

October Activity Report

Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District

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Highlights and Fire / EMS Incidents

This month's highlights for the fire district unfortunately report the passing of our beloved benefactor, Harold Thomas. We celebrated his life with family and friends at the Cedars of Lebanon Chapel and he was laid to rest with his first love, Mitzi. We will miss him greatly but will remember him fondly and all of his contributions to the JFD and our community. We responded to several mutual aid fires in Sycamore and Loveland-Symmes which occurred at a greater frequency than we are used to. On a positive note, we kicked off our Smoke Detector Blitz program in Madeira and our work will hopefully save lives and create awareness toward safety.

The unusual volume of working fires that we began in the last two weeks of September bled into the first two weeks of October. Below is a brief of each incident and actions taken by MIHJFD crews. While there were significant fire losses, injuries to civilians and firefighters, no injuries or fire loss was recorded for the MIHJFD.

1. 10/3/2021: Car 6401 responded with Sycamore for the IMAT for a house fire. C6401 was assigned Victim Liaison. Fire began in the garage from an electrical arch and extended into the attic. No injuries reported.
2. 10/10/2021: Quint 65 and Car 6401 responded on the initial alarm of a three-alarm fire that occurred in Sycamore Twp off of Montgomery Rd. Crews arrived on the scene and found heavy fire to a townhome, extending to other townhomes. There were six injuries reported on this fire including three firefighters, all were non-life threatening. Q65 crew was third due on this fire and fought fire in the bravo exposure before being pulled out to go defensive. C6401 was assigned Accountability with Alpha Division.



**Sycamore Twp FD House Fire
Bear Valley Ct.**



**Sycamore Twp FD Hotel Fire
Reading Rd**

3. 10/12/2021: Car 6401 responded into Sycamore with the IMAT for a structure fire at the abandoned hotel on Reading Rd. Car 6401 was assigned Accountability and assisted the Incident Commander for this two-alarm fire. The fire was the result of arson and is the source of several fires over the years as Sycamore officials attempt to clear the property. No injuries reported on this alarm.

4. 10/16/2021: Engine 64 and Car 6401 responded on the initial alarm of a structure fire in Symmes Twp. C6401 arrived behind the IC and was assigned Alpha Division. Fire reported in the basement and crews extinguished fire before it could extend to the upper floors. Engine 64 was assigned an On-Deck position and then relieved crews in the basement to perform ventilation and overhaul. No injuries reported, the cause of the fire was being investigated. The fire started on or near the workbench on the unfinished side of the basement.
5. 10/19/2021: Quint 65 and Car 6401 responded on the initial alarm for a structure fire at a townhome in Sycamore Twp off of Keller Rd. Quint 65 arrived second due to this alarm and was assigned to the roof for ventilation. Car 6401 was assigned Charlie Division. Two civilian injuries were reported and the cause of the fire was careless smoking near home oxygen equipment. The fire was contained to the townhome of origin through quick work of the first arriving crews.
6. 10/21/2021: Car 6401 responded with the IMAT into Deerfield Twp for a garage fire that extended into the living and attic area. Crews knocked down a heavy amount of fire when they arrived and contained the fire before it extended into the attached Bravo exposure. Care 6401 was assigned to assist Charlie Division.



We responded to 128 medical calls in October and we are still on pace to have our busiest year. Among those calls included a Little Miami River response to assist Miami Twp. with a water rescue. Our crews made contact with the Incident Commander and provided manpower to assist with boat launch. Mutual aid units from Anderson and Loveland-Symmes Fire Departments also assisted with the rescue. Two kayakers from two separate incidents, were assisted off the river after they both ran into complications on the river which stranded them on an island near the Kelly Nature Preserve. Neither victim was injured nor was transported to the hospital. We are currently working with our mutual aid partners to increase training, command and response abilities for the Little Miami River between Loveland and Anderson.

Special Events: October was Fire Prevention Month and Capt. John Lynch worked with duty crews to go door-to-door to see that our residents have working smoke detectors. Information detailing that event is below in

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| 28 | Commercial Fire Inspections |
| 1 | Adoption Inspection |
| 7 | Tent Permit / Safety |
| 0 | Underground Storage Tank |
| 4 | Commercial Plan Reviews |
| 1 | Car Seat Inspection / Install |
| 1 | Block Party |
| 2 | Safety Presentations (100 kids) |
| 3 | Station Tours |
| 1 | Parade / Touch-a-Truck |

Projects. The Hunter Trials were held in October and we worked with event organizers to pre-plan the event in case of injury. We responded to the field one time for a person who was thrown from a horse. The Polaris Ranger (Support 264) responded, but the medic unit was able to get direct access to the site on the field due to dry conditions. Indian Hill Service Department did a great job preparing the trials so that Support 264 could access all areas of the event in case of a medical or trauma event.

We hosted the “Aging Safely in the Home” program for the Senior Commission for Madeira at our Station 65. We presented safety information about general safety, fire and medical safety, avoiding trip hazards, the Knox Box and Premise History Program as well as the Address Sign program. There wasn’t a large turn-out for this quality program presented by Capt. John Lynch.



