

Annual Report 2023



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Richfield Fire Department

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Chief George Seifert

To: Mayor Wheeler
Richfield Village Council
Richfield Township Trustees

I want to thank Mayor Wheeler and the Village Council for all the support that you have shown and given not only to myself but the fire department as well. I am very humbled to be leading such a great group of professional men and women. We all continue to strive to provide the best services to both our commercial businesses and our residents.

The fire department in 2023 achieved many new milestones. We reached an all-time high of 1,465 calls for service. We accumulated 2665 training hours for 2023. We sent personnel to numerous schools and training programs to achieve the latest and innovated training programs in the United States. We finally accomplished one of my goals to increase staffing to four per shift. The staffing increase helps provide the excellent service our residents expect.

We underwent our five-year review from the Insurance Service Office or ISO. We were able to maintain our Class 3 rating for areas with hydrants within the Village and Township and a Class 4 for areas that do not have hydrants located within the Village and Township.

We finally started the building process of our new Engine 2 from Pierce. We approved and paid for the engine in January of 2021. The building of the engine took longer what we expected but we are glad to be at the final stages. We are looking to have the engine completed in 2024. We also ordered a new Life Line med unit at a cost of \$361,923.00. This should be delivered in 2026.

As we enter 2024 it will be our 90th year of providing emergency services to Richfield. We all strive to make our emergency service one of the best in the nation. That cannot be done without all your help and support and the dedication of the men and women of Richfield Fire Department.

I present to you the 2023 yearend report.

Sincerely:

George. K. Seifert
Fire Chief

Organization Members [name and years of service]

George Seifert, Fire Chief (14 years)

Michael Lester, Ass't. Fire Chief (30 years)

Jason Purkey, Lieutenant, Fire Inspection and Prevention Bureau (31 years)

Shift Lieutenants

Kevin Urban, C Shift (19 years)

Tony Katzakis, B Shift (21 years)

Eric Ellis, C Shift (23 years)

Full Time FireMedics Staff

Kyle Janis (17 years)

Steve Kormushoff (3 years)

Daniel Pierce (3 years)

Adam Shipley (1 year)

Cody Widlak (1 year)

Robert Benza (14 years)

Eric Boleman (25 years)

Daytona Stieglmeyer (2 years)

Nick Mancini (1 year)

Part Time Staff

Tom Sullivan (18 years)

Cody Bennett (8 years)

Steve Weinert (17 years)

Cory Tessmer (6 years)

Mark Willis (16 years)

Walth Hower (4 years)

Jeremy Parkhurst (15 years)

DeAnne Josey (4 years)

Geoff Kuzas (12 years)

David Kren (3 years)

John Hovan (10 years)

David Crawford (2 years)

Zach Tisdale (1 year)

Bruce Butler, Admin. Assistant (33 years)

Specialized Fields of Training – 2023

Instructors:

CPR:	Janis, Pierce
Fire Service/Live Burns	Seifert, Ellis, Kuzas, Sullivan

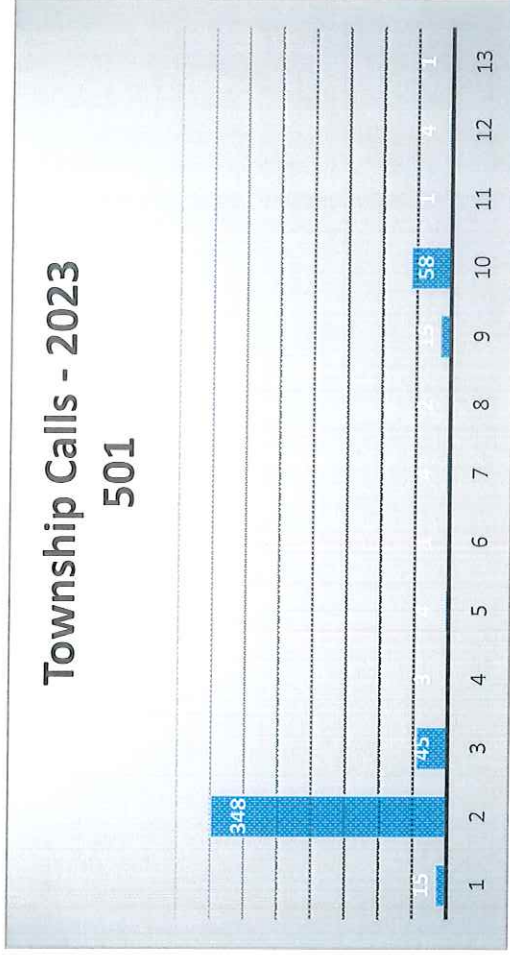
Team Members:

Fire Safety Inspectors	Seifert, Purkey, Ellis, Benza, Boleman, Lester, Urban, Kuzas, Sullivan, Weinert
Ice Rescue	Purkey, Ellis, Benza, Janis, Katzakis, Kormushoff, Lester, Urban, Sullivan, Willis
Fire Investigation Team:	Ellis, Urban, Kuzas
County Hazmat Team:	Katzakis, Kormushoff, Sullivan
Technical Rescue Operations Team:	Janis, Sullivan
Emergency Vehicle Technician:	Boleman

