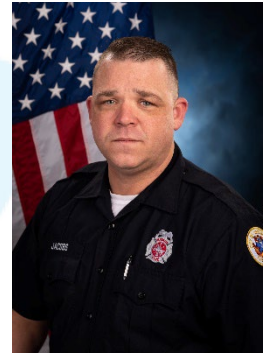


The Blue Letter

September 8, 2023

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Congratulations Fire Marshal Scott Jacobs! After a competitive civil services process, Mr. Scott Jacobs, formerly the Division of Fire's Community Risk Reduction Coordinator, has been promoted to Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal Jacobs has over 20 years of fire/EMS service experience. He began firefighting with Vandalia in 2001 and achieved the rank of part-time Fire/EMS Lieutenant. Fire Marshal Jacobs has extensive experience as a health and safety services manager and extensive knowledge and experience with the construction trades. Mr. Jacobs previously served as a fire inspector/fire investigator with the City of Dayton prior to coming home to Vandalia as the Community Risk Reduction Coordinator. Fire Marshal Jacobs is a Vandalia resident. He has an incredibly positive attitude, great customer service approach, and impressive critical thinking – which has served residents and saved City resources on countless occasions. I am proud of his efforts and work product. Based on the needs of the community, we will be running a competitive recruitment to backfill the Community Risk Reduction Coordinator. Fire Marshal Jacobs' ceremonial swear-in will take place at the next City Council meeting on September 18, 2023.



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Congratulations to Public Works Technician Aaron Evans on passing his CDL Class A license test.

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Council Fall Retreat - Monday, September 11, 2023 - The Fall Retreat will be held at Justice Center in the Community Room from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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2023 Annual Report / 2024 Calendar! Communications Manager Hopkins is setting meetings with various departments in the coming weeks to discuss opportunities to improve this annual publication.

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SEPTEMBER 8 & 9

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VANDALIA SPORTS COMPLEX
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STEIN HOLD COMPETITION
5 PM

SATURDAY
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Tire Buy-Back: On Sunday, September 17, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Montgomery County will hold a Tire Buy-Back event at the Montgomery County Transfer and Recycling Facility. Residents of Montgomery County are permitted to bring up to 10 tires per vehicle and will receive \$2 per tire. Please note, proof of residency is required and only passenger vehicle tires are part of the buy-back. The Montgomery County Transfer and Recycling Facility is located at 1001 Encrete Lane in Moraine. The City has publicized this event on social media.

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Finance Training for Non-Finance Employees! Recreation Coordinator John Myers, Administrative Assistant Sherry



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Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt
City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members
All City Employees

Attachments:

1. Information Update - ACM Holloway – September 8, 2023;
2. Information Update - Director Leiter – September 8, 2023;
3. Information Update - Chief Follick – September 8, 2023;
4. Information Update - HR Manager Pruszyński – September 8, 2023;
5. Information Update - Director Clark – September 8, 2023;
6. Information Update - Chief Althouse – September 8, 2023;
7. Information Update - Director Cron – September 8, 2023;
8. Water Meter Door Hanger;
9. My Vandalia Flyer;
10. Employee Appreciation Events;
11. 2023 Citywide Policy Goals;
12. Coalition Against Bigger Trucks Press Release;
13. Pension Eligible Employee Retirement Workshop Flyer;
14. Mosquito Spraying Press Release – Department of Health;
15. Division of Fire August Statistics; and
16. Division of Fire Breast Cancer Fundraiser Shirt Flyer.

To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Amber Holloway, Assistant City Manager
Date: September 7, 2023
Subject: Information Update



- I, along with staff from various departments, participated in a demo of a new Adobe platform. Thank you to IT Manager Davey for coordinating.
- On Monday August 28, 2023:
 - I met with Donna Kastner to discuss next steps regarding our Age Friendly Communities grant.
 - We held the Parks and Recreation budget meeting.
 - Zoning & Planning Coordinator Graham condemned the Super 8 motel for structural and utility issues relating to damage caused by a fire.
- On Tuesday, August 29, 2023:
 - We held budget meeting for the Divisions of Fire, Police Information Technology, and for the Municipal Court.
- On Thursday, August 30:
 - Director Clark and I met to review sign designs and discuss timelines for the City's signage update project. We hope to have this project out to bid this month.
 - I, along with representatives from the DDC and Montgomery County, met with a local company to discuss workforce.
 - Rich and I held our monthly meeting.
- On Thursday August 31:
 - Darren and I held our monthly meeting.
 - You, Darren and I met to discuss the IT Division update.
 - We held the Development and Engineering Services Department budget meeting.
 - Zoning & Planning Coordinator Graham, along staff from Fire and building, met with the new owner of an apartment building on Continental Court to discuss a

proposed renovation project. The building has been condemned for the last two years.

