

RICHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Richfield Fire Department 2016 Year-End Report

Dear Mayor Beshara, Village Council, Township Trustees, local businesses and the Citizens of Richfield, we are pleased to present our year-end report.

The Richfield Fire Department continues to progress and meet the challenges of our continuing growing community. In 2016 we were able to re-establish a position of a fulltime Fire Inspector. This position, filled by Lt. Jason Purkey, allows us to conduct commercial fire inspections, and serves as the best method for the prevention of fires. A Fire prevention and Public education program are a key component to risk reduction for our community. We will soon see the installation of a Tornado Siren at the Richfield Woods Park. This will be linked to the current siren at Revere High School to provide emergency notification.

Our department takes great pride in participating in all community events and paying specific attention to our seniors with our Health Watch Program and lock boxes that give us emergency access to their homes if needed.

We are continuing to work with the RJRD park on protecting the structures and providing EMS and rescue services to the 336 acres. In 2016 we were fortunate to put into service an ATV apparatus that can carry a stokes rescue basket for a victim and can also be used to haul firefighting equipment to some of the remote locations on the property. RJRD made a generous donation to pay for half of this apparatus.

Our continued goal is delivering the highest level of EMS and Fire Services to our residents and businesses. Continuing education is mandatory for all our members to be proficient with new technology and State Standards. In 2016 we promoted Eric Ellis to position of Lieutenant that will serve as our Fire Training Officer. Lt. Ellis has prepared himself for this position by his dedication to Fire Training attending State and local schools over the past several years.

In closing I want to thank our community for their continued support, and thank our members for their dedication to The Richfield Fire Department.

