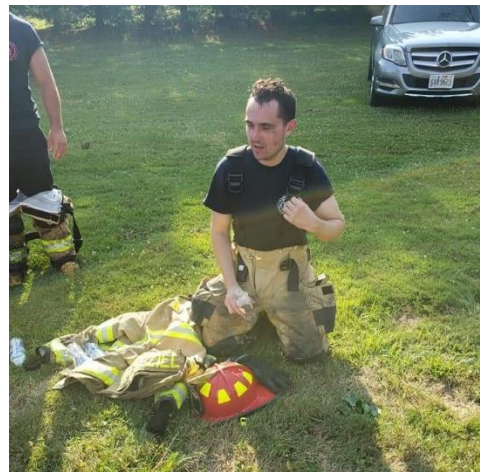


# BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Anthony M. Strazzo, Fire Chief

## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Christina Kusnerak, Michael Esber, John Witthuhn

-Township Trustees-



*Division of Fire/Rescue*

## BRUNSWICK HILLS FIRE/RESCUE

1918 PEARL ROAD

BRUNSWICK, OHIO 44212



*Anthony M. Strazzo Fire Chief*

Brunswick Hills Township Trustees and Residents,

I think it goes without saying, that 2020 was a very challenging year for all of us. Despite the challenges presented, the men and women of the Brunswick Hills Township Fire Department continued to provide high quality emergency response services to the Township and continued to look for opportunities to advance our service delivery. The ability to combat the COVID pandemic and advance the department would not be possible without the support of Township residents and the Board of Trustees; Trustee John Witthuhn, Trustee Christina Kusnerak, and Trustee Mike Esber.

The department would again like to thank the community for supporting a renewal and an increase in the department's operating levy in the fall of 2018. As a result, the Brunswick Hills Township Fire Department was able to hire its third Full-time Firefighter Paramedic, Nick DiSalvo in April of 2020. This addition will enable us to continue to improve the consistency of daily operations.

Calls for service during 2020 increased to 1038, an all-time high. This increase can be attributed to the COVID pandemic, extreme weather events and an increase in regular calls for service. The American Heart Association again recognized our outstanding pre-hospital cardiac care by awarding the department with a Mission Lifeline Gold Plus Award. In summary, the Township should be proud of our entire department and their ability to respond and mitigate emergencies.

As you know our department is proactive in providing education and outreach to Township residents. In 2020, we had to curtail many of our events due to COVID. That being said, our personnel thought outside the box to provide Birthday Drive-bys, an Easter Parade, neighborhood safety towns, Traveling Open House, and a drive through meet Santa.

Lastly, the Department was fortunate to again receive several grants through the Ohio State Fire Marshal, and the Ohio State Division of EMS.

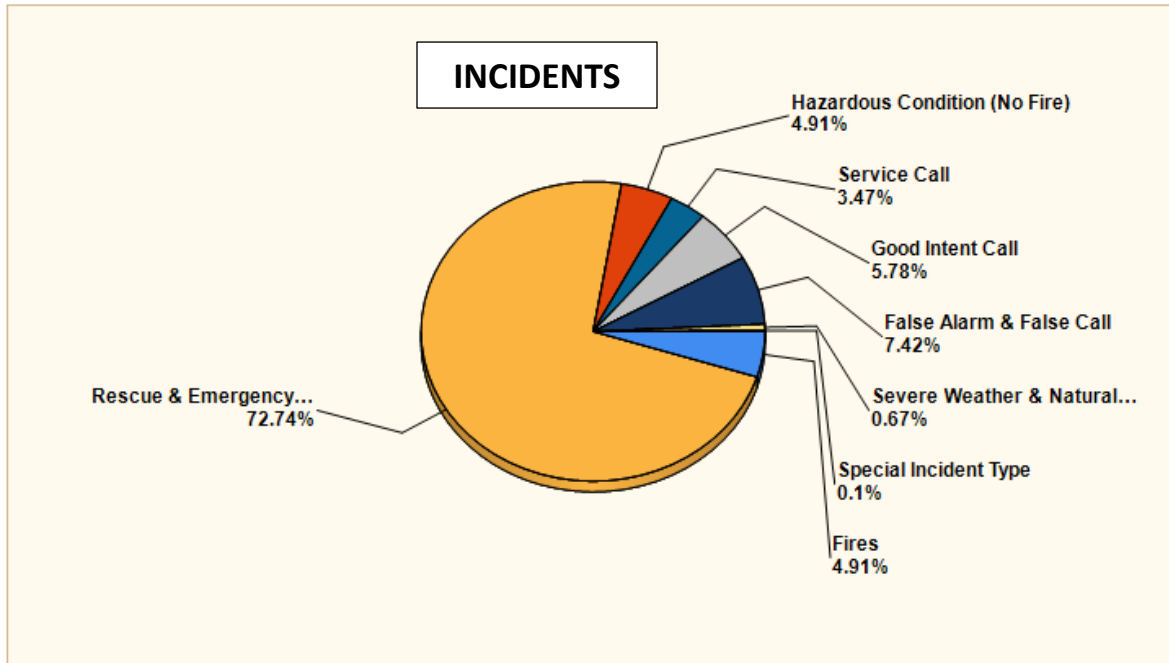
In closing, I can honestly say, I have not been prouder of our department as I was during 2020. As "essential workers" Brunswick Hills Twp. Fire Department members kept the department up and running, consistently stepping up. They took care of an increased number of sick and highly contagious patients. They protected life and property through our seemingly annual natural disasters. And lastly, they provided comfort, assistance and safety to our elderly and others in the community who need a little more help in these difficult times. I would also like to take this moment to thank all of the Trustees for their continuous support. The Township is fortunate to have individuals such as these, who work tirelessly to ensure the safety and security of the Township. I hereby submit the Brunswick Hills Township Fire Department 2020 Annual Report.

