

December Activity Report

Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District

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Highlights and Fire / EMS Incidents

COVID-19 numbers showed a marked rise in the month of December as the Omicron variant spread viciously throughout the month. MIHJFD members were also affected as several members or members of their immediate family got sick during the month. All symptoms were mild and there were no extended leaves due to the illness. New guidance from CDC regarding returning to work was issued and we adjusted our IAP to reflect those changes. Highlights from those changes included new guidance for returning to work and the recommendation for booster shots, regardless of vaccination or previous event status. Members are coming up on the year mark from their initial vaccination and will be asked to get the booster shot as per recommendations from CDC and Hamilton County Public Health.

We had no major incidents for the month of December, but we have eclipsed our highest run volume recorded for any year in MIHJFD history with an unofficial number of 1,972 total runs, including our busiest month of EMS runs, 151. COVID played a role in those numbers, especially in December, but our biggest factor was the Tradition assisted living facility at 7650 Camargo Rd. Chief Oughterson responded to three IMAT responses including working fires in Sycamore and Loveland.



Fire Prevention: Members have been working hard to close out the year for commercial building inspections. Software changes mid-year had the unit days on their heels to get their inspections completed prior to the end of the year, COVID-19 and the Omicron variant has not helped in this endeavor.

The JFD participated in several community events in December including the St. Nick Parade in Madeira. We provided VIP transportation for Santa for both the Indian Hill Historical Society as well as the Kenwood Country Club. We borrowed an antique fire engine to deliver Santa and he was thrilled to ride in this historic piece.

We continue our efforts with the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency to provide a tabletop drill and the date and place have been set. We will be meeting at the Madeira Administration Building on March 23, 2022. Madeira Police and the MIHJFD met with Doug Whitskin, the Hamilton County EMA director, to see the proposed disaster that will be simulated in downtown Madeira. The disaster is based on the very real possibility of a train derailment on Miami which may or may not include a hazardous materials incident. The details of the drill are kept secret so that the simulation of the event is more realistic for all those involved. The drill will include 40-50 participants from about 30 different agencies, most of which are outside of the traditional fire and police agencies we normally work with. The drill is scheduled for three hours and will conclude with lunch.

50	Commercial Fire Inspections
0	Adoption Inspection
2	Tent Permit / Safety
1	Underground Storage Tank
4	Commercial Plan Reviews
8	Car Seat Inspection / Install
1	Block Party
2	Station Tours (10 people)

Training: The Leadership Academy students, Lt. Linne and Lt. Scheuerman, have decided on their project. They will be re-imagining the Mission Statement, Vision and Values for the JFD. It has been several years and most of our members were not around when those were developed. There were three questionnaires developed for the project. Both internal and external stakeholders will be asked to complete a short survey that will offer input that the team will use to help develop or re-affirm our mission statement, vision and values.



We continued to utilize the acquired structure behind Madeira City Building. Crews focused on hose movement and fire stream application. Another property became available during the week between Christmas and New Years at 8100 Buckingham. The structure was used to perform line deployments and extending hand lines. The structure is scheduled to be demolished in the first half of January. We didn't have the house long enough to perform the necessary preparations to perform live fire evolutions, but it would have been a perfect location and structure for live burns. Hopefully, we will have another demo project to fulfill that need in 2022. In the meantime, we will continue to utilize the live burn facility in Loveland.

Our medical director, Dr. Rachael Mathews, presented three sessions of run review for our personnel. Dr. Mathews is entering her third year as our medical director and is an Emergency Room Physician at Bethesda North Hospital. During run review, she chooses runs that we made and presents the assessment, treatment, documentation and follow-up care for that patient. This training is especially valuable for our members to verify that their assessment, treatment and documentation conforms to our protocol and scope of practice. For Dr. Mathews, it confirms the same because as paramedics, we operate under her physician license.

Apparatus Maintenance:

- Completed routine maintenance / oil change M64
- Ordered part and replaced bad door hardware on Q65
- Minor repair for power cot and stair chair
- Vogelpohl completed warranty work on S65 Fuel Fill Tube

M64 Damage: M64 was damaged while negotiating a tight turn in a driveway on Walton Creek while transporting a patient to the hospital in November. We had two companies participate in getting an estimate for damage repair. We have scheduled the repair for January 23rd, 2022 at Kenny's Collision in Alexandria, Kentucky. Our operational budget will pay for the repair, we chose not to claim the damage for insurance due to relatively inexpensive repair.

Fitness:

We completed the last month of the year with another department wide fitness challenge, the Push-up Challenge. Members were asked to record their daily push up totals with a goal to record 1,000 for the month. While numbers are still being recorded as people return from holiday, preliminary results show that of the 20 members participated, of which 16 met the goal of 1,000. Two members challenged themselves and each recorded 1,000 in one day! Department totaled over 32,000 pushups for the month.



