



WELLINGTON COMMUNITY FIRE DISTRICT



PROPER TOWNY 2102

Mission Statement:

"Proudly serving since 1881, the Wellington Community Fire District protects the citizens and property of our six communities, by providing professional, courteous, and cost-effective fire prevention, protection, and emergency services."

Since its beginnings in the latter part of the 19th century, the Wellington Community Fire District has grown significantly. The station is now manned a majority of each day, new training requirements emerge annually, and the volume of calls has increased dramatically. Yet it remains important to remember how and why the department was created.

The following is a summary from the February 3, 1881 local newspaper, then known simply as "The Enterprise", of WFD's first fire call, which occurred on January 30, 1881 at around 11 pm.



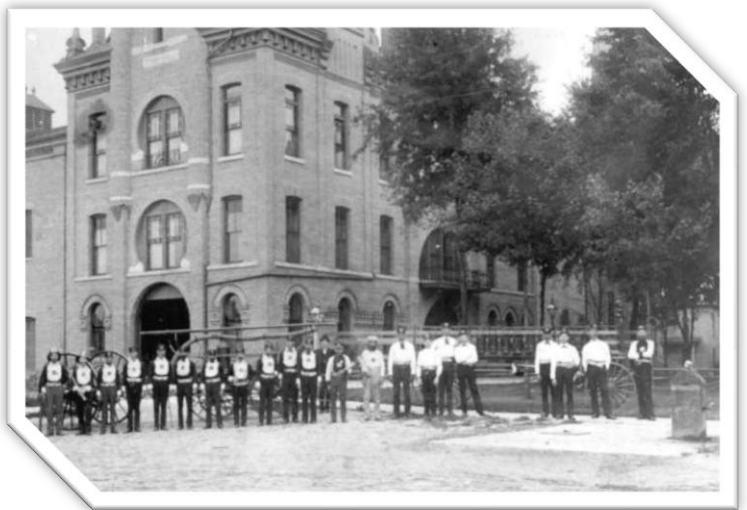
Our New Fire Department

The sudden call on Sunday night for our new fire company came a little too soon for their preparations. The organization had not been completed. The first meeting for the purpose was held Jan. 20th, when officers were elected and a committee appointed to report a Constitution and By-Laws, and adjourned to the Monday evening following.

There being so little time between the meetings, the committee were unable to report. The company was named the "Fuller Fire Company", and the engine the "E.G. Fuller". A committee was appointed to have the name put on its sides, and Mr. Doland proceeded at once to do so, taking off the tongue and brakes to allow it to go to the paint shop on the elevator. The tires needed setting, and the wheels were taken off for that purpose. In this discouraging situation it was found when the call came.

Foreman Starr, with his first assistant, Geo Howk, and second, C.H. Black, and steward Henry Robinson, with the activity and perseverance belonging to them all, within twenty minutes had it on the street ready for work. Thirty or forty privates were eager, too, for a chance to work it.

When the Foreman said "Man the brakes", more willing men to obey orders and work to save property never existed than were found at that fire; and but for them and the little "Fuller" we should now have no store, and the Enterprise no home. And our neighbors on either side are equally under obligations for no telling how far the fire would have spread or how many been in the same fix. Thanks in behalf of all the sufferers, to the infant fire department and their active, fearless officers.



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SECTION 1: PERSONNEL

Wellington Community Fire District – 2016 Year in Review

By Chief Mike Wetherbee

Department Profile:

The Wellington Fire District provides emergency and non-emergency response services to the Village of Wellington and the townships of Wellington, Brighton, Huntington, Penfield and Pittsfield. The district covers approximately 125 square miles and remains one of the largest such districts in the state of Ohio, serving slightly fewer than 13,000 residents. Our governing body consists of a Trustee from each township served, as well as, a member of the Wellington Village Council.



The 2016 board consisted of President Chris Stanfield of Brighton Township, Vice-President Mark Diedrick of Pittsfield, Trustee Lloyd Gordon of Penfield Township, Trustee Fred Pitts of Wellington Township, Trustee Walter Rollin of Huntington Township, Councilperson Sandy Denes of Wellington Village, and Fiscal Officer Vanya Hales.

The Wellington Fire Department was first formed in 1881. In 1970, Wellington Fire District, the first of its kind in the State of Ohio was formed after local and state politicians lobbied for legislation allowing the village and the five surrounding townships to form a joint fire district. It must also be added that former village solicitor Harrison Comstock played an instrumental role in the formation of this district.

Personnel:

The Fire District, technically a combination department, employs 29 personnel at this time. The term combination references the fact that there are both full-time and part-time employees. While the fire chief and first assistant chief are full time employees, the remainder of department is made up of part-time personnel. The command staff has grown to eight officers. These officers in order of rank are.....

Mike Wetherbee	Fire Chief	30 years of service
Bill Brown	1 st Assistant Chief	25 years of service
Troy Pitts	2 nd Assistant chief	24 years of service
Greg Frenk	Lieutenant	20 years of service
Chad Regal	Lieutenant	18 years of service
Ethan Little	Lieutenant	14 years of service
Dusty Reynolds	Lieutenant	7 years of service
Bryan Hamer	Lieutenant	17 years of service

The Board accepted the resignations of 2 firefighters in 2016. Firefighters Richard Smith and Michael Standen left the department, after serving 7 and 3 years respectively. Currently the District averages 12 years of service per member. The roster at this time ranges in age from 23 to 70, with the average age remaining just under 40 years old. The Wellington Fire District utilizes a fairly stringent hiring process. At nearly ten steps, the department has used this process to hire quality people. In an age where many fire departments struggle with recruitment and retention, the district remains committed to retaining a full roster.

Funding Information:

The Wellington Fire District is funded through a 2.75 mil property tax levy which revolves on a 5 year cycle. 2017 will be the second year of the current cycle. The next levy will be placed on the May 2020 ballot. It is our hopes that controlled spending, and sticking to a modest capital improvement plan as outlined in a constantly reviewed short, medium and long term plan will allow us to again ask for a replacement of our current levy without seeking additional millage. The plan, spanning the next 14 years and three levy cycles to the year 2030, outlines necessary capital expenditures such as station improvements, equipment and apparatus replacements, as well as operating expenses. This plan is constantly reviewed and serves as a basis for the districts capital expenditure considerations. District officials stay active in seeking out grants where and whenever available to supplement tax revenues. In 2016 the district applied for the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant for the replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. The grant, if awarded, would save the district nearly \$125,000. The district also applied for the Local Government Capital Safety Grant to purchase in excess of \$80,000 in radio equipment to enable us to migrate towards a P25 digital platform.

Capital Improvements:

The district made two rather large capital moves in 2016. The first was the purchase of eight new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, (SCBA), complete with masks and two air cylinders each. The new SCBA, at a cost of \$48,000, replaces one-third of the department's outdated air packs. The second capital expenditure was the total replacement of the apparatus floor in bays 1, 2, & 3 in station #2. The project included replacing and moving floor drains and all storm tiles underneath the floor. These bays were also cleaned and painted from floor to ceiling. Upgrades were also made in the training room at station #2. With the district receiving State approval as a Continuing Education Site, the addition of three new televisions, linked together will bring the technical capabilities up to modern standards, and help maintain an acceptable atmosphere for training.

Notable incidents / activities for 2016:

2016 was once again a busy year for Wellington firefighters. With call volumes increasing yearly, it's no surprise that 2016 once again was near record breaking numbers. Firefighters answered 484 calls, covering all call types. Every year seems to have various calls that fall into the category of strange, unusual, memorable, or just plain notable. Fatal incidents dropped in 2016. Firefighters responded to six fatal incidents on district roadways, two of which were pedestrians struck and killed. Attached is my list of 2016's notables.

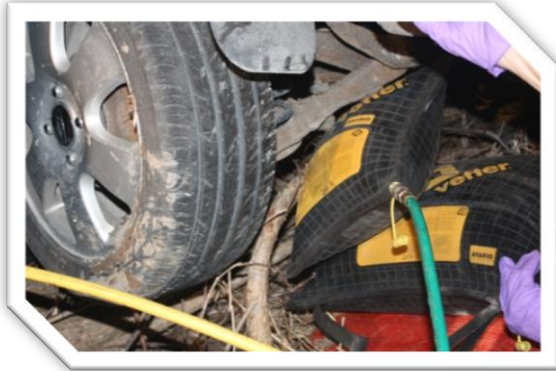
On January 13th, firefighters responded to a house fire on Peck Wadsworth Road in Penfield Township. Upon arrival, we found the occupants trying to extinguish a fire contained within several interior walls of the two story home. Firefighters went to work tearing out walls to expose and extinguish the fire. Several times throughout the incident there was uncertainty whether the crews would be successful in keeping the fire from reaching the attic. Working through intense heat and smoke on the second floor, crews stopped the fire just as it reached the attic, thus saving the home with only moderate damage. After the discovery of various contraband by fire crews, and several minutes of begging the LCSO to respond, deputies arrived to investigate.

The report of a working structure fire sent crews to a Brighton residence on Gore Orphanage Rd on February 5th. A second alarm was requested as the glow could be seen from nearly 5 miles out. Crews arrived on scene to find the large ranch home nearly fully involved. Crews layed in over 900 feet of supply line to fight the fire. The fire was brought under control in an hour and fourteen

minutes. Several inconsistencies stood out and prompted an intense investigation. The fire was declared arson and a suspect ultimately was arrested and charged.

A young woman found out that life is a game of inches on February 7th. She lost control of her vehicle and was ejected as the car flipped off of the road and into some trees. The car then landed on top of her trapping her underneath from her abdomen up. A couple to the small trees knocked over by the vehicle was enough to hold the weight of the car off of her chest and head thus possibly

saving her life. Firefighters extricated the young lady and she was transported by Life Flight to Metro Health in Cleveland.



On March 22nd a crew assisted the Lorain County Sheriff's Department with lighting for the investigation and collection of skeletal remains discovered in Huntington Township. The badly decomposed female body was later identified as a young Lorain woman missing since the early 1990's. That reportedly was to appear as a witness in a drug trial.

On March 31st, an Engine and crew responded to Oberlin City to assist with an apartment fire on the third floor of the Collage Park Apartments. A crew led by Assistant Chief Brown was able to make an entry and help with extinguishment and overhaul of the apartment.

In a one week period fire crews responded to two separate Vehicle vs. building calls. The first one on March 24th at Mickey Mart in the Village left the building with moderate damage and the driver shaken up but uninjured. The second one at Farmers Savings Bank on April 1st also left the building moderately damaged and the driver of the car shaken up. The buildings, in need of repair were deemed structurally safe in both instances.

On April 3rd, icy roads and speed contributed to a fatal crash in Penfield Township on State Route 18. A pickup truck with two occupants left the road and struck a tree killing both occupants instantly. It took firefighters over two hours to extricate the first body. The extreme damage of the vehicle required that it be removed from the tree to locate and extricate the passenger. Firefighters remained on the horrific scene for over 5 hours while the wreckage was cleared and the area cleaned up.

On June 1st crews responded to a report of an oven fire on West Road in Huntington Township. Upon arrival firefighters found moderate smoke in the house with the occupant stating the fire was out. Crews examined the stove and oven, finding that mice had been storing cat food underneath the oven and in the burner area. Smoke was removed from the structure and the occupant was advised that her cats weren't doing their job.

On June 6th firefighters responded to a working structure fire in Penfield Township on State Route 18. The fire had burned through a utility room and into the second floor as crews worked to contain it in very hot, humid conditions. Short on manpower and using mutual aid crews from LaGrange, Carlisle, Litchfield, and Spencer, firefighters did an excellent job of stopping the fire and limiting damage in the 3,600 square foot residence.

On August 28th, fire crews responded to a Hughes Road farm in Pittsfield Township for a large diesel fuel spill that had reached the Black River. Crews quickly located the source and followed it to the river. Booms were placed in the river in several places and the EMA & EPA was notified of the spill.