Township Calls - 2023

1	Fire-Other	15
2	Medical	348
3	Service Calls	45
4	Structure Fire (Comm.)	3
5	Structure Fire (Resid.)	4
6	Utilities -Public	1
7	Vehicle Fires	4
8	Welfare Checks (Personal)	2
9	Accident/MVA	15
10	Alarm Drop - Fire	58
11	Assist Other Agencies	1
12	Community Outreach	4
13	Investigation	1

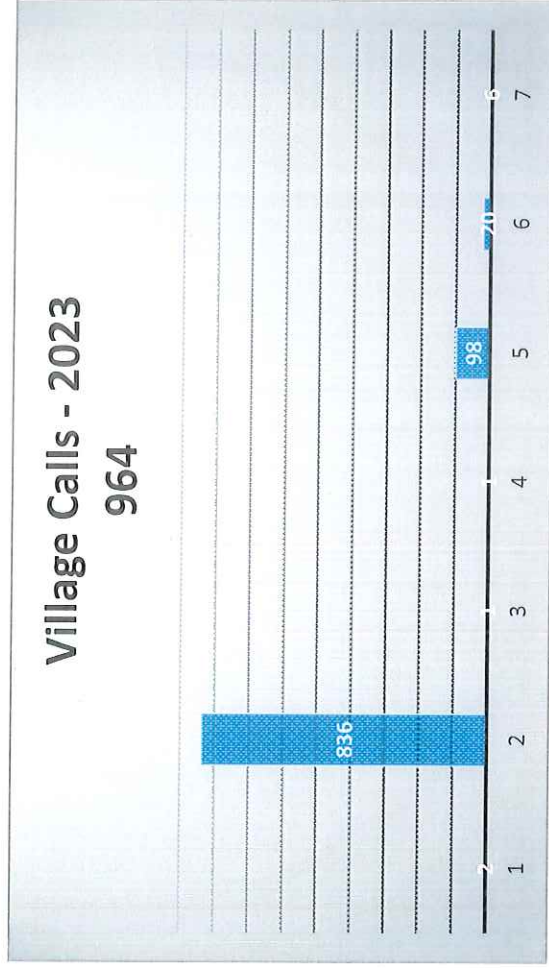
Total 501



Village Calls - 2023

1	Fire - Other	2
2	Medical	836
3	Structure Fire (Comm.)	1
4	Structure Fires (Rwesid.)	1
5	Accident/MVA	98
6	Auto Response/Mutual Aid	20
7	Service Calls	6

Total 964



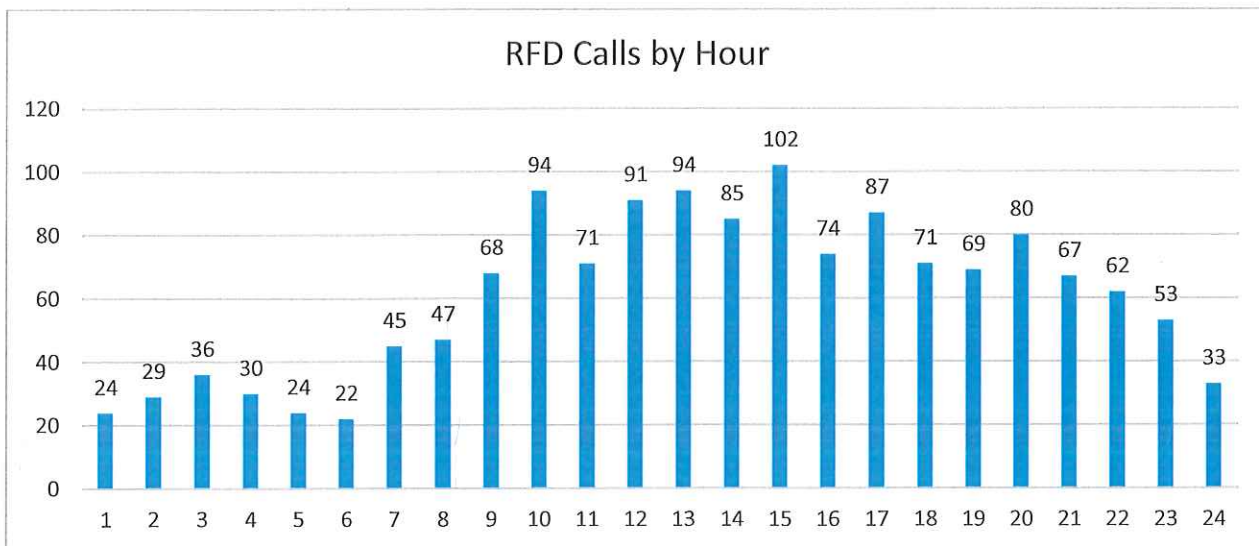
Total Village and Township Calls -

1,465

Actual Incident Type Found	COUNT(Actual Incident Type Found)
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911 - Citizen complaint	2
900 - Special type of incident, other	1
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	5
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	71
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	2
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	3
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	27
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1
730 - System malfunction, other	4
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	6
700 - False alarm or false call, other	37
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	3
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	2
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2
650 - Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other	1
632 - Prescribed fire	1
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	10
611 - Dispatched & canceled en route	51
600 - Good intent call, other	3
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	82
561 - Unauthorized burning	7
554 - Assist invalid	57
553 - Public service	6
552 - Police matter	4
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	3
550 - Public service assistance, other	14
542 - Animal rescue	2
531 - Smoke or odor removal	2
522 - Water or steam leak	4
520 - Water problem, other	1
500 - Service Call, other	27
480 - Attempted burning, illegal action, other	2
461 - Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	5
444 - Power line down	16
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	5
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	6
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	14
410 - Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition, other	1
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
351 - Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	1

