



CITY OF ORRVILLE DIVISION OF FIRE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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2023 Chief's Annual Report

As 2023 came to a close; what a whirlwind year it was.

In 2023, we responded to 231 fire and 931 EMS calls; a total of 1,162 calls for service. These numbers are on pace for the 3 previous years. Over the past 5 years, the members/officers of O.F.D. responded to an average of 1093 calls per year. To put this in further perspective; during my 1st year as a firefighter in 1980, we responded to a total of 216 fire and EMS calls.

Without question, staffing of all shifts is the biggest single change in 2023. For the last 168 years, the valiant members of the Orrville Fire Department have answered the call for the citizens of this great community. We've all fought "the good fight" but as times change, the Orrville Fire Department must also change. This change has been an extremely difficult challenge that has not been taken lightly. Numerous meetings with Mayor Handwerk, Director Wheeler, Director Strimlan, Council Safety Chairman Aspiras, HR Manager McFarren, Asst. Chief Ballentine and myself have resulted in solutions that provide superior protection and service to both our citizens and our department members.

As a result of this planning, note the following statistics:

- Daytime response times have dropped approximately 3.5 minutes.
- Although night shift continues to respond from home, night response times have dropped approximately 30 seconds.

As this building process entered Phase 2 in 2024, a tremendous amount of work remains. Thus far. I believe we've hit a "triple". Not quite a "home run" but extremely close.

Our apparatus replacement plan continues on schedule. With the action taken by both City Council and City Administration, we were able to secure a locked in price on both units, thus avoiding double digit inflationary pricing. Heavy Rescue# 63 (our busiest company) was ordered in February 2023 with a delivery date of December 2025.

Ladder Tower #66 was ordered in October 2023 with an anticipated delivery date sometime late in 2026 or early 2027. Unbelievable! This will be our first “mid-mount” 100’ aerial; approximately 8’ shorter than our current Ladder #66 but allowing an additional 15’ of extended ladder reach. A huge shout out to Councilman Aspiras and his committee for their support in these projects.

I would be remiss in not mentioning Mayor Handwerk’s final year with us as head of the City of Orrville. He has been a true friend of the O.F.D. and the Orrville Firefighter’s Association. We wish you nothing but the best in your well-deserved, well-earned retirement. To retired Police Chief Matt Birkbeck we wish you the same. O.F.D. and the Orrville Firefighters Association have had and will continue to have a great working relationship with the O.P.D. and we know that will continue with Chief Seiler. Mayor Plybon, we congratulate you on your election and look forward to a great working relationship in the coming years.

As in 2023, as well as 2024, we are extremely grateful to the city administration, especially Steve Wheeler and Janet Strimlan, for addressing our needs and taking great care of us. Both have worked extremely hard at managing the financial and operational demands of the City of Orrville, while addressing the needs of both the citizens as well as members of the Orrville Fire Department. In addition, we appreciate the support of Director Brediger and City Council; your contribution does not go unnoticed. Both fire and emergency medical service operations as well as Orrville Firefighter’s Association Activities would not be possible without your continued commitment.

Our members are the true heroes! Continually answering calls 24/7/365 is a true tribute to who you really are. Lord knows that maybe just maybe you’ve earned a glimpse of light shining at the end of the staffing change tunnel.

Respectfully Submitted
Chris Bishop-Chief of Department
City of Orrville / Division of Fire

ORRVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF



ASSISTANT CHIEF



CAPTAIN



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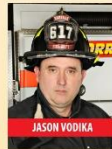
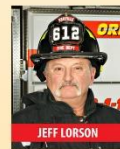
CAPTAIN



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TOTAL DEPARTMENT HOURS WORKED

In 2023, a total of 17,370 hours have been documented that were put in by the members of the department and the Chief. This includes answering Fire and EMS calls, vehicle and facility maintenance, and meetings and drills.

Below is a list of hours spent by all members of the department. This would be the equivalent of 8.4 Full Time Employees.

