



2018 Annual Report

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Middletown Division of Fire

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Middletown is a city located in Butler and Warren counties in the southwestern part of state of Ohio. Middletown was incorporated by the Ohio General Assembly on February 11, 1833, and became a city in 1886.



MIDDLETOWN

DIVISION OF FIRE

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Paul Lolli, Fire Chief

May 21, 2019

Douglas Adkins, City Manager
City of Middletown
One Donham Plaza
Middletown, Ohio 45042

Dear Mr. Adkins,

It is an honor to submit to you the 2018 Annual Report for the Middletown Division of Fire. This report will show the activities performed by the personnel of the Division of Fire during the year of 2018. In addition to an explanation of the services that we provide, you will find statistical data related to the delivery of these services to the citizens of Middletown and the actions taken to support the response activities.

The Division of Fire began to implement goals established by the Strategic Planning Process conducted in 2018. A staffing and deployment analysis was conducted to examine the number and types of response equipment and staffing requirements that meets the needs of the community; we have identified and began to implement funding sources and possible sources of revenue; the Division conducted a fire location analysis and evaluated current facilities to improve efficiency, safety and well-being. All of these goals have presented challenges to every member of the Division of Fire, and our personnel are responding to these challenges and implementing positive results for the department and the city.

I invite you to explore this annual report and review the exceptional commitment of all the members of the Division of Fire. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Deputy Chief David Adams who coordinated the development of this annual report. I also thank each and every member of the City of Middletown Division of Fire for their dedication, bravery, and excellent service delivery to the City of Middletown and all who use our services.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul Lolli, Fire Chief

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MISSION STATEMENT



The Mission of the Middletown Division of Fire is to protect life and property from fire and other emergencies.

This Mission is accomplished through Fire Suppression, Fire prevention, Public Education, Fire Cause Determination, Hazardous Material response and Emergency Medical Services, including Advanced Live Support skills, Vehicle Extrication as well as Confined Space, High Angle and Water Rescue.

OUR VALUES

The members of the Middletown Division of Fire are dedicated to operating a professional, ethical, service-minded organization.

We value honesty and integrity in all matters, leading to the highest level of trustworthiness;

We value respect for each person as an individual, recognizing the worth of our subordinates, peers, supervisors and customers;

We value teamwork, as each person's capabilities enhance our performance as a whole;

We value responsibility, taking ownership of our actions and committing to our assigned objectives;

We value professional pride, adhering to a strong code of moral and ethical conduct;

We value compassion, fostering a genuine concern for those we serve;

We value safety, ensuring our own health as well as the safety of our team and those we serve;

We value diversity of the people in our department and our community;

We value training and education as the foundation of superior service;

We value commitment, working through any adversity to meet the community's needs.

2018 PERSONNEL



FIRE Chief

Paul J. Lolli

Assistant Chief

Thomas Snively

Day Staff

EMS Capt. David VonBargen / Capt. Steve Ludwig / Lt. Brian Wright

Fire Capt. Steve Ludwig / Capt. Jon Harvey
Lt. Frank Baughman / Lt. Jamison Verdin

Vanessa Whitaker, Administrative Assistant

1st Platoon

Deputy Chief

Brent Dominy

Captain

Jon Harvey / David VonBargen

Lieutenants

Jess Chaille
Doug Bronnenberg
Steve Riley

2nd Platoon

Deputy Chief

Jeff Spaulding

Captain

David Hoerst

Lieutenants

Brian Oliver
Todd Steinbrunner
John Scranton

3rd Platoon

Deputy Chief

David Adams

Captain

Robert Curry
George Blake

Lieutenants

Tate Cobb
Gary Myers

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

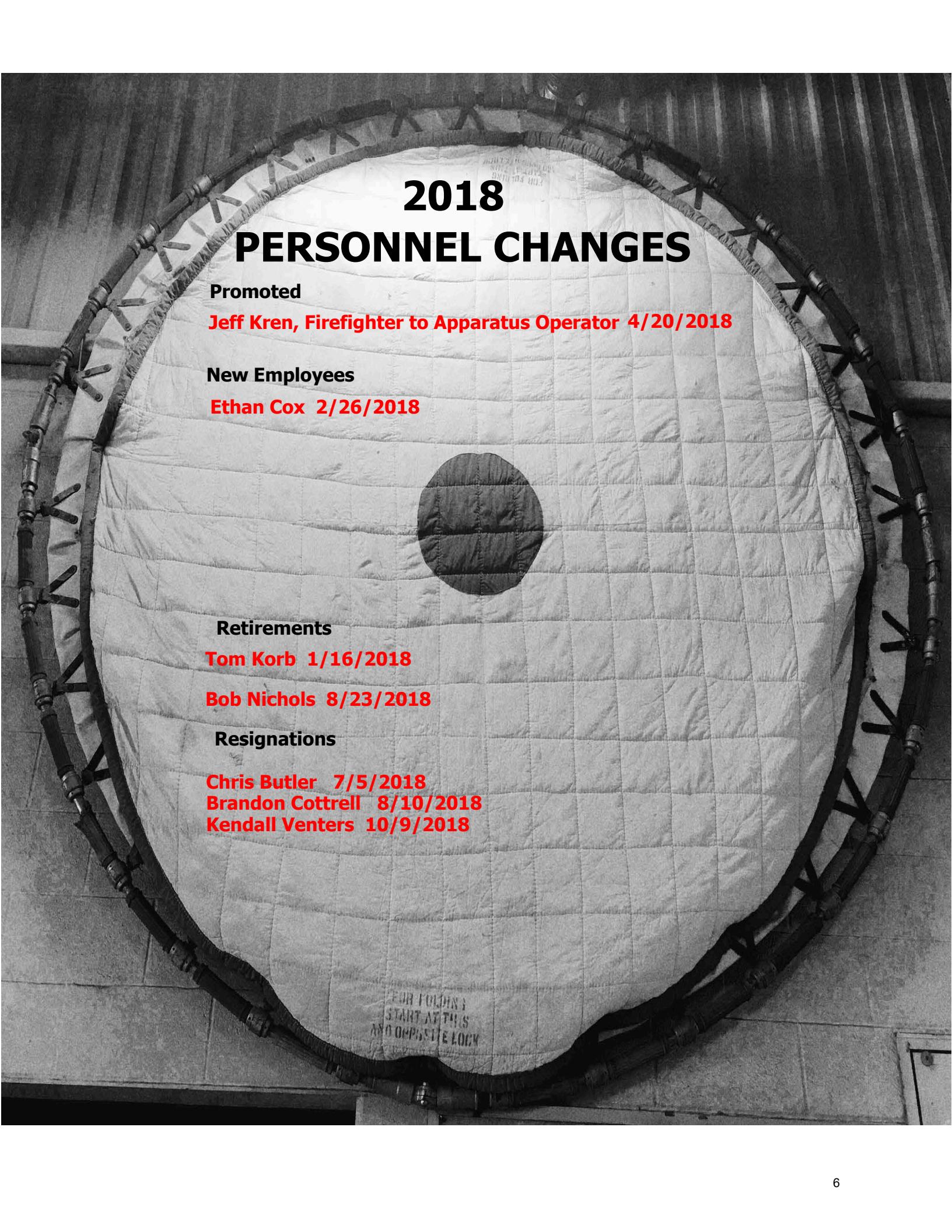
Calvin Woodrey
Bob Hess
Tony Fink
Tim Kinsworthy
Steve Soellner
Felipe Capetillo
John Kuehnle
Andrew Turner
Andy Lightner
Christopher Klug
Ryan Pennekamp
Jeffrey Kren
Omer Hurlburt
Michael Mieczykowski
Jeff Hobbs
Ethan Clark
David Kaiser
Aaron Cox
Antonio Pittman

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

Greg Evans
Brian Fultz
Tim Payne
Matthew Hall
Tim Scott
Todd Myers
Jason Venters
Shane Owens
Jason Meischke
James Malin
Jessika Tanner
Joshua Myers
Chris Butler
Amadeo Marchetti
Nick Banks
Seth Adams
Jacob Smith
John Laswell
Ross Green
Brandon Cottrell

