

Central Ohio Joint Fire District Annual Program Appraisal and Analysis

Fire Chief



Year End Report: 2024

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.

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Goals 2024 for specified time (S.M.A.R.T.)

- Remodeled loft area and established a records retention filing system
COMPLETED.
- County Level training a participation – **COMPLETED.**
 - LEPC
 - P20
 - County Fire Chief's, both county's Knox and Morrow
 - CPR
 - Stop the Bleeding
 - Safe Community
 - Smoke detector.
- Hired new Fiscal Officer – **COMPLETED Q2**
- Hire new Medical Director – **COMPLETED Q3**
- Pass Fall 2024 levy - **INCOMPLETE.**
- Add six hydrants to Reynolds Road – **COMPLETED.**
- Identified a new third-party billing company **Q2 - COMPLETED**

Outcomes and Outputs 2024 – Status of achieving goals of prior year(s)

- The new fire engine is under construction and should be here in February 2025.
- 3 sets of completely new firefighter PPE Structural gear
- Donated over \$8,000 to Honor-Flight
- Provided a meal to CHS Football team.
- Participated in all Serve the Burg projects in 2024.
- Awarded several grants.
- Valetine's Day breakfast for senior center
- Formal Firefighter wellness program started with Knox Community Wellness
- Conducted over 100 life safety inspections.
- Established department Chaplin program and job description.
- Reviewed the Strategic Plan which will expire in 2025.
- Placed in-service a new Community Risk Reduction vehicle.

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

- Purchase new body armor by 4Q 2025.
- Place new fire engine in-service by Q2 of 2025.
- Hire a new Clerk by the end of the 1Q of 2025.
- Form a Levy Committee and pass May Levy Q2 2025
- Replace one building for storage Q2 2025.
- Install Delco Water 2Q 2025.
- Become a registered agency with Center for Public Service Excellence 2Q 2025.
- Replace Strategic Plan by Q3 for Board approval.
- Community Involvement:
 - Serve the Burg
 - Vial for Life
 - Contained smoke detector program with Red Cross
 - Local Emergency Operation Drills
- Body Cam policy – Q3 of 2025

Executive Summary

As a department, 2024 saw many improvements to the safety of the community we serve, and the safety of our firefighters. We received several grants from many sources to help offset our operational costs.

I reflect back and wish 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.

Before I mention highlights, I must first mention that we lost our Medical Director, Dr. Frank Orth in late 2024. Dr Orth served as the Central Ohio Joint Fire District's Medical Director for around 10 years. Dr Orth loved life, family, and being a doctor. He was respected by the Central Ohio Emergency Physicians as one of the best. His tireless commitment to bettering pre-hospital care dates back over 30 years. He helped develop a method of pediatric respiratory care procedure that is now used nationally.

My focus this year is that we have the office of Community Risk Reduction, formerly termed "Fire Prevention". This has been a program that has taken nearly two years to stand up and become operational and recognizable. The mission of that office is to decrease community risk through countless community-based CPR, First Aid, wellness checks, and presentations for our at-risk population. In conjunction with many outside agencies developed formal plans review process. Interact regularly with our at risk groups such as seniors and Centerburg and Highland school systems.

We had a record number of community families attend our Fire Safety Day at the firehouse with over 150 persons. Children learned how to train to be a firefighter by our staff and numerous vendors attended in support of safety as well.

We as a Fire District continued to improve fire protection by working with Delco Water officials to install six hydrants in Hilliar on Eckard Rd. This now makes water within feet to over 35 homes. This increased property value and life safety protection.

We improved service and community safety levels through training, retention and recruitment. It was common in past years at Central Ohio Joint Fire District (COJFD) to have 5-8 or half or more of our firefighter/paramedics on probation. This is one of the most dangerous times in the fire service is training and working with "new recruits." Why? Being a firefighter has become very technical and specialized. It is common to say that it takes five years to truly learn the art of saving lives and bachelor level education.

At COJFD our retention is about/was 1-2 years. Staff leave for pay and benefits that were far above COJFD's position to offer. As I am sharing this today, we will have no persons on the full-time roster on probation by March 2025. Retaining our firefighters, trained to District expectations simply makes the community and our staff much safer.

Lastly, our Fall levy did not pass. I wrote these words last year, and I can only repeat them again *"It goes without saying but will not go without saying, if Central Ohio Joint Fire District did not have the support of the community, we simply could not perform timely, professionally, and responsibly. The passage of levy is humbly received and spent with the highest degree of fiscal responsibility through the Fire Board, Fire Officers, and Clerk"*

For the District to continue to serve the community, be prepared for growth, requests for emergency service, and to do so within industry standards that will help ensure our community's and firefighter's safety, the levy needs to pass.

Supporting Documentation of 2024:

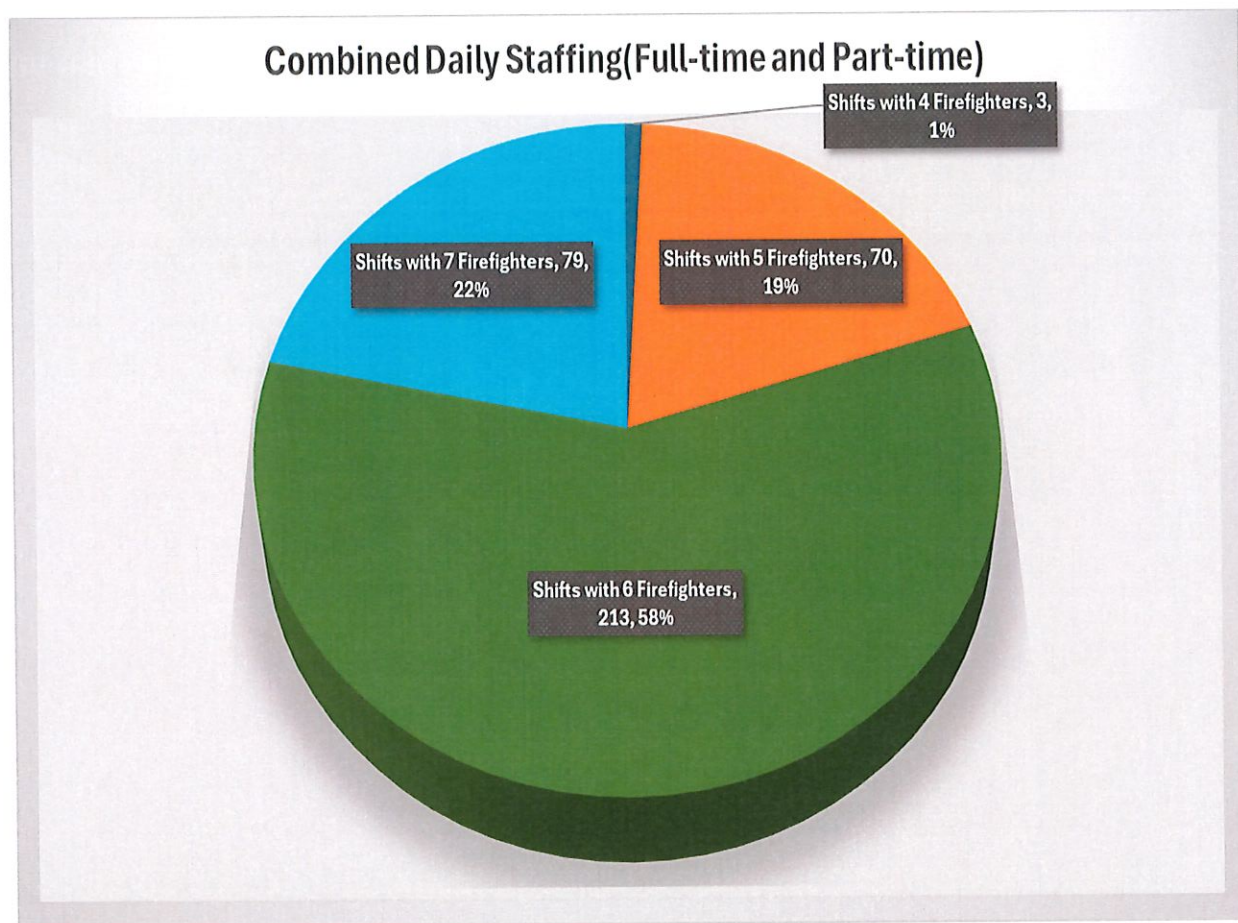
1. Training Program Analysis
2. EMS Program Analysis
3. Fire Program Analysis

