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## Gahanna City Council Safety Committee Meeting

Fire Division Briefing – March 28, 2016

- Emergency response runs for 2016 to date include 1,576 EMS incidents and 348 fire related incidents totaling 1,924 runs through February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This averages 32 runs per 24-hour shift or 1.33 incidents per hour. The Fire Division operates 4 firefighting companies, one of which serves in a dual role as a Heavy Rescue, 3 paramedic ambulances, and one battalion chief.
- Emergency response runs for **February, 2016** included 778 EMS incidents, of which 117 involved motor vehicle accidents (45 on the freeway) and 173 Fire (non-EMS) incidents for a monthly total of 951 emergency incidents.
- Mifflin Firefighters have been very busy operating at structure fires and auto extrications in recent weeks including a significant fire loss in the industrial park and a multiple entrapment on I270 on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Note that we are entering the spring season where a variety of response activities will increase; motorcycles and bicyclists sharing our roadways, sports and seasonal outdoor activities, and fires related to outside grilling/cooking. Residents are directed to the State Fire Marshal and Township websites for public safety information or may contact the Fire Division for specific questions or assistance.
- Michael Grossman, a Gahanna graduate and 29-year veteran of the Fire Division was recently promoted to the number 2 position within the Fire Division.
- A public notice to test and establish a hiring list is expected to be published this week for Firefighter-Paramedics. We anticipate that 6-8 firefighters will retire during the next 3 years.
- We are seeking Board of Trustee approval to conduct a live fire training exercise in late April or early May at a vacated single family residential property located at 5875 Taylor Road. This training is used to meet State of Ohio annual CEU requirements and ensures that our professional firefighters have the ability to maintain their skills. These training events are critical in developing expertise and gaining experience. This notification will go out to adjacent homes and businesses in time to allow for public feedback.

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- We are seeking Board of Trustee approval to implement a Fire Inspection and Code fee structure for occupancy planning and review and inspections related to Fire and Life Safety Codes that are under the domain of the Fire Division. The schedule of fees is modest and has been provided to the City Engineer for review and comment. This schedule is consistent with Fire Departments of comparable size and service level.

**Previously Reported:**

- The Hamilton Road widening project update. There were two significant construction events that have impacted Fire Division operations; the major water outage that included the condominium project and the current closure of Hamilton Road. In both cases, significant operational changes were made to ensure the delivery of fire and EMS services. These included placing additional firefighting companies on duty and revising response and operational procedures. We work collaboratively with the City project team and construction site supervisors. Project communications, coordination and concern for citizen and worker safety have been exemplary.