Training: Training for October included Live Fire Training and Tender / Drafting operations. Goshen Township sent their Tender and Capt. Rose to work with our crews to draft water from a static water source and train on tanker operations in areas with low water supply and high demand such as a defensive fire operation. We have several areas in our District that the water supply available will not meet the demands of a big fire in a big house.

Capt. Caceres, Toney Sanders and Chief Oughterson attended the annual arson conference held in Evendale. Capt. Caceres and Lt. Scheuerman attended ICS 400 Training. On duty crews also performed live fire training at the Loveland

Fire Tower with Milford, Hamilton Twp and Loveland-Symmes Fire Departments. Training focused on basement fire tactics. Lt. Scheuerman and Sean McCarthy attended Nozzle Forward, which teaches advanced tactics for moving hose lines. Zakk VanNottingham began Fire Safety Inspector class, which will complete pending a passing final certification test in the second week of November.

Personnel:

Average Daily Staffing was 7.5 for October. The last of our six part time personnel completed their orientation program. The newest part time personnel is FF / EMT John Schwettmann.

One of our personnel was injured while assisting the City of Madeira with a playground project. On-duty crews were assisting the Madeira Parks Committee install playground equipment along with other volunteers. A skid steer struck one of our firefighters holding a piece of the playground equipment. Injuries were minor and the employee was transported by medic unit to Jewish to be evaluated. The firefighter returned to work after two shifts. BWC claim was submitted and the incident was investigated by Madeira P.D.

As reported in July, we submitted the budget request to include improving the leadership core and finishing Position 8 by hiring two FF / Paramedics. I met with Indian Hill Public Safety Committee Meeting on September 9th to present our budget and answer questions.

We reported this summer that we hired six new firefighters directly from an Interview Day at Scarlet Oaks Vocational. The process to get the new personnel continued in September as two more personnel have begun their employment with the JFD after a three day orientation. The new employees will work a set schedule, one 24 hour shift every sixth day. The employees are brand new to the fire service so they will not run as a regular crew member until they complete their new employee packet. The initial three firefighters we hired are doing well with exception to being responsible for two minor traffic incidents resulting in damage to apparatus. We remain hopeful that with more training and experience, this will not be a problem.



2021 Promotions = \$48,000
 2022 8th Position Career = \$211,324
 (\$105,662 Salary/ Benefit per position)

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| | Stephen Oughterson FIRE CHIEF | |
| | Admin Captain Captain Caceres \$0 | |
| Station 64 Captain Lynch \$0 | Station 64 Captain \$10,000 | Station 64 Captain \$10,000 |
| Station 65 LIEUTENANT \$0 | Station 65 LIEUTENANT \$14,000 | Station 65 LIEUTENANT \$14,000 |
| Position 3 AIC FF/ P – AIC - \$1,000 | Position 3 AIC FF/ P – AIC - \$1,000 | Position 3 AIC FF/ P – AIC - \$1,000 |
| Position 4 - FT | Position 4 - FT | Position 4 - FT |
| Position 5 - FT | Position 5 - FT | Position 5 - FT |
| Position 6 - FT | Position 6 - FT | Position 6 - FT |
| Position 7 FT | Position 5 - FT | Position 5 - FT |
| Position 8 – FT Firefighter/ Medic \$0 | Position 8 – FT Firefighter/ Medic \$105,662 | Position 8 – FT Firefighter/ Medic \$105,662 |

Budget:

We currently are still under budget for 2021 by 4.3% or \$177,946 from the \$4.073M 2021 budget request. As stated in the July Activity Report, we have given both cities our budget request after the Board of Trustees approved my request. The budget request was turned in to both cities which represents an overall increase of just under 5% over 2021. My staff and I worked hard to reduce the overall effect on the budget request for both cities. A bulk of the increase in the budget is a result of the contractual and non-contractual raises for our bargaining unit employees, the administrative staff and our part time employees. All positions are budgeted for 3% raises.

