



# April Activity Report 2022

Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District

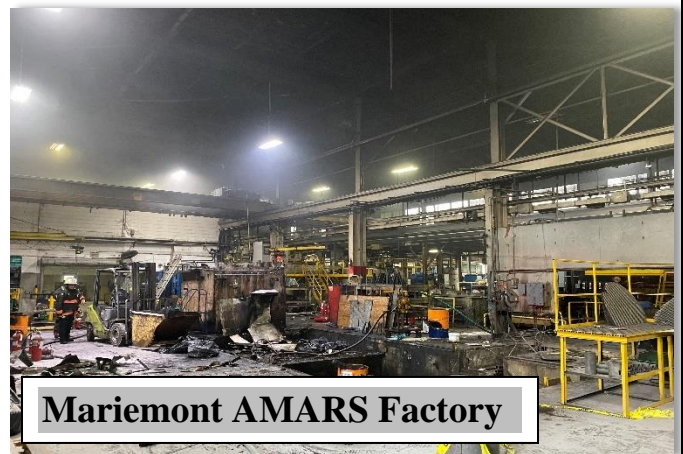
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## **Highlights and Fire / EMS Incidents**

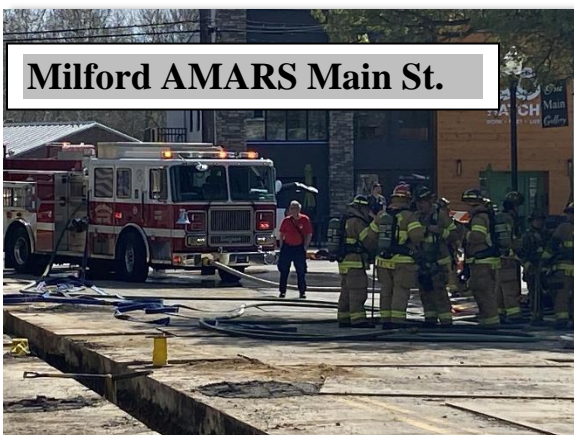
It's hard to believe that a third of 2022 has flown by and the MIHJFD is happy to submit the monthly report for April. Crews were busy with EMS runs, especially from the nursing facility at 7885 Camargo Rd. Engine 64 went to two mutual aid structure fires but were minor fires. A male patient was seriously injured following a motorcycle crash on Kugler Mill Rd which required the use of Air Care for transport. Also, not all fire alarms are false! We responded to Kenwood Country Club for a fire alarm and found a fire extinguished by the sprinkler system upon arrival. Fire training occurred at an acquired structure on Brill Rd. and EMS training was patient assessment.

On Saturday, April 23, MIHJFD and the Indian Hill Rangers were called to a motor vehicle crash near 8500 Kugler Mill Rd. Crews found a male motorcycle rider had crashed east of Camargo Rd. and landed in the honeysuckle. The male patient suffered from multi-system trauma and crews decided that Air Care was needed to assist in patient care and transport to University Hospital. Sycamore E92 set up a landing zone at Stephan Field where our crews met the Air Care Dr. and trauma nurse. The patient is recovering at University Hospital and is in stable condition at time of report. Indian Hill Rangers are investigating the cause of the crash.

Engine 64 was dispatched to an appliance fire in Mariemont with Little Miami and Anderson units. Little Miami E66 and Mariemont Q67 arrived on the scene to find the manufacturing facility charged with smoke and a working fire from an oven that was being dismantled. Workers attempted to extinguish the fire they discovered after coming back from a break and were unsuccessful, so they called 911. The facility manufacturers metal products and one of their ovens were being cut and removed from the facility. Our crews got there to assist after the fire was knocked down. Our units have responded to fires in this facility in the past.



**Mariemont AMARS Factory**



**Milford AMARS Main St.**

We also responded with several other districts to Main St. in Milford for a reported fire in a restaurant. Crews arrived and assisted Milford with fire in two buildings as a result of an electrical line struck in the street that back fed power into two buildings causing small fires in each building. Duke responded and isolated the power issue and the fires were not significant. We checked a two-block area to make sure no other fires occurred in other buildings.

Unit 3 personnel were alerted to a fire alarm at Kenwood Country Club shortly after midnight. When they accessed the building, they found a smoke condition near the first-floor elevator. Crews went below grade and found the source of the smoke had been a fire in a large linen laundry bin extinguished by a sprinkler near the elevator. Crews silenced the alarm, shut off the water and contacted building maintenance. The fire occurred inside the

bin which contained bags of dirty table linens and towels from the kitchen. We investigated the cause of the fire but were unable to identify the exact cause. No loss of business occurred, and we were happy to reinforce our efforts to maintain a fire alarm and suppression system, as this fire most likely could have been a large loss fire.

As reported last month, our medic unit was added to Norwood’s first alarm due to the closing of the Little Miami Station 47 that began March 1. After further evaluation by Norwood Fire Chief, Tom McCabe, we have agreed to send the engine or quint from Station 65 instead of the medic unit.