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

Bob Nichols
Brian Sebald
Brian Patton
David Pittman
Brent Hughes
Michael Vultaggio
Brett Schindler
John Fadden
Pawel Mieczykowski
David Shaw
Ben Bultman
Jeff Kren
Shawn McIntosh
Mike Jones
Alex Wargo
Adam Stitsinger
Bryce Nartker
Joey Robertson



2018 PERSONNEL CHANGES

Promoted

Jeff Kren, Firefighter to Apparatus Operator 4/20/2018

New Employees

Ethan Cox 2/26/2018

Retirements

Tom Korb 1/16/2018

Bob Nichols 8/23/2018

Resignations

Chris Butler 7/5/2018

Brandon Cottrell 8/10/2018

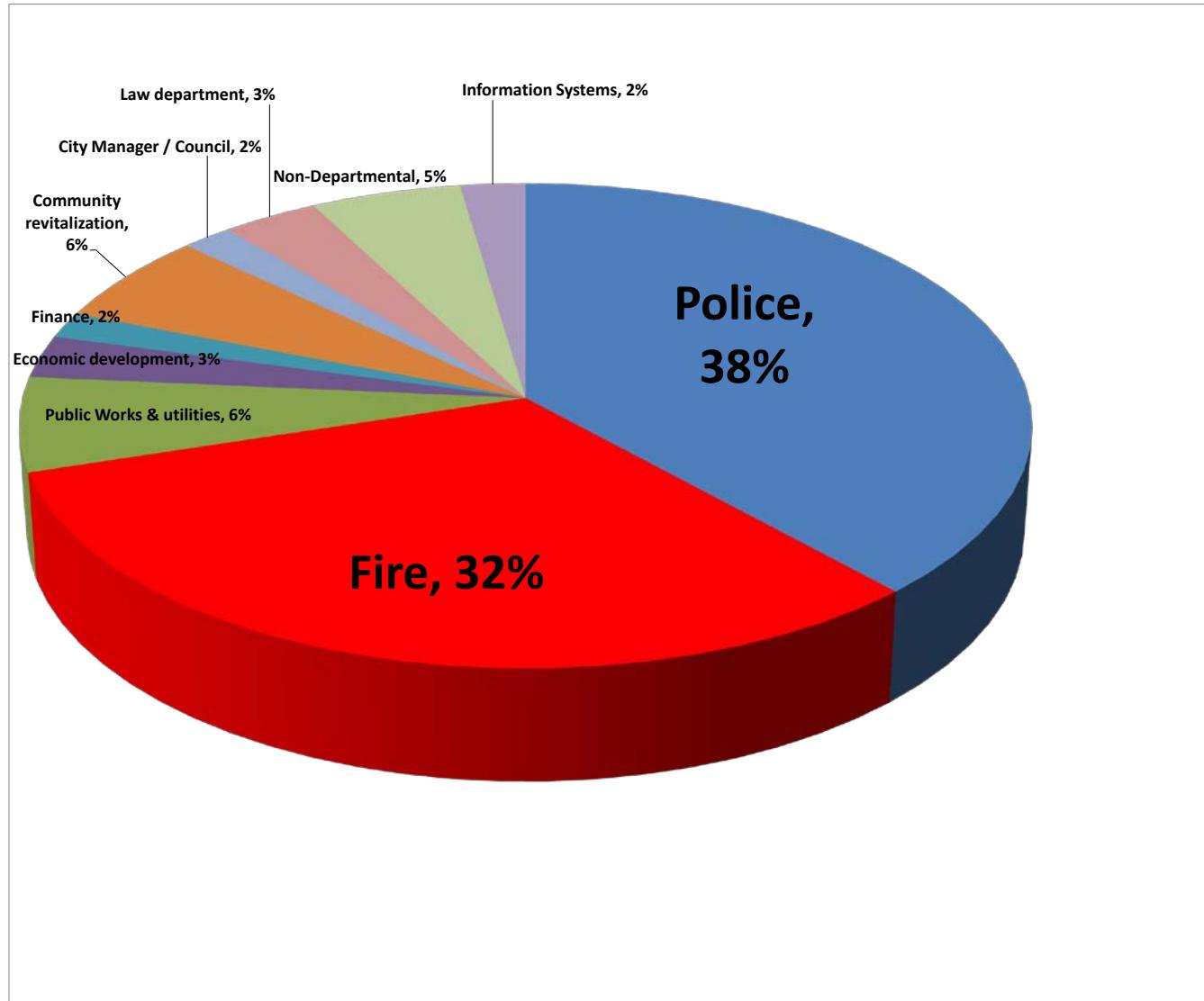
Kendall Venters 10/9/2018



2018 City budget

total \$32,163,082

Police	38%
Fire	32%
Public Works & utilities	6%
Economic development	3%
Finance	2%
Community revitalization	6%
City Manager / Council	2%
Law department	3%
Non-Departmental	5%
Information Systems	2%





2018 Fire Budget

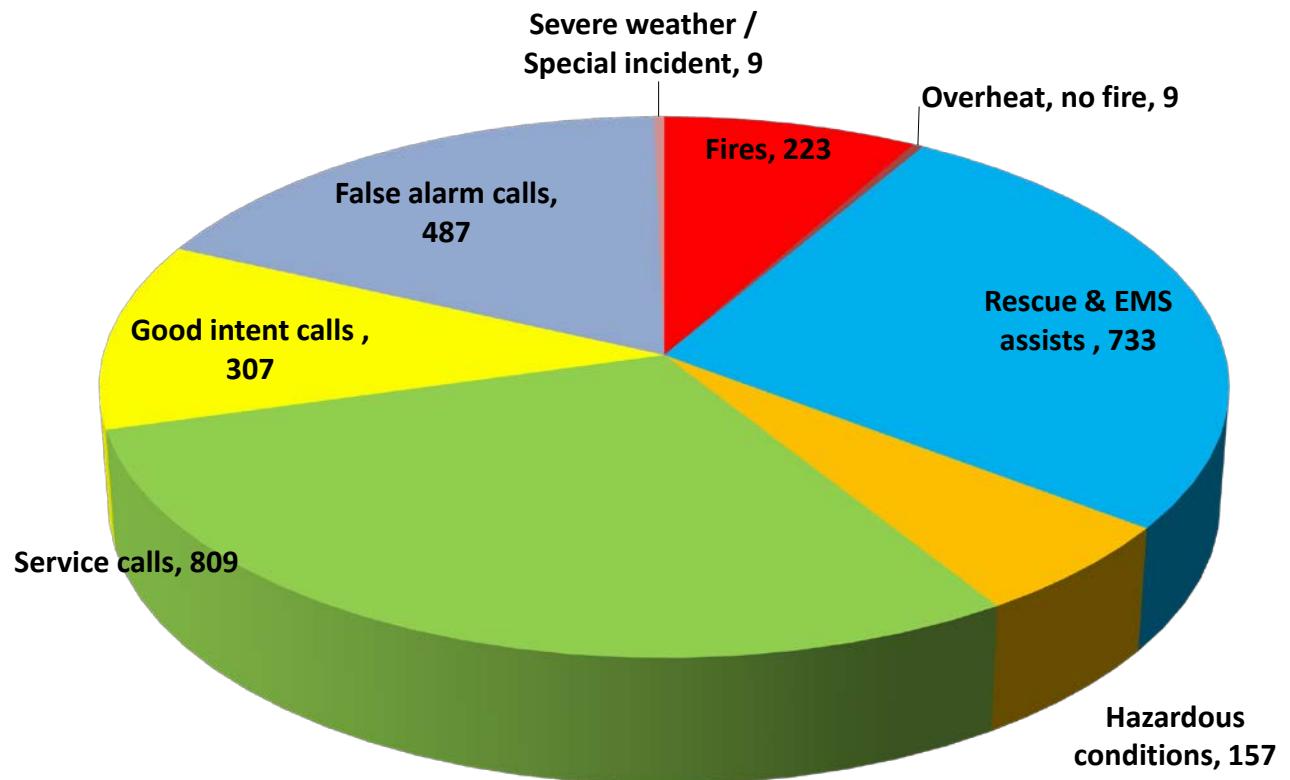
Fire Administration	\$411,813.00
Fire Operations	\$8,731,696.00
Fire Training & Prevention	\$596,167.00
Contractual Services, commodities, EMS fund	\$11,366.00
Total	\$9,751,042.00





