

Wayne Township Fire E.M.S. 2023 Annual Report

I am pleased to share our 2023 Wayne Township Fire E.M.S. Annual Activity Report. Inside, you will find not only statistics about our responses but also some of our accomplishments during the last calendar year.

You will also be provided updates in reference to our personnel and the divisions of responsibility within the department. Wayne Township Fire E.M.S. continues serving our community with the following core values:

- **Integrity**
- **Professionalism**
- **Compassion**
- **Unity**
- **Honor**

The department strives to deliver exemplary customer service to the 5,000 plus residents who call Wayne Township Clermont County home and the numerous visitors to our Great Community. We continue to strive to be a full-service fire department comprised of 33 uniformed personnel with a support staff of two Chaplains providing service out of two strategically located fire stations.

Last year, Wayne Township Fire E.M.S. crews responded to more than 682 calls for service in addition to remaining resolute on emergency preparedness. We focused on fire prevention and education through our Fire Prevention Division, and we supported our emergency services delivery through our Training and Administrative Divisions.

Wayne Township Fire E.M.S. continues to progress which allows us to seek new opportunities and leads us to strengthen our relationships with regional agencies. Our dedicated personnel are highly trained professionals who proudly serve this community with conviction and honor, which is why I am so proud of each member of this great organization.

We hope you find the 2023 Wayne Township Fire E.M.S. Annual Report informational as it highlights our accomplishments over the last year.

MISSION STATEMENT

Wayne Township Fire E.M.S. shall be dedicated to serving and protecting the residents and visitors within Wayne Township and the unincorporated areas of Newtonsville, Edenton, Woodville, and Modest Clermont County, Ohio and its surrounding community's lives and property from fire, natural or manmade disasters, hazardous materials, unsafe conditions, accidents, illnesses, Trauma and property damage. Wayne Township Fire E.M.S. will provide its members with the safest equipment and best training to protect our community and provide these services.

"Provide High Quality Service to Our Customers"

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Fire E.M.S. Personnel Employment Longevity

Mast Jr, Romeo	FF/EMT	12/31/1970	53 Years, 1 Months
Dietrich, Ted	FF/EMT	09/01/1973	50 Years, 4 Months
Suffridge, Don	FireFighter	11/01/1980	43 Years, 2 Months
Hahn, Ted	FF/EMT	12/04/1980	43 Years, 1 Months
Mast, Adam	FireFighter	11/29/1995	28 Years, 2 Months
Woodward, Jeremy	FF/AEMT	09/13/2000	23 Years, 4 Months
Fuchs, Kathy	FF/EMT	01/24/2001	23 Years, 0 Months
Cromer, Virgil	FireFighter	08/02/2001	22 Years, 5 Months
Williams, Chris	Assistant Chief FF/EMTP	09/19/2003	20 Years, 4 Months
McCormick, David	Lieutenant FF/EMT	10/17/2003	20 Years, 3 Months
Bryant, Johnny	FF/EMT	05/14/2008	15 Years, 8 Months
Grosnickle, Harold	FF/AEMT	01/24/2011	13 Years, 0 Months
Greatorex, Mark	Chief FF/EMT-P	08/04/2015	8 Years, 5 Months
Mayer, Mike	Chaplain	08/21/2015	8 Years, 5 Months
Brown, Scott	FF/AEMT	02/10/2016	7 Years, 11 Months
Browning, Katie	EMT	04/13/2016	7 Years, 9 Months
Bryant, Brandon	FF/AEMT	09/14/2016	7 Years, 4 Months
Browning, Jason	FF/EMT	04/12/2017	6 Years, 9 Months
Nause, Scott	FireFighter	04/12/2017	6 Years, 9 Months
Hixson, Mysti	FF/AEMT	12/29/2017	6 Years, 1 Months
Race, Michele	AEMT	01/10/2018	6 Years, 0 Months
Studer, Christopher	FireFighter	01/24/2018	6 Years, 0 Months
Dozier, Adam	FF/EMT-P	02/09/2021	2 Years, 11 Months
Mauceri, Stacy	FF/EMT	02/10/2021	2 Years, 11 Months
Barrett, Raymond	FF/AEMT	03/10/2021	2 Years, 10 Months