- On Tuesday, September 1:
 - We held the City Manager's office and Finance Department budget meeting.
 - You, Law Director McDonald and I met to discuss legislation regarding a prohibition of truck traffic on National Road.
- On Wednesday September 6:
 - Our team met with McGohan-Brabender to discuss our healthcare renewal.
 - We held our budget recap meeting.
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Communications Update

- Work has begun on our 2023 Annual Report/2024 Calendar. Rich will be setting a meeting with various departments in the coming weeks to discuss opportunities to improve this annual publication.
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Memo



To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: September 7, 2023

Re: Information Update - Period Ending September 8, 2023

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2. Kristen and I attended a council study session and meeting.
3. I participated in a healthcare renewal meeting with staff and representatives from McGohan Brabender to discuss the upcoming 2024 plan year.
4. Department budget meetings for 2024 are now complete and final preparations are underway to complete the 2024-2028 Proposed Budget books for presentation and discussion during the upcoming Council Budget workshops.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: DANIEL WENDT, CITY MANAGER
FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: 9/7/2023
SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

1. Our Fire Prevention Bureau has continued this year's Passport to Safety Program. All Vandalia-Butler and St. Chris incoming Kindergarteners participate in this well-known program. Crews get to meet with each class and cover a variety of safety lessons alongside the Police Dept. and School officials. The week of August 28th the Fire Prevention Bureau was at Demmitt Elementary.
2. On August 24th crews responded with Butler Township Fire to Od Springfield Road between Cassel and Canal Roads to the scene of a utility truck that left the road and ended up balanced on top of guide wires. No one was injured, and AES was called to the scene to cut the electricity and make any repairs. The road was closed for some time to clear the accident.
3. Crews responded to a three-alarm fire at the Super 8 Motel on National Road during the early morning hours on August 27th. There was one minor injury reported and a section of the roof collapsed over the pool and drive thru area. State Fire Marshal Office investigators were called the scene. A big thank you to all the mutual aid, Butler Township, Huber Heights, Dayton, Fire Collaborative, Harrison Township, Bethel Township, Tipp City, and Troy for the help with this incident.
4. Lt. Carter Schumann, a member of Ohio Task Force -1 was deployed with the USAR team to Florida to aid in efforts needed with Hurricane Idalia. Lt. Schumann staged in Atlanta where he continued to train with other deployed members on specific search and rescue skills if they were to be moved up if needed by those affected by the Hurricane's path.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

5. Friday September 1st, I participated in a after action of the super 8 fire. Vandalia and Butler crews and I were able to ask and answer questions while the investigation continues.
6. On Tuesday I participated in an interview of a qualified candidate for the position of Fire Marshal. This internal posting closed on September 1st after the position was left vacant by former Fire Marshal Eckert. The Division of Fire hopes to move forward with filling this position quickly.
7. Current training this week is EMS Respiratory Emergencies. Kettering Health Network is presenting, and Butler Township Fire is hosting both Vandalia and Butler Township departments for this training at station 88.

Memo

To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Melissa Pruszyński, Human Resources Manager