2018 Fire Incidents

Incident Type	
Fires	223
Overheat, no fire	9
Rescue & EMS assists	733
Hazardous conditions	157
Service calls	809
Good intent calls	307
False alarm calls	487
Severe weather / Special incident	9
Total	2,734



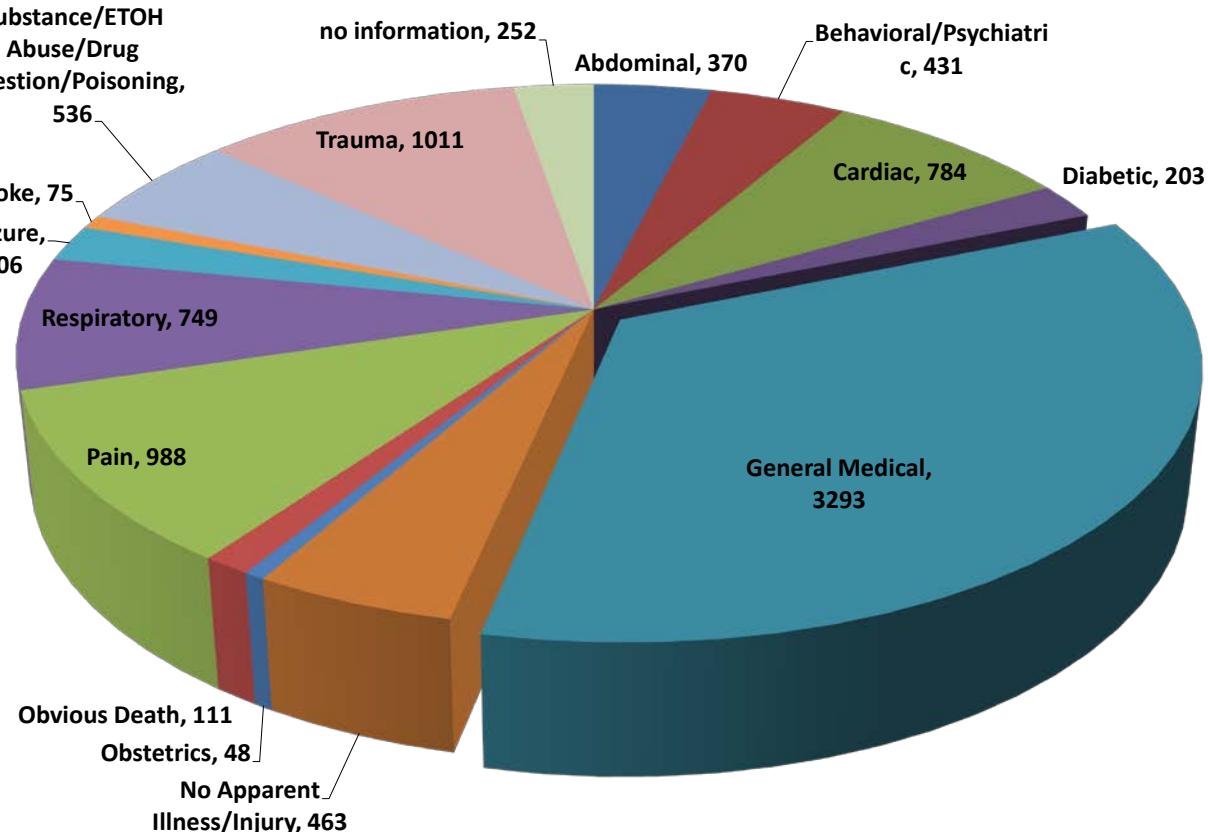
(total incidents includes Engine Companies assisting Medic units)



2018 EMS Incidents

Incident Type

Abdominal	370
Behavioral/Psychiatric	431
Cardiac	784
Diabetic	203
General Medical	3293
No Apparent Illness/Injury	463
Obstetrics	48
Obvious Death	111
Pain	988
Respiratory	749
Seizure	206
Stroke	75
Substance/ETOH Abuse/Drug	536
Trauma	1011
no information	252
total	9520