The EPA responded the next day and began work with the spiller on remediation efforts. The river, over a period of weeks, was restored to normal and testing completed showed no sign of product reaching Oberlin's water intake site which was located upriver of the incident.

Also on August 28th as the Lorain County Fair was winding down, a pedestrian was struck while leaving the fair. Fire, EMS and Law enforcement were on scene immediately and began caring for the patient who would later be pronounced dead at the scene by life flight doctors. The driver of the car, who left the scene, was apprehended a short time later after a series of hit-skip accidents in the area. He was charged and is awaiting trial.

In the early morning hours of September 3rd firefighters responded to car versus house accident on Stewart Road in Huntington. On arrival, crews found that a car had left the road and traveled approximately 300 feet, narrowly missing a pond and a neighbor's house before striking a parked car and pushing it halfway through a garage. The impact destroyed the corner and rear of the two-car attached garage. A vehicle parked in the garage was pushed halfway out of the rear of the garage. The two occupants sustained moderate injuries and were both transported from the scene. The home's occupants, asleep at the time, were uninjured.

On the morning of September 5th the fire department was summoned for a garage fire in the Village on Barker Street. Upon arrival crews found the two car detached garage totally involved and threatening exposures on three sides. As crews set up to fight the fire, the rear of house began to burn as well. Crews concentrated on the house and held fire involvement to the rear wall of the structure. All fire was eventually extinguished and investigation was initiated. It was later determined that the cause of the fire was quite possibly the result of a couple juveniles smoking in the garage.



Early afternoon on September 10th, firefighters were called to a Peck Wadsworth home in Wellington Township for a toddler who was lodged in an 8 inch septic tank tile. As firefighters arrived they found EMS personnel clinging to the toddlers arm to keep him from falling further into the tile and possibly the tank itself. As firefighters took hold of the toddler, digging by hand began to expose the tile. As the tile was exposed, it was cut in order to free the three year old. A backhoe was brought in to help move the dirt, but was used sparingly. After thirty-one very tense moments, the child was pulled from the pipe and given to a flight crew for transport to Metro Health in Cleveland. It was determined that had the child slipped as much as six more inches that he may have been totally submerged in the tank, and possibly drowned. Before leaving the scene, the firefighters and township employees replaced the tile, capped it, and filled in the hole.

On the morning of October 10th, rescue crews received a call for two toddlers in full cardiac arrest after falling in a swimming pool. As soon as firefighters arrived on scene they took over CPR on both children and rescue personnel transported them immediately to awaiting ambulances from South Lorain County and Central Lorain County. The two toddlers, cousins, were transported to

Mercy Allen where the boy was revived and flown to Cleveland. Unfortunately the little girl couldn't be revived and was pronounced dead at Mercy Allen Hospital.

The morning of October 29th fire crews were called to a Penfield residence for smoke in the home. As crews were responding, an eight point buck managed to get in the way of Engine 150 on Route 18. Additional apparatus responding was advised of the incident before driving through what appeared to be a war zone. The deer was run over and didn't fare well against the 38,000 pound engine. He did, however, leave his mark in the form of some minor damage to the engine. The smoke, as it turned out, was the result of a burned up controller on a base board heater. A crew stayed on scene and repaired Engine 150 good enough to get it back to station. Complete repairs were made after a couple parts were over-nighted to the station.

On Thanksgiving Eve, Wellington crews assisted Rochester firefighters on the scene of a fully involved barn fire. Water and manpower were supplied to help extinguish the fire and protect a much larger barn nearby that was stacked full of hay. While fighting the fire, a Wellington firefighter stumbled in the debris, breaking his foot. The fire was under control in shortly under an hour. Overhaul was extensive due to the amount of stuff that was housed in the barn.

On the evening of November 28th, firefighters were requested in Brighton Township for a car versus deer accident. Upon our arrival it became apparent that it was actually a pedestrian that was struck and subsequently killed. Witnesses at the scene stated that he may have been trying to round up his dog, and in the process, both ended up on the highway in the path of the car. The road remained closed for several hours while OSP investigated the accident.



On the evening of December 18th the fire department was called for a vehicle fire downtown in the Village. Wellington Police had the fire out upon our arrival. A short investigation was conducted and command had just been terminated when the report of a porch on fire came in to the police department. Unit 1 responded immediately and found the trash can on the rear porch of a Clay Street residence burning. The fire was extinguished quickly by Unit 1 with a fire extinguisher. At that time breaking glass could be heard and quick look around revealed that the detached garage was also

burning. The rest of the fire department arrived on scene and had a quick knock down on the garage fire. An investigation revealed enough for the fire to be ruled arson. The investigation remains on-going.

Many safety service responders will tell you that incidents involving children are especially stressful. This year firefighters responded to two extremely stressful calls involving toddlers. While our crews were deeply saddened that the little girl could not be saved on October 5th, they did, however, get to celebrate very good outcomes with the other two toddlers. The toddlers and their parents stopped at the station and met with firefighters after recuperating. To see these two energy filled youngsters running around the apparatus and having fun was the greatest therapy the firefighters could ask for!

Services Provided:

The Wellington Fire District, it's Board of Trustees, Officers, and Firefighters take pride in serving our community. The district provides response to any and all incidents within our jurisdiction, as

well as, mutual aid to our surrounding communities. Incidents include the obvious fire calls, motor vehicle accidents, first responder calls, and odor complaints to name a few. The district also responds to calls such as animal rescues, any type of water incident, missing person searches, and weather related incidents. The district provides public and private fire prevention and education throughout the schools, daycares, area businesses and industries, and various groups such as Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. In 2016 our firefighters continued to attend Public Relation activities and events as much as possible. The district attends many functions and annual meetings, such as Kiwanis, Lorain Medina Rural Electric, Wellington Women's League, and the annual senior citizens luncheon, to present various lectures. The district's two full time employees also serve on several boards and committees such as LEPC, Advisory committees for the County Fire Chiefs, and Lorain County JVS Public Safety and Adult Education Programs.

Wellington Fire District remains committed to conducting fire inspection and preplanning activities throughout the businesses and industries in our service area. These actions help lessen the risk of incidents, and prepare not only the occupants, but also the firefighters should an emergency arise. New construction, renovation and change of occupancy to existing buildings are also monitored to ensure safety, and adherence to the codes. "The Wellington Fire District is proud to serve and support the citizens of our communities."



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Wellington Fire District Board of Trustees

By Lt. Ethan Little



Since becoming a fire district in 1970, the Wellington Community Fire District has been governed by a board of trustees. The board is comprised of one elected official from each municipality served by the Fire District.

- Representing Brighton Township is Trustee Chris Stanfield. Chris is currently the Board President. Chris has been a trustee since 2006 and has been on the Fire Board for the past eleven years. Outside of the Fire District, Stanfield is a Lieutenant with the Huron County Sheriff's Office.
- Representing the Village of Wellington is Councilwoman Sandy Denes. This is Sandy's first full year on the board and eighth year on Village Council. Sandy also served on the Lorain County Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee for seventeen years, the Lorain County Farm Bureau for twelve years and Main Street Wellington for five years.
- Representing Wellington Township is Trustee Fred Pitts. Pitts has been a trustee for 3 ½ years and has been on the Fire Board since 2014. Fred is a self-employed farmer and is also a member of the Lorain County Fair Board.
- Representing Huntington Township is Trustee Walter Rollin. Walter is retired and a lifelong resident of Huntington Township. This is his thirteenth year as a trustee and he has been a member of the Fire Board since 2006.
- Representing Penfield Township is Trustee Lloyd Gordon. Lloyd has been a trustee for twenty-four years and has been on the Fire Board for three years. Previously, Gordon served on the South Lorain County Ambulance Board for 20 years. Lloyd is also a self-employed farmer.
- Representing Pittsfield Township is Trustee Mark Diedrick. Mark, who has been a trustee for twenty-six years, has served on the Fire District since the early 90's. Mark is the past Board President and was also a member of the Lorain County Fair Board for twenty years. Mark is currently the Groundskeeper for the Lorain County Fairgrounds.

The Board of Trustees is supported by:

- Fiscal Officer- Vanya Hales
- Legal Counsel- Attorney Kim Meyers
- Medical Director- Kim Bowen M.D.

Evolution of Our Volunteer Fire Department and Joint Fire District

Note: Mr. Comstock served the Wellington Fire District as its clerk for twenty-one years and was vital in the transition to a fire district.

By Harrison Comstock

For many years it was financially impossible for the village or for any single township surrounding us to have its own fire department even though it was manned by an all volunteer staff or dedicated people. The answer came early on that the Village of Wellington and the Townships of Brighton, Huntington, Penfield, Pittsfield, and Wellington would go together to provide this important service.

The vehicles were based in the village since it was the central point and the volunteers were employed by business and industry located here. The Village paid for the operations and the purchase of equipment initially but semi-annually would submit a bill to each of the other participants for their prorated share. This system worked for many years and was accepted by all residents. During this period the trucks and equipment were rather limited and a working pumper could be purchased for a reasonable price as it was a fairly simple apparatus. Hose and ladders were added to an existing truck body painted red and sent out for service.

As time went on, however, the trucks became much more sophisticated, complicated and necessarily more expensive. The costs increased to such an extent that none of the participating bodies could afford them from their limited general funds.

It was then that our local chief, Bill Weber, and several others approached Congressman Don Pease who was at that time our representative to the Ohio General Assembly. Through all of their efforts a law was enacted to permit the formation of a Joint Fire District as a separate and distinct taxing authority with the tax base being that of all those who joined in.

Resolutions were adopted by all named governing bodies to form the Wellington Community Joint Fire District and I believe this was the first one formed in the State of Ohio. Each participating unit has a representative on the Board of Trustees of the Joint District and their duties and methods of operation were established by vote of that body in accordance with the new laws.

The District, however, had no money, no budget and little actual knowledge of what was to be expected of it. This was organized during the period of time when Federal Revenue Sharing was taking place and each body had some of these funds on hand to be used at their discretion. Each unit paid into the District \$1,000 from their Revenue Sharing money to provide some operating funds until such time as a formal budget could be adopted, and an annual budget prepared for the coming year. Once this latter was completed the Lorain County Auditor's office was contacted to determine what a proper levy amount would be required to provide the funds necessary. This levy question was then presented to all voters in all the member areas along with information on what the funds would be spent for in the next succeeding five year period.

One of the provisions of the new law regarding the proceeds of a levy raised in this manner allows the Board of Trustees to borrow a percentage of the revenue from that levy in anticipation of its receipt. As soon as the electorate gave its approval of the proposed levy a loan was obtained to provide the operating funds for the next succeeding period of time. This same procedure continues today with the presentation of a proposed levy each five years the District remains as a separate taxing body. At the same time these governments were demanding more and more of our local personnel they were reducing the services of the State Fire Marshal and others for local problems, inspections and investigations. It also required many more hours of required training for all the personnel of the department and as the result we now have two paid people to carry out the everyday operations while we still rely upon a dedicated staff of volunteers who devote many hundreds of hours to the work of the department and to their own skills improvement.

It takes a well organized and fully trained organization to do what these people do for us and I am sure we are all grateful for all they do and for the understanding employers of these persons who permit them to leave their employment when duty calls. The entire Wellington area can well be proud of the department it now has and of the service they provide, sometimes at the expense of missed suppers, kid's ball games and family picnics and otherwise quiet family times while they attend class to learn of new developments not only in fire fighting but in dealing with chemical spills and all the other situations declared to be emergencies.



Evolution of Our Volunteer Fire Department and Joint Fire District

Note: Mrs. Weber is a retired educator with the Wellington Exempted School District and the wife of former Fire Chief Bill Weber. Chief Weber served the community for 39 years; the final 22 years as the Fire Chief. Chief Weber served in the top role from 1956-1978. His guidance and foresight in moving the department to a fire district made the organization what it is today.

By Wilma Weber

My memories of the old fire department days are pretty vague and probably not very accurate.