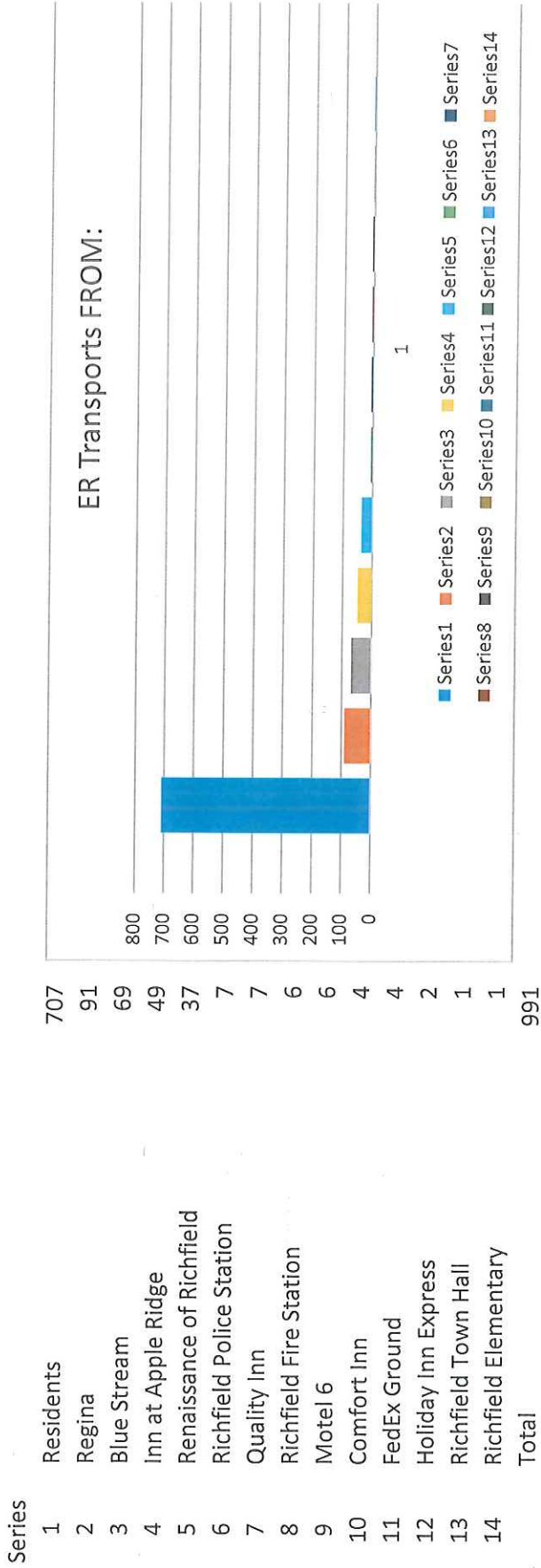
341 - Search for person on land	2
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	12
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	64
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	846
320 - Emergency medical service incident, other	4
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	3
243 - Fireworks explosion (no fire)	1
200 - Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other	2
161 - Outside storage fire	1
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1
150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	1
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	4
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	2
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	7
130 - Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	2
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	2
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	3
112 - Fires in structure other than in a building	1
111 - Building fire	4
100 - Fire, other	6
	1465

Series	HOUR	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESD/ THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TOTAL	
1	0:00	3	5	2	6	3	2	3	24
2	1:00	5	7	3	2	6	1	5	29
3	2:00	3	8	4	3	6	7	5	36
4	3:00	7	2	2	2	5	5	7	30
5	4:00	2	3	1	4	4	3	7	24
6	5:00	2	4	3	3	3	3	4	22
7	6:00	5	8	10	7	9	3	3	45
8	7:00	8	6	10	4	7	8	4	47
9	8:00	9	9	11	13	7	7	12	68
10	9:00	12	13	11	14	13	15	16	94
11	10:00	10	10	10	10	19	4	8	71
12	11:00	8	17	14	13	9	18	12	91
13	12:00	15	12	12	10	8	15	22	94
14	13:00	14	15	14	16	9	6	11	85
15	14:00	15	20	11	13	9	18	16	102
16	15:00	5	10	11	10	14	13	11	74
17	16:00	16	9	18	12	11	9	12	87
18	17:00	8	5	8	10	11	15	14	71
19	18:00	13	4	15	9	7	9	12	69
20	19:00	15	14	7	12	12	12	8	80
21	20:00	12	9	10	9	8	6	13	67
22	21:00	7	12	4	10	15	3	11	62
23	22:00	8	8	5	7	9	5	11	53
24	23:00	6	4	7	4	5	4	3	33
Total Calls		208	214	203	203	209	191	230	1465

