

RICHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



Richfield Fire Department 2014 Year-end Report

Dear Mayor Beshara, Village Council and Administration, Township Trustees, and to our local community, we are pleased to present our year-end report.

The year of 2014 continued to see many positive and proactive changes to our fire department as we continue to build our organization to the most dynamic, current, and professional organization that is possible to best serve the community. We continue to make many proactive and aggressive changes to provide the highest level of patient care, safe and sound tactical decisions and outcomes, and the highest level of expected community risk reduction.

We continue to embrace technology as it provides a much higher level of service for the services we provide. We are in the process of switching to Health EMS which is a new data platform for our EMS patient run reporting. This will provide real time access to our patient data when appropriate as in the case of stroke or heart attack where patient history is of the utmost importance for the best patient outcome possible. This new platform is EMSIRS 3 compliant with the State of Ohio which is a requirement. Health EMS will also allow for one data platform for the entire Richfield Fire Department which also provides for fire hydrant records, fire prevention, scheduling, run reporting, and public education.

We also look for ways to supplement the needs of the Richfield Fire Department through various grants that are available. We currently have 2 grants submitted with FEMA for equipment and personnel and a State of Ohio grant for protective EMS and fire gear. We were recently awarded a grant through the State of Ohio Worker's Compensation for an EMS patient loading system. All grants are very tedious and in depth in nature, but due to the competitive nature of grant writing, it is a requirement. We will continue to apply for all grants available to the Richfield Fire Department to maintain the highest level of service possible.

The process of engineering and building a new fire /rescue apparatus has begun. Our heavy rescue apparatus was sold to Summit County for special operations as we now utilize the county for expanded special operations incidents. This unit will not be replaced. We will also retire our aging 3014 fire pumper. The new fire/rescue apparatus will serve the functions that both of these units performed in the past and allow us to streamline our apparatus response and operations, and eliminate the need for an additional apparatus permanently in our inventory.

Fire prevention activities continue to be at the forefront as the new national standard is the process of community risk reduction. Community risk reduction is the process of minimizing risk of life and property loss from fire by controlling and eliminating hazardous conditions combined with a proactive public education program before a fire occurs. Also included in this risk reduction process is working with the local schools for emergency response protocols for violent incidents, annual building pre-plans for the safety of the occupants and the firefighters, and incident action planning for events that occur in our community.

We would like to thank our community for their support as we continually work diligently to provide the highest level of customer service our community deserves. We will continue to train, utilize community risk reduction practices, embrace technology, and continually maintain our proactive approach to make Richfield the safest community possible. We are very fortunate to have such a highly trained and dedicated staff to provide such a valuable service to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief Jason Mihalek

