED**
- Replace Strategic Plan by 3Q for Board approval. **NOT COMPLETED**
- Community Involvement: **ALL COMPLETED**
 - Serve the Burg
 - Vial for Life
 - Contained smoke detector program with Red Cross
 - Local Emergency Operation Drills
- Body Cam policy – 3Q of 2025. **NOT COMPLETED**

Outcomes and Outputs 2025 – Status of achieving goals of prior year(s)

- Past one of two operation levies
- 2 sets of completely new firefighter PPE Structural gear
- Donated over \$2,00,000 to Honor-Flight
- Participated in all Serve the Burg projects in 2025.
- Awarded several grants at local, State and Federal levels.
- Valetine's Day breakfast for senior center
- Conducted over 100 life safety inspections.
- Reviewed the Strategic Plan which will expire in 2025.
- Joined MEC

Goals for 2026

- See attachment

Executive Summary

Reflecting on the past year, I want to draw attention to some highlights we are very proud of due to the hard work, commitment, and perseverance of the Fire Board, Officers, and Firefighters of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District. Each divisional report is attached to focus on the accomplishments, budgets, and productivity of each division.

Joining the Metropolitan Emergency Consortium (MEC) marked a major step forward for our Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in three significant ways. First, we now have a pediatric physician helping guide our medical protocols. Second, we can evaluate our practices and equipment alongside nearly 1,000 paramedics under one medical director. Third, MEC's network of more than 22 departments gives us stronger purchasing power. We achieved all of this with no negative impact on the operating budget.

The Division of Emergency Medical Services responded to Advanced Life Support (ALS) calls 78 percent of the time and 22 percent for Basic Life Support (BLS). This is important to know because ALS responses usually take three to four firefighters while BLS take only two firefighters.

The Division of Fire Suppression is tasked with protecting \$245,745,480 property. This past year we saved \$245,572,710. Our losses were held to \$172,770. We received a new thermal imaging camera which allows us to see better in smoke environment from Aladin Shriner's Grant program. All firefighters were fitted with new hoods to wear while firefighting. These hoods have better particulate prevention which helps prevent cancer.

The Division of Risk Reduction continued educating two school systems and our communities on fire prevention, CPR, and first aid. Outreach efforts included smoke detector drives, CPR programs in schools, more than 72 home wellness checks, public events such as Trunk or Treat, and a Valentine's Day breakfast during Community Heart Safety Awareness Week.

Risk Reduction also completed more than 110 fire inspections, installed 100 smoke detectors, and oversaw Incident Action Planning (IAP) for two festivals and the Pelotonia Charity Bike Tour. The division also continued working with Region 5 to improve emergency access for vulnerable residents.

The Maintenance Division is tasked with taking care of nearly three million dollars of vehicles at replacement cost. We saw a significant decrease in overall annual costs in the past year. This is attributed to two items, the purchase of the new fire truck which was under warranty and the sale of the oldest engine. The 2002 grass truck is past its life cycle by nearly 10 years

Finally, COJFD's retention remained stable. Although we lost three firefighters due to attrition and levy failures, we also recognized two members for five or more years of service. In addition, four members earned their paramedic certifications. We remain committed to protecting the fire district, and our officers and firefighters alike recognize the privilege of serving this community.

Professionally,

Chief McCann

Supporting Documentation of 2024:

1. 2026 Department Goals
2. Training Program Analysis
3. EMS Program Analysis
4. Fire Program Analysis
5. Risk Reduction Program Analysis.
6. Strategic Goal Review
7. Graphic representation of:
 - a. Staffing
 - b. Maintenance



2026 DEPARTMENT GOALS

All goals are scheduled to be completed by end of 2026 unless noted

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Leadership Speaker – Burnes

Tactics – First 15 Min – Burnes

Rescue and Comps - Training Div.

Financial Wellness – Lt Andrian

Wellness Program – McCann and Marzullo

DEPARTMENT

Reunification – Burnes

Awards – McCann Schlosser (2027)

Uniforms – McCann, Schlosser, McCoy and Lt Castle

Station Maintenance (Top 5) – Lt Andrian and 3U

Training – Lt Castle

Staffing – McCann Fiscal, Fire Board and Officers

COMMUNITY

Serve the Burg – Schlosser, McCann, and Department

Tabletop with Village – Lt Castle and RRO Farmer

Smoke / CO – RRO Farmer, 2-Unit, and Red Cross

2026 UNIT GOALS

All Unit Goals are to be completed by the end of 2026 with quarter reviews at Officer meetings.

1-UNIT

1. Assignment Board
2. Other goals moved to department goals

2-UNIT

1. Add “alphabet classes”
2. Off Site Fire Training classes (CTEC, KCCC, Bladensburg, or SFA)
3. Pump Ops Class

3-UNIT

1. All moved to Department Goals

ADMIN

1. Outside Storage
2. Parking Lot Repairs
3. Copier

Respectfully Submitted

Chief Mark McCann

March 4, 2026, V1



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Training Program

Category 8: Training and Competency

Program Manager: Lt. Jacob Castle and Capt. Mike Burnes

Calendar year 2025

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, BWC and NFPA. Fire District Staff are assigned to both fire suppression and emergency medical transport units. COJFD provides access to and guidance on educational programs that increase advancement potential and support the needs of the COJFD. COJFD utilizes outside agencies to supplement in-house training 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 services 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 7,613 (2023 Census Data).

Mission Statement:

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Vision Statement:

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Regulatory agency, policy, or law:

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

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 5 EMT's, 1 Advanced EMT, and 14 paramedics. There are 4 part-time employees 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 2 Certified Fire Safety Inspectors, 3 Fire and Emergency Services II Instructors, 2 CEU Instructors, and 2 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.

All personnel are required to maintain current BLS for Healthcare Providers. In addition, Paramedic providers are required to maintain Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification.

Currently the district relies on in-house training, online training resources, 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 are not limited to, Fire Officer I, II, III and IV, Hazardous Materials Training, Rope Rescue I and II, Grain Bin Rescue, Farm Rescue, Swift water rescue Awareness, I and II, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Prehospital Trauma Life Support, and Advanced Stroke Life Support.

Status of Goals for 2025.

