

Sylvania Township Fire Department



2008 Annual Report



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Mission Statement

Our mission is to prevent and minimize the loss of life and property damage from fire to our citizens and visitors; to provide high quality emergency medical services; to mitigate the consequences of natural and man-made disasters; and to provide non-emergency support services within our realm of expertise through highly skilled, trained and dedicated personnel.



Personnel gather at River Centre Park for the City of Sylvania's annual 9/11 Ceremony



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

2008 was a tremendous year for the Sylvania Township Fire Department and the citizens we serve. In the last two months of 2007, the Township Board of Trustees, and specifically Trustee Dee Dee Liedel along with Township Administrator Hugh Thomas worked shoulder to shoulder with Mayor Craig Stough, Councilman Mark Luetke, and a working group to take a hard and fresh look at the funding needs of the fire department as well as how we could work toward the successful passage of a levy that would fix the long standing capital issues within the department. A 1.25 mil levy was derived from the capital and operational needs of the organization and a plan was established to communicate the needs of the fire department to the voters of Sylvania Township and the City of Sylvania.



Chief Frederick Welsh

A Levy Committee was established, headed by John Crandall and former Township Trustee Bruce Wharram, and staffed by a determined group of citizens and elected officials. Working together this group raised funds, met regularly at the law offices of Township Fiscal Officer David Simko, and worked relentlessly to get the message out to the voters. The levy committee work included several Town Hall forums where we met with citizens and shared the plan to fund the replacement of three of the fire stations, upgrade the fourth into a headquarters station and replace four of the eight major pieces of fire apparatus. The levy also funded the increase of shift firefighter/paramedics as well as adding two day work firefighter/paramedic positions which would reduce overtime expense, increase the number of Part-Paid/Volunteers and fund a second administrative employee in the department.

With all of this work accomplished, the levy passed on March 4th, 2008. Since that time much work has begun on the initiatives and some of the work is beginning to come to fruition. Contracts have been signed and work begun on Fire Station #4 on Sylvania Avenue, property has been purchased for a new Fire Station #3 and work continues to procure property for Fire Station #2. Fire Station #1, located at 6633 Monroe Street, in downtown Sylvania is scheduled to begin in 2010 and dialog continues with City officials on whether to relocate the facility or rebuild on the current site.

The four pieces of new fire apparatus – three “Rescue Engines” and a new aerial ladder truck - have been mechanically specified by a fire department committee, bids obtained and contracts executed by the Township Board of Trustees. The three Rescue Engines, which will have advanced life support (ALS) first response, hydraulic rescue tool capacity, as well as all of the engine tools for fire fighting are due to be delivered in mid-September 2009. The new ladder truck – which will be equipped with heavy duty rescue tools and equipment, along with ALS equipment and fire fighting tools and ladders, will be delivered in mid to late December 2009.

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE cont'd

Operational staffing — a written test for Fire Fighter/Paramedic has been established and will be administered on April 4th, 2009, and will lead to hiring additional firefighter/paramedics into the department. Unfortunately, the Administrative Assistant position needed by the department and promised in the Levy Campaign has fallen to the economics of the time and is not presently in the budget.

Focusing on the positive, in 2008 the fire department took advantage of a rare training opportunity on the Flower Hospital campus and spent two weeks training in a residential high rise that was slated for demolition. This training was all “hands-on” and simply invaluable to our firefighters.

Also, throughout the year several line positions opened due to a retirement, a separation from the department, and unfortunately the untimely passing of one of our members. These line openings were filled by the three members who had been laid off in January of 2007.

In 2008 the fire department was able to inspect or evaluate the fire safety compliance of every commercial occupancy in our response area that was open and operating. This was the first time in several years that we have accomplished that goal.

Unfortunately 9-1-1 calls for service were up in 2008. We ran a total of 4,000 emergency calls which reflects an increase of approximately 5% over 2007. Then, beginning in October, we suffered a rapid succession of fires which resulted in the death of two Township citizens and over \$928,000.00 in property damage. These fires show the need for continued public fire safety education, proper code enforcement and inspections, proactive emergency response training and emergency preparedness.

