

DRESDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT 2024



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In 2024, our total request for fire and emergency medical service calls was 639. Unfortunately, this was another busy year for structure fires with a total of 20 calls. Out of the remaining 619 runs, we responded to 6 vehicle fires, 19 grass fires, 463 EMS responses and 129 responses to fire alarms, service calls, and electrical fires. In 2023, we totaled 28 structure fires.

2024 was a crazy year, starting off with flooding and ending with a drought in the fall. On September 6th, the state was issued on a statewide burn ban that lasted until October 11th. During the Summer we had an EF2 tornado go through the neighboring Village of Frazeytsburg, causing heavy damage to the Village. Luckily, there were no fatalities. Our crews were in Frazeytsburg all night to assist with emergency response efforts. Our Squads transported a couple people to the hospital for injuries from the tornado. Our rescue crew and engine crews went through the village checking houses to make sure no one was trapped in the houses. Fire Departments from Coshocton County were called in to backfill our station while our equipment was tied up.



In addition to the weather disasters experienced, we responded to 46 injury accidents in 2024. Out of the 46 injury accidents, we deployed our battery-operated HURST rescue tools 5 times to assist in rescue efforts. We also utilized air mutual aid to fly 2 trauma patients to Columbus Area Trauma Centers.



This past year, we conducted our pre-construction meeting for our new Rescue/engine, that we have ordered through Sutphen Corpertaion.

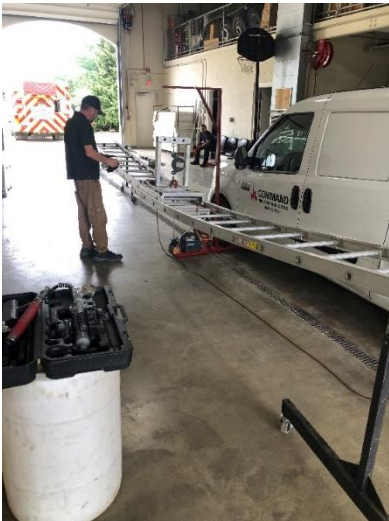
The truck is scheduled to be finished in the summer of 2026. Prior to COVID, it use to take about a year to build a truck, however since COVID it takes anywhere from three to four years to receive the final product.

The formation of the Tri-Valley Joint Fire District has moved forward. The fire district was officially formed this summer and will be in opertion January 1st 2025. The first members of the board are Brian Palmer - Cass Twp, Justin Lapp - Washington Twp, Nick Beach - Jefferson Twp, Rhonda Untied - Village of Dresden, Mike Whites at large member, Shellie Adkins - Fiscal Officer.

We also had a good year with the BINGO at the Dresden Homecoming. The weather was great and the BINGO stand was full every night. Other activities we continued to support include : Our Bake Steak Dinners, which have been a great success, Widow/Widowers Dinner and Christmas Eve with Santa.



2024 Yearly Equipment Testing



- Ladder Testing – Tested 229 feet of ground ladders.
- Aerial Ladder Testing – Completed for safe operation of our ladder truck.
- Pump Testing- Our two engines, tanker, and ladder truck had to be pump tested per regulations.
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus – Completed per NFPA guidelines to ensure safety while breathing compressed air.
- Hose Testing – Tested 17,250 feet of fire hose.
- Fit Testing – Each firefighter must have their SCBA mask fit tested to their face to make sure there were no leaks, and they have the right size mask.
- HURST Tools – Our HURST tools must be inspected and tested each year.

Training

In 2024, We hosted two Firefighter Level I Classes through Newton Township Fire Department. Department members that completed the first Firefighter I Course, that concluded February 2024, include: Joe Settles, Ashley Settles, and Katyana Clark. The second Firefighter Level 1 Class concluded in December 2024 certifying member Logan Spiker. This same month member, Nick Ford, also completed the Firefighter II Class through Mid-East Adult Education Center.

May 5th, 2024, we hosted the first Muskingum County Tanker Taskforce training. Almost every fire department in Muskingum County had members in attendance.