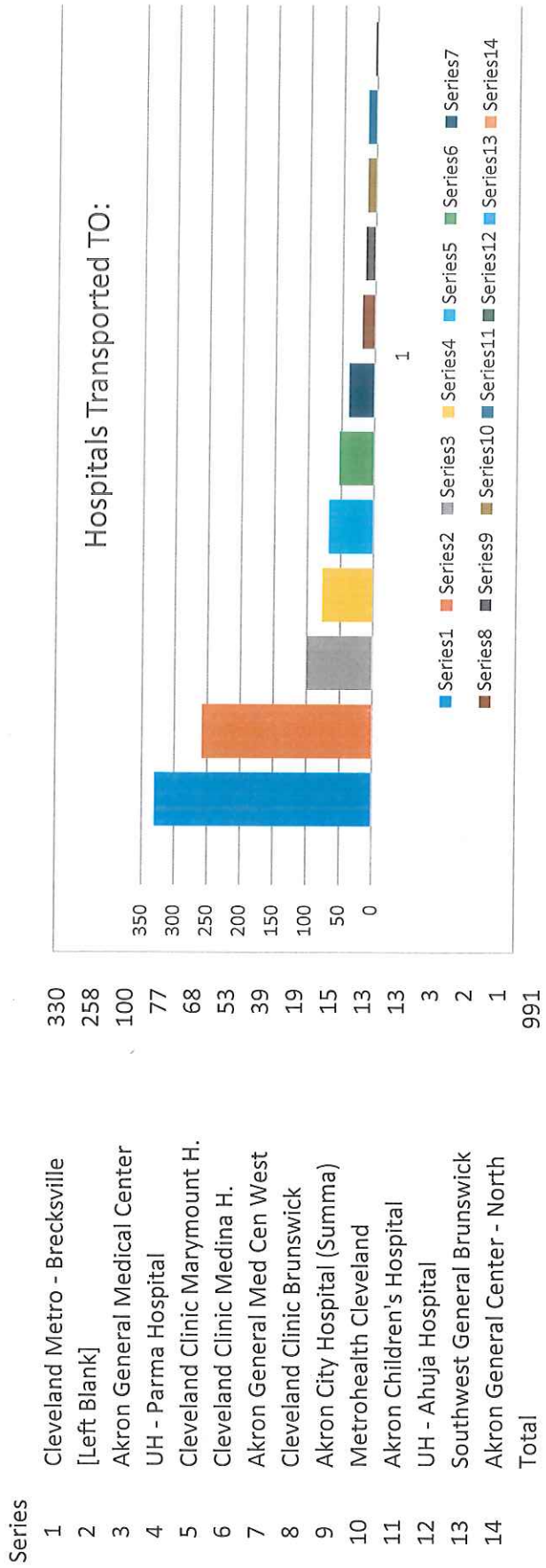




Facilities and Businesses Transported FROM:



Hospitals Transported TO:



The Inspection Bureau inspected most of the commercial establishments in the year 2023. There have been several new businesses that moved into town during the year and some new construction or remodeling projects in commercial structures.

The inspection bureau conducted all fire drills, tornado drills, and assisted with lockdown drills as required by law at Richfield Elementary school. We also conducted foster home inspections for foster parents in their homes as required. The Inspection Bureau also taught fire safety to nursing home staff and workplace safety to businesses and job site safety construction crews.

The Inspection Bureau performed annual inspections for licensing with the Ohio State Fire Marshal at all of our hotels and nursing homes. We also completed all required re-inspections for any violations found at any of these facilities. The fire department was present for all inspections for any life safety or fire concerns with the Summit County Building Department.

In 2023 we initiated the new software First Due. This new program allows us to upload pre plans right to the apparatus and individual phones of the building where an emergency is occurring.

Hight lights of 2023 include:

Business inspected 129
Food Trucks inspected 11
Plan reviews 9
Acceptance testing 14
Consultations 35

In conclusion it is imperative that the Richfield Fire Department continues in provide this service level to our residents, businesses, and visitors that they deserve. This can only be completed through the constant dedication of our firefighters, and the education of our residents and our businesses through fire prevention. The Richfield Fire Department Inspection Bureau is looking forward to assisting our community in 2024.