4. Risk Reduction Program Analysis.
5. Strategic Goal Review
6. Graphic representation of:
 - a. Staffing
 - b. Maintenance

Professionally,

Chief McCann

	<u>1 Unit</u>	<u>2 Unit</u>	<u>3 Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Shifts with 4 Firefighters	0	3	0	3
Shifts with 5 Firefighters	19	27	24	70
Shifts with 6 Firefighters	74	79	60	213
Shifts with 7 Firefighters	28	13	38	79





2024 Apparatus Maintenance Report

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

E421 \$57,500.28

E422 \$24,297.81

M421 \$3,117.64

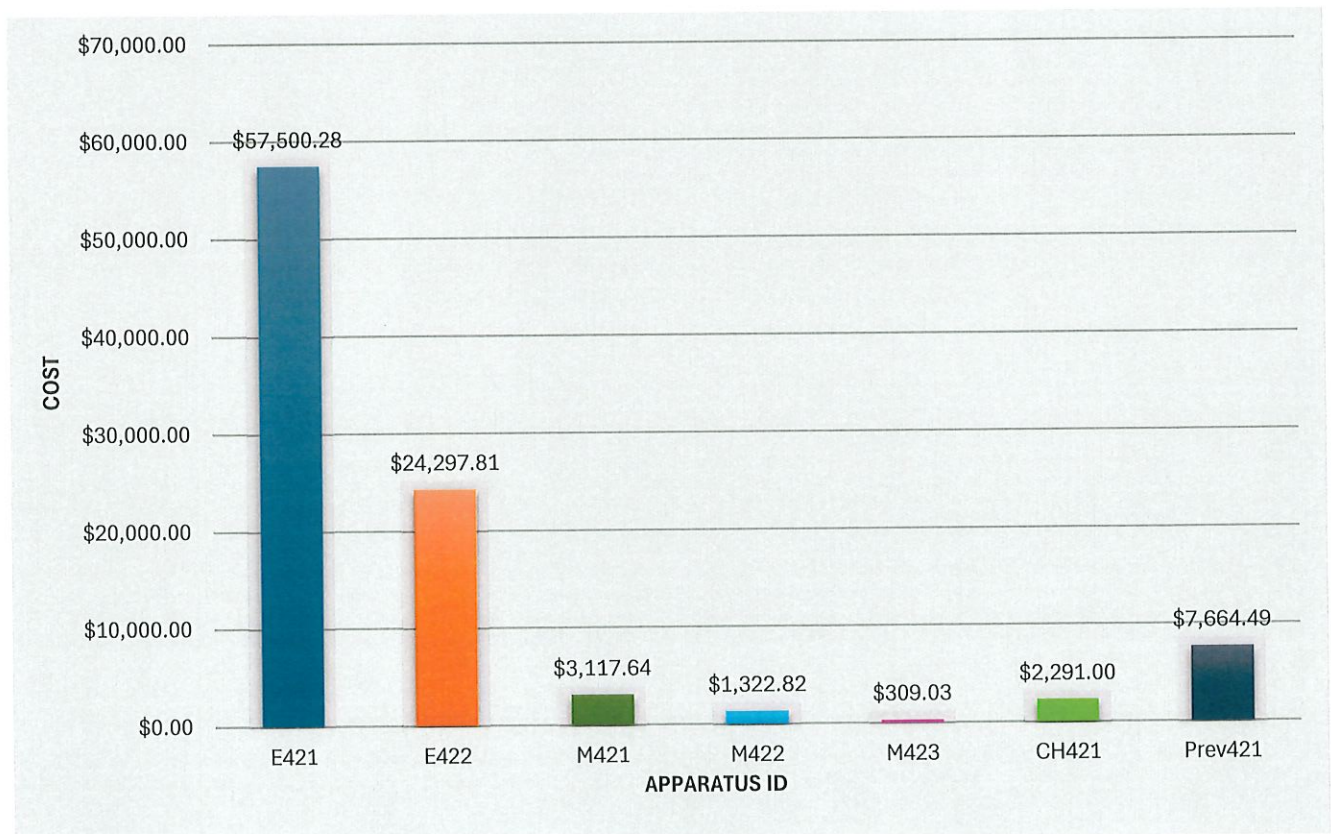
M422 \$1,322.82

M423 \$309.82

CH421 \$2,291.00

TOTAL **\$88,838.58**

Some expenses may be carryover from year-end 2023.



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Emergency Medical Services



Year End Report: 2024

Inputs

- **Program Description:** The EMS program was established to monitor and guide the utilization of resources to ensure appropriate coverage to the residents and visitors of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District (COJFD) for all emergency medical incidents. The program monitors data relating to calls for service, response times, resource utilization, 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 Michael Burnes.
- **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 Emergency Medical Technician-Basic. Many members have advanced training to the level of 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, including, but not limited to, 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.
- **Staffing:** The department maintains a minimum of two advanced life support ambulances that adheres to the State of Ohio staffing requirement of at least two personnel, at least one of which must be a paramedic and the other must be certified as an EMT-Basic or higher. Department daily minimum staffing is set at four personnel, at least two of which must be paramedics.

Budget

- **Funding:** The EMS Division is funded directly from the COJFD general fund and supplemented through collections from EMS billing and grant income.
- **2024 Expenditures:**
 - **EMS Supplies** – \$62,597
 - **EMS Billing Fees** – \$10,743.78
 - **EMS Service Contracts** – \$6,057.21
- **2024 Income:**
 - **EMS Billing Gross Income** - \$301,319
 - **EMS Grant Income** - \$34,925.99

2024 Goals

- **Implement new EMS protocol:** The existing EMS protocol is out of date when compared to existing best practices in EMS. This goal was set to be completed by the end of 2023 and was to be based on the new Westerville Fire Department EMS Protocol, which was significantly delayed by them and ultimately delayed the release of our protocol. This process shall be completed in the second quarter.
 - Outcome - Completed
- **Establish an internal EMS committee:** An internal EMS committee should be established with the goal of allowing input from our EMS providers for process improvement. This process shall be completed in the first quarter.
 - Outcome – Completed, the current QI committee serves in this role as well
- **Develop means to ensure EMS protocol and skills knowledge:** This goal was set to be completed in 2023, however due to a lack of current EMS protocol at the time, this goal was not completed. Once the new EMS protocol is in place, the EMS Coordinator will

work with the EMS committee to establish evaluation criteria and methods. This process will be ongoing, but a foundation shall be established by the end of the second quarter.

- Completed by utilizing credentialing process provided by MEC EMS
- **Develop a functional quality improvement process:** A functional quality improvement program shall be established that incorporates both statistical analysis from EMS reports as well as qualitative review of care provided and the development of focused training to address any deficiencies identified. This process shall be ongoing, but a functional foundation shall be established by the end of the second quarter.
 - Outcome - completed
- **Selection and onboarding of a new EMS Medical Director** – our existing medical director, Dr. Frank Orth, is retiring in 2024 and a new medical director must be selected and successfully onboarded. This process has already begun, but a medical director shall be chosen by the end of the second quarter.
 - Outcome – completed

2025 Goals

1. **Order a New Ambulance** – given current lead times, a new medic should be ordered in 2025 to ensure we have an operational fleet. As a part of this purchase, we should order a new power-load system
2. **Purchase of LifePak 35 Monitors** – Our current monitors are outside of their service life and parts are no longer being made for them. Additionally, the new monitors offer the most up to date software and hardware improvements which can impact our overall patient care.
3. **Full participation in all MEC EMS Committees** – an expectation in joining MEC EMS is that we would provide a representative for each of their active committees. Personnel have been assigned to each committee, we will just need to ensure they are actively participating.