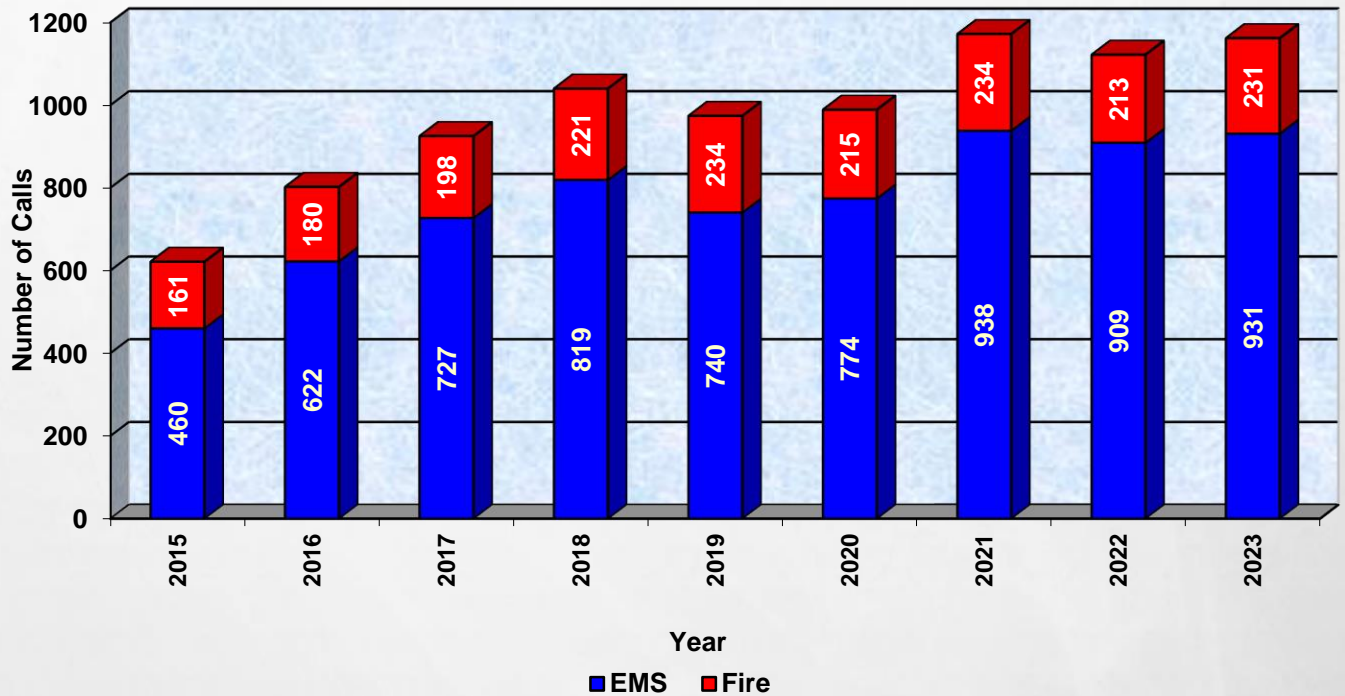
Type of Duty	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fire Calls	2707	2692	2234	3031
EMS Calls	5556	5707	4624	5366
Fire/EMS Training	1827	2670	1274	1294
Meetings & Bureau Activities	589	815	1479	647
OFFA	0	5535	5780	6330
Vehicle, Facility & Equip Clean Up & Maintenance	1188	1053	1498	702
TOTALS	15,326	21,326	18,311	17,370

