

Washington Township Fire Department



2022

Year End Report



From the Chief

On a personal note, 2022 was a special year for me as I retired from my full-time job as a firefighter with the Toledo Fire & Rescue Department after 34 years of service. I will always cherish the many great working relationships and experiences I have gained as a member of the TFRD.

As I enter my 37th year of service to the WTFD, I will never forget where my fire service career began right here on the WTFD. I will always cherish the many great memories and opportunities given to me which is why I am so proud to be able to lead such an incredible dedicated group of men and women who serve the Washington Township community as Firefighter-EMT's.

We all understand we are living in some difficult challenging times. As we continue to move forward from the recent pandemic, it has forced us to make some significant and unprecedented changes to be able to provide our community with the continued fire & EMS service they expect and deserve. We understand that some of these changes may have gone against some of the rich traditions of this community, but we felt it was necessary as we move forward in providing quality service utilizing our current cost-effective model without burdening our residents with raising taxes to do so.

The Fire & EMS service is one of the most dynamic and ever-changing services there is, we promise our residents that the WTFD will be progressive in meeting the constant change and challenges it brings, especially to small departments like ours with limited resources and funds. We believe in our departments mission statement; it helps us maintain focus in providing service to our community all while taking care of our departments most valuable assets...***Our firefighters.***

Staffing by far is our biggest challenge, we rely heavily on paid-per-call firefighters who live in the community and volunteer their time and availability 24/7/365 in providing service to our community. As volunteerism is down in this country, it has greatly affected the volunteer fire service. We have had to make significant changes to our current delivery model to keep up with this unfortunate trend. As you can see by the statistical data provided in this report, our run volume of calls for service has greatly increased, creating a significant challenge for our short-staffed department.

The main focus and department goal in 2022 was recruitment and retention. We developed a committee of current WTFD members who were tasked with developing a plan to aggressively recruit members of our community to join the WTFD. These efforts brought 3 new members to the ranks in 2022 and will be a continual focus effort as we move forward. We need the community to be involved in this effort, please help by continuing to support the WTFD and pass the word along for our need for increased staffing. Visit www.joinwtf72.com for further information.

We very much appreciate the incredible community support. We will continue to find ways to serve our residents in the most cost-effective manner in providing quality fire & EMS service to our community.

Thank you for trusting the WTFD, we are here to serve you!!

Ronald Kay, Fire Chief
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2022 Accomplishments

- For the first time in department history, we hired our first full-time firefighter. Captain Jacob Cook was hired into this position and assists with day-to-day operations in managing the station, day shift operations, assist with other administrative duties and serve as the department's fire safety inspector.
- We were successful in obtaining grants which allowed us to replace outdated safety equipment for our firefighters.
- We placed in-service new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's) with funds received from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant at a total cost of \$122,000.00.
- We utilized CARES act fund to purchase 13 new Motorola 800 MHz portable radios at a cost of around \$56,000.00.
- Completed and updated the department's policies and procedures to the Lexipol platform. This allows the department to operate utilizing policies and procedures that are court tested meeting state and federal regulations protecting the department and township.
- Developed comprehensive preventive maintenance program for our fleet of vehicles. This PM program will follow the NFPA 1911 standard for inspection, maintenance, testing of in-service vehicles in an effort to maintain and extend serviceability of our vehicles and assure safety for our firefighters.
- Jake Cook completed the Ohio Fire Safety Inspector course. This enhances our Fire Prevention abilities to perform fire inspections on Township businesses.
- Chad Klavinger completed his probationary year requirements and was promoted to Firefighter/EMT in March.
- Michael Roberts completed his EMT-Basic certification.
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- Sharralynn Cook completed her Paramedic course work and will be obtaining Ohio Paramedic certification in 2023.
- Tom Yunker completed his Paramedic course work and will be obtaining Ohio Paramedic certification in 2023.
- 3 new members joined our fire family.
 - Jody Gruesbeck joined the department in June and came to us with her Ohio EMT certification. She will be continuing her education with Paramedic school in 2023.
 - Rob Rudski joined the department in June. Rob completed the Ohio Firefighter 1 training in December and will be moving forward with EMT training in 2023.
 - Mark Schuster II joined the department in August and will be moving forward with Firefighter and EMT training in 2023.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Washington Township Fire & Rescue Department's mission is to be a leading emergency service organization by:

- Meeting the needs of our community in fire prevention, fire suppression and emergency medical care.
- Utilizing and improving the dedication and skills of our members.
- Constantly improving all our services and operations for the community.