Date: September 7, 2023

Re: Information Update – Period Ending September 8, 2023

1. The next Employee Appreciation event will be a taco bar **Wednesday, September 20** at the Senior Center from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please spread the word!
2. Flu Shots will be available to staff Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. in the Municipal Building's Large Conference Room. I will send an email notice to staff next week.
3. The Civil Service Commission met Thursday, September 7 to approve an eligibility list of five (5) for full-time firefighter / paramedic / inspector, and an eligibility list of one (1) for fire marshal. First round police officer interviews were held the morning of Thursday, September 7. Staff is currently executing a background investigation on a Public Safety Specialist candidate. We are in the process of preparing recruitment brochures for Information Technology Support Specialist and Community Risk Reduction Coordinator.
4. Wednesday, September 7, you, Miss Holloway, Mrs. Leiter and I met with McGohan Brabender to discuss health care renewal. At this meeting we also determined that on-site enrollers will be available again this year to assist staff with the open enrollment process. Additionally, open enrollment will be held from November 1, 2023 through November 15, 2023. All full-time and permanent part-time employees are required to take action during this period.
5. During the last reporting period I have attended several pre-budget meetings.
6. I continue to audit health care coverage plans and city sponsored life insurance coverage for each employee through each vendor portal including EASE - the City's benefit enrollment software. This week our benefit enrollment software moved from the EASE platform to the Employee Navigator platform. Mrs. Howard and I attended an Employee Navigator training Friday, September 8.
7. As well I continue to sift through the Christmas Day water damage event expenses by working closely with our Finance Department, Miami Valley Risk Management (MVRMA) and Gallagher Bassett to ensure that the City recovers all related expenses.
8. **App Store:** Please keep in mind that **ALL** our health care vendors offer Apps, which allow instant access to medical cards and other valuable resources.
9. EmployeeCare, our **free and confidential** employee assistance program, is available to you and those living under your roof, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You may contact the EmployeeCare staff **confidentially**, any time, at 208-6626.
10. **Looking for a healthcare advocate?** Do you ever wish you had a personal health care assistant? Well...now you do! One of the top-tier services we now have access to is the



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation
Date: 9/7/2023
Re: Information Update – Period ending September 7, 2023

RECREATION / ATHLETICS DIVISION / SPECIAL EVENTS

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RECREATION CENTER

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- John Myers, Sherry McConnaughey, Sharon Hamby, and Alicia McCracken attended the Finance Training for Non-Finance Employees seminar led by the Center for Local Government.
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- Maintenance Staff completed soil work and downed tree clean up at the cemetery.
- Staff made repairs to poured in place play structure surfacing at several playground locations.
- Assisting with details associated with the annual Oktoberfest event being held at the Sports Complex on Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9.

Information Update



To: Dan Wendt
City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse
Chief of Police

Date: September 7, 2023

Subject: Information Update Ending September 8, 2023

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3. Last Tuesday, VPD administration met with you, ACM Holloway and the Finance Department to review our 2024 budget proposals in preparation for upcoming budget presentations to Council. I look forward to attending the Fall Council Retreat on Monday evening.
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5. On August 30, I attended a virtual 2024 Solar Eclipse meeting with other public safety officials from across the Miami Valley hosted by the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS). There were various presentations on what public safety agencies should plan for in the anticipation of the April 8, 2024, total solar eclipse that will occur in Ohio and likely attract thousands of viewers to our area.

6. VPD officers attended a four-hour range training on August 30 or 31 as part of the annual firearms and weapons qualifications training. Officers participated in handgun and patrol rifle drills during the training held at the Tipp City PD range.
7. On Friday, I attended the monthly virtual meeting for the education subcommittee for the Montgomery County Reentry Program.
8. The police lieutenants and I met with Shook Construction officials to conduct a walk-through of the new Kendall Electric facility on Center Drive to see the building layout and entry/exit points in the event of any public safety emergency response.
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Public Works & DES Information Update

To: Dan Wendt, City Manager
From: Rob Cron, Director of Public Service
Date: September 7, 2023
Re: Information Update for August 26 – September 8, 2023

Development & Engineering Services

Our contractor, CG Construction & Utilities will be mobilizing this week and begin work on the Sanitary Sewer Replacement project at I-75 and National Road next week. We held a pre-construction meeting with the contractor this week on site. This work will replace a 70+ year old concrete main that collapsed last December. Temporary repairs were made at that time until the line could be completely replaced.

We will be advertising our Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining project next week. We will open bids on September 26th and we will present the bid results at the City Council Study Session on October 2nd. We were awarded \$50,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds towards this project.

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We have the building permit ready to release for Logan A/C & Heat Services as the new tenant in the existing facility at 1200 Industrial Park Drive.

A new Certificate of Occupancy was issued to New Vision Church at 950 Helke Road for some interior renovations.