Respectfully,

*Anthony M. Strazzo*

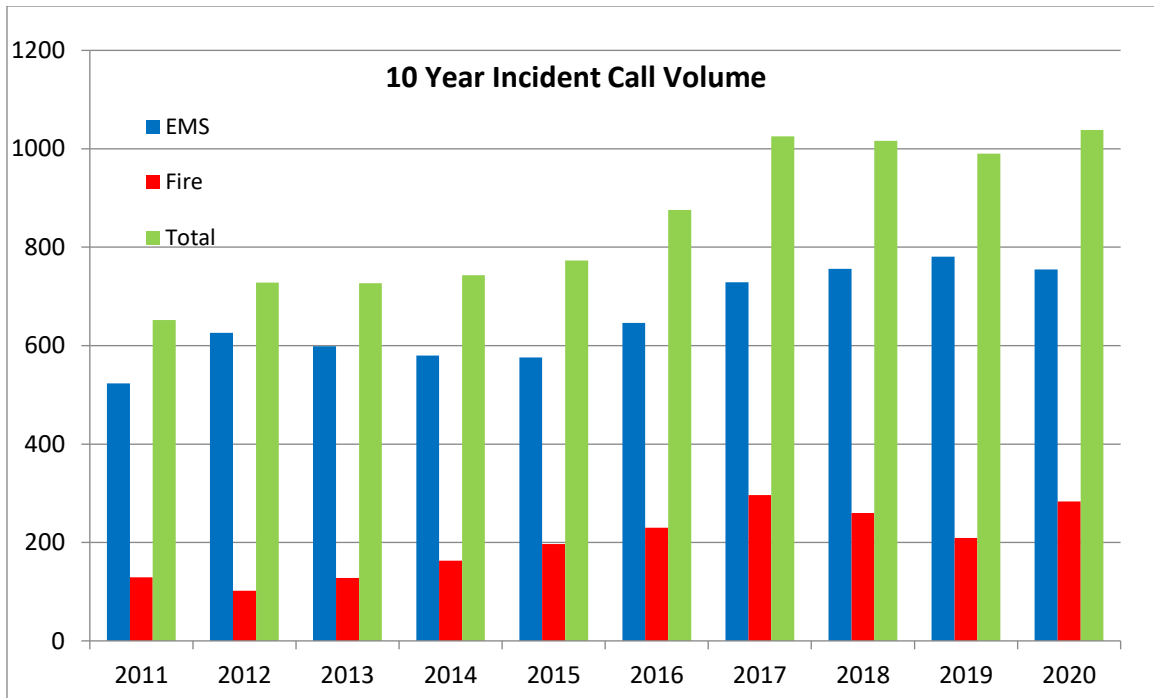
## Incident Responses

Similar to fire departments across the country, emergency medical services comprise an overwhelming majority of our incident responses. During 2020, the Brunswick Hills Twp. Fire Department responded to 1038 incidents, 755 were emergency medical calls, and 283 were “fire” responses. Please note that a “fire” response is all other calls which are not medical in nature. The graph below depicts the relation of fire to EMS incident responses.

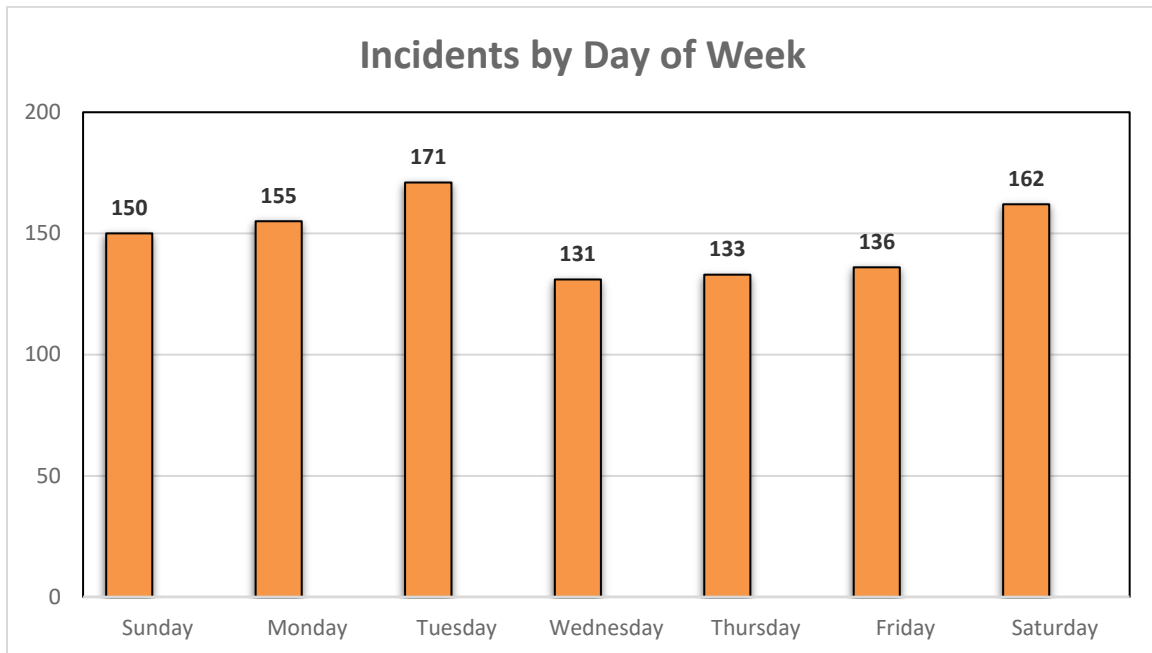


MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	51	4.91%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	755	72.74%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	51	4.91%
Service Call	36	3.47%
Good Intent Call	60	5.78%
False Alarm & False Call	77	7.42%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	7	0.67%
Special Incident Type	1	0.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>100%</b>

The department's total of 1038 incident responses in 2020 is an increase of 48 incidents as compared to 2019. The chart below shows steady increase in the department's call volume since 2011.

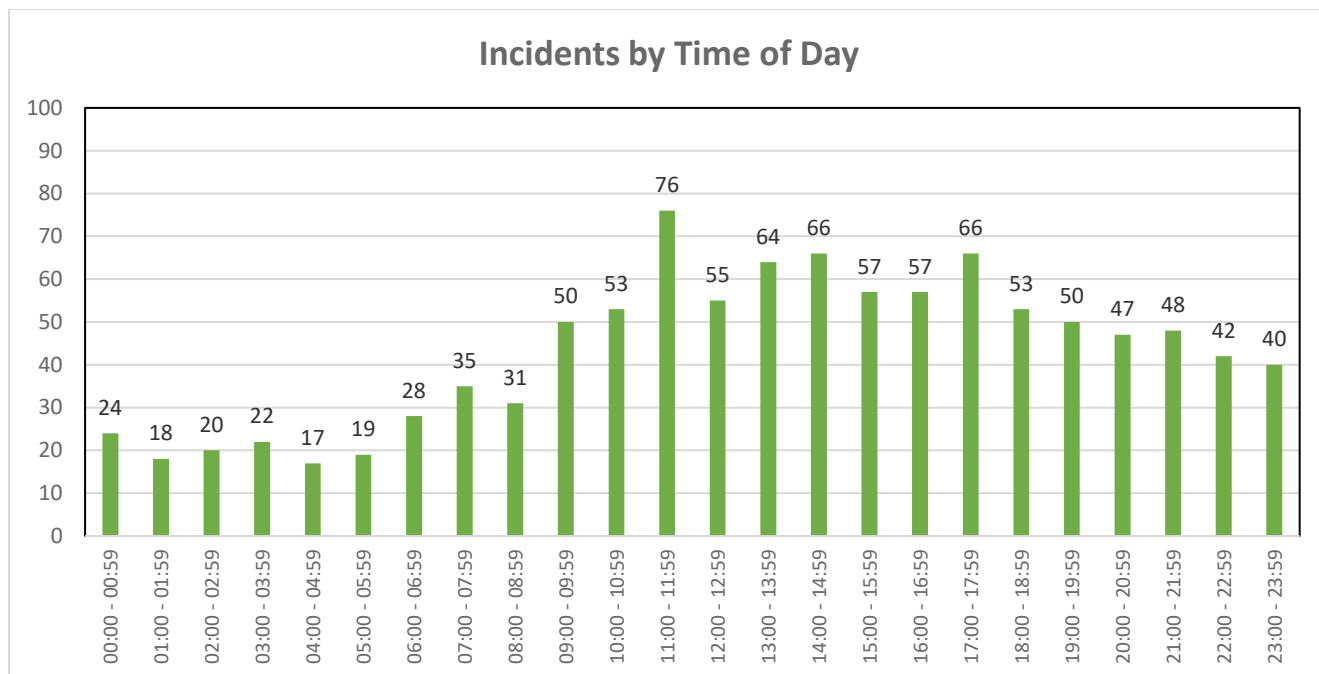






DAY OF THE WEEK	# INCIDENTS
Sunday	150
Monday	155
Tuesday	171
Wednesday	131
Thursday	133
Friday	136
Saturday	162
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1038</b>

The above graph and data table show the number of incidents for each day of the week. While almost evenly distributed, there is a slight increase in call volume on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The graphs below show the time during the day when a majority of calls are received. Both the above and below information aided the department in determining staffing priorities and when additional staffing may be needed.