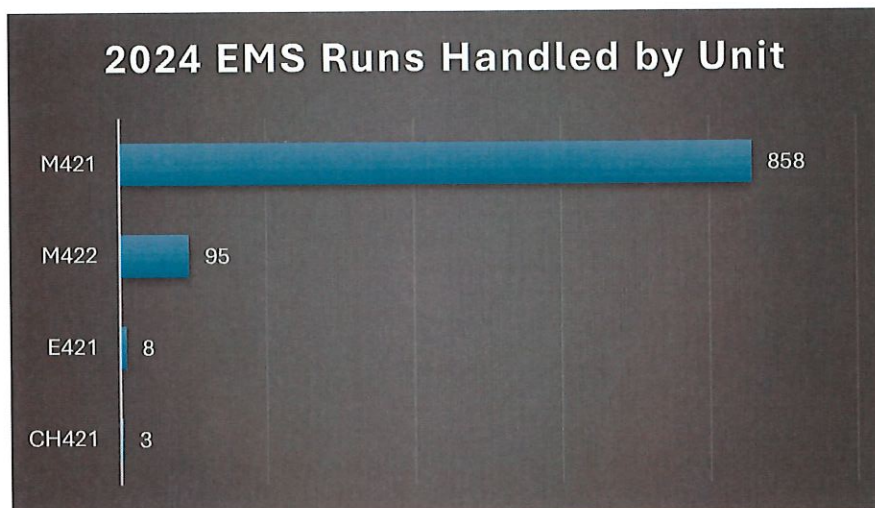
2024 Highlights

- Transitioned our medical direction to MEC EMS, led by Dr. Zeeb. MEC EMS is a consortium consisting of over 20 different departments in urban and rural settings and led by a full-time medical director. Joining MEC EMS has given us immediate access to well established committees including Process/Quality Improvement, EMS Protocol Development, Education, and Innovations. This allows us to share and implement EMS best practices from around the nation and collaborate with local departments. Additionally, we can appreciate lower costs on EMS supplies due to negotiated rates through area vendors related to the buying power of the consortium.

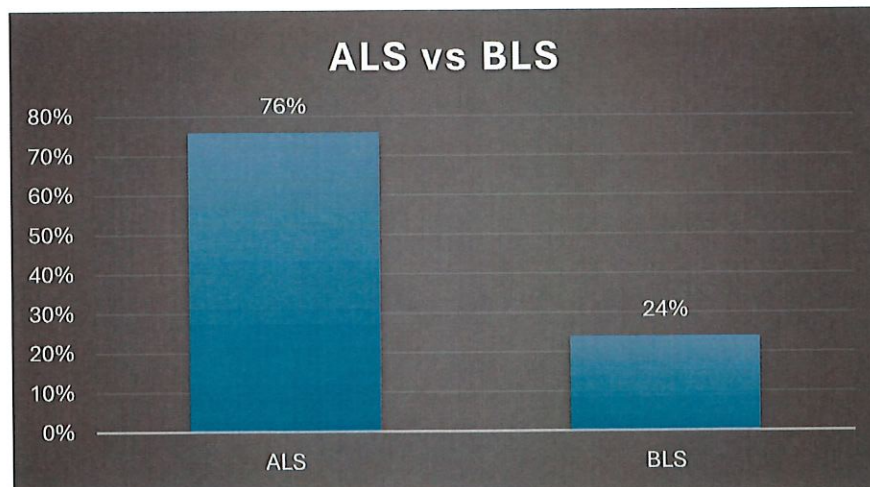
- Transitioned EMS billing to Medcount, which has shown an increase in revenue over prior years.
- Received grant funding to assist purchasing motorized stair chairs, improving access to our patients and decreasing the risk of injuring firefighters while moving patients.
- Streamlined our EMS records management software including additions that bring us into compliance with the Ohio Board of Pharmacy relating to tracking our controlled substance medication usage.

Run Volume

- The Central Ohio Joint Fire District responded to 964 EMS runs in 2024

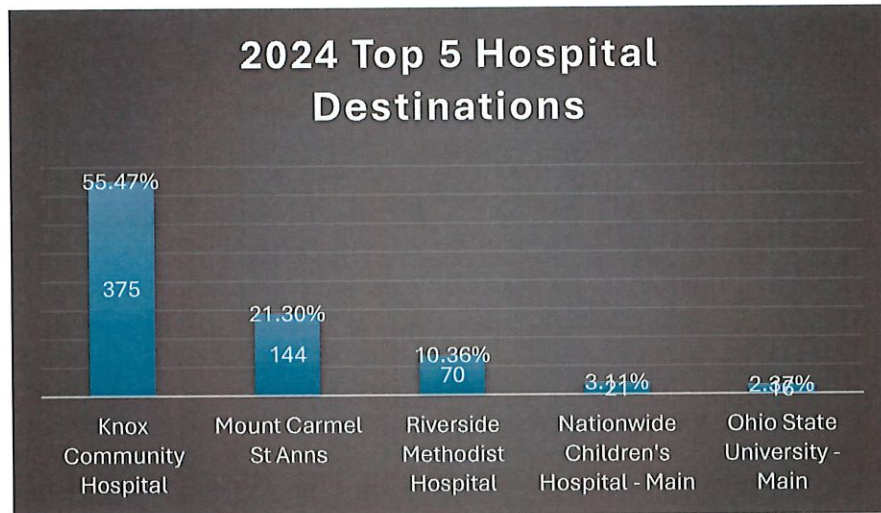


- **Drawdown** – 95 incidents (approximately 10% of total EMS run volume) were handled by Medic 422 while Medic 421 was on a different incident

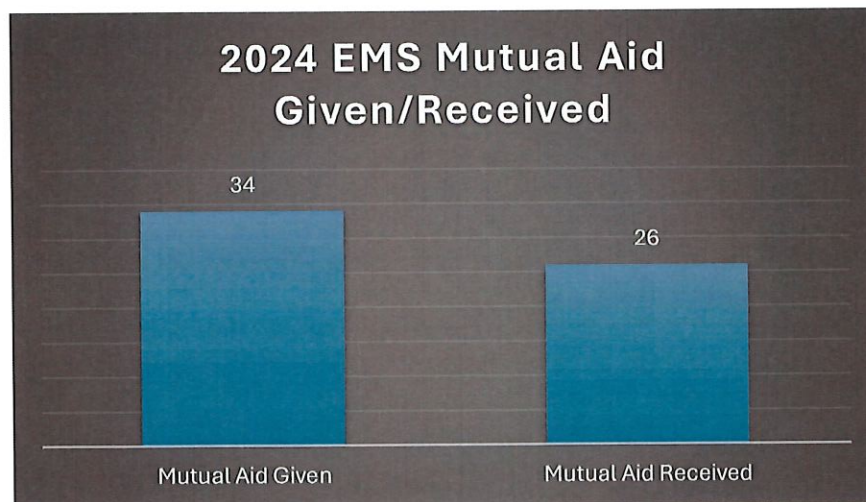


EMS Transports

- EMS Transport rate for 2024 for all runs with patient contact was at **77%** which is approximately 5% above the national average.
- EMS Transport time for 2024 averaged **31:29** with a 90th percentile transport time of **46:52**.



Mutual Aid



Manpower Required

- Manpower required for EMS runs averaged 3.7 personnel per run
- 48% of EMS runs were handled by 2 personnel
- 5% of all EMS runs required 8 or more personnel

Response Performance

1. EMS Run average turnout time (dispatch to en-route) was **1:08**, with a 90th percentile turnout time of **1:58**.
2. EMS total response time from dispatch to on scene, excluding outliers and out of district runs, averaged **5:59**, with a 90th percentile response time of **10:13**.
3. EMS total incident performance, from dispatch to in service for all runs with patient contact averaged **1:20:07**, with a 90th percentile time of **2:09**



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Training Program

Category 8: Training and Competency

Program Manager: O.O.C. Jacob Castle and Capt. Mike Burnes

Calendar year 2024

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 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 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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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 9 EMT's, 1 Advanced EMT, and 15 paramedics. There are 3 part-time employees, and 2 full-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 4 Certified Fire Safety Inspectors, 2 Fire and Emergency Services II Instructors, 6 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 2024.

- With the addition of a new officer core as well as out of class (OOC) personnel, there will be a focus on various leadership and command courses. We currently have a command class scheduled, that 8 of our personnel will be attending.

Complete: Blue card was completed by all officers and OOC personnel. 7 members completed fire officer training this year.

- Starting in 2024 the department will be looking to send several personnel a year to elements of rescue technician school.

Incomplete: During 2024 no members were sent to any elements of rescue technician school.

- The department will be reaching out to the Ohio Fire Academy to conduct an Ohio Fire Incident Reporting (OFIR) class on site.

