



**Tri-Valley Joint Fire District**  
**2025**  
**End of Year Report**

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## **Board Members**

**President:** Brian Palmer

**Vice President:** Rhonda Holdren

**Board Member:** Nick Beach

**Board Member:** Justin Lapp

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**Board Secretary and Fiscal Officer:** Shellie Adkins



## Message from the Department

On behalf of the Tri-Valley Joint Fire District (TVJFD), I am pleased to share with you the 2025 annual report. 2025 was a busy year for the TVJFD. The most exciting news was that in June the fire district went live, transitioning from Dresden Fire Department to the Tri-Valley Fire District was tedious, however, the transition has been completed. The only major change moving from Dresden Fire Department to the fire district is the name and who is governing the management and funds. Currently, one truck has the new district name and logo changed. However, as equipment is being replaced the new name and logo will be added.

An additional highlight of 2025 was the passing of the fire levy. This levy replaced all outdated and offset millages in different areas and brought them to the same millage. The passing of the levy will give the fire district the ability to add an additional person per day to be in a ready state to respond to fire calls quickly and effectively. We would like to thank everyone that helped with the passing of the fire levy.

During 2025 the fire district responded to nearly 700 calls for service between fire and EMS. Along with responding to calls, both paid and volunteer members were active in the community being present at several public events. In addition to completing several fire inspections for the community.

The fire district also had their review for Insurance Service Officer (ISO) rating, which remained at a Class 3. Which reflects the district's ability to fight fires. The ISO Classes are also used to determine insurance premium rates for homes and businesses.



## **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to provide the highest quality of fire protection, fire prevention and emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of the Village of Dresden, Cass Township, Madison Township, Jefferson Township and Washington Township (Coshocton County).

## **Vision**

We will continue to provide the highest quality service to all the residents and visitors in our protection area, through being fiscally responsible with taxpayer monies. We will continually train and grow our department to provide the highest quality service.

## **Values**

The five core values of the Tri-Valley Joint Fire District are.

1. Teamwork
2. Integrity
3. Compassion
4. Leadership
5. Respect

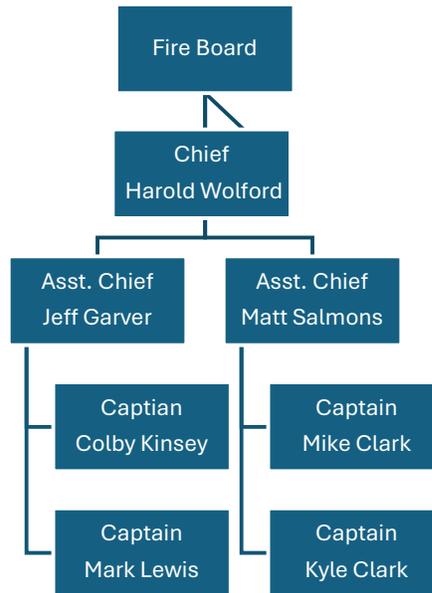
## **About Us**

The Tri-Valley Joint Fire District, formally the Dresden Fire Department was established in 2025. The transition away from the Dresden Fire Department was done so by three townships (Cass, Jefferson and Washington (Coshocton County) and the Village of Dresden, to better serve the population of these jurisdictions. The main goal with the separation was to give each jurisdiction a say in how the department operates.

Prior to this each township was contracted with the Dresden Fire Department which was operated by the Village of Dresden. This transition has brought each jurisdiction together and allowed for a more diversified board that oversees the overall function of the fire district.

The Tri-Valley Joint Fire District currently provides Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Fire services to over 6,400 residents, in five jurisdictions (Village of Dresden, Cass Township, Jefferson Township, Madison Township and Washington Township (Coshocton County). Tri-Valley Joint Fire District also provides mutual aid to Adamsville, Frazeyburg, Falls Township, Washington Township (Muskingum County) and Licking Township. Collectively, Tri-Valley Joint Fire District responds to an average of 700 calls per year.