Sincerely,

Fire Chief Phil McLean

CHIEF

Jason Mihalek -19

ASSIST. CHIEF

Philip McLean -40

LIEUTENANT

Bruce Butler -25

Jason Purkey -23

LIEUTENANT

Robert Jones -36

Eric Ellis -17

LIEUTENANT

Ronald Urban -28

FIREFIGHTERS

Cody Bennett -1

Ronald Boryk -34

Gabe Gerbasi -2

Anthony Katzakis -2

Daniel Merryman -20

Matthew Null -7

Ted Skwarski -3

Kevin Urban -10

Jared Winar -2

Robert Benza -5

Dan Dopslaf -3

John Hovan -1

Geoff Kuzas -3

Chris Najsztup -13

Jeremy Parkhurst -7

Thomas Sullivan -10

Steve Weinert -8

Eric Boleman -16

Daniel Elbert -7

Steve Kamp -7

Michael Lester -21

Chris Null -3

George Seifert -8

Mark Tibbs -31

Mark Willis -7

TRAINEE

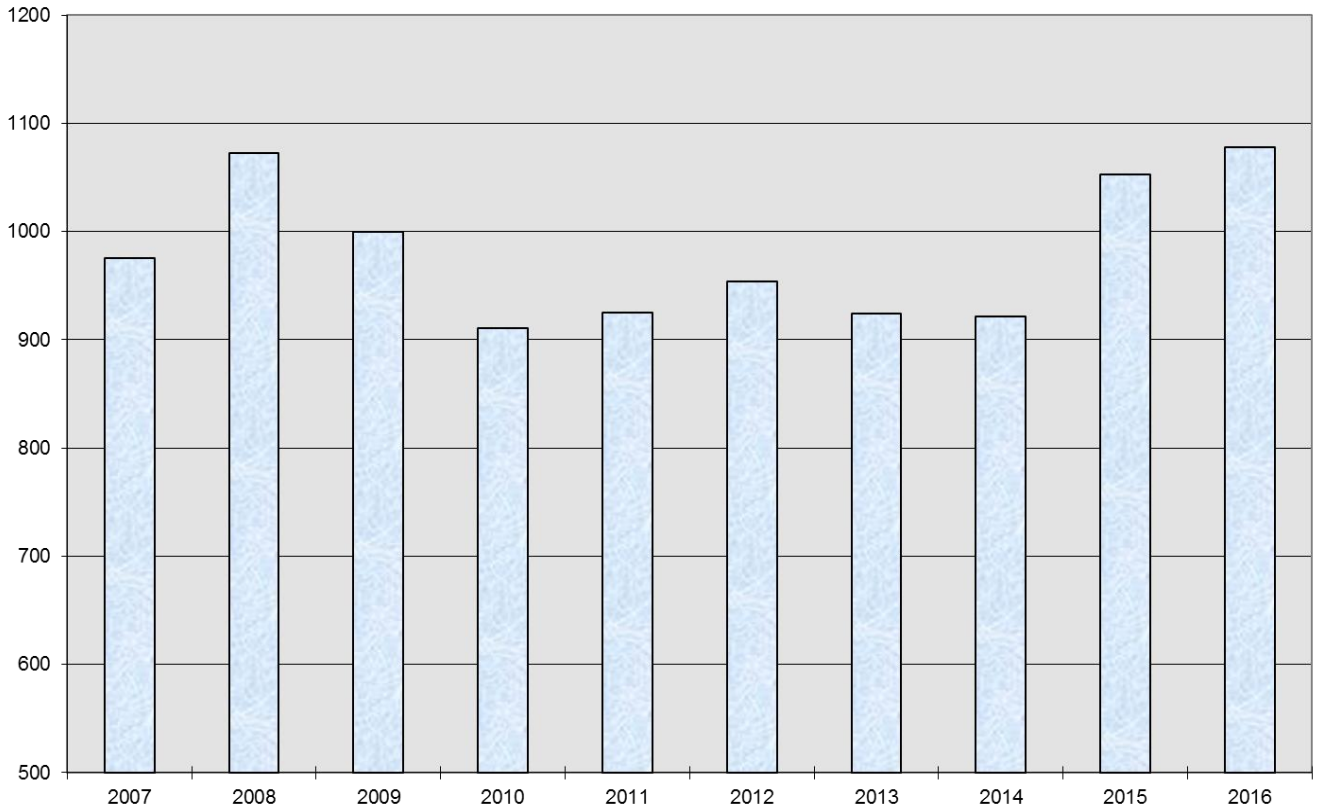
Andrew Willis -1

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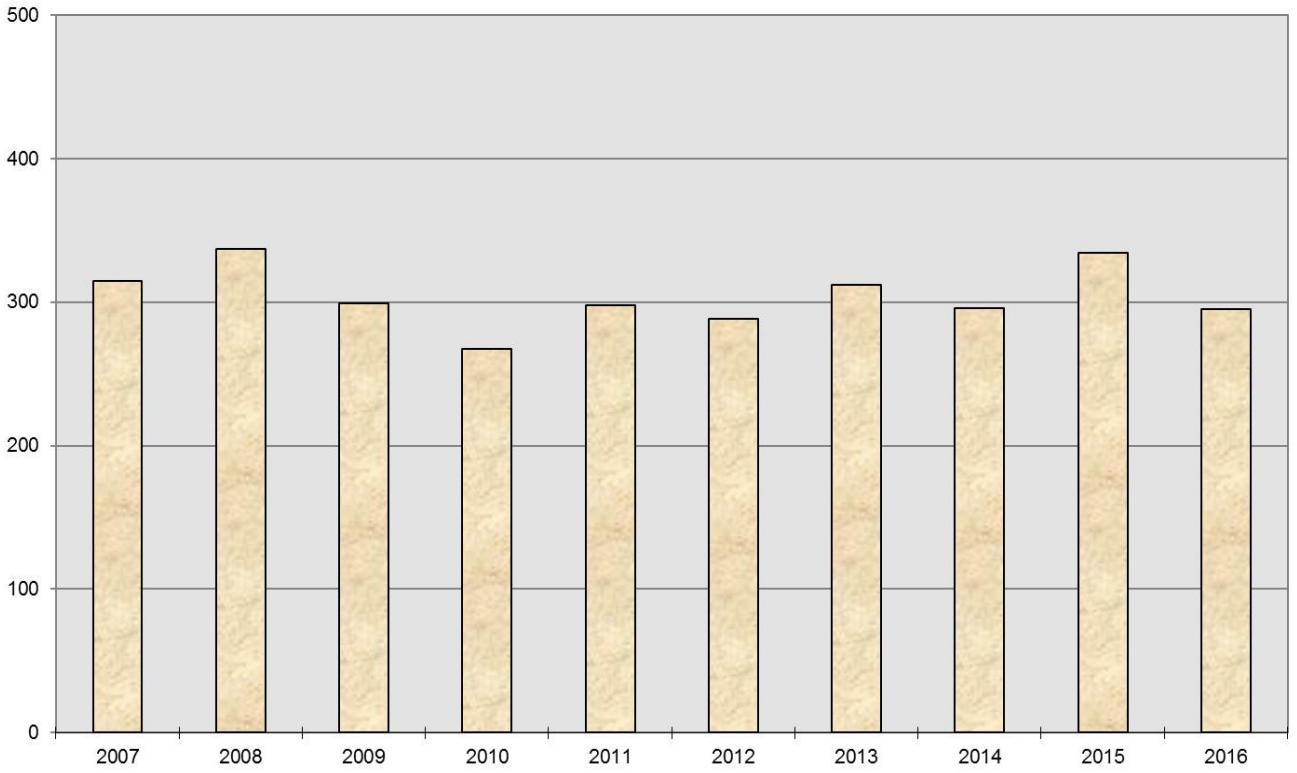
STATISTICS 2016