Incomplete: OFIR reporting system will be changing in the near future. Reporting class will be requested as soon as material for the new system is available.

- The Ohio Fire Academy has numerous simulation trailers. We would like to have as many trailers as possible brought to our location dependent on cost.

Incomplete: In 2024 no Ohio Fire Academy trailer classes were offered at COJFD. 4 Ohio Fire Academy trailers are scheduled for 2025.

- With the addition of our online continuing education site, we will be assigning 2 courses per month for all COJFD personnel to complete.

Partially Complete: 15 Courses were officially assigned through Fire Rescue 1. Although this is short of the goal of 2 per month, compliance among members to complete the training was good.

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.
- 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 training on the following topics per shift each month:
 - Firefighting
 - EMS
 - SOP's/Admin
 - Specialty (Auto Extrication, Rescue, Hazmat, Etc.)
- 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.
- 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.

Budget

The 2025 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.

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| • Executive Fire Officer | \$2,500.00 |
| • CPSE Conference (2 Attendees) | \$2,000.00 |
| • Imagetrend Annual Conference | \$3,500.00 |
| • On-line continuing education subscription | \$2,000.00 |
| • Local classes, seminars, trainings, and officer development | \$3,500.00 |
| • Miscellaneous (To include meals, lodging for courses) | \$1,500.00 |
| • Infection Control Class | \$500.00 |

Total: \$15,500

Outcomes and Impacts

- 2024 saw significant changes to the officer core as well as laid the groundwork to a larger Out Of Class firefighter program. To accommodate new leadership, classes have been organized for 2025 to help ensure leadership has the tools they need to be successful.
- We again saw the addition of several new firefighters. With the board's approval of the new pay scale, we have attracted several seasoned firefighters. This is a positive lateral transfers bring basic skill, knowledge, and experience to the job. Lateral and non-lateral firefighters require internal training to learn department SOG/SOP, however this can be done in-house and is very cost effective.
- With increased retention in the department over the last year the training division has been able to focus more effort and resources into advanced and ongoing training instead of basic level training, thus allowing us to stretch our budget even further in the coming year.
- Some difficulty in reaching goals was experienced due to a delay in placing new leaders in key training roles, leading to a difficult time completing tasks before the end of the year.

Summary

2024 saw significant growth in our experiences and education as a department. Much of that growth can be attributed to a department and culture that values training. Training is a crucial part of the puzzle that contributes to an effective and efficient fire department. It ensures that we all go home to our loved ones and guarantees that the public we serve receives the best care possible when they call us in their time of need. As firefighters, we typically see the public on their worst days, and it is our job to instill confidence in them that they will receive top-notch care and service. Through continuous training, we ensure that we are on the cutting edge of firefighting and EMS care. We have a board, chief, and medical director who not only allow us to be progressive but also encourage it. It is our mission to make sure we are constantly thinking outside the box when it comes to training. Every member of this department has a voice when it comes to suggesting new ideas and implementing new practices to improve. We look forward to new opportunities and continued growth in our department moving forward.

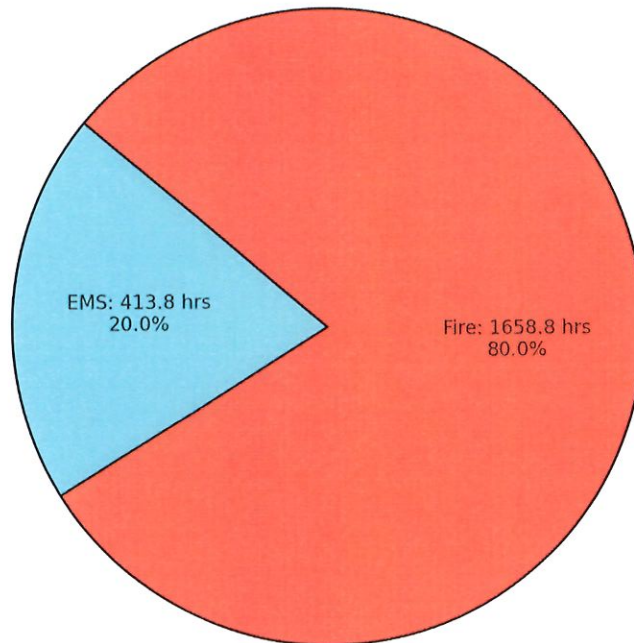
Respectfully Submitted,

OOC Jacob Castle

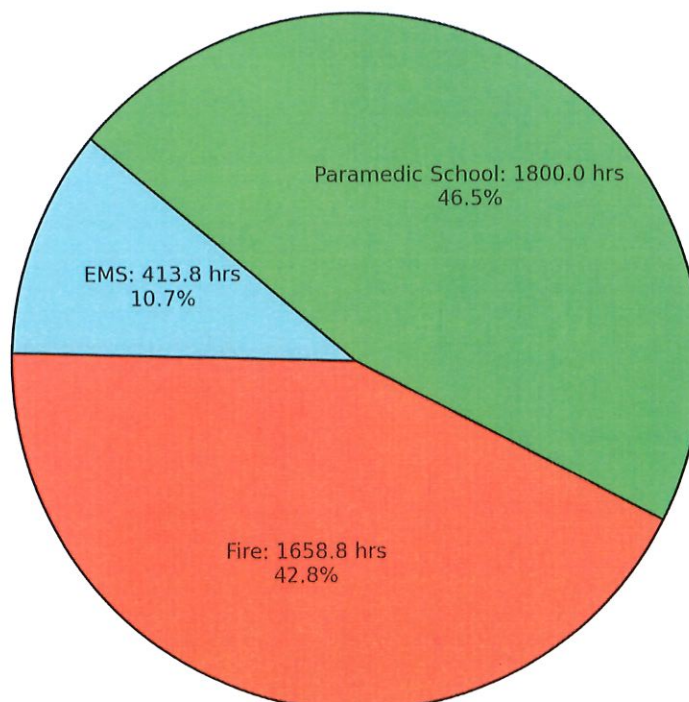
2024 Training Hour Totals

Category	Hours	Percentage
EMS	413.75	10.7
Fire	1658.75	42.8
Paramedic School	1800.0	46.5
Total Training Hours	3874.5	

2024 Annual Training Hours (Without Paramedic School)



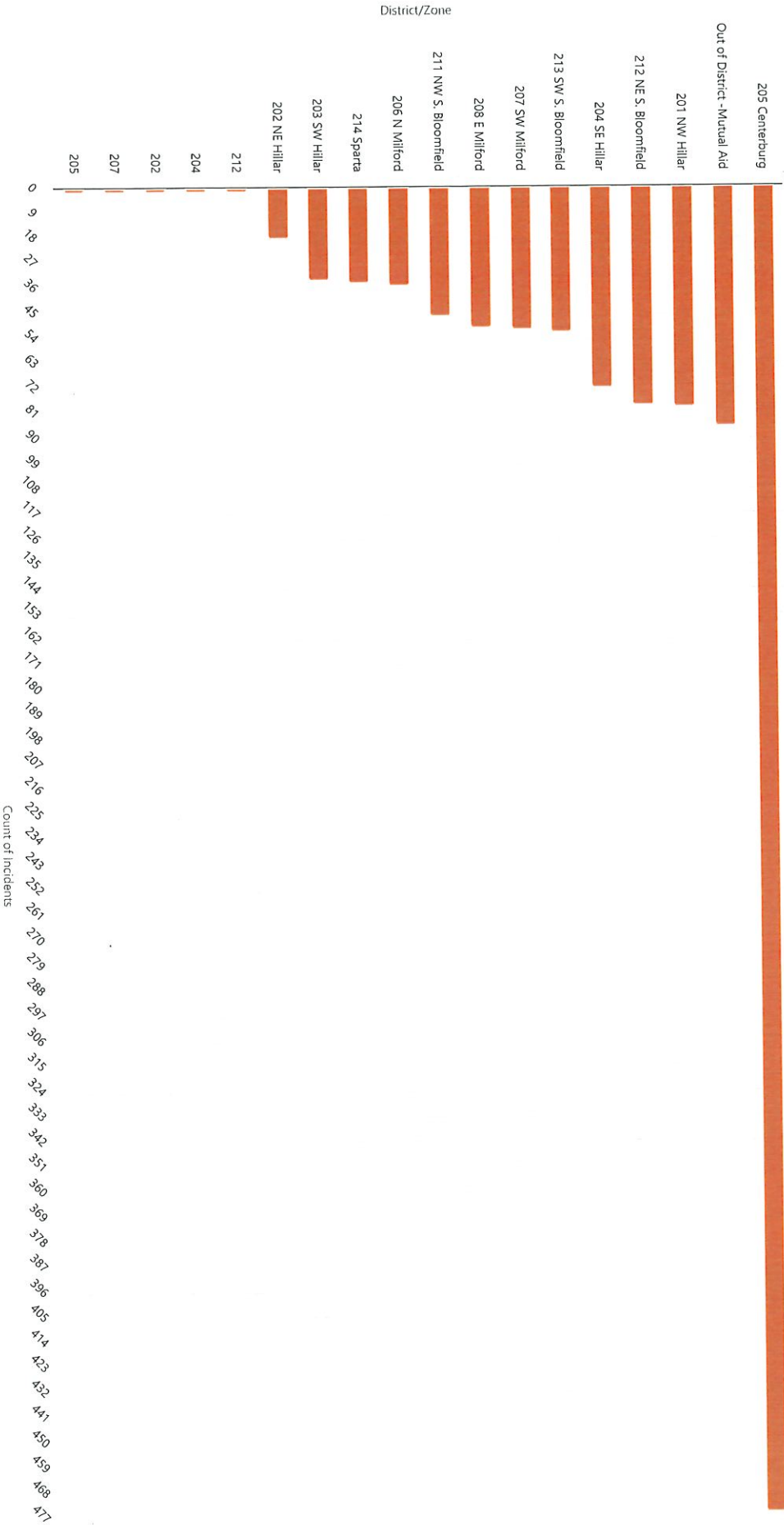
2024 Annual Training Hours With Paramedic School