# Organizational Chart



## Members

Carl Archer

Steve Barr

Ethan Bay

Spencer Bell

Jason Bice

Rhett Butler

Jordan Campbell

Katyana Clark

Mariah Clark

Jamie Crozier

Karen Crozier

Ted Crozier

Dave DeVault

Darin Griffith

Tony Hartman

Joe Hunt

Gavin Kurtz

Chelsea Lawler

Dudley McDougale

Levi Mills

Greg Moore

Wanda Moore

Jarrod Murphy

Evan Parrott

Tyler Patterson

Ashley Pierce

Leah Pierce

Rich Pierce

Drake Prouty

Gabrielle Rudder

Jocelyn Salmons

Ashley Settles

Austin Settles

Joe Settles

Roger Sharrock

Logan Spiker

Jonah Thompson

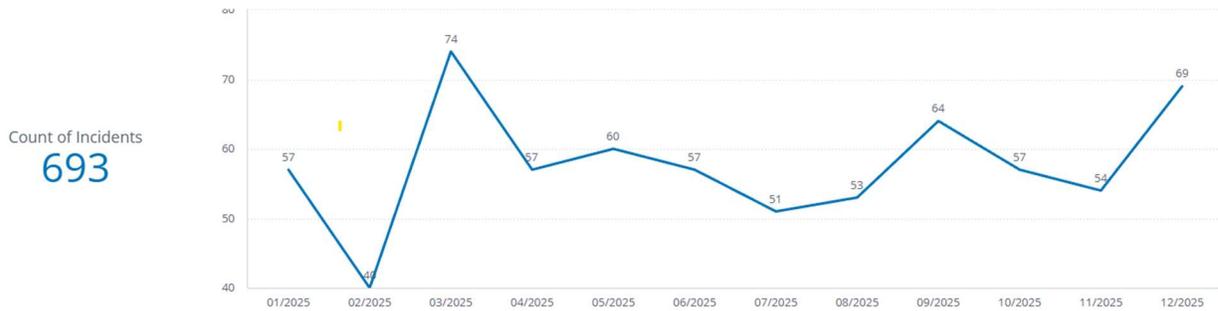
Amanda Torres

Rachelle Tucker

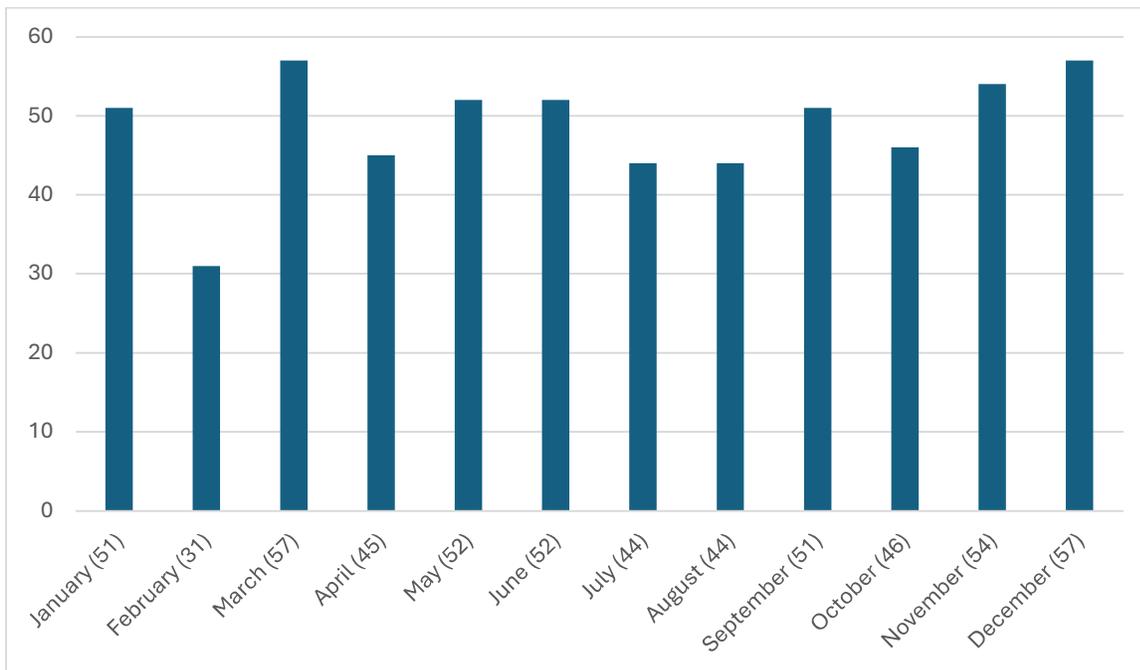
Dan Wajnryb

# Incident Data

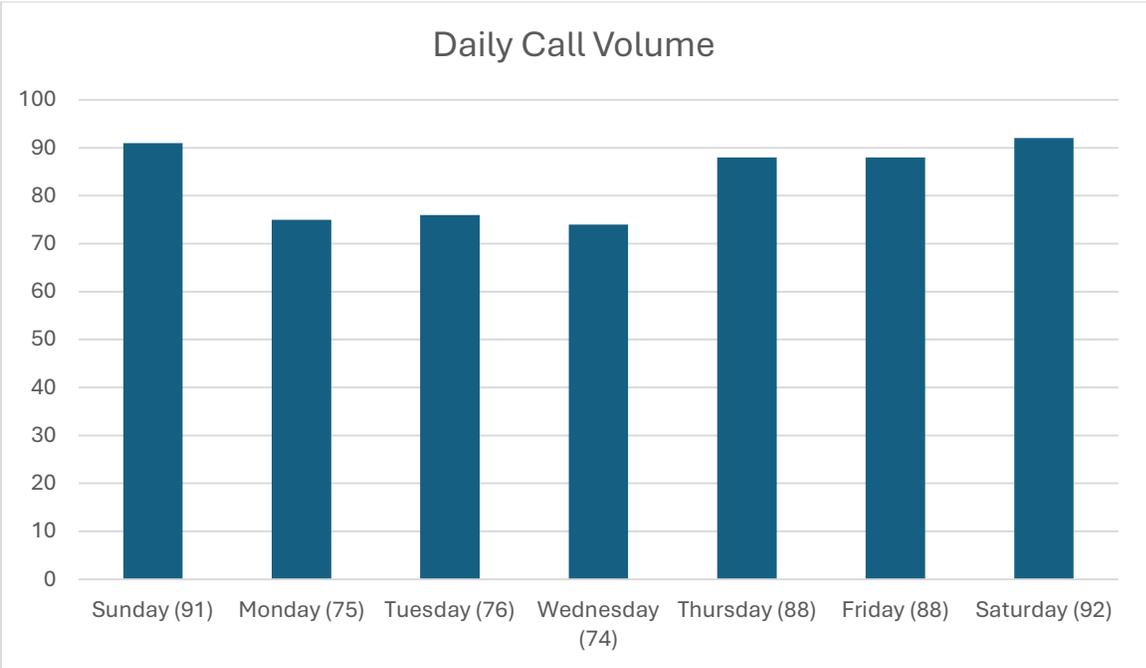
In 2025 the Tri-Valley Joint Fire District responded to a total of 693 calls. On average, there were 1.9 calls for service per day. Of the 693 calls for service, the fire district responded to 527 EMS calls. Out of the remaining 166 calls for service, there were 12 structure fires, 16 grass/wildland fires, 7 vehicle fires and 29 auto accidents.