- Restructure and continue to develop a training calendar that grows with our department and is flexible to meet the needs of the members throughout the year. Criteria for completion include:
 - Completion of the 2025 and 2026 training calendars, scheduling and confirmation of all courses, and ensuring that training levels meet the minimum hour requirements for all levels of recertification.
 - **Training Calendar was completed for the complete 2025 and 2026 calendar years. Training was adjusted throughout the year to meet operational needs.**
- Implement and encourage a goal of a minimum of 40 hours of training be completed per unit day every month. These 40 hours should be spread out over different topics that are pertinent to our functions are Firefighters/EMS Personnel. Training should also include at least 4 hour of instruction on the following topics per shift each month:
 - Firefighting
 - EMS
 - SOP's/Admin
 - Specialty (Auto Extrication, Rescue, Hazmat, Etc.)
 - **All three unit days averaged between 55.6 and 60.6 hours per month of training. All units met the goal of 4 hours of each category of training with the exception of low SOP/admin training hours in the months of May, Jun, and July.**
- Update our training records retention system to better capture our training hours in one place (Imagetrend). If successful, the training officer should be able to automatically generate reports on training by type, hours, etc.
 - **Partially implemented, but online training is not currently captured automatically on Imagetrend, this would require manual data entry of FireRescue1 Academy data into Imagetrend.**
- Implement and complete annual competencies in both fire and EMS skills in order to identify areas where training efforts should be focused. All members of the department should be required to perform competencies annually.
 - **This Goal was not completed in 2025 and will be pursued in 2026.**

Goals for 2026

- Implement and complete annual competencies in both fire and EMS skills in order to identify areas where training efforts should be focused. All members of the department should be required to perform competencies annually. This goal should be completed by the end of Q3.
- Explore a Vector solutions as a possible replacement for FireRescue1 Academy. If it is decided to transfer to Vector solutions, have the new online training program implemented within 90 days and move training records to one location. This goal should be completed by the end of Q2.
- Send at least one full-time member from each unit day to rope operations class by the end of the year.
- Evaluate crew satisfaction with the current training program and adjust the training calendar and offerings to increase overall satisfaction from members in next year's evaluation.

Budget

The Training Division remained fiscally responsible while expanding educational opportunities.

The 2026 budget will include costs to further train our officers/OOC in commanding fire/EMS scenes as well as leadership development. It will also allocate money for continuing education, through online courses and hands on classes conducted by the Ohio Fire Academy and other accredited agencies.

2025 Notable Expenditures:

• Paramedic Tuition:	\$3,958.97
• Training Conferences:	\$3,978.13
• Professional Development:	\$1,050.00
• Department Trainings:	\$576.80
	Total: \$9,563.90

Outcomes and Impacts

- In 2025, Central Ohio Joint Fire District received free hands-on training from the Ohio Fire Academy through hands on training simulators. This resulted in 304 hours of free training for the district.
- Firefighters were able to access 3 acquired structures for hands on training through generous donations of buildings by the community. This allowed crews to receive more valuable hands-on training at no cost to the department.
- Through hard work and dedication, all full-time employees are now certified paramedics and there are currently no full-time employees in paramedic school.
- With the support of the department several members were able to attend professional development courses, including adding newly certified Instructors and Fire Officers.

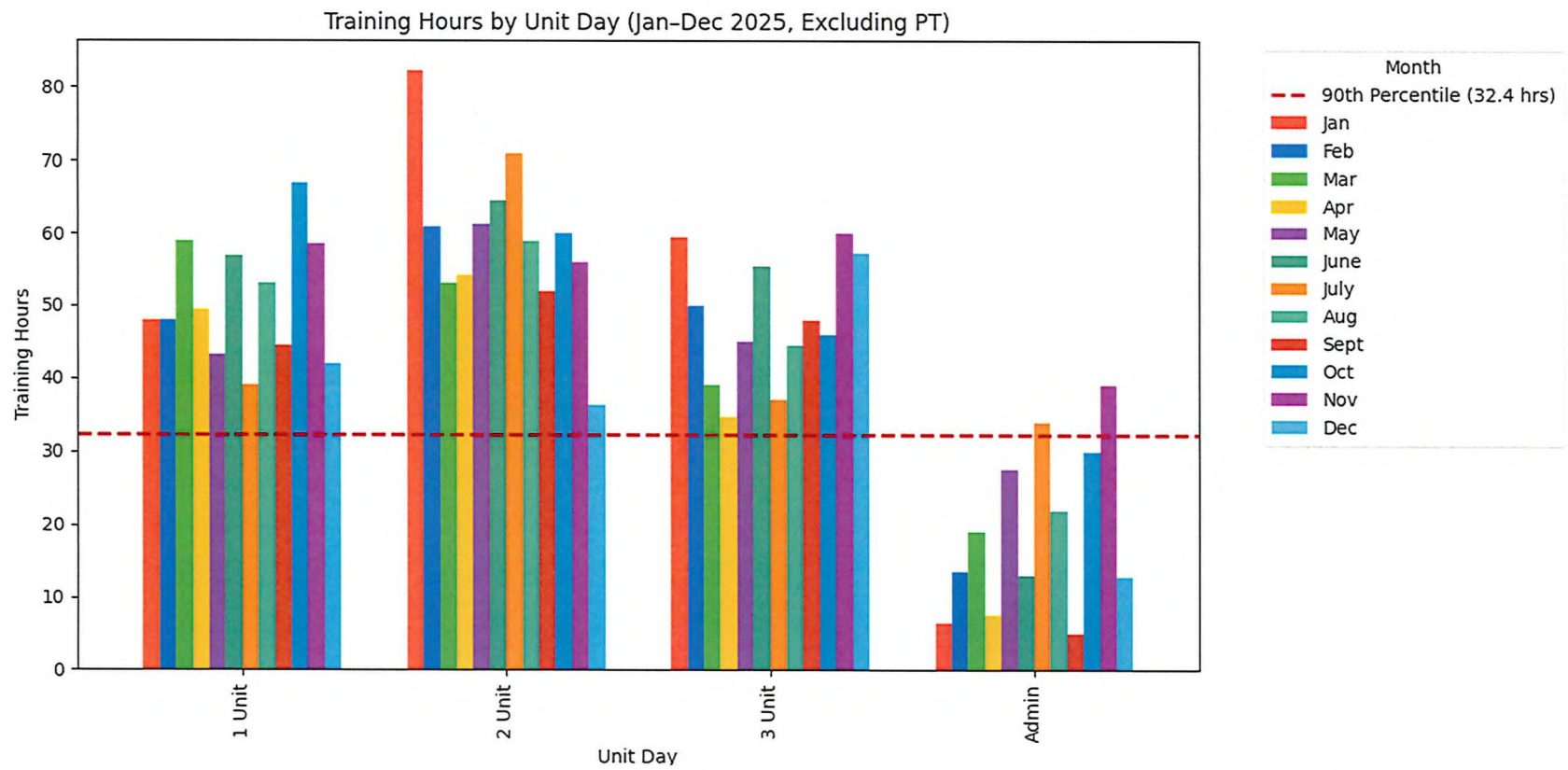
Summary

In 2025, the Central Ohio Joint Fire District Training Division continued to strengthen our culture of professionalism and operational excellence, dedicating 2,219.75 personnel hours to training — an increase from 2,074.5 hours in 2024 despite operating with fewer firefighters. This reflects an even greater per-member training commitment and underscores the priority our department places on readiness. A newly developed annual training calendar provided structure and consistency, while maintaining flexibility to address emerging needs and operational trends. Every crew met or exceeded the department's 90th percentile training benchmark each month, demonstrating accountability and a shared commitment to improvement across all shifts.