Construction is underway for the renovations at the new Dominos location at 128 N. Dixie Drive.

Ben Borton and Jake Hayslett attended the NAWA Technical Committee Meeting on Wednesday September 6th.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend PWX 2023, The American Public Works Association Conference and Expo last week. I was able to obtain lots of great information on new technologies, equipment and processes as well as networking with many talented people throughout the Public Works field.

Public Works

New solar batteries have been installed in both “School Zone” flashing lights on Dixie Drive.

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Our crews performed the asphalt restoration for the manhole replacement performed by our contractor on Brown School Road at Bristol Drive. We also repaired a sink hole on Pool Avenue.

We installed the Austin Greaser banners on National Road celebrating him playing for Team USA in the Walker Cup golf tournament. We also installed the American Flags for Labor Day weekend and the Oktoberfest banners in support of this weekend’s festivities.

We assisted Harrison Township’s Fire Department with our bucket truck for an emergency incident.

Crews have finished pouring monument foundations at Poplar Hill Cemetery.

We cleared a tree that has fell in the roadway on Skyview Drive during the storm on August 24th.

We performed a total of 246 utility locates in August.

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Please note the dates below and plan to attend these events.



Wednesday, June 14
Ice Cream Social
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Vandalia Sports Complex



Thursday, July 20
Pizza in the Park
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Helke Park



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Picnic in the Park
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Vandalia Sports Complex



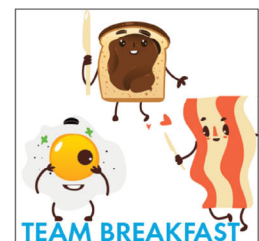
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Employee Taco Bar
12:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Vandalia Senior Center



Wednesday, October 25
Employee Donut Bar
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Vandalia Justice Center



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Team Breakfast
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Cassel Hills Clubhouse



Monday, December 18
City Council Employee Appreciation Day
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thank You



2023 Citywide Policy Goals

Approved December 5, 2022

Live



Small City Big Opportunity: Be known regionally as a top-tier suburb through top-tier City services. Enhance social and economic investment by promoting the City's high-quality services, well-performing schools, available workforce, escalating quality-of-life, and growing sense of place. Incentivize developments that improve life in Vandalia.



Safe and Secure: Ensure that Vandalia remains a safe and secure community by investing in both traditional public safety operations and creative outreach efforts to meet the evolving needs of our residents and visitors.



Enhance Infrastructure: Protect public assets and infrastructure by making calculated and deliberate investments in roadways, utilities, park spaces.

Work



Fiscal Sustainability: Leverage the operating position of the City to seize strategic opportunities for improving quality of life, while maintaining sustainable fiscal practices.



Trust and Confidence: Promote an open approach to government through coordinated, transparent, and evidence-based engagement practices. Empower residents, business owners and community stakeholders to partner in City programs.



Sharpen the Saw: Commit to process improvements by purposefully refining practices and leveraging technology to improve internal and external customer service.

Play



Vibrant: Be a vibrant community that uses its amenities and growth mindset to create a warm and welcoming environment in which to live, work, and play.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sept. 12, 2023

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Ohio Chief to Congress: Don't Use Motorists as Guinea Pigs to Test Dangerous Heavier Trucks

1st Vice President of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police heads to DC to fight for public safety

Vandalia, OH — Public safety and law enforcement leaders from Ohio and across the country are traveling to Capitol Hill to tell Congress they don't want motorists in their towns to be forced to share the roads with bigger, more dangerous trucks. They are waging a battle against special interests who are pushing federal legislation that would test heavier semi-trucks on our nation's roads, endangering unsuspecting motorists.

One of the leaders headed to Washington is Kurt Althouse, the Chief of Police of Vandalia, Ohio, who also serves as the 1st Vice President of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Althouse has been in law enforcement for nearly 30 years, starting as a Montgomery County deputy in 1994. Throughout his career he has participated in patrolling roads and the investigation of serious and fatal crashes.

"In my experience analyzing fatal crashes, bigger trucks would be a disaster for public safety," said Althouse. "It's simple physics. More weight means more force, turning what could have been a fender bender into a fatal crash".