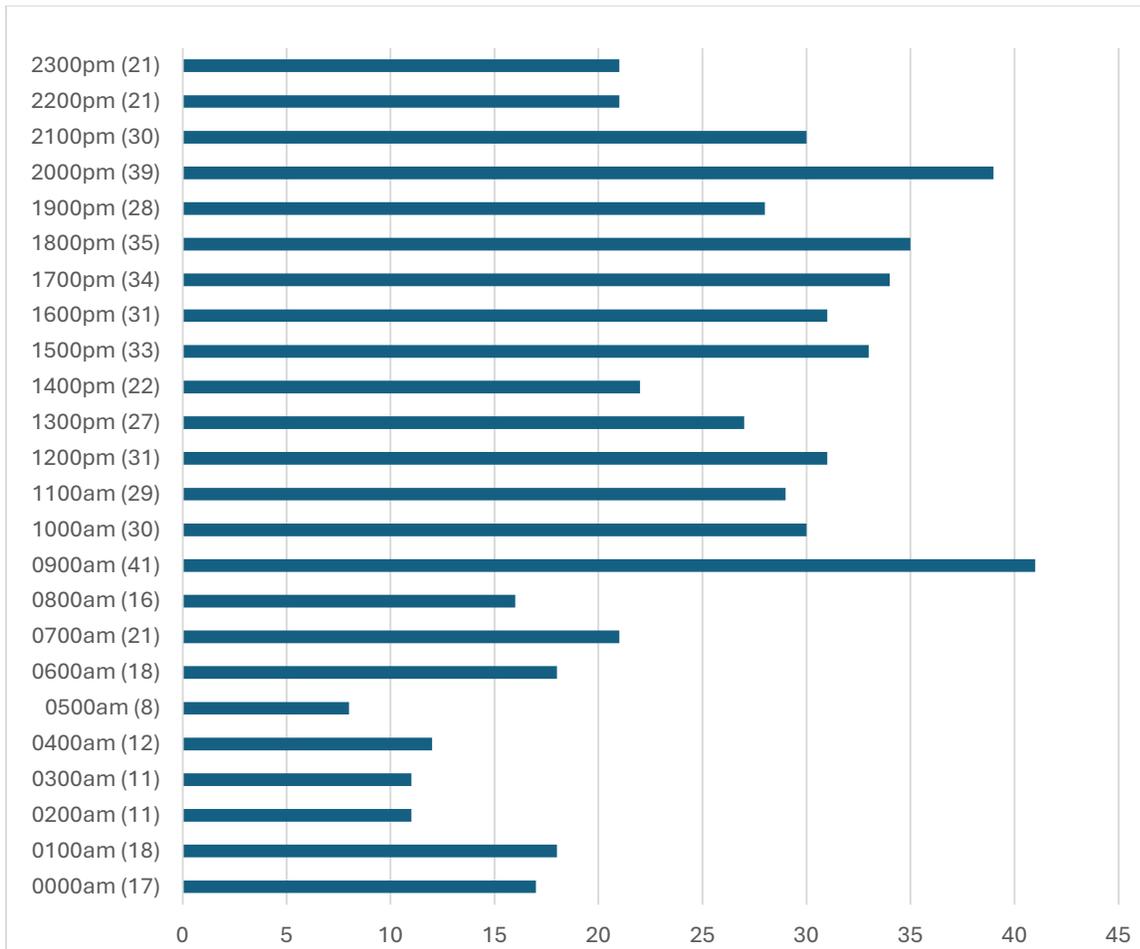
## Monthly Breakdown



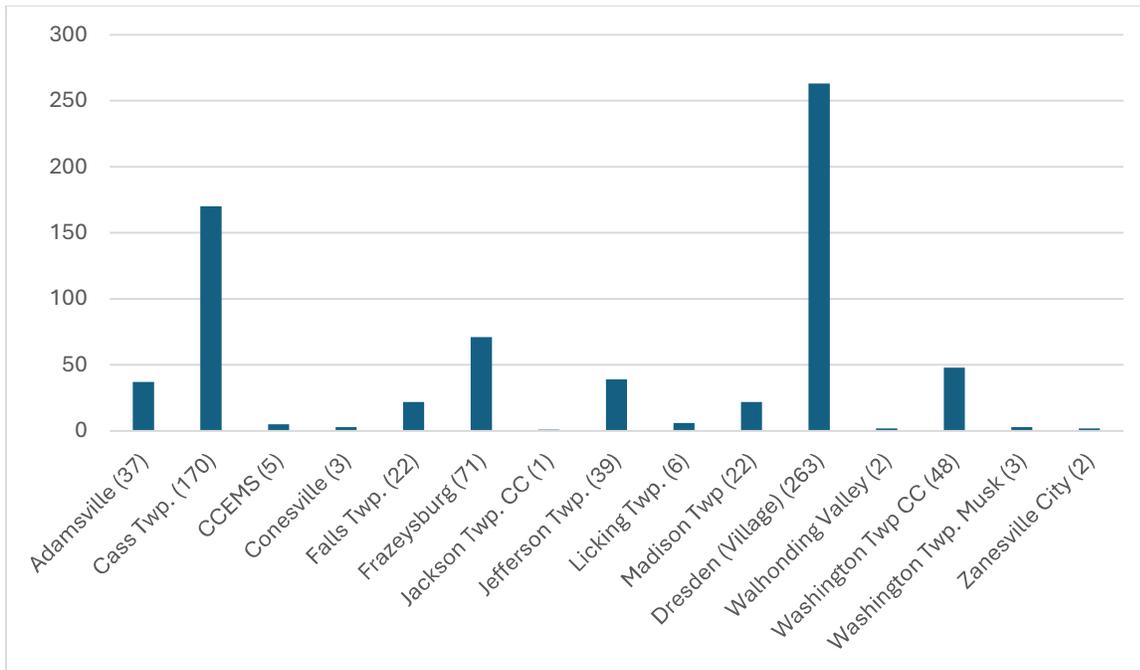
# Daily Breakdown



## Hourly Breakdown



## District Breakdown

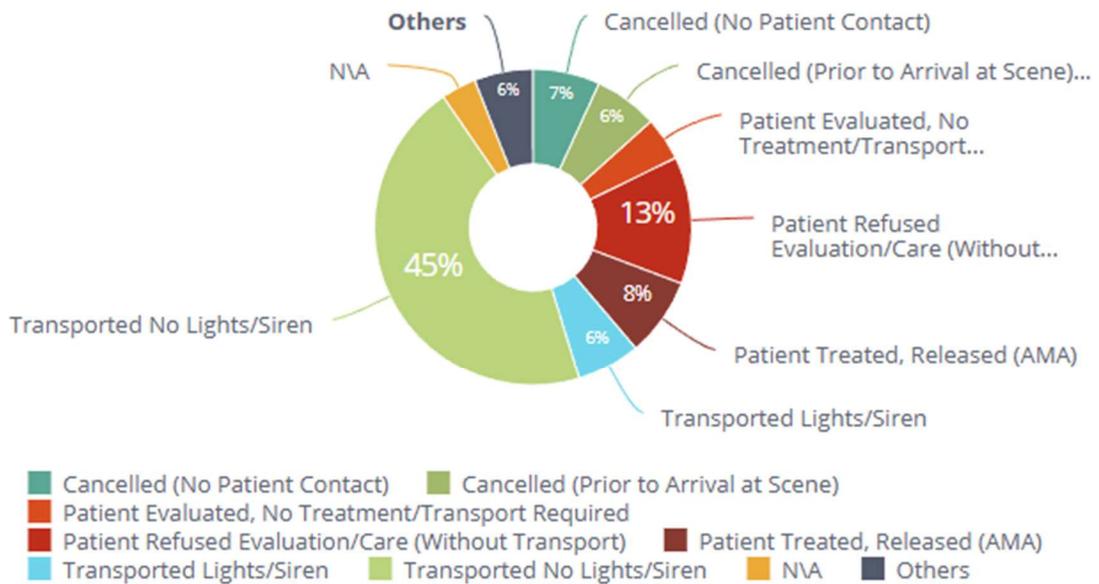


## EMS Calls Types

Count of Incidents

# 585

Calls by Disposition



# Fire Calls

Count of Incidents

**693**

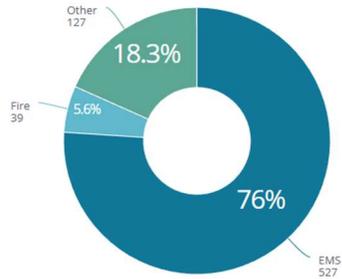
Additional Exposures **0**

Aid Given

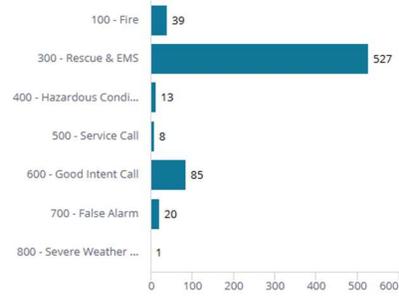
**147**

Aid Received **57**

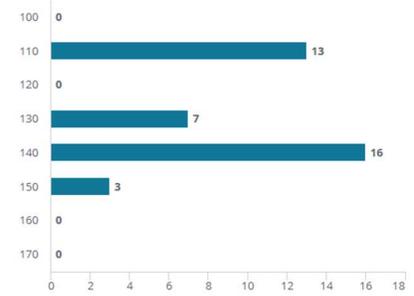