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Moore, Quinn	FF/EMT	06/15/2021	2 Years, 7 Months
Bryant, Andrew	Cadet	07/21/2021	2 Years, 6 Months
Gallett, Linda	FF/EMT-P	02/09/2022	1 Years, 11 Months
Hopper, Phillip	Chaplain	03/01/2022	1 Years, 10 Months
McKenzie, Naomi	EMT	06/22/2022	1 Years, 7 Months
Koons, Justin	FF/AEMT	06/22/2022	1 Years, 7 Months
Fletcher, Richard	Deputy Chief FF/EMT-P	11/05/2022	1 Years, 2 Months
Travis, April	FF/EMT-P	07/26/2023	0 Years, 6 Months
Crockett, Nathan	FireFighter	09/27/2023	0 Years, 4 Months

AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT LONGEVITY: 12.3 Years

Fire and E.M.S. Incident Count 2023

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
Station: 56 - STATION 56	
111 - Building fire	9
112 - Fires in structure other than in a building	1
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	3
121 - Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence	2
130 - Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	1
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	2
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	2
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	3
143 - Grass fire	3
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	10
153 - Construction or demolition landfill fire	4
154 - Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	30
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	405
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	38
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	11
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	2
444 - Power line down	14
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1
460 - Accident, potential accident, other	14

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542 - Animal rescue	1
552 - Police matter	1
553 - Public service	1
600 - Good intent call, other	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	16
621 - Wrong location	1
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	4
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
700 - False alarm or false call, other	1
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1
900 - Special type of incident, other	7

Incidents for 56 - Station 56: 601

Mutual Aid Given and Received 2023

AID TYPE	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Mutual aid received	33	5.5%
Automatic aid received	18	3.0%
Mutual aid given	16	2.7%
Automatic aid given	20	3.3%
None	514	85.5%

Responses Made by Personnel

PERSONNEL	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
Barrett, Raymond	42	6.99 %
Brown, Scott	35	5.82 %
Browning, Jason	19	3.16 %
Browning, Katie	3	0.50 %
Bryant, Andrew	1	0.17 %
Bryant, Brandon	164	27.29 %
Bryant, Johnny	54	8.99 %
Crockett, Nathan	4	0.67 %
Cromer, Virgil	170	28.29 %
Dietrich, Ted	228	37.94 %
Dozier, Adam	64	10.65 %
Fletcher, Richard	164	27.29 %
Fuchs, Kathy	59	9.82 %
Gallett, Linda	93	15.47 %
Greatorex, Mark	165	27.45 %
Grosnickle, Harold	5	0.83 %
Hixson, Mysti	122	20.30 %
Hopper, Phillip	9	1.50 %

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Jackson, David	68	11.31 %
Koons, Justin	109	18.14 %
Mast Jr, Romeo	80	13.31 %
Mast, Adam	48	7.99 %
Mauceri, Stacy	57	9.48 %
McCormick, David	25	4.16 %
McKenzie, Naomi	30	4.99 %
Moore, Quinn	41	6.82 %
Nause, Scott	18	3.00 %
Race, Michele	95	15.81 %
Studer, Christopher	13	2.16 %
Suffridge, Don	34	5.66 %
Travis, April	18	3.00 %
Williams, Chris	254	42.26 %
Woodward, Jeremy	7	1.16 %
Sum of Individual Responses	2477	
Total Incidents for Date Range	601	

