



Concord Township Fire Department

2024 Annual Report

A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF SABO



On behalf of the Concord Township Fire Department, it is my pleasure to present the 2024 Annual Report. This report highlights our activities throughout the year and reflects our unwavering commitment to providing high-quality emergency services to our community.

The year 2024 presented significant challenges following the defeat of our operational levy in November 2023. Despite these obstacles, our dedicated staff rose to the occasion, going above and beyond to maintain essential operations. However, we were required to scale back some of our community outreach programs and training opportunities.

In November 2024, the residents of Concord Township passed our operational levy by a narrow margin. This additional funding is crucial to maintaining our services. However, as operational costs continue to rise while our funding remains fixed, we remain vigilant in managing expenses to ensure the long-term sustainability of our

operations. As you will see in this report, we continue to seek out alternative funding through grants. We are particularly grateful to the Gary Sinise Foundation who is a first-time funder to Concord Township Fire Department. This foundation provided 100% funding for one of our heart monitors, which is no small donation.

We take immense pride in our team's resilience and dedication and remain steadfast in our mission to serve the community with professionalism and care.

The year 2024 also marked our first full year of occupancy in the new firehouse. This state-of-the-art facility has provided us with expanded capabilities to host community programs, public events, and advanced firefighter training sessions. We are deeply grateful to the Concord community for supporting this project and take great pleasure in seeing our residents benefit from this new space.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to two exceptional members of our Concord Township Fire family who retired in 2024. On July 31, Captain Dennis Calhoun retired after over 25 years of dedicated service. On November 30, part-time Firefighter Christopher Cimperman retired after nearly 40 years of service. Both have left a lasting legacy, and their contributions will not be forgotten.

Captain Calhoun's retirement opened the door for leadership transitions. We proudly promoted Troy Yoder to Captain and Adam White to Lieutenant. Both bring exceptional skills and dedication to their new roles, and I am confident they will continue to be invaluable leaders for our team.

The demand for our services continues to grow. In 2024, we responded to a record-breaking 3,216 calls for service, reflecting the increasing needs of our community. Throughout this report,

you will find examples of our firefighters' ongoing efforts to improve efficiency and reduce costs while maintaining the highest standards of service. Whether responding to emergency calls, participating in public outreach events, providing safety training, or engaging with the community, our commitment to delivering excellent customer service remains steadfast

As we look ahead to 2025, we remain committed to adapting and evolving to meet the ever-changing needs of Concord Township. Our mission to protect lives and property is at the heart of everything we do, and we will continue to prioritize the safety and well-being of our residents. We are grateful for the continued support from township leadership, residents, businesses, and our dedicated firefighters. Together, we will face the future with resilience, professionalism, and a steadfast dedication to serving our community.

Yours in Service,



Matt Sabo, Fire Chief
Concord Township Fire Department

*Professionally providing our community
with quality service*



Insurance Services Office (ISO)



3/3Y Rating

Why is this 3/3Y Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating important to us as residents and business owners of Concord Township?

Our property insurance type and cost is based off of the PPC rating.

The lower the PPC rating the better insurance rates we have (PPC 1 is an exemplary fire suppression program -- PPC 10 is the area's fire suppression program does not meet ISO's minimum criteria).

In addition, the 3/3Y PPC rating demonstrates the fire departments ability to serve and protect the residents and businesses of Concord Township with pride and ownership. Our fire department is just one part of what makes Concord Township the place of choice to live and work.

Adequately staffed & trained firefighters

Appropriate # and type of apparatus

Efficient handling of 911 calls via Lake County Central Communications Dispatch Center

Established relationship with 3 water service providers

Hydrant program tests functioning and water flows

Community risk reduction activities including inspections and public education for all ages

Stations

Station #1 11599 Concord Hambden Rd



- Completed 2023
- 5 firefighters providing 24-hour staffing
- Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief,
- 2 Fire Inspectors, 1 Admin. Assistant
- 2 ambulances, 3 fire apparatus,
- 3 command vehicles
- XUV
- Living quarters, offices, training room, training/hose tower,
- Coverage area: 15.89 sq. miles



As we've settled into our new facility, the year has been busy with several tasks aimed at ensuring our space is functional, efficient, and comfortable. We've moved the equipment, furnishings, and computers from the old Station 1 into the new space as a cost-saving measure. From hanging pictures and TV monitors to placing file cabinets and bookshelves, we've worked hard to meet the diverse needs of our team while maintaining a well-organized and effective workspace.

Since the move, we've installed all necessary items to optimize the space. Our training room is now fully equipped with dry erase boards, computer access, and strategically placed TV monitors for optimal viewing. We also identified minor adjustments that needed to be made, such as phone placements and doorbells, to better serve our firefighters. One of our most significant improvements has been the addition of brightly painted lines in our vehicle bays. These lines stretch from the front to the back, aligning our vehicles for easy parking during their brief rest periods. Additionally, we've adapted to some building learning curves, making necessary changes for smoother operations. The facility has been equipped with state-of-the-art computer systems that manage our lighting and HVAC controls. These systems allow us to efficiently use energy and maintain comfort in our environment, all while keeping costs down. This tech upgrade helps us maintain the building's systems in a way that maximizes both efficiency and cost-effectiveness. In-house maintenance has allowed us to handle most repairs and replacements, keeping costs down and ensuring our facility is always functioning. We've also maintained a stock of necessary items for quick fixes, minimizing downtime.



Looking forward, we plan to continue adapting to the ever-evolving environment and using our experiences to guide the development of Station 2. We are fortunate to be in such a modern and user-friendly facility and we look forward to future growth and improvements within the township.



Station #2

10154 Prouty Road



- Year Built 1966, Addition 1998
- 4 Firefighters providing 24-hour staffing
- 1 ambulance, 1 fire apparatus, 1 command vehicle
- Living quarters & office
- Coverage area: 7.4 sq. miles

The replacement of Station #2 remains a priority for Concord Township. The Township Administration has been actively seeking funding from both federal and state sources while maintaining constant communication with our legislators. We acknowledge that the current Station #2 is outdated and inadequate for meeting the needs of our department. Although the fire department is funded by three tax levies, these funds are solely dedicated to supporting daily operations, personnel, and equipment.



CONCORD TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION #2

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

CONCORD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
10154 PROUTY RD
CONCORD TWP, OH 44077

