The Madeira & Indian Hill Fire Company

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President's Annual Message

On behalf of the Madeira Indian Hill Joint Fire District (MIHJFD) Board of Trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chief Oughterson, his officers and all the men and women of our Fire Department for their unwavering dedication to excellence and determination to keep our communities safe. I would also like to thank both communities for their generous support of our firefighters throughout the year. Over the years, we have received support in many ways, from large donations, such as the funds to construct two new fire stations (the Thomas Family), to the small ones we receive throughout the year from our grateful residents in the way of donations, meals for those on shift at the stations, and smaller things like thank you cards. All of this contributes towards maintaining the MIHJFD as a world-class organization.

Many residents may not be aware that a Board of Trustees exists for the MIHJFD. The Board of Trustees has twelve members (six from each community), two of which are members of their city's elected Council. Each Trustee serves a three-year term. These volunteers provide governance and spend significant time and energy to provide policy and oversight of the District's operations. These Board members also serve as ex-officio members of the Madeira Indian Hill Fire Company. The Fire Company predates the MIHJFD by many years and in 2024, celebrated its 100th Anniversary. The mission of the Company is to support, benefit and promote the firefighting and emergency medical services of the Fire District. In furtherance of this mission, the Company provides direct and indirect financial assistance to the JFD and its employees.

2024 saw a continued march towards normalcy, with the difficult years of the COVID pandemic finally behind us. Recruitment and retention of the best qualified personnel remains one of our top priorities and our biggest challenge. As firefighting and paramedic duties have become increasingly more complex, the pool of available personnel has decreased. Despite these challenges, our District remains well staffed with dedicated and qualified employees.

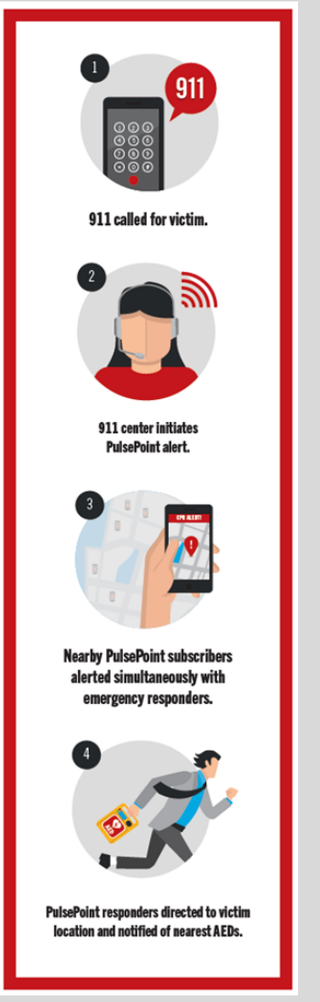
Finally, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chief Oughterson and all the members of the MIHJFD, thank you for the opportunity to serve our communities.

Colonel (Ret) Donald C. McGraw
President
MIHJFD Board of Trustees

PulsePoint– A Life Saving App

Soon, residents of Hamilton County will join City of Cincinnati residents with access to a lifesaving application called PulsePoint. PulsePoint is a free, location-based mobile app, available on IOS, Android and web, that connects Hamilton County dispatchers to the community. When a cardiac arrest is reported in a public place, nearby CPR-trained community members will be alerted in real time to assist, potentially before first responders. App users will also be able to access AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) locations, enabling quicker defibrillation. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people in the U.S. suffer cardiac arrest outside the hospital. Immediate CPR and access to an AED can double or triple survival odds. This is where PulsePoint comes in.

Imagine you are shopping at a local big box store, you receive an alert for a person in cardiac arrest within a couple hundred yards of your location. You can respond to that location, knowing where the closest AED is located, and deliver compressions or electricity needed to restart a pulse. The app has potential to save many lives. Even in best case scenarios, it takes time for a 911 call to be processed, first responders notified and respond to a cardiac arrest. Our goal is to be on the scene within 4 minutes of a dispatch to a cardiac arrest to deliver CPR, defibrillation and cardiac drugs. The app has cut that time significantly by alerting CPR trained individuals close by to fill the gap for travel time to the scene for our EMTs and paramedics.



The City of Cincinnati has been using the app for a few years and now, through the generous gift of the Christ Hospital, the rest of Hamilton County will have access to the life-saving app. The app tracks compelling metrics in real time to include 1.24 million CPR activations, 2.34 million cardiac arrest incidents tracked, 5,514 communities connected, nearly 1.34 million active monthly user and over 200,000 AED's registered. The app has reduced introduction to CPR by 1 min and 39 seconds!