Hour	# of CALLS
00:00 - 00:59	24
01:00 - 01:59	18
02:00 - 02:59	20
03:00 - 03:59	22
04:00 - 04:59	17
05:00 - 05:59	19
06:00 - 06:59	28
07:00 - 07:59	35
08:00 - 08:59	31
09:00 - 09:59	50
10:00 - 10:59	53
11:00 - 11:59	76
12:00 - 12:59	55
13:00 - 13:59	64
14:00 - 14:59	66
15:00 - 15:59	57
16:00 - 16:59	57
17:00 - 17:59	66
18:00 - 18:59	53
19:00 - 19:59	50
20:00 - 20:59	47
21:00 - 21:59	48
22:00 - 22:59	42
23:00 - 23:59	40

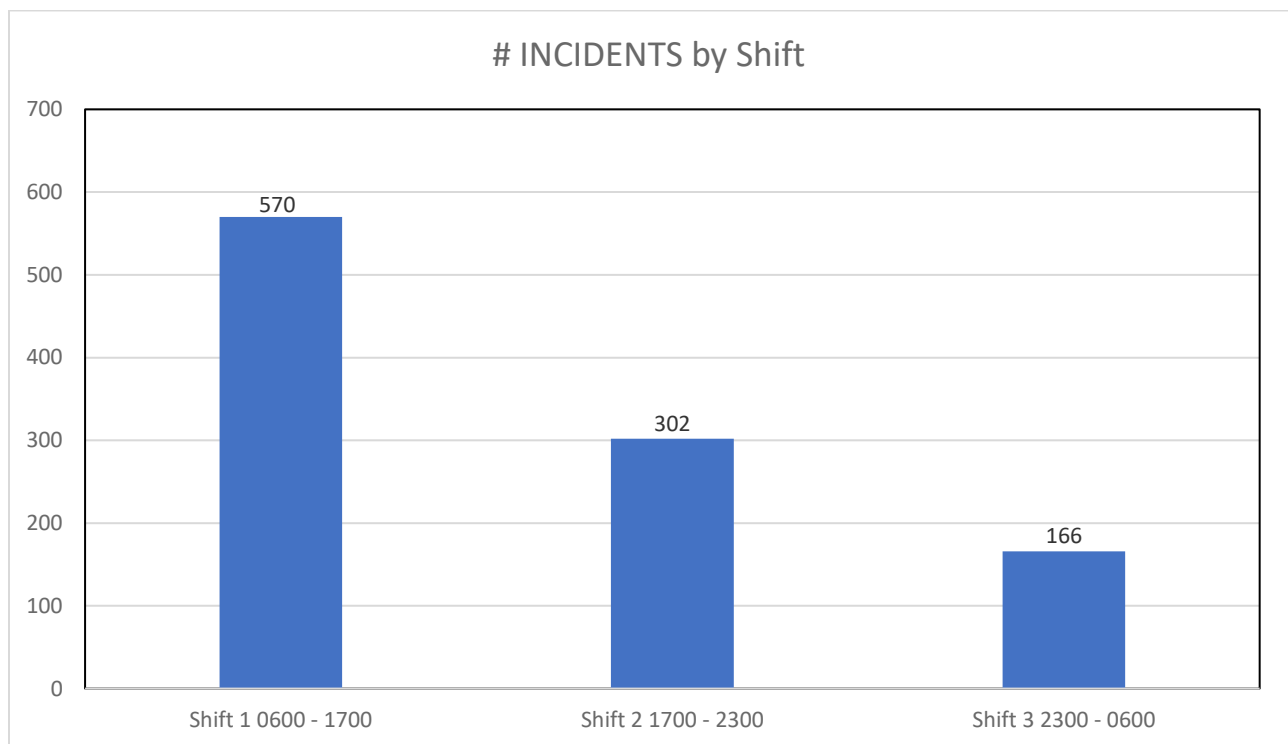
### Incidents by Shift

As previously mentioned, during 2017 the department transitioned to 24-hour staffing. The department maintains 3 shifts as follows:

**Shift #1** 0600-1700 (6:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

**Shift #2** 1700-2300 (5:00 PM – 11:00 PM)

**Shift #3** 2300-0600 (11:00 PM – 6:00 AM)



SHIFT	# INCIDENTS
Shift 1 0600 - 1700	570
Shift 2 1700 - 2300	302
Shift 3 2300 - 0600	166
TOTAL:	1038



## Mutual Aid

The Brunswick Hills Twp. Fire Department not only responds to incidents within Brunswick Hills but also to our neighboring communities. In turn, our neighbors provide mutual aid to our Township. There are a variety of circumstances in which an agency may request mutual aid. The following are some examples:

- Large or complex incident requiring additional resources
- Incident requiring specialized equipment
- All personnel on an incident when another call for service is received
- No personnel available
- Nature of call received from dispatch

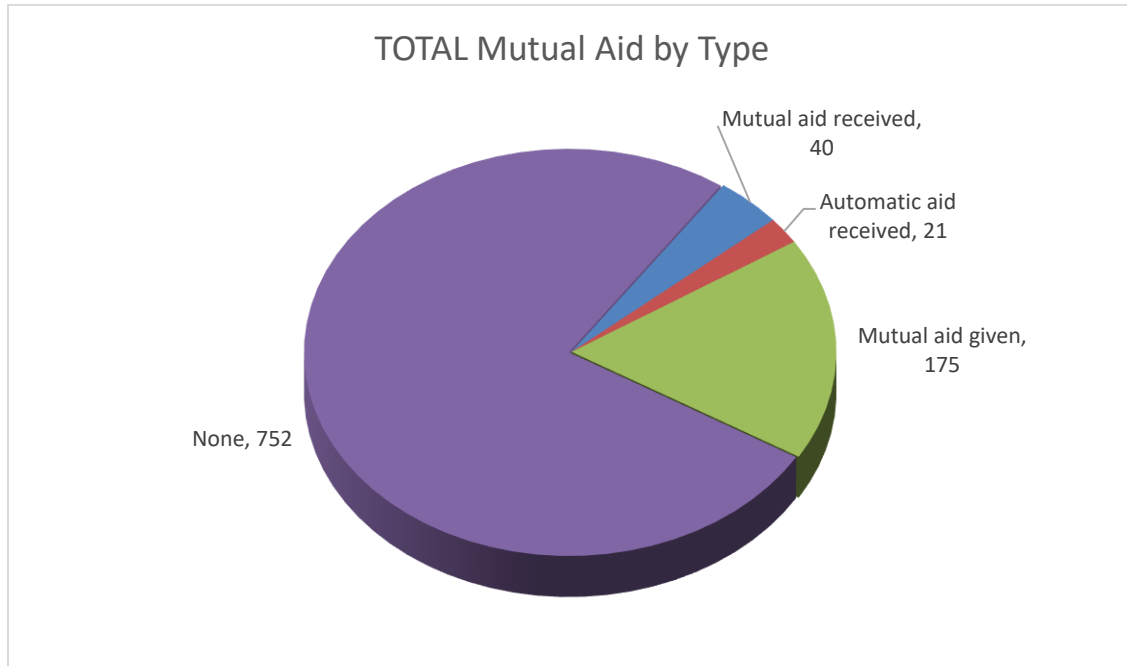
Mutual aid can be further broken down into the following types:

**Automatic** – departments are automatically dispatched without delay

**Mutual** – departments are requested after on scene personnel determine additional resources are needed.



The graph below shows mutual aid we provided (aid given) and we received (aid received) during 2020.