<u>TOTAL CALLS</u>	<u>1078</u>	
<u>TOTAL FIRE</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>27%</u>
VILLAGE FIRE	185	63%
TOWNSHIP FIRE	64	22%
MUTUAL AID FIRE	46	15%
<u>TOTAL RESCUE</u>	<u>783</u>	<u>73%</u>
VILLAGE RESCUE	522	66%
TOWNSHIP RESCUE	220	28%
MUTUAL AID RESCUE	41	6%

TOTAL CALLS
2016

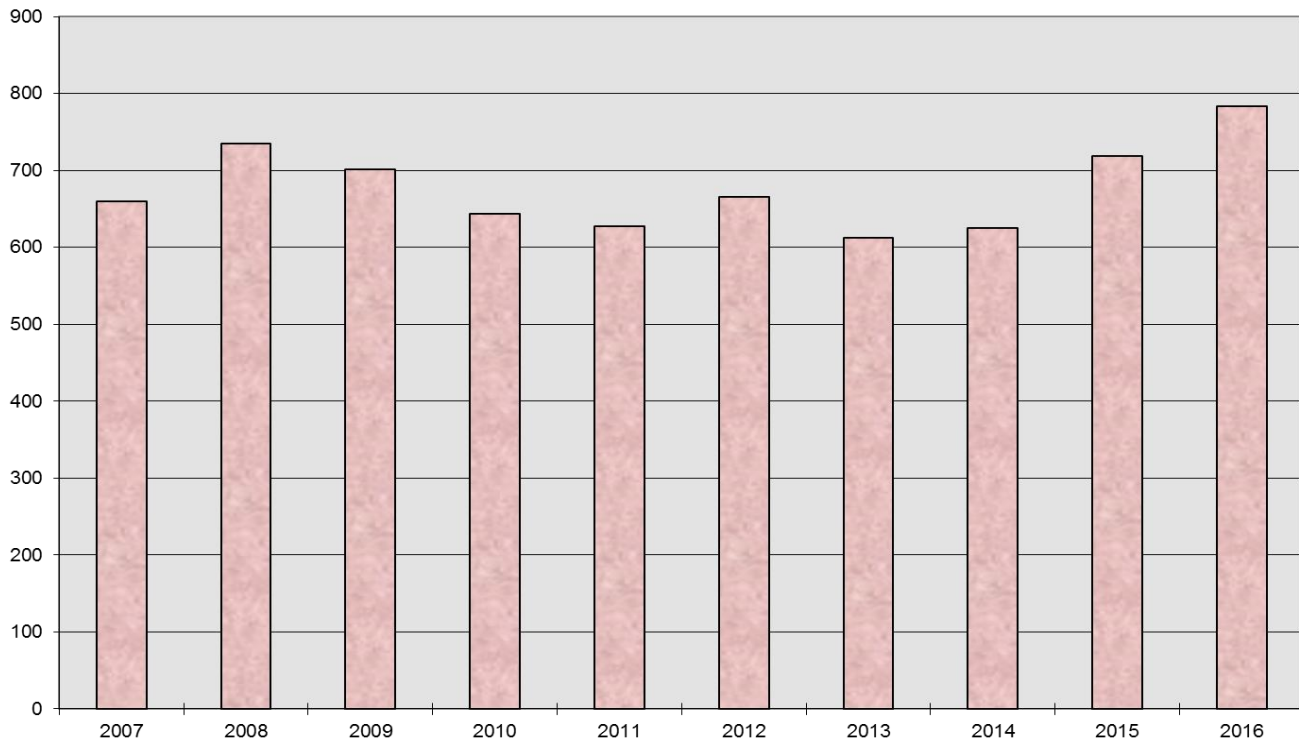


**FIRE CALLS
2016**



Future Firefighter

EMS CALLS 2016



**TYPE OF ALARM REPORT
2016**

TYPE OF CALL	COUNT
CODE 1 – HEART	63
CODE 2 – BREATHING	59
CODE 3 – INJURY	140
CODE 4 – VEHICLE ACCIDENT	110
CODE 5 – UNKNOW MEDICAL	39
CODE 6 – POISONING	8
CODE 7 – ILLNESS	287
CODE 8 – BLEEDING	6
CODE 9 – SHOOTING	1
CODE 10 – AUTO RESPONSE	4
CODE 11 – CAR FIRE	20
CODE 12 – GRASS FIRE	9
CODE 13 – MISC. FIRE	49
CODE 13A – STRUCTURE FIRE	32
CODE 13AD – ALARM DROPS	112
CODE 14 – INVESTIGATION	62
CODE 16 – D.O.A.	9
CODE 50-HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	7
CODE 90 – MEDICAL ASSIST	61
TOTAL	1078

SPECIALIZED FIELDS OF TRAINING 2016

INSTRUCTORS :

C.P.R.: Boryk, Butler, Merryman, R. Urban

ACLS & PALS: Boryk

EMT-P: Boryk

Fire Service: Boleman, Boryk, Ellis, Jones,
McLean, Mihalek, Sullivan

TEAM MEMBERS :

Rope Rescue: Benza, Boryk, Butler, Ellis, Lester,
Mihalek, Purkey, Sullivan,
K. Urban, R. Urban,

Fire Safety Inspectors: Boleman, Boryk, Ellis, Jones, Mihalek
McLean, Purkey, R.Urban, Sullivan

Ice Rescue Technicians: Benza, Boryk, Butler, Elbert, Ellis,
Lester, Merryman, Mihalik, Najsztup,
Purkey, Sullivan, K. Urban, Tibbs

Honor Guard: Boryk, Butler, Merryman, K. Urban
McLean, Najsztup, Purkey

Fire Investigation Team: Boryk, Ellis

Metro Swat Medic: Lester

County HAZ-MAT: Katzakis, Sullivan

Collapse, Ropes, Trench: Ellis, Sullivan

Code 10 Committee: Jones, Chairman

State Fire Board Div. EMS McLean

FIRE TRAINING AND TRAINING HOURS 2016

To: Chief McLean

From: Lieutenant Ellis

During the year 2016 Richfield Fire Department maintained a tradition of an aggressive approach in delivering the highest quality of training to our members. Our highly motivated instructor staff continually seeks out and attends both regional and national training conferences and seminars. Bringing back this knowledge and these skills to members of our department allow us to deliver the highest level of service to our residents and business community.