Personnel

	RANK	START DATE	LENGTH OF SERVICE
BODE, DOUG	FF-MEDIC	09/21/1989	35 Years, 3 Months
TELFER, WILLIAM G	FF-1	06/16/1994	30 Years, 6 Months
BRAINARD III, WALLACE B	Lieutenant	07/25/1996	28 Years, 5 Months
PREUER, NATHAN	FF-MEDIC	01/16/1997	25 Years, 11 Months
VLACH, TIMOTHY	FF-MEDIC	09/10/1998	26 Years, 3 Months
SNYDER, MARK	FF-MEDIC	09/16/1998	26 Years, 3 Months
SABO, MATTHEW	Chief	02/18/1999	25 Years, 10 Months
PIRC, KAREN	Administrative Assistant	11/29/1999	25 Years, 1 Months
BILAL, TYRONE Z	Captain	01/16/2000	24 Years, 11 Months
HOMOVEC, MICHAEL P	Captain	02/13/2000	24 Years, 10 Months
FEARING, MICHAEL A	Lieutenant	05/30/2001	23 Years, 7 Months
RUSSELL, CHAD J	FF-MEDIC	07/26/2001	23 Years, 5 Months
IANIRO, LUIGI	FF-MEDIC	08/30/2001	23 Years, 4 Months
RODEHEAVER, SHAWN	FF-EMT	01/23/2002	22 Years, 11 Months
BIDDELL, MICHAEL	Deputy Chief	09/04/2002	22 Years, 3 Months
WARNER, RICHARD B	FF-MEDIC	03/13/2003	21 Years, 9 Months
FOLK, DAVID A	FF-EMT	04/27/2004	20 Years, 8 Months
SHEPPARD, RICHARD	FF-MEDIC	08/26/2004	20 Years, 4 Months
LERMAN, MICHAEL	FF-MEDIC	03/18/2005	19 Years, 9 Months
WHITE, ADAM	FF-MEDIC	03/04/2005	19 Years, 9 Months
YODER, TROY	Lieutenant	03/29/2005	19 Years, 9 Months
IVANCIC, ROBERT	FF-MEDIC	12/29/2005	19 Years
VILLANI, JOSEPH	FF-MEDIC	06/10/2008	16 Years, 6 Months
VALLETTO, BRIAN	FF-MEDIC	03/17/2009	15 Years, 9 Months
GIGLIOTTI, JOSEPH	FF-MEDIC	03/19/2009	15 Years, 9 Months
FLEMING, BRIAN	FF-MEDIC	06/30/2011	13 Years, 6 Months
MARUT, ANTHONY	FF-MEDIC	06/11/2012	12 Years, 6 Months
KEYES, KRISTOPHER	FF-MEDIC	03/05/2013	11 Years, 9 Months
MEEK, LEONARD	FF-MEDIC	05/16/2016	8 Years, 7 Months
STECH, DANIEL	FF-MEDIC	03/30/2017	7 Years, 9 Months
SELBY, JESSE	FF-MEDIC	05/03/2017	7 Years, 7 Months
SPANGENBERG, BRIEN P	Fire Inspector	03/28/2019	5 Years, 9 Months
BLACK, STERLING	FF-MEDIC	07/01/2019	5 Years, 5 Months
COLLINS, MATTHEW C	FF-MEDIC	08/08/2019	5 Years, 4 Months
ROUGHT, DOUGLAS	Fire Inspector	09/04/2019	5 Years, 3 Months
SQUIRE, HYLE T	FF-MEDIC	11/06/2019	5 Years, 1 Months
BAKER, KOREY A	FF-MEDIC	12/03/2019	5 Years,
LANGER, KYLE	FF-1	07/20/2020	4 Years, 5 Months
BACHMANN, Connor	FF-MEDIC	12/17/2020	4 Years
ILIANO, ANTHONY	FF-MEDIC	10/28/2021	3 Years, 2 Months
EGENSPERGER, GRANT	FF-1	12/07/2021	3 Years
LIGHT, NICHOLAS	FF-MEDIC	01/06/2022	3 Years, 2 Months
NAPPI, RYAN	FF-MEDIC	09/29/2022	2 Years, 3 Months
BENDLOCK, CODY	FF-1	12/08/2022	2 Years
LAGANKE, WILLIAM	FF-MEDIC	05/25/2023	1 Years, 7 Months
KOVATS, GABRIEL	FF-MEDIC	05/25/2023	1 Years, 7 Months

Personnel

	RANK	START DATE	LENGTH OF SERVICE
HEMLY, DYLAN	FF-EMT	04/03/2024	8 Months
BATEMAN, JOHN	FF-MEDIC	09/30/2024	3 Months
GREEN, JAKE	FF-EMT	10/01/2024	2Months
HORVATH, STUART	FF-EMT	10/15/2024	2 Months
LEWIS, ROBERT	FF-EMT	12/19/2024	
HELD, GAVIN	FF-EMT	12/20/2024	

Average Length of Service 13.7 Years



Swearing In FF Kovats, FF Laganke & FF Bendlock

RETIREMENTS



Captain Dennis Calhoun

The department recognized Captain Dennis 'DJ' Calhoun for his dedicated service upon his retirement in July. Over the course of more than 26 years, Captain Calhoun faithfully served the Concord community. He joined the Concord Fire Department on February 18, 1998, starting as a Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic. Throughout his career, he advanced to Full-Time Firefighter and Lieutenant.

A graduate of the Ohio Fire Executive Program through the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association, Calhoun also holds multiple certifications, including Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Instructor, Live Fire Instructor, and Fire Officer I & II. Throughout his career, Calhoun has embraced numerous roles, and his leadership has had a lasting, positive impact on our success.

Firefighter/EMT Christopher Cimperman

The department recognized Christopher Cimperman upon his retirement in November after 39 years of dedicated service to the Concord Township community. Chris joined the department on July 15, 1985, and achieved the rank of Senior Part-Time Firefighter/EMT-Basic on June 1, 1988, demonstrating exceptional skill and commitment throughout his career. In addition to his work with the fire department, Chris extended his public service by serving as a full-time Corrections Officer with the Lake County Sheriff's Office. He was also an active member of the Concord Township Firefighter's Association Executive Committee, where he contributed leadership and vision to the organization's growth and success. Chris generously shared his deep knowledge of the department's history with younger recruits, fostering a sense of pride and continuity within the Concord Township Fire Department.



Officer Promotions



Swearing in Captain Troy Yoder & Lieutenant Adam White

With Captain Calhoun's retirement, we were pleased to announce the promotions of Troy Yoder to the position of Captain of A Shift and Adam White to the role of A Shift Lieutenant. Both have been dedicated members of the Concord Township Fire Department since 2005, and we are confident in their ability to lead effectively in their new roles.

Captain Calhoun's retirement created a vacancy in our full-time firefighter ranks. Due to the failure of the operational levy in the fall of 2023, the department made the difficult decision to delay filling this position in 2024.

Captain Yoder

Captain Troy Yoder has served Concord as Part-Time Firefighter/EMT-Basic, a Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2022. Captain Yoder holds an Associate's degree in Business Management and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration-Business Management. He also holds certifications as a Fire Instructor, Fire Safety Inspector, Live Fire Instructor and Fire Officer I.

Lieutenant White

Lt White has served Concord as a Paramedic and was promoted to full time status in 2009. He holds a range of advanced certifications, including Fire Safety Inspector, Live Fire Instructor. He is active with our community education as a CPR and Babysitter instructor. He also brings a unique perspective to Concord with his experience as the Medical Team Leader for the Lake County Sheriff's Office SWAT team.

Operational Responsibilities and Full Time Shift Rosters

A Shift

Captain Troy Yoder

Hiring, orientation, evaluations

Lieutenant Adam White

Communications, IT, SWAT Medic

Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Gigliotti

Health & Wellness, Hiring

Firefighter/Paramedic Leonard Meek

Smoke Alarms

Firefighter/Paramedic Kory Baker

Hose, Lake County HIT

Firefighter/Paramedic Rick Warner

Mapping

Firefighter/Paramedic Rich Sheppard

Logistics, Hiring

B Shift

Captain Tyrone Bilal

Fire Investigative Unit

Pre plans

Lieutenant Wallace Brainard

Staff Scheduling

Firefighter/Paramedic Tim Vlach

SCBA, Station Supplies

Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Lerman

Station Maintenance, Quartermaster

Firefighter/Paramedic Hyle Squire

IT, SWAT Medic

Firefighter/Paramedic Robert Ivancic

EMS Coordinator

Firefighter/Paramedic Jesse Selby

Ladders, Multi Gas Meters & Thermal Imagers

C Shift

Captain Michael Homovec

Fleet Maintenance & Small Equipment

Lieutenant Michael Fearing

Training & Technical Rescue

Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Fleming

Grants

Firefighter/Paramedic Tony Marut

EMS, Lake County HIT

Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Valletto

Station Maintenance, FIU, Public Education

Firefighter/Paramedic Luigi Ianiro

Hydrants & Bomb Squad Medic

Hiring, orientation, appraisals

Scheduling

**Captain Dennis Calhoun
Captain Troy Yoder
Lieutenant Wallace Brainard**

Hiring

Captain Yoder assumed the role of hiring upon the retirement of Captain Calhoun. Applications are accepted ongoing. Applicants undergo an initial interview with Officers before being presented for Trustee review/approval for hire.