FIRE & EMS RESPONSE REPORT

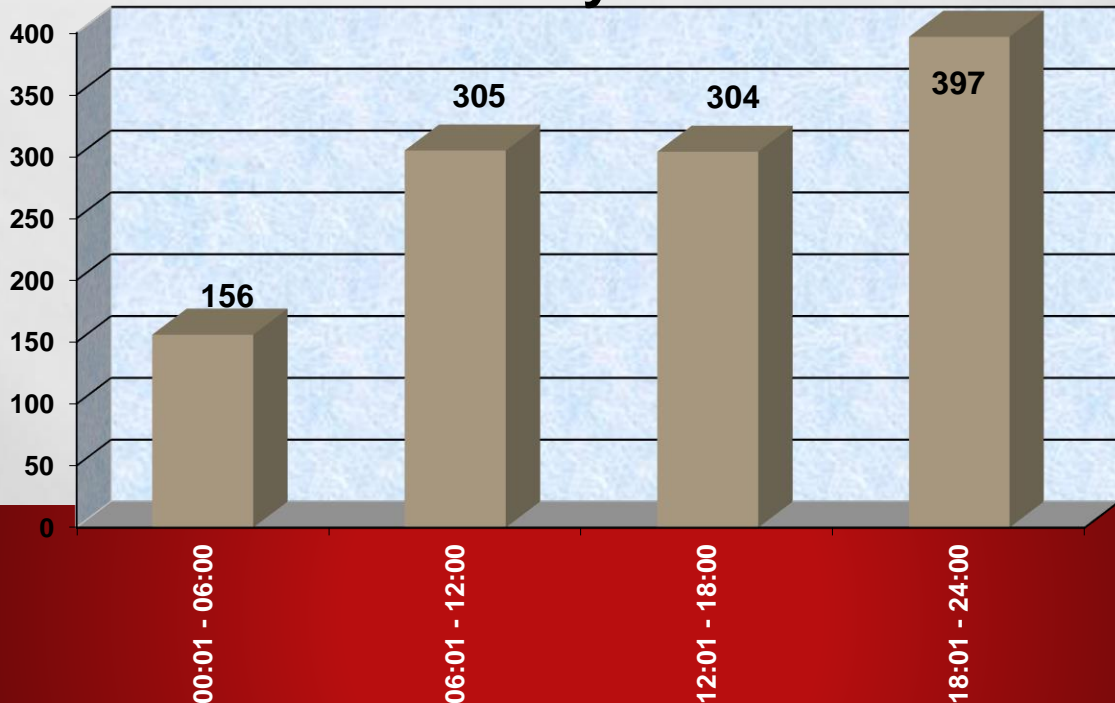


Location	2020	2021	2022	2023
City of Orrville	768	940	919	956
Baughman Twp.	55	54	46	51
Central Fire District (Green Township)	98	85	87	82
East Union Twp.	34	39	36	39
Sugar Creek Twp.	17	32	16	15
All Other/MA	17	22	18	19
TOTALS	989	1172	1122	1162
Fire Total Dollar Loss	\$347,400	\$231,500	\$1,008,900	\$247,326

Total Calls Answered 2015 to 2023 by Type of Dispatch



2023 Fire/EMS Calls by Time of the Day



Mutual Aid to Assist Other Departments

The Orrville Fire Department is often called upon to assist other Fire and EMS Departments or other agencies in the County on large fires, or if a specialized piece of equipment is needed that the City would possess.

Department	2020	2021	2022	2023
East Wayne Fire District	3	7	7	6
Central Fire District	4	10	10	6
Apple Creek Fire Dept.	4	9	7	13
Chippewa Fire Dept.	6	2	8	5
Sterling Fire Dept.	0	2	0	2
Kidron Fire Dept.	2	9	6	6
North Lawrence Fire Dept.	3	5	7	9
Rittman Fire Dept.	0	3	5	6
Other	3	3	3	1
TOTALS	25	50	53	54

Mutual Aid to Us from Other Departments

During 2023, we requested mutual aid on three fires for which we needed assistance from our neighboring departments. The three fires were: RIT's and tankers. On five occasions, mutual aid was requested for EMS calls. Five of which OFD was already on scene.

Response Times to All Fire & EMS Calls

O.F.D. continues to have a very good response time for a "paid by the call" department. Response times are closely monitored by the Chief and the city administration and are taken very seriously. The times varies from call to call, and is very dependent on the time of day, location of the call, and if it is a public service call or a fire call. With that being said, as stated earlier on September 1st of 2023 the Orrville Fire Department implemented daytime staffing (5 A.M. – 5 P.M.).

The following graphs are broken down into three different categories. January 1st – August 31st, Staffing Starting September 1st – December 31st 2023 1st & 2nd Shift.

1/1/2023 - 8/31/2023 (Average of Shifts 1, 2, 3 & 4)

- Dispatched to 1st unit in route = 6:57
- Dispatched to 1st unit on scene = 9:47
- Call duration time of dispatch to time complete = 39:55