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Jason Mihalek

ASSIST. CHIEF

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Mark Willis

Robert Benza

Dan Dopslaf

Steve Kamp

Daniel Merryman

Matthew Null

Ted Skwarski

Kevin Urban

Eric Boleman

Daniel Elbert

Geoff Kuzas

Chris Najszgup

Jeremy Parkhurst

Thomas Sullivan

Steve Weinert

TRAINEES

Gabe Gerbasi

Anthony Katzakis

Jared Winar

STATISTICS 2014

TOTAL CALLS 921

TOTAL FIRE 296 34%

VILLAGE FIRE 166 56%

TOWNSHIP FIRE 80 27%

MUTUAL AID FIRE 49 17%

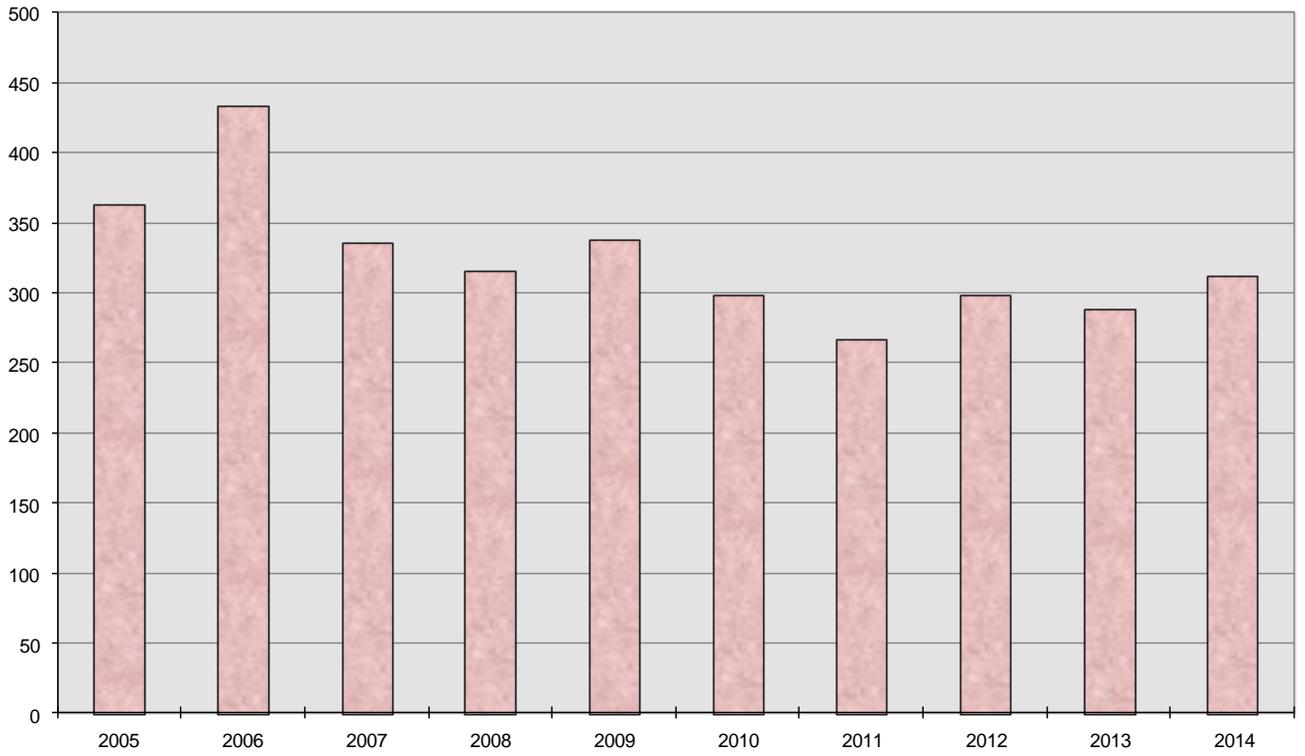
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VILLAGE RESCUE 439 70%