AID TYPE	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Mutual aid received	40	3.85%
Automatic aid received	21	2.02%
Mutual aid given	175	16.86%
None	752	72.45%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

To further aid in deployment analysis, the fire department breaks down the Township into response zones for the purpose of tracking response times and incident types. Below you will see the 5 zones, the average response times and the incident types responded to.

ZONE	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME in minutes (Dispatch to Arrived)
04a - Brunswick Hills I 71	11:15
04 - Brunswick Hills 4	09:32
03 - Brunswick Hills 3	07:24
02 - Brunswick Hills 2	06:27
01 - Brunswick Hills 1	06:10



## COVID

2020 presented a unique challenge for the BHFD as we had to prepare and respond to situations and demands created by the COVID Virus. The men and women of the department received numerous hours of training on treatment modalities, personal protective equipment and infection control. The BHFD had 11 members that tested positive for the virus and had to be quarantined. We are happy to report all members have made a full recovery. At times, these illnesses stressed the manpower needs of the department, but all members stepped up to ensure shifts were filled and the Township was protected. Due to the strain that the virus had on local governments, throughout the year several grants were given to local governments and fire departments to assist with the purchase of equipment and to pay personnel for COVID response. Below are highlights from 2020 COVID response:

- Purchase of additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including N95 respirators, gowns, goggles, surgical masks.
- Purchase of Moonbeam UV Disinfection Light
- Life Pak 15 Cardiac Monitor
- Life Pak AED
- Purchase of disinfection products including wipes, solution, hand sanitizer.
- Added supplemental staffing from 11:00 A.M. till 7:00 P.M. to have personnel at both stations for peak volume times.
- Instituted administration chase car on all incidents for supplemental manpower and COVID personal protective equipment.
- Purchased additional administrative response vehicle.
- Purchased enclosed trailer to provide storage of COVID supplies and to serve as a mobile vaccination location unit for Medina County.



## Emergency Medical Services

Providing advanced, reliable and timely Emergency Medical Service (EMS) is the primary response mission of the Brunswick Hills Twp. Fire Department. In 2020, the BHFD responded to 755 EMS calls for service. To ensure coordination of training, purchase and procurement of equipment, call documentation, and follow-up is delegated to Firefighter Chuck Cali. During 2020, Firefighter Cali utilized a Division of EMS Grant in the amount of \$2,747.45 as well as \$1,800 in Ohio Dept of EMS COVID PPE Grant to purchase equipment needed to maintain our excellent EMS service.

Currently, the Brunswick Hills Twp. Fire Department has 26 Paramedics and 7 Emergency Medical Technicians. As our department continues to grow, applicants that hold paramedic certifications or are in paramedic school are given preference when hiring. Our goal is to provide an Advanced Life Support, Paramedic rescue squad at any emergency medical call.

In 2020, your Brunswick Hills Twp. Fire Department was awarded for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row the American Heart Association Mission Lifeline **Gold Plus** Award by our Medical Director Dr. Susan Tout, and EMS Coordinator Jackie Haumschild. The Mission Lifeline Award is given to EMS agencies that have met or exceeded cardiac care performance criteria.

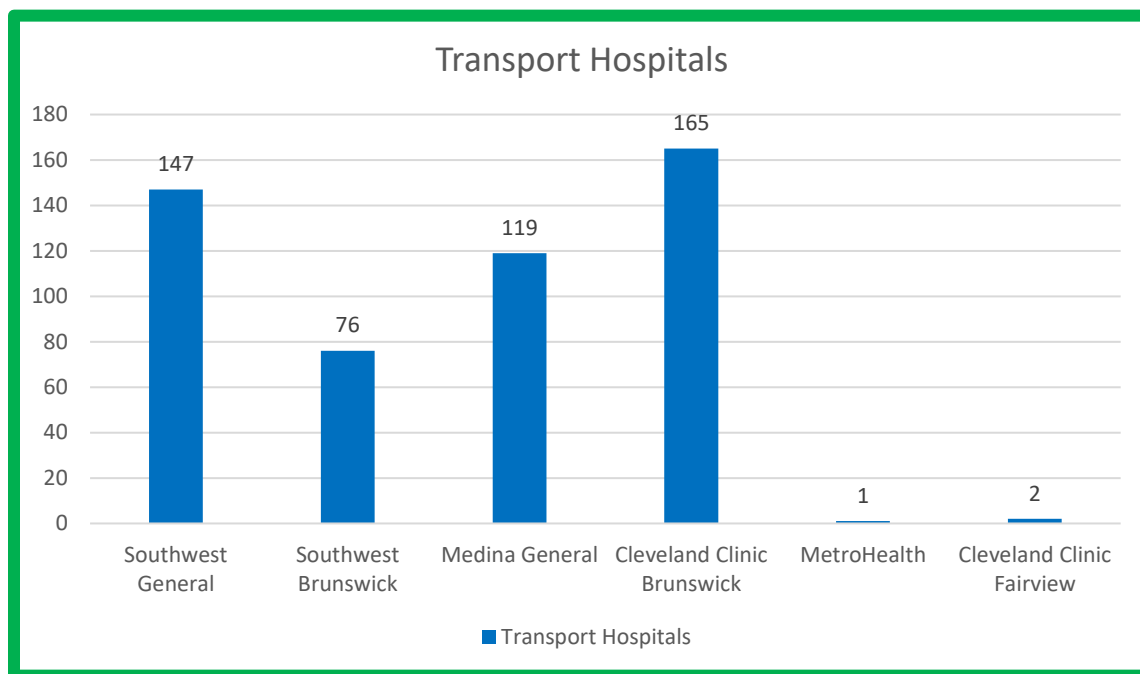




Responses by our rescue squads can be broken down into 4 general categories. The following show the number of incidents for each of these categories.

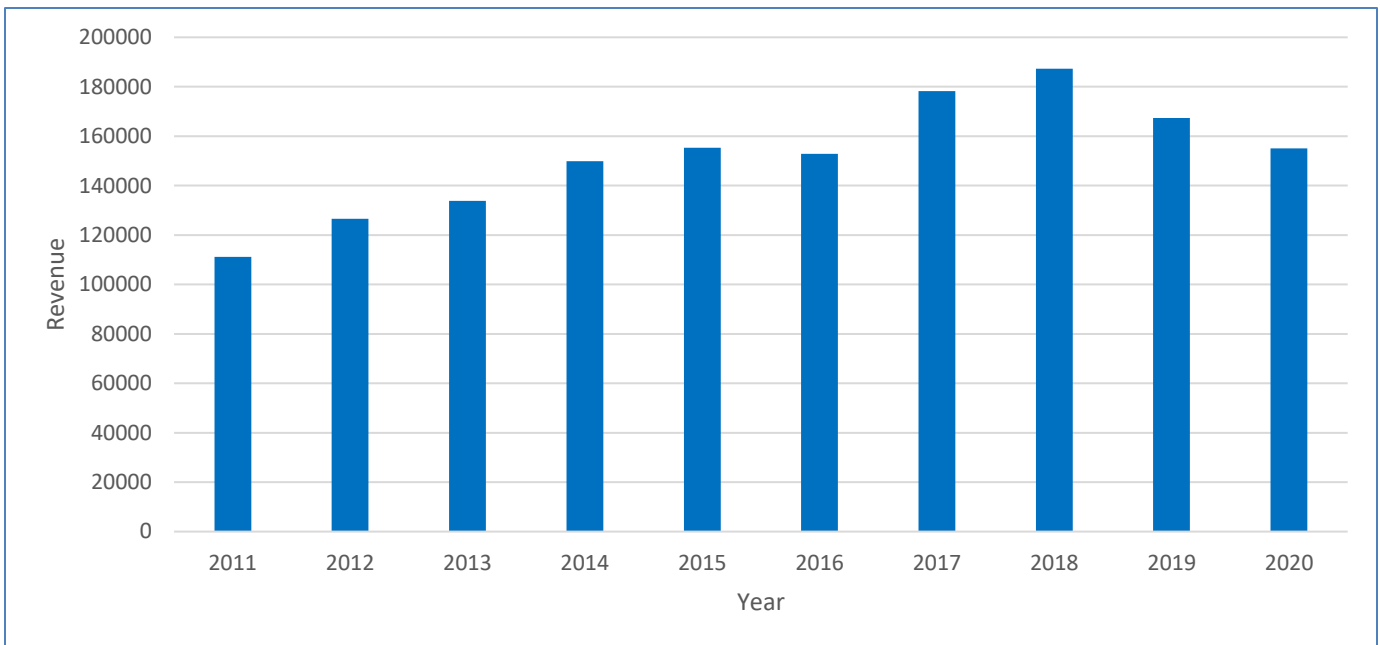
<b>Medical Emergency:</b> Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest, Abdominal Pain, Seizures, Asthma, Breathing Problems, OB/GYN Complications, Allergic Reactions, Stroke, Altered Level of Consciousness	374
<b>Trauma:</b> Injuries, Broken Bones, Lacerations, Stab Wounds, Gun Shot Wounds, Injuries from Motor Vehicle Accidents, Injuries from Falls.	123
<b>Environmental:</b> Poisoning, Hypothermia, Medication Reactions	1
<b>Behavioral:</b> Depression, Mental Problems, Anxiety, Psychiatric Emergencies	41

