



March Activity Report 2022

Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District

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Highlights and Fire / EMS Incidents

We are happy to put winter behind us and to spring into spring. I am also pleased to report no major incidents in March, therefore we spent much of the month training and preparing. We hosted a disaster tabletop drill in March at the Madeira Administration Building along with representatives from about 10 other agencies. We spent time in the fire tower and finished off the month with driver training at the Indian Hill High School VFIS maneuverability course.

The tabletop training was hosted by the City of Madeira and was a product of the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) from Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency. The purpose of the drill was to bring organizations together to work through a scenario in which a train, carrying hazardous materials, derails, spills a dangerous material and then catches fire. The scenario played out in three phases, the spill, a fire and then a large fire. Agencies from law enforcement, fire / EMS, HazMat Team, EPA, Public Health, and local government took part in the exercise. The exercise was evaluated by state emergency planning officials in order to certify the drill. Our crews benefited from this tabletop exercise because we don't face HazMat calls often and we gained valuable experience working with multiple agencies as well as technological advances via smart phone apps such as ERG 2020, Wiser Response and Ask Rail. These apps help the initial responders identify the hazardous materials, establish evacuation areas, determine proper protective gear and initial responder actions to mitigate the hazards.



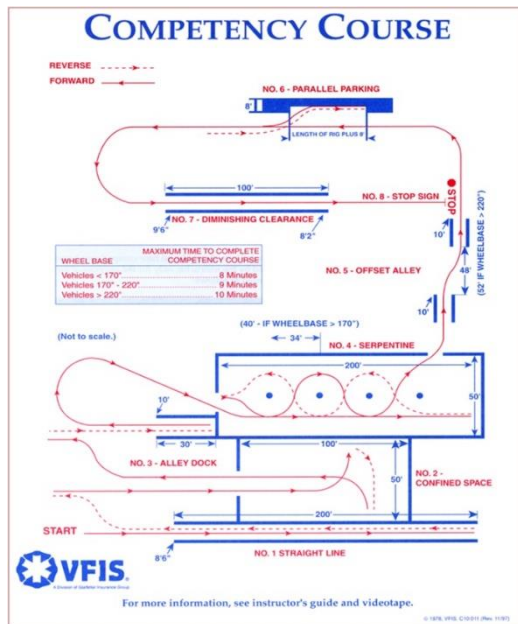
Our medic unit was added to Norwood's first alarm due to the closing of the Little Miami Station 47 beginning March 1. Deer Park / Silverton won the bid for service to Golf Manor and we are able to provide the next closest medic unit. Norwood Fire Chief, Tom McCabe, asked the JFD to add our unit to the alarm card. We made two structure fire responses with our medic unit in the month and were returned to service quickly as crews handled the incident quickly. Other training highlights are below for the month of March.

Fire Prevention: Capt. Caceres featured the JFD for career day at Indian Hill Middle School for about 90 8th graders. The program was split in three sessions and according to Capt. Caceres, was a big hit with the kids. The kids were engaging, had great questions and were interested in the presentation. Events like this help promote our craft and hopefully spark conversations of safety at work, home and school. The JFD worked with the State Fire Marshal's Office with the installation of an above ground fuel tank at the residence at 9200 Shawnee Run Rd. Tent season is approaching, and we have received two 180 day seasonal tent permits that will be inspected once they are erected in April. One is a Peterloon and the other is at Greenacres.

33	Commercial Fire Inspections
0	Adoption Inspection
0	Tent Permit / Safety
1	Underground Storage Tank
7	Commercial Plan Reviews
1	Car Seat Inspection / Install
1	8 th Grade Career Day (90 Kids)

Training: USAR training took place in Miami Twp and the team focused on rope rescue. There were four stations for the training which included a scenario in which a worker was injured on top of the water tower and needed to be extracted to the ground. Crews worked several systems to remove the victim from the roof of the tower, through the tank, over to the underside of the tank and then to the ground.

Live Fire Training took place on all three shifts along with our mutual aid partners from Miami Twp., Loveland-Symmes, Hamilton Twp and Goshen. Crews formed three companies and were tasked with suppressing a fire on the first floor and searching three floors for possible victims. The officer of the first due company was tasked with sizing up the fire scene, providing instructions to his crew as well as the next two crews behind them. Hazard Zone communication and command proved to be difficult, even on the training ground. Our new lieutenants and AIC's benefitted from this format and did very well but learned some hard lessons. Communication inside the hot zone, breathing air in an SCBA, and staying on task is extremely important



until a command officer arrives on the scene to improve the command position to the vehicle.