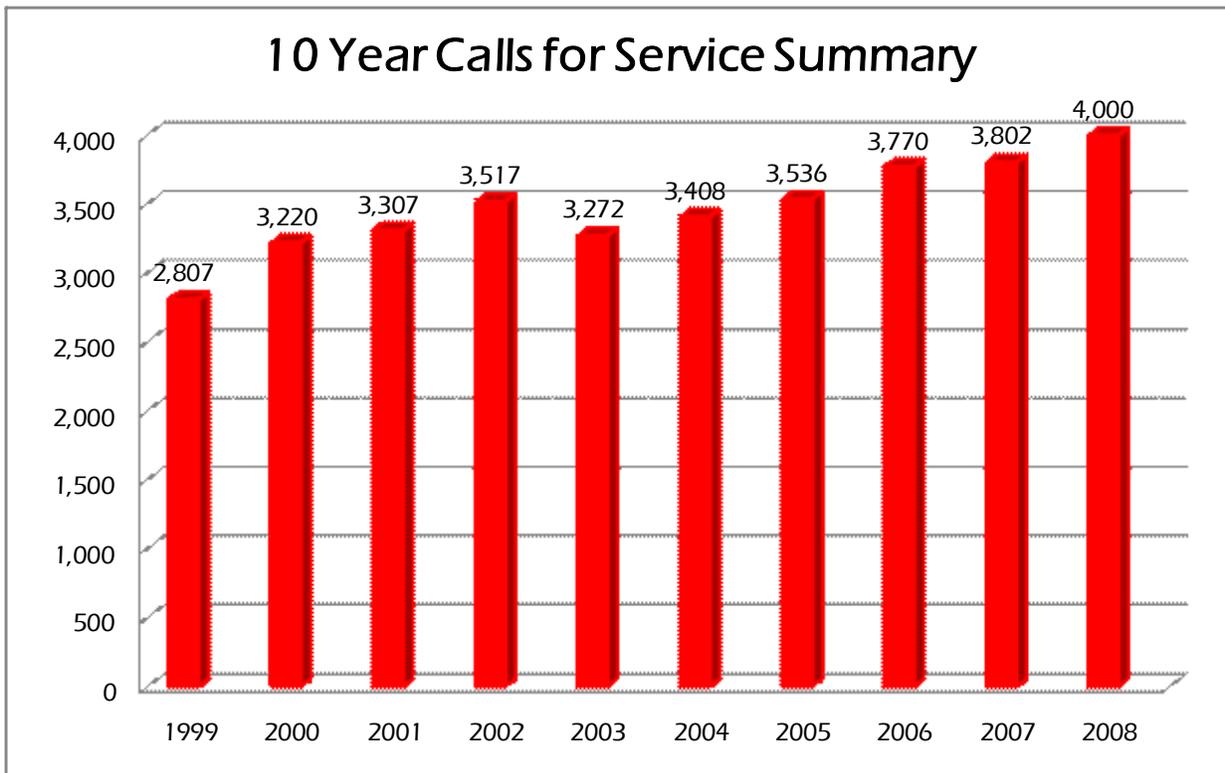
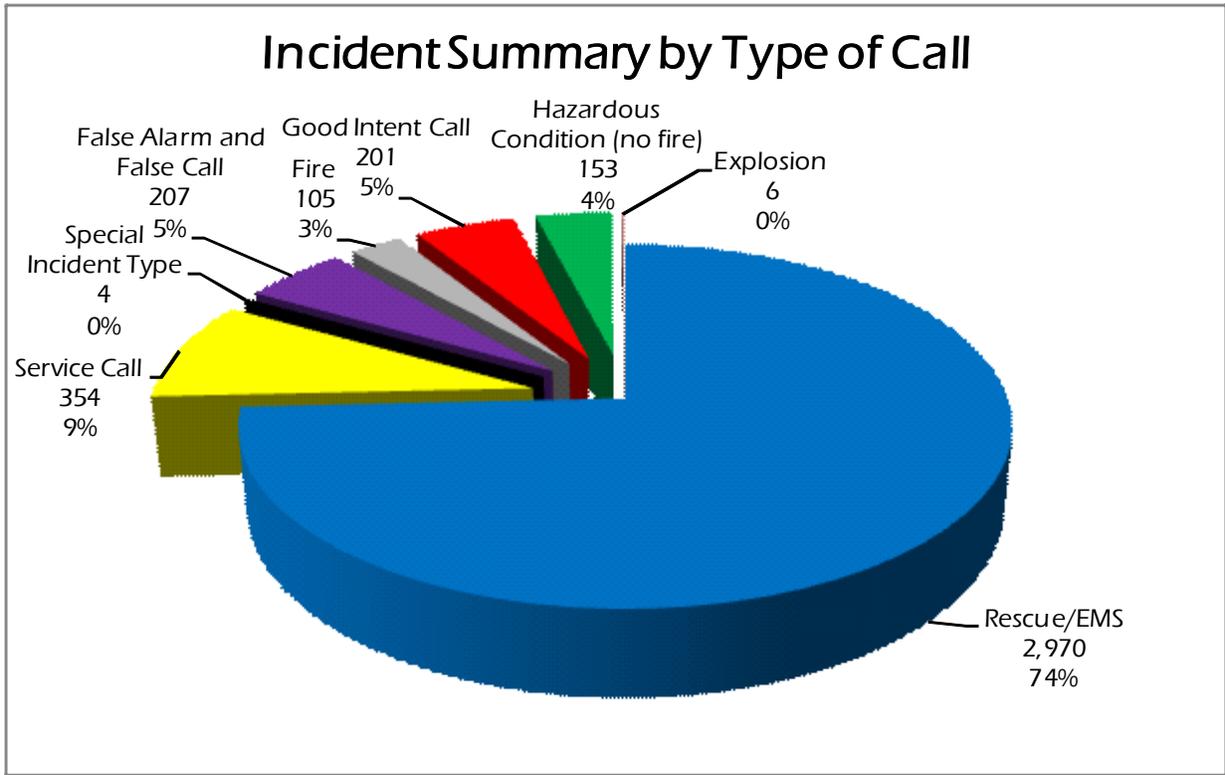
I am glad to report however, as a product of these destructive fires and other emergencies, the emergency response work of your Sylvania Township Firefighters and Paramedics is second to none. It is with deep pride that I thank the members of the fire department for their work, the elected and appointed officials within Township government, and also the citizens and voters of our community for making 2008 an extremely good year.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Welsh, EFO, Fire Chief

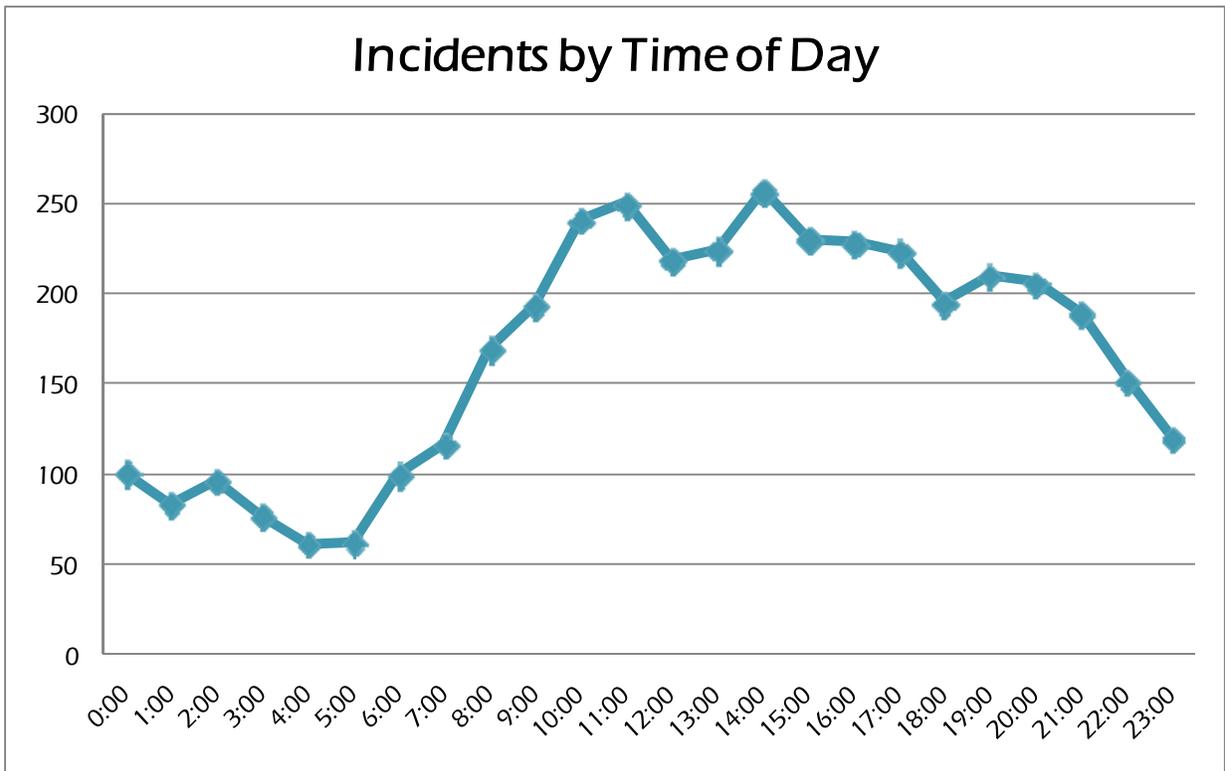
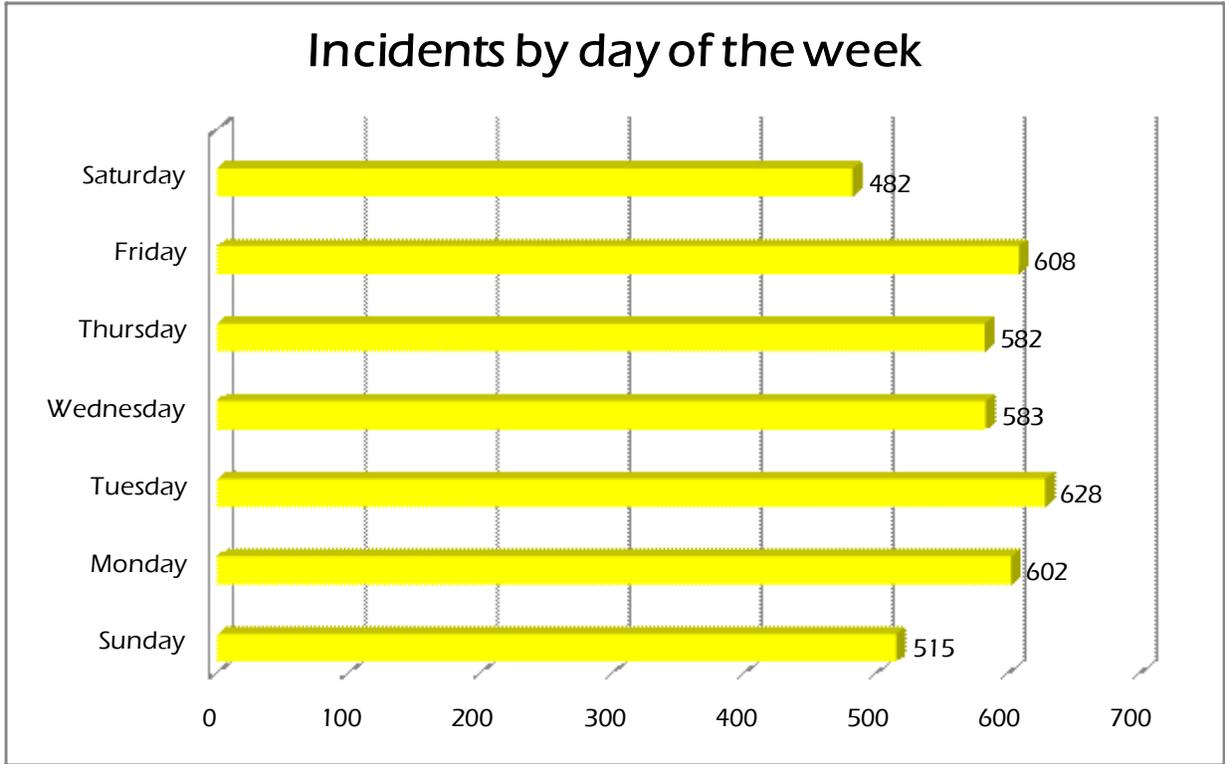