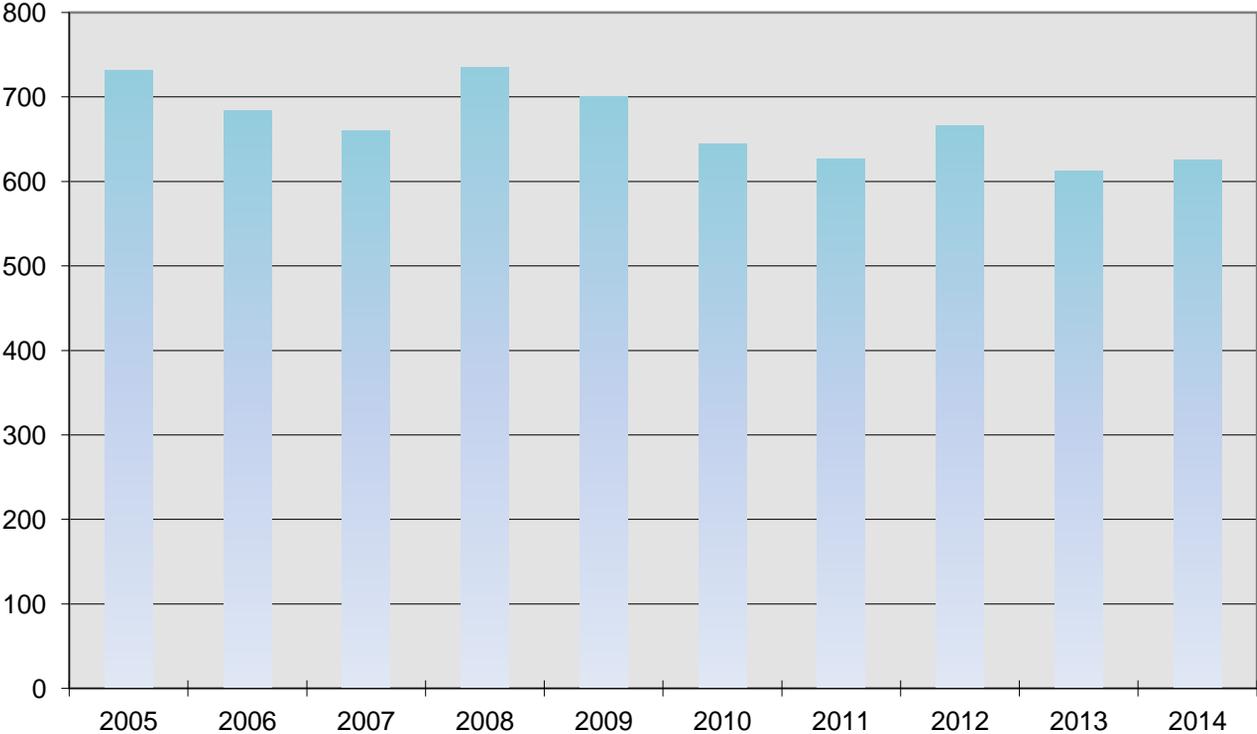
TOWNSHIP RESCUE 144 23%

MUTUAL AID RESCUE 43 7%

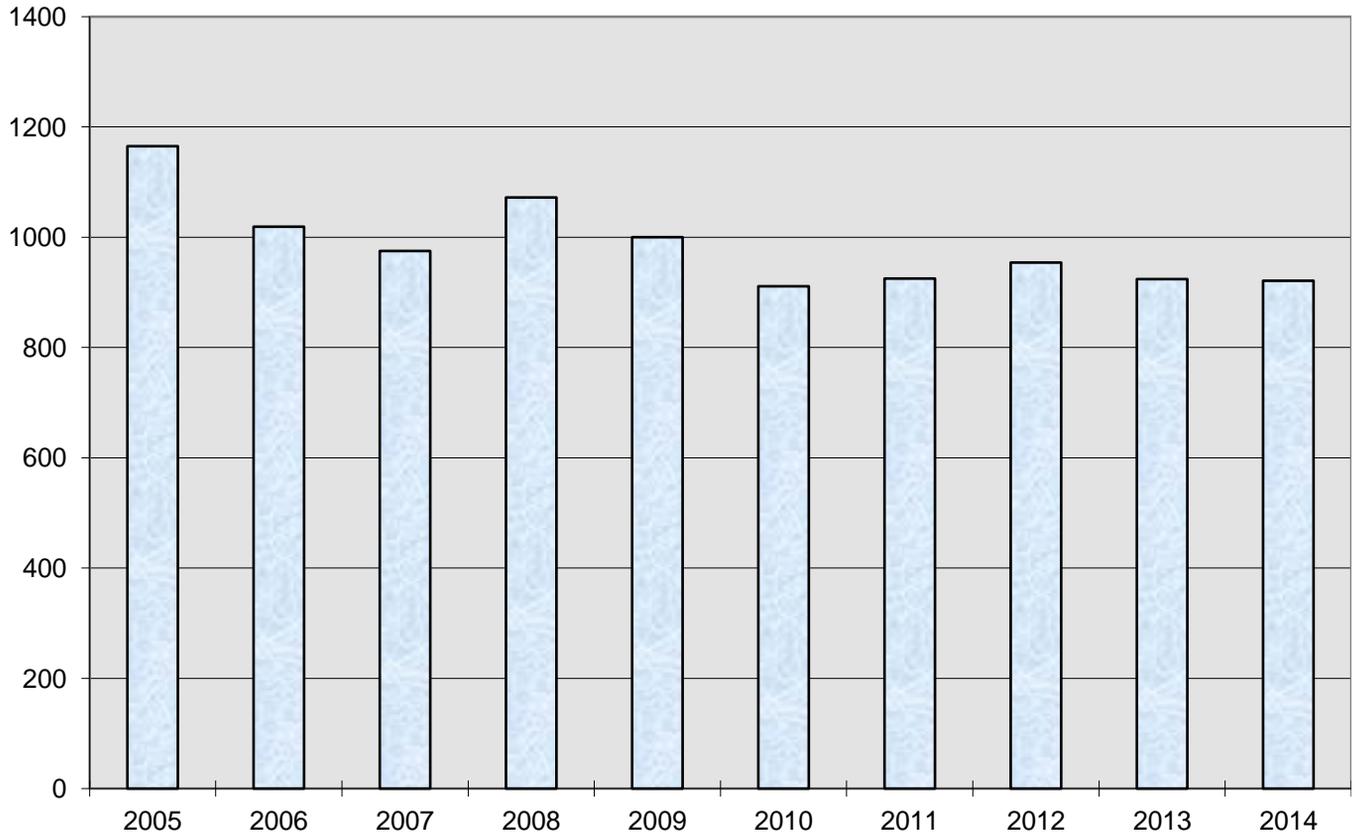
FIRE CALLS 2014



RESCUE CALLS 2014



TOTAL CALLS 2014



FIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM 2014

To: Chief Mihalek

From: Lieutenant Jones

Fire safety inspections are a very important part of our job. These inspections are done to ensure the safety of our citizens, individuals who work in Richfield and for the firefighters who will enter these building during times of emergencies. We will continue to witness fire alarm tests, fire hood system tests and sprinkler tests. By having the on duty crews present at these test allows our members to become familiar with the many different buildings and fire safety systems that are located in Richfield.