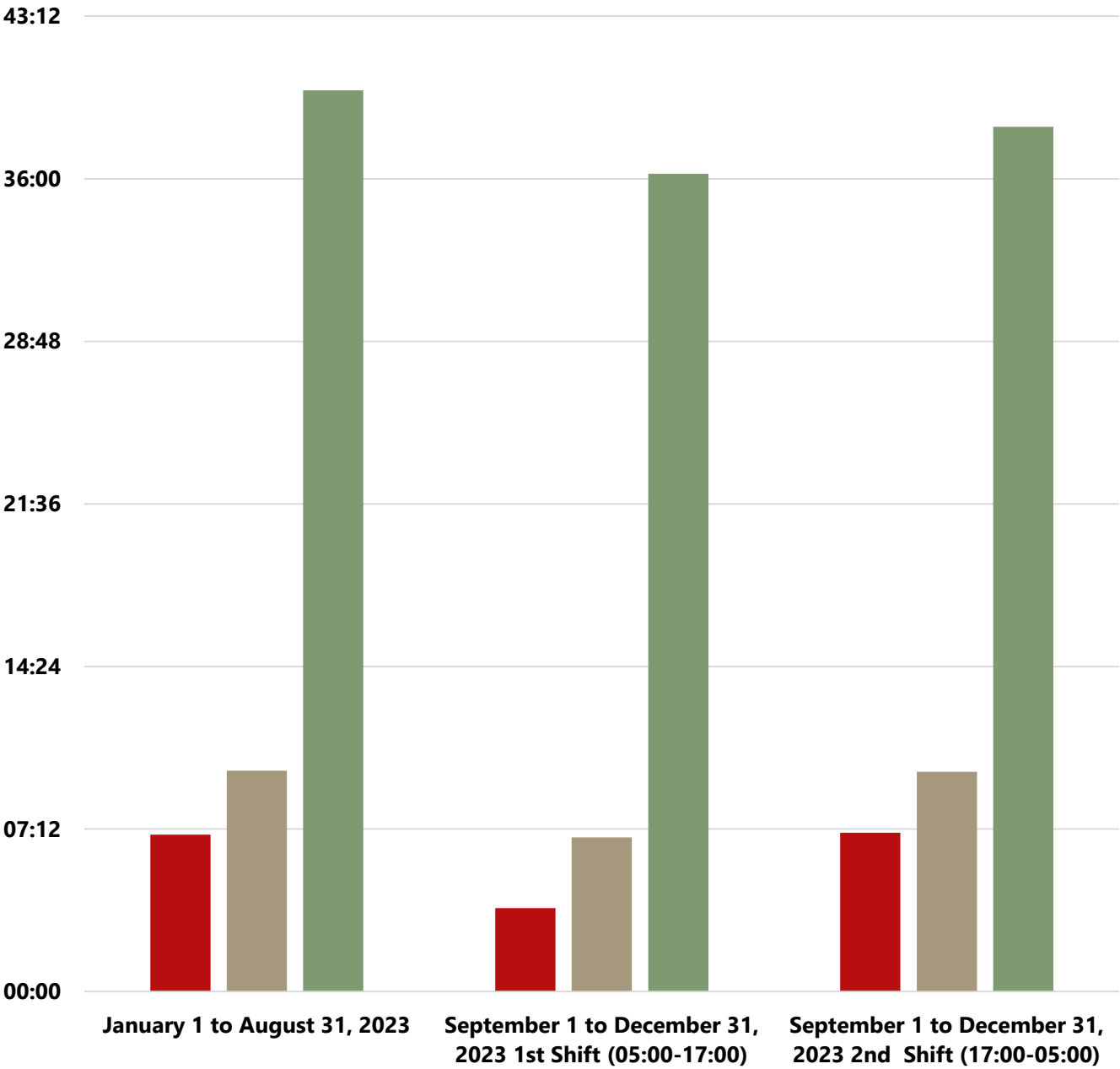
9/1/2023 – 12/31/2023 – 1st Shift

- Dispatched to 1st unit in route = 3:42
- Dispatched to 1st unit on scene = 6:50
- Call duration time of dispatch to time complete = 36:13

9/1/2023 – 12/31/2023 – 2nd Shift

- Dispatched to 1st unit in route = 7:02
- Dispatched to 1st unit on scene = 9:44
- Call duration time of dispatch to time complete = 38:18

Fire & EMS Time Statistics



- REACTION TIME (Time of Dispatch to 1st Unit En Route)
- RESPONSE TIME (Time of Dispatch to 1st Unit On Scene)
- CALL DURATION - (Time of Dispatch to Time Completed)







Roses are Red,
Violets are Blue,

If you call 9-1-1, our Crew will come to Save You!