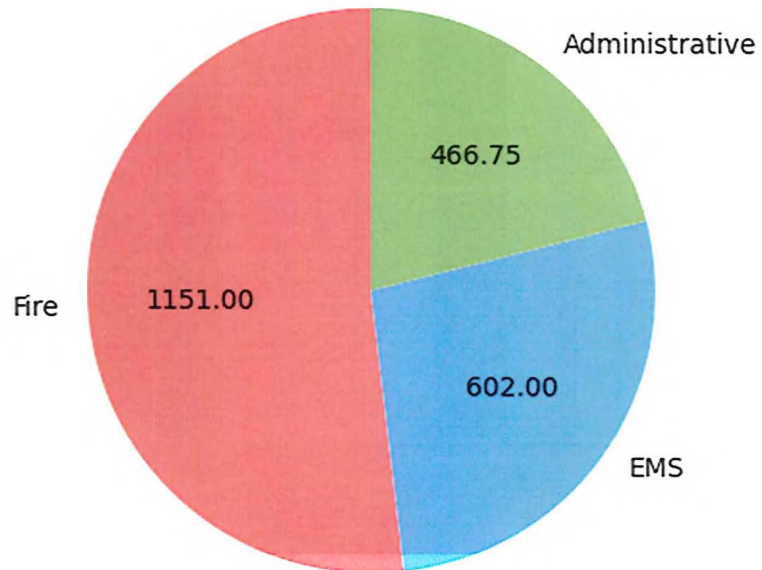
The department hosted four courses delivered by the Ohio Fire Academy, a division of the State Fire Marshal's Office, including EVOC using a driving simulator, a search and rescue maze, live fire evolutions utilizing a propane burn prop, and the flashover lab. Additionally, firefighters trained in three acquired structures within the district, gaining invaluable hands-on experience. Training topics throughout the year included live fire operations, search and rescue, emergency vehicle operations, pump operations, building construction, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and many other mission-critical disciplines. The department also celebrated significant professional growth, including three new paramedics, one new Fire & Emergency Services Instructor, and two newly certified Part 107 drone pilots. While call volume can occasionally limit training opportunities, our members continue to adapt and remain committed to delivering exceptional service through continuous education and skill development.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt. Jacob Castle



COJFD 2025 Training Breakdown



COJFD 2025 Training Breakdown

Training Category	Total Hours
Fire	1,151
EMS	602
Administrative	466.75
Grand Total	2,219.75

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Fire Suppression



Year of Report: 2025

Program Description.

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

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The district provides around-the-clock fire suppression service within the boundaries of the Village of Centerburg, Hilliar Township, and 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 are cross-man 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.

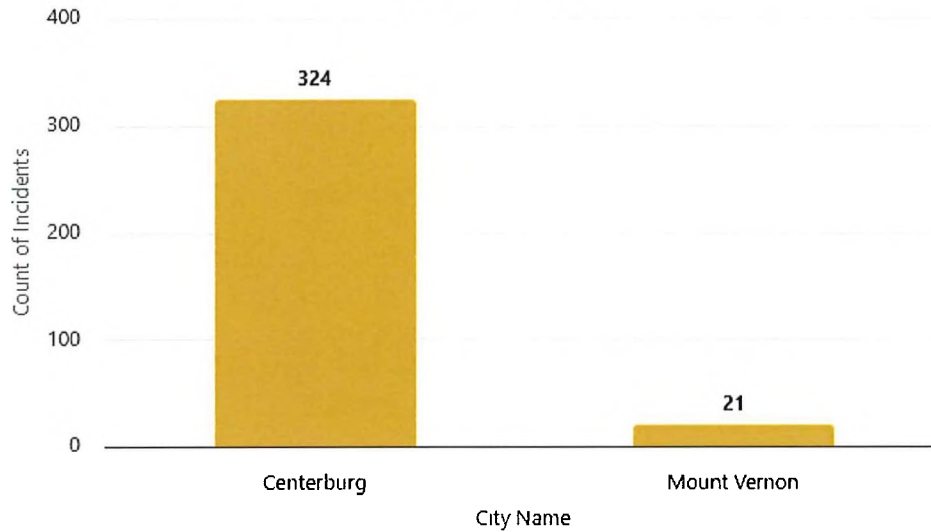
The district uses the incident command system for all incidents, and it is supported by procedures and training. All agency personnel are trained in incident command system (ICS), National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100, 200, 700 and 800. Additionally, all officers are trained in ICS 300 and 400.

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.

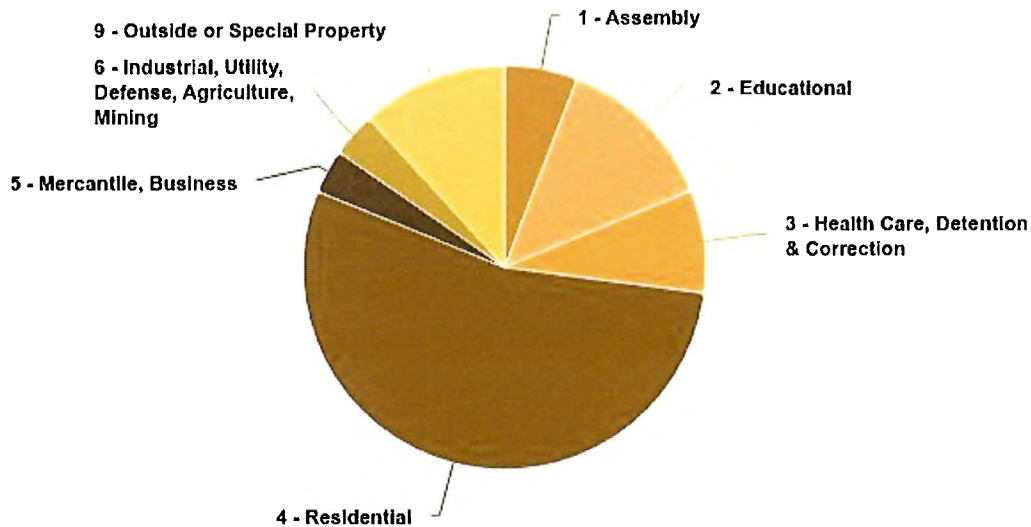
Incidents by City

Incidents by City Name (Top 15)