Scheduling

Lt. Brainard continued to oversee scheduling. In 2024, alternative scheduling systems were looked at however we continued to utilize Aladetec® Software for our scheduling. Our combination of full-time and part-time firefighters has created an effective mix for Concord Township for many years and we anticipate continuing with this mix into the future. In anticipation of his retirement, Lt. Brainard worked throughout the year to train Firefighter/Paramedic Bob Ivancic to assume the responsibility of scheduling

Appraisals

The Fire Department continued with development appraisals for all members. The officer group used this opportunity to discuss each members' goals and how the officer and department could best help the member reach their goals. While areas of improvement were discussed, an emphasis was placed on the future and how the members could grow individually and professionally. The members were asked for suggestions about where improvements to the department could be made. Also, the development appraisals helped to communicate expectations on how candidates will be evaluated during future full-time hiring and promotional processes. These conversations proved valuable as one-on-one time with members can be hard to achieve during busy times. The development appraisals will be conducted yearly

7 Part time hires

5 Resignations (part time)

2 Retirements

1 Part-time

1 Full-time

5 Promotions:

3 Probation to Part time

1 Full time to Lieutenant

1 Lieutenant to Captain

4 Educational

Achievements:

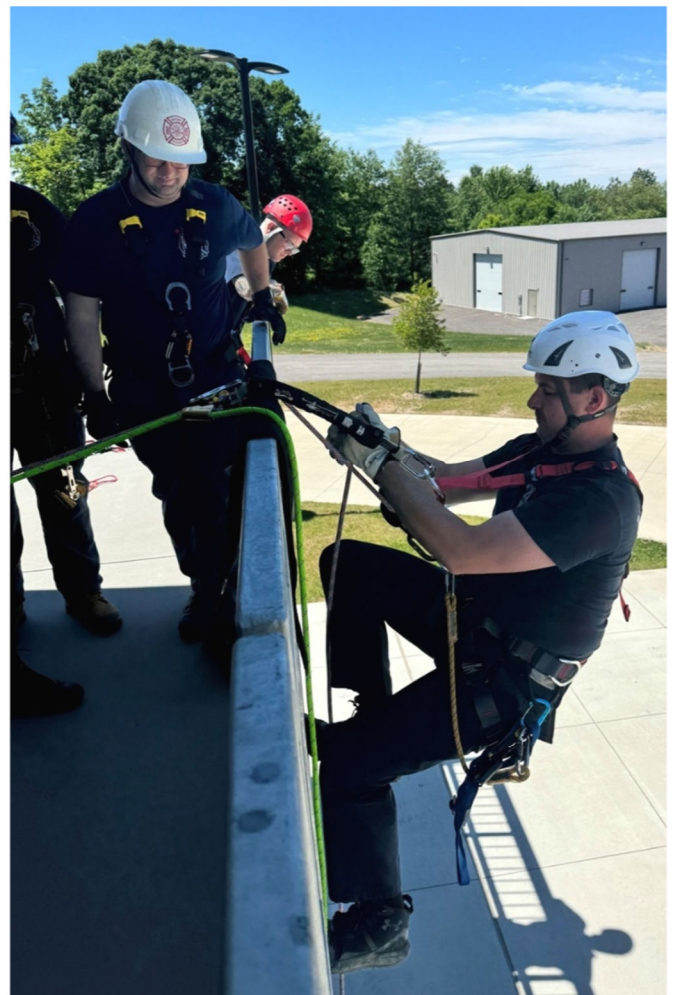
**EMT Basic to
Paramedics**



In 2024, financial restraints reduced our training budget. The available spaces at Station 1 allowed us to conduct in-house training, including rope rescue, probationary training on standpipe connections, and hose line movements, among other skills. We utilized the bays and tower for a variety of daily drills, such as ladder operations, rope techniques, search and rescues, and stretching hose lines in the tower.

University Hospitals provided a subscription to Fire Rescue 1, granting all members access to valuable fire and EMS online training modules. Additionally, University Hospital, as our medical control, also supported us by providing weekly EMS training classes at Station 1.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are planning live fire training at Auburn Career Center, an Emergency Vehicle Driving class, and training in the old Fire Prevention Annex house before its demolition. Concord will host a county-wide ropes operations class, taught by Rock N Rescue. We will also continue utilizing Fire Rescue 1 as part of our ongoing development.



Quartermaster

Michael Lerman Firefighter/Paramedic

In 2024, we purchased 3 sets of turn out gear, 3 fire helmets and 6 pairs of fire boots.

We continued to use 2 sets of rental gear which has allowed us to keep our firefighters in gear compliant with current safety standards



Hydrants

Luigi Ianiro, Firefighter/Paramedic

Concord Township is home to over 1,500 hydrants, which are managed by one of three water companies: Painesville City Water, Lake County Department of Utilities and Aqua Ohio. The fire department inspects each hydrant annually in the spring, reporting any issues to the respective water company for repairs.

Additionally, the township has 6 dry hydrants located on private property ponds. These dry hydrants serve as valuable water sources, enabling the fire department to draft water in the event of an emergency.

SCBA & Station Supplies Tim Vlach, Firefighter/Paramedic



SCBA: During 2024, we completed our move into the dedicated space for equipment maintenance in the new station. This area provides adequate space to store and maintain all of our SCBA and fill station in 1 location.

All SCBA were tested and the fill station had its yearly maintenance performed.

Station Supplies: Station supplies have been maintained using Sam's Club, Cintas, and State Chemical.

Hose Korey Baker, Firefighter/Paramedic

Drying clean hose in Station 1 tower



Normal hose testing operations were completed per NFPA guidelines. Several sections of 5 inch failed as well as multiple sections of 3 inch. Hose testing has been exponentially easier in the new station with on site fire hydrant as well as the hose tower to dry hose after cleaning. In the near future the department will need to purchase new 3 inch hose due to age and quantity of hose remaining.

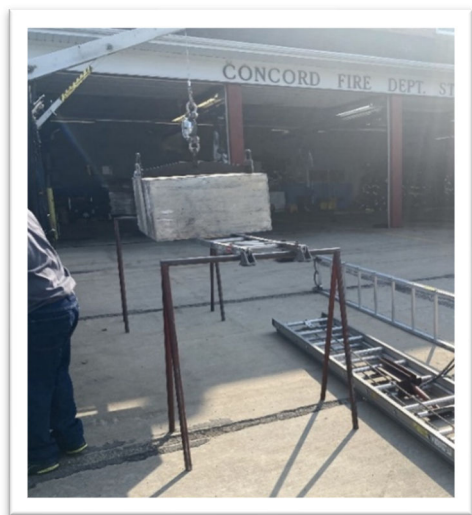
New hire training with hose



Ladders/Meters

Jesse Selby, Firefighter/Paramedic

Ladder testing involves supporting 500 pounds for 5 minutes



Ladders: All ladders have passed inspection and testing. No ladders are expected to be out of service due to wear and no replacement ladders are anticipated in 2025.

Meters: All meters are in good working condition and not expected to require replacement in the near future. Regular maintenance and sensor replacements have been completed, and sensor and battery replacements will continue to be an expected expense for maintenance.

Thermal Imagers: Our three thermal imagers are in decent working condition but do not meet current NFPA standards. Batteries and two new chargers were purchased in 2024. We

have submitted an AFG grant application to fund the purchase of three new imagers which would be NFPA compliant. The results of the grant submission will be known later in 2025. If the grant funds are not received, consideration for replacement should be made.

Preplans FIU

Captain Tyrone Bilal Inspector Brien Spangenberg

Pre-incident planning is a vital component of our emergency preparedness strategy, establishing clear procedures for fire prevention, suppression, and response.

A key element of our pre-incident planning is collaboration with local businesses to enhance firefighter readiness. By maintaining strong relationships with Concord Township businesses, we keep our crews informed about building layouts, utility locations, and each facility's emergency operations plan. As part of this initiative, firefighters conduct walkthroughs of commercial and industrial properties. These visits improve situational awareness and response readiness, ensuring our team is well-prepared to act swiftly and effectively in an emergency. Through continuous planning and engagement, we remain committed to safeguarding our community while strengthening partnerships that enhance public safety.

FIU: The Concord Fire Investigation Unit investigated 3 fires including one vehicle fire at Tripoint Hospital. East Lake County FIU investigated five structure fires. Monthly training for both teams included investigative topics along with review of investigated incidents.



Communications

Lieutenant Adam White



Radios: Our Radio Fleet came to a critical impasse in 2024. Motorola has mandated an update to the current software on the radio's. This update cannot be done on many of our portable radios due to the age of the radio. This eliminates 31 of our current Motorola XTS2500 Portable radios. The balance of our portable radios can be upgraded to work with the new software. Through arrangements with other area departments Concord has been able to secure 30 portable radios that we will have updated at our expense. This will keep the department functioning for a while longer. These radios are still out of service and support from Motorola,

meaning if they break they are no longer serviceable. We have been applying for grants for the past 3 years and will continue to apply for grants to completely replace our aging and failing communications devices.