EMS/Fire Incident Breakdown



Count of Incidents by Incident Type

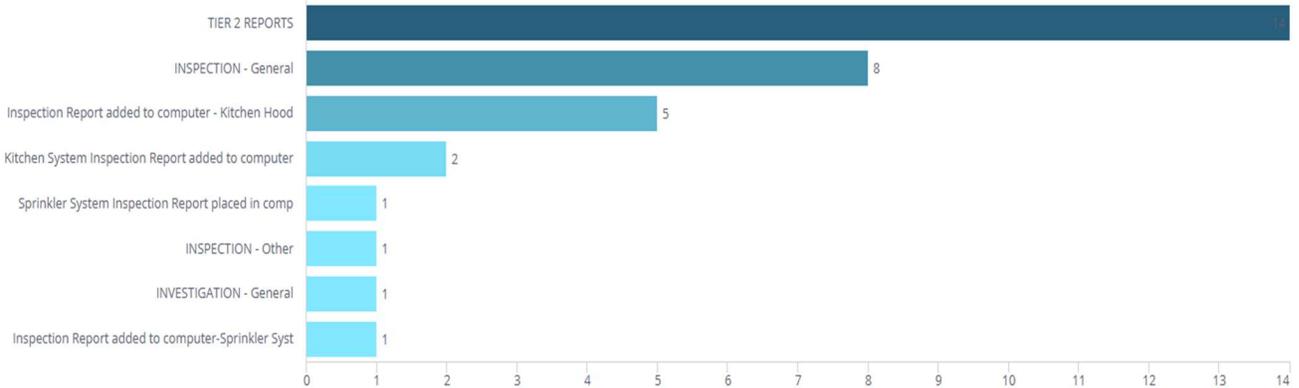


Count of Fire Incidents by Type

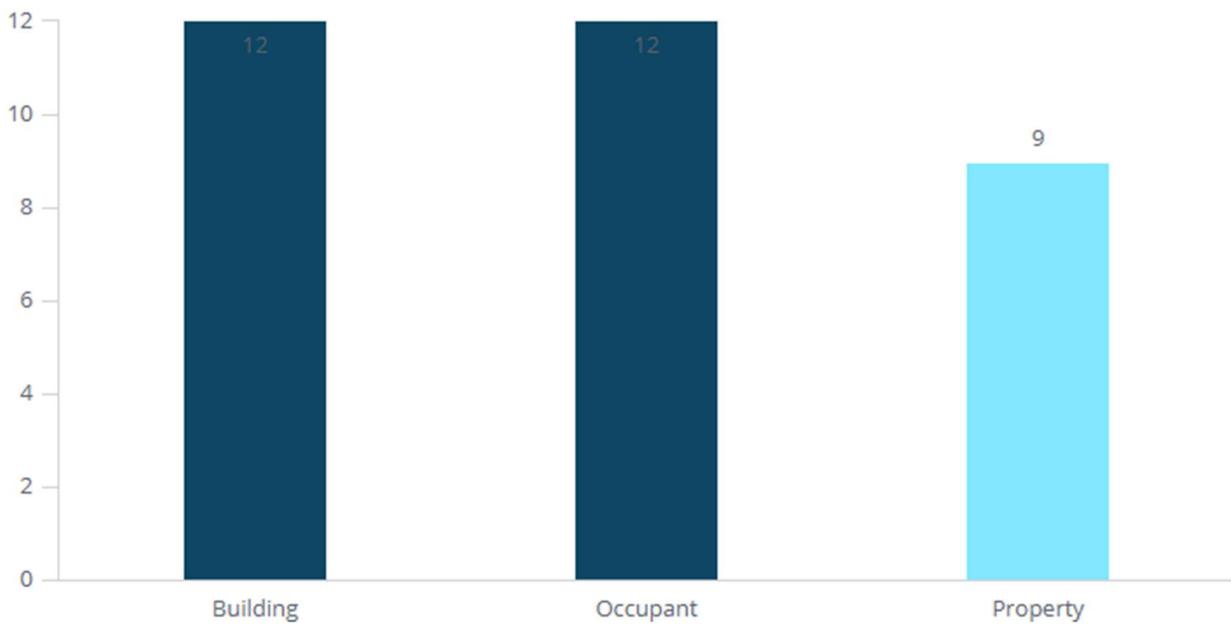


# Prevention and Education

In 2025 the Tri-Valley Joint Fire District completed 33 inspections for the three schools and various businesses within the district.



Count of Inspections by Inspection Property Classification



The fire district attended the Tri-Valley High School Forensic Science Class and provided education on fire investigation, cause and determination.



# Training

In 2025 the members completed multiple fire, Emergency Medical Service (EMS), drivers and specialty training that is put towards the members recertification.

- EMS-155 Hours
- Fire- 70 Hours
- Driver- 23
- Total- 278

Additionally, the following individuals obtained certifications in the following areas.

Matthew Salmons

- Fire and Emergency Service Instructor II

Gabby Rudder

- Ohio Firefighter II certification

Logan Spiker

- Ohio Firefighter I certification.