During the past year we have worked with Summit County Building Department on a new nursing home and several remodeling jobs. We will continue to work with the Summit County Building in the year to come and look forward to continuing our good relations.

During the past year we have continued to have a good relationship with the Richfield Zoning Department. This relationship has allowed the Richfield Fire Department to be involved on new projects from the beginning and to be notified of new occupants before they move in to an existing building. This is an important relationship and I look forward to working with Brain Frantz, Director of Planning and Zoning in the upcoming year.

The upcoming year promises to be another busy year as we continue to meet the needs of our community.



EMS Training 2014

To: Chief Mihalek

From: Lt. Jason Purkey

In 2014 the Richfield Fire Department continued training to remain proficient in our field. This is also required per state law. Our Medical Director, Dr. Anthony Daher provided most of the classroom training per the University Hospital EMS institute. Dr. Daher comes to the station at least once a month to provide EMS training. RFD personnel have the option of attending our Wednesday training or Bath Fire Departments Thursday night training. Dr. Daher teaches at both departments. Bath Fire Department is also under University Hospital medical control. This works beneficial for both communities' fire departments.

The entire department also recertified in International Trauma Life Support (ITLS). This course covers all types of traumatic injuries that we may respond to in the field. It is a hands on and classroom course with a written test at the end. This course is taught at the paramedic and basic level. Firemedic Ron Boryk also attended the ITLS international conference in Cleveland in November. This was a 3 day event which is the most current training in trauma care in the EMS community.

In addition to trauma the fire department also trained in cardiology, obstetrics, pediatrics, geriatrics, CO poisoning, overdose, drug abuse, and treating those of other cultures. Our members continue to do online courses provided by University Hospital at their own pace while on duty and provide me with the completed certificates. This has been an invaluable tool to us and is provided at no cost to the department.

Since early in 2013 the department has been using EMS charts as our reporting system. This is an electronic medical report writing program that we record the patient history on. We were advised in late 2014 we will be switching to a new program. Firemedic Benza and myself have begun the administrator training on the new software and will begin using it by the first quarter of 2015.

TYPE OF ALARM REPORT 2014

TYPE OF CALL	COUNT
CODE 1 – HEART	66
CODE 2 – BREATHING	60
CODE 3 – INJURY	108
CODE 4 – VEHICLE ACCIDENT	71
CODE 5 – UNKNOW MEDICAL	52
CODE 6 – POISONING	4
CODE 7 – ILLNESS	209
CODE 8 – BLEEDING	12
CODE 9 – SHOOTING	0
CODE 10 –AUTO RESPONSE	0
CODE 11 – CAR FIRE	17
CODE 12 – GRASS FIRE	9
CODE 13 – MISC. FIRE	19
CODE 13A – STRUCTURE FIRE	34
CODE 13AD – ALARM DROPS	105
CODE 14 – INVESTIGATION	108
CODE 16 – D.O.A.	3
CODE 50 – HAZARDOUS MATERAIL	4
CODE 90 – MEDICAL ASSIST	16
 TOTAL	 921

Fire Training and Training Hours 2014

To: Chief Mihalek

From: Assistant Chief Phil McLean

During the year 2014 our EMS Training Team and our Fire Training team continued with an aggressive approach toward training. We are fortunate that we have several qualified Fire & EMS Instructors that deliver quality in service training to all our members. We are also fortunate that many of our instructors and members attend State and National Training conferences and seminars to learn about new technology related to training and bring it back to our department.

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 are as follows:

•Firefighter required training hrs.	<i>54 hrs.</i>	<i>3 year cycle</i>
•Emergency Services Instructor	<i>6 hrs.</i>	<i>3 year cycle</i>
•Fire Inspectors	<i>30 hrs.</i>	<i>3 year cycle</i>
•EMT's	<i>48 hrs.</i>	<i>3 year cycle</i>
•Paramedic	<i>92 hrs.</i>	<i>3 year cycle</i>

All the above Certifications are on a 3 year cycle and the card holder renews his or her certification on line 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.

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.



Industrial door open options and Ventilation procedures with our new Vent Saws



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

We are fortunate that our Fire Training Program is kept up to date with the latest training tips from across the country by our Instructor Staff. Eric Ellis and Tom Sullivan continually attend many outside trainings schools and seminars to learn new techniques and procedures and bring the training back to our members.