EMERGENCY ACTIVITY





EMERGENCY ACTIVITY cont'd





OPERATIONS BUREAU

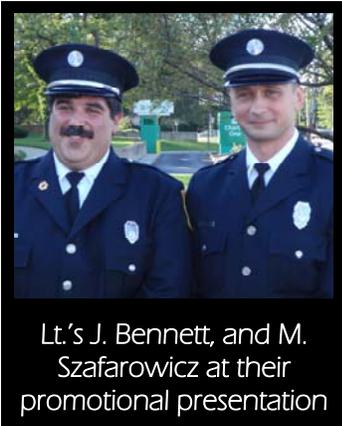
Overview

Deputy Chief Jeff Kowalski is responsible for coordinating the department's daily operations, training and safety. The Sylvania Township Fire Department (STFD) maintains a minimum daily career shift staffing level of 14 personnel, including Lieutenants, Firefighter/Paramedics and Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technicians. These responders work out of four fire stations strategically located throughout the Township and City of Sylvania.



Operations Deputy Chief
Jeff Kowalski

The department provides fire suppression, rescue and progressive patient care along with first response to hazardous materials incidents through a fleet of 12 pieces of apparatus. The front line apparatus is equipped with Advanced Life Support (ALS) personnel and equipment and STFD also staffs Lucas County Life Squad 6.

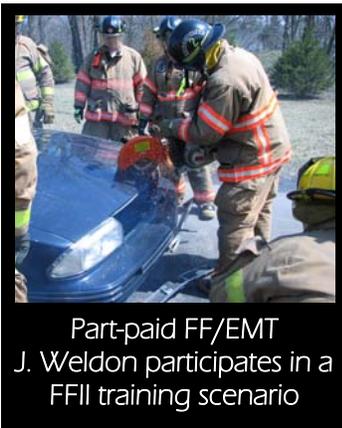


Lt.'s J. Bennett, and M.
Szafarowicz at their
promotional presentation

The department is supplemented with qualified part-paid personnel and can conduct callback of full time personnel to assist on large-scale operations. STFD also has mutual aid agreements with the City of Toledo and other surrounding communities.

Personnel

The STFD currently employs 40 line personnel, 12 officers, 2 Deputy Chiefs, 1 Fire Chief, 8 Part-paid personnel and a single Administrative Assistant. Line Personnel work 24 hours on-duty and 48 hours off-duty. Chief Officers and administrative personnel work normal business hours while part-paid personnel train weekly and are paged for response based on incident type.



Part-paid FF/EMT
J. Weldon participates in a
FFII training scenario

Three senior lieutenants, known as Platoon Commanders, are assigned to fire headquarters and work directly with the three Chief officers to appropriately deploy resources during their respective shifts. Between calls for service, they are responsible for ensuring on-duty companies complete daily training exercises, complete assigned commercial building inspections and conduct life-safety education programs. STFD's platoon commanders are:

A-Shift- Lt. Jeffery Young
B-Shift Lt. Ralph DeShetler
C-Shift Lt. Steve Steinmetz



OPERATIONS BUREAU cont'd

Personnel cont'd

In 2008, the personnel structure of the STFD underwent significant change. Firefighter/Paramedics, Aaron Frye, Ben Roberts and Kirk Wolfe returned from layoff status by July 2nd. In April, Lt. Bret Howland passed away with 22 years of service while Lt. Robert Stark retired with 32 years of service. Firefighter/Paramedic Ronald Bierbaum resigned in July and Part-paid Firefighter/EMT John Raszka retired in September with 27 years of service.

Firefighter/Paramedics Michael Szafarowicz and Jeffery Bennett were promoted to the position of Lieutenant in September.

Training

STFD personnel must be ready to respond to a wide array of emergencies, ranging from basic or advanced EMS calls, like broken bones or cardiac arrests, to car accidents, ice water rescues or structural fires. Personnel prepare themselves to respond appropriately to these incidents through a combination of exercises both inside and outside the confines of the firehouse. Most commonly, personnel participate in tabletop discussions as a company, review PowerPoint presentations or conduct practical skills evolutions as a crew. Personnel also utilize resources outside of the station such as the King Road Training facility, acquired structures, or outside training at the Ohio Fire Academy or through Bowling Green State University Fire School. Members also attended the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg,





OPERATIONS BUREAU cont'd



Crestview Training



FF/PM B. Burr and
Lt. S. Steinmetz prepare to
advance a line at Crestview



D/C J. Kowalski and LT. J. Young
inside the Crestview building

Crestview/ Commercial High Rise Training

For two weeks in May, STFD personnel conducted tactical operations in an acquired high-rise commercial structure. The training operation led by D/C Jeff Kowalski and Lt. Jeff Young, at the former Crestview building on the campus of Flower Hospital, allowed STFD personnel to conduct both scenario based and live-fire training exercises. The building provided an excellent training ground to practice essential firefighting techniques including: firefighter entrapment and entanglement exercises, forcible entry evolutions, high-rise standpipe operations, and live-fire training. The training at the Crestview building also promoted important mutual aid training with crews from Springfield Township who frequently provide resources to the STFD on larger incidents.