H.R. 3372, which was passed out of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in May by a slim margin, would dramatically expand the operation of 91,000-pound trucks nationwide. The bill creates a "pilot project," allowing states to authorize operation of these dangerous heavier trucks on roadways for up to 10 years.

"Truck crashes are at crisis levels in Ohio, with the most recent available data showing 2021 to be the worst year in recent history," Althouse continued. "Law enforcement throughout the state is strategizing on what we can do to address this deadly trend, and having Congress add more dangerous, heavier trucks to our road would be a step in the wrong direction."

Key Facts:

- According to the most recent available data, there were 5,501 large truck crashes in 2021 in Ohio, resulting in 2,472 injuries and 221 fatalities. This represents a 47% increase in fatalities compared to the previous year.
- The 2016 USDOT study found that heavier trucks were 47-400% more likely to be involved in a crash compared to standard 80,000 pound trucks.
- The study also found higher rollover rates, higher brake violation rates and higher out of service violation rates. A 2016 study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found

that any truck with an out-of-service violation is 362% more likely to be involved in a crash.

“With both I-75 and I-70 running right through Vandalia, we see our fair share of heavy truck traffic. Raising the weight of the thousands of trucks passing through our city every day would have an immediate impact on public safety. I don’t want the citizens of my city to be test subjects for these dangerous, heavier trucks.” Althouse concluded.

According to [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration data](#) (FMSCA), there were 199 crashes involving commercial trucks in Montgomery County in 2021, resulting in 9 fatalities.

Chief Althouse joins like-minded law enforcement and public safety officials from other states in making the trip to Washington at the invitation of the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT), a nonprofit grassroots organization opposed to legislation that would make trucks longer or heavier.

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CABT is a nonprofit grassroots organization with coalitions of approximately 3,000 local supporters in over 30 states. CABT supporters include law enforcement officers, local elected officials, truck drivers, motorists, safety advocates, railroads and trucking companies. To learn more, please visit www.cabt.org.



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For Immediate Release

September 5, 2023

Mosquito Tests Positive for West Nile Virus in Vandalia

There have been no reported human cases of West Nile Virus in Montgomery County

Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County's mosquito control program has detected a mosquito that has tested positive for West Nile Virus, in a trap that was set in the City of Vandalia.

It is not uncommon for a mosquito to test positive for West Nile Virus, and Public Health's program is designed to help educate the public about the diseases mosquitos may carry, how they can protect themselves from mosquito bites, and how they can help to reduce the mosquito population.

Public Health will spray the following area surrounding the Vandalia Rec Center on Tuesday, September 5 at dusk.

The exact time of spraying is weather dependent. Signs will be placed in the area of the spraying and residents may call (937) 224-8793 for more information.

Public Health will be spraying **Duet**, an adulticide mosquito control product. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has evaluated **Duet** and determined that using it according to label guidelines, in residential areas, including in and around gardens and over non-organic agricultural crop areas, does not pose a significant risk to people or animals. For more information about **Duet** visit <https://www.clarke.com/product/duet-adulticide/>

Residents in the area of the spraying are also advised that:

- People and pets may be outdoors.
- The mist will dissipate within 5-30 minutes depending on weather conditions.
- The Duet spray is not corrosive and does not stain.

When trapped mosquitos test positive for West Nile Virus, Public Health takes the following actions:

- Distributes informational flyers to homes in the area where the mosquito was trapped that provides information about how to reduce the mosquito population and how to reduce the chances of being bitten by a mosquito.
- Sprays the affected area with Duet to help reduce the adult mosquito population, when the mosquito was trapped in a contracted area.

Health Commissioner – Jennifer Wentzel, MPH • Medical Director - Becky Thomas, MD, MPH, CHES

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There have been no reported human cases of West Nile Virus in Montgomery County in 2023, and there were 3 human cases reported in 2022.

West Nile virus (WNV) is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental United States. It is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. Cases of WNV occur during mosquito season, which starts in the summer and continues through fall.

There are no vaccines to prevent, or medications to, treat WNV in people. Fortunately, most people infected with WNV do not feel sick. About 1 in 5 people who are infected develop a fever and other symptoms. About 1 out of 150 infected people develop a serious, sometimes fatal, illness.