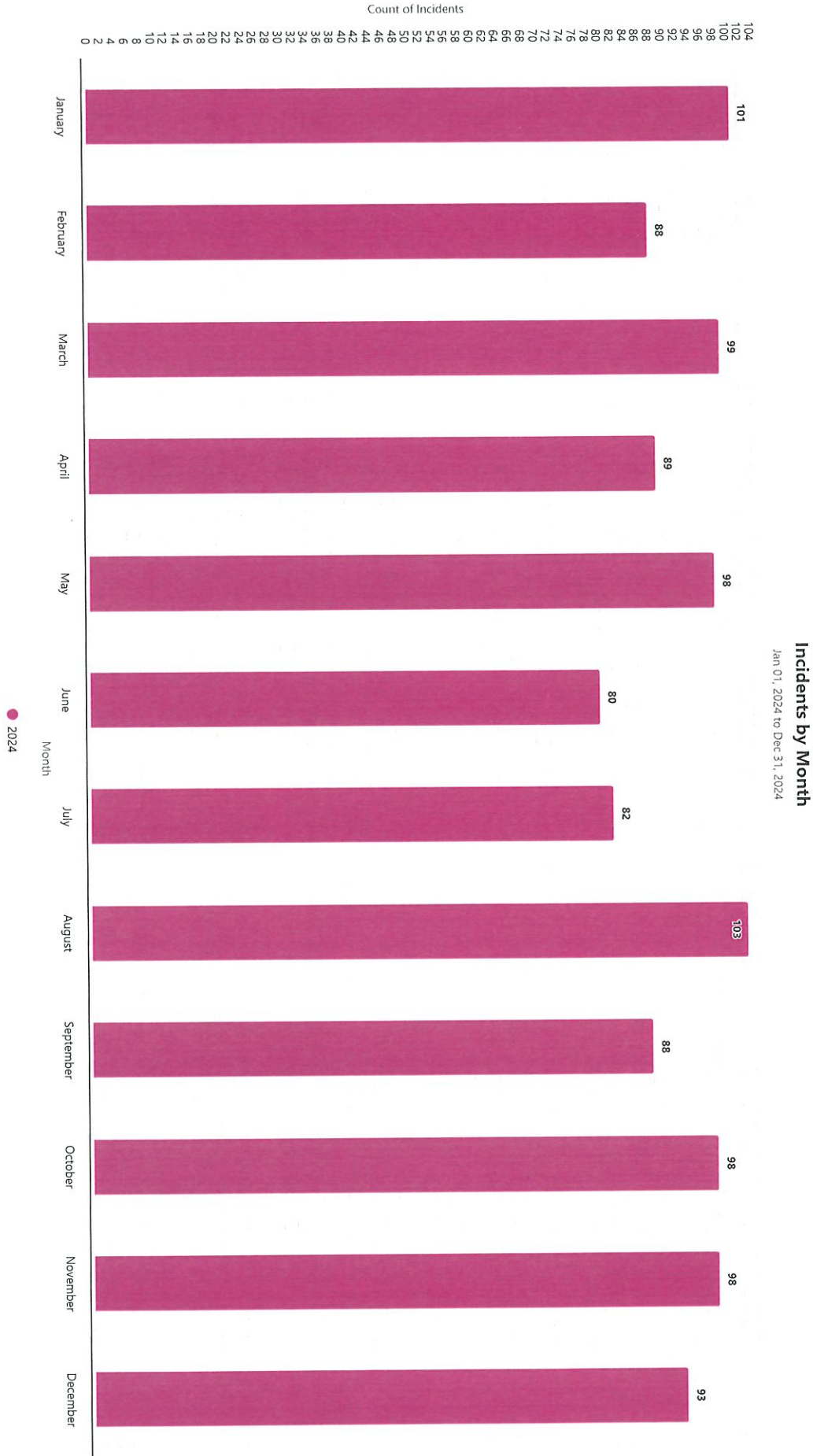


Monthly Call Volume Year over Year
Jan 01, 2023 12:00 AM to Dec 31, 2024 11:59 PM

Month Name	Grand Total - Current	2024		Grand Total - Previous	2023		YTD % Change
			% of Total Incidents - Current			% of Total Incidents - Previous	
January	101		9.00%	87		8.00%	16.09%
February	88		8.00%	80		7.00%	10.00%
March	99		9.00%	94		8.00%	5.32%
April	89		8.00%	103		9.00%	-13.59%
May	98		9.00%	78		7.00%	25.84%
June	80		7.00%	91		8.00%	-12.09%
July	82		7.00%	85		8.00%	-3.53%
August	103		9.00%	96		8.00%	7.29%
September	88		8.00%	71		6.00%	23.94%
October	98		9.00%	114		10.00%	-14.04%
November	98		9.00%	120		11.00%	-18.33%
December	93		8.00%	114		10.00%	-18.42%
Grand Total	1,117		100.00%	1,133		100.00%	-1.41%