Calling volunteers for duty; a system of bells, one set in each fireman's home, triggered by the on duty phone operator located in the present Wellington Auto Parts store.

Fireman were given a stated amount of cash at the end of the year for their service. At one time, I remember it being \$50.00.



Over the years, firemen were called when extra help was needed to assist police. No siren involved – just a phone call. This was primarily at night. I remember one call when Bill was left at the dump at the end of Johns Street with one suspect, while the Police Chief took the other suspect to the jail. The Police Chief did leave his “Billy Club” with Bill in case of trouble.

Wellington had agreements for fire protection for townships adjacent for which the townships paid a yearly sum – plus additional costs if the year was more expensive for some incidents. Therefore, money was undetermined for use of purchases for equipment, etc.

Attorney Harrison Comstock and Bill went to Columbus and asked that the state legalize formation of fire districts, which could collect taxes to underwrite expenses. This was definitely the needed “shot in the arm”. New trucks, new station and new equipment! And with all this, came more state regulations, more rules to follow, inspections, training requirements, etc.

Wellington Fire District Personnel / Year Hired

Chief	Mike Wetherbee, Full-time	1986	
Assistant Chief	Bill Brown, Full-time	1991	
Assistant Chief	Troy Pitts	1992	<i>"Firefighter of the Year" 2000</i>
Lieutenant	Greg Frenk	1995	<i>"Firefighter of the Year" 2009</i>
Lieutenant	Chad Regal	1998	
Lieutenant	Ethan Little	2002	
Lieutenant	Dusty Reynolds	2009	
Lieutenant	Bryan Hamer	1999	<i>"Firefighter of the Year" 2003</i>
Firefighter	Gordy Lent	1980	<i>"Firefighter of the Year" 2002</i>
Firefighter	Scott Regal	1987	
Firefighter	Dave Crawford	1988	<i>"Firefighter of the Year" 2001, 2013, 2015</i>
Firefighter	John Clawson	1997	
Firefighter	Derick Oswald	1998	<i>"Firefighter of the Year" 2011</i>
Firefighter	Dan Shinsky	1998	
Firefighter	Tim Polen	2001	<i>"Firefighter of the Year" 2007</i>
Firefighter	Steve Higgins	2004	
Firefighter	Ed Thorn	2004	
Firefighter	Dave Roser	2009	
Firefighter	Rich Smith	2009	
Firefighter	Mike Barlow	2010	<i>"Firefighter of the Year" 2012</i>
Firefighter	Ken Knapp	2012	<i>"Firefighter of the Year" 2016</i>
Firefighter	Mike Standen	2012	
Firefighter	Tim Standen	2012	
Firefighter	Jason Dumke	2013	<i>"Firefighter of the Year" 2014</i>
Firefighter	Melissa Fuquay	2013	
Firefighter	Tyler Honoshofsky	2013	
Firefighter	Justen Tripp	2013	
Firefighter	Steve Garn	2013	
Firefighter	Rick Suda	2015	
Firefighter	Dean Bowman	2015	
Firefighter	Cory Groves	2015	
Firefighter	Logan Spence	2015	

Personnel Who Left in 2016

Firefighter Cory Groves
 Firefighter Mike Standen
 Firefighter Richard Smith

Personnel Milestones in 2016

Lieutenant	Greg Frenk	21 Years
Lieutenant	Troy Pitts	24 Years
Assistant Chief	Bill Brown	25 Years
Firefighter	Dave Crawford	28 Years
Firefighter	Scott Regal	29 Years
Chief	Mike Wetherbee	30 Years
Firefighter	Gordy Lent	36 Years

Departmental Certifications

Firefighter II Level	24
Firefighter I Level	5
Firefighter 1A Level	3
Instructors	3
Fire Safety Inspectors	6
Advanced Arson Investigators	3
Haz Mat Technicians	7
E.M.T. - Paramedic	1
E.M.T. - Intermediate	1
E.M.T. - Basic	11
E.M.T. - First Responder	14

Firefighter of the Year

Troy Pitts	2000
Dave Crawford	2001
Gordy Lent	2002
Bryan Hamer	2003
Brian Slack	2004
Ben Sickels	2005, posthumously
Al "Buz" Anderson, Jr.	2006, posthumously
Tim Polen	2007
Frank Marley	2008
Greg Frenk	2009
Darin Lewis	2010
Derick Oswald	2011
Mike Barlow	2012
Dave Crawford	2013
Jason Dumke	2014
Dave Crawford	2015
Ken Knapp	2016



Fire Chief Wetherbee



Asst. Chief Brown



Asst. Chief Pitts



Lieutenant Frenk



Lieutenant Regal



Lieutenant Little



Lieutenant Reynolds



Lieutenant Hamer



Firefighter Lent



Firefighter Regal



Firefighter Crawford



Firefighter Clawson



Firefighter Oswald



Firefighter Shinsky



Firefighter Polen



Firefighter Higgins



Firefighter Thorn



Firefighter Roser



Firefighter Smith



Firefighter Barlow



Firefighter Knapp



Firefighter M.Standen



Firefighter T.Standen



Firefighter Dumke



Firefighter Fuquay



Firefighter Honoshofsky



Firefighter Tripp



Firefighter Garn



Firefighter Suda



Firefighter Bowman



Firefighter Groves



Firefighter Spence

Personnel Roster History

Throughout the one-hundred and thirty-five year history of the Wellington Fire Department/District, many people have helped make this unit what it is today. The following is an attempt at recording our history through its members.

		Hire Date	Retire Date	Details	Passed Away	
Abbey,	Tyler	9/4/2013	11/06/2013	Firefighter		
Alspach,	Daniel N.	10/11/1967	03/17/1971	Firefighter	5/24/2009	
Alspach,	Fred	7/10/1991	10/23/1991	Firefighter		
Alspach,	Fred	01/01/2002	12/31/2007	Former Board Member from the Village of Wellington		
Althaus,	F. Warren	?1920?	?	Firefighter	4/4/1942	
Anderson,	Ray	06/01/1965	12/01/1968	Firefighter		
Anderson, Jr.	Allan	2004	6/22/2006	Diver; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	6/22/2006	LODD
Anderson, Sr.	Allan	4/14/1982	1995	Firefighter		
Andrews,	Royal	?	?	Firefighter		
Arnold,	Albert Pat	01/01/1931	?	Chief from 1944-1948		
Babitt,	Lawry "John"	11/26/1969	01/01/1990	Asst. Chief from 6/1/1980 - 1/1/1990		
Baker,	Josh	9/2/1998	2/25/2002	Firefighter		
Barbor,	Jim	01/01/2014	04/02/2014	Former Board Member from Wellington Township		
Barbor,	Ralph E.	? 1970 ?	?	Former Board Member from Wellington Township	2005	
Barlow,	Mike	03/03/10	Active	Firefighter		
Barrick,	Charles	? 1920 ?	?	Firefighter		
Barzyk,	Richard	08/14/1974	08/01/1989	Firefighter		
Beal,	Hugh R.	1942	06/01/1966	Firefighter; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	2/16/1995	
Bidlake,	Lyle	06/08/1954	01/01/1986	Firefighter	2000	
Biggs,	Jim	09/01/1964	07/31/1974	Firefighter		
Bishop,	Jason	4/3/2002	9/27/2005	Firefighter		
Black,	S.F.	?	?	Chief from 1886-1888		
Boggs,	Jeremy	8/3/2005	10/31/2008	Firefighter		
Bowman,	Silas D.	9/2/2015	Active	Firefighter		
Bradley,	Raymond Clyde	?	?	Former Board Member from Pittsfield Township	7/31/1994	
Brasee,	Christopher	5/5/1999	11/11/2009	Firefighter		
Brasee,	John	?	?	Former Board Member from Pittsfield Township		
Brasee,	Leroy	?	?	Former Board Member from Wellington Township		
Breneman,	Barry	11/1/2000	9/6/2002	Firefighter		
Brouse,	Kenny P.	? 1923 ?	?	Firefighter; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1949	
Brouse,	Kenny R.	1925	12/13/1969	Firefighter; Assistant Chief		
Brouse,	Kenny R.	10/26/1977	2/16/1988	Dispatcher; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	2/16/1988	
Brown,	William H.	8/14/1991	Active	Firefighter; First Full-time Firefighter hired; Lieutenant from 2/6/2001 to 1/4/2012; Former Association Vice President; Promoted to 2 nd Assistant Chief 1/4/2012; Promoted to 1 st Assistant Chief 1/1/2015		
Brown,	William	? 1915 ?	?	Firefighter		
Buck,	Russ	? 1935 ?	06/01/1955	Firefighter; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	6/17/1991	
Burge,	John A.	? 1970 ?	?	Former Board Member from Brighton Township	1992	
Burge,	Marlin E.	? 1970 ?	?	Former Board Member from Wellington Township	10/1970	
Butler,	Randy	8/3/2005	1/11/2008	Firefighter		
Carlyle,	Bill			Chief from 1897-1901		
Carlyle,	Bill	10/27/1955	05/24/1961	Firefighter		
Case,	Robert E.	?	?	Former Board Member from Brighton Township	1997	
Chappell,	Wes	7/1/2009	11/2/2011	Firefighter		
Clara,	Frank W.	01/10/1923	?	Chief from 1948-1956: Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1972	
Clark,	Earl	? 1923 ?	?	Firefighter; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1980	
Clark,	James	10/12/1977	12/31/2014	Lieutenant 5/5/1999 - 7/6/2005; Captain 7/6/2005 to 11/30/2011; Promoted to 1 st Assistant Chief 12/1/2011		
Clawson,	John	10/10/1997	Active	Firefighter; Former Association President		
Clodwick,	Henry M.	? 1923 ?	?	Firefighter; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	10/17/1950	
Clodwick,	Jay C.	?	?	Firefighter; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1966	
Coates,	Lynne K.	?	?	Chief from 1929-1943; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1972	
Comstock,	Harrison	1970	12/31/1991	Clerk	11/18/2011	
Conklin,	Richard	2002	2005	Former Board Member from Brighton Township		
Conrad,	Richard	1/1/1992	12/31/2012	Former Board Member from Penfield Township		
Cowards,	Fred	?	?	Firefighter		
Craner,	Frank	? 1915 ?	?	Firefighter		