E.M.S. Division Report



LOCATION	2020	2021	2022	2023
City of Orrville	619	784	779	794
All Townships	155	154	130	101
TOTAL EMS RUNS	744	938	909	895
EMS invoiced	\$311, 735	\$371, 651	\$477,992.36	\$557,943.40
EMS collected	\$171, 341	\$209, 449	\$207,617.58	\$242,766.58
% collected	55%	56%	43%	88%

EMS Level of Service Summary

Type	2023
Non-Emergency	24
Basic Life Support Emergency	554
Advanced Life Support I Emergency	290
Advanced Life Support II Emergency	27
TOTAL	895

EMS by Type	2023
Medical Illness	227
Pain, Injury, Trauma	260
Cardiac	67
Respiratory	69
Drugs, Alcohol	21
Altered Mental Status/Psychological	58
No Injury/Illness	137
Stroke/TIA	27
DOA	18
COVID Complications/Symptoms	18
TOTAL	895

Prevention Bureau



The Prevention Bureau is the bureau of the Fire Department that is responsible for public education. These activities include fire extinguisher training classes for local business and industries, tours through the stations, talks to civic groups and schools, and all the activities conducted on Fire Prevention Week.

Fire Safety Programs Work!

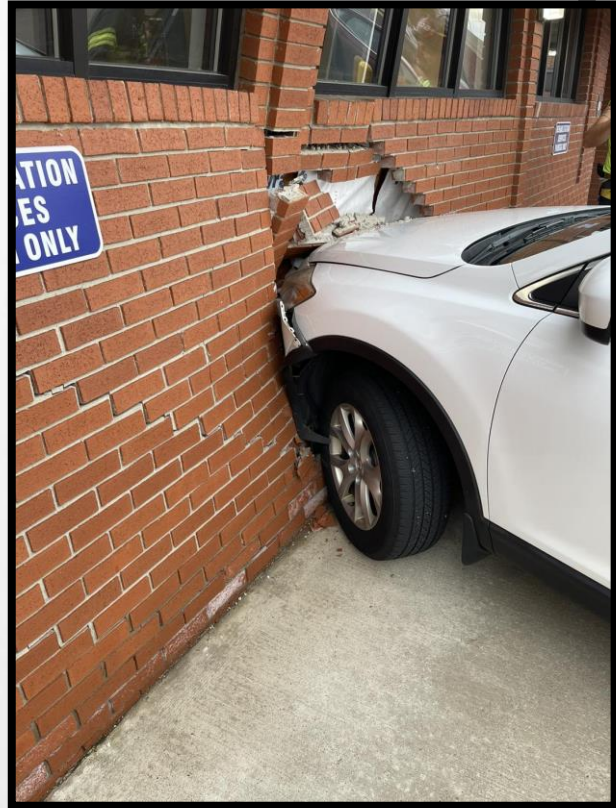


The Orrville Fire Department continues to partner with the National Fire Safety Council.

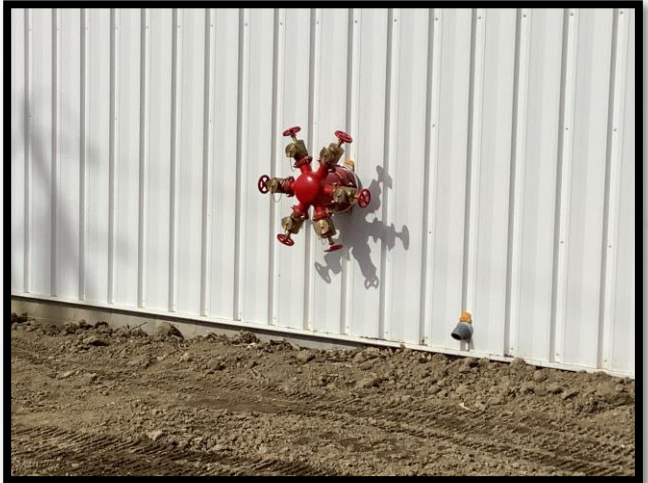
This Program has become very well supported by our local business leaders.

Some examples are: School programs, Library Right to Read Week, Community Days, Safetyville, etc.