The Division of Emergency Medical Services in Ohio is the certifying agency for all our EMS and Fire Certifications, such as Firefighter, Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician, Fire Inspector, and Fire Instructor. Each of these certifications requires continuing education as shown below.

The basic recertification hours required is as follows:

- Firefighter required training hrs. *54 hrs. 3 year cycle*
- Emergency Services Instructor *6 hrs. 3 year cycle*
- Fire Inspectors *30 hrs. 3 year cycle*
- EMT's *48 hrs. 3 year cycle*
- Paramedic *92 hrs. 3 year cycle*

All the above Certifications are on a 3 year cycle and the card holder renews his or her certification online every three years. We, Richfield Fire, provide the needed hours for our members to maintain the certifications listed along with other valuable training related to special operations such as Hazardous Materials, Confined Space & Collapse and Ice Rescue.



Our annual Ice Rescue Training conducted every year

Fire Training Skills

All firefighters, on a yearly basis, go through a mandatory skill based training assessment based on Ohio and NFPA Fire Training Standards. These skills are related to our specific fire equipment in Richfield as shown below.



Fire Training Hours:

- Ladders 51 hrs
- Water Supply 129
- Hose lines 92
- Pump Operations 59
- Auto Extrication 56
- Foam Application 40
- Search & Rescue 42
- General Equipment 396
- Building Construction 21



Industrial door open options and Ven tilation procedures with our Vent Saws

Mutual Aid Response Training with all of our neighboring departments is critical to our overall training plan throughout the year. We have conducted water delivery drills and fire training drills with the following departments. **Bath, Copley, Brecksville, Broadview Hts., Fairlawn, Granger, Hinckley, Hudson, Norton**



Promotion of Lt. Eric Ellis, with Dad, retired Asst. Chief Andy Ellis



In 2016, our department did a total of 1692 hours of fire training hours to stay current with certifications, become updated on new techniques and work with our neighboring departments who we operate with on our mutual aid agreements for both fire and motor vehicle accident calls. Training together allows our members an invaluable chance to operate alongside each other and work efficiently to prepare for actual events.