July 21st, 2024, Keith Thomas from Columbus Fire Department, put on an all-day pump class for our personnel and additional agencies. This class covered pump operations and different techniques of drafting water. In this course, we drafted water from a pond and supplied our ladder truck and ground monitors with our mutual aid departments.

In September 2024, our department hosted a driver's training class for instructors through VFIS. There were several departments' that participated in the class. The first day was lecture covering laws and teaching techniques. The second day was hands on training. The driving course was set up, and fire trucks were driven through the course by the students.

Wrapping up the year in October 2024, Captain Kyle Clark completed the Fire Officer 1 course at the Ohio Fire Academy.



Fire Prevention and Education



Partnered with the Tri Valley High School, students from the forensic science class joined us in a training exercise. The class was instructed how to investigate fires to determine the root cause. The students made buildings from popsicle sticks and were able to set them on fire and then investigate the cause. We went to the school on the second day and talked about investigating a fire and showed photos from previous fires that the fire department had responded to.

Each year we get the privilege of providing the Tri Valley Elementary School with a visit to the Fire Department. This year, we had 80 students from the Elementary come to the fire station to learn about fire safety and participate in the touch-a-truck event. We talked to the students about fire safety such as Stop, Drop and Roll, and how to dial 911 to get help. We discussed with them how to get out of the house in the event of an emergency and the importance of having a safe meeting place with their family. Each student was able to spray water from the fire truck and received fire helmets and fire safety coloring books.



We also had other groups come to the fire station this year, including: The girl scouts, working on their badges and The Muskingum County Library, for a tour.

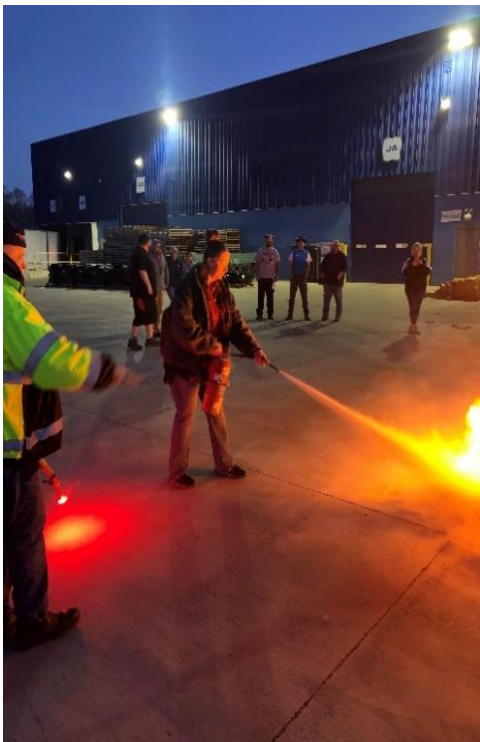
This year, we conducted fire extinguisher training for Ridge Corporation. We trained all three shifts on how to use a fire extinguisher.

Our training personnel provided multiple CPR Courses, of various levels, for first responders, teachers, coaches, and other area residents.

Our members provided additional medical coverage at the Tri-Valley High School for 7 football games.

July 12th, 2024, Dresden Dorados Swim Team held their Annual Tri-County Aquatic League Championship, and we provided medical coverage at the Dresden Community Pool.

October 19th, 2024, we provided all-day medical coverage for the 36th Annual Tri-Valley Band Classic at Jack Anderson Football Stadium.



Grants

Safety Intervention Grant BWC. \$8,516.52, dept share \$2,129.13

Ohio EMS Grant awarded \$5,240.82, which went to purchase a mobile MARCS Radio, two UE Scope Video Laryngoscopes, and two pelvic binders.