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

- **Engine:** The Engine Committee completed their research and have made a decision for a vendor regarding the pumper purchase. The committee will present their recommendation to the MIHJFD Board of Trustees on Monday, November 8 at the regular board meeting. The committee had three very good products to chose from and we will announce the board's decision soon after the meeting.
- **Engine Justification:** As a reminder, we are researching the engine to purchase prior to 2022 as scheduled for the following financial reasons
 - o Pre-payment will earn 3-5% interest on capital funds versus .001% interest being earned in Capital Account.
 - o COVID has significantly delayed production times, we need to secure our spot in the queue
 - o Beat the 4-6% 2022 price increases
- **Smoke Detector Blitz:** The Joint Fire District's first Annual Smoke Detector was a success. Our goal is to ensure that all residents within the district have at least one working smoke detector. This year we focused our efforts to locations where we believe residents could use our help the most. Half of first day was spent knocking on every door within the mobile home park located on Dawson. The remaining half of that day was spent knocking on every door on the following streets Rosecrest, Eleck, Kencrest, Strifeler, and portions of Maple, Southside, Summit, Fowler, and Wallace. The second day saw the completion of Maple, Southside, Summit, Wallace, Maxfield, and Fowler to Euclid. The firefighters also knocked doors on Berwood, Homart, and Jethve. During the Blitz, our firefighters replaced non-working and out of date detectors, installed new detectors, changed batteries, tested CO detectors, and handed out educational pamphlets related to smoke detector placement and use. In addition, the firefighters gained working knowledge of the district by identifying potential dangers such as hoarder conditions and solar panels on rooftops.
 - o 414 Residences Contacted
 - o 93 Smoke Detectors distributed
 - o 23 Batteries replaced
 - o 85 Pamphlets handed out
 - o 3 CO Detectors Checked
- **Department Events:** We continue to plan for upcoming department events scheduled to take place. As mentioned above, the Family Picnic was a success:
 - o **Retiree Lunch:** Friday, December 3rd at Station 64 – Indian Hill
 - o **Breakfast with Santa:** Saturday, December 11th at Station 64 – Indian Hill
 - o **Holiday Party:** Saturday, December 11th at Livingston Lodge

October 2021 Fire Data

| Count of Incident Type | District | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|
| | Indian Hill | Madeira | Out Of District | Grand Total |
| | | 1 | | 1 |
| Alarm system sounded due to malfunction | | 1 | | 1 |
| Building fire | | | 1 | 1 |
| Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO | 2 | 1 | | 3 |
| CO detector activation due to malfunction | | 1 | | 1 |
| Detector activation, no fire - unintentional | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Dispatched & canceled en route | 6 | 2 | 4 | 12 |
| Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| False alarm or false call, other | 4 | 1 | | 5 |
| Gas leak (natural gas or LPG) | 1 | 3 | | 4 |
| Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill | 1 | | | 1 |
| Good intent call, other | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Lightning strike (no fire) | | 1 | | 1 |
| Outside rubbish fire, other | | 1 | | 1 |
| Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire | 1 | | | 1 |
| Smoke detector activation due to malfunction | 2 | 1 | | 3 |
| Smoke or odor removal | | 1 | | 1 |
| System malfunction, other | | 1 | | 1 |
| Unintentional transmission of alarm, other | | 1 | | 1 |
| Water & ice-related rescue, other | | | 1 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 19 | 19 | 7 | 45 |

OCTOBER EMS RUN DATA

| EMS RUNS | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG | SEP | OCT | TOTAL |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| MEDIC 64 | 29 | 29 | 27 | 37 | 42 | 30 | 38 | 38 | 48 | 42 | 360 |
| MEDIC 65 | 86 | 78 | 74 | 80 | 89 | 79 | 90 | 92 | 101 | 86 | 855 |
| MADEIRA | 84 | 85 | 72 | 87 | 98 | 77 | 93 | 93 | 103 | 100 | 892 |
| INDIAN HILL | 29 | 18 | 24 | 29 | 30 | 27 | 27 | 26 | 31 | 22 | 263 |
| MUTUAL AID Given | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 13 | 6 | 66 |
| MUTUAL AID Recvd | 5 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 43 |
| MONTHLY TOTAL | 115 | 106 | 101 | 121 | 136 | 111 | 128 | 128 | 147 | 128 | 1221 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 115 | 221 | 322 | 443 | 579 | 690 | 818 | 946 | 1093 | 1221 | |

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| 99 | 69 | 90 | 78 | 87 | 109 | 108 | 97 | 127 | 116 |
| 99 | 168 | 258 | 336 | 423 | 532 | 640 | 737 | 864 | 980 |

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

Bariatric Update

We had no bariatric calls for the month of October. In fact, we received payment for two bariatric transports that were made earlier this spring.

| EMS RUNS | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG | SEP | OCT | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Treated/Transported | 86 | 70 | 64 | 85 | 94 | 67 | 88 | 100 | 99 | 98 | 851 |
| Not Transported | 22 | 25 | 26 | 28 | 29 | 27 | 22 | 17 | 41 | 23 | 260 |

| NURSING HOMES | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG | SEP | OCT | TOTAL |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 5970 Kenwood | 20 | 17 | 20 | 18 | 22 | 20 | 16 | 15 | 19 | 8 | 175 |
| 7885 Camargo | 15 | 9 | 11 | 16 | 12 | 10 | 20 | 11 | 13 | 22 | 139 |
| 7650 Camargo | 5 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 111 |
| MONTHLY TOTAL | 40 | 35 | 39 | 46 | 44 | 40 | 47 | 41 | 47 | 46 | 425 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 40 | 75 | 114 | 160 | 204 | 244 | 291 | 332 | 379 | 425 | |

EMS runs are up significantly from 2020 and we expect 2021 to be the busiest on record if we continue this pace through the rest of the year.