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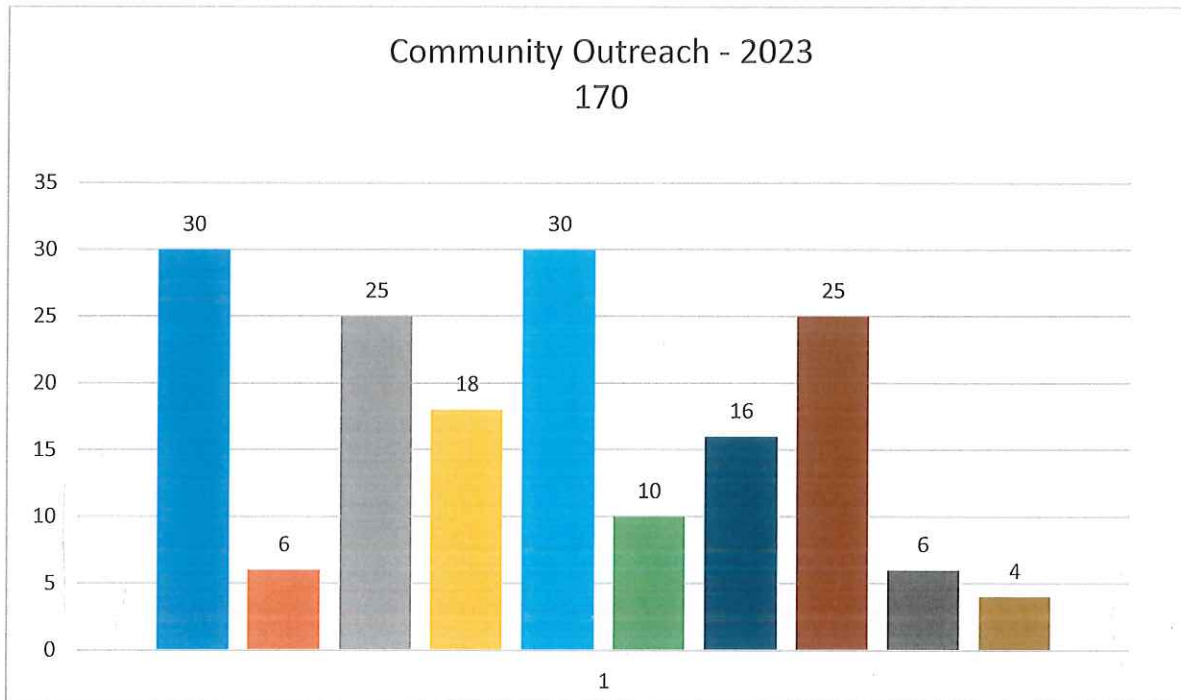
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MON-FRI 8:00 - 5:00
SAT 8:00 - 5:00
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OPEN

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Community Outreach Program - 2023

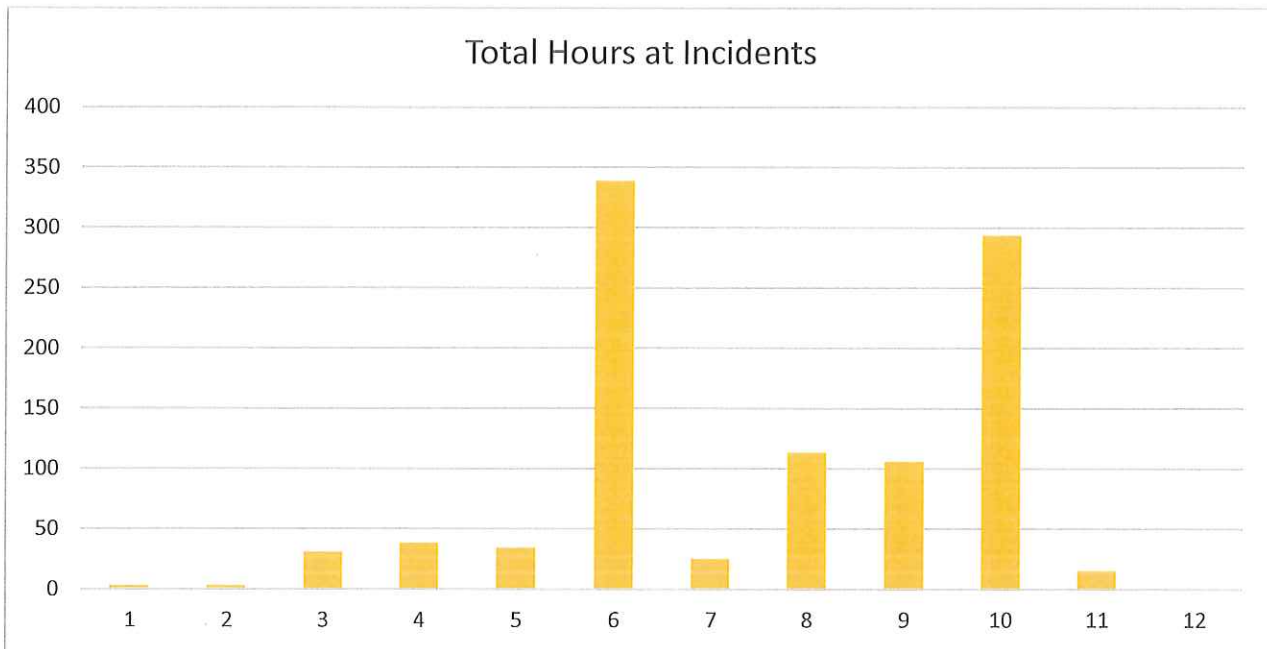
1	Pre-Plan/Home Safety Insp.	30
2	Medical Disposals	6
3	Smoke Detector Installed	25
4	Nights Lights Installed	18
5	Patient Contacts	30
6	Health Screenings	10
7	Lock Boxes Installed	16
8	New Vial of Life Forms	25
9	Garage Door Codes into First Due	6
10	Life Alart Referrals	4
	Total	170



This data summarizes the activities of the Richfield Fire Department's 2023 Community Outreach Program. Several members schedule home visits with Richfield residents to discuss and address mutually-identified safety and health issues based on the University Hospital's Paramedicine guidelines and protocols. We have also implemented Community Connect to better serve residents in times of emergencies.