You can reduce your risk of WNV by using insect repellent and wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants to prevent mosquito bites.

Protect Yourself from West Nile

- Use EPA-approved mosquito repellent containing DEET and follow the label directions.
- If you are outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, be sure to wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, shoes and socks.
- Wear light-colored clothing, which is less attractive to mosquitoes.
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out of your home.
- Make sure all roof gutters are clean and draining properly.
- Eliminate standing water in your yard as well as from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly. Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.

For more information call 225-4362 or visit www.phdmc.org.

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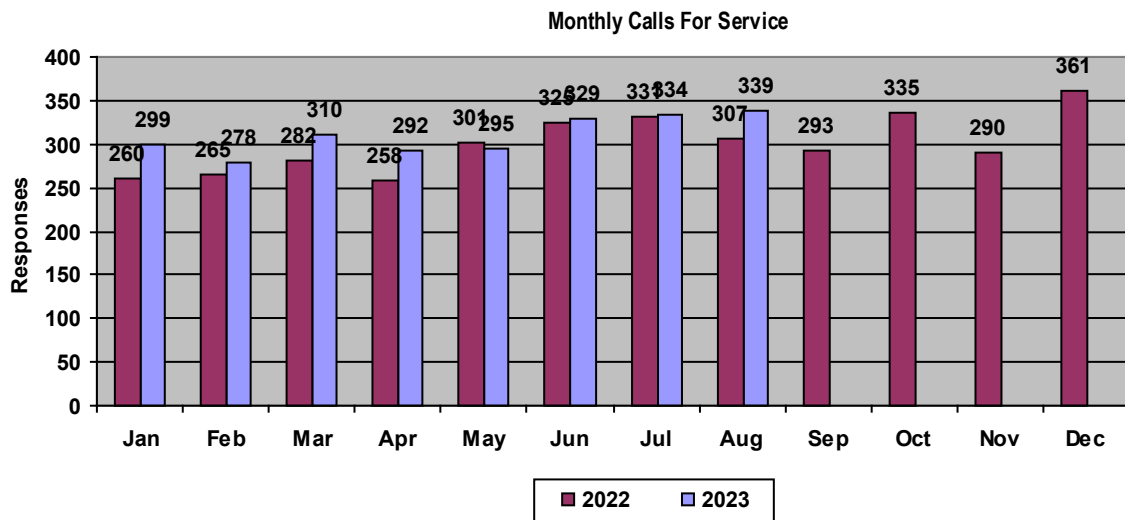


MONTHLY STATISTICS MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONNEL
FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT: STATISTICS AUGUST
DATE: 9/8/2023
CC: DAN WENDT, CITY MANAGER

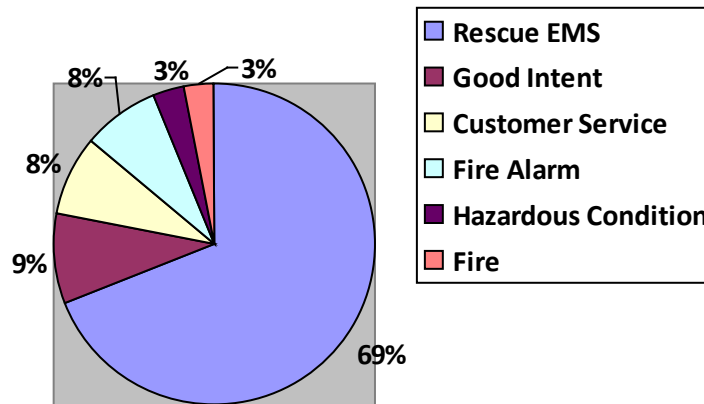
CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Division of Fire responded on 339 calls for service in August (235 EMS calls and 104 fire calls). An average of approximately eleven 11 calls for service per day.



Overlapping Call Volume: A statistic that we can track now is how many of our calls for service overlapped (or occurred simultaneously) during this evaluation period. In August, we had 284 calls for service that overlapped, approximately 80% of the call volume.

