



Richfield Township Fire Department

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RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Mr. Steve Bettinger, Chairman
Mr. John Hassen, Vice Chairman
Mr. Andy Bick, Trustee
Ms. Linda Decker, Fiscal Officer

Gentlemen and Madam,

I am pleased to submit the following report, detailing the activities of the Richfield Township Fire Department during the calendar year of 2018:

In 2018, we answered **(276) Emergency Calls**-involving **792.38 man-hours** that resulted in an annual **Fire Loss** for Richfield Township of only **\$9,500.00**. Our personnel attended **(54) Training Classes and Drills** involving **987.00 man-hours**. Work Details, Meetings and Inspections involved an additional **1118.61 man-hours**. All totaled, our personnel dedicated an impressive **2897.99 man-hours** to the department and township. I wish to congratulate all of these professional men and women on a job well done.

Line Officers 2018:

- Assistant Chief of Fire: Shane Garlick
- Fire Captain: Ed Fitzpatrick
- Fire Captain: Kevin Kross
- Assistant Chief of EMS: Denise Farley
- EMS Captain: Shelbie Flegal
- EMS Lieutenant: Keith Clonch

I would like to personally thank our Line Officers for their many hours of hard work they contribute to our community each year. They play such an important role in our day to day operations and our overall success.

I have provided within this report, several detailed reports with breakdowns by activity, event and personnel activity for each of the above mentioned areas. These breakdowns provide a comprehensive look at the runs, training classes, work details and other activities by those who proudly serve as Richfield Township Firefighters/EMTs.



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The past year was highlighted with many events that improved the services we provide the residents of Richfield Township and the Village of Berkey:

- We received a grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation in the amount of \$40,000.00 required to be used toward the purchase of two (2) new power cots and load systems for both of our Medic Units. The total cost was over \$86,000.00, we thank the Trustees and Firefighters' Association for covering the balance. This system greatly reduces the number of lifting injuries to firefighters and improves the safety and quality of service we provide our patients. These systems can also be transferred to any new ambulance we may purchase in the future making this an even better investment.
- We were awarded a grant this past year from Allstate Insurance in the amount of \$500.00. This is a grant Allstate provided us in support of one of their employees; Lt. Keith Clonch for volunteering his time. I am told we will receive this grant every year Keith volunteers for us.....nice! Thanks Allstate!
- We received another donation this year from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$1700.00 for the purchase of an additional AED (automated external defibrillator). This met our need to upgrade our AED kept on one of our busiest trucks. This was obviously a very critical upgrade and need as AEDs save lives every day. We are so Blessed to have residents that are capable and willing to support their community in this way! Special people live in Richfield Township!
- We were awarded a Training Grant from Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office reimbursement for 2017 training in the amount of \$1900.00.
- We upgraded our station parking lot lights to LED lighting. We also upgraded 5 engine room lights to LED as a trial. We hope to continue to make LED lighting conversions a part of our budget each year as the operating cost savings have shown to be significant.



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- We purchased (3) new Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) for three of our first out vehicles. We hope to purchase (3) additional MDTs in 2019 to complete our upgrade. Our current MDTs become obsolete and inoperable on 1-1-2020. The new upgraded computers are touch screen tablets mounted in a docking station which allows them to be used for numerous functions.
- We sponsored several fire prevention programs for children including programs for our (2) two local preschools and Evergreen Elementary. These programs are an important part of the fire service as fire prevention and safety are discussed with children at a young and impressionable age. We also gave away several smoke detectors to those area families unable to afford them.
- We continue to recognize the value of our automatic mutual aid protocols with our 2 neighboring full time departments. By working with both Springfield and Sylvania departments our residents benefit during structure fires and motor vehicle accidents (MVA). Both of these types of incidents can require a significant amount of manpower and equipment in a timely manner. All (3) departments are simultaneously dispatched as follows:

Structure Fire in Richfield:

RTFD plus (1) engine from Springfield and (1) engine from Sylvania

MVA in Richfield:

RTFD plus (1) Medic from Springfield and (1) engine from Sylvania

Structure Fire in Sylvania:

STFD plus (1) engine from Richfield and (1) engine from Springfield

Structure Fire in Springfield's western district:

SFD plus (1) engine and (1) Tender from Richfield

MVA in Springfield's western district:

SFD plus (1) Medic from Richfield



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- We are experiencing what most fire departments across our great country are experiencing; there are fewer and fewer volunteer firefighters to draw from as increased training requirements and two income households have reduced the amount of time people have to volunteer. While we can site many possible factors, the end result leaves the fire service shorted of volunteer personnel. Most departments both big and small have adopted this new concept where we all work together “automatically” during those larger incidents that require more manpower and equipment. Automatic Mutual Aid improves the service we provide, improves public safety, improves firefighter safety and controls costs for each jurisdiction participating. Above all, this proactive approach better protects our own residents when they need us most by automatically dispatching help from three stations without delay.

- We welcome the following new applicants/members in 2018:

Jennifer Willey	(currently attending Owens-Fire Science)
Anita Daigneault	(FF-2, EMT)
Kyle Yeager	(FF-2, EMT)
Chris Harrison	(FF-1, EMT)
Aly Sturt	(FF-1, EMT)
Maggie Ditchman	(FF-2, EMT)
Joe Santiago	(FF-1, currently testing for EMT)

- The following members have completed their minimum required fire training and passed their FF-1 State Test:

Chris Harrison
Aly Sturt

- The following members have completed their minimum required EMS training and passed their EMT National Registry Test:

Chris Harrison
Aly Sturt
Jacob Przeniczny
Joe Santiago (currently testing National Registry for EMT)



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- The following members have completed additional fire training and passed their FF-2 State Test:

Tyler Houck

- We also congratulate Nick Lishewski for passing his Paramedic National Registry in 2018; he has also been approved by Dr. Brookens to function as a Lucas County Paramedic with us.
- I continue to work with our grant writers to try and maximize our residents' federal and state tax dollars when considering major capital expenditures. We are Blessed with a wonderful and supportive community that we do not take for granted. We are working hard to upgrade aging equipment through grants and to hopefully avoid additional tax levies.

I hope you find this report informative and acceptable as I try to summarize another year of great advancements in the services we provide our residents. Thank you all for everything that you do and have done for us and ultimately the residents of Richfield Township.

I look forward to working with all of you in 2019 to further enhance our emergency services of today for tomorrow. Together we make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald L. Tate, Chief
Richfield Township Fire Department