**Fire Prevention:** As the weather breaks, we are once again approving tent permits for special events and inspecting the completion of work. Greenacres and Peterloon both had 180-day seasonal tent permits approved and inspected in April. Capt. Lynch was contacted by Cincinnati Country Day School to provide guidance for tornado shelter signage, locations for sheltering in place were identified and best practices for helping visitors locate shelter locations specifically within the Leonard Athletic Center. We assisted in three community events including the Indian Hill Easter Egg Hunt, the Indian Hill Foundation 5K and provided EMS coverage in cooperation with L.S.F.D. for the Rangers Hockey Tournament.

45	Commercial Fire Inspections
1	Adoption Inspection
4	Tent Permit / Safety
1	Underground Storage Tank
8	Commercial Plan Reviews
2	Car Seat Inspection / Install
2	Station Tours
1	CPR Checkoff



**Training:** We acquired permission to train in a residence scheduled for demolition on Brill Rd. The single-story dwelling will be available to us until the first week of May. Crews have been working on hose advancement, overhaul, search and even used the metal fence to perform “Man v. Machine” extrication training.

FF / Medic Joe Meyer spent the week in Hocking Hills to learn rope rescue techniques. The 4-day class focused on basic rope systems to include equipment selection, inspection and maintenance; knots; anchors; patient packaging; mechanical advantage

system; belay techniques; lowering systems; rappelling; knot passing; litter rigging and tending; and pickoffs.

Capt. Linne participated in Safe-T (Size-up & Fire Extinguishment Tactics) training hosted by the Lockland Fire Department on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The topics included fire science and modern fire dynamics, fire’s impact on PPE and equipment; customer survivability and firefighter tenability; smoke characteristics and behavior; identifying and managing flow paths; extinguishment and water application techniques; and thermal imaging camera usage.

EMS training focused on patient assessment and was taught by a Cincinnati Firefighter / Paramedic who volunteered his time on all three-unit days. Even when asked to invoice the



JFD for training, he declined and stated that he enjoyed teaching and wanted to pass knowledge on to other professionals.

The first Swift Water Rescue training took place in April to include, Alex Stubbs, Alex Brahm and Lt. Stiens. The training focused on negotiating barriers in swift water called strainers. The training took place in Loveland. There was one call for service on the river in April, unfortunately, the run cards are not set up yet so only Miami Twp and L.S.F.D. were called to investigate a overturned kayak stuck on a strainer (rock). No persons were found near the kayak, it was most likely washed from shore.

**Personnel:**

Our career hiring process continued in April. One candidate is in the process of background checks and we received the results from the Psychological Examination from Daum & Associates. We called the remaining three candidates (4,5, and 6) and scheduled interviews. Candidate 4 declined the interview; Candidate 5 interview took place on April 26<sup>th</sup> with Board of Trustee President Beth Wright and Chief Oughterson. Candidate 6 will have their interview in the first week of May. We had hoped to complete the process prior to the May Board of Trustees Meeting, but that doesn't appear to be a reality.

One of our members has had medical issues and had surgery in April to correct the problem so they can return to work. The Personnel Committee, members and officers of Madeira Indian Hill Professional Firefighters Local 2236 and the Chief have all worked to make sure that this person has enough time to recover and get back to fulfill their passion to serve the community. At time of report, the person is healing well and, on the road, to get back to work soon. Many members have worked shifts or donated time so that this person has a paycheck each week.

Insurance coverage for our employees was evaluated earlier in the year with assistance from our insurance broker, Strategic Benefits, and we decided to stay with Anthem. The benefits will remain the same and we were relatively fortunate to record on a 4.5% increase in premiums for the members.

**Budget:** Financial documents for the JFD for April are still being processed by the district clerk at time of publication. I have reviewed our budget documents for March and we are just over 1% under budget. Our payroll company was purchased by ADP so our clerk has been busy changing over to new payroll procedures. Our plan is to evaluate the products from ADP and decided to stay or go after that period. The audit process is well under way and the report from the Ohio Auditor of State, Keith Faber, is expected on or about July 31, 2022.

**Station Maintenance:** Crews are beginning yard maintenance by weeding, mowing and clearing mulch beds in preparation for spring. Madeira crews are continuing to organize the mezzanine at Station 65 and have made significant progress. Wake plumbing was contracted to repair a leak near the backflow device. Backflow testing occurred at that station and the device failed due to a leak just prior to the valve.