The next component is the transport destination. Brunswick Hills Twp. is fortunate to have high quality medical care facilities within close proximity. The chart below shows the transport destinations for the 510 patients transported by our rescue squads.



## EMS Billing

The fire department has continued to utilize Life Force Management to handle its third-party billing for emergency medical incidents. Life Force bills residents' insurance companies and accepts payment in full for the insurance reimbursements. Revenue generated from EMS billing assists the department in purchasing medical equipment. The graph below shows the annual revenue generated from billing since 2011. In total the department has received \$1,517,606 since 2011. These funds are utilized for annual and capital purchases for EMS. Examples include: EMS high visibility coats, new rescue squad, monitors, equipment maintenance, cots, and supplies.

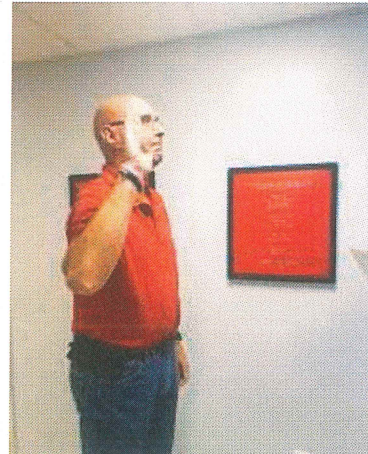


## Personnel

As with any organization, our personnel are our most important resource. During 2019, there were several new members added to the department, including a third Full-time Firefighter-Paramedic.

### **New Part-time Personnel**

Conner Mares (left), Walter Sobczyk (right), Patrick Barrett (not pictured)



### **Additional Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic**

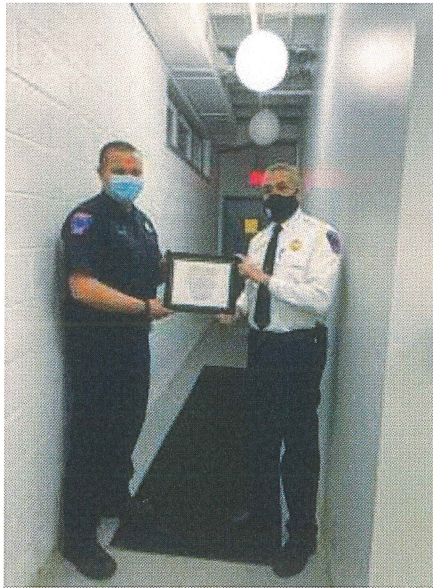
Nick DiSalvo was sworn in as the third full-time firefighter/paramedic for the Brunswick Hills Township Fire Department on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2020. Due to COVID restrictions, a public swearing in was not permitted. FF DiSalvo was previously serving in a part-time capacity with the Brunswick Hills Fire Department and had demonstrated the knowledge, skills and dedication to be a great asset. FF DiSalvo is the first official fulltime badge #3 of the BHFD.





## **"FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR"**

Each year a Firefighter is selected as the "Firefighter of the Year." In 2020, Firefighter Chuck Cali was selected for this award. FF Cali was selected due to his hard work and dedication during the COVID pandemic. As the EMS Coordinator, FF Cali ensured the department was up to date on training, had the proper personnel protective equipment and received prompt notifications of potential exposures. FF Cali's dedication found him completing some of these tasks while off duty. His dedication to the department and the Township was very evident throughout 2020.