Apparatus Response for Emergency Calls

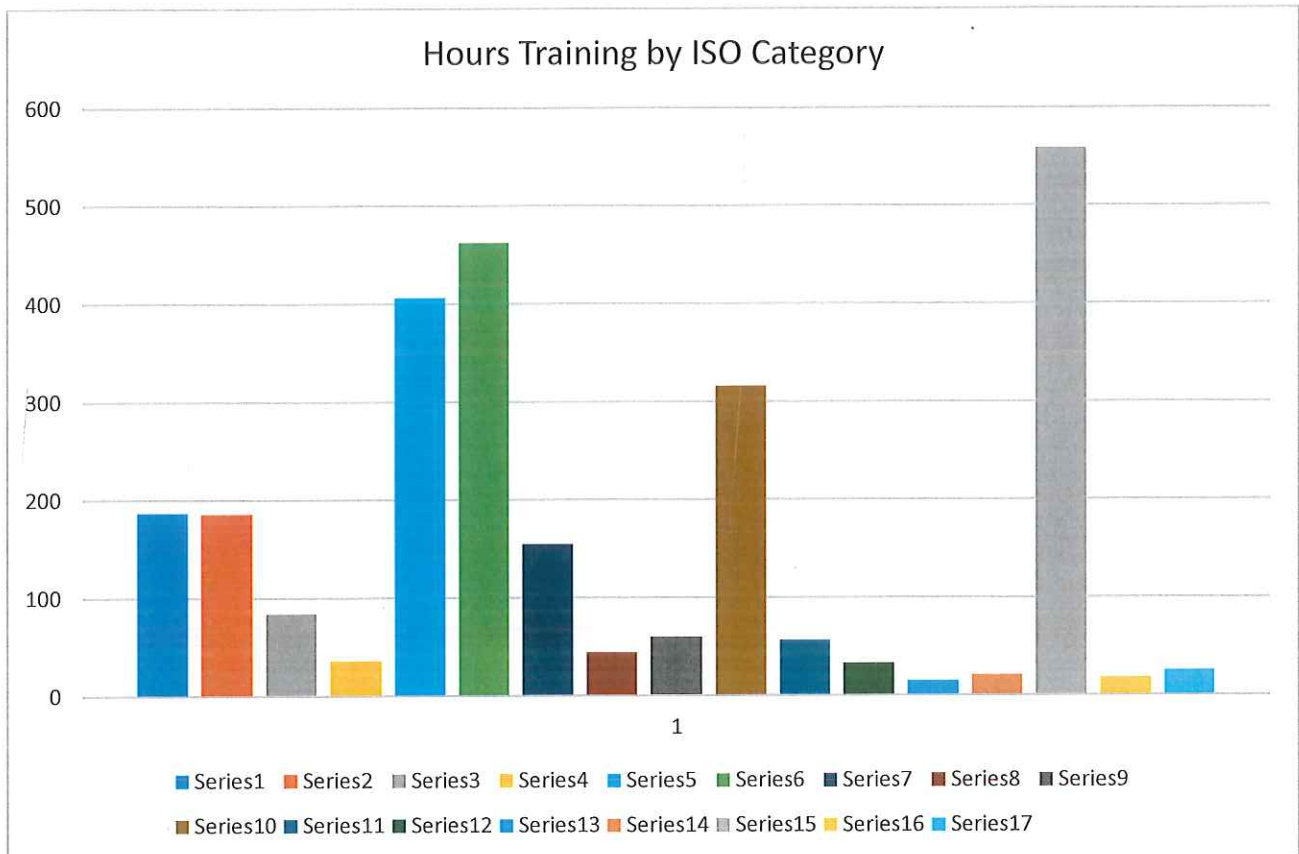
Series	Apparatus	Hours on Scene	Builder and Year Built
1	ATV 1	1.9	Polaris Ranger ATV - 2016
2	Brush 4	3.1	Ford F-2510 4X4 Pick-Up - 2000
3	Car 1	31	Chevrolet Tahoe - 2020
4	Car 2	38.3	Chevrolet Tahoe - 2016
5	Car 26	34.5	Chevrolet Tahoe - 2013
6	Car 36	339	Chevrolet Silvado 3500 Pick-Up - 2018
7	Engine 13	25.1	Sutphen Pumper - 2006
8	Engine 14	113.6	Pierce Velocity Pumper - 2014
9	Med 11	105.9	Freightliner M2 106 Squad - 2018
10	Med 12	293.8	Lifeline Squad - 2021
11	Tanker 6	15.7	Freightliner FL112 Tanker/Pumper - 2001





Training by Insurance Service Offices (ISO) Categories

Series	Category	Total Duration (Hours)
1	Staff development ISO	187.5
2	Policy Review	186
3	Physical Fitness	84
4	ISO Multi Department Training	36
5	ISO 580.E Existing Drivers Operator Training	406.5
6	ISO 580.C Officer Training, Staff development ISO	462.25
7	ISO 580.B Outside Facilities & Use	155
8	ISO 580.B New Driver Training	44.5
9	ISO 580.B Company Training, ISO Multi Department Training	60
10	ISO 580.B Company Training	315.75
11	ISO 1023.B Fire Inspector CE	56.5
12	Fire-Instructor	33
13	EMS-Trauma Triage (*)	15
14	EMS-Geriatric (4)	21
15	EMS-General (56)	558.5
16	EMS-Cardiac (6), EMS-Pediatric (12)	18
17	EMS-Cardiac (6)	25.5
	Total	2665



