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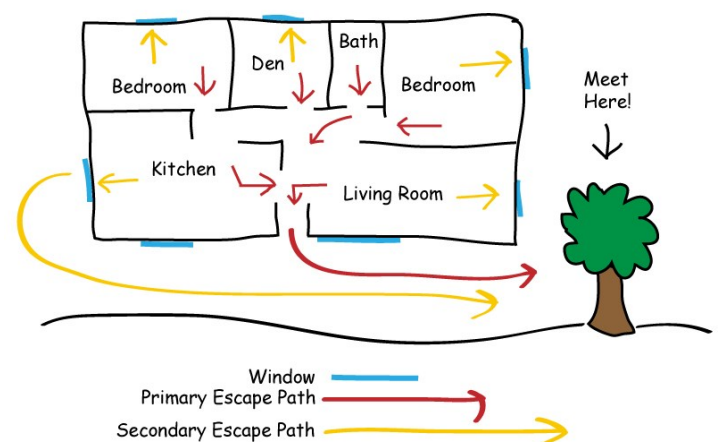
Do You have a Fire Escape Plan?

Are we using what we learned in 3rd Grade? I have a teenager and he complains about having to take calculus because he will never use that when he is an adult. I'm a firefighter and can confidently say, under my breath, that he is probably right. Some of the things I learned in 3rd grade include basic math, reading and writing skills, and even basic fire safety skills. As you read this article, you may agree that I'm writing at the 3rd grade level just fine. But my challenge to you, as parents and adults, are you using the basic fire safety skills you learned in 3rd grade. When you are in elementary and primary school, you learn how to be fire safe, to not play with matches, to crawl low in smoke, to have a fire escape plan and to practice that fire escape plan. School age children have an intimate knowledge of how to create and execute a fire escape plan for your home. My charge to you is to practice that fire escape plan. For review, you should have plan on how to escape each room of your home, especially room that people sleep in. You should know what to do if there is smoke in the hallway, how to crawl and stay low. If there is fire in your home, do you know where your fire extinguisher is, do you have a fire extinguisher? Do you know how to use it effectively? Where do you meet once you're outside and how to contact the fire department?

In case you need a review: As a family activity, draw a simple floor plan of your home featuring all rooms, hallways, doors and windows. From the bedrooms, draw a line that shows the simplest way to the nearest exit. Have two ways out of each room. If the room has a window, practice how to open it and climb out if it isn't high off the ground. When we arrive at the scene of a fire, we always conduct a survey of each side of the house to see where people may be, where the fire is and most importantly, the easiest way to get to victims inside the home in the fastest way possible. If your home has windows on upper floors, teach the child to keep their bedroom door closed and get to the window for fresh air and be visible to responders that can get to you quickly. Never hide in your room. Be visible and call for help from the window. Once your out of the house, stay out and make sure that someone has called 911. For any fire or medical emergency anywhere in Hamilton County, call 911!

The Fire Safety Escape Plan is very basic and should be practiced a few times every year until children are older. However, as an adult, when you go out to a restaurant, go see a movie or a concert, attend church, stay at a hotel or go to a basketball game, do you take a quick survey and determine the best route of escape in an emergency. Just like when flying, the quickest exit may not be the one that you entered. In a crowded room, find the nearest exit to determine how to escape quickly. I used to tell my friends, "when you're out, know two ways out". When you're out means when you are not at home and in a public building, a hotel, a venue, a church etc.

Fire escape planning and other fire safety practices are lifelong practices that may save lives and property for you and your family. Be safe and have a fire escape plan.



Our Mission: Rapidly deliver a highly trained Team

Finding Firefighters in 2024

MIHJFD hires both career and part-time personnel to staff our stations and apparatus on a 24/7 basis. We currently deploy three shifts, Units 1, 2 and 3. The majority of our staffing consists of career staff and we are supplemented by part-time personnel. We have had great success with our career personnel in regard to retention and recruitment. Other fire departments in our area have also fought hard to recruit and retain great career personnel. Open positions for career candidates get filled pretty quickly and without too much difficulty; however, part-time positions do not have that same success. We find it more and more difficult to retain part-time personnel because of the amount of career positions open in our region. We are always seeking part-time personnel and recently, we have actively pursued part-time personnel by attending Interview Days at Scarlet Oaks Vocational School. At the end of a recruit class, the school will invite fire departments to get a seat at the table for new recruits meet face to face with fire departments actively seeking employees. Recruits finish their academy with certificates including Firefighter II, EMT Basic, Inspector I, HazMat Tech and more. The recruits sit with any department in attendance and get a brief interview. After the interview, the recruits fill out applications to the departments they wish to seek employment with. For the last few years, we have sent our officers there to interview candidates and have hired over a dozen directly from the Interview days.