Active 911 (paging): We continued using Active 911 as the primary paging route for information to our firefighters while we await the implementation of CAD (computer aided dispatch) by Lake County Central Dispatch. Once the CAD is implemented, we will have MDT's (Mobile Data Terminals) in each vehicle which can and will provide up to date current information to us even as we are responding to the call.

Computers: Lake county IT continues to manage our day-to-day hardware and software. Two new computers have been put in place of two aging computers.

Smoke Alarms

Leonard Meek, Firefighter/Paramedic

- ✓ Smoke Alarm Inspection
- ✓ Smoke Alarm Battery Replacement
- ✓ Smoke Alarm Installations

The smoke detector program offered by the fire department has evolved over the years.

Call volume has continually increased; however we remain committed to ensuring our residents are educated and protected when it comes to smoke detectors and CO meters. The program still offers inspections and testing of detectors at the resident's request. If a resident is unable to afford detectors, they will be provided and installed in the residents' home free of cost. Currently smoke detectors and batteries are purchased by the department. We currently do not provide CO alarms.

In 2024, the department purchased 50 detectors and 60 9-volt batteries from Home Depot. We have only 8 remaining. Currently if a resident has a chirping detector or no functioning detectors in the home then it is the on-duty crews' responsibility to ensure the resident is adequately protected. For any other inquiries or inspections, calls are directed to Firefighters Lenny Meek or Kyle Langer, who diligently work to make contact and schedule assistance in a timely manner. It is also encouraged, when possible, for duty crews to observe if a resident has detectors while on a call.

Thank you to Lenny, Kyle and the duty crew for going above and beyond to ensure our residents are taken care of.

Grants

Mike Biddell, Deputy Chief
Brian Fleming, Firefighter/Paramedic
Karen Pirc, Administrative Assistant



2024 Awards Received: \$163,254

Ohio Department of Public Safety	\$3,392	EMS supplies
FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant	\$70,724	2 Heart Monitors
Gary Sinese Foundation	\$46,830	1 Heart Monitor
Lake County Incumbent Worker Training	\$14,544	2 Paramedic Trainings
Ohio Ambulance Transportation Impacted Industry Program	\$30,764	Retention Bonus

2024 Applications submitted in review process

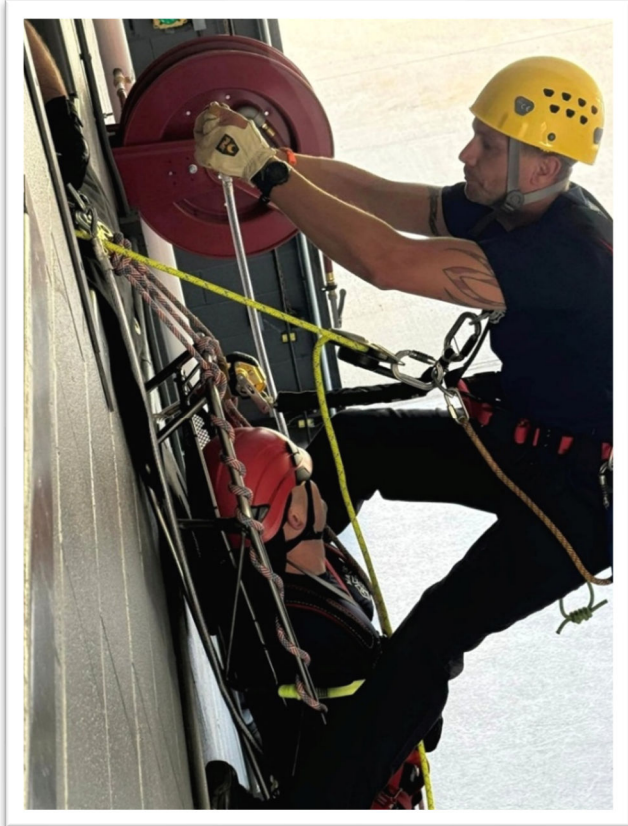
FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant	\$18,785	3 Thermal Imagers
FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (Regional grant with Painesville City & Leroy)	\$193,370 (Concord's ask)	28 Portable Radios

Special Teams

Rope Rescue/USAR: Lieutenant Mike Fearing

Bomb Squad Medic: Luigi Ianaro, Firefighter/Paramedic

SWAT Medic: Adam White & Hyle Squire, Firefighter/Paramedics



Our members' involvement in area Special Rescue teams brings Concord Township to a high level of technical response readiness. Our members attend team training throughout the year to learn new and refining specialty skills which are then shared with all Concord firefighters.

Technical Rescue: In 2024, as planned in 2023, the Lake County Technical Rescue Task Force (LCTRTF) expanded from east Lake County to encompass the entire county. Lt. Fearing has remained Team Commander and has established an Organizational Flow Chart, outlining the Chain of Command. A Rope Operations class was offered in 2024, facilitated by outside instructors and made possible by a generous donation from Lubrizol Corporation. This donation helped lower tuition costs for fire department members across Lake County. We will offer this same class again in June 2025. Additionally, some rope equipment was added in 2024 to further enhance our capabilities. In 2025, LCTRTF will hold drills every other month, with the goal of increasing technical rescue training awareness among department members. Several upcoming County drills will be hosted at Concord's Station 1, thanks to its new and modern training facilities. Concord Fire

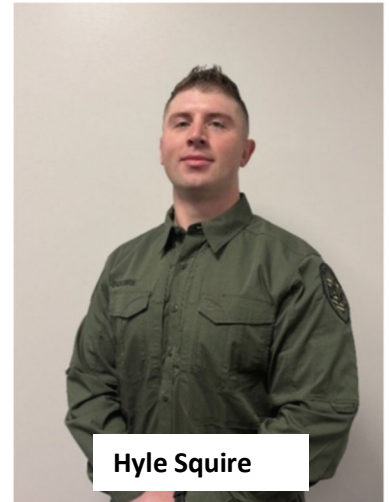
Department remains an active part of Ohio Region 2 USAR.

Bomb Squad: In 2024, the Lake County Bomb Squad was called out twice with Wright Patterson Airforce Base to take care of military ordnances found.