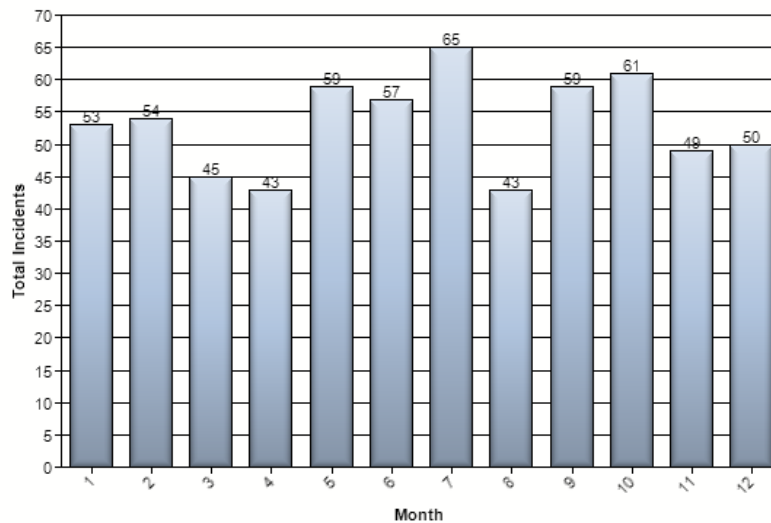
Ohio Ambulance Transportation Impacted Industry Program Through ARPA, received \$22,180.00, that was used for staffing retention, and recruitment bonuses.

MARC's Radio Grant in the amount of \$48,450.34 for new radios and user fees.

BWC Safety Intervention Grant. This grant was used to purchase two battery powered ventilation fans. The total cost was \$8,516.52, BWC paid \$6,381.39 and the fire department cost \$2,129.13



Monthly Breakdown of Incidents



Total Calls by District

| District | 202 4- 01- 01 | 202 4- 02- 01 | 202 4- 03- 01 | 202 4- 04- 01 | 202 4- 05- 01 | 202 4- 06- 01 | 202 4- 07- 01 | 202 4- 08- 01 | 202 4- 09- 01 | 202 4- 10- 01 | 202 4- 11- 01 | 202 4- 12- 01 | Tot al |
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| Village of Dresden | 19 | 19 | 11 | 12 | 28 | 11 | 20 | 15 | 26 | 27 | 12 | 17 | 217 |
| Cass Twp | 16 | 12 | 15 | 7 | 11 | 16 | 21 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 13 | 15 | 173 |
| CCEMS | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Falls Twp FD | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 31 |
| Adamsville FD | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 26 |
| Jefferson Twp | 5 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 31 |
| Frazeysburg FD | 4 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 74 |
| Madison Twp-Musk Cnty | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 19 |
| Washington Twp-Cosh Cnty | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 41 |
| Conesville FD | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Out of District | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Virginia Twp | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Walhonding Valley Fire Dist | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Licking Twp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Washington Twp-Musk Cnty | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Zanesville FD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

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| Jackson Twp-Cosh Cnty | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Dresden Fire Dept. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 53 | 54 | 45 | 43 | 59 | 57 | 65 | 43 | 59 | 61 | 49 | 51 | 63 | 9 |

Fire Incident Type Breakdown

| Incident Type Group | |
|------------------------|-----|
| 100 - Fire | 46 |
| 300 - EMS | 464 |
| 400 - HAZMAT | 9 |
| 500 - Service Call | 15 |
| 600 - Series | 84 |
| 700 - False Alarm | 17 |
| 800 - Natural Disaster | 4 |
| 639 | |

New Members

Nick Ford from volunteer to part time
 Logan Spiker Volunteer
 Ashley Settles from volunteer to part time

Past members

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| Douglas Williams | Keith Deitz |
| Phillip Jones | Devon Gatson |
| Andrew Harvey | |

2024 Officers

Chief Harold Wolford

Assistant Chief Jeff Garver

Assistant Chief Matt Salmons

Captain Mike Clark

Captain Mark Lewis

Captain Colby Kinsey

Captain Kyle Clark

Lieutenant Phillip Young

Awards 2024

5 years of Service Katyana Clark, Keith Deitz,
Wanda Moore, Phillip Young.

10 years of Service, Jocelyn Salmons.

15 Years of Service, Colby Kinsey, Amanda
Solt.

30 Years of Service, Steve Barr.

45 Years of Service, David Devault.

65 Years of Service, Carl Archer.

2023 Senior Ted Crozier

2023 Rookie Dudley McDougale

Distinguished Service Award

Harold Wolford

Jeff Garver

Matt Salmons

Mike Clark

Mariah Clark

Joe Settles

Kyle Clark

Dave Devault

Retirement

Rhonda Untied Retired 24 years.