

MAHONING TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT EAST END FIRE COMPANY 2020 YEAR END REPORT

Mahoning Township Supervisors
Mahoning Township Municipal Building
849 Bloom Rd
Danville, PA 17821

Dear Supervisors:

The following is a summary of the activities of the Mahoning Township Fire Department for the year of 2020.

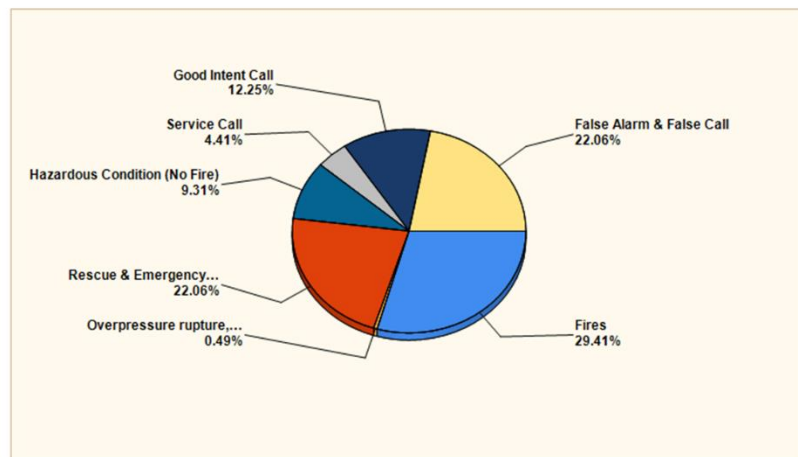
INCIDENT SUMMARY

Despite a global pandemic canceling and/or closing just about everything in 2020, the number of incidents remained about the same at 204. This is a slight decrease from 207 incidents in 2019. We responded to 101 incidents in Mahoning Township, and provided aid on 103 incidents in twenty-three different municipalities. We received mutual aid 19 times. Fortunately, there were no structure fires in Mahoning Township, and there was no fire loss for the year. There were no injuries reported as a result of incident response.

The department logged 1,610.5 personnel hours on incidents. Members spent an average of 67:23 (MM: SS) on scene of incidents. There were 16 overlapping incidents. The average number of firefighters per call was 7. This is up from 6 the previous year. Average response time from dispatch to en route was 04:02 (MM: SS) and average response time from dispatch to arrival on scene was 08:35 (MM: SS).

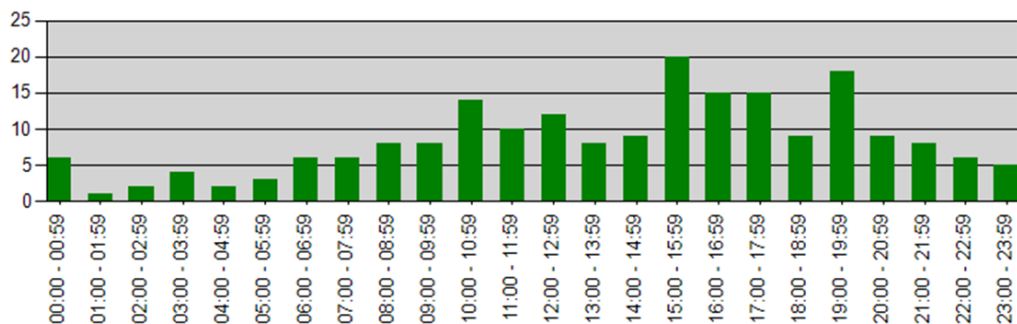
2020 Breakdown by Major Incident:

Grass/Woods: 16
MVA: 28
Vehicle Fire: 5
Structure Fire: 25
False Alarm: 37
Investigation: 3
CO Alarm: 9
RIT: 16
Public Service: 3
Haz Mat: 0
Water Rescue: 10
Other*: 52



*(includes EMS assists, gas leaks, cooking incidents, rubbish fires, animal rescue, etc)

Call Volume by Hour:



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TRAINING

The training hours significantly decreased for both in-house and certified training in 2020. This was due to the COVID 19 global pandemic. In the interest of health and safety of our members, and due to government ordered closures, we did not do any training from mid-March to late May and again in December. The government ordered closures also affected certified training as the State Fire Academy was shut down for most of the year. Members spent 439 hours on in-house training and another 312 hours on certified training. An average of 12 members attended the in-house training. No injuries were reported during training activities.