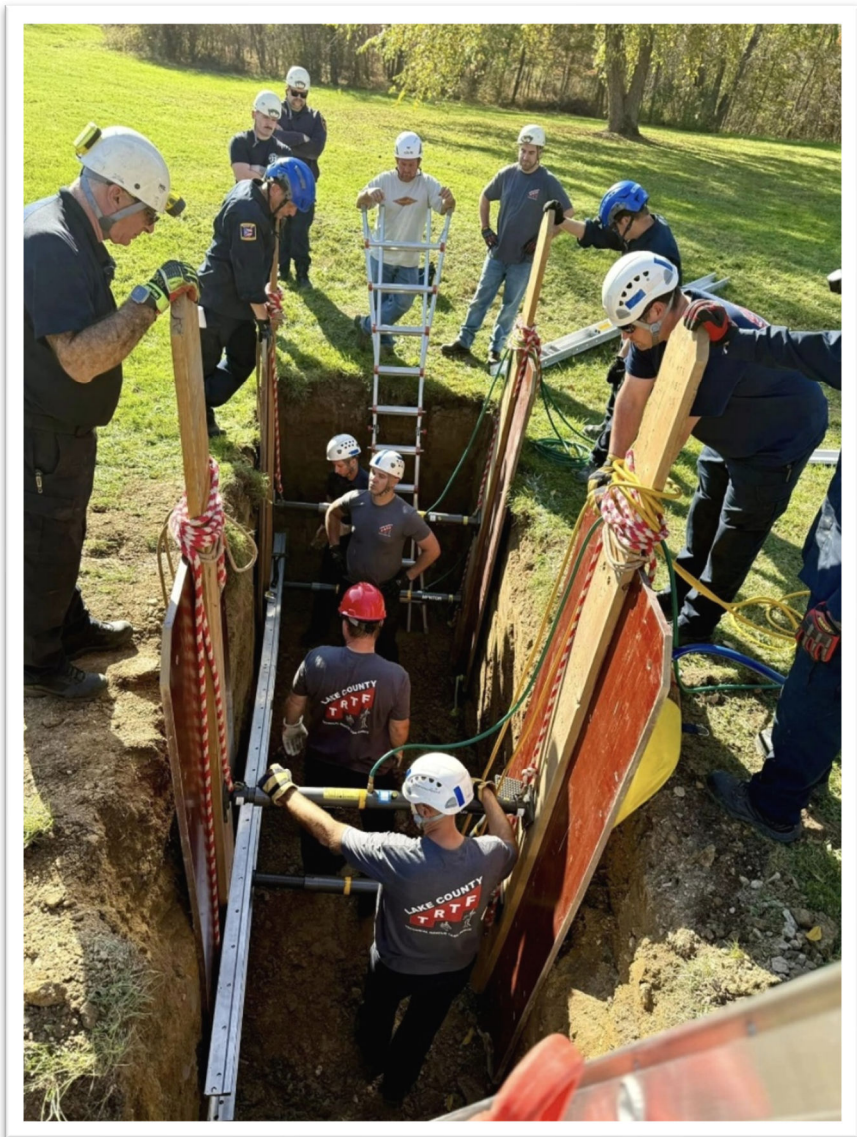




Mike Fearing, Luigi Ianiro, Adam White



Hyle Squire





The Concord Township Fire Department continues to face significant challenges related to apparatus replacement. Rising costs for essential equipment, including fire engines and ambulances, present a substantial financial burden. Additionally, the fire service industry is experiencing extended delivery times for new apparatus, with some deliveries taking up to three years. These factors create ongoing obstacles to maintaining and upgrading the department's fleet to meet the community's growing needs.

In 2024, the department's 1996 KME pumper (1313) failed its annual pump test. Due to the cost-prohibitive nature of the required repairs, the engine was removed from service in late 2024.

It will be placed on internet auction in 2025, marking the retirement of a nearly three-decade-old piece of frontline apparatus. This underscores the department's ongoing need for modern, reliable equipment to ensure operational readiness. As call volume continues to increase annually, particularly in the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) area, maintaining a dependable ambulance fleet is more critical than ever. With the planned replacement of Station #2, the department anticipates the need to equip each station with two ambulances and appropriate staffing. This will help meet the growing demands of the community while ensuring consistent and timely emergency response.



3 Engines 1 Heavy Rescue 3 Ambulances



2 Comman Vehicles

4 Utility Vehicles

1 XUV



INCIDENTS

EMS

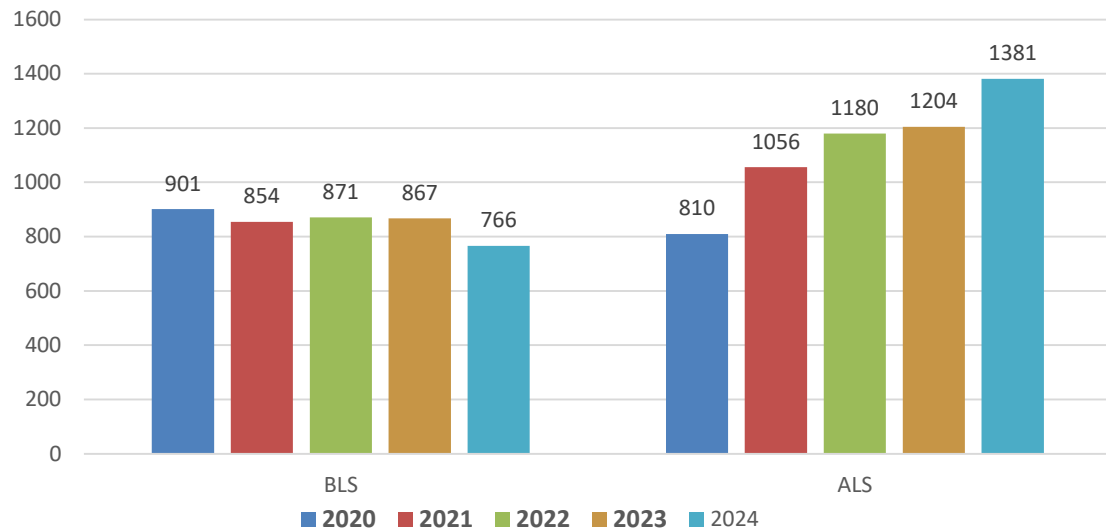
EMS Quick Facts

- Total EMS Incidents: 2089
- Total Patients: 2147
- Total Transports: 1594
- Revenue from EMS billing: \$602,893
- EMS calls 73% of our call volume
- 3 new LP 15 monitor's purchased with grant funding
- Provided new hire training to University Hospitals emergency department nurses
- 272 transports to the Cleveland Clinic Hospital in Mentor during its 1st full year of operation
- Monthly EMS training by our medical director
- Renewed OH EMS certification as continuing education site allowing us to provide in-house training with our own instructors



