

# Chief Updates

12/31/2021

## New Personnel/Retired Personnel

- We currently have no applications of interested candidates, although we do know of two people that have expressed interest in the department. Over the last year including Jan. 2022 we will have had 5 people that left the department with 89 years combined experience. We had a 20% reduction in staffing in 2021 with an increase in call volume. We continue to do more with less.

## Cost Recovery

- Received \$9,156 for the calendar year 2021

## Stats for 2021

- We ended the year with 850 calls for service. This was a 2.4% increase over 2020. Calls in Fillmore were 203, calls in Laketown were 574 and assists to others were 72. We were assisted by others 24 times.
- 2020 saw 830 calls, that increase was 9.64% over 2019
- Over the last 5 years our calls for service have increased 40.7%.

## Apparatus Report

- All apparatus had their pump testing and annual inspections completed in December. No major issues were noted.

## Aerial 751

- The aerial has had all its testing completed in November of this year. We have a list from the annual inspection with multiple items we are addressing. Some of the items need to be completed at the shop in Romeo and when the parts are all in the repairs will be completed.

## Training

- Last year we added a certified Fire Instructor I in anticipation of new continuing education requirements coming down from the State.

## Live Burn Facility

- We utilized the burn facility multiple times this past year with invaluable experience gained by new and seasoned fire fighters
- We assisted with the annual inspection of the burn facility this fall.

## Commercial Business and Rental Inspections

- We continue to pre-plan and inspect commercial business's as time allows
- We conducted 48 rental inspections in Laketown in the year 2021. The inspections included short term, long term and vacation rental units. There were numerous life safety issues that were addressed where a potential for multiple deaths were mitigated.

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## Grants

- We were awarded a DNR grant of \$ 380, this is a 50/50 match grant. The funds will be used to purchase a hose reel and multiple fire fighting tools for wildland fires.
- Fire fighter Grumney submitted two grants this fall, a MIOSHA grant for \$9,722.10 which is a 50/50 match was submitted to replace ropes, trench rescue equipment, aerial harnesses and multiple other items that were donated to the department years ago. These items had no records of annual testing or purchase dates. Dave also submitted a grant to Firehouse Subs of \$14,841.49 for Community Risk Reduction (CRR) items including AED's to replace ones located at the Felt Mansion, Laketown Township Hall and add an AED to the Fillmore Township Hall and the new pickleball court at the Laketown Township Hall. We will also be purchasing items to start a community CPR program including study materials, manakins and the items needed to hold CPR classes at the fire station. We are waiting to hear the results of both grants.

## Collaborative Resourcing

- Graafschap, Hamilton and Saugatuck Fire Departments plan to collectively purchase a drone in 2022. There are numerous uses for a drone, and we feel that purchasing a drone together currently is the best use of taxpayer dollars. It is finally going to happen this year.

## Fire Fighter Auxiliary

- Auxiliary was created on Nov. 1, 2021 and currently has one member

## Station Upgrades 2021

- The past year we replaced the chairs in the training room, these chairs were donated when the station was built.
- Added a sidewalk outside the training room
- Updated landscaping near the south entrance
- Added the gear washing/drying room in the apparatus bays

## Tentative Capital Plans for 2022

- Replace training room tables that were donated when the station was built
- Replace lawn edging and landscape rocks on the North end of the station
- Refurbish dayroom table chairs