Total Training Hours by Personnel

Personnel Name	Total hours
Barrett, Raymond	60:30
Brown, Scott	15:15
Browning, Jason	13:45
Browning, Katie	11:15
Bryant, Andrew	2:00
Bryant, Brandon	61:00
Bryant, Johnny	55:45
Cromer, Virgil	52:00
Dietrich, Ted	56:30
Dozier, Adam	11:00
Fletcher, Richard	42:00
Fuchs, Kathy	47:45
Gallett, Linda	5:00
Greatorex, Mark	156:45
Hahn, Ted	7:45
Hixson, Mysti	30:15
Hopper, Phillip	5:15
Koons, Justin	36:45
Mast Jr, Romeo	44:30
Mast, Adam	2:00
Mauceri, Stacy	26:15
McCormick, David	23:30
McKenzie, Naomi	14:00
Moore, Quinn	8:30
Nause, Scott	2:45

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Race, Michele	142:30
Studer, Christopher	11:45
Suffridge, Don	20:15
Travis, April	1:30
Williams, Chris	71:30
Woodward, Jeremy	3:15

Paramedic Training

Due to receiving a Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant for 2021 we have received funding and have been able to send employees of the department to Paramedic Training. We have one student enrolled in the Butler Tech Paramedic Program and two students enrolled at Cincinnati State. The reason behind this is to fill Paramedic positions in the department that will come open in the future. You could say we are training the replacements. Although one paid on call member is taking it to enhance his knowledge of Emergency Medical Care and to provide better service to the community of Wayne Township.

The cost of the paramedic programs averages \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 depending on which course they attend. It takes a great deal of personal commitment to attend and complete this program. This is a 10-12 month course and not only includes classroom time but also clinical time. When not at their regular jobs they are in class or at clinicals.

The cost to the township is \$400.00 to \$500.00 and FEMA will pay the rest. This includes tuition, books, and lab fees.



Jackson Township E.M.S.

Wayne Township Fire E.M.S. provides E.M.S. coverage to 1/3 of Jackson Township. Jackson Township pays us a retainer of \$15,100.00 in 2023. Additionally, they pay \$350.00 per transport and \$150.00 for a non-transport. They also pay for any supplies used when we make a run into their area. We also bill the patient's insurance for recovery.

In 2023 we responded into Jackson Township a total of 59 times. We transported 34 patients and had 25 non transports. We billed and received \$14,501.78. This amount was for transports, refusals and resupply of our E.M.S. units. Add the annual retainer and total collected from Jackson Township was \$29,601.78 and this does not include what was recovered from billing.

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E.M.S. Calls for Service 2023

	Jan '23	Feb '23	Mar '23	Apr '23	May '23	Jun '23	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Total
Sunday	6	5	7	15	10	6	8	11	1	10	4	1	84
Monday	9	4	5	7	7	10	10	3	7	8	5	7	82
Tuesday	5	6	5	6	7	2	4	7	11	8	4	7	72
Wednesday	5	6	8	7	4	4	6	8	8	8	6	7	77
Thursday	11	7	5	6	9	13	7	7	4	10	6	9	94
Friday	5	5	6	8	9	5	8	13	8	3	3	8	81
Saturday	7	6		9	8	4	6	6	8	9	7	6	76
Total	48	39	36	58	54	44	49	55	47	56	35	45	566

Total Record Volume by Disposition

	Jan '23	Feb '23	Mar '23	Apr '23	May '23	Jun '23	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Total
Assist, Unit			1					1		1	1		4
Cancelled (No Patient Contact)	5	3	1	5	5	2	5	3	4	4	1	2	40
Cancelled (Prior to Arrival at Scene)	2	2		3			2			1	1		11
Cancelled on Scene/No Patient Found		1	1	1	2	1	1	2					9
Patient Dead on Scene - No Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)		2					3			1	1		7
Patient Dead on Scene - Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)								1		1		1	3
Patient Evaluated, No Treatment/Transport Required	7	3	4	10	5	8	7	7	3	1	5	5	65
Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (Without Transport)	2	1	1	6	4	2	2	6		2	2	3	31
Patient Treated, Released (AMA)	3	1	1	2		2	1			2	1	1	14
Patient Treated, Released (per protocol)			1			1	1	1		2			6
Patient Treated, Transferred Care to Another EMS Professional/Unit			1		4	1	3	2	4	6	1	3	25
Patient Treated, Transported by Law Enforcement	1					1			1			1	4
Patient Treated, Transported by Private Vehicle	1				2	1	1	2	2				9
Standby - No Service or Support Provided		1						1	2			1	5
Standby - Public Safety, Fire, or EMS Operational Support Provided	1		1			1			1				4
Transported Lights/Siren	7	6	2	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	3	5	51
Transported No Lights/Siren	21	19	22	30	29	24	22	30	26	30	19	25	297
Transported No Lights/Siren, Upgraded							1						1
Total	50	39	36	62	54	48	53	59	47	56	35	47	586