Tanker Operations

Rural Water Supply Drill

On September 21st, the STFD led a joint water movement training exercise with neighboring fire departments. The Richfield Township and Ottawa Lake Fire Departments participated in the exercise, which involved relay pumping and rural water supplies. The training took place at the intersection of Centennial and Brint Roads, an area of the township that lacks full hydrant coverage. The training allowed STFD personnel the opportunity to assist in setting up and maintaining portable water tanks through

the use of water shuttling via tankers. Personnel also conducted evolutions with stationary ground master streams as well as master streams from an aerial ladder. The training provided an excellent opportunity to refresh on tactics seldom used by the STFD and to develop relationships with neighboring departments.



OPERATIONS BUREAU cont'd

Lucas County 800 MHz Radio System

In January 2008, the STFD transitioned its radio communications from a 460 MHz system to an 800 MHz system. The new county-wide system was implemented utilizing funds Lucas County received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, (FEMA) through an Assistance to Firefighters grant. The department has equipped each of its front-line apparatus with mobile radios and has assigned portable radios to each station for use by on-duty personnel. The 800 MHz system allows the STFD to communicate through a digital system, promoting increased interoperability between local emergency agencies. The STFD's 20% match for funds was \$ 5,800.43.

STFD Communications Committee

Lt. Mike Szafarowicz and FF/PM Koperski worked closely with D/C Kowalski and Chief Welsh to design and implement a comprehensive communications plan to standardize telecommunication procedures within the department. Currently, the Sylvania Township Police Department provides dispatching services for the fire department. Updated protocols and procedures were required with the switch to the new 800 MHz system. The communications committee created and published a comprehensive communications manual, conducted in-house training with the STPD dispatchers and implemented a new station alerting system. Three STFD personnel were trained by Lucas County to assist STPD dispatchers during times of high call volume.

1.25 Mil Levy

Issue 3, a 1.25 mil continuing levy for STFD Operations and Capital Improvements passed on March 4th, 2008. This important measure was made possible through the cooperative effort between both township and city elected officials, as well as citizens from both the township and city. The levy will provide important funds for the STFD, allowing for the continued delivery of high quality customer service to the citizens of the greater Sylvania community.

Apparatus Procurement

The STFD placed orders for four (4) new fire suppression apparatus in late 2008. Chief Welsh, D/C Kowalski, Township Mechanic Al Hasenfratz and members of the STFD Apparatus committee worked together over the course of several months to develop a comprehensive bid document, outlining every detail of the new apparatus ranging from ladder size and mounting locations for hand tools to interior cab design and paint color. Three (3) KME ALS Rescue Engines and one (1) ALS Rescue Truck, a 100 ft Seagrave tiller, will be delivered by the end of 2009. These new apparatus will provide a safe and dependable platform for Sylvania Township Fire and EMS personnel to answer calls for service through their anticipated fifteen year front-line service life.

Station Replacement and Renovations

With a combined age of 164 years, Stations 1, 2, and 3, have served the Sylvania community well over the course of their lifetime but have come close to the end of their useful life. Traffic pattern changes within the community combined with an increased size of modern fire apparatus have made the existing buildings obsolete. The STFD is moving forward with a master plan which will include new construction of Stations 1, 2, and 3, and the renovation of the current Station # 4 into STFD Headquarters.



OPERATIONS BUREAU cont'd

2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

In December, the STFD distributed 64 sets of new Globe Xtreme turnout gear to its firefighters. In addition to the new turnout coats and pants, new helmets, hoods and gloves were also issued. The new gear, which meets criteria set forth in the 2007 edition of NFPA 1971, Standard on Protective Ensemble for Structural Firefighting, will help provide some of the best protection possible to Sylvania's first responders. Turnout gear is one of the most important pieces of equipment for firefighters not only during structural firefighting but also during rescue incidents such as motor vehicle accidents. The FEMA grant provided \$110,484.00 towards the purchase of this new gear and Sylvania Township was responsible for a 10% match of \$12,276.00.



FF/PM Brian Burr displays the new Globe G-Xtreme turnout gear



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Overview

The Fire Prevention Bureau of the Sylvania Township Fire Department is led by Deputy Chief Tom Eisel. D/C Eisel directs the fire education, fire prevention and code enforcement practices within the Sylvania community. The Bureau is charged with other important tasks including pre-construction building plan reviews, environmental site reviews and fire investigations.

Community Outreach and Education

In 2008, the STFD made contact with an estimated 2,320 children and 1,195 adults through the following programs and events:

- 11 senior citizen smoke detector checks
- 200 community members participated in events utilizing the Fire Safety Trailer
- Approximately 460 residents toured the STFD's different fire stations and apparatus
- An estimated 1,051 adults and 1,795 children participated in various public education events both in and out of firehouses, through the Sylvania School District and elsewhere



Fire Prevention
Deputy Chief Tom Eisel

Code Enforcement

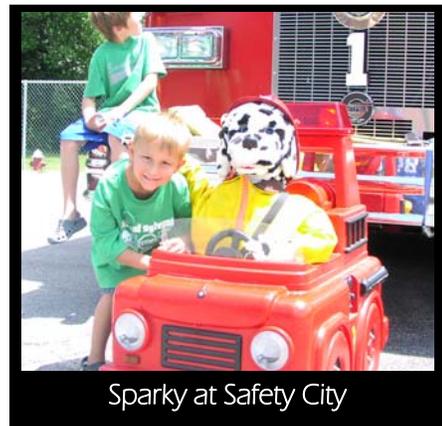
In January 2008, the STFD unveiled a new program to assist the department's suppression companies in conducting yearly fire safety surveys and inspections. The Commercial Building Inspection Program (CBIP), is a proactive plan which organizes approximately 2,400 commercial occupancies into manageable districts for the department's on-duty Fire Inspectors to visit. With approximately 98% of the commercial occupancies inspected and entered into the database by the end of December, the STFD has made substantial progress in it's goal of inspecting all of Sylvania's commercial buildings annually.

Juvenile Fire Setters

In early 2008, Deputy Chief Eisel completed training at the Ohio Fire Academy to implement a Juvenile Fire Setters program within the STFD. The program is designed to provide life skills training and education in cooperation with other governmental agencies, provide referrals for family counseling and evaluating the progress of the child through the program. In 2008, two juveniles enrolled in the program and successfully completed the programs objectives.



Safety City



Sparky at Safety City



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU cont'd

Safety City/ Safety Town

The STFD participated in both these events during the summer months, working with other agencies including the local police, road and park departments to help teach kindergarten aged children an array of safety do's and don'ts. With the help of the Fire Safety Trailer, firefighters instruct children how to perform the Stop, Drop and Roll maneuver, crawling low under artificial smoke and following fire escape drills, as well as essential safety practices. The lessons taught in Safety City and Safety Town are reinforced as the children move throughout the Sylvania school system.

2009 Emphasis

With the success of the Commercial Building Inspection Program (CBIP), the Fire Prevention Bureau looks to 2009 with new program goals. In addition to educational programs geared for school-aged children and community groups such as Boy and Girl Scouts, the bureau has identified two target audiences, the elderly and disabled, which it will place an emphasis on in 2009. The department is working toward the creation of a fire safety planning curriculum geared toward the needs of these two at-risk groups.