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025



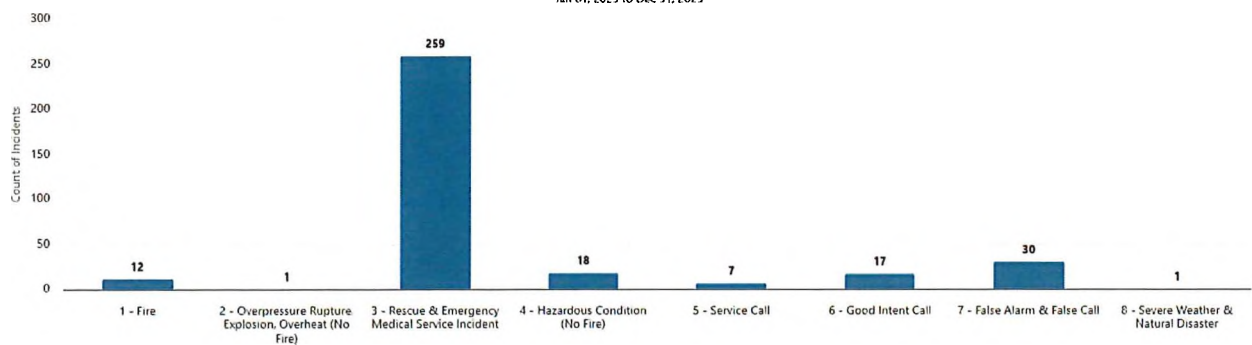
Incidents by Property Use



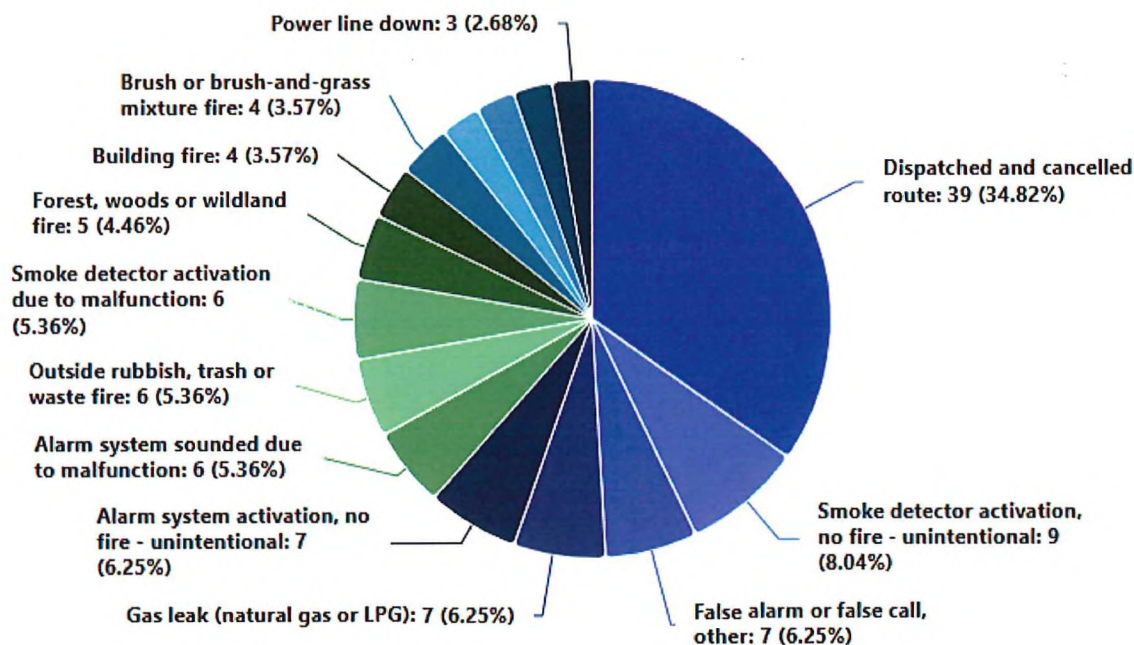
Incident Type

Incidents by Category and Year

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025



Incident Type Broken Down



Property Loss



Mutual Aid Received and Given

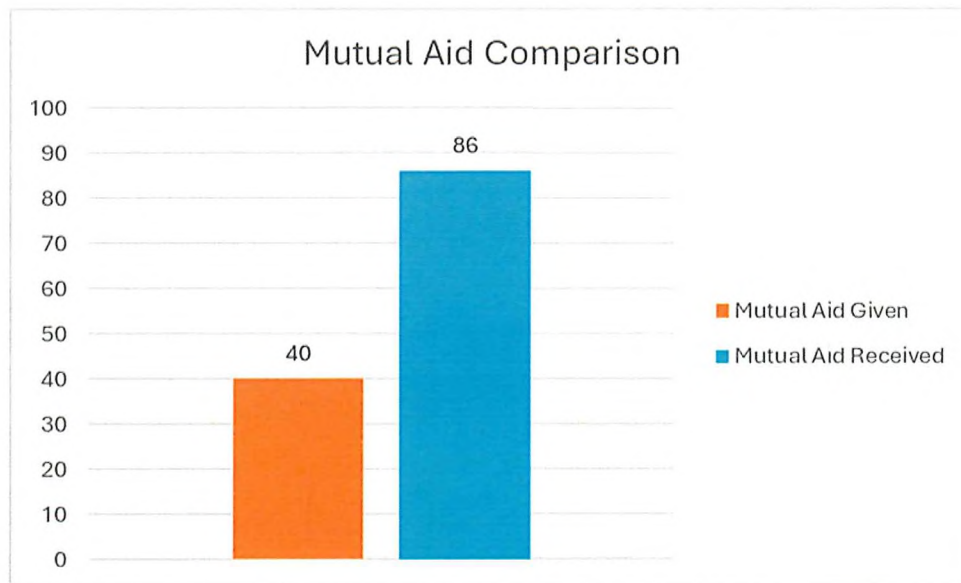
In the fire service, mutual aid refers to a cooperative agreement between neighboring fire departments to provide assistance during emergency incidents that exceed the resources of the requesting department. This system ensures that adequate personnel, apparatus, and equipment are available when local resources are insufficient.

Mutual Aid Received

"Mutual Aid Received" indicates instances where our department requested and received assistance from outside agencies. This typically occurs during large-scale incidents, multiple simultaneous calls, or when specialized resources are required. Receiving mutual aid ensures continuity of operations and improved incident management during resource-intensive emergencies.

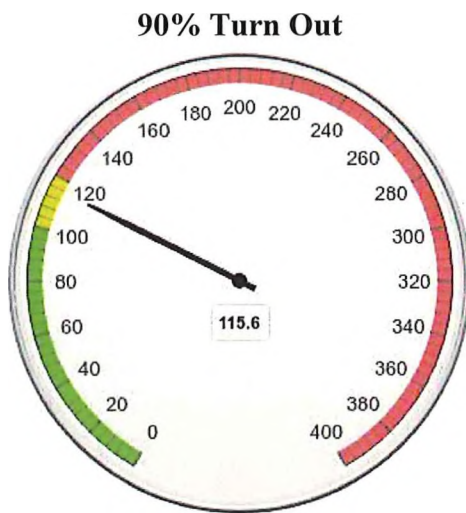
Mutual Aid Given

"Mutual Aid Given" reflects the occasions where our department provided assistance to neighboring fire departments. This support may include manpower, apparatus, or specialized services in response to their request for additional help during emergencies. It underscores our department's commitment to regional cooperation and inter-agency support.