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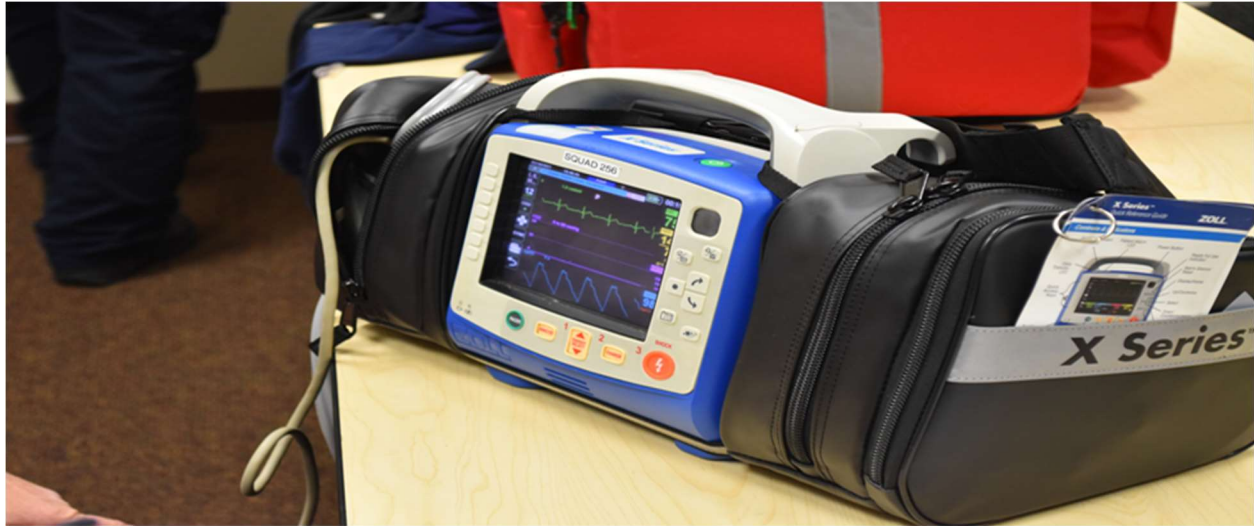
E.M.S. Transports by Destination 2023

	Jan '23	Feb '23	Mar '23	Apr '23	May '23	Jun '23	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Total
Bethesda North - Cincinnati	15	15	16	26	20	23	16	23	21	15	17	10	217
Cincinnati Childrens Medical Center	1			2			2		2	4	1		12
Cincinnati Va Hospital	1												1
Clinton Memorial Hospital			1	1	1								3
Mercy Hospital - Anderson		1	1			1	2	3			1		9
Mercy Hospital - Clermont	10	8	6	7	11	4	7	7	7	16	3	5	91
University of Cincinnati Medical Center	1												1
Total	28	25	24	35	32	28	27	33	30	35	22	15	334

Total E.M.S. Call Volume by Day of the Week

	Jan '23	Feb '23	Mar '23	Apr '23	May '23	Jun '23	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Total
Sunday	6	5	7	15	10	6	8	11	1	10	4	1	84
Monday	9	4	5	7	7	10	10	3	7	8	5	7	82
Tuesday	5	6	5	6	7	2	4	7	11	8	4	7	72
Wednesday	5	6	8	7	4	4	6	8	8	8	6	7	77
Thursday	11	7	5	6	9	13	7	7	4	10	6	9	94
Friday	5	5	6	8	9	5	8	13	8	3	3	8	81
Saturday	7	6		9	8	4	6	6	8	9	7	6	76
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Total E.M.S. Call Volume by Time of Day