Fire Safety Education in Action

December 15th 2008 was proclaimed "Ashley Lowry" day in the city of Sylvania. This was for a good reason; Ashley's actions in the early morning of November 13th helped her mother and younger brother safely escape from a structure fire (Incident 08-0003650) that started inside their attached garage. A few months earlier, Ashley participated in the department's annual fire safety poster contest, which requires the participants to draw a fire escape plan. Ashley's story, titled "Fire safety poster runner-up a real winner" was published in the Toledo Blade on December 25th. Ashley received a certificate of recognition from State Fire Marshall Michael Bell. By staying calm and quickly alerting her mom to the smell of smoke, Ashley's actions reinforce the positive impact the STFD's fire safety and education program have in the community.



Arbor Hills student Ashley Lowry



FIRES

Overview

In 2008, the Sylvania Township Fire Department responded to 105 actual fire incidents. This was a decrease of 26 calls compared to 2007, however, in 2008 18 fire events in excess of \$5,000.00 occurred, resulting in an estimated loss of \$1,850,500.00. This was an increase of 6 events and \$1,244,000.00 from 2007. Total fire losses for 2008 were estimated at \$1,902,600.00, an increase of \$1,266,945.00 compared to 2007. The 18 incidents in excess of \$5,00.00, as well as events which taxed the STFD's ability to respond to calls for service, as outlined in the department's 2008 monthly reports, are listed below:

STFD Fire Ground Priorities

STFD Regular Alarm assignments include two (2) Engine Companies, one (1) Truck Company, one (1) Lucas County Life Squad (when required), one (1) Chief Officer, and the callout of Part-paid personnel. On scene, crews prioritize their actions to accomplish the following:

1. Rescue and Life Safety
2. Hazard Mitigation
3. Environmental and Property Control

Incident Summary

1) 5967 Black Oak Dr. Incident 08-0000211; Loss: \$13,000

Wednesday, January 23rd at 0040 hrs., Stations 1, 2, 3, and 4, Chiefs 1 and 4, responded to the report of a structure fire in a multi-family dwelling. Upon arrival, crews found light smoke on the first floor and heavy smoke on the second floor. Crews located the fire in an upstairs bedroom and extinguished the fire. STFD personnel did not find any extension while performing overhaul operations. It is believed that clothing left in the vicinity of a heating device ignited the fire. The cause of the fire was ruled unintentional. Mutual aid was received from Toledo Fire and Rescue at Station # 3 and Springfield Twp. at Station #2. Springfield Twp. responded to a commercial fire alarm while providing Mutual Aid. The last unit cleared the scene at 0211 hrs.

2) 5829 Summit; Incident 08-0000528; Loss: \$ 204,200 *

Thursday, February 21st at 0053 hrs., Stations 1, 2, 3, and 4, Chiefs 1, 3, and 4, responded to the report of a residential structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found heavy fire conditions on Division 2 with visible fire from Sides B, C, and D. Heavy fire was impinging on Exposure B, and a hand line was put into operation to protect this exposure. 2½ inch lines were placed into operation, flanking the fire on Sides B and D while a 1¾ inch line was utilized on Sides A and B. Through the callout of Part-paid personnel, callback of off-duty career personnel and use of mutual aid agreements, various personnel supplemented staffing both on and off the fire scene. Toledo Fire and Rescue Engine 23 filled in at STFD Fire Station # 3 while Springfield Twp. filled in at Station #2 through the duration of the incident. Front line apparatus cleared the scene at 0550 hrs., with a fire watch posted until the investigation began at approximately 0830 hrs. The cause of the fire was undetermined after the investigation.

* includes \$4,200 in related losses at 5823 Summit



FIRES cont'd

3) 5018 Silica Drive; Incident 08-0000530; Loss: \$6,000

Thursday, February 21st at 0846 hrs., Stations 1, 3, and 4 respond to the report of a residential structure fire. Upon arrival, crews noted smoke coming from the rear of the structure near a utility room. Crews gained access and extinguished the fire without further incident. The cause of the fire was determined to be an overheated motor in a clothes dryer. All crews returned to service by 0935 hrs.

4) 7625 Central Avenue; Incident 08-0000828; Loss: \$305,000*

Thursday, March 20th at 1547 hrs., Stations 1, 2, 3, and 4, Chiefs 3 and 4, responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found heavy smoke and flames showing with fire coming from the overhead door openings. Fire had self-vented through the roof, which collapsed a short time later. Several explosions were heard from the interior of the structure and were later found to be several 20 lb. propane tanks as well as an oxygen/acetylene tank. Defensive operations were used throughout the duration of the incident. Through the callout of Part-paid personnel and callback of off-duty career personnel, various personnel supplemented staffing both on and off the fire scene. Front line apparatus cleared the scene at 1821 hrs., while Engine #2 remained on scene for fire watch until 1915 hrs. The heat source igniting the fire was unable to be determined, however, gasoline was believed to be the item first ignited.

* includes \$15,000 in exposure losses

5) 8796 Jimson Ct; Incident 08-0001259; Loss \$10,000

Wednesday, April 30th at 1858 hrs., Stations 1, 3, and 4, Chiefs 1 and 4, responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found a two story, wood frame residential structure with smoke showing from an open garage. Crews found heavy smoke on all floors of the interior from a smoldering fire that originated in the fireplace and spread to carpet in front of the hearth. Engine 2 was requested to establish rapid intervention and mutual aid, from Springfield Twp. and the City of Toledo, was dispatched to cover Stations 2 & 3. The fire was extinguished with a water can and the structure was ventilated with positive pressure. Remaining units cleared the scene at 2011 hrs.

6) 6050 Angleview Drive; Incident 08-0001746 ; Loss \$5,000

Monday, June 9th at 1944 hrs., a severe weather cell was passing through Sylvania while Stations 1, 3 and 4, Chiefs 1 and 4 responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found light smoke in the home with reports from neighbors that the structure was struck by lightning. Upon investigation, crews found heavily charred electrical wiring in the garage, producing the light smoke. Crews continued their investigation by checking the attic and roof areas of the garage for extension. Two firefighters suffered low-voltage electrical shocks as the house was unknowingly charged with electricity. Toledo Edison was requested to secure the power source at the scene but was unavailable due to other storm related incidents. Units secured a safety area and remained on the scene until 0745 hrs. Tuesday morning at which time Toledo Edison arrived on scene and mitigated the electrical hazard.



FIRES cont'd

7) 5421 Carter Road; Incident 08-0002257; Loss \$ 12,000

Friday, July 18th at 0206 hrs., Stations 1, 2, 3, 4, and Chief 4 responded to the report of a structural fire. Upon arrival, crews found a fully involved residential structure. The home was determined to be abandoned and a defensive attack was implemented. Crews utilized master streams from both stationary ground positions as well as aerial streams from Truck 4 to extinguish the fire. All units returned to service at 0415 hrs.