Training is an investment in our future. I want to thank all of our instructors that have planned and organized many of our drills and have dedicated their time towards instruction and education. Training is the key to maintain a state of readiness and preparedness for the protection of citizens and community.

EMS TRAINING 2016

To: Chief Mclean

From: Lt. Purkey

In the year 2016, the Richfield Fire Department members continued the monthly Medical Trainings provided by our Medical Director Dr. Anthony Daher. We conducted these trainings on the second Wednesday of every month. There were also several off site trainings that our paramedics and EMT's attended, as well as quarterly fire chief and EMS coordinator meetings. Several of our members recertified their paramedic or EMT certification during the year.

On 1/1/2016 the Richfield Fire Department received our new Lucas device courtesy of University Hospital. This machine provides perfect CPR compressions during a cardiac arrest. It enables crew members to focus on drug therapy, airway, and defibrillation while the Lucas continues with compressions. This device has been proven to provide better outcomes following a cardiac arrest.

In June 2016, I attended a three day Emergency Medical Dispatch class. This was the same class our dispatchers were required to take for their new certifications. This course is going to provide our dispatchers with skills needed to provide life-saving instructions prior to the arrival of the fire department following a 911 call.

The Richfield Fire Department has received many thank you letters for our services we provided throughout the year from patients we have taken to the hospital or cared for in the field. The Richfield Fire Departments' continual exemplary service is a direct result of our dedication to our community and constant training.

TRANSPORTS BY FINAL DESTINATION
2016

<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>COUNT</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
AKRON GENERAL MAIN	112	21%
AKRON GENERAL WEST	105	19%
CLINIC-MARYMOUNT	62	11%
METROHEALTH-BROADVIEW HTS	49	9%
CLINIC-BRUNSWICK	42	8%
UH-BROADVIEW HTS	41	8%
SUMMA-AKRON CIY HOSPITAL	27	5%
UH-PARMA HOSPITAL	18	3%
SAINT VINCENT CHARITY	17	3%
CLINIC-MEDINA HOSPITAL	17	3%
UH-AHUJA MEDICAL CENTER	16	3%
CHILDRENS HOSPITAL AKRON	12	2%
CLINIC-MARYMOUNT SOUTH	7	1%
UH- SOUTHWEST GENERAL	7	1%
AKRON GENERAL STOW	4	1%
METROHEALTH- CLEVELAND	3	1%
SUMMA- WESTERN RESERVE	3	1%
SUMMA- LAKE MEDINA	2	1%
UH-SOUTHWEST BRUNSWICK	1	1%
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>543</u>	

BUSTR Program 2016

To: Chief McLean

From: Lt. Jones

During the year 2016 there was one tank removal and one new installation of a complete refueling system within the Village of Richfield. The new refueling system consisted of two twenty thousand gallon diesel tanks and three pump islands. The Fire department was involved in the plan review and all required inspections to be sure that the facility was built to current BUSTR standards, (Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations).

It is very important that the Richfield Fire Department continue to be involved in these projects as this allows us to know that what is being built in our community is done safely.



Fireworks Set Up at Richfield Community Days

FIRE INSPECTION BUREAU 2016

To: Chief McLean

From: Lt. Purkey

In the year 2016 the Richfield Fire Department acquired a full-time Fire Safety Officer. I took over this position on 7/11/2016. This position is a 40 hour a week position. The hours are generally 0800-1600. However, the hours are often adjusted to meet the needs of Businesses within the community. Starting in July and ending in December over 180 fire safety inspections were performed in both the village and township. There were hundreds of fire safety hazards found throughout our community. Most of which have been corrected by the property owner. During the school year, I monitor monthly fire drills at our schools, daycares, multi-floor businesses, and adult education centers. There have been changes made to some of the facilities evacuation plans as a result of monitoring the drills. All drills have been held at different times of the day during their normal operating hours. I have inspected and been present for the servicing of most of the hood systems and fire suppression systems in our community. It was found that several have been deficient in the cleaning or maintenance of their hood systems as required by the fire code. All of the facilities that had been deficient have since had their hood system properly serviced. I have performed several occupancy inspections for new businesses moving into the community. The vast majority of property owners have been very cooperative if not thankful for catching a potential hazard before a tragedy occurs.

