



MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP

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Fire Division Briefing – February 26, 2018

Operational Updates

- Emergency response runs for **January 2018** included 884 EMS incidents, of which 86 involved motor vehicle accidents (46 on the freeway) and 18 non-breather/cardiac arrests. There were 198 Fire (alarms, gas leaks, smoke scares, rescue) incidents in January which included 41 structure fires, 7 of which were categorized as "all hands, working fires". There were 5 rescue responses and two working extrications in January. The monthly total included responses to 1,082 emergency incidents.
- Emergency response runs for **February 1 through February 25th, 2018** includes 733 EMS incidents, of which 58 involved motor vehicle accidents (32 on the freeway) and 9 non-breather/cardiac arrests. There were 131 Fire (alarms, gas leaks, smoke scares, rescue) incidents, 21 reported structures fires of which 7 are "all hands, working fires". The current incident count for February through the 25th is 864 emergency incidents.
- Reminder to residents that extreme weather conditions and dry conditions necessitate additional caution when using outside grills and recreational fire pits. Grass, shrubbery can spread quickly to adjacent structures.

Administrative Updates

- Five new firefighter-paramedics began their 16-week academy and field training today. Four of the five were full-time firefighters at other agencies (Pleasant Township, Canton, and Franklin Township).
- Battalion Chief Jeff Wright was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief on January 28, 2018. Chief Wright has served the Fire Division for more than 33 years and fills a vacancy left by Chief Grossman in 2015. Captain Michael Lowe was promoted to Battalion Chief and Lt. John Kaltenbach was promoted to House Captain of the Rescue Station.

- Firefighter training has been occurring at 181 Granville Street for about two weeks and will continue through March. This commercial structure is ideal for performing intermediate and advanced commercial firefighting operations. The Mifflin Division of Fire is working with the Columbus Division of Fire and other departments daily at the site. The goal is to provide training opportunities for approximately 1,500 regional firefighters. We are grateful for having the opportunity to use this structure.
- Planning for the construction of a new Fire Administration, MECC 911 Dispatch Center and Community Training Center is underway. The Township is working with the City Development Department to identify building parcels. The goal is to complete the project in late 2019.
- The Insurance Services Office (ISO) has begun preliminary rating of our Fire Department as part of the ten-year review. This process is used to classify our communities fire services on a rating scale of 1- 10 with the value of ISO Class 1 being the highest. Underwriters use this classification for determining insurance premiums for a community. The Fire Suppression Rating Schedule evaluates four primary categories; fire department, emergency communications, water supply, and community risk reduction. The Gahanna Water Department (Grant Crawford) attended a preliminary meeting and is providing ISO with the most recent water distribution system data. The current rating for our community is a 3.
- The Fire Division is working more closely than ever with the Gahanna Police Division on joint operations protocols.

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