5 year FIRE /EMS totals

FIRE 2014 1896

EMS 2014 8484

FIRE 2015 1905

EMS 2015 8683

FIRE 2016 1910

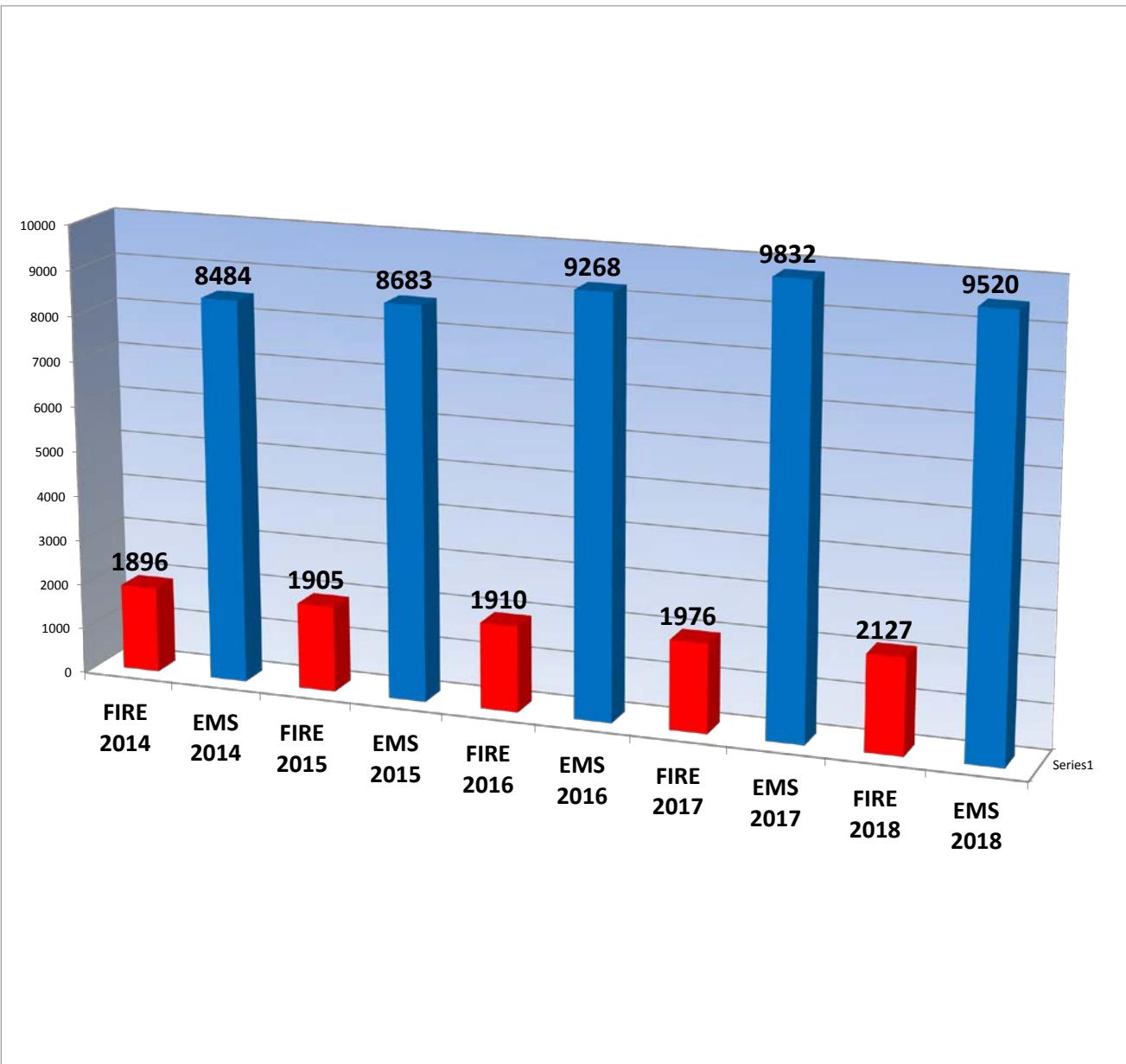
EMS 2016 9268

FIRE 2017 1976

EMS 2017 9832

FIRE 2018 2127

EMS 2018 9520





5 year FIRE /EMS totals

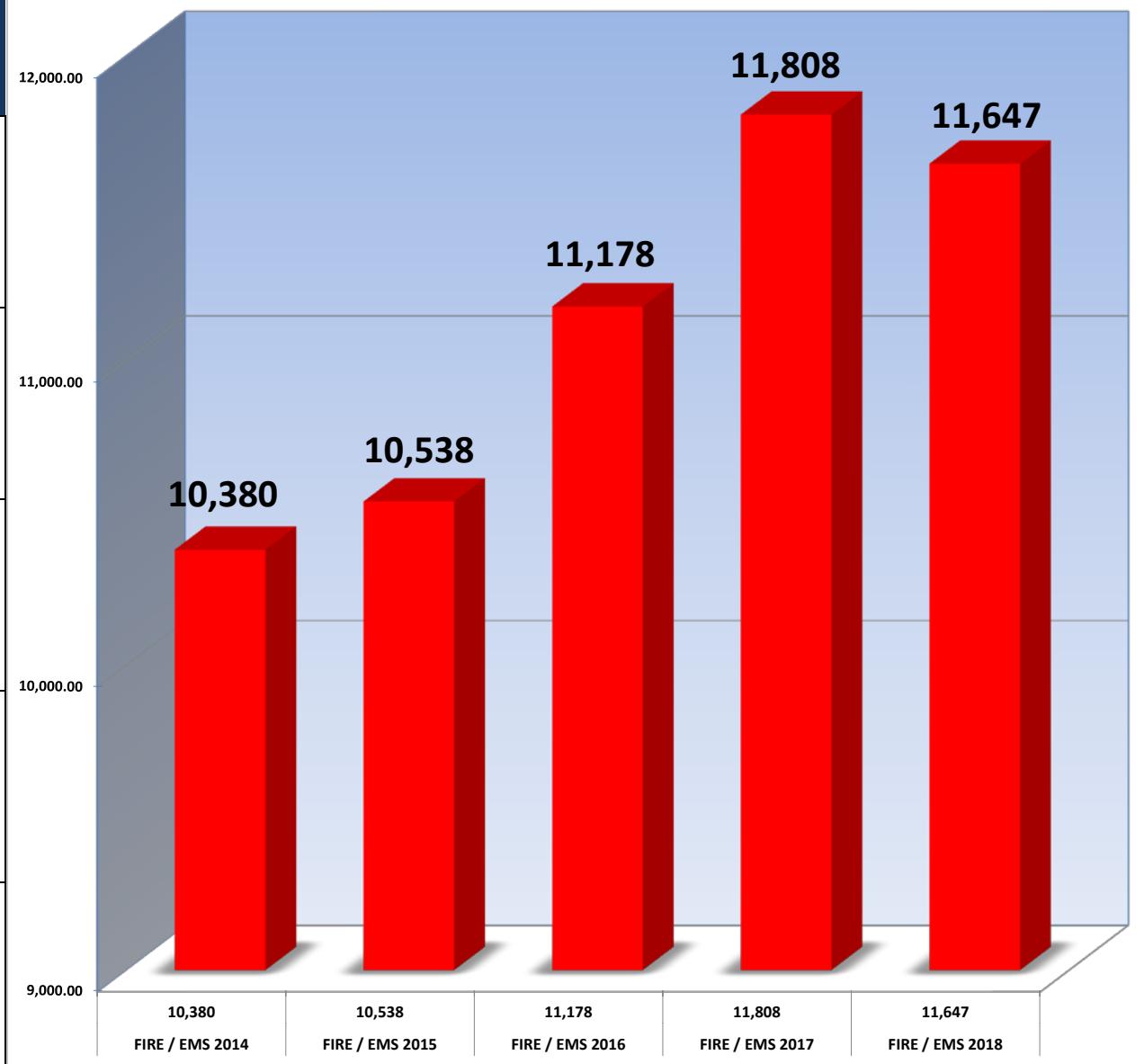
FIRE / EMS 2014 10,380

FIRE / EMS 2015 10,538

FIRE / EMS 2016 11,178

FIRE / EMS 2017 11,808

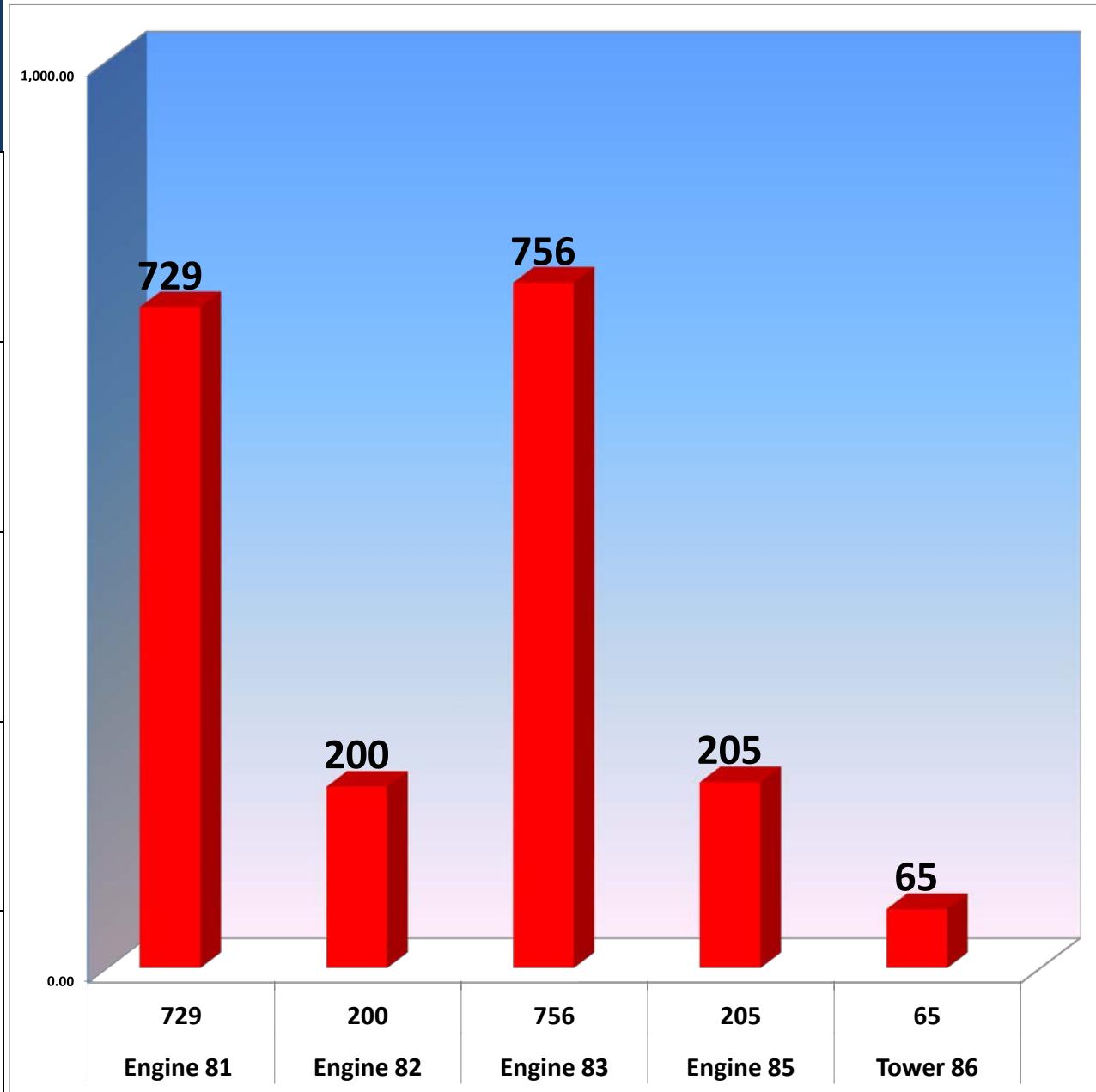
FIRE / EMS 2018 11,647





2018 Engine Company response totals (Fire & EMS)

Engine 81	729
Engine 82	200
Engine 83	756
Engine 85	205
Tower 86	65





2018 Medic Unit response totals (Fire & EMS)

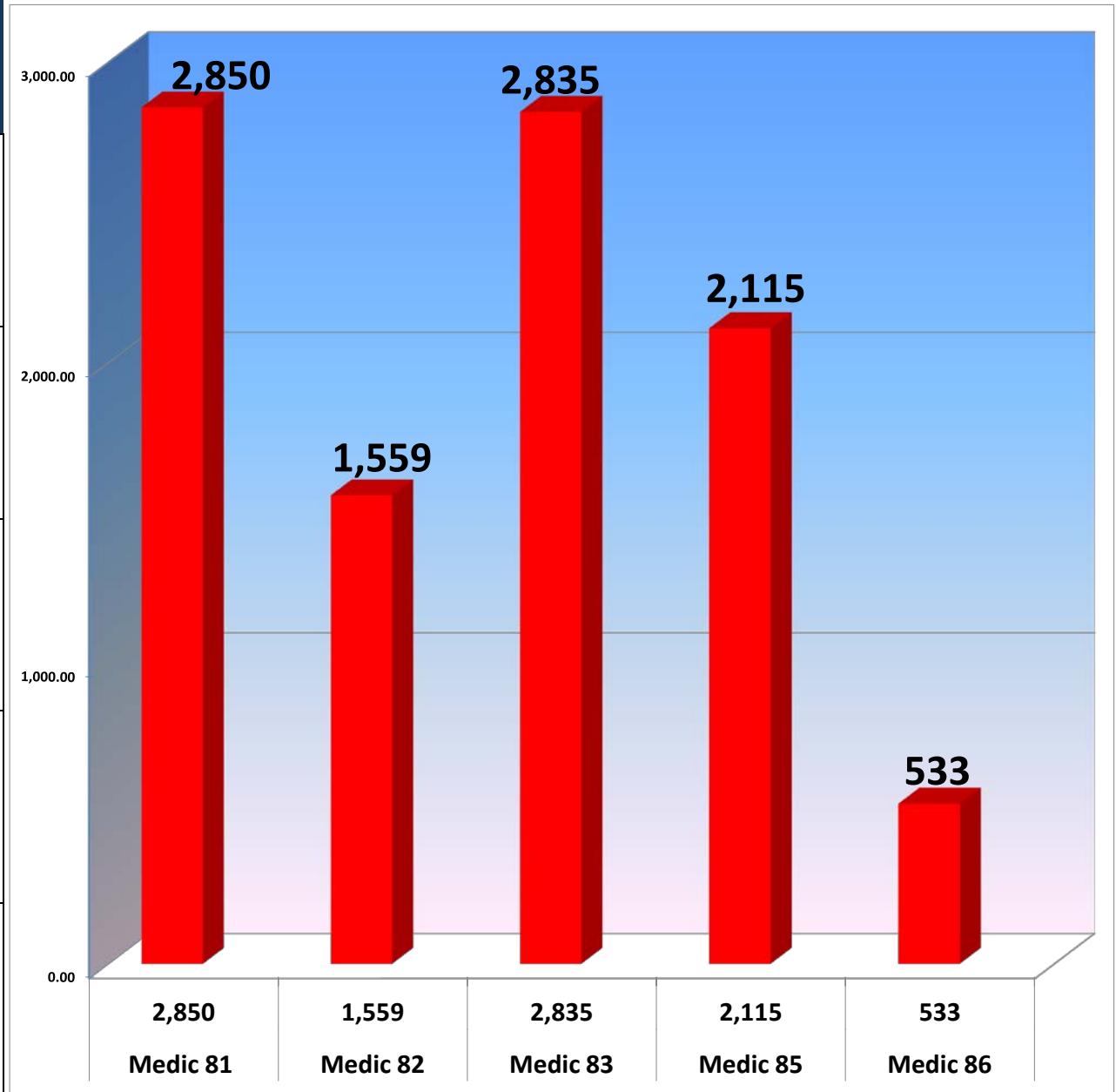
Medic 81 2,850

Medic 82 1,559

Medic 83 2,835

Medic 85 2,115

Medic 86 533





2018 Mutual Aid

Incoming / Outgoing

Fire incoming 45

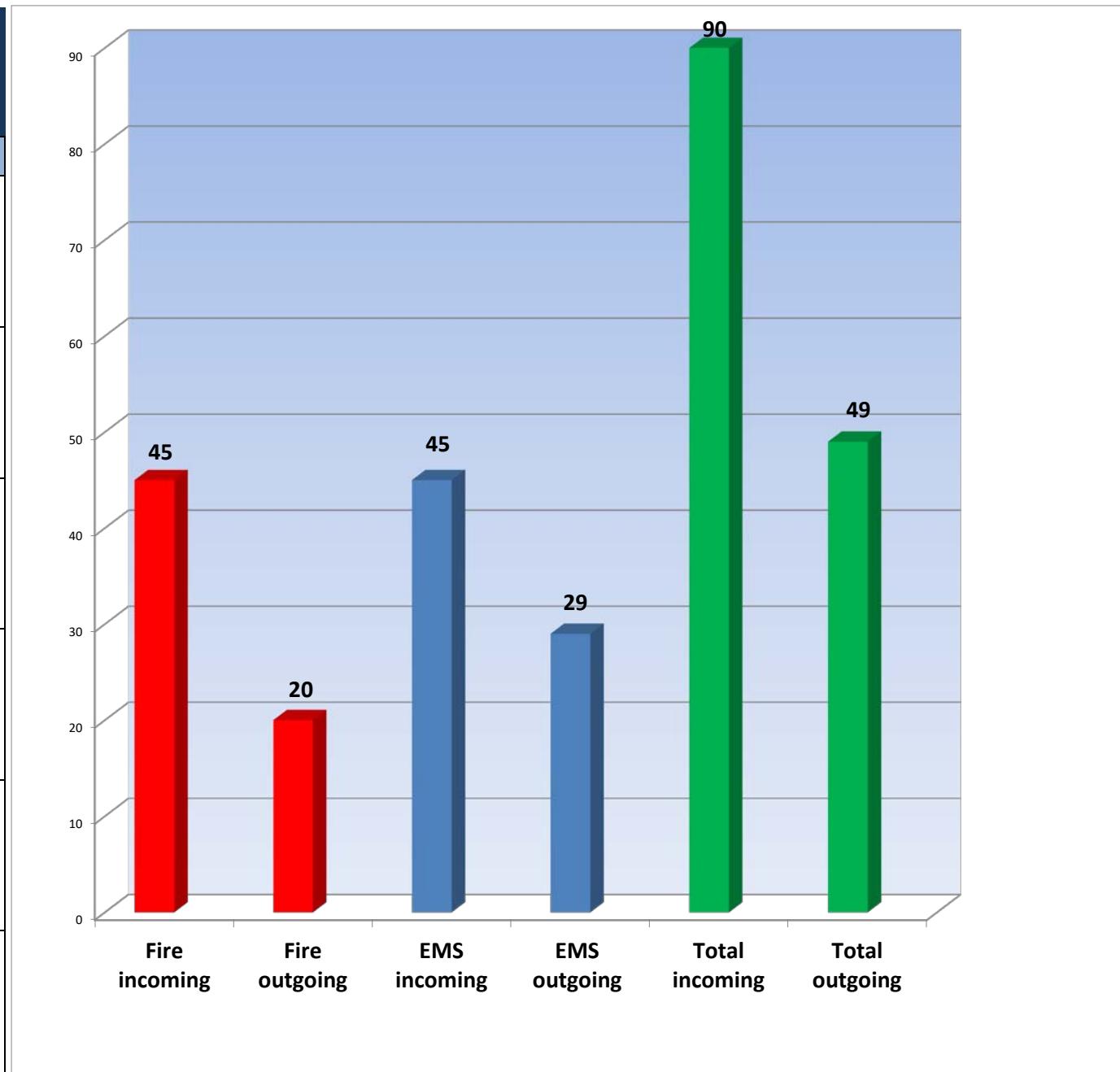
Fire outgoing 20

EMS incoming 45

EMS outgoing 29

Total incoming 90

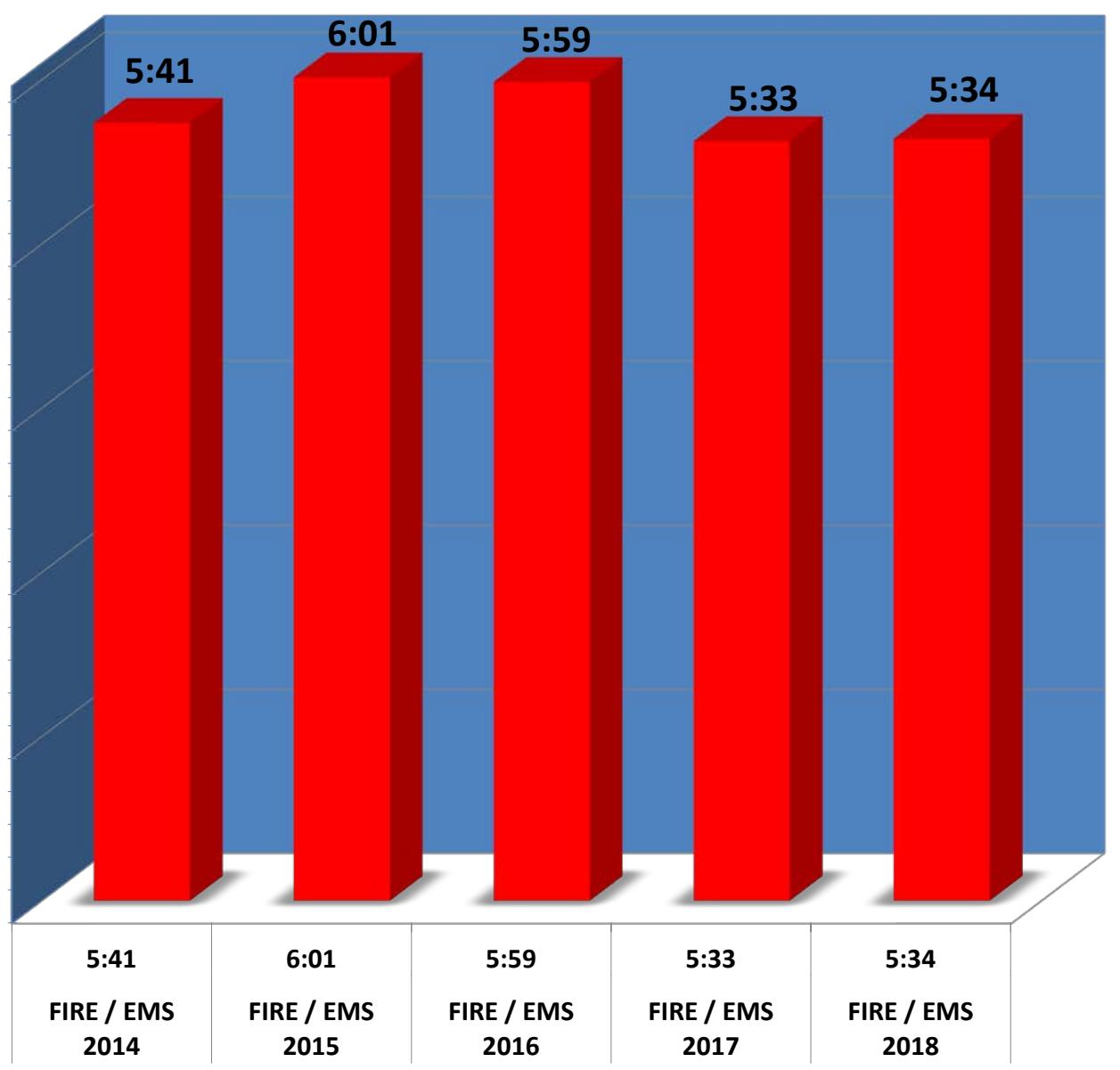
Total outgoing 49





5 year FIRE /EMS response times - min & sec

FIRE / EMS 2014	5:41
FIRE / EMS 2015	6:01
FIRE / EMS 2016	5:59
FIRE / EMS 2017	5:33
FIRE / EMS 2018	5:34



FIRE STATIONS AND APPARATUS



STATION 83

Headquarters

**2300 Roosevelt Blvd.
Middletown, Ohio 45044
513-425-7996
513-425-1820 (Fax)**

Engine 83	2694	2006 Sutph
Tower 86	802383	2002 Sutph
Medic 83	816690	2016 Medix
Medic 86	812298	2012 International
Battalion 80	817730	2017 Ford Expedition
CP81	813330	2013 Chev Tahoe
Medic 87	812295	2012 International
Engine 86	2399	American LaFrance 1997
Engine 84	98-P2	Luverne
CH81	815506	2015 Chev Caprice
UT80	2230	2002 Chev C2500