Fire / EMS education opportunities are excellent in the regional Cincinnati area. The high school system is the Scarlet Oaks Vocational School in Sharonville. Junior year students enter the school and for two years, finish their general education requirements and complete certification requirements for Fire / EMS work. Upon graduation from the program, they become eligible to sit for the state certification test for Ohio Firefighter I & II, Emergency Medical Technician, Hazardous Materials Operations Level and the National Incident Management 100, 200, 700 and 800.

As an adult, you can obtain the certifications to start working at the JFD by taking a night program at one of the Vocational Schools, like Scarlet Oaks, or you can choose to obtain an Associates Degree in a college program such as Cincinnati State. At Cincinnati State, you have the option of completing the basic certification class as well as adding the Paramedic Certification. The Paramedic program is an extensive year-long program requiring a balance of classroom and field training. There are two other options at Cincinnati State to include the Fire Service Leadership or Fire Service Technology programs.

To learn more about the Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District

Your Donation at Work

The origins of our fire department began in 1924 as the Madeira Volunteer Fire Company. Funding for the young fire department came through the sale of stock to the residents as early as 1927 and it was named Madeira & vicinity Fire Company. The current fire department became the Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District in 1985.

Funding for the JFD is provided by the City of Madeira and the Village of Indian Hill general funds through a contract for services, which is negotiated every five years. Today, donations are accepted through the Madeira & Indian Hill Fire Company (501c3) or to our Endowment Fund. Donors can route their giving to be designated for a particular project or to the general fund to the Madeira & Indian Hill Fire Company.



In recent years, special projects have included the directed purchase of three AED's to be placed in parks within Indian Hill, the purchase of PPE, equipment and apparatus for the firefighters and the fire department. As the cost of these items increase across the nation, we are met with new challenges, to keep our firefighters equipped, trained, and riding in the safest emergency vehicles, as they serve our community. If you are interested in donating to specific purchases or efforts, you can do so by including a letter with your donation, to outline your wishes, i.e. New Ambulance, training, CPR equipment. Or you can call us at (513) 561-7926 for additional information on upcoming identified needs of the JFD.

2024 MIHJFD

Firefighters & EMS Personnel

Officers

Stephen Oughterson, Chief (Paramedic)	2019
Francisco Caceres, Captain (Paramedic)	2001
Brandon Linne, Lieutenant (Paramedic)	2014
John Lynch, Captain (Paramedic)	2011
Kevin Scheuerman, Lieutenant (Paramedic)	2002
Pat McCall, Lieutenant (Paramedic)	2010
Sean McCarthy, Lieutenant (Paramedic)	2018
Nick Stiens, Lieutenant (Paramedic)	2015

Members

Jeff Ashpaw (FF-Paramedic)	2018
Doug Bingaman (FF-Paramedic)	2007
Alex Brahm (FF-Paramedic)	2017
Brian Dapper (FF-Paramedic)	2017
Griffin Drake (FF-Paramedic)	2018
Nick Falciani (FF-EMT)	2023
Mark Feldmann (FF-Paramedic)	2019
Trevor Fluehr (FF-EMT)	2021
Jeff Glassmeyer (FF-Paramedic)	2008
Glenn Hansen (FF-EMT)	2021
Taylor Hester (FF-Paramedic)	2015
Michael Hoying (FF-Paramedic)	2012
Alex Kessen (FF-EMT)	2021
Terry Lovelace (FF-EMT))	2023
Kurtis Mahan (FF-Paramedic)	2019
Joe Meyer (FF-Paramedic)	2017
Devin Moore (FF-Paramedic)	2019
Mitchell Morgan (FF-EMT)	2023
Scott Otten (FF-Paramedic)	2020
Dennis Parry (FF-EMT)	2002
Joe Placke (FF-Paramedic)	2019
Olson Reider (FF-EMT)	2021
Ben Rood (FF-EMT)	2019
Toney Sanders (FF-Paramedic)	2010
Ryan Smith (FF-Paramedic)	2022
Matthew Stickley (FF-Paramedic)	2020
Alexander Stubbs (FF-Paramedic)	2020
Anna Tubbs (FF-EMT)	2022
Zakk Van Nottingham (FF-Paramedic)	2019
Brian Willing (FF-Paramedic)	1994
Ty Zimmerman (FF-Paramedic)	2008

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the
8th day of July, 2024 at 5:00pm,
a public hearing will be held.

The Budget prepared by the
Madeira and Indian Hill Joint Fire
District of Hamilton County for
the next succeeding fiscal year
ending December 31, 2025
will be presented.

Such hearing will be held at the
Indian Hill Fire Station at
6475 Drake Road

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Madeira & Indian Hill
Fire Company would like to invite
all residents to the
2024 Annual Meeting
which will be held on
Wednesday, March 13th at 7pm

The meeting will be held at the
Indian Hill Fire Station
at 6475 Drake Road.

The agenda shall include:
Trustee Elections, Officer
Elections and receipt of reports.