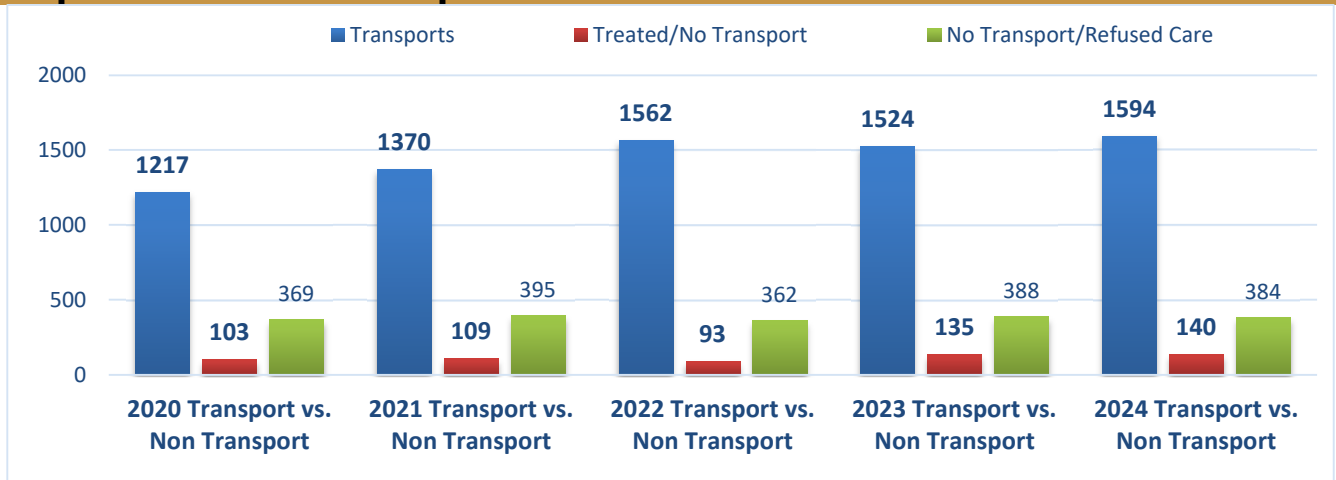
Levels of Service 2020 - 2024

Basic Life Support vs Advanced Life Support

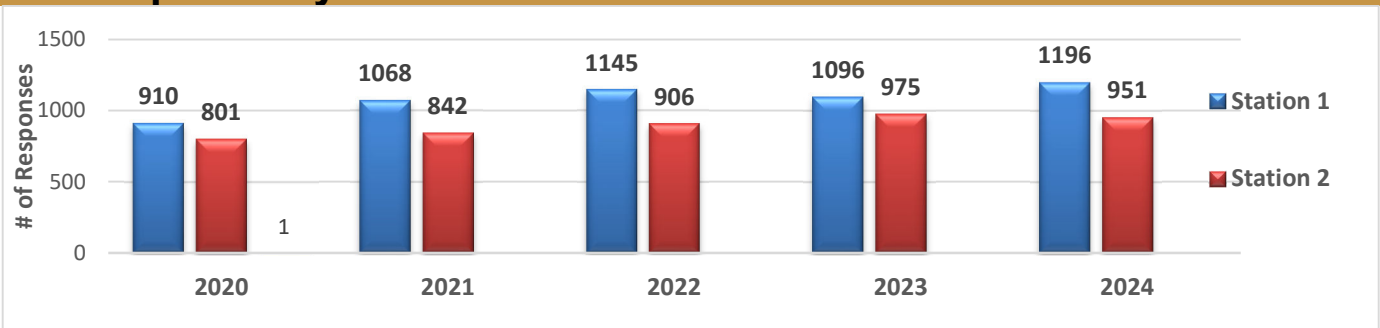


EMS Statistics

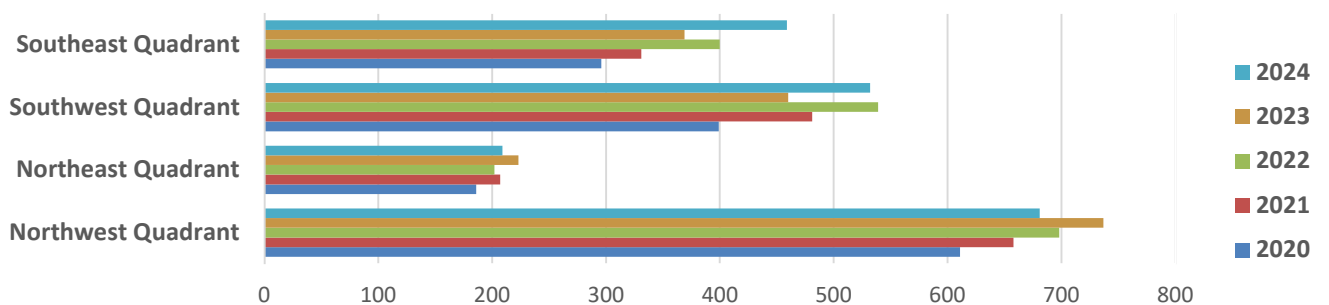
Transports & Non Transports 2020-2024



EMS Response by Station 2020 -2024



EMS Incidents by Location 2020 – 2024



	Northwest Quadrant	Northeast Quadrant	Southwest Quadrant	Southeast Quadrant
2024	681	209	532	459
2023	737	223	460	369
2022	698	202	539	400
2021	658	207	481	331
2020	611	186	399	296

Transport Destinations 2020- 2024

	# of Transports				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Destination					
UH Tri-Point Medical Center	892	1003	1217	1152	1141
CC Hillcrest Adult ED	140	144	162	108	47
CC Mentor Hospital (opened 2023)	0	0	0	104	272
UH Geauga Medical Center	125	134	95	70	70
CC Hillcrest Pediatric ED	12	36	37	43	25
UH Lake West Medical	37	47	45	40	38
UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital	4	2	4	2	1
UH Cleveland Medical Center	3	2	2	1	1
CC Main Campus	0	1	2	2	0
UH Richmond Medical Center	0	1	0	0	0
UH Geneva Medical Center	1	0	1	1	1
MetroHealth Medical Center	1	0	0	1	0
UH = University Hospitals					
CC = Cleveland Clinic					

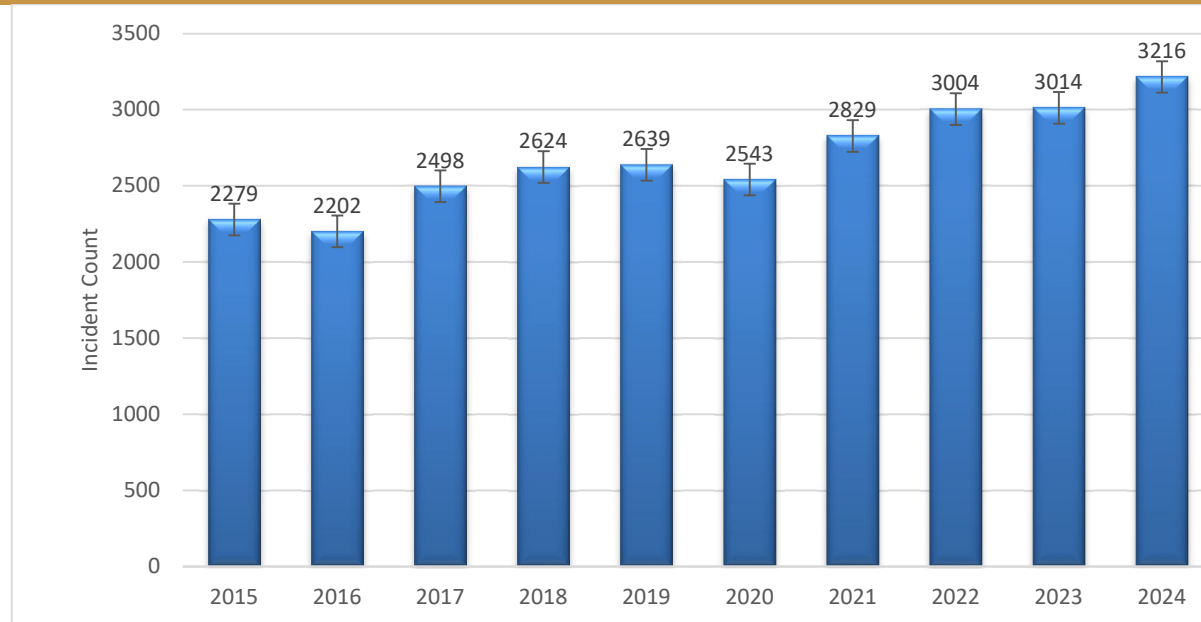
We welcomed the first full year of operation of the Cleveland Clinic hospital in Lake County. This facility offers our patients easier access to in-network care closer to home and also enables our crews to return to service swiftly.



Incident Statistics – All types

Analyzing the information logged into our fire-reporting database enables us to position our equipment and personnel in the best location for the fastest response. To assist us with response planning, we have divided the Township into 4 zones, utilizing State Route 44 and Interstate 90 as the dividing axis.

Total Incidents 2015 -2024



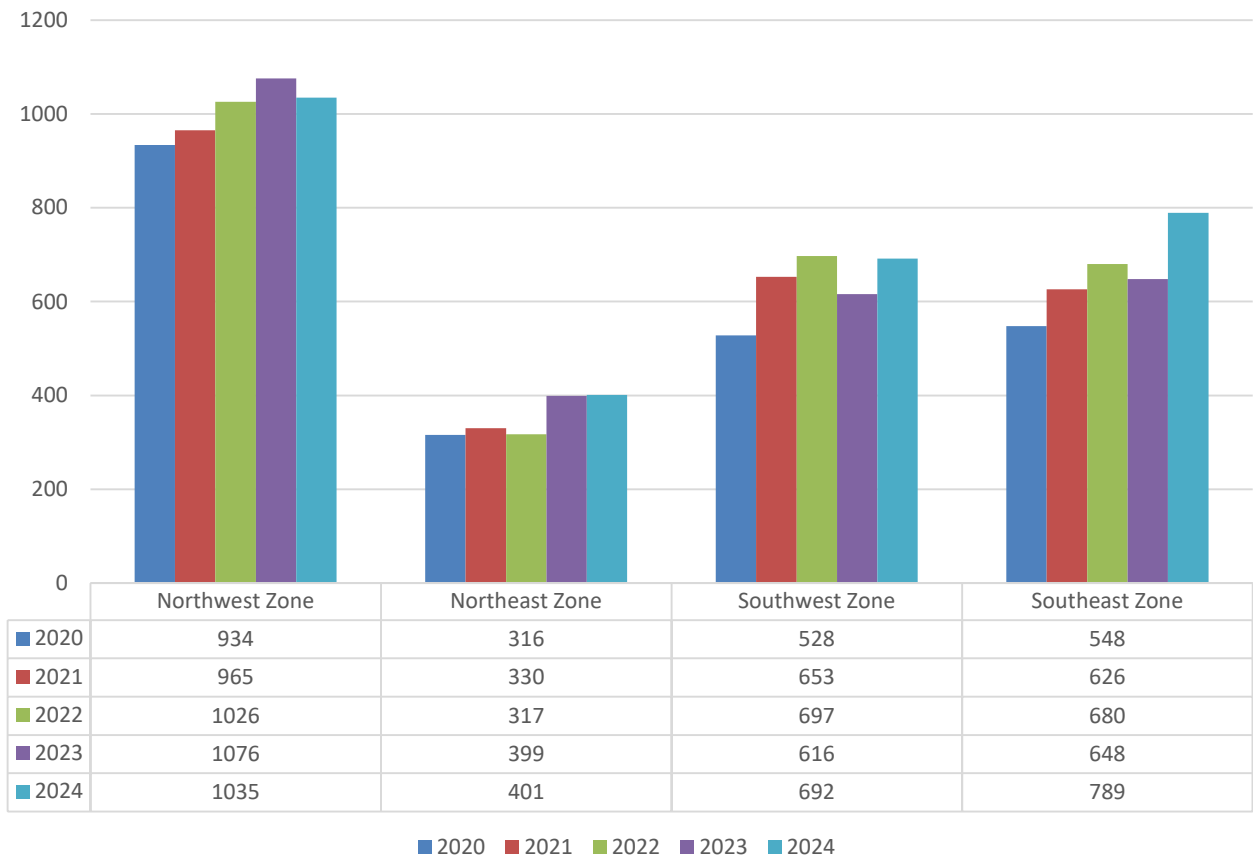
Major Incidents 2020-2024

# of Incidents					
Incident Types	2020	2021	2022	2023 #	2024
Fire	70	67	74	64	75
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating – no fire	3	3	5	2	1
Rescue & EMS	1664	1868	2032	1986	2089
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	113	117	112	101	132
Service Call	397	379	411	444	485
Good Intent Call	135	168	166	196	254
False Alarm & False Call	139	212	200	217	186
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	6	7	2	2	4
Special Incident Type	16	16	2	2	4