UT82	810021	2010 Ford Van
UT83	2826	2009 F250
UT84	2526	2005 Ford F350



STATION 81

**307 N. Clinton St.
Middletown, Ohio 45042
513-423-4572**

Engine 81	2399	2003 American LaFrance (temporary use)
Medic 81	816691	2016 Medix
HAZMAT 81	32203865	1993 Utilimaster
Decon 81	FD-201	2005 Ford F750
Medic 84	811197	2011 International

FIRE STATIONS AND APPARATUS



Station 82

**3765 Dixie Hwy.
Middletown, Ohio 45044
513-422-8368**

Engine 82	2893	2009 Sutphen
Medic 82	2990	2009 Chevy



Station 85

**4310 Central Ave.
Middletown, Ohio 45044
513-424-1532**

Engine 85	813181	2013 Sutphen
Medic 85	817790	2017 Medix

2018 Hazardous Materials Team

The Middletown Fire Department is one of (3) three departments in Butler County that comprise the response units for the Butler County Haz-Mat co-op. The department is responsible for responding to any community in Butler County requesting assistance with a Haz-Mat incident. The (3) three teams completed their typing by the State of Ohio in 2018 and are considered a Type II by themselves and collectively make a Type I team by the State of Ohio.

The region has a lot of potential for hazardous materials incidents. These include passenger vehicles and commercial trucks carrying a variety of hazardous materials along with 121 miles of rail. There is also underground pipeline which transports bulk material. Butler County has around 300 reporting SARA Tier 2 Chemical Reporting Facilities which ship and receive chemicals on a regular basis.