Crawford,	David	7/13/1988	Active	Firefighter		
Cross,	Rod	4/14/1982	11/14/1984	Firefighter		
Cypher,	Jeff	1/19/1985	5/31/1988	Firefighter		
Davis,	Lyman	08/08/1945	09/24/1952	Firefighter		
Denes,	Sandy	10/07/2015	Active	Board Member from the Village of Wellington		
Dickason,	R.	?	?	Firefighter		
Diedrick,	Mark	? 1991	?	Current Board Member from Pittsfield Township		
Dinham,	Foster	? 1923 ?	?	Firefighter		
Dirlam,	F.	? 1923 ?	?	Firefighter		
Dumke,	Arthur B.	01/23/1952	02/12/1958	Firefighter; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	5/30/2011	
Dumke,	Jason	9/4/2013	Active	Firefighter		
Edwards,	Fred V.	? 1908 ?	?1920?	Chief from 1908-1921; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1945	
Edwards,	Lethal (Lum)	2/12/1964	12/08/1971	Firefighter; Former Board Member from the Village	9/4/1998	
Edwards,	William	?	?	Firefighter		
Ensign,	Tom	02/25/1970	1984	Firefighter	1999	
Evans,	Howard E.	01/01/1931	?	Firefighter; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1967	
Fahler,	Daniel	05/04/1980	08/25/1982	Firefighter		
Fannin,	Whitey	01/23/1952	04/01/1952	Firefighter; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	8/8/2010	
Farnsworth,	Bob	09/12/1956	03/01/1964	Firefighter		
Farnsworth,	Ed	08/09/1950	09/14/1955	Firefighter		
Farnsworth,	Ken	10/1/1987	8/1/2012	Diver		
Farr,	Joann	01/01/1992	4/1997	Clerk		
Feron,	Jack	01/09/1952	06/24/1963	Firefighter		
Feron,	Jim	1952	02/23/1955	Firefighter		
Fishbaugh,	Gerald	10/4/1995	9/10/1997	Firefighter		
Fisher,	David	3/13/1991	3/31/2011	Firefighter		
Fisher,	Warren A.	?	?	Chief from 1890-1905; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	6/7/1924	
Fisher,	William	? 1923 ?	?	Firefighter		
Fleckenstein,	Jack	04/01/1952	04/20/1953	Firefighter		
Ford,	Perl	? 1915 ?	?	Firefighter		
Foster,	George	1942	02/10/1975	Asst. Chief 12/13/1969 to 2-10-1975; Secretary; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	2/10/1975	LODD
Frenk,	Greg	5/1/1995	Active	Firefighter; Promoted to Lieutenant 1/4/2012		
Friend,	Charles F.	01/01/1931	?	Firefighter; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1959	
Friend,	Clarence G.	? 1920 ?	?	Firefighter		
Friend,	John F.	03/25/1931	?	Firefighter; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1946	
Friend,	Walter	?	?	Firefighter; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1946	
Fulks,	Ray	? 1920 ?	08/1930	Firefighter		
Fuquay,	Melissa	9/4/2013	1/11/2016	Firefighter; WFD's first female firefighter		
Gardinier,	Paul	1/2/2003	3/9/2004	Firefighter		
Gardner,	George	5/9/1984	5/17/2012	Firefighter		
Gardner,	Ken	5/10/1989	5/15/1995	Firefighter		
Gariss,	Walter	?	?	Firefighter		
Garn,	Steve	9/4/2013	Active	Firefighter		
Garner,	Jim	1/1981	?	Firefighter		
Garner,	William	07/13/1966	1967	Firefighter		
Garris,	Kenneth W.	01/23/1952	12/31/1957	Firefighter	2/9/2003	
Gay,	Bert	? 1915 ?	?	Firefighter		
Gibbins,	Martin N.	?	7/25/1945	Firefighter	1975	
Gill,	Tom	03/13/1968	09/20/1968	Firefighter		
Gillette,	Harry D.	? 1923 ?	?	Firefighter		
Gordon,	Lloyd	1/1/2013	Active	Current Board Member from Penfield Township		
Gott,	Claude D.	? 1915 ?	?	Firefighter	1950	
Gray,	Garry	7/10/1991	10/10/1997	Firefighter		
Gray,	Jerry	1/22/1986	?	Firefighter		
Gray,	Tom	05/24/1972	7/31/1974	Firefighter		
Grissinger,	Lee	10/26/1960	6/1/1992	Firefighter; Former Department Secretary		
Groves,	Cory	9/2/2015	1/22/2016	Firefighter		
Guiher,	Norm	10/23/1974	12/01/1979	Firefighter		
Hackenbaugh,	George	?	?	Chief from 1893-1894		
Haldeman,	Dan	1/1/1992	?	Former Board Member from the Village		
Hales,	Vanya	4/1/2002	Active	Fiscal Officer		
Hamer,	Bryan	5/5/1999	Active	Firefighter; Former Association Secretary; Current Association President; Promoted to Lieutenant 1/1/2016		
Hanny	John	? 1922 ?	?	Firefighter		
Hartman,	Russ	?	?	Firefighter		
Hayes,	Bob	9/2/1998	11/30/1999	Firefighter		
Haynes,	Virginia	?	?	Former Board Member from Wellington Township		
Heyde,	Ken	01/01/2002	12/31/2005	Former Board Member from Huntington Township		
Higgins,	Steve	7/7/2004	Active	Firefighter		

Highland,	William	?	?	Firefighter		
Hildebrand,	William H.	? 1915 ?	?	Chief from 1922-1928; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1937	
Hinkle,	Thadd	7/7/2004	4/21/2011	Firefighter		
Honoshofsky,	Tyler	9/4/2013	Active	Firefighter		
Honoshofsky,Jr	John	9/14/1988	8/14/2000	Firefighter		
Honoshofsky,Sr	John	06/28/1972	9/4/1985	Firefighter; Asst. Chief from 1/1981 – 9/4/1985	1/8/2016	
Hord,	D.	?	?	Firefighter		
Hulbert,	Chuck	1/13/1988	12/1/1995	Firefighter		
Hyde,	Jeff	1/1/2008	9/2/2015	Former Board Member from the Village		
Jackson,	Laurence A.	?	?	Former Board Member from Penfield Township	12/31/1999	
Jacobs,	Glen E.	?1920?	?	Firefighter		
Jameyson,	Lyle G.	? 1970 ?	?	Former Board Member from Wellington Township	5/3/2010	
Jenkins,	Charles	04/08/1964	1969	Firefighter		
Jerousek,	Jim	04/14/1971	7/1/1991	Firefighter; Lieutenant from 6/22/1988 - 7/1/1990; Captain from 7/1/1990 - 7/1/1991		
Johnson,	Charles	?	?	Firefighter		
Johnson,	Craig	10/4/2006	11/22/2010	Firefighter		
Johnson,	Paul	? 1951 ?	07/01/1956	Firefighter		
Jordan,	Lawrence	10/26/1960	07/01/1961	Firefighter		
Klaholz,	H.	06/24/1953	09/01/1955	Firefighter		
Knapp,	Bill	04/09/1969	7/23/1975	Firefighter		
Knapp,	David	8/12/1992	2/1/2005	Firefighter		
Knapp,	Ken	10/1/2012	Active	Firefighter		
Knapp, Sr.	Orrville L.	?	?	Firefighter	2/10/1975	
Kolbe,	J.	?	?	Firefighter		
Kolbe,	Myron E.	?	?	Former Board Member from Penfield Township	10/31/1976	
Kotowski,	Ted	3/11/1992	6/1/1994	Firefighter		
Ledgard,	Sam	? 1915 ?	?	Firefighter		
Ledgett,	Samuel	? 1920 ?	?	Firefighter	12/21/1925	
Lent,	Daniel	05/26/1976	1/1/2001	Firefighter; Lieutenant from 2/7/1990 – 8/6/1991; Captain from 8/6/1991 - 1/1/2001		
Lent,	David	08/14/1974	03/03/1999	Firefighter; Lieutenant from 7/25/1990 - 3/3/1999		
Lent,	Gordon	5/4/1980	Active	Firefighter; Former Association President (first)		
Lewis,	Bob	6/27/1945	?	Firefighter		
Lewis,	Darin	4/5/2006	5/31/2015	Firefighter		
Linder,	Bill	?1920?	?	Firefighter		
Little,	Ethan	4/3/2002	Active	Firefighter; Current Association Vice President; HazMat Officer; Promoted to Lieutenant 1/1/2015		
Lowther,	Jay	06/01/1985	04/14/1999	Firefighter		
Mackin,	Clyde V.	01/23/1952	?	Firefighter	1960	
Manning,	Robert V.	04/01/1952	6/1/1980	Firefighter; Asst. Chief from 12/6/1972 - 6/1/1980	10/07/04	
Markel,	Scott	8/10/1988	5/22/2000	Firefighter		
Marley,	Charles	10/11/1968	10/08/1976	Firefighter		
Marley,	Frank	8/10/1988	04/02/2014	Firefighter; Former Association Secretary		
Marley,	Tony	9/12/1956	6/30/1990	Firefighter; Asst. Chief from 4/2/1975 – 12/6/1978; Chief from 12/6/1978 – 6/30/1990		
Martin,	?	? 1915 ?	?	Firefighter		
Mazzone,	Terry	12/1/1980	11/1/1997	Firefighter; Department Treasurer		
McAvena,	Dale	1/1/2010	12/31/2013	Former Board Member from Wellington Township		
McCaffrey,	C.H.	? 1923 ?	?	Firefighter		
McCaffrey,	C.P.	?	?	Firefighter		
McClellan,	Arthur C.	02/27/1929	? 1931 ?	Firefighter	1975	
McEndree,	Eldon G.	?	11/12/1952	Firefighter	1972	
McGuire,	Mark	2/1/1990	4/7/1999	Firefighter		
McKenzie,	Bill	01/23/1952	01/22/1964	Firefighter		
McKinley,	Ken	4/4/2001	10/10/2001	Firefighter		
McKinney,	Rex	?1920?	?	Firefighter		
McKisson,	Don A.	? 1923 ?	6/27/1945	Firefighter	1966	
McKisson,	Richard C.	? 1929 ?	?	Firefighter	1973	
McQuaid,	Terry	03/13/1968	6/2/1976	Firefighter		
McQuate,	Robert	05/09/1956	3/1/1982	Firefighter	2001	
McQuate,	Robert	10/24/1951	02/13/1952	Firefighter		
Moehl,	Henry	? 1929 ?	?	Firefighter		
Mohrman,	Claude	01/01/1931	6/13/1945	Firefighter		
Moore,	Casey	6/26/1996	9/1/2014	Firefighter		
Moore,	Floyd	1939	?	Firefighter		
Moore,	Floyd	1971	?	Firefighter		
Moore,	Floyd	02/10/1988	06/07/1997	Dispatcher	6/17/2012	
Moore,	Ray	? 1951 ?	? 05/1964?	Firefighter		
Moore,	Roger	05/14/1969	05/15/2005	Firefighter; Lieutenant from 10/1985 – 1/1990; Captain from 1/24/1990 – 7/1/1990; Asst. Chief from 7/1/1990 – 5/15/2005		
Morgan,	?	? 1915 ?	?	Firefighter		