All our personnel completed VFIS practical training during the last week of March. The competency course, pictured to the right, provides our operators a standardized course that is completed each year. We recorded more than one apparatus incident last year which we hope to reduce or eliminate those events in the future with training such as this. Indian Hill High School provided an area for our personnel to set up the course while students were on spring break.

Personnel:

The selection process for the career opening that began in February continued in the month of March. Seven candidates applied and were evaluated. The top three candidates were contacted for an additional informal meeting with the Chief. At the March Board of Trustees Meeting, the board authorized the Chief to offer a position to one of top candidates after an additional meeting with the Chief. Two candidates were offered a position, but both denied the offer. The third candidate was scheduled for the Psychological Assessment in the first week of April and will may be offered a position pending a favorable result from Dr. Daum.

March 2022 Training Hours	
NFPA - 1001 Firefighter	28
NFPA - 1002 Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator	61
NFPA - 1403 Live-Fire Evolutions	77
NFPA - 1983 Life Safety Rope & Equipment	12
NFPA - 400 Hazardous Materials	16
OHEMS02 - CPR	28
OHEMS03 - Cardiac	56
OHEMS04 - General Topics	28
OHEMS01 - Airway & Oxygen Administration	5
Total	311

Candidate	Resume Review	Initial Test	Megacode	Officers Interview	Chief Interview	Total
Candidate 1	1		1	2	2	6
Candidate 2	2		2	1	1	6
Candidate 3		2	6	3	4	15
Candidate 4	3		4	4	3	14
Candidate 5		1	5	6	5	17
Candidate 6	4		3	5	5	17

Station Maintenance: Quotes were collected for spring landscaping maintenance and for Generator Service. The crews volunteered to perform the spring landscaping, which will save the JFD by completing the work themselves. Our generators are both in need of qualified service and we have selected Buckeye Power Systems to perform twice a year service and testing.

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

- **Engine:** Post build documents were signed for approval and the next step will be to review the paint and graphic design proof. The third price increase from E-One has taken affect since we placed our order and pre-paid for the apparatus, saving the district thousands of dollars.
- **Officer Meeting:** With the new officer configuration and new personnel, the officer's continue the process of reviewing the program managers for all of the fire district's programs. With increased staff and enhanced supervision, we felt it was necessary to review and revise all of our program needs. The first steps were to organize programs and put the right people in the right jobs. We emphasized the need for improvements in several programs, especially Commercial and Residential Incident Pre-Planning. We have a unique response area that include many challenges associated with large homes including large set-backs, decreased water available, unusual / non-traditional layouts and other commercial features not normally seen in the average house.

March Fire Incidents 2022

Incident Type	Indian Hill	Madeira	Out Of District	Grand Total
Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional		1		1
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2			2
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1			1
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire		1		1
Building fire			4	4
CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	1		2
Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition, other		1		1
Cooking fire, confined to container	1			1
Dispatched & canceled en route	1		2	3
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1			1
False alarm or false call, other	5			5
Fire - Canceled en Route	5	1	3	9
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3			3
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1			1
Lightning strike (no fire)			1	1
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1			1
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire		1		1
Power line down	1	1		2
Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator		1		1
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	2			2
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	3			3
Smoke or odor removal	1	1		2
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1			1
Total	30	9	10	49

MARCH EMS RUN DATA

EMS RUNS	JAN	FEB	MAR	TOTAL
MEDIC 64	42	34	40	116
MEDIC 65	93	84	82	259
MADEIRA	100	82	84	266
INDIAN HILL	25	24	29	78
MUTUAL AID Given	10	11	6	27
MUTUAL AID Recvd	2	9	2	13
MONTHLY TOTAL	135	117	119	371
YEAR TO DATE	135	252	371	

2021
439
1068
1128
315
79
48
1533

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

115 106 101
115 221 322

NURSING HOMES	JAN	FEB	MAR	TOTAL
5970 Kenwood	11	15	9	35
7885 Camargo	30	24	23	77
7650 Camargo	11	12	15	38
MONTHLY TOTAL	52	51	47	150
YEAR TO DATE	52	103	150	

EMS RUNS	JAN	FEB	MAR	TOTAL
Treated/Transported	102	88	83	273
Not Transported	28	25	23	76

Hamilton County Public Health:

February and March continued with very low numbers in our county including our zip code. As of March 28, the moving average case for the month of March was approximately 2 per day. Our IAP has adjusted again as we have lifted the daily temperature log and asked our employees to self-monitor their health status prior to coming to work.

HCPH Daily Cases