In 2018 the Middletown Division of Fire held a department wide 8 hour Hazardous Materials refresher through Cincinnati State. We also participated in a large multi-jurisdictional LEPC drill. The exercise simulated a pipeline spill of hazardous materials, with a release into the Great Miami River.

In 2018 Middletown responded to 36 hazardous materials incidents. The most notable was an incident at our water treatment plant. 2 personnel from the plant were treated and transported for chemical burns. Butler County EMA, Hamilton Haz-Mat team, Monroe Fire Department, and several other resources were called for assistance.

These incidents illustrate the potential hazards within the city. It also reinforces the need for a well trained and equipped Hazardous Materials response team.

2018 Haz-Mat Tech level personnel

Capt. Jon Harvey	Jim Malin
Capt. David Von	Jessika Tanner
Bargen	AJ Marchetti
Capt. Steve Ludwig	Nick Banks
Lt. Brian Oliver	Jacob Smith
Lt. Tate Cobb	John (Nick) Laswell
Lt. John Scranton	Ross Green
Lt. Frank Baughman	Shawn McIntosh
Lt. Jamie Verdin	Mike Jones
Lt. Brian Wright	Brian Sebaald
Andy Lightner	Michael Vultaggio
Andy Turner	Brett Schindler
Omer Hurlburt	Pawel Mieczykowski
Michael Mieczykowski	Ben Bultman
Ethan Clark	Alex Wargo
David Kaiser	Adam Stitsinger
Aaron Cox	Byrce Narker
Jeff Hobbs	Joey Robertson
Greg Evans	
Shane Owens	





TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM (BCTR)

The Butler County Technical Rescue Team is an effort of the Butler County Emergency Management Agency and Butler County Technical Rescue Governing Board and operates under the tenants the Technical Rescue Governing Board and the Butler County Technical Rescue Administrative & Operational Polices.