**INCIDENT TYPE REPORT
2016**

INCIDENT TYPE	COUNT
1 FIRE	
111 BUILDING FIRE	12
113 COOKING FIRE, CONFINED TO CONTAINER	10
114 CHIMNEY FIRE, CONTAINED TO CHIMNEY	2
115 FIRE IN MOBILE HOME	1
131 PASSENGER VEHICLE FIRE	9
132 ROAD FREIGHT, VEHICLE FIRE	4
143 GRASS FIRE	8
150 OUTSIDE RUBBISH FIRE	4
161 OUTSIDE STORAGE FIRE	4
TOTAL	52
2 OVERPRESSURE RUPTURE, EXPLOSION, OVERHEAT (NO FIRE)	
251 EXCESSIVE HEAT, NO FIRE	5
TOTAL	5
3 RESCUES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	
300 EMS INCIDENT OTHER	1
311 MEDICAL ASST.	7
320 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OTHER	5
321 EMS CALL, EXCLUDING VEHICLE ACCIDENT	577
322 VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	89
324 VEHICLE ACCIDENT NO INJURIES	14
350 EXTRICATION RESCUE	1
341 SEARCH FOR PERSON LOST	1
353 REMOVAL OF VICTIM FROM ELEVATOR	1
TOTAL	696

INCIDENT TYPE	COUNT
4 HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS (NO FIRE)	
400 HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OTHER	
410 COMBUSTIBLE/ FLAMABLE OTHER CONDITION	1
411 FLAMMABLE LIQUID SPILL	5
412 NATURAL GAS OR LPG LEAK	8
413 OIL OR COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID SPILL	1
422 CHEMICAL SPILL OR LEAK	1
424 CARBON MONOXIDE INCIDENT	4
440 ELECTRICAL WIRING/ERQUIPMENT PROBLEM	1
441 HEAT FROM SHORT CIRCUIT	2
443 BREAKDOWN OF LIGHT BALLAST	1
444 POWER LINE DOWN	17
445 ARCING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	3
TOTAL	43
5 SERVICE CALL	
500 SERVICE CALL OTHER	6
510 PERSON IN DISTRESS	2
511 LOCK-OUT	4
520 WATER PROBLEM	1
522 WATER OR STEAM LEAK	2
531 SMOKE OR ODOR REMOVAL	1
550 PUBLIC SERVICE ASSISTANCE	1
551 ASSIST TO OTHER GOVERMENTAL AGENCY	9
553 PUBLIC SERVICE	2
554 ASSIT TO INVALID	55
561 UNAUTHORIZED BURNING	8
571 COVER ASSIGNMENT, STANDBY	1
TOTAL	92

INCIDENT TYPE	COUNT
6 GOOD INTENT	
600 GOOD INTENT OTHER	3
611 DISPATCHED AND CANCELLED ENROUTE	34
622 NO INCIDENT FOUND ON ARRIVAL	14
631 AUTHORIZED CONTROLLED BURING	1
651 SMOKE SCARE	10
652 STEAM OR VAPOR THOUGHT TO BE SMOKE	1
661 EMS CALL PARTY TRANSPORTED BY OTHER	
671 HAZMAT INVESTIGATION NOTHING FOUND	5
TOTAL	68
7 FALSE ALARMS	
700 FALSE CALLS OTHER	9
710 MISCHIEVOUS FALSE ALARM	2
711 MUNICIPAL ALARM MALICIOUS FALSE	1
715 LOCAL ALARM SYSTEM MALICIOUS FALSE	1
730 SYSTEM MALFUNCTION OTHER	7
731 SPRINKLER ACTIVATION DUE TO MALFUNCTION	3
733 SMOKE ALARM ACTIVATION MALFUNCTION	11
735 ALARMS SOUNDED DUE TO MALFUNCTION	8
736 CO DETECTOR MALFUNCTION	7
740 UNINTENTIONAL TRANSMISSION OF ALARM	6
741 SPRINKLER ACTIVATION NO FIRE	1
743 SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION NO FIRE	31
744 DETECTOR ACTIVATION NO FIRE	16
745 ALARM SYSTEM ACTIVATION NO FIRE	12
746 CARBON MONOXIDE ACTIVATION NO CO	5
TOTAL	119
8 SEVERE WEATHER	
813 WIND STORM, TORNADO	1
9 SPECIAL INCIDENT	
900 SPECIAL INCIDENT OTHER	1
911 CITIZEN COMPLAINT	1
TOTAL	2

RICHFIELD FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION 2016

To: Chief McLean

From: Pres. Najsztup

The First Annual 5K Trail Run & Pancake Breakfast Fund-raiser was sponsored by the R.F.A. on April 30th. The Richfield Community supported us, as over 150 people came out. It was lots of fun and was the first major event at the new Richfield Joint Recreation District park.