Mariah Clark

- ASHI CPR Instructor certification.

Rhett Butler

- ASHI CPR Instructor certification.

Kyle Clark

- Ohio Fire Safety Inspector certification
- IFSAC Fire Officer II
- IFSAC Common and Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician
- IFSAC Rope Rescue Technician

The Tri-Valley Joint Fire District also held CPR classes for over 30 individuals throughout 2025. At the end of 2025 the Tri-Valley Joint Fire District became certified to teach Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Bloodborne Pathogens Safety, Stop the Bleed and Child and Babysitter Safety course through HSI Training Center.

## Training House

Members of the fire district took part in a rare training opportunity. Thanks to mutual aid partners, members of the district were able to utilize an acquired structure to practice hose movement, search and rescue techniques and simulated multi-company operations. It is the intent to have live fire training at this structure in Spring of 2026.



## Extrication Training

During the open house, members of the fire district simultaneously did training to demonstrate how to extricate victims from a vehicle that has been damaged.



## OFA Burn Trailer



A highlight of the year for training was hosting the Ohio Fire Academy's Blast Trailer. This mobile simulation lab allows firefighters to get hands on live fire training at the local level. During the training, mutual aid partners were present in attendance (Licking Township Fire Department, Perry Township Fire Department).

# Grants

Over the year 2025 the Tri-Valley Joint Fire District received several grants that assisted the district with obtaining new equipment for training, EMS and fire related needs.

## EMS Grant

The EMS grant is awarded on an annual basis. This year the district received \$6,966.41 which is used for EMS side of operations. Below is a list of purchases that were made using the EMS grant funds.

- Cot Batteries
- LifePak 15 Pulse Oximetry
- LifePak Batteries
- Lucas Device Batteries
- Rescue Randy Maniikin
- Rhett Bulter and Mariah CPR Instructor Certifications
- And other equipment



## Straker Grant



The district received \$6,960.00 dollars from the Straker Foundation these funds were used to purchase new Junk Yard Dog Rescue Struts to replace the outdated rescue struts that have been in service for many years.

## Energy Coop Grant

Additionally, the fire district received a \$5,000 dollar grant that is being put towards the cost of OmniShore Struts. These struts add versatility to the district's ability to handle various rescue situations such as Auto Extrication, Trench Rescue, Structural Collapse, etc.

## Community Outreach

In July the Tri-Valley Fire District provided EMS to the annual KCAL swim meet held at the Dresden Pool for the Dresden Dorados.



Additionally, the district also provided EMS coverage to all seven of the Tri-Valley Scotties football games. Although there were a couple of games where we had to borrow an ambulance due to maintenance issues, we were able to do this thanks to Adamsville Fire Department and Frazeysburg Fire Department to make this possible.



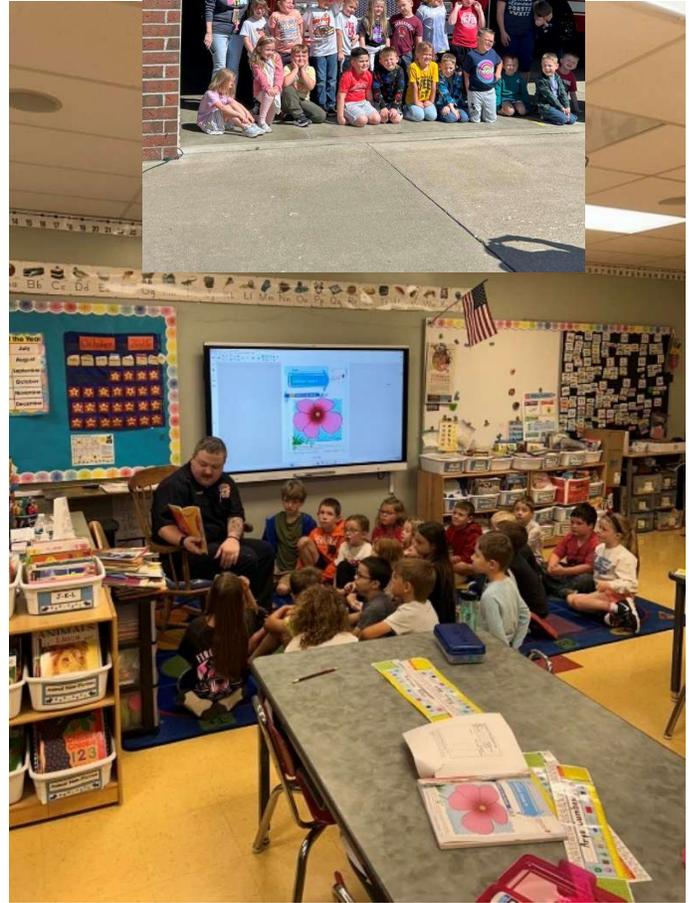
## Open House 2025



In September 2025, the Tri-Valley Joint Fire District held an open house event for the public. During the event there were several partner agencies that were in attendance.