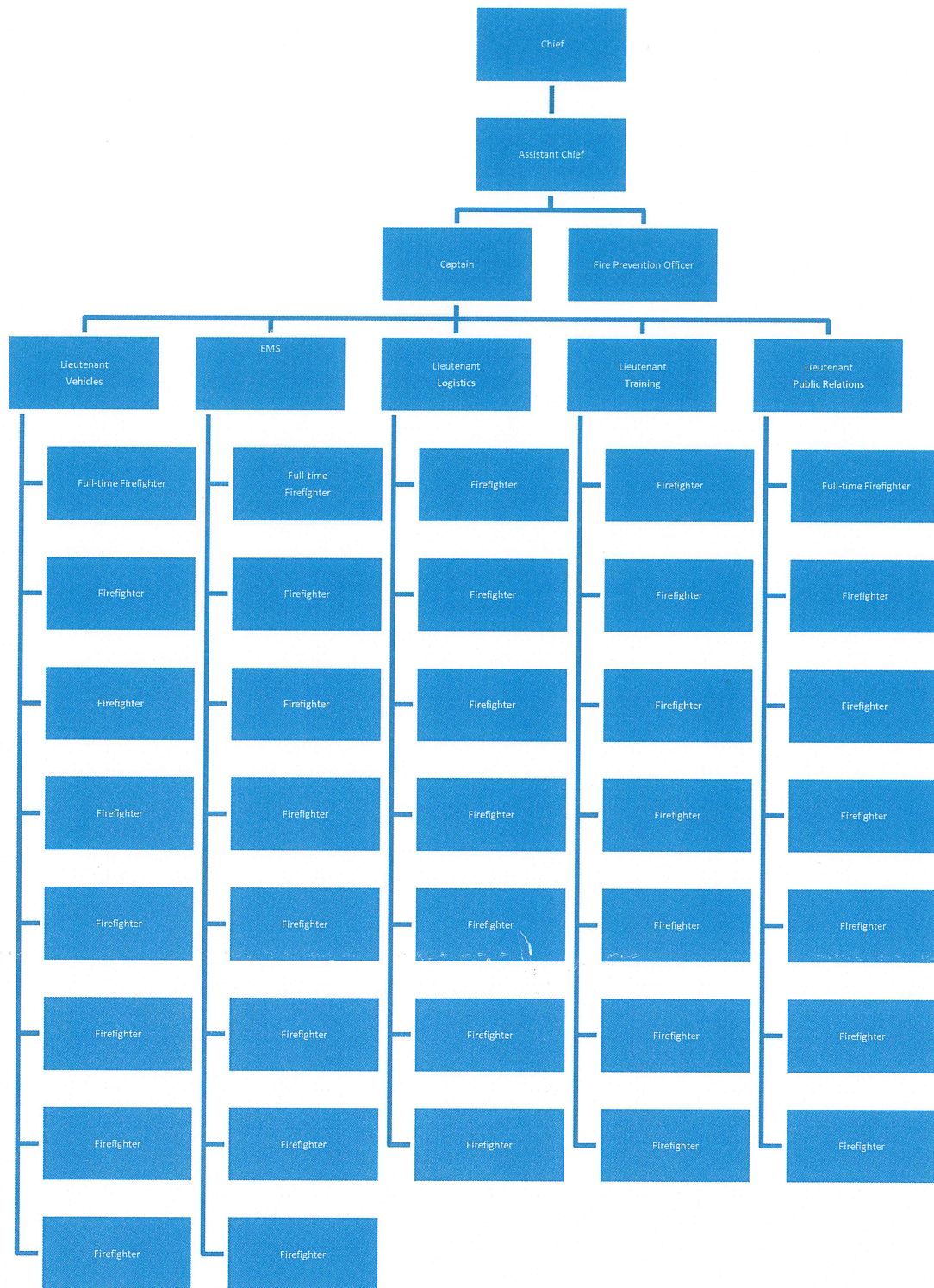
## **RETIREMENT**

The long time Fire Department/Township Administrative Assistant Vicky Waters retired July 1st. Over the years, Vicky was an asset in handling daily operations. Thank you, Vicky! Enjoy retirement!





The following is the current organizational chart which shows the department chain of command.



## Vehicles and Apparatus

The agency maintains a fleet of vehicles which respond to emergency situations and support the day to day operations of the department. Lt. Joe Posa and Firefighter Nick Mehalic are delegated the responsibility of ensuring that our vehicles are maintained and ready to respond to emergency situations. Lt. Posa and Firefighter Mehalic schedule all annual maintenance and required testing, as well as performing minor repairs when possible. The following is a description of the vehicles which the department maintained during 2020 and any associated repairs.

### Squad 27 (Reserve Rescue Squad)



2007 Road Rescue Ambulance

Apparatus: 27 Vehicle: 10823				
6/17/2020	Preventive Maintenance	Annual PM	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$52.99

**\$52.99**

### Squad 27-1



2020 Lifeline Ambulance \*replaced squad 2008 rescue squad

Apparatus: 27-1 Vehicle: 54844				
3/3/2020	Minor Repair	Front Axle Alignment	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$166.00
7/10/2020	Preventive Maintenance	Annual Preventive Maintenance	Completed By: Fallsway Equipment	\$995.00
9/15/2020	Preventive Maintenance	Undercoating	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$125.00
9/18/2020	Preventive Maintenance	Oil Change	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$52.99

**\$1,338.99**

### Squad 27-2



2017 Braun Ambulance

Apparatus: 27-2 Vehicle: 29703				
4/8/2020	Minor Repair	Inspection/ manifold stud fix	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$0.00
6/10/2020	Minor Repair	Interior Compartment 2-# Gas Shock	Completed By: Cali, Charles	\$32.51
9/11/2020	Preventive Maintenance	Oil Change	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$52.99
9/15/2020	Preventive Maintenance	Undercoating	Completed By: Spray It Oil Undercoating LLC	\$125.00

**\$210.50**



### Engines 21-1 and 21-2



#### 2015 Sutphen Rescue Pumpers with

<b>Apparatus: 21-1 Vehicle: 03050</b>				
1/23/2020	Moderate Repair	Check engine light is on	Completed By: Sutphen	\$0.00
1/30/2020	Minor Repair	Check Engine	Completed By: Haas, Timothy	\$817.86
3/4/2020	Minor Repair	New Batteries	Completed By: NAPA	\$655.96
7/7/2020	Minor Repair	Latch to rear compartment slide broke	Completed By: DiSalvo, Nicholas	\$0.00
8/3/2020	NFPA Annual Test	Annual PM	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$1,749.00
10/9/2020	Preventive Maintenance	Undercoating	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$175.00
11/24/2020	Minor Repair	Install AC Adaptor Plug	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$1,087.73
				<b>\$4,485.55</b>

<b>Apparatus: 21-2 Vehicle: 03095</b>				
3/18/2020	Minor Repair	New Batteries	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$655.96
8/12/2020	NFPA Annual Test	Annual PM	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$1,749.00
9/30/2020	Preventive Maintenance	Undercoating	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$175.00
10/1/2020	Major Repair	Returned to Sutphen for mult repairs	Completed By: Posa, Joseph	\$10,266.49
11/20/2020	Major Repair	Booster Tank Leak	Completed By: Strazzo, Anthony	\$0.00
12/3/2020	Preventive Maintenance	Alignment	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$294.25
				<b>\$13,140.70</b>



## Tanker 22



1994 Semo Tanker, 2,600 Gallons of Water, 1,250 Gallon per minute pump

Apparatus: 22 Vehicle: 13665				
3/24/2020	Other	Antifreeze/ Coolant	Completed By: Autozone	\$71.96
5/11/2020	Minor Repair	Whelen engineering s30tl Light bulb	Completed By: Posa, Joseph	\$66.99
7/2/2020	Major Repair	Plumping and Valve Repairs	Completed By: Fallsway Equipment	\$9,985.48
8/12/2020	NFPA Annual Test	Annual PM	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$1,749.00
11/24/2020	Moderate Repair	Steering Gear Box Replaced	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$2,569.22

**\$14,442.65**

### Truck 24



2020 Ford F250 Pickup

This vehicle replaced a 1994 pickup/brush truck. Personnel use this vehicle to conduct daily duties, and attend meetings and trainings. In addition, vehicle is used as plow truck during the winter to maintain fire station and police station driveways and parking lots.

Apparatus: 24 Vehicle: 30507				
1/23/2020	Other	Decals put on Truck 24	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$470.63
1/23/2020	Other	Emergency Lights Put On	Completed By: Hall Public Safety Uplifters	\$5,854.22
9/17/2020	Preventive Maintenance	Undercoating	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$100.00
				<b>\$6,424.85</b>

### Car 25



2020 Chevy Tahoe SUV

This vehicle was received in December of 2020 and is used by administrative staff to conduct daily operations, respond to emergencies while both on and off duty, as an incident command post, and to travel to and from meetings and trainings. \*Vehicle purchased utilizing CARES Act funds.

### Car 29



2014 Ford Interceptor SUV

This vehicle is used by department staff as a command vehicle, fire inspector vehicle, and to travel to trainings.

Apparatus: 29 Vehicle: 80136				
2/19/2020	Preventive Maintenance	Full Synthetic LOF	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$49.99
3/24/2020	Minor Repair	Change Battery	Completed By: Posa, Joseph	\$139.64

**\$189.63**

### Car 26



2015 Ford Interceptor SUV

This vehicle is used by administrative staff to conduct daily operations, respond to emergencies while both on and off duty, as an incident command post, and to travel to and from meetings and trainings.

Apparatus: 26 Vehicle: 92435				
4/13/2020	Preventive Maintenance	Wiper Blades	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$58.98
10/6/2020	Preventive Maintenance	Oil Change	Completed By: Mehalic, Nicholas	\$52.99

**\$111.97**

When possible, our personnel maintain and repair our equipment to make sure it is in good working order and to extend the service life of the apparatus.



### **Vehicle Replacement Schedule**

In order to project budgetary needs, the fire department maintains the following vehicle replacement schedule. The schedule is based on the following vehicle life expectancies.