The **90th percentile** for **turnout time** and **total response time** in the fire service is a key performance benchmark, often used to evaluate how well fire departments meet established standards. These values are typically guided by the **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)**—specifically **NFPA 1710**, which sets standards for career fire departments.

This means that for **90% of all calls**, crews must be **en route within 120 seconds** of being dispatched. This means that for **90% of all calls**, crews must be **on scene within 10 minutes** of being dispatched.



90% Turn Out – 1:55



90% Total Response Time – 7:26

Regulatory agency, policy, or law:

- NFPA, OSHA, NAFL, 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 firefighters

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 the required schedule.
- Turnout gear for current staff and back-up gear to be ready for decon procedures.
- 2025 Budget Items:
 1. \$15,000.00 for repair of fire suppression equipment.
 2. \$3,500.00 - Hose, couplings, and attachments
 3. \$10,000.00 – Hydrant Program

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

- Conduct department-wide evaluation of turnout gear condition, age, and compliance. Documented list of personnel needing new or replacement gear. Use existing records, inspections, and NFPA guidelines. Ensures firefighter safety and compliance with standards. Complete assessment and provide list **by the end of Q3 (September 30, 2026).**
- Form a committee to assess needs for 1¾", 2", and 3" fire hose. Committee formed and at least 2–3 vendor quotes obtained per hose type. Utilize current personnel with operational knowledge of hose inventory and usage. Ensures operational readiness and adequate reserve hose supply. Submit final recommendations and quotes to the Fire Chief **by the end of Q2 (June 30, 2026).**
- Purchase and place into service additional fire hose based on committee recommendations. Purchase approved quantities of 1¾", 2", and 3" hose. Based on approved budget and prior committee research. Maintains firefighting effectiveness and preparedness. Complete purchasing and place hose in service **by the end of Q3 (September 30, 2026).**

Outputs (Goals accomplished and programs implement and completions status)

- In July 2025, Engine 421 was officially placed in service for the district. A community ceremony was held on July 16, 2025, allowing the public to participate in the event. This goal was successfully completed by the end of the second quarter.
- Efforts are underway to improve post-fire decontamination procedures, including identifying and acquiring the necessary equipment to support this initiative. This goal is scheduled for completion by the end of the fourth quarter.
- A committee was established to finalize a list of tools and equipment, along with obtaining quotes, for a new engine. While initially projected for completion by the end of the second quarter, this goal was ultimately completed at the end of the fourth quarter.

Executive Summary

For the year 2025 we purchased two new sets of structural firefighting gear for firefighters. Also, in 2025 we replaced old Nomex hoods with Veridian PBI hoods, which it has a better particulate barrier for firefighters' safety. We were awarded Bullard Thermal Imager through the Aladin Shrine grant. In the year 2025, we were able to save over \$245,572,710.00 on property and personal contents. The value of the district was \$245,745,480.00

In 2025, the department made significant investments in firefighter safety and operational effectiveness. Three new sets of structural firefighting gear were purchased to ensure personnel are equipped with reliable and up-to-date protective equipment. Additionally, all legacy Nomex hoods were replaced with Veridian PBI hoods, providing an enhanced particulate barrier and increased protection for firefighters. The department was also awarded a Bullard Thermal Imager through the Aladin Shrine grant, further improving on-scene visibility and search capabilities during emergency operations.

Program Coordinator Signature

RRO Chris Farmer

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.

Central Ohio Joint Fire District Annual Program Appraisal and Analysis

Community Risk Reduction



Year End Report: 2025

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, Fire Prevention, and Community Education Division.

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Community Engagement:

We value community engagement as a top priority. We will conduct community programs that promote mutual respect and trust.

Health and Wellness:

We value health and wellness through education and collaboration.

Professional Development:

We value personal and professional development both within the Department and in the personal lives of our employees.

Proactive Administration:

We value a proactive approach to administration through strategic planning, with an emphasis on accreditation with the CFAI.

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 EMS
- 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
- Franklin County NAS-T Investigator meetings and trainings
- Ohio Fire Prevention monthly meetings

Special certifications/education needed or applied:

- Background checks for public school
- National CPS Certification
- Incident Safety Officer
- Fire Officer I & II
- Juvenile Fire Setters Certification
- Fire and Life Safety Educator
- Plan Review for Fire Officials

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
 - Sparky is one of the iconic symbols of fire safety public education for all ages.
- District vehicle
 - This vehicle is equipped with all aspects of Community Risk Reduction.
 - This vehicle is the most visible vehicle in the district.
- Company staff
 - We increased our staffing during the year for the following events: USA Days, Farming Festival, fireworks, and others. When we call in or have employees to staff these events, it costs a rate of \$75.00 per hour, per staff member. This is a donation to the event we are involved in.
- Computer and iPad
 - For inspection, investigations, communications, and social media
- Cell phone
 - On call 24/7, able to communicate with the district, community, local, and state officials.

Future goals for 2026 for specified time (S.M.A.R.T.).

- Start researching and the purchase of body cameras to be used during inspections and investigations. This item will be used to be a second set of eyes and ears. This goal should be completed by the end of third quarter.
- All Pre-Plans for all commercial buildings will be loaded into Active911. We are using Active911 due to if we are out on another call for service, a mutual aid company can see our Pre-Plan for the structure. This will be completed by June 1, 2026.
- Community Risk Assessment for the District. This is an analysis of the risk throughout the district. This goal should be completed by the end of fourth quarter.
- Community public education in fire safety and health. This goal will result in different parts throughout the year. By the end of the first quarter, we will have an agenda set up for each quarter.
- Educating and hosting CPR classes for the community. This goal will result in different part throughout the year. The division will complete this each quarter of the year.

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

- Start researching for Community Risk Reduction Plan Development as defined in NFPA 1300. With working in a few classes coming up, this goal should be completed within the first quarter.
 - After completing the class held at the Ohio Fire Academy, the District has a concept of the steps we need to work toward completing the assessment of the district.
 - There are a series of courses to be obtained during the year to stay current. The division will stay up on all current classes offered by Ohio Fire Academy and National Fire Academy.
- Community public education in fire safety and health. This goal will result in different parts throughout the year.
 - We educated 187 3rd graders during Fire Prevention Week.
 - We performed 144 blood pressure and health checks at Centerburg Senior Services throughout the year.
 - The division completed 72 home visits throughout the year with elderly adults.
 - Passed out 187 Valentines healthy snacks to all the third graders at Centerburg Elementary and Highland Elementary.
 - Participated in Trick or Treat in the Village of Centerburg and Sparta. Participated in Trunk or Treat at Centerburg Church of Christ.
- Smoke Detector drives throughout the year. This is making sure residents in the district have working smoke detectors. Working with each unit, this project will be set up in each quarter. By the end of the second quarter, at least one street in Centerburg was done. By the end of the third quarter, two streets in Centerburg

should be completed. By the end of the fourth quarter, 3 streets in Centerburg should be completed. I believe Centerburg has the most congested residential resident's units to serve.