8) 4319 Todd Drive; Incident 08-0002477; Loss \$40,500

Wednesday, August 6th at 2012 hrs., Stations 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chiefs 1, 3 and 4 responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found a two-story, residential structure with smoke throughout and fire in a bedroom of division 2, side A. Crews extinguished the fire with salvage and overhaul performed. The source of the fire was determined to be a pillow case placed over the top of a lamp. All units returned to service at 2216 hrs.

9) 5871 Monroe; Incident 08-0002699; Loss \$225,000

Sunday, August 24th at 1952 hrs, Stations 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chiefs 3 and 4 responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found fire extending through the roof of the Burger King Restaurant. Crews initiated an interior attack and found the seat of the fire in the attic. Crews performed some exterior operations to completely extinguish the fire. Toledo Fire and Rescue provided mutual aid at Station 3, Springfield Twp. Fire provided mutual aid at Station 2 and part-paid personnel were utilized at the scene of the fire. Chief 3's investigation revealed that the cause of the fire was an improperly discarded cigarette butt. All units returned to service at 2303 hrs.



FF/PM Pat Miller conducts vertical ventilation



STFD Truck 4

10) Republic Boulevard North; Incident 08-0003030; Loss \$ 120,000

Friday, September 19th at 1606 hrs., Station 2 responded to the report of a vehicle fire. Upon arrival, crews found a classic 1929 Cadillac Fisher Limousine heavily involved in fire. Crews extinguished the fire but could not determine the cause. The incident was referred to Chief Eisel who conducted an investigation. Chief Eisel determined that the fire was unintentional, but could not determine the cause. All units returned to service at 1642 hrs.

• 6930 Central Avenue; Incident 08-0003144; No Loss Noted

Wednesday, October 1st at 0735 hrs., Stations 1, 2 and 4 and Chief 4 responded to the report of smoke in a commercial structure. Upon arrival, crews found the building being evacuated with a light haze emitting from the front entranceway. Springfield Twp. Fire Department provided mutual aid during this incident. After investigation, it was determined that the smoke in the structure was due to an overheated furnace motor. Power was shut off at the unit and in the breaker box. All units returned to service at 0806 hrs.



FIRES cont'd

- **6648 High Street; Incident 08-0003285; Loss \$3,000**

Sunday, October 12th at 1834 hrs., Stations 1, 3, 4 and LS6 and Chiefs 1 and 4 responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found light smoke showing from the front door, with no visible fire noted. Crews found the fire extinguished upon entry to the structure, but checked for extension around the cooking area and in the attic space above. The homeowner's son was treated for minor injuries sustained while trying to extinguish the fire. Crews provided BLS, ventilation and light overhaul. All units returned to service at 1933 hrs.

- **11) 6657 Margate Boulevard; Incident 08-0003443; Loss \$83,000**

Sunday, October 26th at 1344 hrs., Stations 1, 2, 3, 4, Air 1 and LS6 and Chiefs 1 and 3 responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found heavy smoke emitting from the rear of this multiple-unit condominium complex. Crews determined that the fire originated in the attic of unit 14. Toledo Fire & Rescue and Springfield Twp. Fire Departments provided mutual aid during this incident. Crews performed search, extinguishment, ventilation, salvage and overhaul operations. After investigation by D/C Eisel and Officer Tollison of the STPD, it was determined that the fire started in the chimney chase area and was ruled accidental due to either excessive heat or a failure of the vent stack. All units returned to service at 1641 hrs.

- **12) 5016 Valencia Drive; Incident 08-0003570; Loss \$340,000**

Wednesday, November 5th at 2046 hrs., Stations 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Chiefs 1, 3 and 4 responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found the fire hydrant at 5025 Valencia Drive missing and were forced to have the second arriving engine lay a supply line from a hydrant further away from the structure on fire. Crews found a heavy volume of fire venting through the second floor roof. Mutual-aid was requested and received from Ottawa Hills Fire Department, at the scene, Toledo Fire and Rescue Department, filling in at station 3, and Springfield Twp. Fire Department, filling in at station 2. Incident Command determined that the roof was becoming unstable and ordered all crews out of the structure. An exterior attack ensued and the fire was knocked down at 2145 hrs. Crews provided extinguishment, salvage and overhaul. D/C Eisel conducted the investigation and determined that the origin of the fire was in or near a lighting fixture in the second floor master bedroom. A cause could not be determined. All units returned to service at 0219 hrs. Engine 6 returned to the scene at 0320 hrs. for fire watch and found an area of smoldering insulation and roof material. Engine 3 was dispatched to the scene and, along with engine 6 crews, performed additional overhaul in the area of the second floor bathroom and bedroom. All units returned to service at 0424 hrs. Engine 3 returned to the scene at 0620 hrs. for a second fire watch and found no areas of concern.



FIRES cont'd

- **5205 Alexis Road; Incident 08-0003605; No Loss Noted**

Saturday, November 8th at 1607 hrs., Stations 1, 3 and 4 and Chief 4 responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found light smoke showing from a two-car, detached garage. The occupant stated that he was using a torch on a vehicle when the gasoline leaking from the vehicle ignited. The fire was confined to the leaked fluid and did not extend to the vehicle or the structure. Crews provided a water supply and ventilation, as the fire was extinguished upon arrival. All units returned to service at 1628 hrs.

- **13) 7054 Altara Drive; Incident 08-0003650; Loss \$ 140,000**

Thursday, November 13th at 0221 hrs., Stations 1, 2, 3, 4, and LS6 and Chiefs 1, 3 and 4 responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found a heavy volume of fire coming from an opened garage door. A 2½" attack line was put into service while the first due company performed an initial search for victims. All occupants were accounted for and safe. Toledo Fire & Rescue, Ottawa Hills and Springfield Twp. Fire Departments provided mutual aid during this incident. Extinguishment of the fire was affected by natural gas, which fed the fire in the garage. Crews performed search, extinguishment, salvage and overhaul operations and provided BLS to the occupants. After the investigation by D/C Eisel, it was determined that the fire started in the area of the furnace in the garage and that the cause was most likely due to combustibles stored too close to the heating source. Chief Eisel could not rule out a mechanical malfunction of the furnace. All units returned to service at 0546 hrs.

- **Multiple Incidents 08-0003735 to 08-0003742; No Losses Noted**

Thursday, November 20th at 1004 hrs., Stations 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Chiefs 1, 3 and 4 responded to several incidents related to an electrical power surge on Monroe Street at Harroun Road. Electrical crews were replacing utility poles in the area. Mutual-aid was received from Toledo Fire & Rescue and Springfield Twp. Fire Departments. All units returned to service at 1111 hrs.

- **6742 Sylvania Avenue; Incident 08-0003782; No Loss Noted**

Sunday, November 23rd at 1828 hrs., Stations 1, 2, 4 and LS6 and Chief 3 responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found a light haze of smoke in a commercial occupancy. Forcible entry was used to enter the structure where crews found light combustibles on fire in the kitchen. It appeared that a stove burner pilot light ignited the combustibles. The fire was confined to the kitchen area with no extension to the structure. Crews performed forcible entry and extinguishment operations. All units returned to service at 1915 hrs.

- **14) 4814 McCord Road; Incident 08-0003898; Loss \$ 19,000**

On Thursday, December 4th at 0140 hrs., Stations 1, 2 and 4, and Chief 4 responded to the report of a residential structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found light smoke coming from the front door with the occupants exiting the structure. Crews entered the structure and located the seat of the fire near the range in the kitchen. Crews extinguished the fire and completed overhaul of the area. The American Red Cross assisted the residents with lodging. All crews returned to service at 0427 hrs.