Myers,	Gordon	? 1922 ?	?	Firefighter		
Newberger,	Eugene R.	5/14/1930	?	Firefighter	1966	
Olsen,	Floyd	1946	01/01/1986	Firefighter	9/17/2007	
Oswald,	Derick	9/2/1998	Active	Firefighter; Former Association V.P.; Current Association Treasurer; Promoted to Medical Officer 1/1/2015		
Paige,	Dwight	? 1915 ?	?	Firefighter		
Paul,	Royland M.	?1920?	7/26/1924	Firefighter; Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Cleveland, OH	7/26/1924	LODD
Peabody,	Vaughn	1922	1922	Firefighter		
Peer,	Mel	?	?	Firefighter		
Perkins,	Kenneth	10/14/1953	12/1/1967	Firefighter	10/1998	
Perry,	Jack	09/12/1956	06/01/1980	Firefighter	12/30/2012	
Perry,	Jim	11/14/1951	12/31/1984	Firefighter		
Pickworth,	Robert	?	?	Former Board Member from Pittsfield Township		
Pitts,	Fred O.	3/12/1980	7/9/1980	Firefighter		
Pitts,	Fred O.	04/02/2014	Active	Current Board Member from Wellington Township		
Pitts,	Troy	2/12/1992	Active	Firefighter; Lieutenant from 3/6/2002 to Present; Former Association Vice President; Promoted to 2 nd Assistant Chief 1/1/2015		
Polen,	Tim	9/5/2001	Active	Firefighter		
Pugh,	M.R.	01/01/1960	09/01/1960	Firefighter		
Randolph,	Gary	10/10/1990	4/21/1991	Firefighter		
Ray,	Bill	?	?	Firefighter		
Ray,	Charles	? 1929 ?	?	Firefighter		
Ray,	Harvey	? 1920 ?	?	Firefighter		
Ray,	Sol	? 1915 ?	10/24/1951	Firefighter; Honorary Member for Life: Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1958	
Regal,	Chad	2/12/1998	Active	Firefighter; Current Association Secretary; Promoted to Lieutenant 1/4/2012		
Regal,	Scott	7/22/1987	Active	Firefighter; Former Association Treasurer		
Reider,	William	?	?	Firefighter		
Reynolds,	Dusty	7/1/2009	Active	Firefighter; Promoted to Lieutenant 1/1/2016		
Reynolds,	Miles	? 1915 ?	?	Firefighter		
Rice,	Kosco Chapman	? 1920 ?	?	Firefighter	9/30/1937	
Rickett,	H.W.	?	?	Firefighter		
Rider	G.W.	?	?	Chief from 1889 – 1890		
Roby,	Delmer B.	04/01/1952	07/01/1955	Firefighter	1972	
Rolfe,	George R.	01/10/1923	?	Firefighter	1958	
Rollin,	Burt	?	12/31/2001	Former Board Member from Huntington Township		
Rollin,	Walter	1/1/2006	Active	Current Board Member from Huntington Township		
Rollins,	Steve	4/14/1982	10/10/1985	Firefighter		
Ropchock,	Thomas	1/1/1982	11/7/2001	Firefighter; Lieutenant from 1/24/1990 – 3/2001; Captain 3/2001 – 11/2001; Buried in the Pittsfield East Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	11/7/2001	
Rosemark,	Mark	11/08/1978	12/01/1979	Firefighter		
Rosemark,	Mark	2/13/1985	2/9/2004	Firefighter; Haz Mat Officer		
Rosemark,	Mark	11/3/2004	12/31/2006	Firefighter		
Roser,	Dave	7/1/2009	Active	Firefighter		
Rutherford,	Dennis	10/27/1995	8/3/1998	Firefighter		
Sage,	Fred Leon	? 1915 ?	?	Firefighter; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1/28/1951	
Sage,	Russell	?1920?	?	Firefighter; Buried in Ridge Hill Memorial Cemetery, Amherst, Ohio	12/20/1995	
Savoy,	Fred	12/01/1953	11/01/1953	Firefighter		
Scott,	Charles M.	?	?	Firefighter	8/6/1943	
Settlemire,	Martin	01/11/1955	08/01/1956	Firefighter		
Shelton,	Jeff	1/2/2003	1/13/2006	Firefighter		
Shepard,	Charles	?	?	Firefighter		
Shepard,	Clayton L.	? 1915 ?	?	Firefighter	1963	
Shinsky,	Dan	11/4/1998	Active	Firefighter		
Sickels,	Ben	05/26/1976	8/2/2005	Firefighter; Former Department Secretary/Treasurer; Dispatcher	8/2/2005	
Slack,	Brian	1/12/2000	6/24/2013	Firefighter; Lieutenant from 8/1/2005 to 6/24/2013		
Smith,	Richard	7/1/2009	9/7/2016	Firefighter		
Snodgrass,	William	06/08/1954	03/01/1956	Firefighter		
Spence,	Logan	9/2/2015	Active	Firefighter		
Spicer,	Rolla T.	?	?	Chief from 1891 – 1892 and 1895 – 1896; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	1923	
Standen,	Mike	10/1/1012	7/1/2016	Firefighter		
Standen,	Tim	10/1/2012	Active	Firefighter		
Stanfield,	Chris	1/1/2006	Active	Current Board Member from Brighton Township		
Stanic,	Daniel	10/27/1995	5/1/1996	Firefighter		
Starr,	W.B.	?	?	Chief from 1882 – 1883; Possibly buried in Ashland Cemetery	@5/18/1934	
Stemple,	Sidney	?	?	Firefighter	1992	
Storrow,	Tom	2/3/1985	8/12/1987	Firefighter		

Suda,	Richard	9/2/2015	Active	Firefighter		
Sumpter,	Harold	?	?	Former Board Member from the Village		
Sumpter,	Jack	5/4/1980	8/1/1995	Lieutenant from ?? - 8/1/1995		
Sumpter,	Jack	12/2/1998	8/14/2000	Firefighter		
Tegtmeyer,	Fred	9/1/1993	8/14/2000	Diver		
Thorn,	Ed	7/7/2004	Active	Firefighter		
Thornton,	Ralph	?	?	Firefighter		
Tripp,	Justin	9/4/2013	Active	Firefighter		
Trommer,	Russell	10/14/1953	03/13/1954	Firefighter		
Twining,	Dan	7/7/2004	2/6/2008	Firefighter		
Twining,	Ronald	1970	?	Former and ORIGINAL Board Member from Huntington Township		
Urbansky,	Andrew P.	?	12/31/2005	Former Board Member from Brighton Township	2/22/2007	
Varner,	William	9/7/2005	9/4/2013	Firefighter/Dispatcher		
Waite,	Tonya	4/1997	12/31/2002	Former Wellington Community Fire District Clerk		
Walker,	Gary	10/23/1974	07/05/1980	Firefighter		
Walker,	Robert J.	02/14/1973	1/6/2012	Firefighter; Lieutenant from 1/7/1981 - 10/1985; Asst. Chief from 10/1985 - 7/1/1990; Chief from 7/1/1990 to 11/30/2011; Named Chief Emeritus 12/1/2011; First Full-time Fire Chief hired		
Walker,	Robert O.	03/26/1958	12/01/1967	Firefighter		
Ward,	Marion	?	?	Firefighter		
Warren,	Ralph M.	1/14/1948	?	Firefighter	1999	
Watters, Jr.	Bill	11/4/1998	2/15/2008	Firefighter		
Watters, Jr.	Bill	11/5/2008	6/1/2009	Firefighter		
Weber,	Mark	8/9/1950	7/1/1991	Firefighter	7/1998	
Weber,	Robert A.	02/27/1946	01/01/1981	Firefighter	11/11/2004	
Weber,	William Lewis	9/1939	12/06/1978	Firefighter; Chief from 07/11/1956 - 12/6/1978; Buried in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman, Ohio	8/8/2001	
West,	Charles	08/14/1963	06/01/1988	Firefighter; Lieutenant from 6/1/1980 - 6/1/1988		
West,	Rolland Sherburne	1939	12/01/1972	Firefighter; Asst. Chief 1958-1972; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	11/21/1994	
Wetherbee,	Mike	10/8/1986	Active	Firefighter; Lieutenant from 11/1/1995 - 2/6/2002; Captain 2/6/2002 - 7/6/2005; Asst. Chief from 7/6/2005 to 11/30/2011; Promoted to Chief 12/1/2011		
Whitesides,	Harold	? 1920 ?		Firefighter		
Wilcox,	Oron	? 1915 ?	?	Firefighter		
Wiles,	Harold (Stub)	1949	12/31/1984	Firefighter	12/2/2007	
Willbond,	Matt	8/14/1991	10/10/1995	Firefighter		
Williams,	Salonais A.	?	?	Chief from 1884 - 1885; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Wellington, Ohio	9/3/1932	
Wilzack,	Chet	03/26/1958	12/31/1959	Firefighter	2001	
Wolf,	Bill	6/7/2000	5/2/2008	Firefighter		
Woods,	Calvin	01/01/2002	12/31/2009	Former Board Member from Wellington Township		
Wrench,	William Earnest	?	?	Firefighter	1/6/1997	
Wrench,	Ernest E.	09/24/1930	6/13/1945	Firefighter	1/13/1961	
Wynn,	Carl	? 1922 ?	?	Firefighter		
Yahnke,	Charles	03/13/1954	02/23/1972	Firefighter	1995	
Yates,	Scott	8/14/1991	6/26/1996	Firefighter		
Younglas,	Thomas	1/1/1975	12/31/1991	Former Board Member from Penfield Township		
Zeigler,	Mark	?	?	Former Board Member from Brighton Township		
Zimmerman,	Glenn	06/28/1948	03/01/1963	Firefighter		

Wellington Firefighters Association's Year in Review 2016

By Lt. Bryan Hamer, Association President



The Wellington Firefighter's Association is a 501-C3, non-profit organization, formed in 2006. The group raises money for local charities, purchase of fire prevention supplies, as well as firefighting and dive equipment. In fiscal year 2016, the Association focused on buying 4 thermal imaging masks, dive suits, a new Sensit gas meter and Class A uniforms.

The Firefighter's Association normally holds one major fund raiser each year. The past seven years, a "Night at the Races" has been held at the Lorain County Fairgrounds. The following documents many of the activities of the Firefighter's Association in 2016.

- 2016 Night at the Races earnings for the Association was \$13,155

The following are some of the purchases and donations that the association was responsible for in 2016:

- Purchases:
 - Scott Thermal Imaging Masks: \$4,400
 - Dive Suits: \$2,100
 - Sensit gas meter: 2,600
 - High Water Signs for the townships: 1,980
- Scholarships
 - Al "Buz" Anderson \$1000 scholarship awarded to Wellington High School Senior Oliva Bradstock.
- Wellington Firefighters Chili Cook-Off Team
 - Participated in the K96 Firefighters chili cook off in Sandusky; 1st place again
 - The team has won numerous other awards for their chili
 - \$960 donated to Well-Help, Inc.
- Donated to the LINC program: \$250
- Relay for Life Sponsorship
 - \$1,000 donation
- Miscellaneous Donations
 - Polar Plunge (Landry Cole): \$500
 - Chris Hileman Wakeman Fire: \$100
 - Eagles Riders (Breast Cancer): \$100
 - Safety Town T-shirts: \$115
- 8th Annual Firefighter Chili Cook-off

- In November, the Firefighter's Association continued the challenge of sponsoring a chili cook-off, with the help from area fire, police and ambulance departments and local chefs. The benefactor of the evening was Well-Help, Inc. Held at the Wellington Eagles club, the evening was filled with plenty of chili, giveaways, live music and camaraderie.
- When the evening was completed, the Firefighter's Association gave Well-Help, Inc. a check for \$2000. While the majority of the Association was involved in some aspect, the evening was a huge success. Several hundred people visited throughout the evening, sampling chili and supporting a great cause.

2016 Wellington Firefighter's Association Charitable Donations: \$7,505

Since 2010, Charitable Donations: \$57,089



Thomas R. Ropchock Award

Recognizing the Wellington Firefighter of the Year

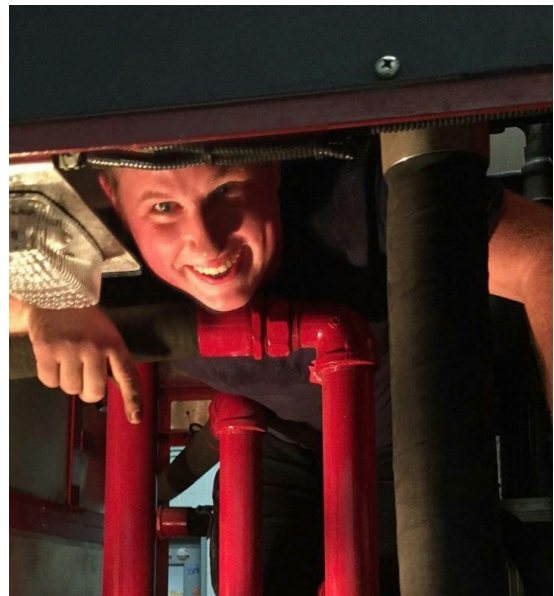
This award is presented to the firefighter who best exemplified the qualities of our mentor and friend, Captain Thomas R. Ropchock. The award has been chosen by the members of the Wellington Firefighter's Association, in recognition of leadership during training and on the fire ground; sacrifices of time away from family; devotion and commitment to the Fire District; and for setting a positive example for others to follow.

This year, four firefighters were nominated by the Command Staff. They are: Firefighter Derick Oswald, Firefighter Dave Roser, Firefighter Mike Barlow and Firefighter Ken Knapp.

Following a vote by the membership, the 2016 Thomas R. Ropchock Firefighter of the Year award has been awarded to Firefighter Ken Knapp. Ken has been a member of the department since October of 2012. In addition to his firefighting duties, Knapp, a graduate of The Ohio State University's engineering program, is a part-time EMT with South Lorain County Ambulance District.

During 2016, Knapp enrolled in Lifecare Ambulance's Paramedic Program. Certified to the Firefighter 2 level, Knapp is also Wellington's representative on the Lorain County Hazmat Team.

When not at the fire department, Ken works for the Ohio Department of Transportation and is an avid outdoorsman. He and his wife Leah, a nurse, live on the Village's south side.