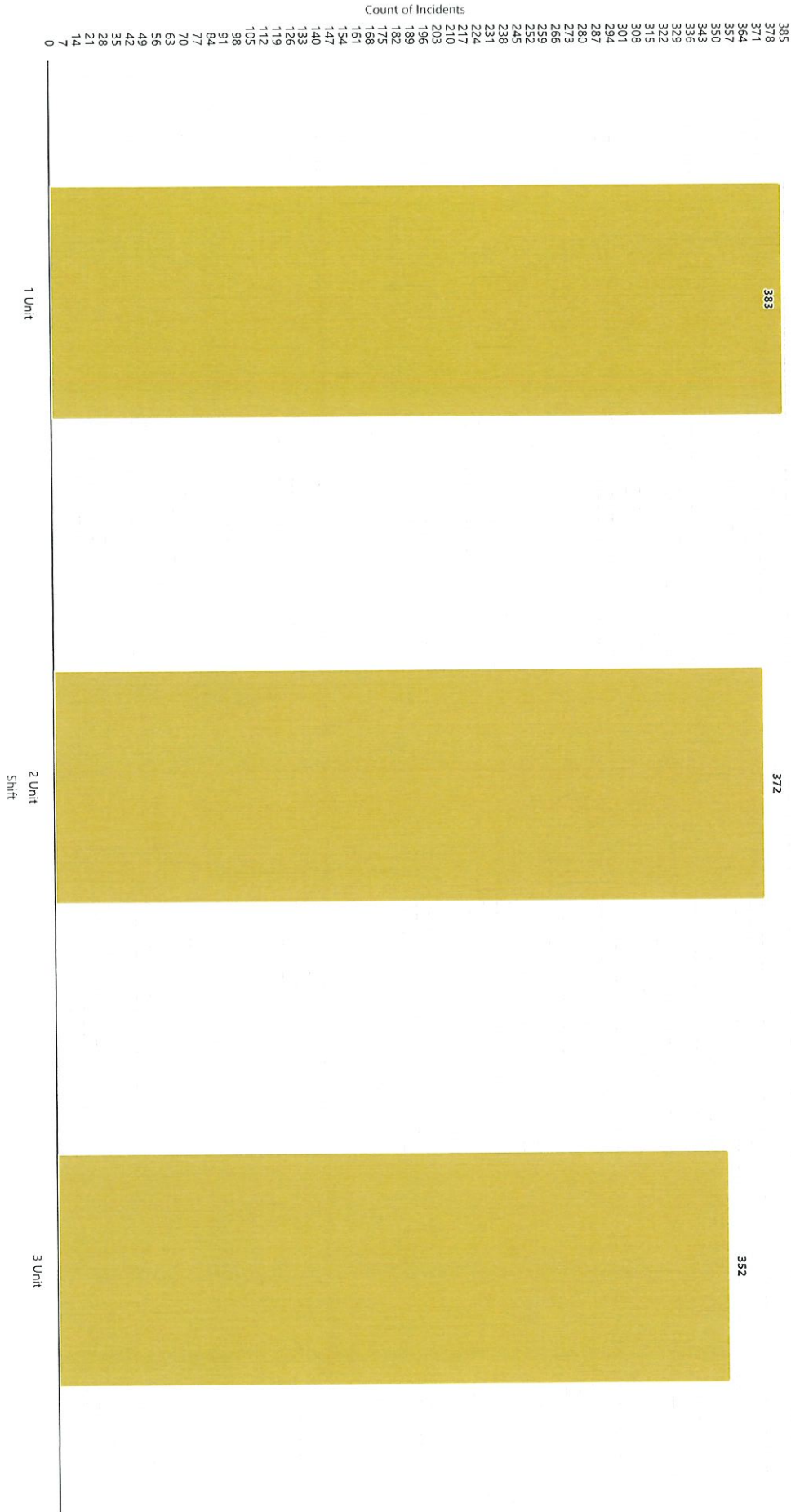
Incidents by District/Zone
Jan 01, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024

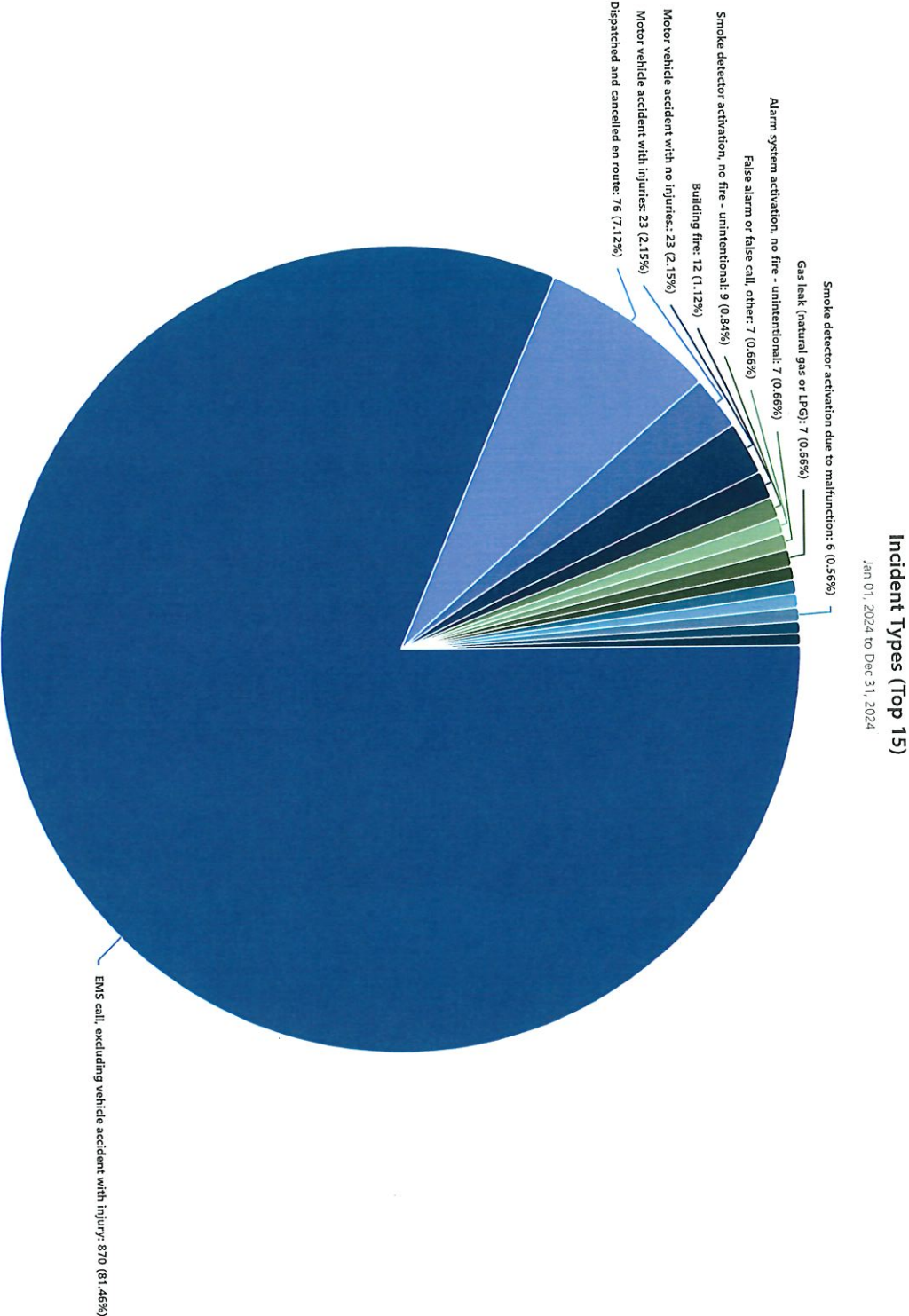




Incidents by Shift

Jan 01, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024





Incidents by District/Zone
Jan 01, 2023 12:00 AM to Dec 31, 2024 11:59 PM

District/Zone	2024												2024		2023		YTD % Change
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total - Current	% of Total Incidents - Current	Grand Total - Previous	% of Total Incidents - Previous	
01 NW Hillar	2	3	6	4	10	7	8	7	9	10	12	1	79	7.00%	80	7.00%	-1.25%
02	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	N/A
02 NE Hillar	6	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	18	2.00%	26	2.00%	-30.77%
03 SW Hillar	3	3	0	4	2	3	1	3	4	6	2	2	33	3.00%	26	2.00%	26.92%
04	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	N/A
04 SE Hillar	2	6	11	6	8	3	5	6	3	8	7	7	72	6.00%	76	7.00%	-5.28%
05	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.00%	1	0.00%	0.00%
05 Centerburg	43	36	48	41	36	33	40	50	34	35	38	42	476	43.00%	494	44.00%	-3.64%
06 N Milford	1	2	5	2	4	1	5	6	3	2	3	1	35	3.00%	33	3.00%	6.06%
07	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	N/A
07 SW Milford	9	7	7	4	4	1	0	5	0	3	6	5	51	5.00%	60	5.00%	-15.00%
08 E Milford	3	2	2	6	8	7	5	5	6	3	3	0	50	4.00%	44	4.00%	13.64%
11 NW S. Bloomfield	3	8	2	5	3	2	3	6	3	4	4	3	46	4.00%	32	3.00%	43.75%
12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	N/A
12 NE S. Bloomfield	12	6	5	5	1	12	7	4	8	4	9	5	78	7.00%	83	7.00%	-6.02%
13 SW S. Bloomfield	3	6	3	4	4	3	1	4	6	5	5	8	52	5.00%	44	4.00%	18.18%
14 Sparta	3	1	2	2	4	1	3	2	2	5	4	5	34	3.00%	32	3.00%	6.25%
out of District - Mutual Aid	6	7	6	5	12	7	3	4	9	12	3	12	86	8.00%	86	8.00%	0.00%
Grand Total	101	88	98	89	98	80	82	103	87	98	98	93	1,115	100.00%	1,117	100.00%	-0.18%