In 2014 our department did a total of 1684 hours of Fire Training Hours to stay current with certifications, become updated on new techniques and work with our neighboring Departments

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.

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, Valley, Brecksville, Copley, Hinckley, Hudson, Fairlawn, Broadview Hts., Granger

Live Burn Fire Training is the most effective hands on training that we as a department can participate in. This training took place on Columbia Rd in two barns that we assisted the property owner with. The Fire Department works with the property owner, establishes a value in a Live Fire Training burn and then files all the correct paperwork with the Ohio EPA to conduct the training.

Interior attack crews review after making an interior Fire Attack

State of Ohio Water Delivery Drill conducted on Highlander Parkway in Richfield



TRANSPORTS BY FINAL DESTINATION 2014

DESTINATION	COUNT	PERCENT
AKRON GENERAL WEST	147	31%
AKRON GENERAL MAIN	88	19%
MARYMOUNT	38	8%
UH AHUJA MEDICAL	49	11%
AKRON CITY	32	7%
MARYMOUNT SOUTH	23	5%
PARMA COMMUNITY	22	5%
MEDINA GENERAL	13	3%
SAINT VINCENT CHARITY	16	3%
CHILDRENS MEDICAL OF AKRON	11	2%
CLEVE CLINIC BRUNSWICK	6	1%
CLEVELAND METRO HEALTH	5	1%
SUMMAHEALTH LAKE MEDINA	4	1%
UH SOUTHWEST GENERAL	4	1%
ST. THOMAS	2	1%
BEDFORD HOSPITAL	2	1%
SUMMA WESTERN RESERVE	1	1%
SAGAMORE HILLS	1	1%
AKRON GENERAL NORTH	1	1%
OTHERS	4	1%
TOTALS	468	

SPECIALIZED FIELDS OF TRAINING 2014

INSTRUCTORS :

C.P.R.:

Boryk, Butler, Merryman, R. Urban

Advanced Cardiac Life Support:

Boryk,

Emergency Medical Technician:

Boryk, R.Urban

Fire Service:

Boleman, Boryk, Ellis, Jones, McLean, Mihalek, Sullivan

TEAM MEMBERS :

Rope Rescue:

Benza, Boleman, Boryk, Butler, Ellis, Lester, Merryman, Mihalek, Purkey, Sullivan, K. Urban, R. Urban,

Fire Safety Inspectors:

Boleman, Boryk, Ellis, Jones, Mihalek McLean, R.Urban,

Ice Rescue Technicians:

Boleman, Boryk, Butler, Elbert, Ellis, Lester, Merryman, Mihalik, Najsztup, Purkey, Sullivan, R.Urban

Honor Guard:

Boryk, Butler, Ellis, Lester, Merryman, K. Urban McLean, Najsztup, Purkey

Fire Investigation:

Boryk, Ellis

Metro Swat Medic:

Lester

County T.R.O.T./HAZ-MAT:

Ellis, Sullivan



**INCIDENT TYPE REPORT
2014**

INCIDENT TYPE	COUNT
1 FIRE	
111 BUILDING FIRE	19
113 COOKING FIRE, CONFINED TO CONTAINER	13
114 CHIMNEY FIRE, CONTAINED TO CHIMNEY	1
115 FIRE IN MOBILE HOME	1
131 PASSENGER VEHICLE FIRE	11
132 ROAD FREIGHT, VEHICLE FIRE	1
143 GRASS FIRE	4
150 OUTSIDE RUBBISH FIRE	7
161 OUTSIDE STORAGE FIRE	1
TOTAL	58
2 OVERPRESSURE RUPTURE, EXPLOSION, OVERHEAT (NO FIRE)	
213 STEAM RUPTURE OF PRESSURE VESSEL	1
231 CHEMICAL REACTION RUPTURE OF VESSEL	1
251 EXCESSIVE HEAT, NO FIRE	1
TOTAL	3
3 RESCUES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	
300 EMS INCIDENT OTHER	1
311 MEDICAL ASST.	4
320 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OTHER	1
321 EMS CALL, EXCLUDING VEHICLE ACCIDENT	512
322 VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	50
324 VEHICLE ACCIDENT NO INJURIES	19
350 EXTRICATION RESCUE	1
341 SEARCH FOR PERSON LOST	1
TOTAL	589