- Engines 20 years
- Tanker 25 years
- Squads 12 years
- Staff vehicles 10 years

<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>Year Purchased</b>	<b>Replacement Year</b>	<b>Est. Cost</b>
Squad 27	2007	2023	\$275,000
Car 29	2014	2024	\$40,000
Tanker 22	1994	2024	\$400,000
Car 26	2015	2025	\$40,000
Squad 27-2	2017	2029	\$300,000
Car 25	2020	2031	\$48,000
Squad 27-1	2020	2032	\$300,000
Engine21-2	2015	2035	\$600,000
Engine 21-2	2015	2038	\$675,000



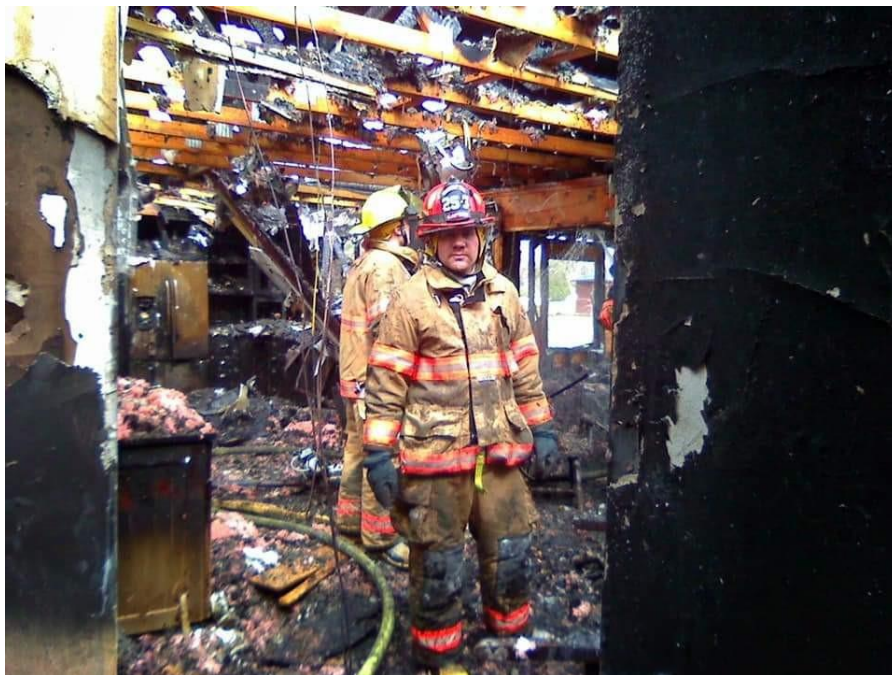
## Training

The Brunswick Hills Twp. Fire Department is an all-hazards emergency response agency. This means that members of the department must be trained to respond to a wide variety of emergencies. The department's training program is coordinated by Lt. Mike Drum who is a State of Ohio certified Fire Instructor and by Emergency Medical Service Instructors from Southwest General Hospital. Southwest and Lt. Drum utilize a multitude of resources to ensure our member are trained to respond. The training resources are as follows:

- In house instructors: Each Monday, the department has training in which State Certified Instructors conduct trainings on department equipment, procedures, and apparatus. \*Note Monday Trainings discontinued with COVID mandates.
- Outside instructors: Once a month, EMS instructors from Southwest Hospital come to the station to train personnel on emergency medical topics.
- Outside training courses: Members of the department may submit requests for training offered from institutions outside of the department.
- Personnel also have the opportunity to utilize online education through The Fire Rescue 1. This web-based training provides both EMS and fire components. There is no cost to the Township for this training as it is provided free through Southwest General Hospital.



**During 2020, department members completed 2,249 hours of training.**



## **Public Relations**

The Brunswick Hills Twp. Fire Department has a long history of community involvement. Despite the challenges of the COVID Pandemic, 2020 proved to be no different. Throughout the year, members of the department attended and worked events both while on duty and off duty. We believe this is important in developing a positive relationship between the department and the community. In addition, it gives fire department personnel an opportunity to educate the public on fire and safety prevention. The department is fortunate to have Lt. Brian Dalziel put together our community events.

The following is a list of events which the department attended or hosted:

DATE	EVENT NAME
01/05/2020	Public Relations
01/12/2020	Firefighter for a Day
02/05/2020	Biomedical Education Day
02/16/2020	Cub Scout Safety Talk
03/24/2020	Smoke Detectors
04/11/2020	Spring Birthday Parade
07/04/2020	South Pointe Development Parade
07/23/2020	Feeding Medina County
07/28/2020	Safety Town PR Event
08/08/2020	PR-Car Wash
08/13/2020	Safety Town
08/27/2020	Safety Town
09/03/2020	Mini Safety Town
10/04/2020	Mapleside Hometown Heroes
10/11/2020	Traveling Open House
10/19/2020	Fire Prevention
10/24/2020	Trunk or Treat
12/4/2020	Mask Up Medina – Mask Distribution
12/07/2020	Girl Scouts Decorate Station One Windows
12/16/2020	Smoke Detector Install (70)
12/17/2020	Smoke Detector Install (70)
12/18/2020	Smoke Detector Install (70)
12/19/2020	Santa Parade & Open House







**Pictured on this page:** Neighborhood Safety Town, Meet Santa Drive Through, Pre-COVID Station Visit, Feeding Medina County Food Distribution



## **Fire Prevention**

Ensuring buildings are safe for Township visitors and firefighters is the responsibility of Fire Prevention Officer Matt Payne. During 2020, a total of 303 inspections were completed, an increase of 54 inspections from 2019. The chart below and on the following pages details the inspections by type and the occupancy type they were conducted in.

Fire Prevention Officer Matt  
Payne can be reached by calling  
330-225-9095

OCCUPANCY	COUNT
<b>INSPECTION TYPE: Adoption/Foster Care</b>	
Residential	1
<b>INSPECTION TYPE: Alarm System Test</b>	
Assembly	1
Church/Places of Worship	1
Fire Station	1
<b>INSPECTION TYPE: Annual</b>	
Assembly	9
Assisted Living Facility	1
Auto Sales and Maintenance	3
Automotive Repair/Refinishing	2
Bar/Tavern	3
Book/Craft Store	1
Business Office	20
Church/Places of Worship	8
Construction/Remodel Supply	5
Convenience Store	2
County Building	3
Day Care	1
Glass Repair/Installation	2
Gun/Ammunition Sales	2
Heavy Transportation/Delivery	1
Home Repair/Construction	1
Landscaping/Farm Sales	5
Machine/Mill Works	1
Manufacturing	1
Mercantile	8