Incident Location 2021-2024

2024 Incident by Zone
Incidents within Concord Township



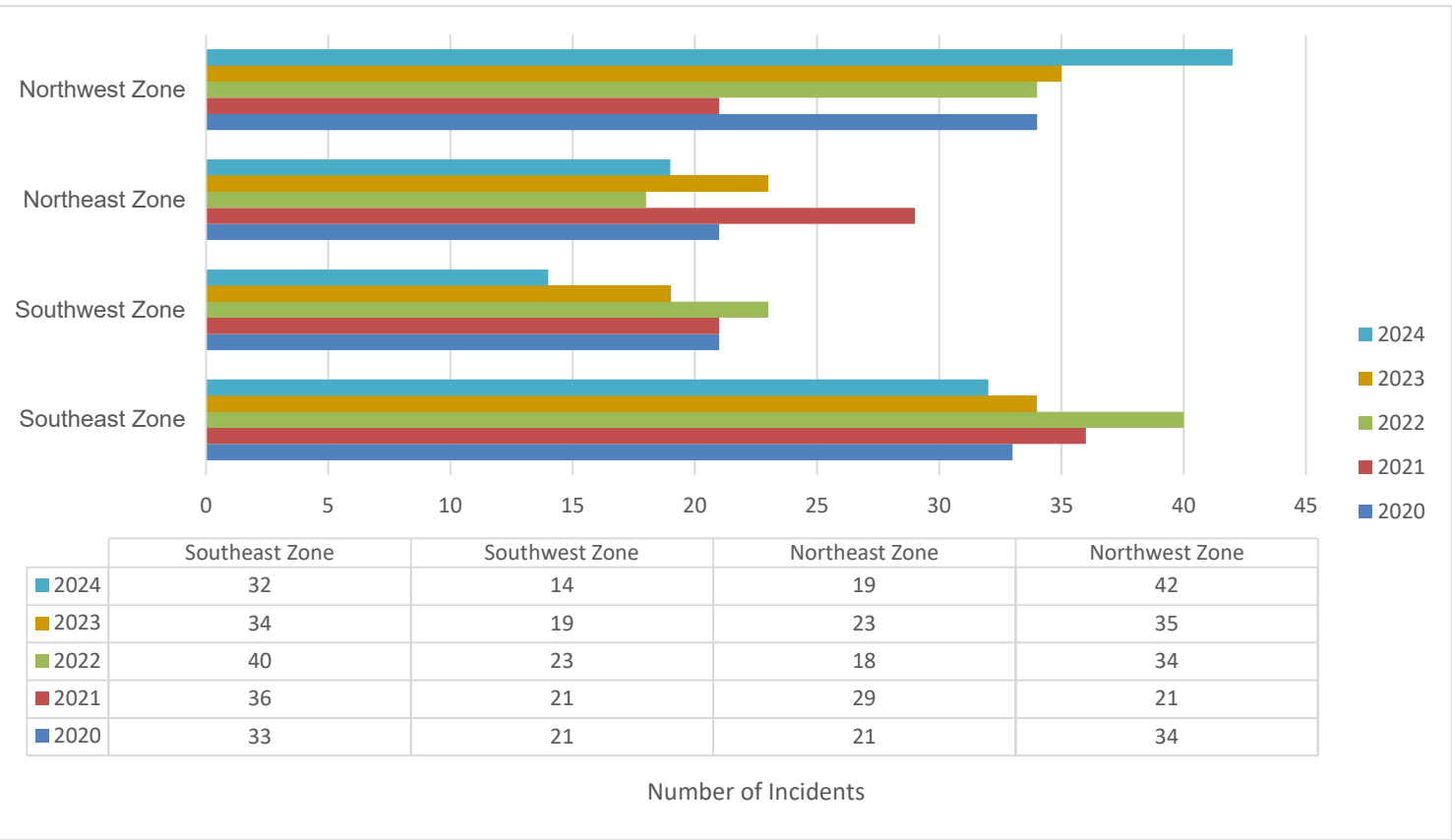
FIRE RESPONSE

Structure Fires	# INCIDENTS
100 – Fire, other	1
111 - Building fire	38
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	3
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	4
116 -Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1
117 – Commercial compactor fire, confined to rubbish	1
Vehicle Fires	
130 - Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	1
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	15
132 – Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1
Outside Areas	
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	4
141-Forest, woods or wildland fire	1
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	5
160 – Special outside fire, other	1
162- Outside equipment fire	1





Motor Vehicle Accidents by Location 2020-2024



Mutual Aid 2020-2024

Aid Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Mutual Aid Received	Total 22	Total 33	Total 42	Total 39	52
Automatic aid Received	138	129	108	91	162
Mutual aid given	75	86	91	80	133
Automatic aid given	133	151	166	174	227



Fire Prevention and Education

Mike Biddell, Deputy Fire Chief

Doug Rought, Fire Inspector

Brien Spangenburg, Fire Inspector

Concord Township Fire Department is dedicated to serving not only as first responders but as vital members of our community. Our Fire Prevention and Education Bureau operates with the belief that our role extends beyond emergency response—we are committed to building strong, lasting connections with the people we serve.

Community engagement remains at the heart of our mission. Through proactive fire safety education, outreach initiatives, and active participation in local events, we work to create a safer, stronger, and more resilient community. Our department understands that fostering meaningful relationships with residents is key to enhancing public safety and preparedness.

As we move into 2025, the Concord Township Fire Department remains steadfast in our commitment to expanding our community engagement efforts. We will continue to seek new opportunities to educate, support, and connect with the residents we serve. By working together, we can build an even safer and stronger community for all.

We thank our dedicated firefighters, volunteers, and community partners for their unwavering support and commitment throughout 2024. We look forward to another year of service, education, and engagement in 2025.

Community Engagement

- ✓ **Fire Prevention Month**
- ✓ **Public Safety Demonstrations**
- ✓ **Community Events**
- ✓ **School Visits**

Community Outreach

- ✓ **Smoke Alarms**
- ✓ **Lock Boxes**
- ✓ **American Red Cross CPR**
- ✓ **Red Cross Babysitting Training**
- ✓ **Stop the Bleed**
- ✓ **Safety Seat Installations**
- ✓ **First Aid**

2024 By the Numbers

Fire Extinguisher Trainings:
7 Commercial business & schools
250 Employees

19 CPR classes for business & residents

Residential Lock Boxes:
24 Boxes Installed
166 Total Boxes in Concord

20 Car seat installations

Reducing Risk in Concord Township - Community Engagement

Public Safety Demonstrations

We regularly conduct public safety demonstrations at community events and for local business, educating attendees on fire prevention techniques, emergency preparedness and basic first aid and CPR.

These interactive sessions empower members of our community to take proactive measures to enhance their safety and well-being.



Community Events

Throughout the year, we make it a priority to be actively involved in various community events, ensuring both engagement and safety. Our bureau plays a key role in planning large-scale events within the Township, helping to create a secure and successful environment for all attendees.