	Jan '23	Feb '23	Mar '23	Apr '23	May '23	Jun '23	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Total
00:00	2	3	1	3	3	1	1	1	1		1		17
01:00	2	1	2	1	1	1		2	1	2			13
02:00		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	2	11
03:00	1		1	1	1	2	3	1				3	13
04:00	2	3	1		2	2		1		2			13
05:00	3		1	1	1	3	3	2	1	4	1		20
06:00	2			1	1	1	2		1	1	2		11
07:00			1	1			3	1	1		1	1	9
08:00	2	3	3	1	2	1	1			2			15
09:00	3	3	2	3	5	2	2	2	3	1	3		29
10:00	3	2	1	4	1	1	5	3	3	3	1	1	28
11:00	4	2	1	7	5	1	2	8	2	3	5		40
12:00	2	4	1	2	4	5	3	2	4	3	2	3	35
13:00	3	2	1	6	3	3	1	2	6	7	3		37
14:00	2		1	7	1		1	3	4	3			22
15:00	4		4	4	2	3	1	11	1	2		1	33
16:00	2	3	4	3	5	1	1	1		4	3	1	28
17:00	2	1	4	3	1	3	1	1	2	2	5	1	26
18:00	1		1	3	1	3	2	3	3	6	2	1	26
19:00	1	1	2		4	3	4	2	4	2	1		24
20:00	2	2	1	1	3	3	4	4	4	4	1	2	31
21:00	2	4	1	1	4	1	2	3	2	4	2	1	27
22:00	2	3		1	1	2	3		3		1		16
23:00	1	1	1	3	2	1	3	2				2	16
Total	48	39	36	58	54	44	49	55	47	56	35	19	540

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Wayne Township Fire/E.M.S. Training Academy

2023 was another busy year for the Fire/E.M.S. Training Academy. We hosted and sponsored the following

- Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course at Paintcreek Fire District Hillsboro, Ohio Highland County (100% Pass Rate)
- Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course in Wayne Township (92% Pass Rate)
- Emergency First Responder Course in Russelville in Brown County
- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Course Salem-Morrow Fire Department Warren County (Students are currently testing)
- 36 Hour Volunteer Firefighter Course at Peebles Adams County, Ohio
- Firefighter Level I Class Hosted in Wayne Township
- Firefighter Level I Course at Paintcreek Fire District
- Firefighter Level II Course in Wayne Township
- Firefighter Level II Course at Paintcreek Fire District
- Firefighter Level II Course at Central Townships Joint Fire District London, Ohio Madison County
- Live Fire Instructor Course in Hamilton Township Warren County

Combined pass rate for the fire courses listed above is 80.39%.

Courses Planned for 2024

- Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course in Wayne Township. Starts January 8th, 2024
- Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course at Paintcreek Fire District Hillsboro, Ohio Highland County Starts January 8th, 2024
- Firefighter Level I Course Wayne Township starts January 29th, 2024
- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Course Spring of 2024

Grant money was received from the State Fire Marshal Training Grant for the Firefighter Level I courses that were taught at Paintcreek Fire District and Wayne Township Fire E.M.S.. These funds covered all course fees for the class instruction, books, and live fire facility use.

Wayne Township Fire E.M.S. Training Academy conducted live burn exercises at the City of Cincinnati Fire Departments training facility on Millcreek Road. Classes are now using the fire training burn facility at the Clinton Warren Fire District in Clarksville, Ohio which is located at 82 Spring Hill Road. This is 17 miles from station 56 which is where courses meet. The Cincinnati facility is 37 miles from Station 56. Township Fire Apparats are used for these training exercises, so it is less fuel used and less wear on the equipment.

