

MAHONING TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT EAST END FIRE COMPANY 2023 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 2023.

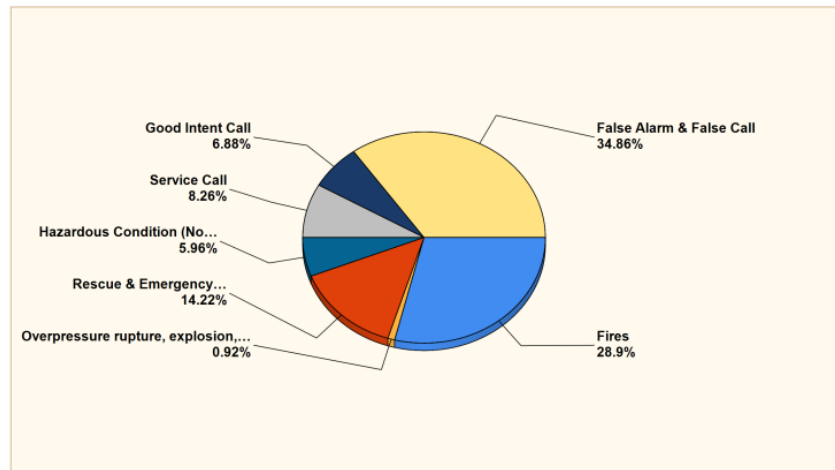
INCIDENT SUMMARY

In the year 2023, we were dispatched to 218 incidents. This was an 11% decrease from 244 incidents in 2022, however, personnel hours on incidents increased by 12% to 1,640 hrs. We responded to 122 incidents in Mahoning Township and provided aid on 96 incidents in twenty-two different municipalities. We received mutual aid 19 times. There were no major structure fires in Mahoning Township. There were no injuries to firefighters reported as a result of incident response. Members spent an average of 66 minutes on scene of incidents. There were 9 overlapping incidents. The average number of firefighters per call was 7. This is the same as the previous three years. For "Lights and Sirens" incidents, the average response time from dispatch to enroute was 06:08 (MM:SS) and average response time from dispatch to arrival on scene was 11:27 (MM:SS).

2023 Breakdown by Major Incident:

Grass/Woods: 17
MVA: 21
Vehicle Fire: 6
Structure Fire: 30
False Alarm: 63
Investigation: 3
CO Alarm: 0
RIT: 22
Public Service: 4
Haz Mat: 0
Water Rescue: 2

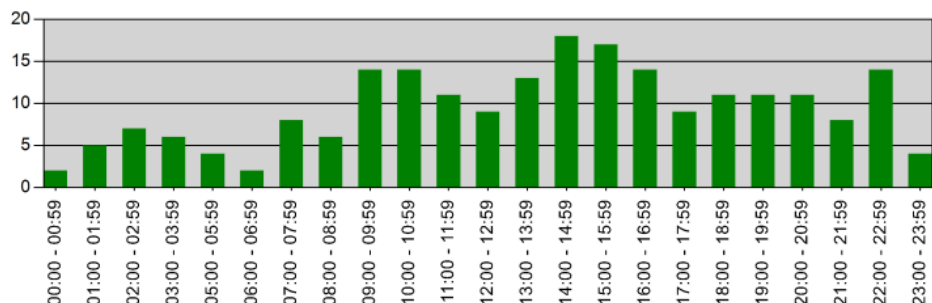
Other*: 50



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

Call Volume by Hour:

8:00 - 15:59 101
16:00 - 23:59 84
00:00 - 7:59 33



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TRAINING

We had 30 in-house training sessions and several members participated in 9 different certified training courses. Members spent 890 hours on in-house training and 388 hours on state certified training in 2023. An average of 13 members attended the in-house training sessions. 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

There were 13 fire prevention activities in 2023, which included fire prevention and/or station tour for Cub/Boy Scouts, Preschools and Daycares, and schools and Fire Drills/Inspections for businesses. Two hundred thirty-two hours was spent on fire prevention activities.

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 into an apparatus replacement fund. 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.

We did not have any Capital Purchases in 2023.

Mahoning Township Fire Fund – Operating budget	\$37,888.43
Mahoning Township Vol. Fireman's Relief Assoc.	\$ 2,772.25
East End Fire Company	\$ 1,700.99
State Grant (New Boat motor, gloves, T.O.G.)	\$15,000.00
Endowment Donation (Foam, Essentials manuals)	\$ 1,313.25
Fuel – Mahoning Township	\$ 3,349.19
Total 2023 Operational Expenses	\$ 62,024.11

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CONCLUSION

This is my tenth and final year-end report, wow! When I became a volunteer firefighter in May 1997, I never thought that I would be an interior firefighter, let alone one day lead this great fire department. I took a lot of classes, gave up a lot of weekends and vacation time for training to work my way up the ranks from Interior Firefighter to Lieutenant to Chief. With the support and encouragement of my firefighting family, in January of 2014 I was sworn in for my first of five 2-year terms. During this time there have been many accomplishments and challenges, but the accomplishments far outweigh the challenges. I am extremely proud that I was afforded the opportunity to lead the Mahoning Township Fire Department/East End Fire Company.

As you remember, we purchased a new tanker in 2021. Still feeling the effects of the Covid pandemic, we haven't taken delivery of the new tanker yet, but are scheduled to receive it in February 2024. In 2023, we signed on 7 new members and we were able to maintain our average of 7 firefighters per incident, while many other departments are seeing their numbers dwindle. We also have 8 members enrolled in the Essentials of Firefighting which is set to begin at the end of January. This is the 164 hour training to become an interior firefighter. The dedication of all of our volunteer firefighters and their families is what makes the MTFD/EEFC so successful.

As my term as Chief comes to an end, I leave with the confidence that the MTFD will continue to be led by dedicated, motivated and professional leaders. There is always a benefit when fresh ideas and perspectives are brought to the table, and I feel confident that Chief Spotts will be able to build upon the legacy of the MTFD and our past achievements and accomplishments. I plan to continue to be active with the department as an interior firefighter. In addition to firefighting, as you probably know Fire Prevention and Recruitment/Retention have been my passion during my time in the fire service. Fire Prevention and safety is important for all ages, and it my plan to continue to lead the fire prevention activities of the MTFD. I also look forward to working with the newly formed Danville Highschool Fire Club.

In closing, it has been my distinct pleasure to serve as the Fire Chief for the past 10 years. I have nothing but respect and pride for the Brothers and Sisters that I have served with and led. It is in appreciation to them that I have had the opportunity to do this noble "job".

Thank you,



Leslie A. Young
Chief 60 2014 -2023
Mahoning Township Fire Department
East End Fire Company