- We completed and installed 100 smoke detectors in the district.
- Residential Knox Box Program. This program should be up and running before the end of the second quarter. This will need education for the community members and the staff at Central Ohio Joint Fire District.
 - Worked with Region 5 Area of Aging on completing this goal.
 - We submit names to Region 5 Area of Aging and they will help fund this program.
- During the Farming Festival at Memorial Park, while staffing for EMS we provided fire safety education. Approximately had 120 people stop by our booth for educational materials or talk fire safety education.
- 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.
 - While talking with the teachers in each district, it helps them be educated on Ohio Fire Code and why the codes are there to protect life and property.
- Provided CPR-AED-First Aid class to Centerburg High School health class. There were twenty-six students that attended and completed the class.
- Provided three car seat checks for residents in the community.
 - Had to re-certify my certification for this. I attended continuing education hours and had to be evaluated by a certified technician instructor.
 - The district preformed three car seat checks
- Educated twenty-five teachers at Highland Local Elementary School in CPR-First Aid-AED training.
- Completed one hundred and ten inspections throughout the District.
- Community public education in fire safety and health. This goal will result in different parts throughout the year.
 - The district provided education to the following organizations.
 - Boy Scouts of America
 - Girl Scouts of America
 - Knox County Head Start
 - Highland Preschool
 - Highland Transportation
 - Knox County Means Jobs
 - USA Days Festival
 - Farming Festival
 - Centerburg Senior Center

Executive Summary

Throughout the year, the Central Ohio Joint Fire District made significant progress in enhancing community safety, education, and risk reduction initiatives. The District began development of a Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Plan in alignment with **NFPA 1300** standards. Personnel completed initial coursework through the Ohio Fire Academy, gaining a foundational understanding of the assessment process required to evaluate community risks. Ongoing professional development remains a priority, with continued participation in courses offered by both the Ohio Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy to ensure best practices and current standards are maintained.

Community outreach and public education were a major focus. Fire safety and health education efforts reached a wide audience, including 187 third-grade students during Fire Prevention Week, 144 blood pressure and health screenings conducted at Centerburg Senior Services, and 72 home visits with elderly residents. Additional outreach included engagement with local schools, civic groups, and community events, where fire safety education and prevention messaging were delivered to organizations such as youth groups, preschools, transportation staff, and workforce programs.

The District also prioritized life safety initiatives through targeted programs. A smoke detector campaign resulted in the installation of 100 smoke detectors across the community, focusing on high-density residential areas in Centerburg. The Residential Knox Box Program was successfully launched in partnership with Area Agency on Aging Region 5, improving emergency access for vulnerable residents through coordinated funding and community education.

Training and preparedness efforts extended to both the public and partner organizations. CPR, AED, and First Aid training was provided to 26 high school students and 25 elementary school staff members. Additionally, the District maintained certification standards to offer child passenger safety services, completing three car seat inspections for community members.

Operationally, the District completed 110 fire inspections, reinforcing compliance with fire codes and enhancing overall safety. Fire prevention education was further integrated into community events such as the Farming Festival, where approximately 120 individuals engaged with personnel on fire safety topics.

Overall, these initiatives demonstrate the District's continued commitment to reducing risk, improving emergency preparedness, and strengthening community relationships through education, prevention, and proactive service delivery

Program Coordinator Signature

Risk Reduction Officer, Chris Farmer

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*

Overview

2025 was an incredible year of growth for EMS within the Central Ohio Joint Fire District. As we fully transitioned to MEC EMS under the guidance of Dr. Paul Zeeb, we have become extensively involved in area committees for education, quality improvement, protocol development, and EMS innovations. One of the most critical early tasks was to ensure all providers obtained initial and ongoing credentialing from our medical director to practice under his license.

Another huge accomplishment for our department is that for the first time in history, all full-time firefighters are now certified paramedics. This ensures that advanced life support care will always be provided within the district. Paramedic training typically involves 1200-1800 hours of classroom instruction and clinical education on top of hundreds of hours of self-study. In addition, our newly certified paramedics each complete a rigorous internal evaluation process to ensure competence in best practices and our EMS protocol before they can perform in-charge on EMS runs.

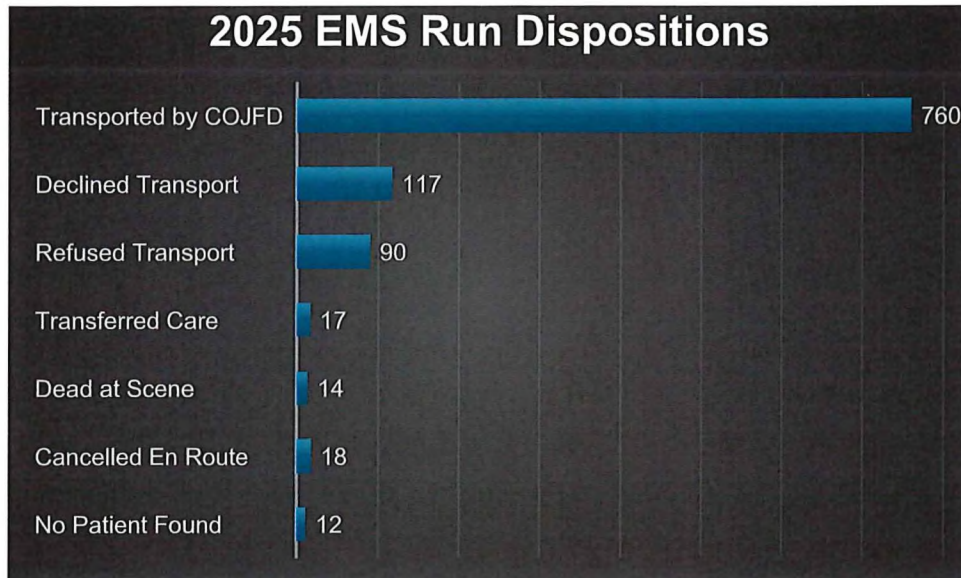
Goals for 2025

- a. **Order a new Ambulance** – unfortunately budgetary restraints did not allow for this purchase in 2025 and was pushed off to 2026
- b. **Purchase of new cardiac monitors** – currently, new monitors on the market are experiencing quality control issues. The decision was made to wait for these issues to be solved before moving forward
- c. **Full Participation in all MEC EMS Committees** – completed