INCIDENT TYPE	COUNT
4 HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS (NO FIRE)	
400 HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OTHER	2
410 COMBUSTIBLE/ FLAMABLE OTHER CONDITION	3
411 FLAMMABLE LIQUID SPILL	2
412 NATURAL GAS OR LPG LEAK	4
413 OIL OR COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID SPILL	2
422 CHEMICAL SPILL OR LEAK	2
424 CARBON MONOXIDE INCIDENT	6
440 ELECTRICAL WIRING/EQUIPMENT PROBLEM	3
441 HEAT FROM SHORT CIRCUIT	0
443 BREAKDOWN OF LIGHT BALLAST	3
444 POWER LINE DOWN	5
445 ARCING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	3
TOTAL	32
5 SERVICE CALL	
500 SERVICE CALL OTHER	2
510 PERSON IN DISTRESS	1
511 LOCK-OUT	3
520 WATER PROBLEM	4
522 WATER OR STEAM LEAK	6
531 SMOKE OR ODOR REMOVAL	1
550 PUBLIC SERVICE ASSISTANCE	5
551 ASSIST TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY	10
553 PUBLIC SERVICE	1
554 ASSIST TO INVALID	29
561 UNAUTHORIZED BURNING	2
571 COVER ASSIGNMENT, STANDBY	2
TOTAL	66

INCIDENT TYPE	COUNT
6 GOOD INTENT	
600 GOOD INTENT OTHER	3
611 DISPATCHED AND CANCELLED ENROUTE	28
622 NO INCIDENT FOUND ON ARRIVAL	6
631 AUTHORIZED CONTROLLED BURING	1
651 SMOKE SCARE	7
652 STEAM OR VAPOR THOUGHT TO BE SMOKE	6
661 EMS CALL PARTY TRANSPORTED BY OTHER	1
671 HAZMAT INVESTIGATION NOTHING FOUND	17
TOTAL	69
7 FALSE ALARMS	
700 FALSE CALLS OTHER	3
710 MISCHIEVOUS FALSE ALARM	2
711 MUNICIPAL ALARM MALICIOUS FALSE	4
715 LOCAL ALARM SYSTEM MALICIOUS FALSE	3
730 SYSTEM MALFUNCTION OTHER	1
731 SPRINKLER ACTIVATION DUE TO MALFUNCTION	5
733 SMOKE ALARM ACTIVATION MALFUNCTION	16
735 ALARMS SOUNDED DUE TO MALFUNCTION	4
736 CO DETECTOR MALFUNCTION	9
740 UNINTENTIONAL TRANSMISSION OF ALARM	4
741 SPRINKLER ACTIVATION NO FIRE	3
743 SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION NO FIRE	24
744 DETECTOR ACTIVATION NO FIRE	6
745 ALARM SYSTEM ACTIVATION NO FIRE	12
746 CARBON MONOXIDE ACTIVATION NO CO	3
TOTAL	99
8 SEVERE WEATHER	
813 WIND STORM, TORNADO	0
9 SPECIAL INCIDENT	
900 SPECIAL INCIDENT OTHER	3
911 CITIZEN COMPLAINT	5
TOTAL	8

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES 2014

To: Chief Mihalek

From: Lt. Ron Urban

In order to maintain the excellent fire and rescue services for the citizens and businesses of Richfield while ensuring the safety of our fire department personnel, the following new equipment was purchased during the year 2014:

Sensit Gold G2 Combustible Gas Leak Detector:

This year we purchased two (2) Sensit Gold G2 Combustible Gas Leak Detectors to replace two (2) of our 12 year old Neotronic four gas meters. The Sensit Gold G2 Detector is a combustible gas indicator (CGI) used for gas leak surveys and investigations, gas leak pinpointing, and confined space applications. The Sensit Gold G2 displays up to four (4) gases: Lower Explosive Limits (LEL), Oxygen, Carbon Monoxide and Hydrogen Sulfide. The standard features are as follows: LED Warning Lights, Loud Audible Alarm, Internal Pump (for Fast Sampling), Digital "Tick" Control, Long Life Sensors and Data Logging with an Internal Memory.

The Sensit Gold G2 will be used for any odor or gas investigations, carbon monoxide investigations, and pump stations and at the fire ground to detect potentially hazardous atmospheres.

FireCraft trACer Non-Contact AC Voltage Detector:

The FireCraft tracer is designed as an investigative tool for fire ground applications. Directional, the FireCraft tracer can locate the source of AC current, not just its presence and has the ability to measure relative AC field signal strength. The FireCraft tracer features both visual and audible signals to alert the user of the AC signal strength. The FireCraft tracer will be used for the following applications:

Indoor Assessment: Determines whether AC outlets or power cords are energized and can assess non-power lines such as cable and telecommunication lines.

Vehicular Incidents: Can be used for MVC especially where hybrid or electric vehicles are involved to assess the site and the vehicle for potential exposure to AC voltage and verify power disconnect.