New drone purchased and drone training

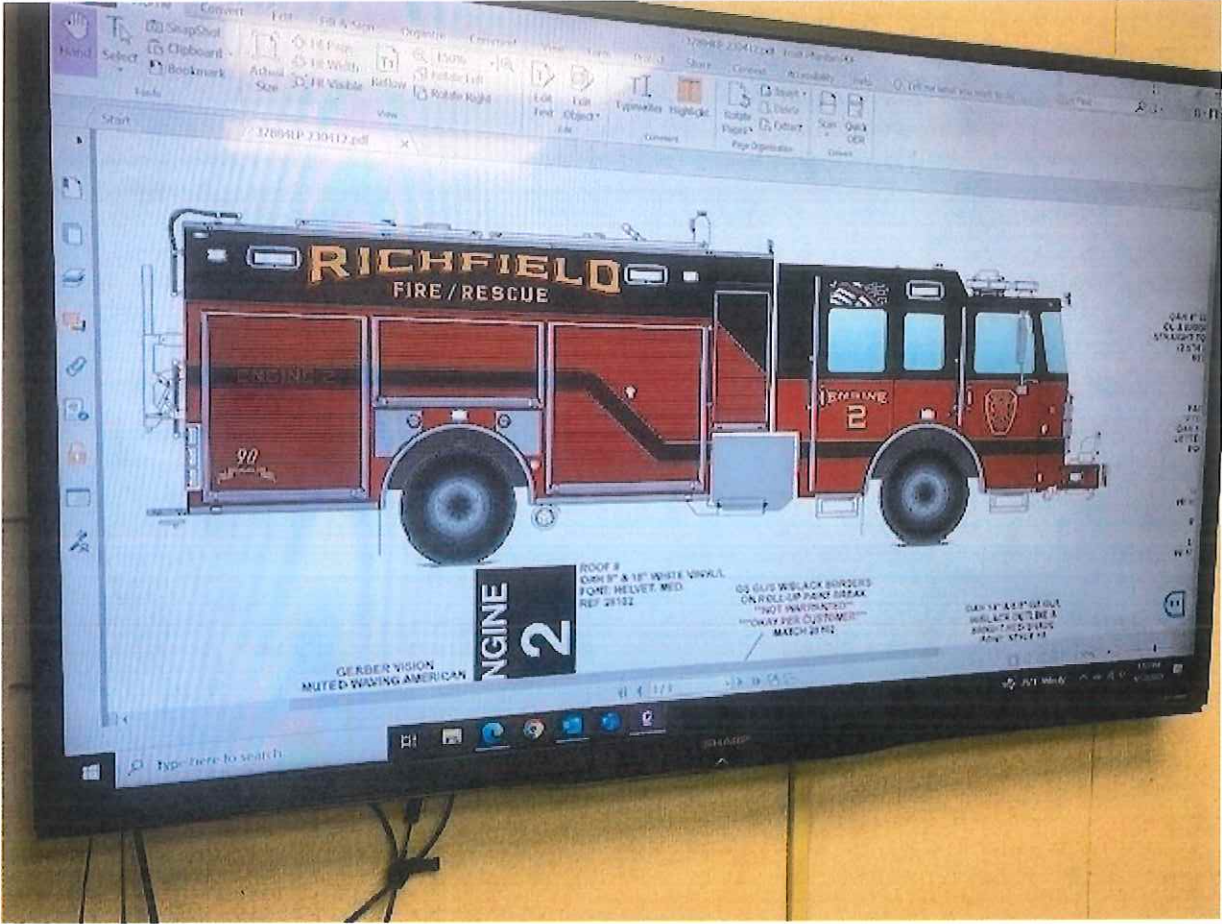


2023 Capital Projects

We are very fortunate to have the support of the Mayor and Council to complete many capital projects to improve both the fire station and related equipment. The following capital projects were completed in 2023:

- 1) New Squad Ordered – In 2023, with the guidance and oversight of the Safety Committee, Finance, Mayor and the RFD Truck Committee, specifications for a new medical squad were developed and purchased. This squad will assist the department in maintaining our current level of medical care to residents of Richfield. Although purchased in 2023, delivery isn't expected until late year 2025 or 2026.
- 2) Female Locker Room – Installation of new showers in the female locker room to replace the original showers that were broken and not working correctly. Also installed new toilets and privacy dividers. Installed personnel lockers that were not initially installed.
- 3) We were able to purchase three arial drones and related accessories. We also completed training for seven police and fire personnel in the operations of the drones. All participants now have the necessary FAA UAS part 107 certifications.
- 4) Doors for Compressor Rooms - Installed metal doors on the storage and compressor rooms located in the fire apparatus bays. This has helped reduce the noise levels associated with the air compressor and exhaust system made when in these systems are used. This greatly reduces the ambient noise condition so personnel can now hear the page for phone or emergency calls.
- 5) Fire Equipment for Engine 2 (E2) - We are very fortunate to have the support of the administration in purchasing new and upgraded equipment for the new engine. Purchases included, Genesis rescue tools, battery operated ventilation fans, new saws, fittings, axes, pike poles and may other miscellaneous tools.