Property Loss Incidents (Top 20)
Jan 01, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024

Agency Name	Incident Date Time	Incident Number	Property Use	Street Number	Street Name	City	State	Postal Code	Property Pre-Incident Value	Property Loss
entral Ohio Joint FD	12/22/2024 06:12 AM	M2400226	1 or 2 family dwelling	516	RD 204	Marengo	OH	43334	\$175,000	\$175.00
entral Ohio Joint FD	05/16/2024 09:43 PM	K2400441	1 or 2 family dwelling	4801	KRAUSE	CENTERBURG	OH	43011	(blank)	\$5.00
entral Ohio Joint FD	10/11/2024 05:48 PM	K2400883	1 or 2 family dwelling	92	PRESTON	Centerburg	OH	43011	\$30,000	\$5.00
entral Ohio Joint FD	02/16/2024 12:31 PM	M2400038	1 or 2 family dwelling	(blank)	SR 314	Marengo	OH	43334	\$4,000	\$4.00
entral Ohio Joint FD	04/11/2024 05:36 PM	K2400327	Street or road in commercial area	34	HARTFORD	Centerburg	OH	43011	\$4,000	\$4.00
entral Ohio Joint FD	08/04/2024 01:16 PM	M2400127	1 or 2 family dwelling	1906	RD 194	Fredericktown	OH	43019	(blank)	\$60
entral Ohio Joint FD	01/25/2024 12:13 PM	M2400019	1 or 2 family dwelling	1895	RD 206	Marengo	OH	43334	(blank)	\$50

Central Ohio Joint Fire District Annual Program Appraisal and Analysis

Fire Suppression



Year of Report: 2024

Program Description.

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

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

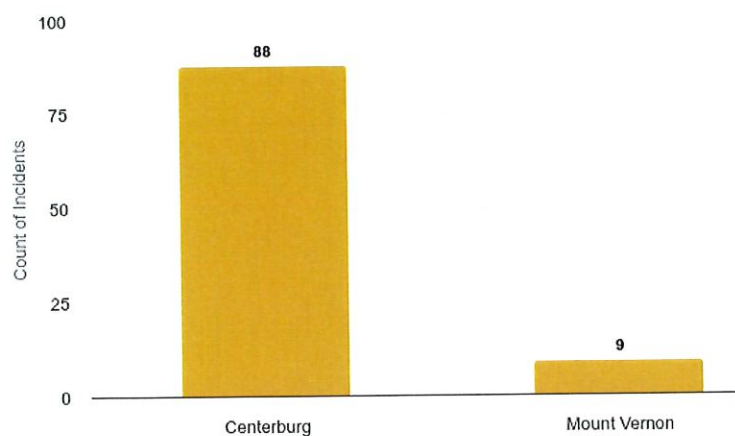
The district provides around-the-clock fire suppression service within the boundaries of the Village of Centerburg, Hilliar Township, and Milford Township, Ohio covering a geographic area of 51.8 square miles. The estimated resident population served is 7,962. We also have contracted services to South 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.

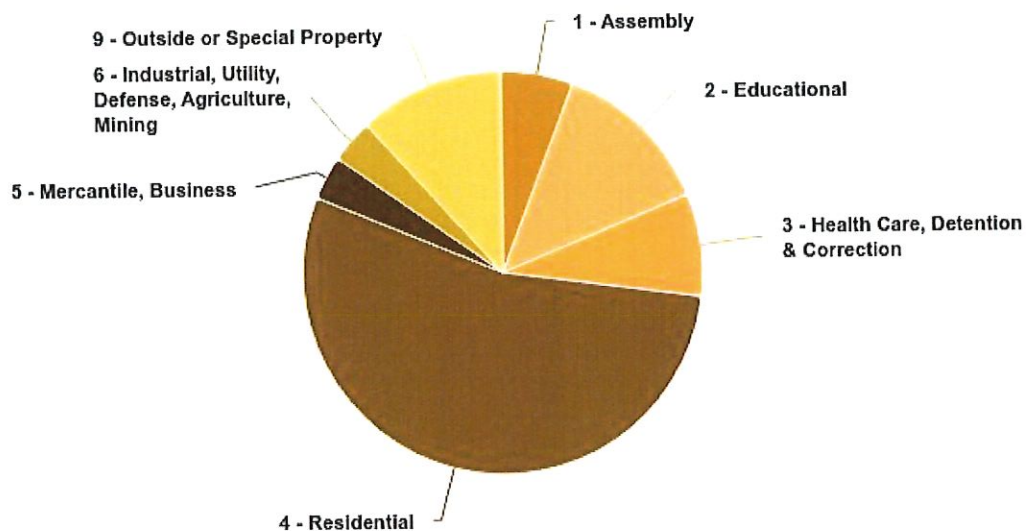
The district uses the incident command system for all incidents, and it is supported by procedures and training. All agency personnel are trained in incident command system (ICS), National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100, 200, 700 and 800. Additionally, all officers are trained in ICS 300 and 400.

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.

