

BATH FIRE DEPARTMENT



2017

ANNUAL REPORT

Letter from the Chief;

During 2017 the fire department saw a change in personnel. Lt George Seifert retired after 32 years of service to the township. This allowed for the hiring of two new full-time personnel, Trevin Morrison and Mike Humenik. Hiring these two personnel increases the full-time staffing of fire fighter / Paramedics to 11 personnel. There are 9 members that work on a 24 hour shift schedule and the fire chief and Assistant Fire Chief that work a 40 hour week.

The fire department maintained 1,482 emergency responses. There were 979 EMS emergencies and 490 fire incidents and 13 special run requests. Emergency medical responses accounted for 62% of our incidents, while fire and rescue incidents were 38% of the incidents. The fire department has not experienced the increase in EMS similar to the national trend of an 80% EMS and 20% fire incidents. We saw a 30 call reduction in the number of fire alarm activations in commercial buildings. This is a result of working with the commercial building owners to correct problematic systems that were susceptible in creating a false alarm. Some of the systems required an entire replacement of the system, others required replacement of detection devices or control panels.

The fire department received two replacement vehicles during 2017, a 2017 Chevy Tahoe as a chief vehicle and a new Sutphen fire engine. The fire engine was ordered at the conclusion of 2016 and delivered in September of 2017. The engine will serve as the primary engine at station 1. We purchased replacement Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus at the conclusion of 2017 to replace our 15 year old units. These will be delivered in early 2018.

Throughout 2017 fire prevention was busy with new construction in the township. Some of the projects finished and occupied the spaces created, while some of the projects were plans and required review and will be completed in 2018. The Cleveland Clinic/Edwin Shaw project was completed and added 60 rehabilitation beds to the township.

Looking to 2018 the fire department is gearing up for many new construction projects with the schools and assisted living facilities. There are planned replacement of an ambulance, staff vehicle, turnout gear and 800 MHz radios.

Walter Hower
Fire Chief

2017 Full-Time Staff Listing

Fire Chief

Walter Hower

Assistant Fire Chief

Robert Campbell

Full Time Lieutenant

John Rodriguez, George Seifert

Full Time Firefighter/Paramedic

Scott Forshey, Michael Humenik, Steve Kamp,

Geoff Kuzas, Trevin Morrison, Chris Null,

Matt Null, Steve Weinert

Administrative Assistant

Rochele Bolton

2017 Part-Time Staff Listing

Part Time Lieutenants

Scott Arcangeli , Eric Ellis

Part Time Staff

Anthony Agoston, Timothy Baker, Cody Bennett,
Robert Benza, Steve Blasdel, Terry Brock,
Scott Craig, Brian Fetzer, James Horak,
Michael Jones, Michael Kamp, Tony Katzakis,
Tim Lombardi, Robert Motz, Dustin Muehlfeld,
Scott Robinson, Daniel Rosso, Stephen Schultz,
Johnathon Tibbs, Kevin Urban, Chad Warner and
Lydia Wochna

2017 Contractual/Auxiliary Staff Listing

Contractual Staff

Matthew Askea, Joseph D' Ambrosia,
Daniel Dopslaf, Jeff Dudley, Ryan Fairbanks,
Janette Friend, Randy Glass, Bruce Gordon,
Anthony Hyatt, Douglas King, Scott Koehler,
Rick Layer, Tim Lefevre, Al Leonard,
Rafael Muniz, John Novosielski,
Jeremy Parkhurst, Guy Randall,
Christopher Sorm and Rachel Velasquez

Auxiliary Members:

Larry Coffee, Larry Hershey and Al Smesko

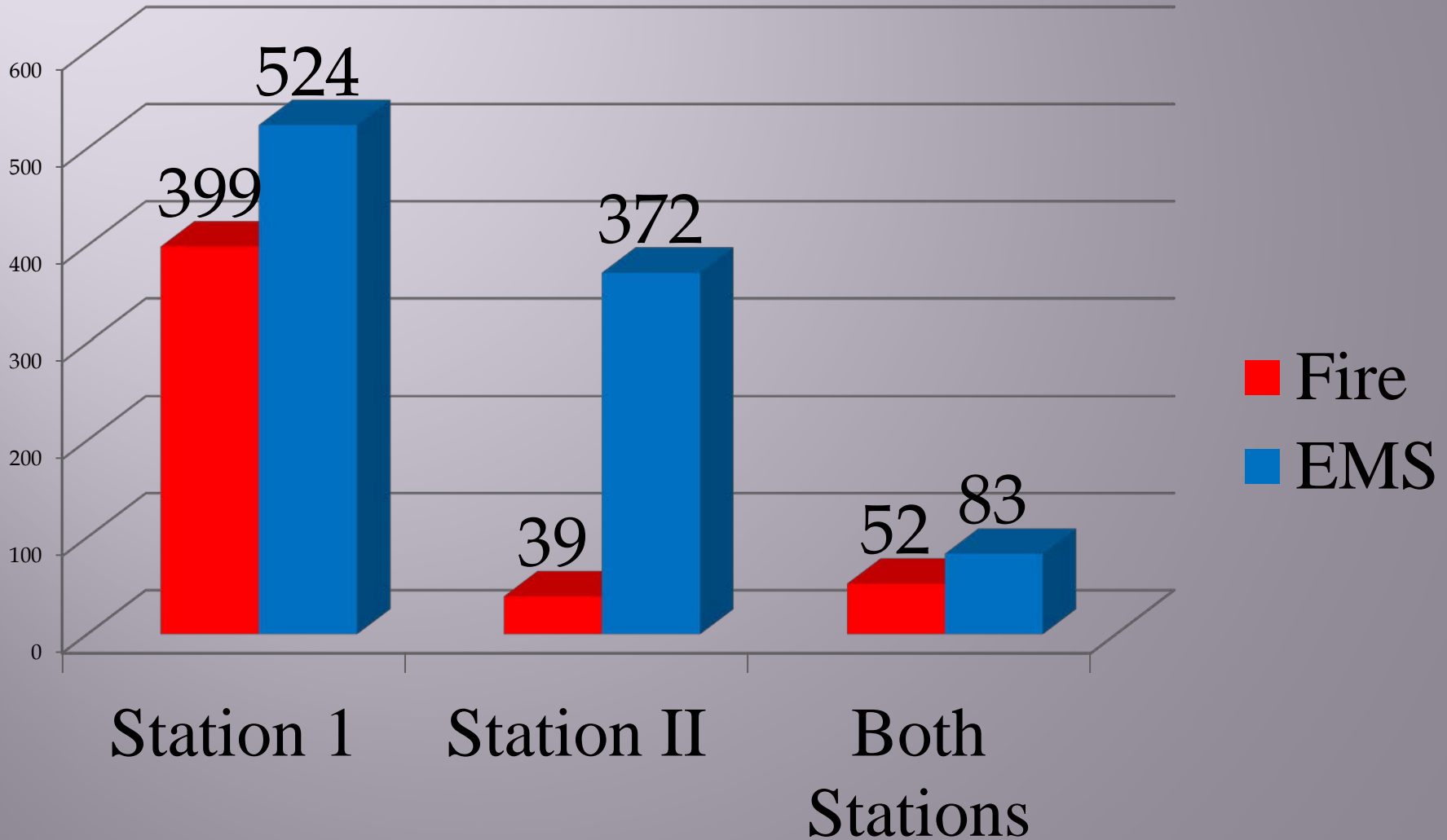
2017 Calls

Station #1	Fire - 399	EMS - 524	Total- 923
Station #2	Fire- 039	EMS - 372	Total- 411
Both Stations	Fire - 052	EMS - 083	Total- 135
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Totals	Fire - 490	EMS - 979	Total - 1,469