Team members are comprised of trained personnel from qualified first responder agencies, including fire, police and other departments that will be an asset to the mission of the Technical Rescue Team.

Currently, Butler County Technical Rescue Team has over 65 technicians specially trained in:

Confined Space

Trench Rescue

**High Angle
Rescue**

Search & Rescue

**Structure
Collapse**

**Swift Water
Rescue**

Flood Rescue



The team had six trainings through 2018 and members (Ludwig, VonBargen, and Riley) attended the required 50% of the trainings to remain in good standing with the team.

- **2018 Middletown Fire - Team members :**
Dave VonBargen, Cpt.
Steve Riley, Lt.
Steve Ludwig, Cpt. (Advisory Board Rep)

Emergency Medical Services

Middletown Division of Fire responded to 9520 EMS runs in 2018. This represents a decrease of 3.1% from the year 2017. We received EMS Mutual Aid from our neighboring communities 45 times while returning the favor 29 times.

It should be noted that changes in the computer aided dispatch (CAD) and the EMS/Fire reporting system has created new challenges to properly track and report mutual aid given and received. Staffing in 2018 allowed for Medic 83, operating from our headquarters station, to be staffed with a dedicated two person crew for the entire year. Medic 81, operating from the station on N. Clinton, was staffed with a dedicated crew the majority of the year. Medic's 85 and 82 continue to be staffed by a three personnel combination fire/EMS crew.

The City of Middletown continued to feel the impact of the Opiate epidemic although the number of EMS calls related to substance abuse did decrease in 2018. In 2017 the MFD responded to 925 calls for service that were related to some type of substance abuse. In 2018 that number was reduced to 536, a 42% decrease. Much of this can be attributed to the work of the Heroin response team.

As previously mentioned 2018 saw the upgrade of the patient reporting software from Image Trend 2.0 to Image Trend Elite. While this created some reporting and documentation challenges it also allowed MFD to begin reporting EMS calls to the State of Ohio EMS reporting system. By once again being in compliance with State reporting it will allow the MFD to apply for EMS grants through the State.

Captain Dave VonBargen returned to shift working resulting in Capt. Steve Ludwig taking over the role of EMS Operations Captain. Lt. Brian Wright and Cpt. Ludwig continue to represent the MFD on the Trauma and Cardiac committees at the Atrium Hospital. They also represent the department on the Butler County EMS board.

Additional highlights of 2018 for the EMS division included:

- The opening of the Kettering ER.
- Members of the Division of Fire were recognized by the Miami Valley Hospital for their exemplary care of a trauma patient following a skydiving incident.

2018 EMS Training

15 Monthly EMS trainings were conducted in 2018 totaling almost 1000 man hours of continuing education.

An additional 600 hours of on-line continuing education were completed by members.

Multiple members attended symposiums hosted by Kettering, Premier and University Hospitals accounting for additional hours of continuing education.

In all members accounted for 112 hours of continuing education accounting for over 12,000 man hours. The combination of in person and on-line training are conducted annually to assure all members have the required hours to maintain their level of EMS certification.

*2018 Training Topics:

- *● Unconscious Bias
- **● Falls
- **● Image Trend Elite PCR
- **● 12 Leads
- **● CPAP
- **● Mock Trial/Documentation
- *● Medicount Documentation
- *● HEAL Program, Pediatrics, Medical Trivia
- *● Surgical Cricch and Pig Trach
- *● LVAD Cardiac
- *● Transport Policies
- *● OB & Child Birth
- *● Sepsis and 12 Lead Review
- *● Diabetes
- *● Trauma Case Review
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2018 Fire Training

Fire personnel completed over 2,200 hours of training during 2017. Approximately half of these hours were completed during in-services and company-level trainings. Topics included:

Entanglement/RIC operations 24

Fire Attack and Hose Deployment 165

Fire Reports 7

Fireground Safety - RIC operations 80

Flashover Simulator 183

FSI Continuing Education 16

Ice Rescue 106

Fire Inspection Continuing Education 24

Inspection input procedures 40

Ladder Operations 10

Mayday Operations 80

Pump Operations 3

Response area familiarization 4

Response operations 47

Rope Systems 3:1 and 4:1 29

Aerial Tower Operations 8

Fire Ground Rescue Operations 228

TOTAL Man hours 1054

The nine (9) probationary firefighters hired during 2017 completed a combined 400 hours of recruit training to prepare them to be integrated in the Operations Division.

In addition to the in-service trainings and recruit trainings, nineteen (19) firefighters completed a Confined Space Rescue Technician course and several firefighters completed courses related to professional development via on-line training courses provided by the National Fire Academy.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Prevention Bureau manages several important functions which include: fire inspections, plan reviews, public and private education, data collection and analysis.

OBJECTIVE:

The main objective of the Fire Prevention Bureau is to promote prevention and awareness through a proactive approach to fire safety.

SPECIFIC DUTIES:

Provide public education and fire safety awareness programs.

Enforce fire, building, and life-safety codes and ordinances.

Conduct fire and life-safety inspections.

Review plans for fire protection systems and life safety concerns.

Witness the testing of fire protection and life safety equipment.

Maintain public relations and respond to citizens' concerns regarding fire-safety.

Evaluate and update codes to stay current with city needs.

NEW CONSTRUCTION AND SPRINKLER PLAN REVIEW:

Plans for fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems, and hood and duct suppression systems, are

reviewed for compliance in relation to adopted codes and regulations.

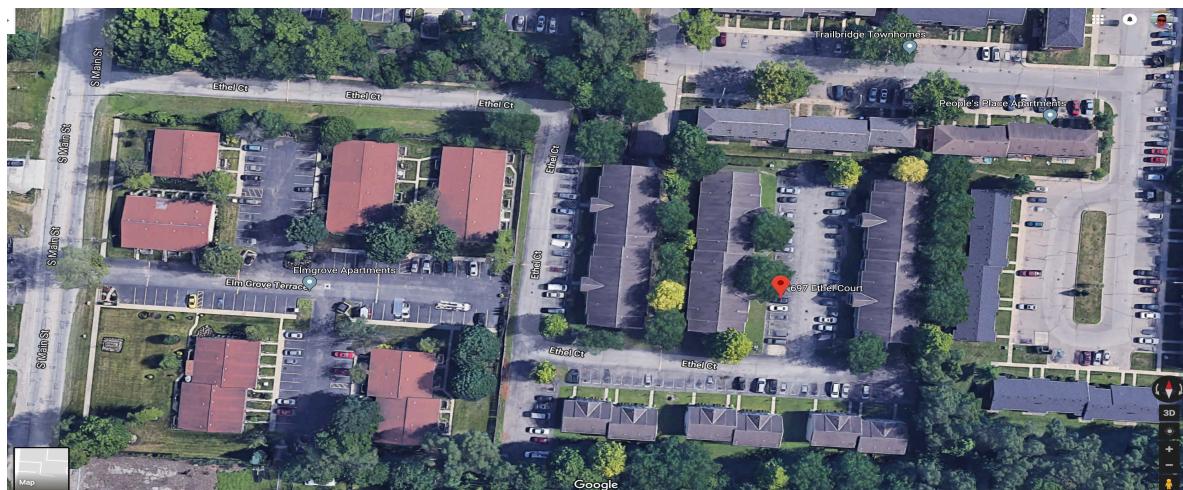
PUBLIC EDUCATION:

The most effective method of fire prevention is public education.

Middletown Firefighters visit the local schools in October (National Fire prevention month) to teach fire safety. The Fire Safety House, a mobile classroom, regularly visits parks and other community events such as the National Night out.

2018 Inspection stats:

As a department, we conducted **522** fire safety inspections of commercial properties.