SECTION 2: FINANCE

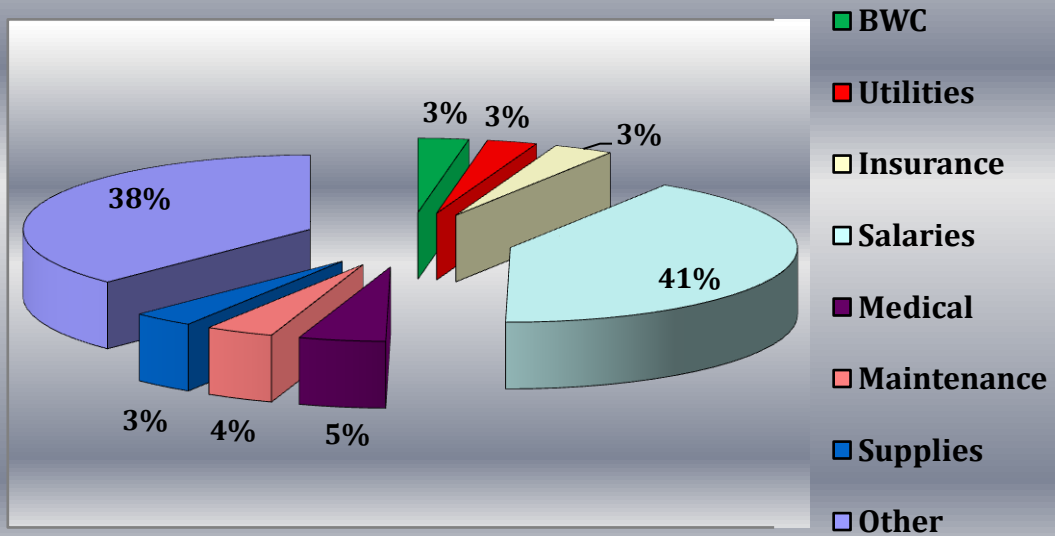
Current Financial Status

By Vanya Hales, Fiscal Officer

It is anticipated that for fiscal year 2017, the current 2.75 mill levy and the District's investments will generate \$744,000. The current operating levy costs the owner of a \$150,000 home approximately \$144 annually, the levy funds are used for vehicle maintenance, salaries of full-time and part-time employees, building maintenance, and training.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 (estimate)
Revenue:	\$766,666	\$790,350	\$714,593	\$711,548	\$686,641	\$798,595	\$744,000
Expenses:	\$737,578	\$555,909	\$499,079	\$568,884	\$589,008	\$666,176	\$721,350
Workers Compensation:	\$50,633	\$53,451	\$19,870	\$20,205	\$18,575	\$18,915	\$30,000
Utilities:	\$15,785	\$14,590	\$24,237	\$22,415	\$20,804	\$18,803	\$26,000
Insurance:	\$20,882	\$22,568	\$23,018	\$21,443	\$21,515	\$22,519	\$24,000
Salaries:	\$240,130	\$247,889	\$223,895	\$253,947	\$270,898	\$274,618	\$297,300
Medical Insurance:	\$41,192	\$36,589	\$38,700	\$42,356	\$26,697	\$32,457	\$35,000
Maintenance:	\$24,128	\$11,979	\$25,480	\$34,891	\$27,714	\$25,587	\$35,000
Supplies:	\$48,436	\$33,305	\$33,173	\$32,192	\$28,835	\$23,114	\$38,000
Other Expenses:	\$295,362	\$135,529	\$110,706	\$141,435	\$173,970	\$250,133	\$236,050

2016 Expenses



2016 Building and Grounds Report

By Assistant Chief Troy Pitts



After two years of research and planning, 2016 brought one of the largest projects since the Station 2 addition in 1996. The floor in bays 1-3 was finally replaced. After all of the old concrete was removed, the floor drain was centered and properly located, so the runoff from the apparatus will leave the apparatus area. Additionally, the down spout plumbing was found to be clogged, as well as broken so therefore replaced. Coincidentally, nearly all of the “new” backfill for the project, was crushed, red brick; courtesy of the razed McCormick Middle School, formerly located on South Main Street.

Helping make the nearly month-long project relatively smooth was the Village of Wellington and Wellington Township; who allowed us to store our apparatus and equipment in their buildings on Johns Street and Maple Street. Along with the floor being replaced, all bays were cleaned and repainted; most notably bay two received a hand painted WFD logo on the west wall, courtesy of Assistant Chief Bill Brown. After the addition of the downspout tile being replaced and the addition of the wash tub drains, the project cost approximately \$42,000.

Along with replacing the floor it has been determined that the brick veneer on station two will need to be repaired in numerous areas (it has began to lean away from the structure) and a number of the outside man doors are rusting badly and may need to be replaced.

Other than the floor replacement normal routine maintenance took place.



SECTION 3: FIRE PREVENTION

2016 Fire Prevention Overview

By Assistant Chief Bill Brown

Fire prevention remains one of the most beneficial functions of any fire department. Whether performing fire safety inspections or simply teaching a kindergarten class about the importance of fire safety, the benefits are immense to all parties involved. The Wellington Community Fire District Fire Prevention program is comprised of two distinct activities, public education and fire safety inspections, both of which are important to the safety of the community, but also to the firefighters.



The District's Fire Prevention Program has four distinct parts, each important in its own way. Public Education, Fire Safety Inspections, Car Seat Safety Checks, and the Juvenile Fire Setters program reach different segments of our service area, with some overlapping depending upon age.

Public Education

Annually, Wellington Community Fire District personnel routinely spend countless hours teaching to students, senior citizens, scouting groups, and others. In 2016, 213 hours were dedicated to educating the public on fire safety. The following locations were sites of fire safety talks, demonstrations, and visits:

Wellington Country Preschool
Westwood Elementary
McCormick Middle School
Wellington High School
Step-by-Step Preschool
Findley State Park
Lorain County Metro Parks

Weber Healthcare
St. Patrick's Manor
Wellington Senior Citizen's
Office of Aging (SSO)
Lorain County JVS
Firelands Area Council (BSA)
Relay for Life

One of our most valuable fire prevention teaching tools is a fire extinguisher trainer. This unit was purchased with funding through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. Fueled by propane, the unit is controlled by fire personnel, allowing the students to "fight" a wastebasket fire, or other included props.

The training unit adds a great deal of safety to the training program and enables hundreds of students to participate for little cost to the group. The unit was utilized to teach several hundred students, teachers, bus drivers and healthcare workers in 2016.

The following personnel continue to help further our message by providing quality fire safety programs to our citizens:

Chief Mike Wetherbee	18
FF Logan Spence	14.5
FF Dave Crawford	11.5
FF Tyler Honoshofsky	10
FF Dave Roser	6.5
FF Derick Oswald	5.5
AC Bill Brown	4
Lt Ethan Little	4
FF Justen Tripp	4
FF Rick Suda	3.5
FF Tim Standen	3
FF Gordy Lent	1.5
FF Jason Dumke	1.5
FF Mike Standen	1

FF Mike Barlow	14.5
AC Troy Pitts	12
FF Ed Thorn	10
FF Ken Knapp	8.5
Lt Bryan Hamer	6.5
FF Steve Garn	4.5
Lt Chad Regal	4
FF Scott Regal	4
FF Dean Bowman	4
FF Dan Shinsky	3
FF Steve Higgins	2
Lt Dusty Reynolds	1.5
FF Tim Polen	1.5

Since 2007, seven members of the department have distinguished themselves in the area of Fire Prevention and Public Education. These members have accounted for 46% of the total hours in the nine year period and their dedication to educating the general public is evident.

AC Bill Brown	308.75 hrs
Chief Mike Wetherbee	240.75 hrs
FF Derick Oswald	165.5 hrs
Lt Ethan Little	150 hrs
AC Troy Pitts	127.5 hrs
Lt Bryan Hamer	95.75 hrs



Fire Safety Inspections

The elimination of hazards which are prone to causing fires is the primary goal of the Wellington Community Fire District's Fire Safety Inspection program. Annually, Certified Fire Safety Inspectors visit local businesses, factories, and schools to perform inspections which focus not on punitive measures, but corrective measures.

Annually, hundreds of fire safety inspections are completed throughout the fire district. Inspectors target the highest hazard areas first, such as our schools and commercial industries. The biggest undertaking each year happens at the Lorain County Fair where nearly every vendor on the grounds receives an inspection.

Car Seat Safety Checks

For several years, a growing trend had developed in our service area. Parents who were in need of a child car seat inspection/evaluation were unable to access this valuable service without traveling to Elyria. In response to this problem, Firefighter/Medic Derick Oswald participated in a forty hour certification course, becoming the Wellington Community Fire District's first Child Car Seat Safety Technician in May of 2008.

In 2016, firefighter Oswald, along with other car seat technicians and the Ohio State Patrol, conducted one car seat safety check. Firefighter Oswald conducted numerous one-on-one inspections throughout the year to meet with parents and grandparents regarding car seat safety and assisting with the installation of their car seats.



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Cars Inspected:	23	38	38	31	49	38	20	29	9
Seats Inspected:	28	52	51	38	44	33	23	34	9
Seats Replaced:	5	14	23	15	6	5	3	4	0

In 2017 firefighter Oswald will be working with UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital and their Injury Prevention Center to help develop a better program for the Wellington community. Firefighter Oswald will continue to provide quality programs for car seat safety, and insure safety for our residents.

Juvenile Fire Setters Program

The purpose of the District's Juvenile Fire Setters Program is to identify children at-risk by looking at how and why the fire happened and to recommend prevention programs for fire setters who were motivated by accident, curiosity, or experimentation.

This program, which has been in place since 2008, can be used in conjunction with local law enforcement issues, the juvenile court system, or by direct referral by a concerned relative. The program, headed by Chief Mike Wetherbee, Assistant Chief Bill Brown and Firefighter/Medic Derick Oswald is not only available to residents of the Wellington Community Fire District, but also to surrounding departments who may not necessarily have the resources for such a program. The goal of the program is to help evaluate, educate, and recommend services that may stop fire setting behavior and identify any related problems the juvenile may have.

SECTION 4: INCIDENT STATISTICS

Incident Types

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	%
Medical Assist	52	89	85	84	86	81	79	89	130	183	38%
Vehicle Accident	88	86	83	73	64	84	73	86	83	84	17%
Good Intent	54	50	38	42	45	63	47	56	79	56	12%
False Alarms	52	39	41	53	50	37	57	55	47	39	8%
Miscellaneous	14	17	12	23	21	20	16	17	15	14	3%
Hazardous Condition	44	52	37	34	40	49	35	62	46	41	8%
Building Fire	19	24	21	30	16	34	18	21	27	21	4%
Grass Fire	9	4	8	4	2	9	1	8	16	13	3%
Unauthorized Burning	8	22	22	13	9	10	12	11	12	6	1%
Vehicle Fire	11	10	8	12	7	9	6	9	10	5	1%
Fire, other	15	12	12	5	8	5	3	9	8	5	1%
Tech Rescue	4	4	1	1	4	5	5	7	4	4	<1%
Chimney Fire	4	10	7	1	2	5	4	4	4	0	<1%
Carbon Monoxide	10	19	4	3	4	4	8	4	2	6	1%
Severe Weather	0	10	1	0	5	1	0	1	2	9	2%
Animal Rescue	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	<1%
Overpressure	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	<1%
Totals	385	449	386	379	364	418	364	439	486	486	

Structure Fires by District / Dollars Saved Versus Lost

	Prior Value	\$\$ Lost	\$\$ Saved	% Saved
Brighton Township	\$318,000	\$293,000	\$25,000	8%
Huntington Township	\$111,260	\$9,500	\$101,760	91%
Penfield Township	\$758,730	\$260,000	\$498,730	66%
Pittsfield Township	\$0	\$0	\$0	n/a
Wellington Township	\$23,640,000	\$700	\$23,639,300	99%
Wellington Village	\$1,411,566	\$46,250	\$1,365,310	97%

