

January Activity Report

Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District

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Highlights and Fire / EMS Incidents

As the district turned the page on 2021, we continue to be affected by COVID-19. Cases that affected our employees experienced minor symptoms and returned to work following CDC guidelines. There were at 13 employees that were affected by COVID-19 in December and January. Our EMS expert, Dr. James Augustine, states that we will continue to see Omicron cases for the next 2-3 weeks, taking us into March. January also begins our new officer configuration as the promotions for lieutenant and captain took affect on January 18th. Our crews took advantage of an incredible house at the end of Buckingham which was donated to the JFD just before demolition. We had a couple of structure fires outside of the JFD including a fatal house fire despite heroic efforts from our mutual aid partners and our Unit 3 personnel.

The fatal fire occurred on January 18th in Fairfax in which we were involved in the first alarm and assisted with the rescue, treatment and transport of the fatally injured occupant. The fire was reported just before 11PM on Watterson Rd. in Fairfax. Upon arrival of LMFD Engine 66, they found that heavy fire showing from the front of the two-story residence and police reported at least two victims requiring treatment and another victim still trapped inside the home. E66 crews put a hose into service on the main body of fire and Q67 crew advanced into the residence, found the victim and were moving to extricate them from the home. Our E64 crew arrived, assisted with the removal of the victim from a rear window of the home and immediately began treatment. The treatment continued with the medic unit from Sycamore, Medic 92, but they weren't able to leave the scene being blocked by fire apparatus. Care was transferred from Medic 92 to our Medic 65 where they treated and transported to University Hospital. Unfortunately, the patient succumbed to the injuries received in the fire days later. Capt. Caceres and Chief Oughterson also made the call and assisted with the incident.



We responded to two other mutual aid structure fires including a one room burn in Silverton and a major house fire in Symmes Twp. The occupant from the fire in Silverton took early action that saved his home from more extensive damage by closing the bedroom door after discovering the fire. This action gave the firefighters time to quickly get to the seat of the fire and extinguish. Closing the door is critical, whether it be the room of origin or even the front or rear door upon exiting the structure. Fire needs air and the simple act of closing doors limits the amount of oxygen available to the fire. The fire in Symmes Twp most likely occurred as a result of ashes placed on the rear deck. The occupant awoke to a glow and sounds from the fire as most of the rear of the house was on fire. This early morning fire went to two alarms as companies worked to extinguish the fire which went from the deck of the house to the basement, first and second floors. Chief Oughterson responded to this fire and was assigned to Charlie Division as part of the IMAT response.

Fire Prevention: Fire prevention and fire training sometimes align themselves as they did in January. All three shifts spent an hour at the new Swingline Grill in Madeira to talk about building construction and fire protection for a restaurant. The prevention aspect has been key as builders and contractors worked hand and hand from development, construction and ultimately operations when it is completed later this spring. Madeira crews presented a safety presentation at the St. Gabriel School. Our station tour included residents from the North Timberline Residential Care Facility which specializes in supporting adults with special needs.

23	Commercial Fire Inspections
0	Adoption Inspection
0	Tent Permit / Safety
1	Underground Storage Tank
4	Commercial Plan Reviews
1	Car Seat Inspection / Install
1	ACLS Check off
1	Station Tours (6 people)

Training: The Leadership Academy students, Capt. Linne and Capt. Scheuerman were heavily involved in their project. They will be re-imagining the Mission Statement, Vision and Values for the JFD. The students are now evaluating their surveys and will be working toward next steps in their project. The Linder Family was very generous and were able to offer us a training opportunity in the home they



purchased at the north end of Buckingham. We had about two weeks to train prior to demolition. Crews worked on search and rescue, hose deployment evolutions including some night operations. Terrace Park Fire Department also joined our trainings. We were also fortunate to have ice at the pond, so Unit One was able to perform so ice rescue scenarios there. Ice Rescue Training also occurred on all three unit days on station where they reviewed equipment and techniques.

All three shifts completed EMS training for the month to include a presentation and protocol review of “Do Not Resuscitate” (DNR) orders.



Eleven members participated in Search Reformation Training hosted by the Montgomery Firefighters and Jeff Wyler Auto Group in Milford. The class examines the three key components to involve a successful search outcome in your department: the leadership, the training division, and the personnel. Students also examined proven skills, debunked myths, and assess studies that include thermal imaging video of victim rescues.

Five members have enrolled in the Extreme Leadership Program by Echelon Front. The program officially kicked off in January with an introductory meeting with the authors.

Apparatus Maintenance:

M64 was taken to Kenny’s Collision Center in Kentucky for body damage repair. The unit is expected to be there until February 8th then it will be at Crux Roadbardz for graphic work related to the body repair. We have a medic unit in service from Goshen Township at Station 64. We usually borrow a unit from Montgomery, but they don’t have the same cot system as we do.