Crews responded to 334 calls for service in August, the chart below outlines call types:



The Major Incident Types in August were (%) of the total call volume/month):

1. Rescue & Emergency Medical Calls (69%) - All the Division of Fire Emergency Medical calls including any motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (with/without injuries) and/or any technical rescue response.
2. Good Intent Calls (9%) - Smoke scares, steam/fog mistaken for smoke, false alarms not malicious.
3. Fire Alarm Calls (8%) - This type call includes malfunctioning fire alarms, intentional/unintentional false alarms, or calls where someone called to report an issue that turned out to not be an emergency (illegal burning, smells/sight of smoke or fire, or steam confused for smoke).
4. Customer Service Calls (8%) - These are calls for service where fire crews are directly assisting a customer with a specific issue/problem (i.e., strange odors, smoke detector/CO detector installations and/or battery change outs, etc.).
5. Hazardous Condition (3%) - These are calls for service where fire crews are responding to natural gas/CO investigations, fuel/oil spills, and/or arching or downed electrical lines.
6. Fires (3%) – Crews responded to one significant dollar loss fire in August (Super 8), loss reported at \$850,000.

MUTUAL AID/JOINT RESPONSE DATA

In August, the Division of Fire provided mutual aid sixteen **(6)** occasions and we received mutual aid on thirty-six **(36)** occasions.

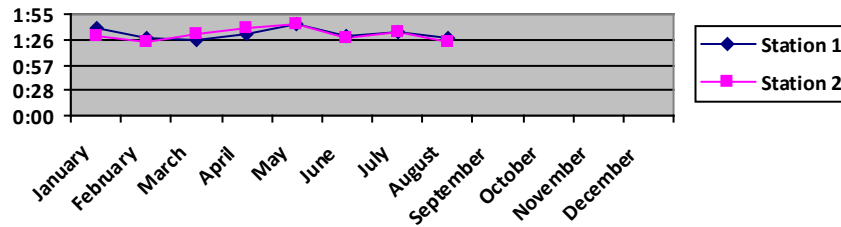
In August, we received a "joint response" from Butler Fire/EMS on thirty-six **(36)** occasions and we provided Butler with a "joint response" resource on twenty-one **(21)** occasions.

Department	Mutual Aid Received (1754)	Mutual Aid Provided (1616)	Joint Response Received	Joint Response Provided
Butler Fire (57-101)			36	21
Brookville (57-003)			Note: (2) mutual aid received Elizabeth Twp. (Medic) and Troy Fire (Medic) Super 8 motel fire.	
Bethel Miami (55-221)	1			
Clayton Fire (57-121)	4			
Dayton Fire (57-011)	3			
Dayton Airport (57-002)		1		
Englewood (57-001)	7			
Harrison Fire (57-107)	3	4		
Huber Fire (57-125)	6	5		
*Riverside Fire (57-115)				
Union Fire/EMS (57-122)	2			
West Milton Fire (55)				
Philipsburg Fire (55-)				
Trotwood Fire (57-113)		1		
Tipp Fire/EMS (55-027)	2	5		
Totals	30	16		

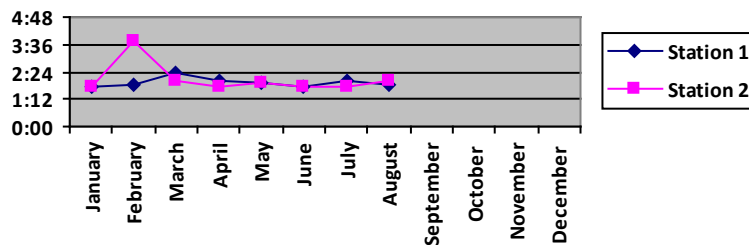
RESPONSE TIMES

The average turnout time in August for EMS was 1:26 and for fire was 1:53, the average total response time for August was 6:41