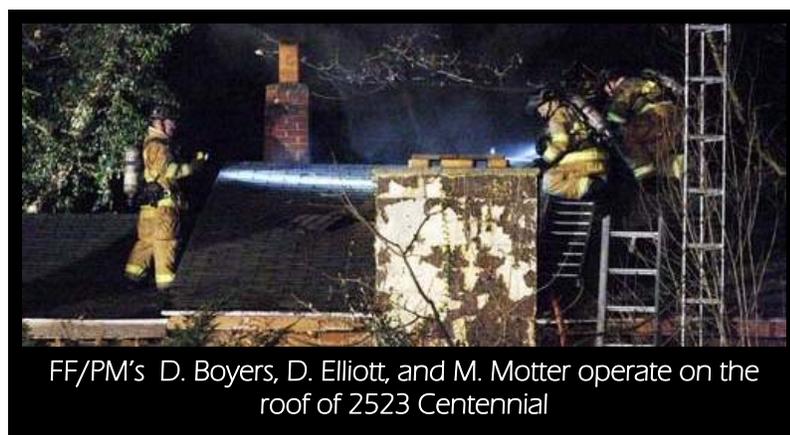
FIRES cont'd

15) 4726 Crestridge Road; Incident 08-0003904; Loss \$90,000

On Thursday, December 4th at 1502 hrs., Stations 1, 2, 3, and 4, Chiefs 1, 3, and 4 responded to the report of a residential structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found heavy fire conditions from Side A of the structure. Ottawa Hills Fire, Springfield Twp. Fire and Toledo Fire and Rescue Departments provided mutual aid during the incident. Engine 3 initially conducted an exterior knockdown of the fire through a bedroom window and later joined Engine 1's crew completing extinguishment of the fire from the interior. Life Squad 6 treated an occupant of the house for smoke inhalation. Crews conducted ventilation and extensive overhaul operations. All units returned to service at 1806 hrs. The investigation conducted by D/C Eisel ruled the fire unintentional. It is believed that the cause of the fire was due to heat from an electrical appliance.

16) 2523 Centennial Road; Incident 08-0003959; Loss \$120,000

On Wednesday, December 10th at 2120 hrs., Stations 1, 2, 3, and 4, Chiefs, 1, 3 and 4 responded to the report of a residential structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found smoke and flames showing with information that there was one injured person outside of the structure and other occupants still inside the structure. Police on the scene directed crews to the rear of the structure where a single victim was located and removed. Crews initiated an interior attack and primary search and found two other victims inside the structure. Springfield Twp. Fire, Ottawa Hills Fire, and Toledo Fire and Rescue Departments provided mutual aid throughout the incident. Two occupants of the structure were transported to local hospitals, one by air ambulance and another by a Lucas County Life Squad. The other two occupants were pronounced dead at the scene. The Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office, D/C Eisel and Officer Tollison of the STPD conducted the investigation into the cause of the fatal fire. The cause of the fire was determined to be improper operation of heating equipment and the lack of proper maintenance. All crews returned to service at 0115 hrs.



FF/PM's D. Boyers, D. Elliott, and M. Motter operate on the roof of 2523 Centennial



FIRES cont'd

17) 5851 Central Park Avenue; Incident 08-0004020; Loss \$110,000

On Tuesday, December 16th at 2231 hrs., Stations 1, 2, 3, and 4, Chiefs 1, 3, and 4 responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, crews found heavy smoke coming from the eaves and rear of the structure. Crews initiated an interior attack but then switched to an exterior attack from an aerial apparatus to extinguish the fire. Crews performed salvage and overhaul operations as necessary. Springfield Twp. Fire and Ottawa Hills Fire Departments provided mutual aid. Toledo Fire and Rescue Department filled in at Station #2. An investigation conducted by D/C Eisel found the fire to be unintentional and electrical in nature. All crews returned to service at 0233 hrs.

18) 5941 Goodhue Drive; Incident 08-0004023; Loss \$26,000

On Wednesday, December 17th at 0451 hrs., Stations 2 and 3 responded to the report of an automobile fire. Upon arrival, crews found a fully involved minivan in a gated area of a commercial business. Crews made entry into the area and began extinguishment of the minivan. Several vehicles in the vicinity posed exposure problems and the Officer of Engine 2 requested an additional company to respond. In addition to the minivan, three other vehicles sustained damage. Units cleared the scene at 0533 hrs.



Minivan involved in fire at 5941 Goodhue Drive



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

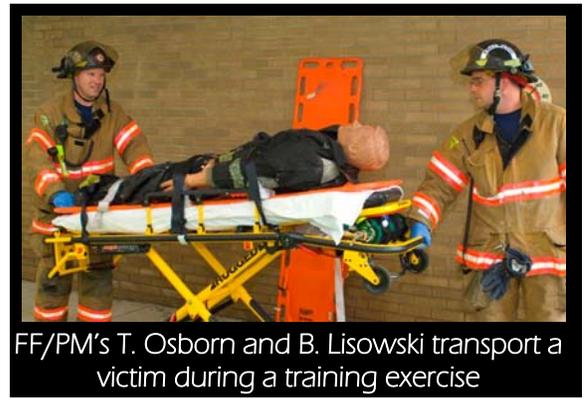
Overview

The STFD provides Advanced Life Support (ALS) care to the citizens of Sylvania via EMT-P's (Paramedics) staffed on each of the department's suppression apparatus. Examples of ALS calls include life threatening emergencies such as cardiovascular, respiratory or trauma related emergencies. Paramedics work in conjunction with the department's EMT-B's (EMT-Basic) to deliver a wide array of pre-hospital care. In 2008, the STFD responded to 2,858 EMS calls.