Personnel:

The Board of Trustees approved the promotions of Kevin Scheuerman and Brandon Linne to the rank of Captain and Nick Stiens and Sean McCarthy to the rank of Lieutenant. Those promotions took affect on January 18th. We will formally recognize those individuals at the Annual Board of Trustees Meeting in March. Mark Feldmann accepted his conditional offer of career employment, and he completed all requirements of the offer. His first day will be on February 2nd with Unit 2. We advertised for the career opening for Firefighter / Paramedic. The application period ends on February 4th. We received 7 applications at time of publication and I extended the deadline to Monday, February 7th. **THANK YOU to both cities for approving personnel improvements for 2022.**



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

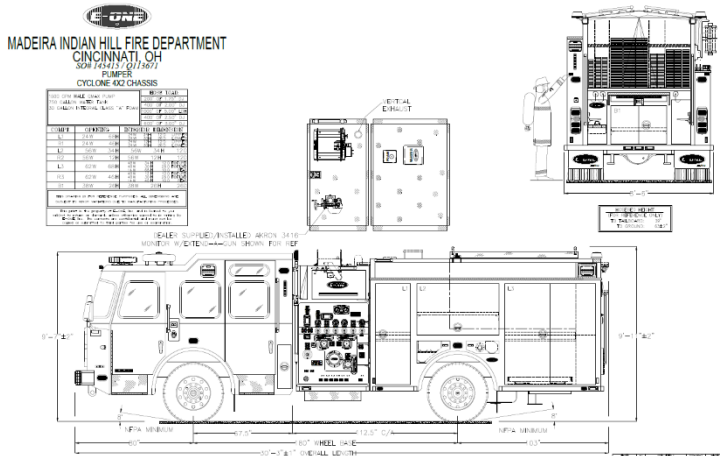
Firefighter / Medic
Brian Willing
Michael Hoying
Taylor Hester
Alex Brahm
Alex Stubbs
Mark Feldmann 1/22

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

Station Maintenance: Overhead door repaired Door #2 due to a malfunctioning opener. Repairs were made by adjusting the limit switch, hopefully that was the repair needed to keep the door in service.

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

- **Engine:** Engineers have reviewed the changes made in December and provided new build documents and drawings for the new E-One Engine. The latest drawings and documents were reviewed and accepted by the JFD. The next step is to review paint and decal drawings / documents. We expect delivery of the truck in the first quarter of 2023.



January 2022 Fire Incidents				
Count of Incident Type	District			
Incident Type	Indian Hill	Madeira	Out Of District	Grand Total
Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional		3		3
Authorized controlled burning	1			1
Building fire			3	3
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1			1
Carbon monoxide incident	1			1
CO detector activation due to malfunction	2			2
Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition, other		1		1
Cooking fire, confined to container			1	1
Dispatched & canceled en route	3	2	9	14
False alarm or false call, other	3	2		5
Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1			1
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3	1		4
Good intent call, other	1			1
Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1			1
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.		1		1
Overpressure rupture of air or gas pipe/pipeline		1		1
Power line down	1		1	2
Road freight or transport vehicle fire			1	1
Service Call, other	1			1
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction		1		1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke		1		1
Special outside fire, other		1		1
Unauthorized burning	1			1
Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1			1
Water or steam leak		1		1
Grand Total	21	15	15	51

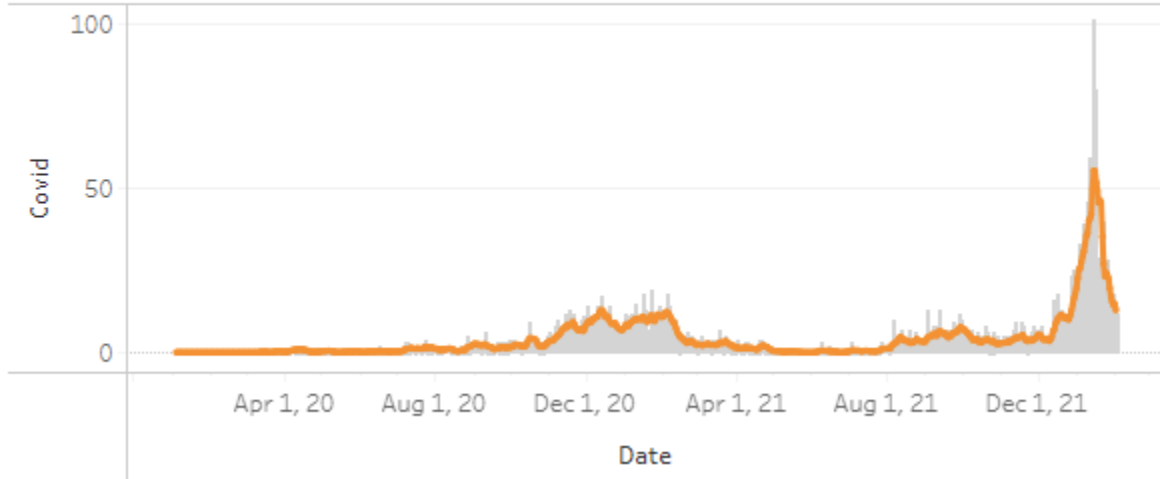
JANUARY EMS RUN DATA

EMS RUNS	JAN
MEDIC 64	42
MEDIC 65	93
MADEIRA	100
INDIAN HILL	25
MUTUAL AID Given	10
MUTUAL AID Received	2
MONTHLY TOTAL	135
YEAR TO DATE	135

EMS Mutual Aid	Given	Received
Anderson		
Blue Ash		
Deer Park - Silverton		
Little Miami	3	
Loveland - Symmes	2	
Mariemont		2
Milford	1	
Montgomery		
Sycamore	4	
Miami Twp		

Hamilton County Public Health:

HCPH Daily Cases



The spike in cases for our zip code occurred on January 14th with 101 cases. The marked drop in cases are all the way down to 12 on February 2. Similarly, the spike in Hamilton County on January 14th went to 2700 cases.

Hospitalizations