During these events, our firefighters take the opportunity to provide safety resources, distribute fire prevention materials, and organize interactive activities for children. By actively contributing to the festive atmosphere while promoting critical safety messages, we strengthen our bond with the community and enhance overall public safety.



School Visits

We reached 1350 children during the month of October

Engaging with the younger members of our community is essential to fostering a culture of safety from an early age. The Concord Township Fire Department is dedicated to educating children on fire prevention and emergency preparedness, regularly visiting local schools to deliver engaging fire safety presentations, conduct drills, and build strong, positive relationships with students, teachers, school resource officers, and parents.

The theme of our 2024 educational programs emphasized

"Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!"

- **Focus:** Raising awareness about the critical role of working smoke alarms in preventing fire-related injuries and fatalities.
- **Engagement:** Hands-on learning experiences designed to empower children with essential fire safety knowledge.



The school programs were delivered in person to St. Gabriel, Melridge Elementary, Hope Ridge Preschool, Painesville Christian Academy, St. Gabriel's Learning Loft, Parkside, Goddard School and Hershey Montessori.

Funds received from our aluminum recycling raised \$2,894 used to purchase educational materials



Reducing Risk in Concord Township – Community Outreach

Smoke Alarms Our smoke alarm installation program is aimed at ensuring every home in our community is equipped with functioning smoke detectors. Through partnerships with local organizations and businesses, we provide free smoke alarms and offer installation services, helping to improve overall fire safety.

CPR Recognizing the importance of bystander intervention in medical emergencies, we offer community CPR training courses taught by certified instructors. By educating residents with life-saving skills, we aim to increase the likelihood of positive outcomes in emergency situations.



First-aid Concord Fire is proud to provide residents and businesses with top-quality First Aid classes, certified by the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross. These courses ensure participants gain essential lifesaving skills from trusted experts in emergency care. This training equips individuals with essential emergency skills and instills confidence to respond effectively in critical situations. Being first aid trained provides numerous benefits, including the ability to save lives, reduce the severity of injuries, promote faster recovery, and enhance personal and workplace safety. It also fosters a sense of preparedness and empowerment, ensuring individuals can take quick action in emergencies.

Stop the Bleed The number one cause of preventable death after injury is bleeding. In our commitment to educating our community we collaborate with other agencies, schools, and businesses in an attempt to expand the reach of our program. The focus of the program is to educate individuals in handling emergency situations and how to stop bleeding in life threatening situations.

Child Safety Seats Installation Concord Fire is proud to be one of the few agencies in Lake County to have certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians on staff. Our technicians are focused on promoting child passenger safety and reducing the risk of injury to the children in our community. Residents can schedule an appointment to get assistance with any questions regarding safety seats or guidance to confirm their seat is installed properly.



Red Cross Babysitting The American Red Cross offers a multitude of courses, including 1st Aid targeted for babysitters and lifeguards, for example. In 2023, we started the babysitter program aimed at better preparing the babysitters in our community who care for our children. The course provides education on basic childcare, first aid, bottle feeding, safety in the home, child behavior, leadership, starting a babysitting business, and more.



Engineering, Inspections, Investigations

A key to the success of our prevention bureau is the relationships built with the team members of the Concord Township Zoning Department, Lake County Building Department, Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office along with architects, developers and builders. Of the 719 inspections completed in 2023 approximately 52 were joint inspections with other agencies

Our inspectors provide guidance to builders on fire code adherence throughout the construction planning review process.



Some of the larger projects in 2024 include:

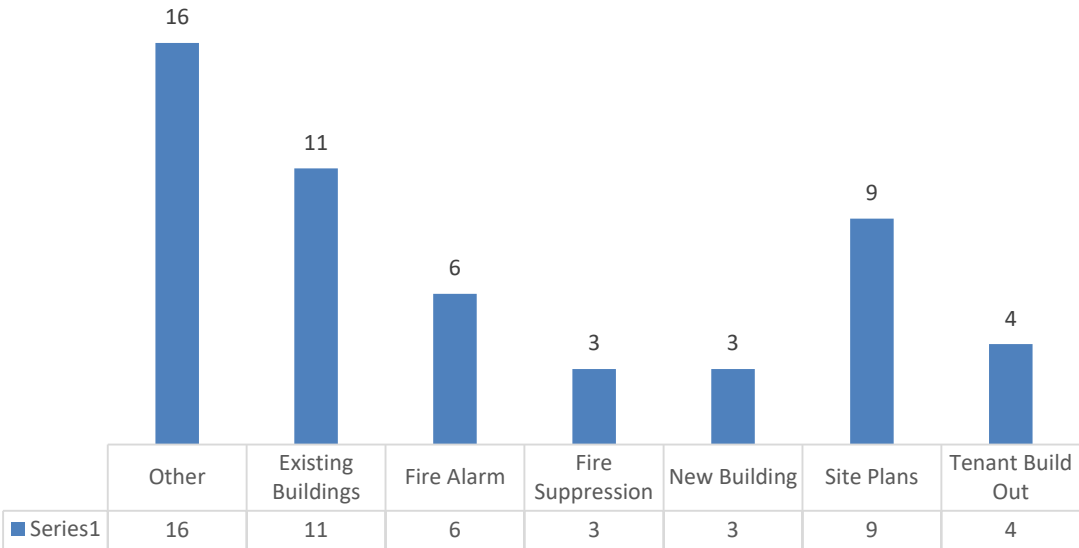
- Auburn Career Center public safety training classrooms for 150 students with apparatus bay for 3 fire trucks
- Little Mountain Creamery
- Johnny's Auto Spa & Detail
- Taco Bell
- Cleveland Clinic Imaging addition
- Ricerca remodel



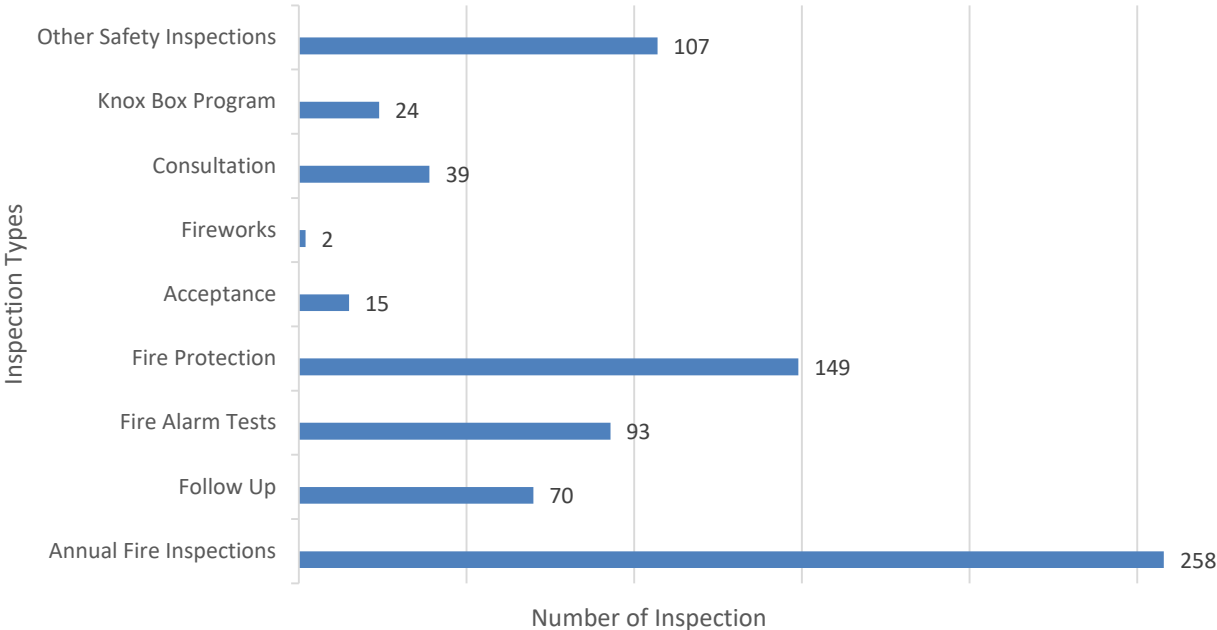
Inspections

Completed in 2024
719 fire and life safety inspections
52 plan reviews of new and existing building projects

2024 Type of Plan Reviews



2024 Fire Inspections by Type





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