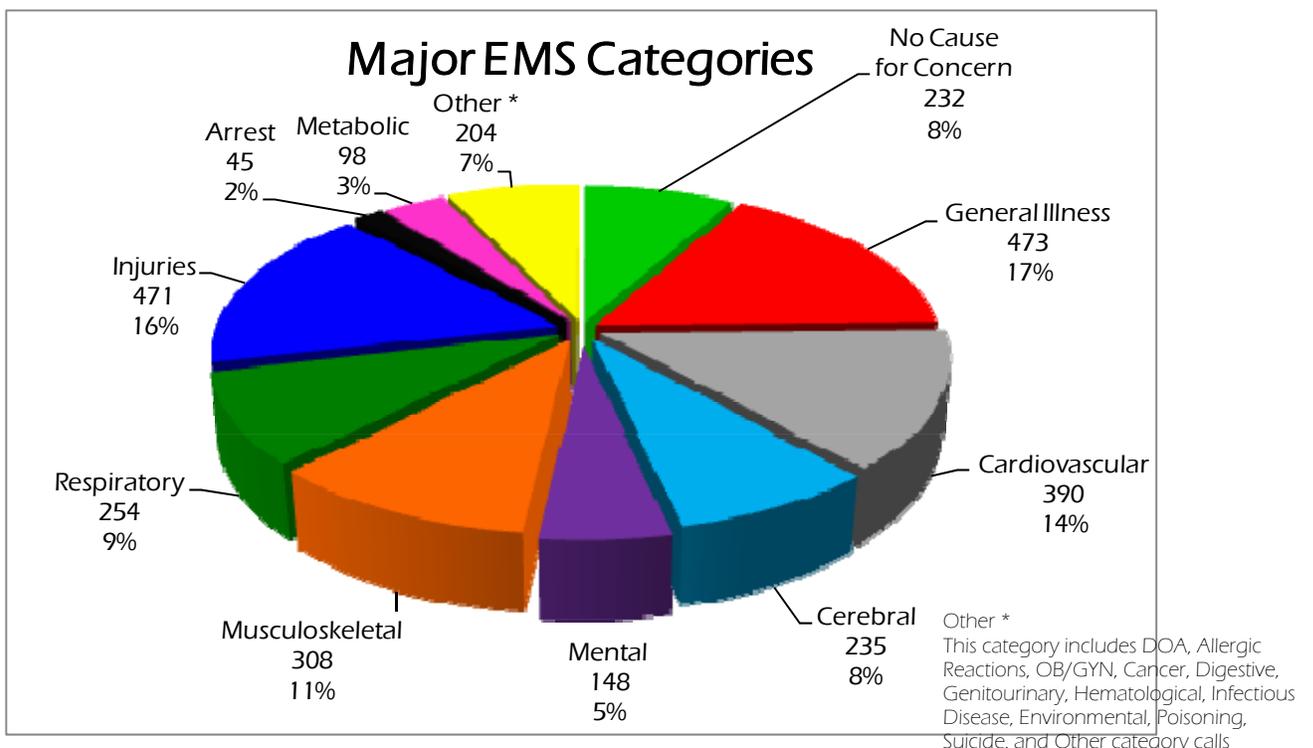


FF/PM's P. Miller and B. Lisowski with LS 6 at FS # 1

The STFD staffs one Lucas County Life Squad, housed at Station 1 to transport ALS patients to definitive care at a hospital while private ambulances transport non-life threatening patients to the hospital. The STFD currently has 46 certified EMT-P's and 9 certified EMT-B's. The total number of calls LS6 responded to in 2008 was 1884. STFD personnel work under the direction of Dr. Todd Brookens, the department's Medical Director.



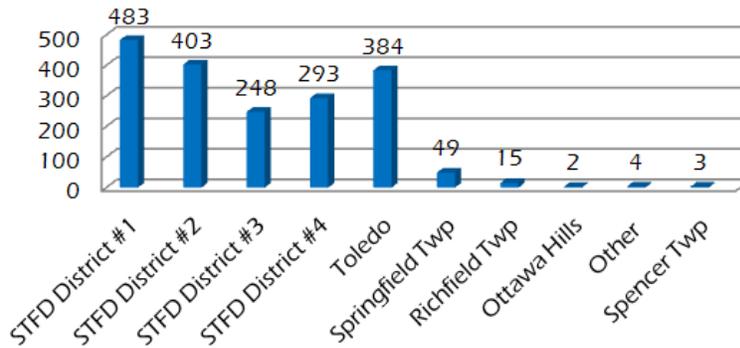
FF/PM's T. Osborn and B. Lisowski transport a victim during a training exercise



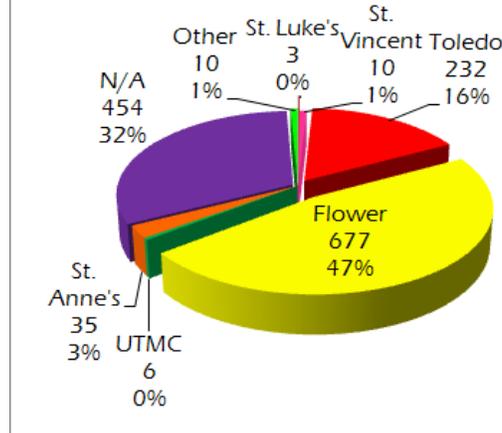


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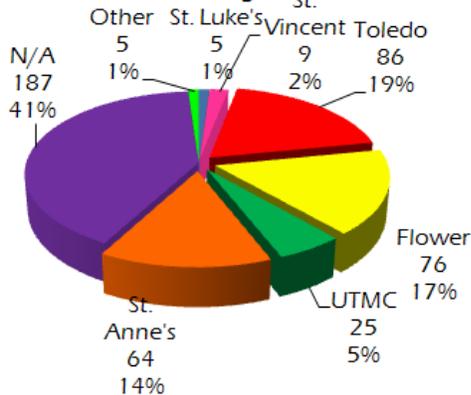
Life Squad 6 Incidents by District/Jurisdiction



Life Squad 6 Transports by Destination STFD



Life Squad 6 Transports by Destination Lucas County





2009 OUTLOOK

Strategic Objectives

1. Maintain operational readiness to safely respond to the emergencies reported to 9-1-1 within our jurisdiction through our combined career and PP/V personnel along with assistance from our mutual aid partners.
2. Enhance public fire safety education to schools and community groups including the elderly through a scheduled Fire Prevention/Life Safety program.
3. Consistently fill the two nightly and weekend PP/V positions to reach our desired level of operational staffing at 16 personnel.
4. Partner with Township Administration in managing the 1.25 mil levy capital and programs for 2009.
 - Revamp Fire Station 4 into the Headquarters Station
 - Begin construction of the new Fire Stations 2 and 3
 - Design new Station #1
 - Oversee the manufacture of three new Rescue Engines and one new Aerial Ladder truck
5. Make sure that all commercial buildings within our jurisdiction have their annual evaluations and inspection.
6. Complete a minor construction project at the King Road Fire Training Facility to build out the live fire training laboratories so that company operations training can be held with mutual aid fire divisions through summer and fall seasons of 2009.

Goals

1. Maintain consistent daily operational readiness.
2. Continue to provide fire safety education programs.
3. Implement new Part-Paid/Volunteer (PP/V) program.
4. Manage the budget.
5. Perform the annual fire inspections and safety evaluations of all commercial buildings within our jurisdiction.
6. Complete the King Road Fire Training Facility construction project.
7. Enhance training schedule.

Plan of Action

1. Continue daily conference calls and maintain on duty staffing and apparatus readiness
2. Continue public safety awareness education and develop Fire Prevention/Life Safety programs for 2009
3. Schedule and supervise the published PP/V Program
4. Properly manage the listed projects
5. Divide all commercial occupancies by the four stations and three platoons to perform fire safety evaluation inspections.
6. Complete the King Road construction project by June 30, 2009 and begin company operations training with mutual aid partners.



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Jeffery Kowalski, Deputy Chief
Jennifer Howard, Administrative Assistant

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Michael Motter
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RETIREMENTS

Career

Lt. Robert Stark
8/13/75– 4/24/08

Part-Paid

John Raszka
9/17/81– 9/18/08

PART-PAID

Joe Draime
Kevin Kross
David Shutters
Adam Lee
Brandon Lyons
Justin Weldon
Robert Wisniewski
Ian Kelsey

DECEASED

Lt. Bret Howland
4/8/86– 4/22/08

RESIGNED

Ronald Bierbaum
5/4/99– 7/18/08