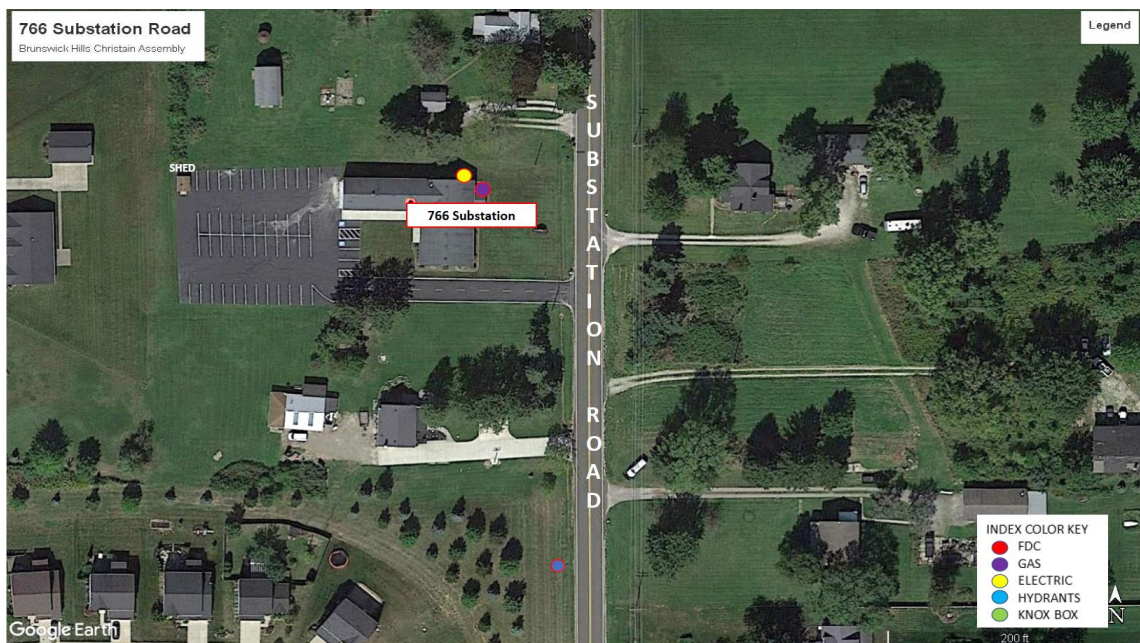
Moderate Hazard Storage	1
Multi Unit Storage	1
Multi Unit Storage Facility	3
Multi-Family Residential	1
Petroleum Service Station	1
Recreational	3
Residential	21
Restaurant	2
Veterinary/Animal Care	5
Workshop-Metal	1
<b>INSPECTION TYPE: Complaint</b>	
Automotive Repair/Refinishing	1
Bar/Tavern	1
Residential	1
Swimming pool supply store	1
<b>INSPECTION TYPE: Fire Protection System Inspection</b>	
Church/Places of Worship	1
Recreational	1
<b>INSPECTION TYPE: Hood and Duct Inspection</b>	
Assembly	1
Restaurant	1
<b>INSPECTION TYPE: Plan Review</b>	
Assembly	2
Business Office	1
Church/Places of Worship	1
Construction/Remodel Supply	1
Convenience Store	1
Mercantile	1
Specialty Manufacturing	1
Veterinary/Animal Care	2
<b>INSPECTION TYPE: Pre-Plan</b>	
Assembly	5
Auto Sales and Maintenance	3
Automotive Repair/Refinishing	2
Bakery/Food Store	1
Barber/Beauty Shop	1
Book/Craft Store	1
Business Office	7
Church/Places of Worship	2
Construction/Remodel Supply	2

Convenience Store	1
County Building	1
Glass Repair/Installation	1
Gun/Ammunition Sales	1
Heavy Transportation/Delivery	1
Landscaping/Farm Sales	3
Machine/Mill Works	1
Mercantile	5
Multi Unit Storage	1
Multi Unit Storage Facility	4
Petroleum Service Station	1
Recreational	2
Restaurant	2
Veterinary/Animal Care	2
Workshop-Metal	1
<b>INSPECTION TYPE: Reinspection</b>	
Assembly	3
Auto Sales and Maintenance	4
Automotive Repair/Refinishing	1
Bar/Tavern	5
Book/Craft Store	1
Business Office	10
Convenience Store	2
County Building	2
Day Care	1
Heavy Transportation/Delivery	1
Landscaping/Farm Sales	2
Machine/Mill Works	1
Manufacturing	1
Mercantile	7
Moderate Hazard Storage	1
Multi Unit Storage Facility	1
Petroleum Service Station	1
Recreational	3
Residential	18
Restaurant	2
Veterinary/Animal Care	5
<b>INSPECTION TYPE: Special Hazard</b>	
Assembly	3
Assisted Living Facility	24
Bakery/Food Store	1



Bar/Tavern	2
Day Care	9
Veterinary/Animal Care	1
<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>303</b>

In addition to inspections, FPO Payne completed 73 building preplans. Preplans give incident commanders vital information while on scene. FPO Payne includes both a written list of information as well as a google map aerial view with icons indicating important information. Below is an example of the map.





## MEDINA COUNTY ALL HAZARDS TEAM MEMBERS



Medina County is fortunate to have a team of responders specially trained to respond to infrequent incidents that require special skills and equipment. The BHFD has members assigned to the team's various disciplines.

**Firefighter Chuck Cali – Drone Team (Team Leader)**

**Firefighter Nick Mehalic – Hazardous Materials Response Team**

**Firefighter Nick DiSalvo – Rope Rescue Team**

**Firefighter Chad Gluss – Fire Investigation**



## **Hydrant Flushing and Maintenance:**

Every year you will see the members of the Brunswick Hills Twp. Fire Department out in the community completing tasks that ensure the safe and efficient operations of our department. Beginning in May our members begin to flush the 588 fire hydrants located in the Township. While flushing the hydrants the members check to ensure the following and perform the following general maintenance:

- Operation of the hydrant valve and stem
- Operation of all hydrant caps
- Oil all caps
- Check all gaskets
- Check drain valves of hydrants
- Verify hydrants are accessible

The Brunswick Hills Twp. Fire Department reminds all residents to keep your fire hydrants clear of all shrubs, weeds, brush and during the winter, snow. Your life may depend on it!

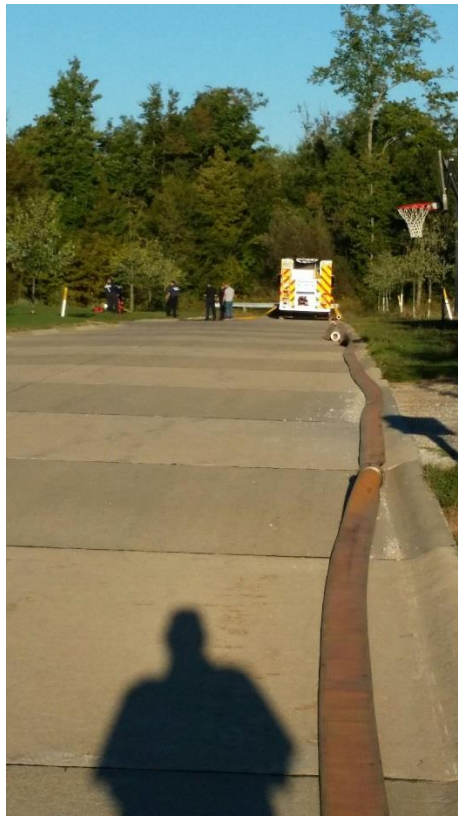
As seen in the photos below, some members enjoy flushing hydrants while other are “horsing around.”



In 2015, crews also began a project to repaint hydrants located throughout the Township. The project was completed in 2019 and then restarted again in 2020. This multi-year continual project is completed by firefighters and assisted by a resident who volunteers each year.

## **Hose Testing:**

Annually, department members must test all fire hoses belonging to the department. The department has over 5,000 feet of fire hose. Each 50 foot or 100 foot length is stretched out, filled with water, and then pressurized. Members look for leaks, tears in the hose's protective cover, any loose couplings, and the condition of the gasket. This testing is completed to ensure that during a fire incident the department does not experience a failure of a hose line which could delay extinguishment of a fire, or place firefighters at risk while attempting extinguishment.



## **Closing**

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Brunswick Hills Township throughout this past year despite the challenges presented. The department is fortunate to have Township Trustees that recognize the importance of having a properly equipped and staffed fire department. During 2020, department personnel went above and beyond to ensure the department was staffed and ready to respond. I would be remiss if I did not thank the Brunswick Hills Police Department for their assistance on calls and the City of Brunswick Communication Specialists for the collaboration on making the Township the safe community it is.

All of us at the BHFD look forward to serving during 2021 and hopefully to a year filled with good health.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Strazzo