The design of the new Engine 2
Expected delivery Spring of 2024



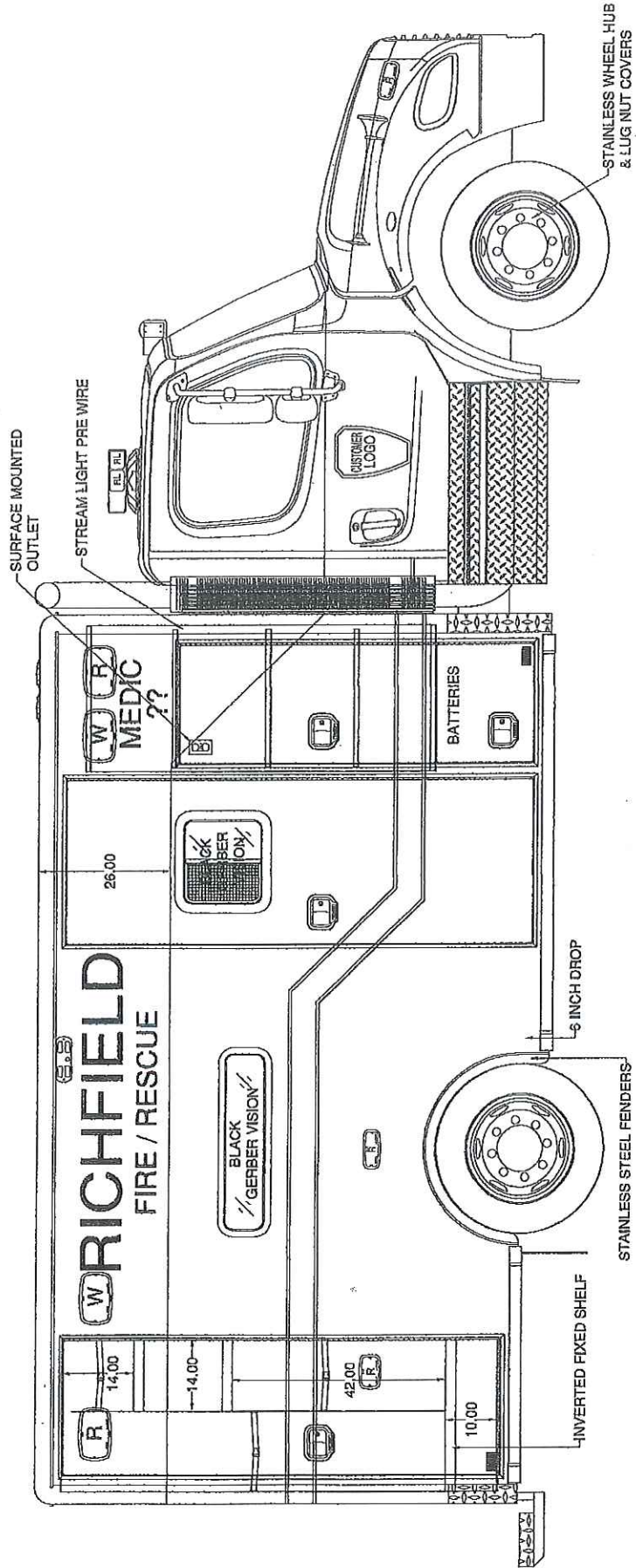
Rough Drawing of new Med Unit order in 2023

RICHFIELD FIRE DEPT.

623 WT EXTERIOR
FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS

REV	DESCRIPTION	DATE
A	623 EXTERIOR	4/13/20

DRAWN BY: TGS



COMP	INSIDE WIDTH	INSIDE HEIGHT	INSIDE DEPTH	CLEAR OPENING WIDTH	CLEAR OPENING HEIGHT
CS REAR	29.61	85.62	21.96	25.09	84.66
CS INT	16.25	29.55	21.96	12.16	26.19
CS ROW	75.47	9.99	21.96	45.45	6.36
CS FWD	28.00	65.00	29.25	22.13	68.66

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PROPOSAL DRAWING

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Public Relations - 2023

The Richfield Fire Department placed a continuing emphasis on public relations and public education. We believe that the community should be familiar with how the fire department maintains public safety. We will continue to strive to make the fire department's interaction with the community we serve a high priority. Below lists some of the public events we have participated in during the past year:

- Taking blood pressure at the senior center
- Giving station tours to the public
- Driving by with the fire truck for birthday parties or special celebrations.
- Participate in Learn Not to Burn Camp.
- Participate in Safety Town in conjunction with the Richfield Police Department and Bath Safety forces.
- Teach CPR, First Aid Stop the Bleed classes.
- Fire Safety talks and demonstrations.
- Hosting the Annual Christmas pictures with Santa party
- Hosting the Halloween Parade station walk through.
- Participate in community days.
- Home inspections
- Community Paramedicine Program

Last day of school at Richfield elementary