Fire Chief
Steve Oughterson

Admin Captain
Francisco Caceres

Captain
Kevin Scheuerman

Captain
John Lynch

Captain
Brandon Linne

Lieutenant
Nick Stiens

Lieutenant
Sean McCarthy

Lieutenant
Pat McCall

Firefighter / Medic
Joe Meyer
Brian Dapper
Griffin Drake
Devin Moore
Zakk VanNottingham
TBD 3/22

Firefighter / Medic
Brian Willing
Michael Hoying
Taylor Hester
Alex Brahm
Alex Stubbs
Mark Feldmann 1/22

Firefighter / Medic
Doug Bingaman
Toney Sanders
Mike Posega
Kurtis Mahan
Joe Placke
Scott Otten

Personnel:

The recommendations for promotion for Captains and Lieutenants were completed in December and the Chief recommended Lt. Linne and Lt. Scheuerman to be promoted to the rank of Captain and Firefighter / Paramedics Nick Stiens and Sean McCarthy to the rank of Lieutenant. The Chief will present those recommendations to the Personnel Committee on January 3rd and provided there are no objections from the Board of Trustees, those promotions will take place on January 11, 2022. Mark Feldmann was given a conditional offer of employment, pending completion of the pension physical and Board of Trustee Approval. This exhausts our eligibility list from 2021 and we will begin an external hiring process in January to seek fulfillment of the final career position. That process is scheduled to be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2022. THANK YOU to both cities for approving personnel improvements for 2022.

Station Maintenance: Overhead door repaired worn equipment on Door 5 at the Indian Hill Station. The drains were jetted at Station 65 to prevent clogging.

Budget:

We completed the year 1.8% under budget, or \$73,325 of the 2021 Approved Budget of 4,073,619. There are a few payables that have not been invoiced to include furniture for conference room and training room; ambulance repairs; personnel physicals; EMS supplies; and updated rope rescue gear. End of the year numbers will be included in the annual report.

Both cities have approved the MIHJFD Operational Budget for 2022. The budget represents the re-organization of our officers and the creation of two more career positions. One firefighter / paramedic is currently on our eligibility list and will be hired as a career member as long as he completes the post offer physical and upon appointment from the Board of Trustees on January 10th. FF / Medic Mark Feldmann will begin on January 30, 2022 on Unit 2.

Projects: We continue to work on several projects regarding apparatus and personnel deployment:

- **Engine:** We had our pre-construction meeting with E-One to go over our final specification to be sent to the engineers in Ocala, Florida. Minor changes were made to the specification as a result of engineering requests. We expect delivery of the truck in the first quarter of 2023.
- **Mission / Vision / Values:** Surveys posted online, social media and email. Surveys will poll internal and external stakeholders for their opinions on the expectations of their fire district. Results will assist LA Members on their project for completion of the course.

- **Department Events:** Getting through the busy holiday season was a success due to the hard work of all our personnel, but especially Sara Jacob and Jennifer Lightcap. The highlight for the events for me included the happy faces of the children as they greeted Santa and received gifts. For a few children, this was their first encounter with a live Santa and it was a treat for all. Department members also received a personalized gift from the department. Residents stopped by all month to show their appreciation with treats and cards, we were once again overwhelmed by their



generosity and thoughtfulness. The Heidt Family is one example, as they gave each and every member an individual gift of home-made honey and a gift card to their restaurant, Oakley Kitchen. The MIH Fire Company was also recipients of several financial gifts over the course of the holidays including but not limited to the Pohl Family, the Hauck's and the Jaeger's. Thank You!

December 2021 Fire Incidents				
Count of Incident Type	District			
Incident Type	Indian Hill	Madeira	Out Of District	Grand Total
Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1			1
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1			1
Animal rescue		1		1
Building fire			3	3
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO		3		3
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional		1		1
Dispatched & canceled en route	4	4	10	18
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other		1		1
False alarm or false call, other	2		1	3
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	2		3
Passenger vehicle fire		1		1
Power line down	1			1
Public service		1		1
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	1		2
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1			1
Smoke or odor removal	2			2
Smoke scare, odor of smoke		2		2
Grand Total	14	17	14	45

DECEMBER EMS RUN DATA

EMS RUNS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
MEDIC 64	29	29	27	37	42	30	38	38	48	42	39	40
MEDIC 65	86	78	74	80	89	79	90	92	101	86	99	114
MADEIRA	84	85	72	87	98	77	93	93	103	100	109	127
INDIAN HILL	29	18	24	29	30	27	27	26	31	22	27	25
MUTUAL AID Given	2	3	5	5	8	7	8	9	13	6	8	5
MUTUAL AID Recvd	5	8	4	7	4	8	1	1	2	3	1	4
MONTHLY TOTAL	115	106	101	121	136	111	128	128	147	128	144	167
YEAR TO DATE	115	221	322	443	579	690	818	946	1093	1221	1365	1532

EMS RUNS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Treated/Transported	86	70	64	85	94	67	88	100	99	98	94	106
Not Transported	22	25	26	28	29	27	22	17	41	23	35	48

NURSING HOMES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
5970 Kenwood	20	17	20	18	22	20	16	15	19	8	10	14
7885 Camargo	15	9	11	16	12	10	20	11	13	22	20	27
7650 Camargo	5	9	8	12	10	10	11	15	15	16	23	14
MONTHLY TOTAL	40	35	39	46	44	40	47	41	47	46	53	55
YEAR TO DATE	40	75	114	160	204	244	291	332	379	425	478	533

Hamilton County Public Health: Daily COVID Cases

HCPH Daily Cases