Structure Fires: Helps to identify nearby high voltages and potential dangers from electrical wires during size up, investigation and salvage & overhaul.

Storms and Disaster Recovery: Locates energized wires on roadways or structural parts in collapsed building and flooded sites.

The Fire Craft trACer is an excellent tool to help keep our firemedics safe at emergency scenes where electrical hazards are present.

Elkhart Brass Manufacturing's Rapid Attack Monitor:

The Rapid Attack Monitor (RAM) is a light weight, portable monitor master stream device that can be positioned where ever a master steam is required. It is placed on the ground and hose lines are then connected to the portable monitor to supply water. The RAM portable monitor can achieve quick knockdown rapidly, effectively, and with limited staffing. The RAM portable monitor weighs less than 20 pounds and can deliver around 500 gpm from one 2 1/2-inch or three-inch hose line. With the RAM monitor pre-connected, one firefighter can easily deploy this monitor to put a lot of water on the fire fast and when executed correctly, it will knock down a large amount of the fire quickly.

The RAM can deployed just about anywhere on the fire ground but it will be especially helpful in fire attack and exposure protection on the "Charlie" side of large homes and commercial buildings where there is no or limited access for engines or an aerial device.

Hydra Ram Integrated Hydraulic Forcible Entry Tool:

The Hydra Ram Hydraulic Forcible Entry Tool is a one (1) piece integrated hydraulic forcible entry tool without any hoses or auxiliary pumps that may leak and fail. The Hydra Ram is 13 inches long and weighs only 11 pounds making it ideal for a one man operation. The hydraulic fluid is non-toxic, non-flammable and non freezing. The body of the Hydra Ram is made of a special heat treated, anodized aluminum and is capable of developing 10,000 pounds of force with a spreading distance of 4 inches. The Hydra Ram can be placed in any position including upside down without any effect on its operation.

The Hydra Ram will enable our fire medics to make rapid, forcible entry into occupancy with multiple, inward-swinging doors, garage doors or roll doors. The Hydra Ram is very advantageous when placed into operation on doors in limited/zero visibility and on doors where access is limited due to construction features.

Paratech MaxiForce Air Lifting Bags:

In 2014, we purchased a set of Paratech MaxiForce Air Lifting Bags to replace our ten (10) year old air lifting bags. The Maxiforce Air Lifting Bags are designed and manufactured under ISO 9001 guidelines that insure high manufacturing standards, rigorous testing and unequal quality. The MaxiForce Air Lifting Bags are a thin, strong, molded envelope made from a special Neoprene embedded with multiple layers of Aramid reinforcement and have the power to lift or displace heavy, rigid objects up to 146,000 lbs. The surfaces of the air bags have small molded raised provide an interlocking surface eliminating slipping when stacking two (2) lift bags. Inflation of these air bags is obtained from our self-contained compressed air cylinders.

The Paratech MaxiForce Air Lifting Bags will be a vital tool for our Fire Medics when faced with emergency situations such as vehicle extrication, building collapse and industrial entrapment.

We are very fortunate to have funds available to purchase new equipment that will enhance the safety of our firefighters at emergency scenes while providing the highest level of fire and emergency medical care to the Community of Richfield.



Fire Prevention and Safety 2014

To: Chief Mihalek

From: Lydia Wochna

It is hard to believe 2014 has come and gone. During the year I provided services to Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade students at Hillcrest Elementary School and Kindergarten through 8th grade at Saint Peregrines Academy.

January- The lesson for all grades was Pond and Ice Safety. This lesson included the importance of never going out on ice until it has been checked by an adult, never playing on a frozen pond unless an adult is present, not going on to the ice to try to rescue people or animals and the importance of calling 911 when an emergency happens on the ice. Students were taught to keep a cell phone in a plastic bag on the shore. Also in this bag should be a piece of paper with the address or description of where they are so that anyone can call 911 for help. Kindergartners at Hillcrest saw the video “Be cool about Fire Safety”. Grades K, 1 & 2 also had a lesson on dressing for cold weather and Kodak or Jpeg (K-9s) were used as the models for this part of the lesson. Grades 3 through 8 viewed videos of ice rescues of people, dogs and animals as a way of reinforcing the lesson that was presented. I also met with a Girl Scout troop at Hillcrest and reviewed fire safety and how a firefighter dresses when they come to rescue you.

February-Grades K, 1 & 2 heard the story “Kodak, Teddy and the Big Fire”, a story I wrote that teaches children how to escape a burning house once Teddy plays with matches. Grades 3 through 8 learned about Carbon Monoxide poisoning and the importance of having a CO detector.