The fire district also visited the Dresden Elementary to meet the kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes. During the visit the district would go over several topics, including home fire prevention. The Tri-Valley Dresden the Dresden Elementary classes would also come to the fire station and tour the facility and apparatus.



The fire district would also participate in several other community events throughout the year. Such as, the Lacrone Soccer Field dedication, Melon Festival, Harper Memorial Run and Tri-Valley athletic events.



## Annual Events

In June of 2025 Engine 202 would be involved in an accident that occurs on a fire with Frazeysburg and Licking Township. No one would be injured in the accident.

One firefighter was injured during a fire in Adamsville when a wall decoration fell from the wall and hit the firefighter on the head. The firefighter would make a full recovery and is still actively working on the department.

As usual there are many equipment tests that must be completed on a regular basis. In 2025 the department had the Ladder testing, SCBA cylinders, hydro testing for the SCBA bottles, SCBA face piece fit testing, LifePak 15, AED's, Cots and load systems and Hurst Tools.

The district would also replace batteries the Milwaukee battery tools. The district would approve the purchase of a new Utility truck to replace the current Command truck due to numerous mechanical issues.

## Staffing

The district would add six (6) new members

- Amanda Torres
- Darin Griffith
- Ethan Bay
- Leah Pierce
- Evan Parrott
- Johnna Thompson

Unfortunately, there were several members that would depart for various reasons from the district.

- Danny Cannon
- Charles Solt
- Nicholas Ford
- Phillip Young
- Shadley Delancy
- Amanda Solt
- Marty Grable
- John Foster
- Amanda Solt
- Maddy Wortman
- Josh Ewart

## 2025 Awards

### 5 Years of Service

- Spencer Bell
- Mariah Clark
- Levi Mills
- Greg Moore

### 15 Years of Service

- Ted Crozier

### 45 Years of Service

- Harold Wolford

### Rookie Member of the Year

- Joe Settles

### Senior Member of the Year

- Mark Lewis

## Distinguished Service Award

On June 16th, 2024, at 18:51, Dresden Fire and Squad was dispatched with mutual aid to Adamsville for a tractor rollover with a trapped victim. Through the efforts of all responders this complex incident was handled quickly and efficiently and decreased the out of hospital time for the victim involved.

- Capt. Mike Clark
- Capt. Colby Kinsey
- Lt. Phillip Young
- Carl Archer
- Steve Barr
- Mariah Clark
- Dave DeVault
- Tony Hartman
- Gavin Kurtz
- Mark Lewis
- Levi Mills
- Tyler Patterson
- Ashley Settles
- Joe Settles

## 2026

In 2026 the goal is to add an additional person to staff the station. This person will allow for fire apparatus to respond as soon as there is a call for service. With the current staff of two people the paid staff must wait for a volunteer to arrive before responding to a call. This will shorten the current “chute” times significantly and have help to you faster. In addition to being able to respond to a fire call faster this third person will allow for there to be an additional person available to staff on the second ambulance in the event that there are multiple calls occurring at the same time. This would not have been possible if it were not for your support with the recent levy in November of 2025.

Furthermore, in the upcoming year the district will start having at least one CPR class available to the public per quarter. However, since onboarding more instructors, there may be additional days that are planned as well.

The fire district is also scheduled to receive a new engine/rescue truck that that was ordered in 2023. This apparatus will replace the current rescue which is a 1991 international heavy rescue. This new rescue truck will add capabilities and reduce the need for an additional piece of apparatus for auto accidents.

Lastly, one area that we will be focusing on more is pre-plans. These pre-plans allow the district to effectively mitigate incidents at local businesses, places of worship, schools and others by having a guide to where things such as alarm panels, sprinkler rooms, etc. are located.