The training facility is used for building live fire evolutions, hose advancement, and ground ladder placement.

The Wayne Township Fire E.M.S. training academy is overseen by Assistant Chief Chris Williams. If you have questions he can be contacted at (513) 625-6212.

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Fire Apparatus and Equipment

Annually apparatus and equipment go through different service testing. This includes our Ground Ladders, Apparatus Pumps, and Self-Contained breathing apparatus. This testing is done in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code section 4123:1. The following test were completed in 2023:

Fire Apparatus Pump Testing 4123:1-21-04

- a. Engine 55, Engine 56, Tender 56, and Engine 256 were tested
- b. Cost to test all apparatus is \$1,200.00
- c. All Apparatus tested to their rated capacity
- d. Engine 56 is in need of Tank to Pump Valve Rebuilt

Air cylinder Hydrostatic Testing 4123:1-21-02 (P)

- a. Breathing Air Cylinders need to hydrostatically tested every 5 years
- b. 20 out of 40 Cylinders were tested in 2023 at a cost of \$875.00
- c. As of 2023 now that all Cylinders have been tested all breathing air cylinders are now on a rotation of 8 per year to be tested

Ground Ladders 4123:1-21-05

- a. Ground ladders are tested annually for strength and inspected
- b. Annual Cost is \$1,000.00

Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

When the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus was purchased back in 2019 with Assistance to Firefighters Grant Funds they were purchased at a time when the Standards for air packs were changing. We were on a timeline of having to spend the money and there was not time frame when the new standard would take effect.

The team assigned to specify the new units had forethought and the SCBA's were purchased with the condition that any upgrades would be included in the initial purchase price.

Fast forward to 2023 and this year the upgrades were installed back in May. The air mask and SCBA's were brought into current compliance with NFPA 1971 and section 4123:1 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

These upgrades were provided at no cost to the department as they were paid by the initial grant.

All Airpacks were service tested and passed. This is required annually to remain compliant.

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Personnel Personal Protective Equipment Turnout Gear 4123:1-21-02

- a. Turnout Gear has a service life of 10 years
- b. We had approximately 24 sets of gear that were set to expire in 2023
- c. In 2021 we began purchasing 7 sets per year as to not have a large amount expire at one time
- d. As the end of 2023 we currently have 4 sets of turnout gear that will expire in 2023
- e. There is no recommendation for inspection of turnout gear to expand its usage passed the expiration date indicated on the label(s).
- f. If purchased on a grant we would be back in the same position we were where all would expire at one time.
- g. Once all personnel are in compliant no expired gear we should go to a rotation of purchasing 5 sets per year to stay ahead
- h. Cost of 7 sets of Turnout Gear in 2023 was \$25,445.00
- i. Replacement of 5 Sets of Turnout Gear in 2024 is \$19,447.25



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Equipment placed into Service in 2023

With the help of the Wayne Township Auxiliary, we were able to purchase much needed equipment and station furnishings. They gave us \$8,000.00 earned from the 2023 Fish Fry's.

The Wayne Township Auxiliary purchased the following for Fire E.M.S.

- (4) 2 ½" Nozzle Shut Offs with 1 3/16" Nozzle Tips. These allow us different flows in different ranges during fire suppression activities
- (3) Vehicle Crash Kits. These allow our personnel to have necessary hand tools in an organized pouch with magnets that will stick to a vehicle involved in a vehicle accident
- They purchased six heavy duty recliner chairs for Station 55 and Station 56. These chairs replace hand me down chairs from another fire department. These are the first new chairs in the station in 12 years.

We appreciate the continued support of the residents of Wayne Township for attending the Fish Frys and the Wayne Township Fire Auxiliary for their hard work putting it together every year. Thank You.