2018

Middletown Arson Task Force

Annual Report



The Middletown Arson Task Force (Task Force) is a multi-discipline unit comprised of detectives and investigators from the Divisions of Police and Fire. All personnel assigned to the Task Force have completed a minimum of fifty (50) hours of training specific to fire and explosion investigations.

During 2018, the Task Force conducted or assisted with over seventy (70) origin and cause investigations with the following determined to be incendiary (arson) in nature:

Date	Address	Fire Type	Disposition
1/8/2018	3010 Seneca St.	Passenger vehicle fire	Open
1/30/2018	3107 Morgan St.	Building fire	Arrest made
2/2/2018	300 S Verity Pkwy.	Building fire	Conviction ¹
2/13/2018	3008 Court Louise	Building fire	Open
5/17/2018	1 Donham Plaza	Building fire	Conviction
7/23/2018	2810 Inland Dr.	Building fire	Open
7/24/2018	218 North Sutphin St.	Passenger vehicle fire	Open
7/30/2018	2237 Carolina St.	Building fire	Conviction
8/8/2018	2323 Hill Ave.	Outside storage fire	Open
8/14/2018	3189 Barbara Dr.	Passenger vehicle fire	Open
8/15/2018	721 Auburn St.	Building fire	Open
8/22/2018	206 North Sutphin St.	Building fire	Open
10/10/2018	533 Elm Grove Terrace	Building fire	Arrest made
10/10/2018	1001 Grove St.	Building fire	Open
10/21/2018	401 N. University Blvd.	Building fire	Open
12/6/2018	1913 Wayne Ave.	Building fire	Arrest made

Figure 1: Status of Incendiary Fire for 2018

This represents an arrest rate of thirty-eight percent (38%) of all identified arson fires and a conviction rate (to date) of thirteen percent (13%) during 2018. The arrest rate for the Task Force is sixteen percent (16%) above data indicating a national arrest rate of twenty-

¹ A warrant for arrest is still pending for one (1) individual to be charged for this incident.

two percent (22%) for 2017^{2,3}. Additionally, several open investigations from previous years resulted in arrests and convictions during 2018.

Year	Investigations	Arson	Arrest	Conviction
2016	70	15 (21%)	4 (27%)	3 (20%)
2017	66	22 (33%)	15 (68%)	15 (68%)
2018	70	16 (23%)	6 (38%)	2 (13%)
TOTAL	206	53 (26%)	25 (44%)	20 (34%)

Figure 2: Three (3) year comparison.

A Mr. Channing Allen and Ms. Georgia Osborn were charged with F-4 Arson for the fire at 2237 Carolina St. Both Mr. Allen and Ms. Osborn had trespassed into the vacant structure which was being renovated and stole building supplies within. After the theft, they staged items to give the appearance of drug manufacturing and then applied gasoline to various areas inside the structure before setting it on fire. They eventually were the individuals who called 911 to report the fire as they lived at a neighboring property.

Officer Jason Deaton had previously investigated a break-in at their residence and was suspicious of the two and reported this to investigators. The follow-up investigation by Det. Brandon Highley resulted in confessions from both Mr. Allen and Ms. Osborn with additional charges made related to the staged break-in at their residence as well as a break-in at an elderly neighbor's residence.

Twelve (12) hours of in-service, continuing education training specific to Origin and Cause investigations was provided to investigators assigned to the Task Force. This training was conducted through a cooperative effort with the evidence technicians from the Division of Police. Additionally, one (1) investigator attended the IAAI International Training Conference in Frisco, TX which provided thirty-two (32) hours of tested training specific to the field of fire investigation.

Two (2) investigators obtained an endorsement as a Evidence Collection Technician (ECT) through the international association of Arson Investigators (IAAI).

Accelerant canine (K9) "Scottie" was utilized for several investigations within the City of Middletown as well as assisting other agencies in both Butler and Hamilton counties. Scottie's abilities to identify the presence of ignitable liquids has proven invaluable in identifying potential incendiary fires as well as locations where ignitable liquids were located, preserved and submitted for testing.

² 41, 171 arson fires as reported in the 2017 Uniform Crime Report <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s./2017/crime-in-the-u.s.-2017/tables/table-12>

³ 9,111 arrests for arson as reported in the 2017 Uniform Crime Report <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s./2017/crime-in-the-u.s.-2017/tables/table-29>

2018 Hydrant Maintenance

A percentage of city hydrants were flush tested in 2018 by fire crews. Totals are not available due to a change in the data collection program, mid-year. 2019 totals will be available.

2018 SCBA

In 2018 we had 4 members complete training to become MSA Repair Technicians for the new MSA G1 SCBA.

We received and put in place the new SCBA, which we purchased in 2017 with the grant. Before placing them in service, we performed bench tests on all of the SCBA, RIC packs, and face pieces.

50 SCBA tests (required annually).

8 SCBA tests on the RIC packs (required annually).

127 Face piece tests (required annually).

4 SAR SCBA test (required annually).

2 SAR base unit tests (required annually).

We also performed 78 Fit tests to ensure members are wearing the appropriate size face piece. This is also required annual test.

Rob Curry, Captain



2018 Hose testing

The following report is a summary of the firehose-testing process completed in 2018. Testing was completed to meet the revised standards in NFPA 1962 - Standard for the care, use, inspection, service testing, and replacement of fire hose. Fire personnel tested 20,050 feet of fire hose with 7,350 feet being 1 3/4" hose, 7,650 feet of 2 1/2" hose, and 5,300 feet of 4" hose. We had 350 feet of hose that failed either due to holes or leaking jackets.

To accomplish this task, Chief Lolli has continued to allow off-duty personnel to be used and in return, comp time being issued. In 2018, personnel accomplished this task in 167-man hours. This system has allowed us to be precise in the testing, inventory and hose reloading processes, while eliminating the possibility of interruption by emergency calls. To help reduce the wear and tear we have been seeing in our hose, we started rotating hose from one engine to another. This should help reduce possible damage from the hose continually being folded in the same spots.

In November of 2018 firefighter Hobbs and myself attended nozzle repair training at Task Force Tips facility in Valparaiso, Indiana. Service personnel tailored the training around the equipment we use in Middletown. Training also included the proper testing procedures to meet the standards in NFPA 1962 for our nozzles and appliances. By the end of 2019, we will have all fire-attack nozzles tested per the standard. To date, all hose, nozzles and major appliances have been identified and inventoried. This process will help with developing a plan for long-term budgeting for replacement due to service life.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamison Verdin
Fire Lieutenant



2018 Heroin Response Team (HRT)/Quick Response Team (QRT)

The City of Middletown continues to fight the impact the opiate epidemic has had on its community. EMS showed a decrease of 49% in opiate related responses versus 2017, responding to **493 opiated related incidents in 2018**. A decrease in deaths has also been recognized going from 77 in 2017 to 53 in 2018.

Meth, Cocaine and prescription drug abuse continue to be a factor in the overall substance abuse response.

City Manager Doug Adkins started a Heroin Summit in the spring of 2015. One of the programs created from that is the Heroin Response Team (HRT) in June of 2016. This is a nationally recognized program commonly referred to as Quick Response Team (QRT).

The team consist of a police officer, a paramedic and an alcohol/substance abuse counselor known as a care coordinator. The team connects those in need with the care coordinator who in turn connects them to treatment. This helps patients to navigate the complicated process involved in recovery.

The availability of care coordinators continues to increase. In 2018 4 care coordinators helped to expand their work throughout Butler County and into Warren County. QRT's were started in several communities in Butler County allowing us to connect with those outside Middletown easier.

Relationships with the hospitals and the courts continue to expand resulting in more referrals and connections to treatment. In 2018, 682 referrals to the team resulted in 267 people being connected to a treatment provider. The key to this program has been identifying an individual and making the connection to the care coordinator.

Constant engagement allowing easy recognizable access to treatment has proven very valuable. Our team stays involved with individuals and when an individual is ready, access to treatment is easily accessed and navigated.



In Memoriam

Firefighter Leo Bertram

served 1/1/1953 – 12/31/1980

Died 3/15/2018

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Died 5/23/2018