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

- **Leadership Academy:** We currently have two Captains who are set to graduate from the Leadership Academy next month. Their project for this session was to reimagine our mission, vision, values and philosophy. Captains Linne and Scheurman sent questionnaires to stakeholders, compiled results and have a draft for our new organizational statements. Their goal was to capture stakeholder expectations of a great fire department and to provide statements to our employees that would be memorable, short, concise and provide motivation for all of the activities we perform on a daily basis. The following are the final drafts that will be evaluated by our stakeholders prior to adoption by the JFD:

- **Our Mission:** *To deliver a highly trained team focused on prioritizing life and safety*
  - **Our Vision:** *To constantly improve and innovate fire and life safety services through education, preparation and prevention*
  - **Our Values:** *Compassion, Trust, Service, Discipline, Quick Response*
  - **Our Philosophy:** *To improve the quality of life*
- **Hydrants:** Spring hydrant maintenance began during the last part of the month. Crews will be out in the district to perform inspection, lubrication and vegetation control for every hydrant in the district. Lt. Sean McCarthy manages our hydrant maintenance program and the deadline to complete the project has been set for June 30.
  - **STC Working Group:** The fire chief has been elected to the Hamilton County Fire Chief's Association and is working toward improving Incident Command in our area of eastern Hamilton County as well as the rest of the county. There are other chiefs interested in improving IC and have initiated the STC Working Group (Strategy / Tactics / Command). Our goal is to create meaningful policies and training programs to improve incident command and accountability and to do so with 100% involvement from all of the Hamilton County Fire Departments. We have initial drafts for Accountability, Fireground Operations and Air Management Guidelines. We have also introduced a shared command worksheet, shown below, that will be used by all incident commanders in the county. This is one step toward working on the "same sheet of music" as we have 44 fire departments in the county without shared operational guidelines.

Incident Address \_\_\_\_\_

Maieira & Indian Hill JFD Command Worksheet

Dispatch Time \_\_\_\_\_

Elapsed Time	Additional Alarms	Strategy
20 - 40 - 60 - 80 - 100 - 120 - 140	2nd 3rd 4th 5th	Offensive    Defensive
<b>Building/Area Description:</b> S M L M Height: 1 2 3 4 5 <b>Occupancy Type:</b> RES MULTI-FAM COMM STRIP MALL	<b>Problem Description:</b> Nothing Showing    Light Smoke    Working Fire Defensive Fire Conditions <b>Location:</b> _____	<b>VICTIMS REPORTED</b> <b>Location:</b> _____

COMMAND POSITIONS & TACTICAL PRIORITIES					
360	WATER SUPPLY	SECTOR	SECTOR	DIVISION	DIVISION
<b>BASEMENT INFO</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIMARY <input type="checkbox"/> SECONDARY <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT FDC	<input type="checkbox"/> PRI. SEARCH <input type="checkbox"/> SEC. SEARCH <input type="checkbox"/> CYANO KIT(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> VENT <input type="checkbox"/> OVERHAUL <input type="checkbox"/> SALVAGE	<input type="checkbox"/> EMS <input type="checkbox"/> REHAB <input type="checkbox"/> POST-FIRE AIR MONITORING	<input type="checkbox"/> UTILITIES <input type="checkbox"/> DUKE <input type="checkbox"/> Investigator
Unit/Location	Unit/Location	Unit/Location	Unit/Location	Unit/Location	CHIEF OFFICERS

UNIT	STAGED	ASSIGNMENT	PAR	RECYCLE	ASSIGNMENT	PAR	REHAB	ASSIGNMENT	PAR	REHAB
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## April 2022 Fire Incidents

Count of Incident Type	District			
Incident Type	Indian Hill	Madeira	Out Of District	Grand Total
Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	2	1		3
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1		3
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire		1		1
Building fire		1	5	6
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO		1		1
Carbon monoxide incident	1			1
Central station, malicious false alarm		1		1
CO detector activation due to malfunction		1		1
Construction or demolition landfill fire		1		1
Cooking fire, confined to container			3	3
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1			1
Fire - Canceled en Route	1			1
Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined			1	1
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	4		6
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	2			2
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1			1
Outside equipment fire	1			1
Public service		1		1
Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator		1		1
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction		2		2
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	6			6
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>44</b>

# APRIL EMS RUN DATA

EMS RUNS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
MEDIC 64	42	34	40	33
MEDIC 65	93	84	82	82
MADEIRA	100	82	84	89
INDIAN HILL	25	24	29	21
MUTUAL AID Given	10	11	6	5
MUTUAL AID Received	2	9	2	8
MONTHLY TOTAL	135	117	119	115
YEAR TO DATE	135	252	371	486

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315  
79  
48  
1533

NURSING HOMES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	TOTAL
5970 Kenwood	11	15	9	10	45
7885 Camargo	30	24	23	28	105
7650 Camargo	11	12	15	14	52
MONTHLY TOTAL	52	51	47	52	202
YEAR TO DATE	52	103	150	202	

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

We have been tracking an increase in run volume to 7885 Camargo Rd. The nursing home has changed its name and ownership recently and we have a contact with management to discuss the increase in runs to this facility. In 2021, there were 186 calls for service there for the year. As of the end of April, we already have logged 105 runs. If we continue to trend on this pace, we will be well over 300 runs to one address in 2022. We have a meeting with management scheduled soon to discuss the service that we provide to their facility and to the community. The availability of private ambulance services and the great service that we provide conflicts with the availability of that resource to the community as a whole.