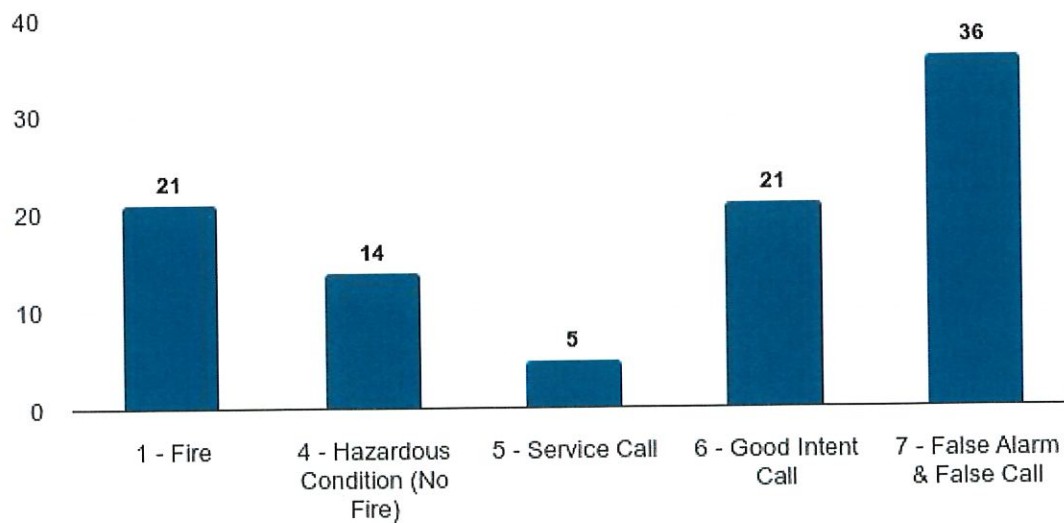
Incidents by City



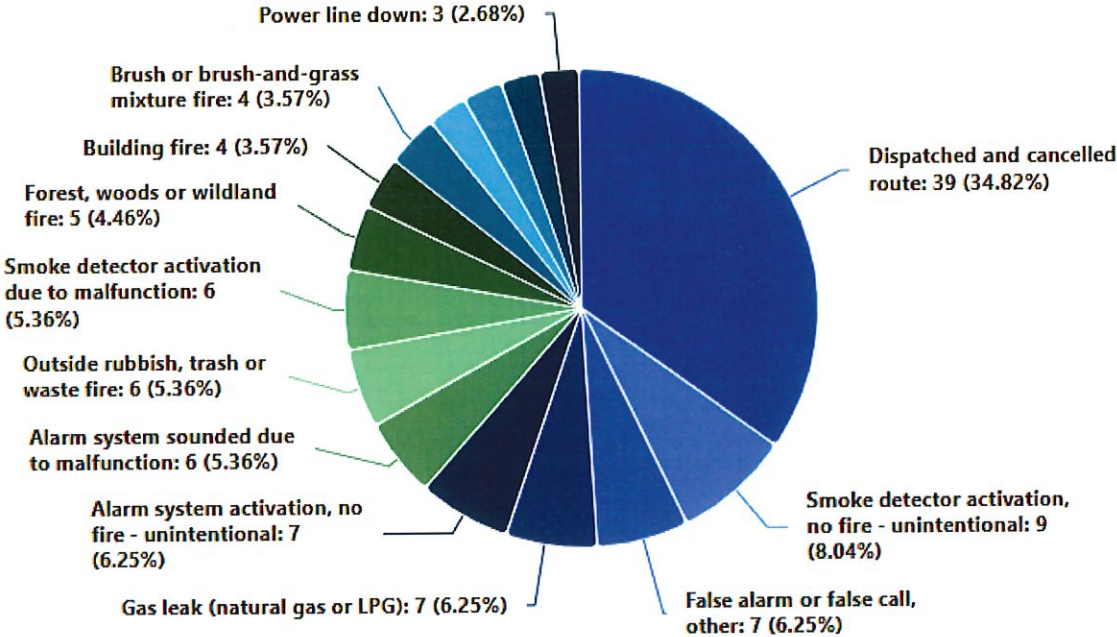
Incidents by Property Use



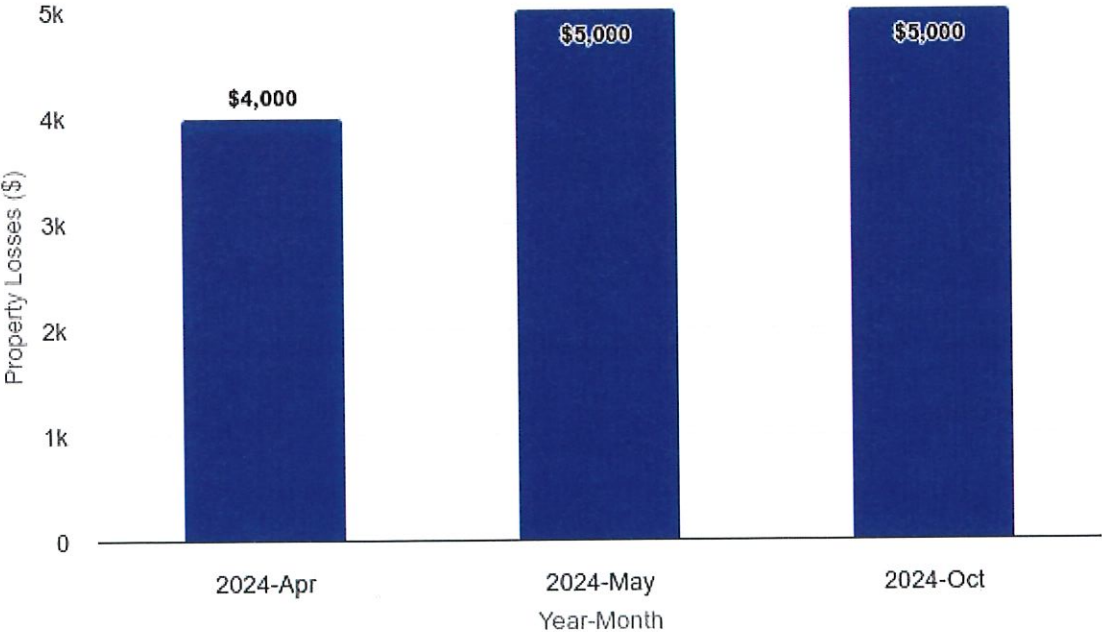
Incident Type



Incident Type Broken Down



Property Loss



Mutual Aid Received and Given

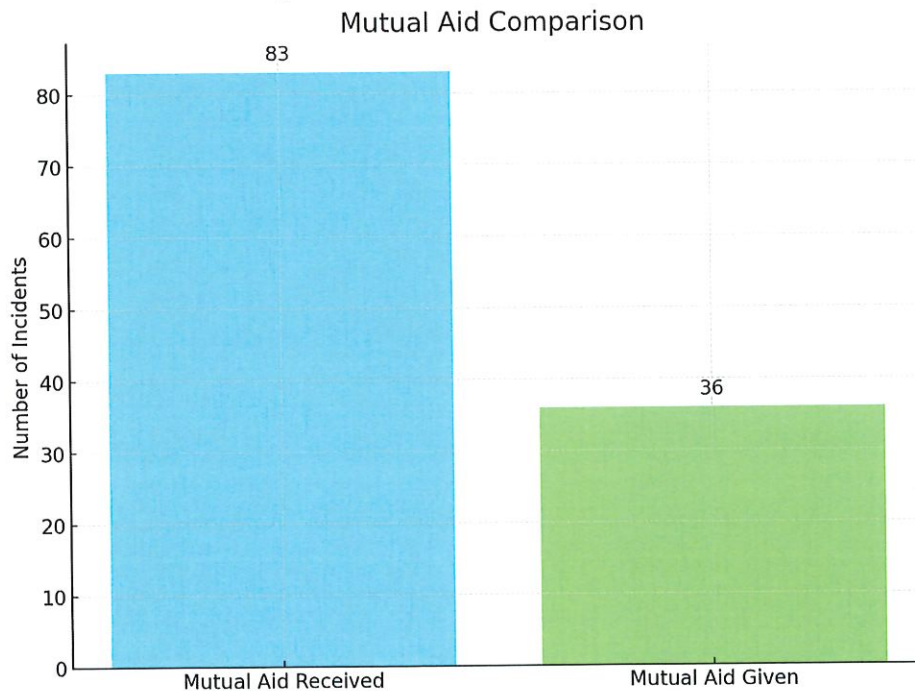
In the fire service, mutual aid refers to a cooperative agreement between neighboring fire departments to provide assistance during emergency incidents that exceed the resources of the requesting department. This system ensures that adequate personnel, apparatus, and equipment are available when local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

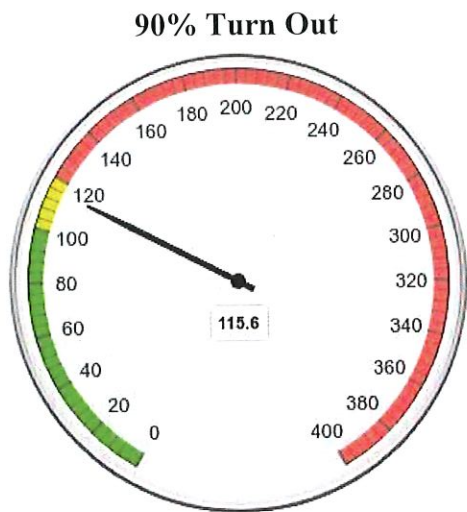
Mutual Aid Given

"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.

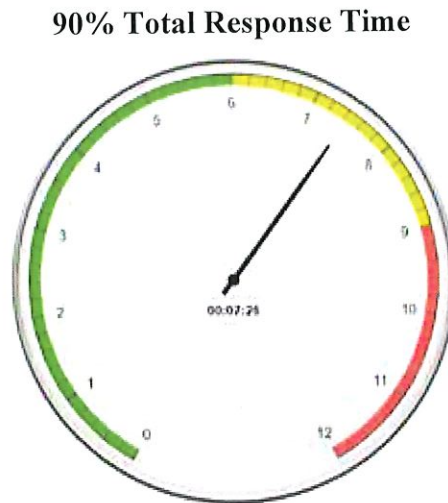


The **90th percentile** for **turnout time** and **total response time** in the fire service is a key performance benchmark, often used to evaluate how well fire departments meet established standards. These values are typically guided by the **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)**—specifically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

- To put new engine in-service. This will be completed by middle of second quarter.
- To order new low-pressure hose and nozzles to outfit the new engine to match existing hose. This will be completed by third quarter.
- To improve our post fire decontamination procedure, by including what equipment that is needed to assist with that goal. This will be completed by the end of the fourth quarter.

Outputs (Goals accomplished and programs implement and completions status)

- We have a committee to come up with what specifications of tools we need to purchase for the new engine. The committee should have the list completed by the end of the first quarter. This goal was completed at the end of the fourth quarter.
- We have a committee to finalize the list with quotes for tools and equipment for a new engine. The committee should have this item completed by the end of the second quarter. This goal was completed at the end of the fourth quarter.

Executive Summary

For the year 2024 we purchased three new sets of structural firefighting gear for firefighters. Also, in 2024 we started prepping the list of items that we will need for the new engine that were will be receiving in 2025. In the year 2024, we were able to save over \$245,731,480.00 on property and personal contents. The value of the district was \$245,745,480.00

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.