Wayne Township Fire E.M.S. placed into service three new heart monitor defibrillators. These were purchased using 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Funds

- Uses same battery platform and supplies as our previous Heart Monitor Defibrillators
- Integration was simple with personnel as they are of the same design as our previous monitors
- This monitor has enhanced features that our previous monitors did not and assist us in delivering the most advanced and appropriate treatment
- Received a \$21,077.88 trade in credit towards the purchase of the new monitors
- FEMA paid \$97,008.81. Wayne Township's share for this equipment is \$5,105.73 which is 5% of the total cost
- Lifespan of a Heart Monitor Defibrillator is 7 years

We also placed into service 3 automated external defibrillators. These were also purchased using 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Funds

- These were placed on Engine 256, Engine 56, and Assistant Chief Williams Vehicle
- Can be used by any of our responders trained in CPR and the operation of these units regardless of certification level
- If an Engine is needed to first respond on a cardiac arrest, they are prepared to render lifesaving care
- Integrates with our monitor defibrillators once an Advanced Life Support unit arrives on scene
- FEMA paid \$8,712.02. Wayne Township's share for this equipment is \$458.53 which is 5% of the total cost

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With grant funds from a 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program we placed into service new Battery-operated vehicle extrication tools. With the funds we purchased

- Engine 256 Cutter, Spreader, Extension Ram and Ram accessory Kit
- Engine 56 Combination Cutter Spreader
- Engine 55 Combination Cutter Spreader
- Tools operate using commercially available Milwaukee M28 batteries
- These tools eliminate trip hazards on the scene from hydraulic hoses
- Carry the same cutting and spreading force as the gasoline powered tool pumps
- FEMA paid \$63,621.50. Wayne Township's share for this equipment is \$3,348.50 which is 5% of the total cost

We received an E.M.S. Grant in 2023. Items purchased by the EMS Grant have arrived. We received and placed into service

- 3 Complete Blood Pressure Kits. These replaced aging blood pressure cuffs that were in service
- 3 Carbon Fiber Oxygen Cylinders. These have been placed into the first in bags. They are lighter than the aluminum cylinders that were in service.
- 8 Oxygen regulators for portable oxygen. These replaced worn and broken regulators that were still in use.
- 2 Heart monitor batteries. These replaced out of service batteries that we had in service. Yes we just got 6 new batteries when we purchased the monitors however the older batteries we have will work in the monitors we have. Some of those batteries are over 8 years old and it is recommended that you do not attempt to defibrillate a patient with a battery older than 3 years old.

Radio Equipment

Many of the radios both mobile and portable radios currently in service with Fire E.M.S. are set to not be usable in 2025. In 2022 we applied for grant funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. This was a cooperative grant with Stonelick Township, Jackson Township and Wayne Township. We successfully received the grant funds to replace some of our portable radios and select mobile radios. We received a total of 11 portable radios and 7 mobile radios.

Each portable radio cost \$3,400.00 programmed and each mobile radio cost \$4,200.00. If the department had to buy this equipment outright it would have cost us \$66,800.00. Due to the grant funding it cost us approximately \$3,340.00.

We also received a grant from the State Fire Marshals office through the Multiagency Radio Communications Grant (MARCS). This allowed us to purchase additional portable radio equipment. 3 Portable Radios and 2 Base Units. The amount of the grant was \$20,949.65. This was a no match grant and the total cost of the aforementioned equipment was paid by these funds.

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While we were in the process of upgrading and replacing the radio equipment each radio that is assigned to a Fire or E.M.S. apparatus was reprogrammed with a new template. While this reprogramming was being done it was found that many of our radios needed retuned as they were operating off frequency. This was causing us to get busy signals when we tried to transmit radio messages. The cost for this reprogramming was \$1,980.00.

In closing I would like to first and foremost Thank the Fire E.M.S. staff for their continued work making the department better and getting us out the door. Without you we would not be the organization we are.

To the residents of Wayne Township Thank You for your continued support. It is with great pride that we serve you daily. Into the future we asked for your continued support as the department goes through the many changes coming our way.

WE strive to provide the best service possible. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me at (513) 625-6212 or e mail mgreatorex@waynetwpfire.org

Best Regards,

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