Incident Alarm Time

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
6:00am to 5:59pm	236	224	284	247	285	249	228	236	259	235	268	304	302
6:00pm to 5:59am	138	157	147	138	164	137	151	122	159	129	171	164	182

Average Personnel Turnout

Shift	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Day Shift	7	6	7	8	6	7	5	6	6	6	7	6	6
Night Shift	10	10	9	9	8	7	7	6	7	9	9	8	7
Officer Calls	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
First Responder	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	4	4
Structure Fire	14	15	13	15	10	11	11	9	11	10	13	11	10
Alarms	7	8	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	6	7	8	7
Overall Average	8	8	7	8	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	6

Calls by Day of Week

	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
Sunday	40	11.1%	50	11.9%	53	14.6%	52	11.8%	54	11.1%	67	14%
Monday	52	14.5%	60	14.3%	49	13.5%	64	14.5%	84	17.3%	68	14%
Tuesday	57	15.9%	63	15.1%	52	14.3%	66	15.0%	63	13%	68	14%
Wednesday	44	12.2%	66	15.8%	59	16.2%	62	14.1%	69	14.2%	54	11%
Thursday	52	14.5%	49	11.7%	46	12.6%	69	15.7%	89	18.3%	73	15%
Friday	55	15.3%	68	16.3%	55	15.1%	63	14.3%	70	16.4%	92	19%
Saturday	58	16.2%	62	14.8%	50	13.7%	63	14.3%	57	11.7%	64	13%

Unit Response Summary

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Engine 150	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	86	187	170	214	206	189
Ladder 151	n/a	n/a	48	56	41	34	38	33	39	28	35	34	24
Truck 152	106	156	184	146	183	167	147	148	172	160	199	236	262
Engine 153	180	167	211	206	183	176	176	96	32	36	36	41	20
Rescue 154	137	122	144	131	141	130	107	111	127	106	134	144	124
Rescue 156	153	150	176	161	161	149	146	131	145	128	154	154	128
Tanker 157	22	31	41	27	35	31	35	23	28	32	40	44	20
Command 159	115	156	84	86	98	72	54	47	124	87	123	128	136
Kubota RTV	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	3

Unit Response Delays Due to Trains

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Train Delays	17	31	22	14	4	2	6	3	3	4	1	3	6	0

Response Time

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
3:00 or less	33%	39%	30%	29%	38%	26%	30%	34%	26%	27%	34%
4:00 or less	41%	48%	38%	38%	47%	33%	38%	42%	35%	36%	44%
5:00 or less	50%	57%	47%	46%	55%	42%	47%	50%	43%	44%	51%
6:00 or less	58%	63%	54%	54%	61%	48%	52%	57%	49%	52%	59%
7:00 or less	63%	69%	60%	59%	65%	57%	60%	63%	56%	58%	66%
8:00 or less	67%	75%	65%	65%	70%	64%	64%	68%	62%	64%	71%

Average Response Time by District, Structure Fires

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Brighton Township	9:00	6:00	10:00	5:30	5:00	9:00	10:00	N/A	6:00	7:30	11:00
Huntington Township	8:48	10:00	7:30	21:00	9:30	9:00	10:20	11:00	11:30	10:00	11:32
Penfield Township	N/A	6:30	7:30	12:00	N/A	7:30	9:40	12:30	6:30	11:00	10:30
Pittsfield Township	10:40	9:00	6:00	8:00	7:24	7:00	7:20	6:00	8:00	8:40	8:00
Wellington Township	5:20	5:40	3:30	4:00	7:12	11:30	N/A	8:00	4:00	6:40	5:54
Wellington Village	2:05	2:05	3:00	3:15	2:30	3:30	2:53	4:45	3:00	4:00	3:21

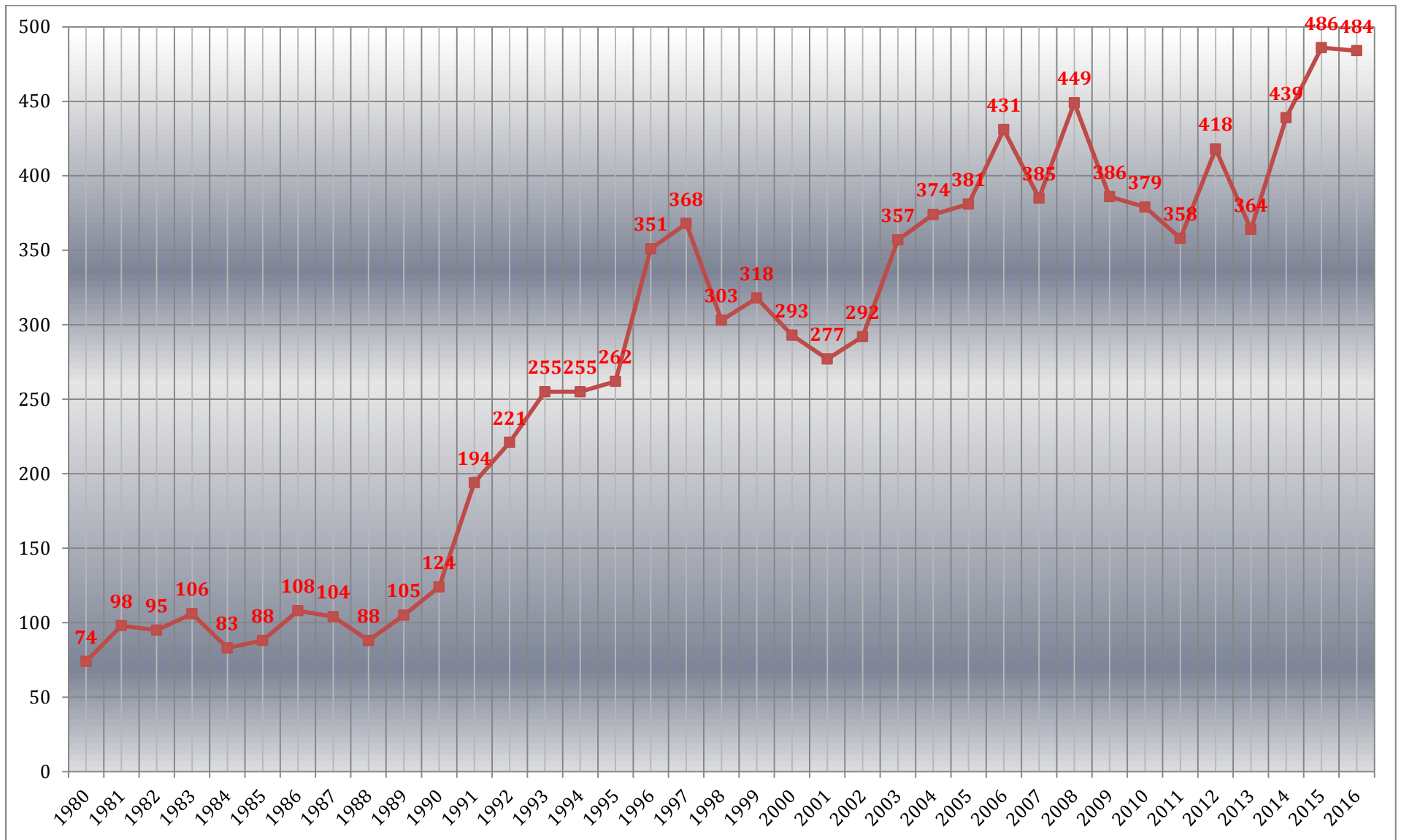
Average Response Time by District, Motor Vehicle Accidents

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Brighton Township	6:30	7:00	8:30	10:45	8:40	7:45	5:15	7:15	8:25	8:00	8:21
Huntington Township	7:51	8:32	5:30	7:15	7:23	9:10	10:20	9:45	9:00	8:00	8:23
Penfield Township	7:08	7:17	6:15	7:30	7:36	7:40	8:25	7:45	8:15	8:45	9:33
Pittsfield Township	9:02	8:55	8:15	8:30	9:25	9:45	9:15	9:05	8:15	8:15	8:23
Wellington Township	5:48	3:45	3:45	3:45	5:18	6:25	7:30	5:05	4:30	4:35	4:39
Wellington Village	3:30	2:12	3:15	3:45	2:40	2:45	1:46	2:30	3:30	3:05	3:40

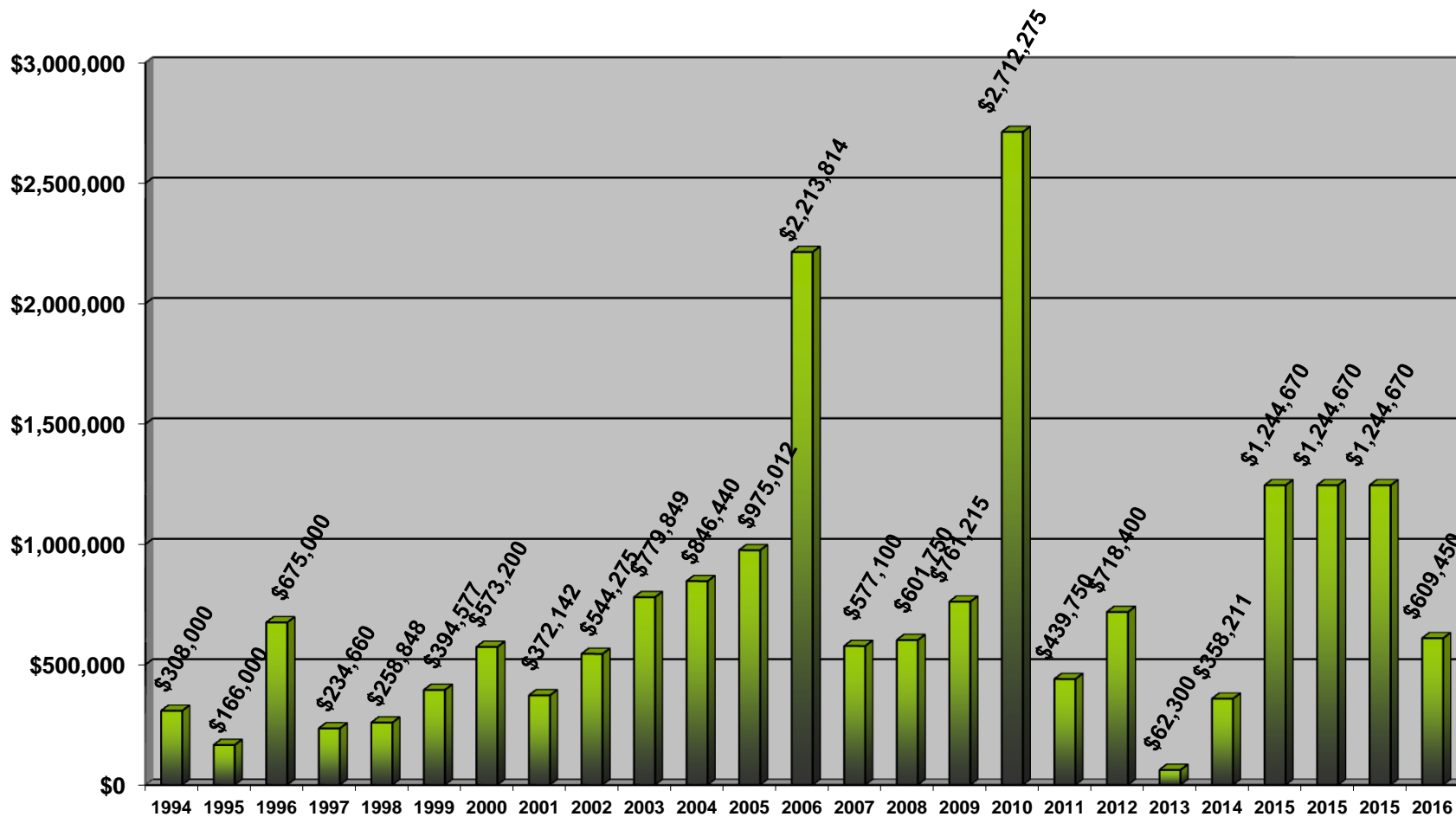
Average Response Time by District, First Responder Calls