The funds raised during this event and donations during the year allows us to purchase books, insurance costs and educational supplies for the Youth Fire Prevention Smoke House program. Additional funds were spent for dues to Summit County and Ohio State Firefighter Associations, the Richfield Bandage Day Camp at the fire station, and promotional materials for Fire Prevention week. Be on the lookout for some new, exciting and expanded programs in 2017.

Our firefighters' were represented at the Memorial Day Parade, the Community Weekend parade, and at funeral ceremonies. We held an open house to the public and helped with the Fire Explorers' Pancake Breakfast. For the little beggers' Halloween parade and visit to the fire station, in October, we provided cider and donuts.

Santa Claus was delivered to the Tree Lighting Ceremony by an antique fire truck. Later in December Santa was at the fire station for a First Annual Picture with Santa at the Fire Station Day.

The firefighters got together in March for an annual awards recognition party. Years of Service awards went to Eric Ellis and Eric Boleman 15 years, Mike Lester 20 years, Mark Tibbs 30 years, and Bob Jones 35 years. The Firefighter of the Year Award went to Chris Najsztup! In 2016, Daniel Merryman retired after 20 years of service to the department and the community! On behalf of all R.F.A. members, we look forward to continuing our tradition of community service, friendship and professionalism in the coming year.



CPR/AED & FIRST AID EDUCATION 2016

To: Chief McLean

From: Lt. Butler

2016 was a transition year for the Richfield Fire Department's CPR program. The program lost two American Heart Association (AHA)-trained CPR Instructors, with only three AHA-trained Instructors remaining. The loss of Instructors resulted in a number lost opportunities for the Richfield Fire Department as interested parties were encouraged to contact Bath Fire Department for CPR training. Classes were scheduled in Richfield on an as-needed basis.

Despite this set-back, the CPR program did conduct a total of four HeartSaver/AED and Healthcare Provider- level classes for the general public and for employees working in Richfield.

In 2016, the Richfield Fire Department's CPR Program also provided training to all Richfield Dispatchers in CPR and AED use to ensure that all of the Dispatchers met the new Ohio State mandated EMD certification, as specified in Ohio Chapter 4742, Emergency Services Telecommunicators.

Improvements to the Richfield Fire Department's CPR program for 2017 include:

- Updated program information and class schedules are being added to the Richfield Village's official web site.
- The creation of a Richfield Fire Department telephone mailbox that can capture calls from individuals interested in CPR, AED and First Aid training.
- Enhanced cooperation with Bath Fire Department's CPR Program, including promotion of both CPR programs within each community.
- An emphasis on obtaining additional AHA-trained Instructors.
- Established goals for scheduling CPR classes for 2017.

The members of the Richfield Fire Department know the value of having a community of residents and employees trained to provide CPR/AED and First Aid. The Richfield Fire Department remains committed to providing high quality training to all interested individuals.

HEALTH WATCH PROGRAM & LOCKBOX PROGRAM 2016

To: Chief Mclean

From: FM Lester

Since 2001 the Village and Township have offered the Health Watch program for the senior citizens in Richfield. It consists of a pendant that the resident wears that when activated calls a monitoring service. The monitoring service then calls Richfield Dispatch and we respond to the resident's home. The Fire department installs and maintains the equipment with Mindi Schaeztle handling all the billing. At this time there are currently 35 Village residents and 13 Township residents using the service.

The Fire department also loans these residents a lockbox for their house at no cost to them. These are small safe like boxes that are able to be mounted by the resident's door in which the resident supplies a key to be put inside allowing the Fire department easy access in the event of an emergency. Any house that the resident is often alone that I install a Health Watch at I strongly encourage that we install a lockbox also.



Senior Center Visit by the Fire Chief

Public Education Report 2016

To: Chief McLean

From: Lydia Wochna

It is hard to believe that 2016 has already come to an end. Lydia Wochna, the department's Fire Education Specialist continues to provide the Fire Prevention program in the Hillcrest Elementary and Saint Peregrine's Academy. Although the focus of the program is fire prevention, other safety topics are presented as well.

January- The lesson was Pond and Ice Safety. Children learned the importance of never venturing out on to untested ice, never following a pet on to untested ice, never going out on to ice without adult supervision and the importance of always having a cell phone and the address of where they are available for any ice related emergency. It was stressed that children should never try to rescue a person or pet that falls through the ice or gets trapped on untested ice but should call 9-1-1 instead.