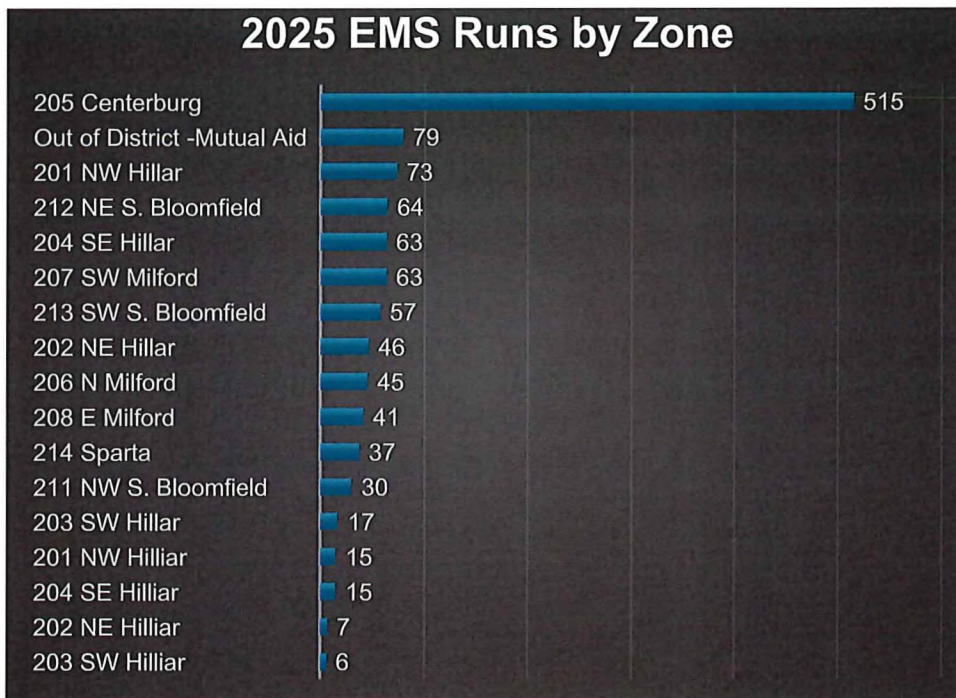
Goals for 2026

- a. **Order a new ambulance** – as our fleet continues to age and with current production times, ordering an ambulance in 2026 will ensure that our EMS fleet is fully operational
- b. **Purchase new cardiac monitors** – once quality issues are solved, it is important to upgrade our existing cardiac monitors
- c. **Purchase of ventilators** – With the rising call volume of incidents who depend on their ventilators as well as our cardiac arrest incidents, the availability of ventilators for our patients ensures they are receiving adequate respiratory support

EMS Run Disposition



EMS Runs by Zone



Transport Rate (runs with patient contact)

- a. 76%

ALS vs BLS

- a. ALS – 78%
- b. BLS 22%

Intubations

- a. 13 – Number of attempts – all cardiac arrests
- b. 69% - Success rate overall
- c. 66% - Success on first attempt
- d. 62% - National EMS average first pass success for cardiac arrest

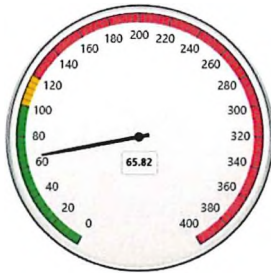
Cardiac Arrest Data

- a. 24 - Total Cardiac Arrests
- b. 20 - Resuscitation Attempted
- c. 35% (7) - ROSC Obtained
- d. 27.3% - National median ROSC rate for EMS

Turnout Statistics – Entire District Plus Mutual Aid (EMS Only)

Unit Average Turnout Time (Seconds)

Jan 01 2025 to Dec 31 2025



65.82 seconds

Unit 90th Percentile Turnout Time (Seconds)

Jan 01 2025 to Dec 31 2025



111 seconds

Total Response Performance – Hilliar/Milford Township (EMS Only)

Unit Average Total Response Time (HH:MM:SS)

Jan 01 2025 to Dec 31 2025



5:16

Unit 90th Percentile Total Response Time (HH:MM:SS)

Jan 01 2025 to Dec 31 2025



8:56

Total Response Performance – South Bloomfield Township (EMS Only)

Unit Average Total Response Time (HH:MM:SS)

Jan 01 2025 to Dec 31 2025



9:42

Unit 90th Percentile Total Response Time (HH:MM:SS)

Jan 01 2025 to Dec 31 2025



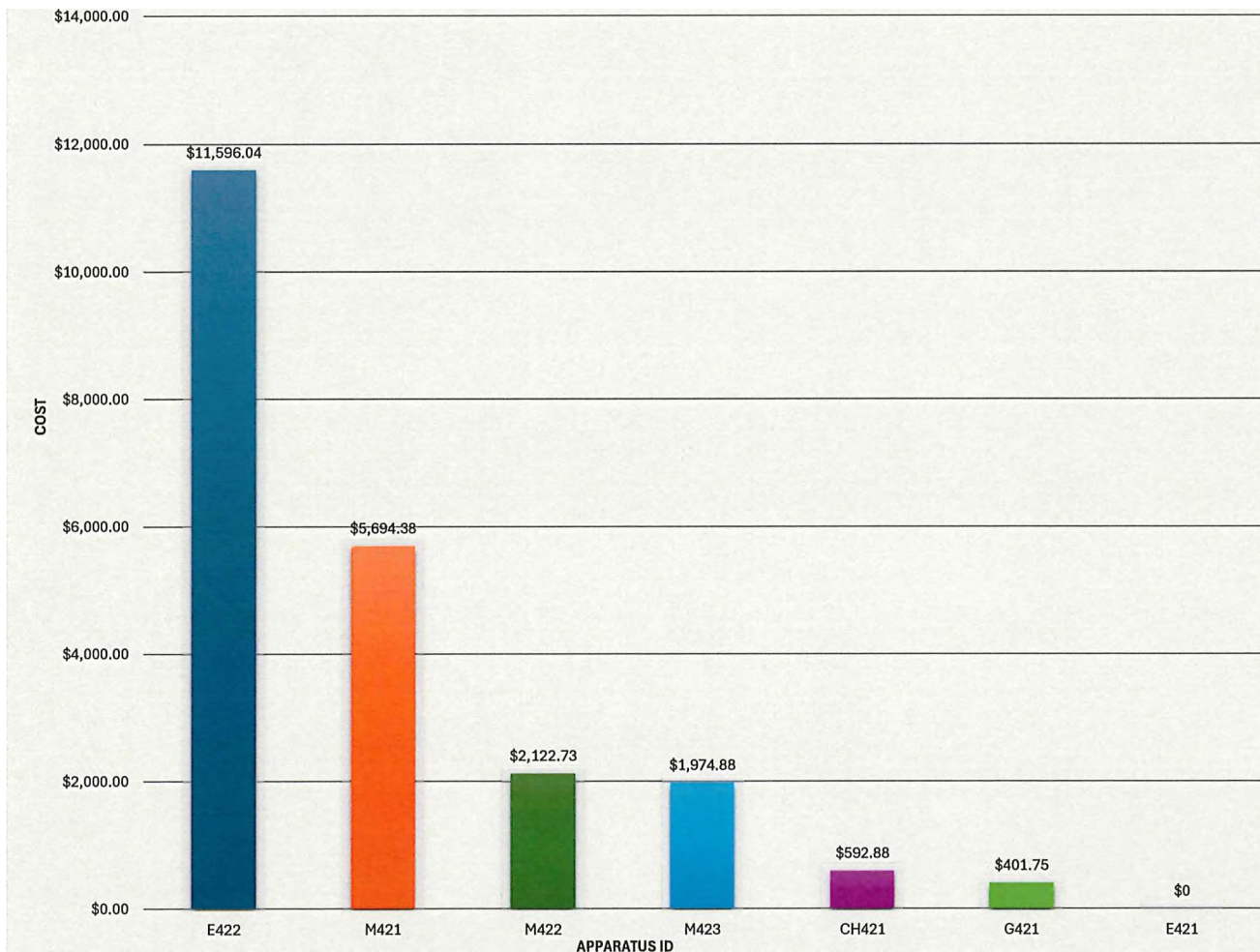
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2025 MAINTENANCE REPORT