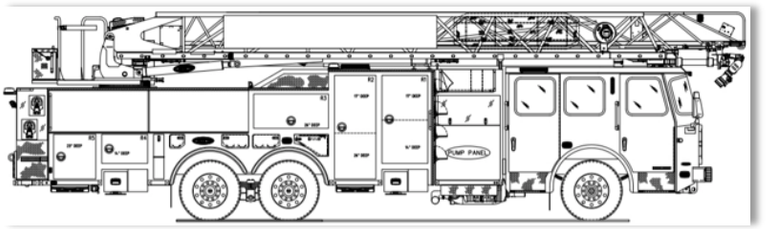
Anyone can download PulsePoint and the app will verify what tier is available according to your training or what alerts you would like to receive. Community members can be connected through the app to receive other non-CPR alerts like floods, utility disruptions, traffic incidents and live 911 dispatch audio from your community and other connected communities across the country. To get started, download the app to your IOS or android device and follow the prompts. If you are not CPR trained, contact the Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District to sign up for a CPR class today.

PayMIHFC.com The Fire Company, our 501c3 entity, accepts **donations** year round from generous residents and donors. Bi-annually, you receive THIS newsletter, with a donation slip and return envelope included for your donation opportunity. Now, you can donate through our online giving portal If you wish to give electronically from now on, please let us know in the NOTES section on the donation page. We will no longer include a donation slip and envelope in your future newsletters. You can visit PayMIHFC.com or use the QR code provided to make your donation.

New Truck Purchase

Since 2020, the cost of fire apparatus and time it takes to build them have increased dramatically, making budgeting a real challenge. To stay ahead, the Joint Fire District and our partner cities have expanded the capital budget to cover apparatus needs for the next five to ten years.

Last year, we signed a contract for the ladder truck last year, scheduled for delivery in early 2029. The build time alone is 42 months! This year, we'll begin planning for a new ambulance. Unfortunately, the cost has nearly doubled since our last purchase in 2020, from $225,000 to an estimated $450,000 with build time that have stretched to 2-3 years. These increases are being reviewed at the federal level, but in the meantime, we're doing everything we can to prepare.



HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

We've budgeted for future apparatus and are grateful for the generosity of the community. Residents have already contributed $78,000 toward the ladder truck, and past donations have helped fund the 2017 ambulance and both of our current fire stations. Thank you Harold Thomas! Every contribution reduces the burden on taxpayers and helps us keep our community safe.

If you'd like to support these efforts, please contact the Fire Chief or use the links below to specify whether your donation goes toward the ladder truck or the ambulance. Your support – at any level – truly matters.

We now take electronic payments!

PayMIHJFD.com The Fire District accepts **payments** for CPR classes, tank permits and tent permits.

You can visit PayMIHJFD.com or use the QR code provided for these payments.

2026 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
Michael Borger (FF-EMT)	2024
Alex Brahm (FF-Paramedic)	2017
Tanner Cibula (FF-EMT)	2025
Brian Dapper (FF-Paramedic)	2017
Griffin Drake (FF-Paramedic)	2018
Mark Feldmann (FF-Paramedic)	2019
Johannes Gebauer (FF-EMT)	2021
Jeff Glassmeyer (FF-Paramedic)	2008
Josh Haney (FF-Paramedic)	2024
Taylor Hester (FF-Paramedic)	2015
Michael Hoying (FF-Paramedic)	2012
Kurtis Mahan (FF-Paramedic)	2019
Joe Meyer (FF-Paramedic)	2017
Mitchell Morgan (FF-EMT)	2023
Scott Otten (FF-Paramedic)	2020
Jack Palen (FF-EMT)	2026
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
Tristyn Smiley (FF-EMT)	2025
Ryan Smith (FF-Paramedic)	2022
Coleton Stath (FF-EMT)	2024
Jasen Stephens (FF-EMT)	2025
Matthew Stickley (FF-Paramedic)	2020
Alexander Stubbs (FF-Paramedic)	2020
Zakk Van Nottingham (FF-Paramedic)	2019
Brian Willing (FF-Paramedic)	1994

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the **13th day of July, 2026 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, 2027 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 **2026 Annual Meeting** which will be held on **Wednesday, March 11th 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.

SUNDAY MARCH 8th