The younger children also had a lesson on dressing appropriately for cold weather and the importance of never wearing a scarf on the outside of their coat because of the choking hazard. K9's Kodak, Jpeg and Little Kurt served as the models for this lesson.

February- Grades 3 and below heard the story 'No Dragons For Tea' that reviewed the fire safety rules of getting outside immediately when there is a fire, crawling under the smoke, never hiding in a fire, having a meeting place, calling 9-1-1 from outside or a neighbor's and never going back into a fire for toys or pets.

March- Water safety was reviewed with all grades in preparation for Spring Break. The Disney video "Safety Smart in the Water" was shown to children in the younger grades.

Grades 3 and above were taught water safety as well as the importance of never diving head first into shallow water and the importance of calling 9-1-1 for any water related emergencies.

April- The child Safety Trailer was used to teach severe storm and tornado safety and preparedness. A discussion with the children helped them to understand the importance between a fire safe or meeting place, and a safe place to shelter during severe storms or tornados.

May- Grades K - 3 learned about Dog Safety including how to approach a dog safely with the owner's permission and physical cues a dog may give if upset.

June- Students who attended Safety Town were taught the importance of never touching or playing with matches, getting outside whenever a smoke detector makes noise, having a meeting place, never hiding in a fire, crawling under the smoke and never trying to save toys or pets.

At Safety town graduation I spoke with parents about the importance of having a meeting place and home fire drills.

September-The Safety Trailer was used once again to teach all grades how to exit a smoky dwelling including using alternate exits such as a window, what it looks like to have smoke at the top of a room and cleaner air closer to the floor, crawling under the smoke, never hiding or trying to save toys or pets, how to check a closed door to see if fire may be on the other side, getting to the meeting place and only calling 9-1-1 once they are outside.

October-Students in the younger grades heard the story “Stop, Drop and Roll”. All students had a chance to practice this technique to use if fire is on their clothes and the importance of covering their face while doing it.

November-Younger students saw the Disney video “Safety Smart at Home” that emphasized keeping stairways clear, only cooking when an adult is present, not overloading outlets, never putting anything over a lamp, having an escape plan and a meeting place and keeping things three feet from space heaters and things that get hot. Students were each measured to show them that their outstretched arms could serve as a “Magic Measure” to estimate three feet.

December-All students learned about Holiday Safety including making sure all candles are blown out when everyone leaves the house, extinguishing lit candles when leaving a room for an extended period of time or when everyone goes to bed. They also learned fireplace safety. A new addition to this lesson was “Blaze the Fire Safety Elf” who helped to reinforce the importance of keeping decorations away from things that are hot.

Lydia Wochna

Fire & Life Safety Educator II



Little Kurt demonstrating
wearing a helmet



Jpeg Thankful to be able to
help teach students



Blaze the Fire Prevention Elf



Kodak dressing for cold weather



Reindeer Kodak with Santa at the Fire Department Open House

Bath-Richfield Explorer Post 2542

To: Chief McLean

From: FM Benza

The Bath-Richfield Explorer Post completed another year. The group is comprised of seven students and graduates from area schools with three advisors. Robert Benza, unofficially, took the lead at the end of 2016 while Tim Baker (Bath FD) and Mark Tibbs (Richfield FD) continue to assist in the training and development of the members. The group continues to receive full support of Chief Walt Hower (Bath FD), Asst. Chief Rob Campbell (Bath FD), Chief Phil McLean (Richfield FD).

The Explorers are scheduled to meet every other Monday at one of the departments, to include some classroom learning and then, typically, a hands-on drill. The members are also invited to attend additional Fire Training with the Fire Department members, such as:

- Live Fire Training
- Ice Water Rescue
- Extrication
- Tanker Shuttle Operations.

The Explorers are also involved with community relations with both departments throughout the year to include:

- Community Day in both Bath and Richfield
- Fireworks Shows in Bath and Richfield
- Pancake Fund Raiser for the Explorers Post
- 5K Trail Run/1-Mile Walk Pancake Breakfast

The Explorers have been called by the Bath and Richfield Fire Departments on incidents that require manpower, such as structure fires.



Townsend Road Garage Fire



Air Bag Training



The new Polaris Ranger 900 was put in service in 2016. It is equipped with a Med-Bed and lights and siren. It is well suited for off road rescue and can be driven on roadways to the scene. There is a trailer for the unit so it can respond to mutual aid departments in the area.