



December Activity Report 2022

Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District

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The following is the monthly report highlighted with a relatively safe and happy holiday season. Crews worked extensively to extinguish a house fire on Cunningham Rd and braved the frigid temperatures to fight a car fire in addition to recording the highest run volume in our history.

A homeowner returned home to find his house on fire on December 7th. Crews arrived on the scene to find fire showing from the kitchen window extending to the upper portion of the home. Unit 1 Engine 64 crew stretched a line, established a water supply and started knocking down fire on the Delta Side of the home. The homeowner stated that nobody should be in the home, so extinguishment was our priority, followed by searches to verify initial report. The second line was directed to the second story and the crew for Q65 and E92 worked the second story and attic. Fire easily traveled in the walls from the first floor to the attic due to balloon frame construction. The house was built in the early 1900's so opening up the walls to find lots of fire, was the most time-consuming detail for the night. The automatic response from Milford, Sycamore, Miami Twp, Loveland-Symmes and Blue Ash was effective, but each crew had several work-rest cycles to complete the job. The owner of the home was able to stay in another building on the same property and was not displaced due to the extensive fire damage. Contact was made in the following days with both the owner and another family member to ensure progress was made toward complete recovery. Damage estimated by MIHJFD is \$55,000.



We had two notable incidents related to vehicles including a overturned dump truck and a passenger vehicle fire. The overturned dump truck occurred on December 12th as the operator overcorrected after losing control of loaded dump truck on the way down Spooky Hollow Rd. from Given Rd. The driver was not injured and our responsibility was to assist with the recovery and clean up.

flames were coming out of the hood at the windshield of the Toyota Rav 4. The occupant was not injured and stated that it didn't take but a couple of minutes to engulf the vehicle. Unit 2, Station 64 crew arrived and extinguished the stubborn fire. It was below 0 degrees and the water quickly turned to ice making walking difficult. The cause of the fire is unknown, the investigation was left to the insurance company.

We went to a number of mutual aid fires including a one room fire above a bar on Blue Ash Rd in Sycamore Twp as well as a long run up to Meijer in Deerfield for a fire on the roof the building as a result of fireworks.



16	Commercial Fire Inspections
0	Adoption Inspection
1	Tent Permit Inspection
3	UST Removal
10	Plan Reviews
10	Car Seat Inspection / Install
1	Fire Extinguisher Training
2	Public Education Events / Tours
5	Smoke Detectors Installed

Fire Prevention: The holiday season brought some special events including the community events in Madeira and Indian Hill. Madeira hosted their annual Light up Madeira event that the crew from Station 65 attended and the Indian Hill crew spent time at the Stepping Stones fundraiser. Santa was provided exciting transportation on the fire truck to a couple of events including a party at Kenwood Country Club. Two tours of Cub Scouts were conducted. One of the tours occurred after a fire event so the crews were busy cleaning up and providing education to the young men at the same time.

Training: Specialized training occurred from both the USAR and Swift Water Groups. Members attended both of those training events. Crews spent the month finishing up monthly and yearly EMS training via the Fire Rescue 1 platform to include 12 lead EKG interpretation.

Personnel: The JFD hosted and enjoyed a number of festivities during the Holiday Season. We like to pause (as much as we can) and celebrate the years' end by welcoming friends and family into the station. On Thursday, December 8th, we invited the MIHJFD Retiree's back to Station 64 for a Holiday Lunch. We had over 50 retiree's and current staff in the bay for a couple hours of delicious food and great stories. It always puts a smile on my face to reminisce with those who protected the district before my arrival.



We closed out the week on Saturday, December 10th with our Annual Breakfast with Santa in the morning and our staff Christmas Party in the evening. The morning brought 85 excited kids and their parents to Station 64 for pancakes and sausage, followed by a visit from Santa Claus himself. The kids enjoy getting a small gift from him and this year they enjoyed the addition of a bounce house thanks to the Local 2236. That evening, we hosted our staff, spouses and Board members at the Meshewa House at Turner Farm for a delicious dinner, drinks and games. This year was the biggest crowd we've had in recent years' and all had a fun and safe evening. These events are not possible without the help of our staff, Sara and the huge support from our Board of Trustees. Thank you!

Station Maintenance: The crews were busy with snow and ice removal just before the Christmas holiday with the storm that landed. They did a great job keeping the ramps clear and accessible.

Apparatus Maintenance: We continue to occupy space at Atlantic Emergency Solutions in Springboro as the 2016 Pierce receives its annual NFPA inspection, pump testing and service work. The quint returned from Atlantic and only has open RFM for broken gauges, most likely due to cold weather exposure, it is a frequent issue found during very cold weather under 0 degrees.