ORRVILLE FIREFIGHTERS IN ACTION



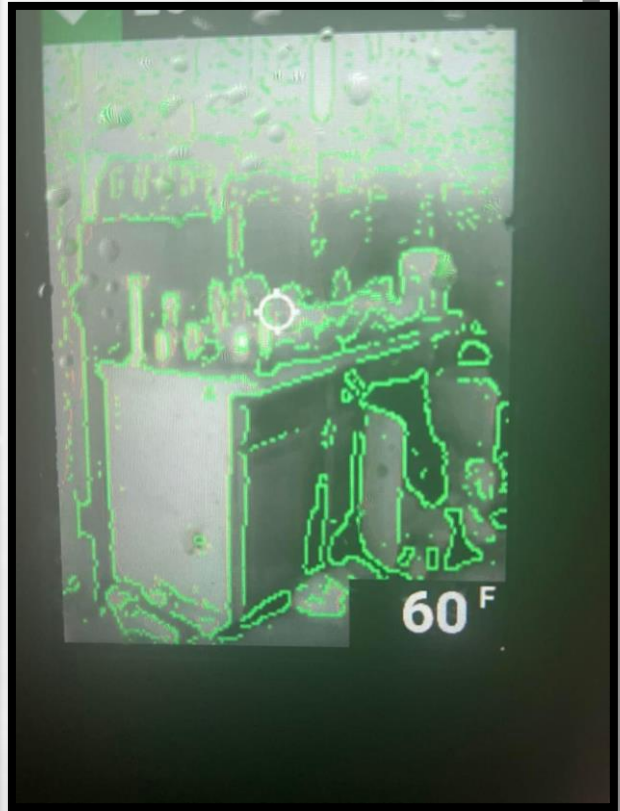
Inspection Bureau



The Inspection Bureau is the bureau of the Fire Department responsible for the Fire Safety Inspection of buildings (63) and the review of plans (15) on buildings being altered or constructed for proper fire code compliance for a total of 165 inspection hours.

You must be certified by the State of Ohio to perform these duties.

Training Bureau



The Training Bureau is responsible for all mandated Fire and EMS training. Due to federal and state law, there are many mandated training classes that firefighters must now take. A Firefighter/EMT is required by the State of Ohio to have 76 hours of fire and EMS related continuing education every 3 years. EMT-Intermediates, Paramedics, Inspectors and Instructors are also required to have additional continuing education for their certifications. They are issued a three (3) year Ohio Firefighter/EMT Certification and must maintain proof of completing the required training requirements.

This past year the members of the department have spent 1274 hours in Fire and EMS training.

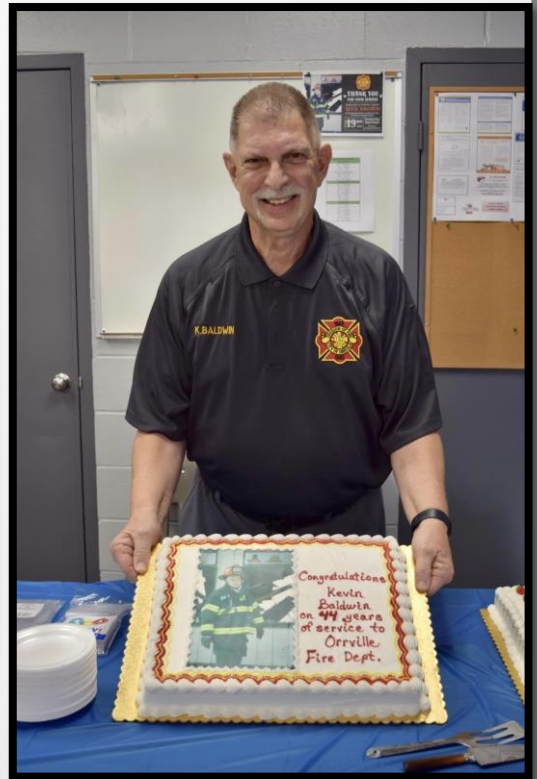
Fire Investigation Bureau



Structure Fire 2023

The Fire Investigation Bureau of the department is responsible for investigating all fires and determining the cause of the fire. On most calls the cause of the fire is very evident. However, if it looks as if the fire was deliberately set, then the State Fire Marshals Office is notified and may respond to the scene to assist our investigators. Orrville Fire has two Certified Inspectors, Wayne County Fire Chiefs Special Operations Teams has a Certified Team for us to use locally if needed.