MAINTENANCE

Members spend a lot of time maintaining the station and equipment. Line officers and Engineers have inspection sheets to complete monthly. There is also record keeping and paperwork to be completed. In addition, members attend a work detail at least once a month where we clean the station and equipment, make any necessary repairs, and just make sure our equipment is ready for use and working properly. It is estimated that members spend approximately 5,000 hours maintaining equipment and the facility.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire prevention is another department activity that was wiped out by the COVID 19 global pandemic. We usually do 25 fire prevention activities per year, however, there were only 7 fire prevention activities, which included fire prevention and/or station tour for Cub/Boy Scouts and Inspections/Fire Drills for businesses.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Mahoning Township Fire Department's funding comes from three main sources: the East End Fire Company (EEFC), the Mahoning Township Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association (MTVFRA) and the Mahoning Township Fire Tax. Also, the department continues to seek alternatives funding through Federal, State and local contributory grants.

The fire tax brings in \$60-70,000.00 each year. Our continued goal, after operational and equipment expenses, is to place a maximum amount (\$40,000.00) into an apparatus replacement fund. Even though we have been doing this practice for a number of years, we were concerned that this would not be sufficient to sustain apparatus replacement 10-15 years in the future. After much discussion and a review of all our finances by the Mahoning Township treasurer, the Mahoning Township Supervisors graciously agreed to designate a \$500,000.00 cd to the MTFD/EEFC, which is earmarked for future apparatus and capital equipment replacement 10-15 years from now. The MTFD/EEFC plans to continue to be fiscally responsible with the township tax base, as well as with our other funding, while ensuring high quality/appropriate resources, training, and equipment.

Mahoning Township Fire Fund – Operating budget	\$18,286.83
Mahoning Township Vol. Fireman's Relief Assoc.	\$ 1,636.00
East End Fire Company	\$19,396.55
State Grant (Turn Out Gear purchase)	\$13,974.17
Endowment Donation (Firefighting Gloves)	\$ 1,400.00
Total 2020 Operational Expenses	\$54,693.55

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CONCLUSION

As I begin my 8th year as the Department Chief, recruitment (and retention) continues to be a struggle. It is difficult to find volunteers willing to give up their time to protect the community. Many of the junior firefighters end up leaving the area to pursue college, the military and/or the workforce. I am very thankful for the dedicated members who follow my lead, and I am proud to be their Chief. They truly make my job easier through their effort and dedication to the MTFD/EEFC. I want to thank those volunteers, who without a second thought, give up their time in support of the department. I also would like to thank the leadership at East End Fire Company for always supporting the mission of the MTFD/EEFC and effectively running a business solely for the support of the fire department. I also want to express a well-deserved thank you to the families of all the members previously mentioned. Without the family support, we would be non-existent.

Early in 2020, our nation was hit by the COVID 19 pandemic. This affected the department in many ways. While we did not see an increase or decrease in incidents, there were some major impacts to our operations and financial stability. With the mandated shutdown, we were unable to hold training sessions; the shutdown cancelled approximately 8 in-house trainings, as well as all certified training through the State Fire Academy. The second major impact was financial. We were unable to be open for business, which resulted in huge loss of funding for the department. Fortunately for us, our residents were very generous with donations to our mailer campaign. With the donations and funds from Fireman's Relief we were able to order new SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) at the end of 2020. We took delivery of them and placed them in service in early 2021.

The COVID 19 pandemic delayed the formation of a new Tanker Committee until the end of 2020. Our goal was to replace the current tanker by end of 2021, or early 2022. As a result of not being able to meet, we now anticipate taking delivery of the new tanker mid-2022.

In conclusion, I am honored to be a part of this exceptional fire department. In addition to protecting the community from fire and other emergencies, as we move through 2021 still navigating a global pandemic, the Tanker Committee, new firefighter training and recruitment/retention will to be our priorities.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie A. Young
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