In carrying out the mission, The Washington Township Fire & Rescue Department will:

- Give top priority to firefighter health, wellness and safety.
- Encourage the professional and personal development of our members.
- Work as teams to take full advantage of our skills, knowledge and creativity.
- Communicate openly and honestly to our members and community to inspire *trust and confidence*.

Station 72 "Can Do"

2022 Calls for Service

Total Incidents – 480

EMS – 422

Fire – 58

EMS Transports – 141

Busiest Day of the Week – Sunday

Busiest Hour of Week – Sunday 2-3pm

Incident Type Details

100 – Fire	9
300 – EMS	422
400 – Hazmat	7
500 – Service Call	6
600 – Series	19
700 – False Alarm	17

Mutual Aid Summary

Automatic Aid Given	3
Automatic Aid received	2
Mutual Aid Given	9
Mutual Aid Received	11

Calls by District

1 – Alexis Place	20
2 – Raintree Village	81
3 – Shoreland Proper	91
4 – Creekside	59
5 – Coveview	190
6 – Shoreland Heights	25
7 – Out of District	13

**EMS Incidents
(300 Series)**

Total Incidents – 422
Total Transports – 141
Revenue from Transports - \$40,559

Life Squad Responses

Life Squad 3	100
Life Squad 11	69
Life Squad 1	12
Life Squad 8	1
Total Responses	182

Nursing Home Responses

# Times responded	154
Transports ALS	55
Transports BLS	62
Total Transports	117

Dispositions

Transported No Lights/Siren	125
Patient Treated, Transferred Care	115
Pt Evaluated, No treatment/transport	45
Pt Treated, Released (AMA)	41
Pt Treated, Released (per protocol)	25
Cancelled (No Pt contact)	19
Transported Lights/Siren	16
Cancelled (Prior to arrival at scene)	9
Pt Dead on Scene, Resuscitation	5
Pt Dead on Scene, No Resuscitation	5
Pt Treated, Transported by Private Auto	5
Standby – Operational Support Provided	4
Standby – No Support Provided	3
Pt Refused Evaluation/Care (w/o transport)	3
Cancelled on Scene/No Pt found	2

EMS Incidents (continued)

Incident Type

(300) Rescue, EMS incident, Other	3
(311) Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1
(320) Emergency Medical Incident, other	2
(321) EMS call, excluding vehicle accident w/injury	404
(322) Motor Vehicle Accident with injuries	5
(323) Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident	1
(342) Search for person in water	1
(352) Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
(362) Ice rescue	1
(363) Swift water rescue	1

Patient Residency Status

Resident	344
Non-resident	48
Unknown	30

Demographics of EMS Runs

Age Range	Total
0 to 4	4
05 to 09	3
10 to 14	11
15 to 19	6
20 to 24	8
25 to 34	17
35 to 44	24
45 to 54	34
55 to 64	74
65 to 74	71
75 to 84	110
85+	30
Unknown	30
Total	422

Fire Incidents
(100, 400, 500, 600, 700 series)

Total Incidents – 58

Property Saved

Pre-fire value	\$202,000
Loss from fire	\$3,450
Property value saved	\$198,550

Mutual Aid for Structure Fires

Automatic Aid Received	1
Mutual Aid Given	2
Mutual Aid Received	1

Incident Type

(11) Structure Fire	5
(14) Natural Vegetation Fire	3
(15) Outside Rubbish	1
(41) Combust/Flammable Spills & Leaks	6
(44) Electrical wiring/equip. problem	1
(55) Public Service Assistance	2
(56) Unauthorized Burning	3
(57) Cover assignment, Standby	1
(60) Good intent call, other	1
(61) Dispatched and cancelled enroute	15
(62) Wrong location, nothing found	1
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	1
(67) HazMat release invest w/no HazMat	1
(73) System or detector malfunction	6
(74) Unintentional system operation	11

Roster

Command Staff

Ron Kay – Fire Chief (C72)

Mike Bailey – Assistant Chief – EMS (C73)

Tom Yunker – Assistant Chief – Ops (C74)

Joe Reams – Captain (7211)

Jacob Cook – Captain (7212)

Jon Parker – Captain (7213)

Privates

Heather Bacon – FF/EMT

Moe Collins – FF/EMT

Sharralynn Cook – EMT

Jody Gruesbeck – Probationary/EMT

David Hartford – FF/EMT

Chad Klavinger – FF/EMT

Mandy Miller – FF/EMT

Rick Phillips – FF/EMT

Michael Roberts – FF/EMT

Rob Rudski – Probationary/FF

Mark Schuster II – Probationary