Kevin Baldwin Retirement



OFD HONORABLY RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS (20 years of service or more to City)

William Lytle	John Ashcraft	Dave Bishop
Jim Bowers	Chris Wilds	Todd Bowers
Randy Shanklin	Kerby Shupp	Ed Hershey
Kevin Baldwin	Jackie Elkins	Richard Nester
Mike Bishop	Randy Coe	

STATE CERTIFIED TRAINING **INSTRUCTORS**

Justin Vodika (Fire)	Craig Hostetler (Fire)	Narinh Khongphatthana (EMS)
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FIREFIGHTERS INDEMNITY BOARD

Chris Bishop	Edward Hershey, Chairman	Chuck Back, Secretary
Mike May	Jeff Lorson	

FIRE INVESTIGATION BUREAU

Chris Bishop	Chuck Back
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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Ron Ballentine	Robert Evans	Allen Stanley	Chris Bishop
Tyler Boggs			Craig Hostetler

ORRVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT **OFFICERS**

Chris Bishop, Chief 601	Ron Ballentine, Asst. Chief 602
Mike Hostetler, Captain 603	Robert Evans, Captain 604
Craig Hostetler, Captain 605	Kevin Sprowls, Lieutenant 606
Justin Vodika, Lieutenant 607	
Vacant, Lieutenant 608,609, 610	

ORRVILLE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Craig Hostetler, President	Jason Vodika, Vice President
Allen Stanley, Secretary	Tyler Boggs, Treasurer

2023 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS GIVEN

Chris Parker, 5 Years of Service
Robert Evans, 10 Years of Service
Jayme Curie, 15 Years of Service
Bruce Ubelhart, 20 Years of Service
Justin Vodika, 20 Years of Service
Ron Ballentine, 45 Years of Service
Jeff Lorson, 50 Years of Service

FIREFIGHTERS RETIRED IN 2023

Kevin Baldwin retired with 44 Years of Service
May 1979 – May 2023

2023 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Jeff Lorson was the 2023 Firefighter of the Year. Jeff joined the OFD in December of 1973. He is a NFPA Volunteer Level firefighter, Jeff has provided the City of Orrville with over 50 years of Service! Jeff is a two time winner of the award and also a Paul Powell Orrville Citizen of the Year Award winner in 2007. I can not emphasize enough the dedication that this member puts forth to the community and the Fire Department.



2023 ORRVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS

#601 COMMAND VEHICLE **2016 FORD EXPLORER AWD** (7 Years old)

Ford All Wheel Drive Police Interceptor Command Vehicle.



STATION #1 223 NORTH VINE STREET



#69 2021 XT Pierce Arrow Pumper (2 Years old)

Pierce Arrow XT Stainless Steel Pumper Body (NFPA 1901), 750 Gallon Tank, Waterous Single Stage Pump, 450 HP L9 Cummins Diesel, Allison World Automatic Transmission. Foam Pro - Class A 30 Gallon Foam System..



#66 2000 AMERICAN LAFRANCE 85 FOOT PLATFORM (23 Years old)

American LaFrance chassis with an American LaFrance Eagle Cab. LTI 85 Foot Elevating Platform (NFPA 1901), 4" Waterway, 1500 G.P.M. Single Stage Waterous Pump, 300 Gallon Water Tank, 500 HP Detroit Diesel, Allison World Automatic Transmission.



2023 ORRVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS

#63 2004 AMERICAN LAFRANCE/ R. D. Murray Heavy Rescue (19 Years old)

American LaFrance Chassis with an American LaFrance Eagle Cab. R. D. Murray Stainless Steel Rescue Body (NFPA 1901), 500 Gallon Tank, 1250 Waterous Pump, 500 HP Detroit Diesel, Allison World Automatic Transmission, Will-Burt Night Scan Light Mast.



#611 2020 FORD F-250 ¾ TON PICKUP TRUCK (3 Years old)

Utility 611 is a very versatile unit employed by the OFD doing an array of multiple tasks. U-611 responds to all MVA's and is used for traffic control and scene safety, fire inspections, and EMS calls. U-611 is set up as a quick response unit carrying AED's, trauma bags, and some auxiliary rescue equipment. Utility 611 was used extensively during the Covid-19 outbreak.