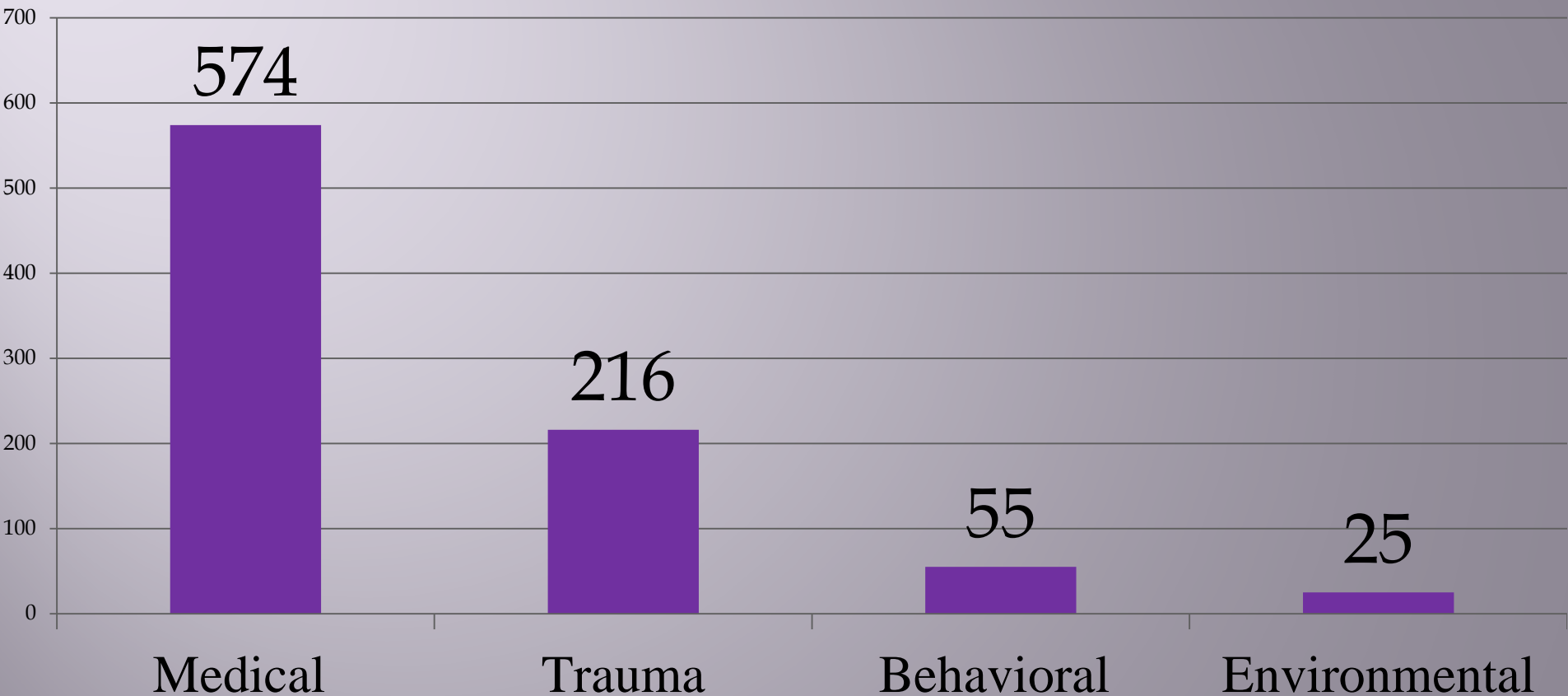
Special Run Requests = 13

TOTAL 2017 RUNS = 1,482

2017 Station 1 & Station 2 Fire/EMS Run Totals



EMS Runs by Category



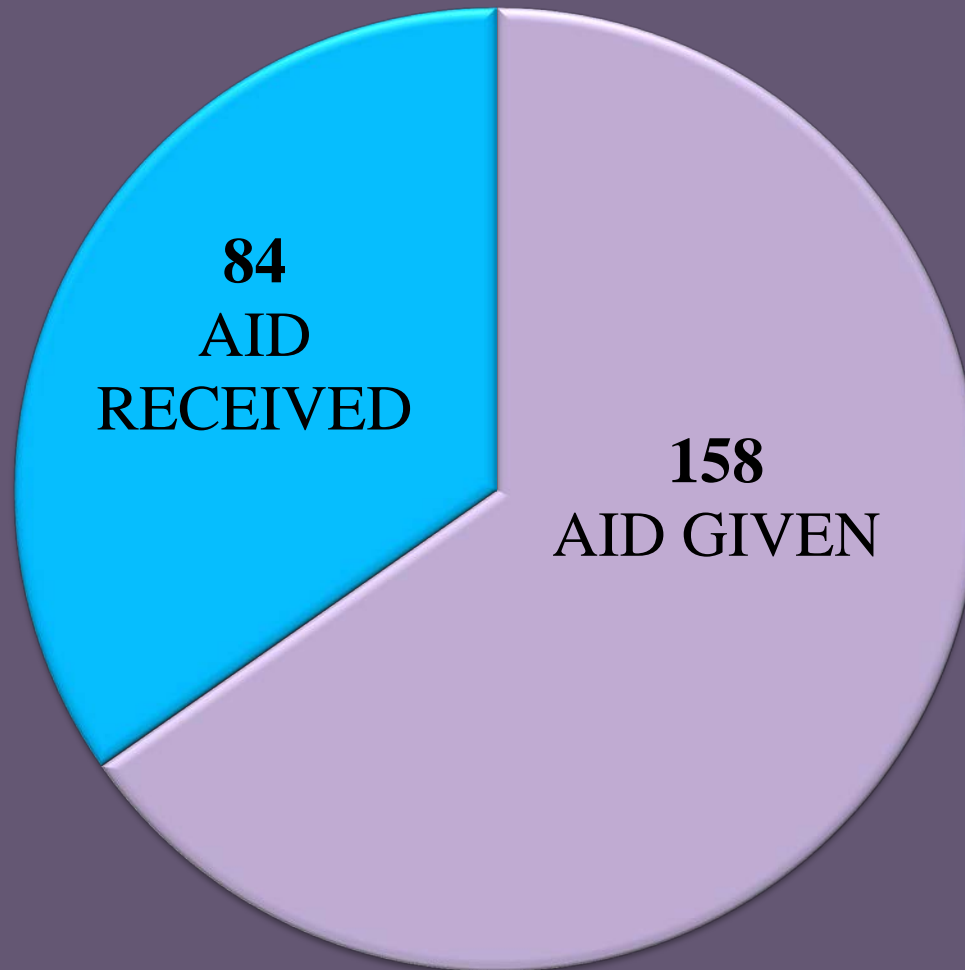
TRANSPORTS BY FINAL DESTINATION

Akron General Medical Center - West	276
Akron General Medical Center	201
Akron City Hospital	122
Children's Hospital - Akron	34
Cleveland Clinic - Medina Hospital	18
UH Broadview Hts. Health Center	8
Metro Health-Brecksville	8
UH Ahuja Medical Center	7
Summa Western Reserve Hospital	3
Barberton Citizen's Hospital	2
Summa Lake - Medina	2
Southwest General-Middleburg Heights	2
Cleveland Clinic - Main Campus	1
Cleveland Clinic - Marymount (Broadview Heights)	1
MetroHealth Medical Center	1

2017 Mutual Aid Given/Received

	AID GIVEN	AID RECEIVED
Richfield Fire Department	64	39
Fairlawn Fire Department	37	24
Copley Fire Department	30	15
Granger Fire Department	16	4
Valley Fire District	3	0
Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department	2	0
Norton Fire Department	2	0
Sharon Fire Department	2	2
Summit County Hazmat Response Team	1	0
Summit County Technical Rescue Op Team	1	0

MUTUAL AID GIVEN/RECEIVED



TRAINING

	Number of Classes
EMS	58
Fire	47
Hazmat	4
Technical Rescue	17
Driver's Education	10
SCBA	3
Building	7
Apparatus	6
Water	4
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TOTAL	156

EMS

- The department continued to improve electronic patient care reporting
- Renewed certification in (PALS) Pediatric Advanced Life Support
- Renewed certification in CPR (Healthcare Provider)
- Renewed certification in (ITLS) International Trauma Life Support
- Renewed in (ACLS) Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support

DISPATCH

957 total EMS calls

- 185 were for illness



591 total Fire calls

- 163 were service calls (lines down, odor investigation, open burns, etc.)
- 20 were for structure fires

4,374 total 9-1-1 calls combined between police, fire, other agencies and non-emergency.