March-Grades K, 1 & 2 had a lesson about water safety using the Disney video “Safety Smart in the Water”. I presented at the Kindergarten Career Day at Hillcrest by reviewing fire gear and how a firefighter looks when dressed in it. Grades 3 through 8 learned how to map their rooms and plan escape routes.

April- Grades K, 1 & 2 had a lesson about fire safety using the the Disney video “Safety Smart About Fire” that reviews the importance of smoke detectors, escape routes, crawling under the smoke and having a meeting place. Grades 3 through 8 viewed the Disney video “Bill Nye-Science Guy-The Science of Fire”. I also attended a class at the Ohio Fire Academy about Fire Prevention with Special Populations.

May- In May the Child Safety Trailer was used for all grades to teach tornado safety and preparedness. This lesson included going to the basement as a safe place and the importance of not panicking. Students were also taught the difference between a watch and a warning and how to pick a safe location in the basement or sheltered area in their homes.

June-The fire truck was a big hit when it came to Saint Peregrines. Students were able to learn about the equipment on the truck, and had a great time using the fire hose. I assisted with Safety Town when attendees spent the day at the fire station. The children learned about the equipment and about fire safety.

July-I attended a meeting of Fire prevention educators in Dublin, Ohio. An attempt is being made to form an organization of Fire Safety Educators in the State of Ohio.

September-All grades were in the Safety Trailer for their lesson on smoke detectors, how to exit a smoky dwelling and going to their meeting place.

October- Grades Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd heard the story Stop, Drop & Roll that reinforces what to do if clothing catches on fire. Grades 3 through 8 had a review of the science of fire.

November- Grades K, 1 & 2 saw a video from the Disney studios called "Safety Smart at Home". Pumbaa and Timon from the Lion King teach children about keeping stairways clear, never putting things over a lamp, keeping things away from space heaters, the importance of smoke detectors. Grades 3 through 8 learned about cooking safety and how to handle cooking fires. This lesson also included information about fire extinguishers. I attended the Level 1 Fire and Life Safety Educator class at the Ohio Fire academy.

December-Grades K, 1 & 2 heard about holiday safety. The location of where the Elf on the Shelf was hiding in their homes was used as the catalyst for reviewing staying away from lit candles, keeping things from covering lamps, staying away from lit fireplaces and keeping things away from space heaters. Grades 3 through 8 learned about decoration safety, keeping fresh trees watered, and the importance of smoke detectors.

Goals for 2015

I would like to try to organize the Fire Prevention Educators in Medina and Summit counties so that we meet quarterly to share ideas about presenting Fire Prevention Programs. I have signed up for the Level 2 Fire and Life Safety Educators class at the Ohio Fire Academy.

Bath – Richfield Explorer Post 2542

The Bath Richfield Explorer Post completed their second full year back in operation. The group is comprised of 13 students and graduates of the Revere Local School with a total of 3 advisors. Tim Baker heads up the group while Dustin Muehlfeld from Bath and Mark Tibbs from Richfield Fire Dept as well as our very supportive Chief's Jason Mihalek, Phil McLean, Walt Hower and Rob Campbell.

Our group meets twice a month with other activities and trainings that may be going on as well between the two departments. We continue working out of the new IFSTA Essentials Manuals that were generously donated to the group by Phil McLean of Richfield and CVCC. There is a lot of hands on training that the group does as well from the manuals.

The group continues to meet on a regular basis and is currently in the planning stages for our next fire muster in 2015.

We continue with our pancake breakfast at the Richfield Fire Station during their Open House/Community Day weekend. This fundraiser was a success and showed the members the importance of community relations and gave them a chance for the public to see what they are all about.



Explorers Attended Training with Valley Fire Department.



Explorers at the Pancake Breakfast with a Visit from UH Hospital.



Live Barn Fire Burn with Richfield FD.



Soon Explorers will be able to assist departments with calls.

RICHFIELD FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION 2014

To: Chief Mihalek

From: Pres. Eric Ellis

The funds raised 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 Association. The Richfield Bandage Day Camp at the fire station, and promotional materials for Fire Prevention week are supported with these funds.

Our Honor Guard participated in the Memorial Day march, the Community Weekend parade.

The RFD Awards Banquet was held in March at the Winking Lizard for the first time. Members receiving awards were Chris Najstzup 10yrs, Jason Mihalek 15yrs, Jason Purkey 20yrs, Ron Urban 25yrs, Ron Boryk 30yrs and Bob Jones 30 years. The Firefighter of the Year Award went to Tom Sullivan. 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.