#62 2021 Ford F-550 Life Line Ambulance (2 Years Old)

Life Line Ambulance built on a Ford F-550 Chassis that features 4x4 capabilities with liquid ride suspension for greater patient care. Power Load Cot System



#61 2022 Ford F-550 Life Line Ambulance (2 Years Old)

Life Line Ambulance built on a Ford F-550 Chassis that Features 4x4 capabilities with Liquid Ride Suspension For greater patient care. Power Load Cot System



2023 ORRVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS

STATION #2 777 NORTH CROWNHILL ROAD



#67 2010 SMEAL PUMPER (13 Years old)

Spartan Chassis and Smeal Stainless Steel Pumper Body (NFPA 1901), 1500 GPM Waterous 2 Stage Pump, 750 Gallon Water Tank, Foam Pro – Class A Foam System, Cummins 8.3 Diesel, HD-2000 Allison Automatic Transmission



#68 AMERICAN LAFRANCE/FERRARA PUMPER (24 Years Old)

American LaFrance chassis with an American LaFrance Eagle Cab. Ferrara pumper body (NFPA 1901), 750 Gallon Tank, Waterous Dual Stage Pump, 430 HP Detroit Diesel, Allison World Automatic Transmission. Foam Pro - Class A Foam System, Will-Burt Night Scan Light Mast.



RTV – 1 2016 Kubota RTV-X1120DWL-HS (7 years Old)

EMS Utility Unit.

Kubota 4x4 EMS Unit with a EMS Bed and Equipment for off road and remote incidents. This Unit is used for all special events as the July 4th Celebration, Lions Club Rib Cook Off and Rails to Trails Access.



2023 ORRVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS

#65 1993 CHEVROLET GRASS TRUCK (30 Years old)

3/4 Ton 4 Wheel Drive Pickup, Skids Inc. Stainless Steel Slide in Skid Load Pump and Tank Unit, 160 G.P.M. Waterous Pump on 18 HP Briggs and Stratton Engine, 200 Gallon Tank



WAYNE COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM **DE-CON TRAILER - 2012 UNITED TRAILER** (11 Years old)

This 8' by 12' Trailer Unit is owned by the Wayne County Emergency Management Office but is housed and manned by the department. It is used to carry all the county Haz-Mat Teams De-Con Equipment



LIGHT TRAILER – 19?? TRAILER (? Years old)

This 8' by 12' Light Trailer Unit this trailer carry's extra Generators, Electric Extension Cords and extra Lighting for all scenes.



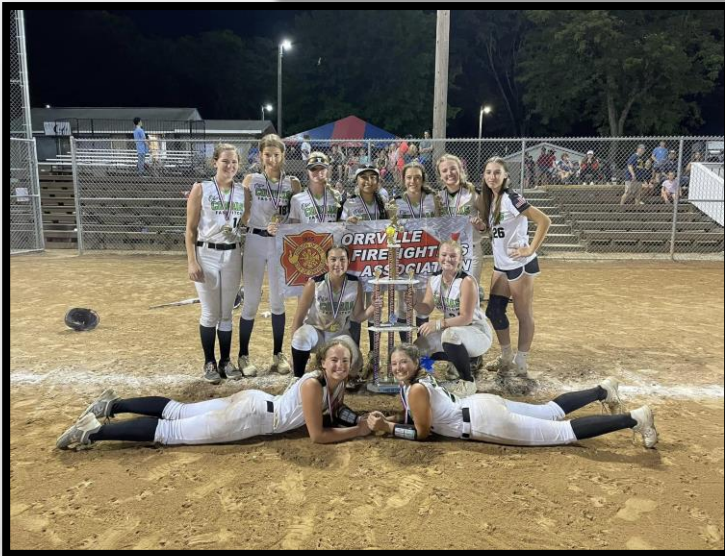
Orrville Firefighters Association

2023 Activities Report

2023 was business as usual for the OFA. We had signed our firework contract as well as our ride company contract. Softball teams continue to flock to Orr Park. The lighting project for the Little League Fields shows once again what can be accomplished working as team (City Administration, Service Department, Orrville Power Line Crew, City Council and the Firefighters Association). 2024 has started out with more projects that we are proud to be a part of. The Firefighters Association will continue to help and support projects that will continue to make this a destination tournament. Councilman Handwerk and his Park Committee, Ryan Immel and his Street Department Crew we can't thank you enough for all your help to us. It is certainly appreciated!

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Girls Softball - (12U and 14U) Tournaments	4380
OFFA Scholarship Program	15
July 4 th (Carnival, Parade, Midway, and Fireworks)	1700
OFFA Annual Awards Banquet, Meetings & other Events	65
Shop with a Cop	80
OFFA / OPD Orrville Stands United	90
TOTAL HOURS DONATED	6330

ORRVILLE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION COMING 2024



ASSOCIATION EVENTS





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