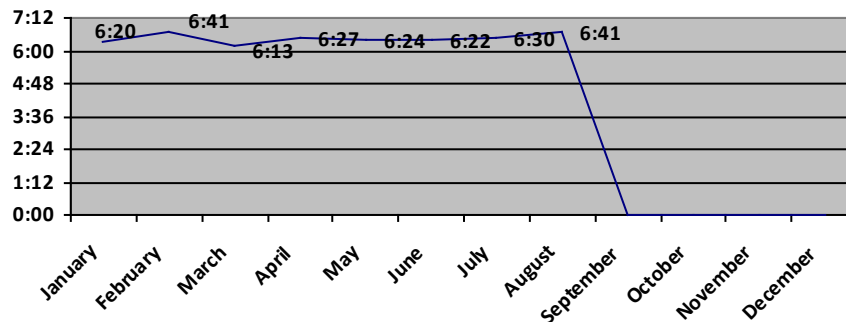
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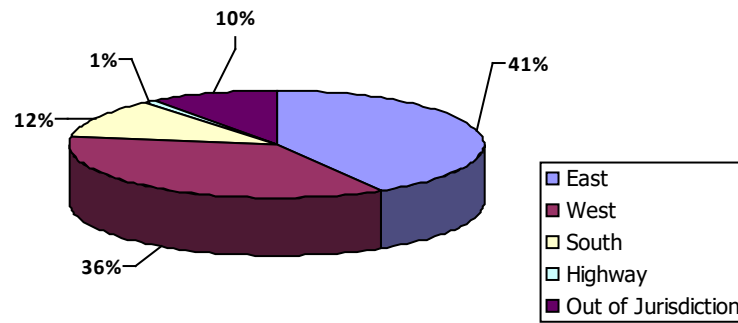
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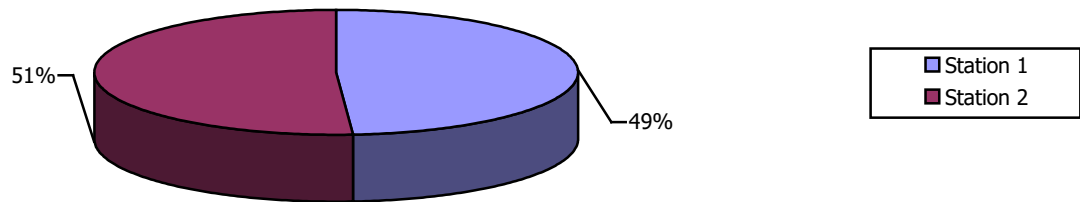
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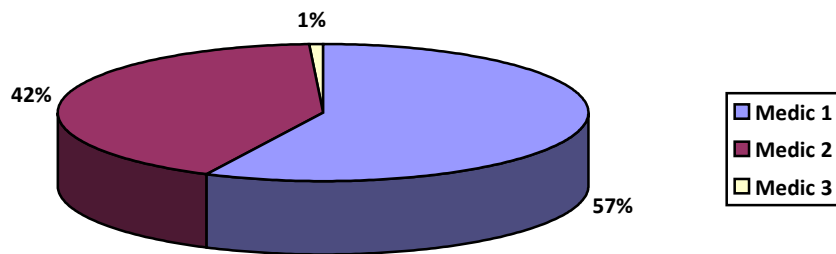
CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DISTRICT



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY FIRE STATION



TRANSPORTS BY MEDIC UNIT/MONTH

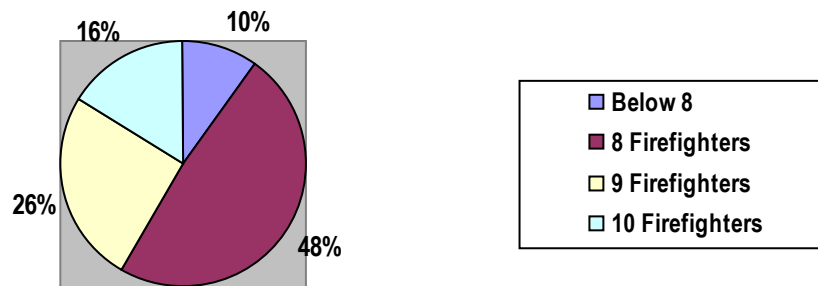


Monthly Staffing Levels

The information provided below, depicts the number of times that shifts were consistently staffed (for twenty-four hours) with personnel.

In August:

1. Below our minimum staffing level of eight, **(10%)** of the schedule
2. Staffed at our minimum staffing level eight personnel, **(48%)** of the schedule
3. Staffed with at least nine (9) personnel **(26%)** of the schedule
4. Staffed with at ten (10) personnel **(16%)** of the schedule



Five (5) personnel at Fire Station 2, were provided (engine & medic fully staffed) for 100% of the schedule in August, without cross staffing.

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