FIRE HOSE

All fire hose was pressure tested and inspected annually per NFPA by the fire department. Any old and worn hose was taken out of service and new hose was put in service in its place. Purchased new fire hose 6-27-17 and was placed on new fire engine E-14 . The breakdown of fire hose tested is as follows:

- 2600 feet of 1 3/4 inch of attack hose
- 850 feet of 2 inch of attack hose
- 3200 feet of 2 1/2 inch attack hose
- 100 feet of 3 inch attack hose
- 3000 feet of 4 inch supply hose
- 250 feet of miscellaneous hose

LDH supply hose was replaced with newer hose

FIRE HYDRANTS/ DRY HYDRANTS

- Fire hydrants throughout the township were inspected and serviced by the Bath Fire Department personnel. Most of the fire hydrants in the township are marked with color coded reflective tape to indicate hydrant gallons per minute.
- All dry hydrants were inspected/flushed according to the NFPA.
- Akron Water Department is responsible for flushing and replacing all fire hydrants in Bath Township.
- Township hydrants that had issues in 2017 were resolved by Akron Water.

Hazmat

OVERVIEW

2017 was another busy year for the men and women who make up the hazmat team. We set an ambitious training schedule for the year and added several optional trainings for the team members. The members are male and female, young and old, volunteer and full-time, rookies and chiefs but they all want to be a part of the big picture.

TRAINING

We set a high expectation for the 2017 training schedule. The team trained monthly on a wide variety of topics as we work our way through OSHA, NFPA and OHIO HAZAMT TAC required topics including three hands on drills.

CPR



You can get information for upcoming classes on the Bath Township web site www.bathtownship.org.

In 2017, a total of 146 students were taught CPR.

- Healthcare Provider CPR/AED = 49 students
- Heartsaver CPR/AED = 82 students
- Heartsaver CPR/First Aid/AED = 15 students

PRE PLANS

Preplans are the blueprints of our commercial buildings in the township that contain valuable information such as locations of hazards, utilities, fire hydrant locations and other useful information. Bath Township is currently working on adding new buildings such as the hotels located on Springside Drive. The preplans will be placed in each rescue vehicle and serve as quick reference guide for vital information.

STREET INDEX

The fire department street index contains all roads in Bath Township. The maps allow firefighters to reference a street name to a specific section of our maps. The surrounding Code 10 fire departments are required to provide us with all new streets in their vicinity as roads are added or changed.

Code 10 Fire Investigation Team

The team was activated numerous times this year to investigate and/or assist in the documentation of a fire scene. Of the six departments on the team we responded to all of them this year for fires. The team also meets on a monthly basis for training which helps us keep current with our certifications and any new techniques/procedures that may be out there. As a team we require that you attend 75% of all trainings and that allows us to make sure all team members can operate within our set standards. Our goal is to continue to keep advancing our team with trainings and classes so we can remain as proficient as needed to effectively investigate and document fire scenes.

Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance

New Engine received in September

- ❖ Sutphen Custom Pumper to replace 2005 Pierce Pumper with structural issue on main frame

New Staff Vehicle received in August

- ❖ 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe to replace 2008 Ford Expedition with excessive miles and multiple mechanical issues

Annual Pump testing

- ❖ Completed in cooperative effort with Copley and Norton to control cost, all Bath units passed without issue

Corrosion prevention

- ❖ All fire vehicles cleaned underside and Fluid Film corrosion inhibitor applied by FD personnel

I N S P E C T I O N S	General	496
	Site	4
	Fire Protection	30
	Fire Alarm	24
	Sprinkler System	4
	Building	3
	Hazardous Operation	1
	Regular Scheduled Inspection	1
	Re-Inspection	3
	Restaurant Inspection	19
	Gas Station	4
	Knox Box	4
	Observe Fire Drill	33
	Observe Tornado Drill	4
	Observe Lock Down Drill	5
	Permit	12
	Pre School Inspection	11
	Consultation	2
TOTAL	660	

Fire Prevention and Safety

The Fire Prevention program was active at

- Herberich Primary School
- Old Trail School
- Bath Elementary School

Lessons included

- pond and ice safety
- how to dress appropriately for cold weather
- lesson on CO poisoning
- fire safety
- water safety
- severe weather safety
- dog safety
- escape options
- importance of never touching or playing with matches
- Stop, Drop and Roll
- holiday safety
- Cooking fires

NEW FIRE ENGINE-14