Quint 65: (November work Completed)

- Tak4 Suspension Bracket Replacement
- Repaired another air leak
- Repair Q siren brake
- Complete Annual Pump Testing

Engine 64 – The engine is at Atlantic for the following open RFM

- Replaced Door Ajar proximity switch
- Allison Transmission service
- Anti-Lock brake system software update
- Repaired air leak from air dryer
- Completed Annual Pump Testing and NFPA Inspection

Medic 64:

- Rear brake noise complaint – Open RFM

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- Driver's side camera bracket ordered
- Still waiting to be scheduled with Ferno to install floor runner repair / replacement

Ranger 64:

- Repaired loose connections in snowplow switch

The spare engine has been in service during down-time for either of the front-line pieces. The engine is showing lots of signs of age to include several leaks in the tank and the pump. It is likely that those repairs will be very expensive, so we are doing what we can to keep the unit in-service with minimum cost until the new engine arrives to replace it in the summer of 2023. Even with the repairs, the sale of the apparatus is not worth the return.

Projects: We continue to work on several projects focused on continuous improvement and preparation:

- **Lithium Battery Group:** The group is scheduled to meet in early January and most likely will make recommendations for a standardized policy and provide containment resources such Cell-Ex and a small barrel. Location of the resources is to be determined with some guidance as to replacement costs as well.
- **Swift Water Group:** The swift water group conducted training at Kings Island on December 14th. They used the indoor roller coaster to practice rope rescue procedures. Capt. Caceres and Joe Placke attended the training with about 20 members from the SWG.
- **Policy Review / Creation:** The chief and the board of trustees look at the EPG or Book 1 each year and review policies to make sure they are current and applicable. With the adoption of our current Collective Bargaining Agreement, we updated about 20 policies as a result of the updated CBA. I was motivated by that process and have taken a deep dive into our two other procedure manuals and have been working on updates and revisions to include new policies and procedures; ie Lithium Battery Response. Our policy and procedure manuals are currently split into three books:
 - **Book 1:** Employee Personnel Guide – This book is our common guidelines, policies, practices and procedures rules for all employees of the JFD. This book co-exists with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 - **Book 2:** This book is a procedure manual for emergency and non-emergency incidents
 - **Book 3:** This book is a general administrative manual

The changes made to Book 2 and 3 will be reviewed by our firefighters and officers, comments will be collected and new procedures will be released in the next few months.

EMS Incidents: We had our busiest month to cap off the busiest year in our history! We finished out the year with 210 runs over the previous year, a grand total of 1723 EMS Incidents.

YEAR-TO-DATE EMS RUN DATA

EMS RUNS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	
MEDIC 64	42	34	40	33	48	38	50	38	46	55	53	58	535	2021
MEDIC 65	93	84	82	82	113	95	102	98	106	99	107	108	1169	439
MADEIRA	100	82	84	89	105	105	119	104	126	99	117	107	1237	1068
INDIAN HILL	25	24	29	21	42	24	33	21	31	45	32	52	379	1128
MUTUAL AID Given	10	11	6	5	11	6	9	10	12	9	11	7	107	315
MUTUAL AID Revd.	2	9	2	8	4	9	5	6	3	5	2	2	57	79
MONTHLY TOTAL	135	117	119	115	158	135	161	135	169	153	160	166	1723	48
YEAR TO DATE	135	252	371	486	644	779	940	1075	1244	1397	1557	1723		1533
	115	106	101	121	136	111	128	128	147	128	144	167		
	115	221	322	443	579	690	818	946	1093	1221	1365	1533		

NURSING HOMES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
5970 Kenwood	11	15	9	10	16	17	12	17	12	19	17	15	170
7885 Camargo	30	24	23	28	32	24	30	32	30	23	31	19	326
7650 Camargo	11	12	15	14	15	10	9	7	12	10	19	15	149
MONTHLY TOTAL	52	51	47	52	63	51	51	56	54	52	67	49	645
YEAR TO DATE	52	103	150	202	265	316	367	423	477	529	596	645	

EMS Mutual Aid	Given	Received
Anderson		
Blue Ash	1	
Deer Park - Silverton		
Little Miami		
Loveland - Symmes		1
Mariemont		
Milford		
Montgomery	1	1
Norwood		
Sycamore	5	
Terrace Park		

**Final Statistics for 2022
will be published in the
Annual Report, due in
March.**

December All Incident Count				
Incident Type	Indian Hill	Madeira	Out Of District	Grand Total
Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3	1		4
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction		3		3
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment		1		1
Assist invalid		1		1
Building fire	1	1	3	5
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	2			2
Carbon monoxide incident	2	1		3
CO detector activation due to malfunction	1			1
Cooking fire, confined to container	1			1
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional			1	1
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1			1
Emergency medical service incident, other	1			1
EMS - Canceled en Route		2	4	6
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	37	90	3	130
Fire - Canceled en Route	3	1	5	9
Fires in structure other than in a building		1		1
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	4	3		7
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill		1		1
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3			3
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	1		2
Passenger vehicle fire	1			1
Power line down	1			1
Public service		1		1
Public service assistance, other	1			1
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	4	5		9
Smoke or odor removal	1			1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke		2		2
Water evacuation		1		1
Water or steam leak	3	5	1	9
Grand Total	71	121	17	209