	<u>E422</u>	<u>M421</u>	<u>M422</u>	<u>M423</u>	<u>CH421</u>	<u>G421</u>	<u>E421</u>
	\$612.60	\$282.45	\$1,643.65	\$116.50	\$404.45	\$401.75	\$0
	\$3,059.91	\$279.00	\$317.88	\$1,722.50	\$188.43		
	\$4,240.20	\$64.76	\$161.20	\$67.94			
	\$697.00	\$1,101.82		\$67.94			
	\$1,184.00	\$693.88					
	\$384.15	\$637.19					
	\$1,418.18	\$1,854.08					
		\$657.45					
		\$123.75					
Total	\$11,596.04	\$5,694.38	\$2,122.73	\$1,974.88	\$592.88	\$401.75	\$0

Grand Total: **\$22,382.66**

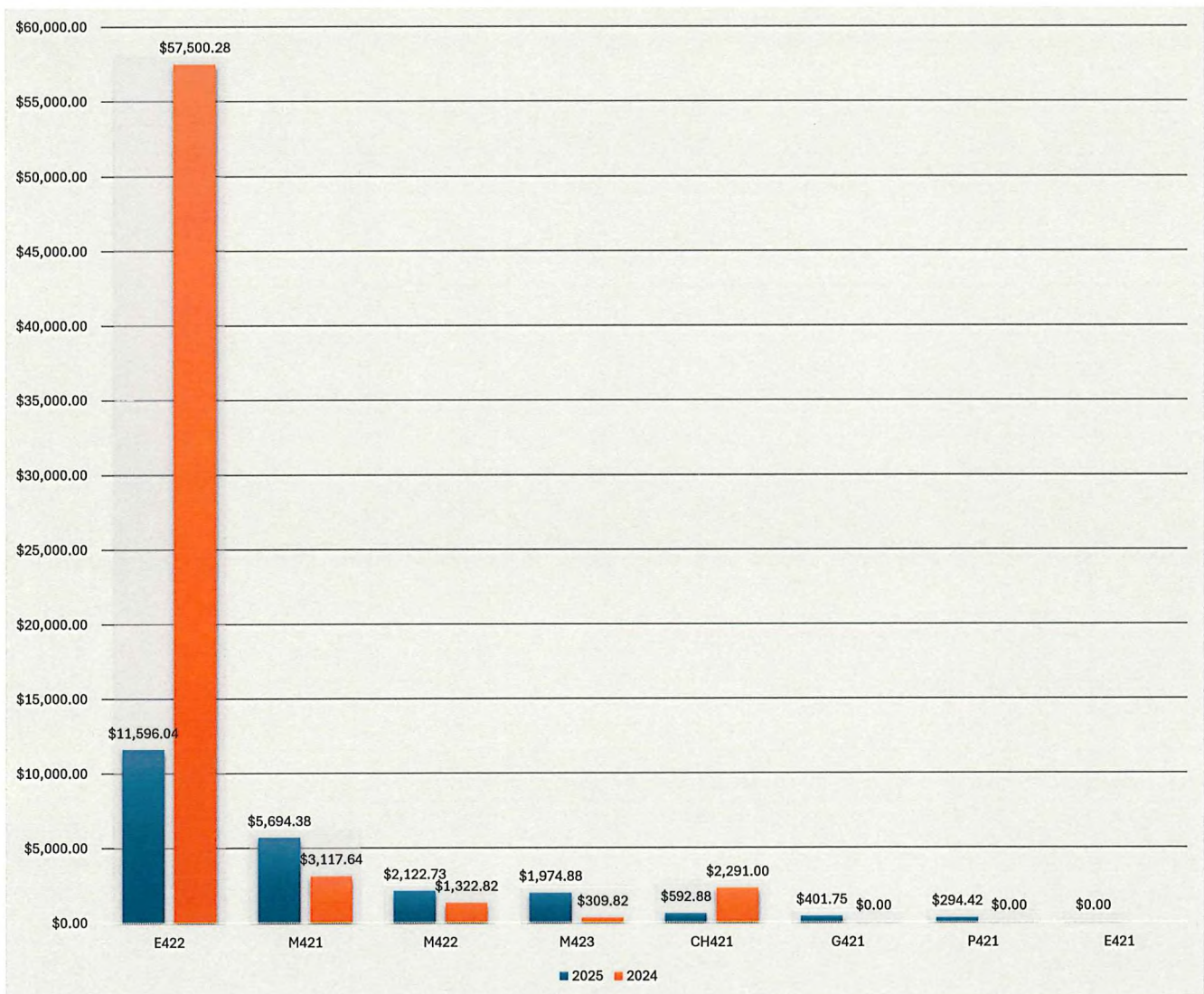




2025 APPARATUS MAINTENANCE SUMMARY

The following expenses are for yearly maintenance as well as specific repairs.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
E422	\$11,596.04	\$57,500.28
M421	\$5,694.38	\$3,117.64
M422	\$2,122.73	\$1,322.82
M423	\$1,974.88	\$309.82
CH421	\$592.88	\$2,291.00
G421	\$401.75	\$0.00
P421	\$294.42	\$0.00
E421	\$0.00	E422
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>\$22,677.08</u>	<u>\$64,541.56</u>





MAINTENANCE SUMMARY

2025 Accomplishments

1. Took delivery on E421. Outfitted it with equipment. Trained on pump operations and driving. Placed in-service.
2. M421 had warranty engine replacement.
3. M421 new tires.
4. M422 new tires.
5. M423 complete brake service.
6. E422 rear tires.
7. E422 pump overhaul and cooling system repair.
8. All trucks annual servicing.

2026 goals

1. Replace G421.
2. Start specifications for new medic.
3. Complete annual pump and ladder testing in Q3.
4. All trucks preventative maintenance by beginning of Q4.
5. Complete rescue trailer equipment.