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Brighton Township	10:30	9:00	7:00	8:00	N/A	9:00	7:30	8:05	9:25	8:00	8:55
Huntington Township	10:40	n/a	6:45	8:00	11:24	9:30	11:20	11:00	9:00	6:00	10:58
Penfield Township	9:12	6:40	8:30	3:00	7:48	8:05	9:00	8:00	5:00	10:00	9:05
Pittsfield Township	6:30	6:00	8:45	9:00	10:42	10:30	9:20	9:05	9:45	7:40	8:08
Wellington Township	5:20	7:00	5:00	5:00	3:36	4:30	6:00	3:45	4:20	3:50	5:15
Wellington Village	2:52	2:44	3:15	2:00	3:20	3:50	2:41	2:16	2:30	3:15	3:26

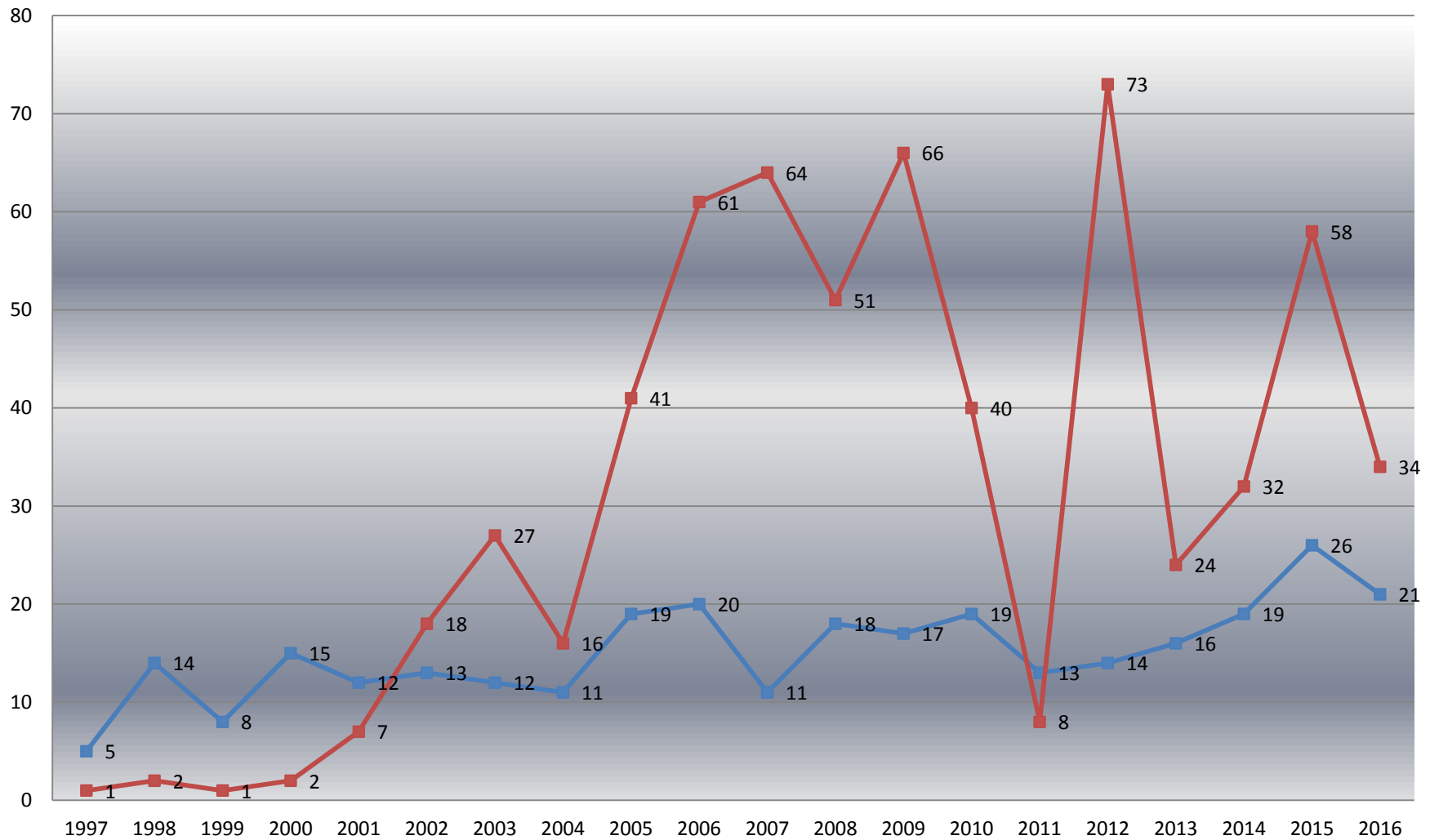
Annual Incidents Summary



Incident Dollar Loss Summary



Mutual Aid Summary



◆ Mutual Aid Given

◆ Mutual Aid Received

Wellington Fire District
Annual Incidents / Dollar Loss
By Township

Brighton Township	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Incidents	24	21	18	24	13	21	22	24	18
\$ Loss	\$0	\$244,200	\$9,500	\$5,500	\$45,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$215,680	\$293,000

Huntington Township	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Incidents	37	38	24	18	27	24	36	36	41
\$ Loss	\$151,500	\$3,200	\$91,000	\$1,050	\$130,000	\$11,000	\$17,611	\$208,490	\$9,500

Penfield Township	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Incidents	44	39	30	38	51	37	48	48	47
\$ Loss	\$56,325	\$10,500	\$7,000	\$700	\$88,000	\$1,500	\$96,000	\$117,000	\$260,000

Pittsfield Township	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Incidents	86	63	74	74	79	55	77	82	76
\$ Loss	\$141,200	\$15,000	\$2,604,775	\$218,000	\$294,000	\$500	\$142,500	\$600,000	\$76

Wellington Township	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Incidents	51	41	46	37	42	37	51	62	55
\$ Loss	\$5,325	\$209,550	\$195,100	\$214,500	\$9,000	\$16,800	\$42,000	\$97,500	\$700

Wellington Village	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Incidents	174	149	154	145	167	164	166	191	223
\$ Loss	\$247,400	\$278,765	\$4,450	\$49,800	\$152,400	\$32,500	\$100	\$6,000	\$46,250

Section 5: Training

Technical Rescue Recap

By Lieutenant Chad Regal

The Wellington Fire District is called on and must be ready to provide rescues other than those related to fires or accidents. High angle rope rescue, water rescues like ice, diving and swiftwater, confined space rescues, trench rescues, and hazardous material rescues are among the many different forms of technical rescues the Fire District provides.



The District has seven personnel trained to the Hazardous Materials Technician level. They are A.C. Bill Brown, Lt. Greg Frenk, Lt. Ethan Little, FF Tim Polen, FF Steve Higgins, FF Dave Roser, and FF Ken Knapp. Lt. Little represents our department on the Lorain County Haz-Mat team, with FF Knapp serving as the alternate. They attend monthly training meetings and we use them as advisors in case of a hazmat situation in the district.

Confined space rescue is an often taken for granted and overlooked. We have a lot of agricultural silos and grain bins that present very dangerous environments and are considered confined spaces. Lorain County has a USAR team that is trained and can be called on for help at any special rescues like confined space rescue, trench rescue, rope rescue and urban search rescue. Lt. Greg Frenk and FF John Clawson are both trained in confined space rescue

FF Gordy Lent has continued to lead our department's water rescue teams. Gordy also provides a valuable service by maintaining and making sure the boats and other dive equipment are ready for action when called upon. Lt. Greg Frenk was also the President of the Lorain County Dive Team this year. WFD has five divers at various levels of training. A.C. Troy Pitts, Lt. Greg Frenk, Lt. Ethan Little, FF Gordy Lent and FF Mike Barlow are our divers. We have four rescue divers, A.C. Pitts, Lt. Frenk, FF Lent and FF Barlow, and two certified ice divers, Lt. Frenk and FF Lent. We also have two very dedicated and competent dive tenders FF John Clawson and FF Dave Roser.

The Fire District has seventeen trained ice rescue personnel with FF Lent serving as a certified instructor.

The Fire District has eight swiftwater operations personnel, A.C. Bill Brown, Lt. Troy Pitts, Lt. Chad Regal, FF Bryan Hamer, FF Dan Shinsky, FF Steve Higgins, FF Dave Roser, and FF Mike Barlow and two swift water techs, Lt. Frenk and FF Lent.

The district has three trained rope rescue operations personnel, Lt. Troy Pitts, Lt. Ethan Little, and FF Dan Shinsky and five rope rescue technicians, A.C. Bill Brown, Lt Greg Frenk, FF Gordy Lent, FF John Clawson, and FF Steve Higgins.

In 2016 we were called upon to perform a technical rescue where a three year old boy crawled into a septic tank pipe and got stuck. Fate and skill were riding on the shoulders of everyone that day as it just so happened the county dive team was training at the reservoir that morning. A number of the guys at the training are a part of the county's technical rescue team. With that and the training everyone goes through on an annual basis we were able to save that child and had him dug out in under a half hour.

The time, training, and dedication of these firefighters is greatly appreciated by the Board of Trustees and officers. These skills are not used often but are very specific in nature and require constant training to stay proficient. Beyond the Wellington Fire District, many of these men are part of and enhance Lorain County's Dive Team, Haz-Mat Team and Swift Water Team.



EMS Continuing Education

By Firefighter/Medic Derick Oswald



2016 was a busy year for the Wellington Fire District and their First Responders. There were 145 total First Responder calls in 2016, which was a 132% increase since 2012. These calls include anything from lift assists with South Lorain County Ambulance District and Central Lorain County Ambulance District, to patients in full arrest. These 145 calls do not include motor vehicle crashes, which contributed an additional 84 calls in 2016.

With the increasing First Responder calls throughout the years, the Fire District recognized the importance in establishing a education program within the department.

Chief Wetherbee, Assistant Chief Brown, and Firefighter Oswald worked diligently throughout 2015 to put a education program together. On March 1st, 2016 the paperwork was approved by our Medical Director Dr. Kim Bowen and sent to Columbus. On April 20, 2016 the State Board of Emergency Medical Services approved the Wellington Fire District EMS Training Program as a continuing education site.

On May 18, 2016 the first class was held at the Kelly Street Fire Station. This program has been designed to conduct a minimum of four, three hours classes each year, in addition to our CPR recertification course. In a three year cycle each firefighter will be able to gain enough continuing education credits to satisfy their requirements for their certification.



Blue Card Training

By Lieutenant Dusty Reynolds

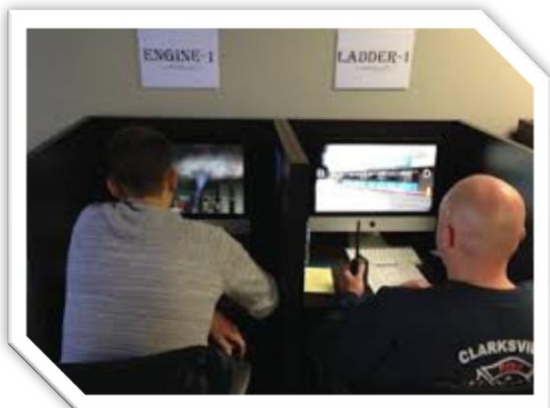
The "Blue Card" training program provides fire departments with a training and certification system that defines the best Standard Command Practices for common, local, everyday strategic and tactical emergency operations conducted on NIMS Type 4 & Type 5 events. This certification program produces Incident Commanders that make better decisions that will potentially eliminate the lethal and/or costly mistakes that cause injury, death, and unnecessary fire losses in the local response area.



Sponsored by the Lorain County Fire Chief's Association, classes were held at the Oberlin Fire Department, utilizing a blend of on-line training and "hands-on" computer simulations. The cost of the program was over \$800 per student, however, through funding by the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC), the Fire District did not have to pay for any of the training cost.

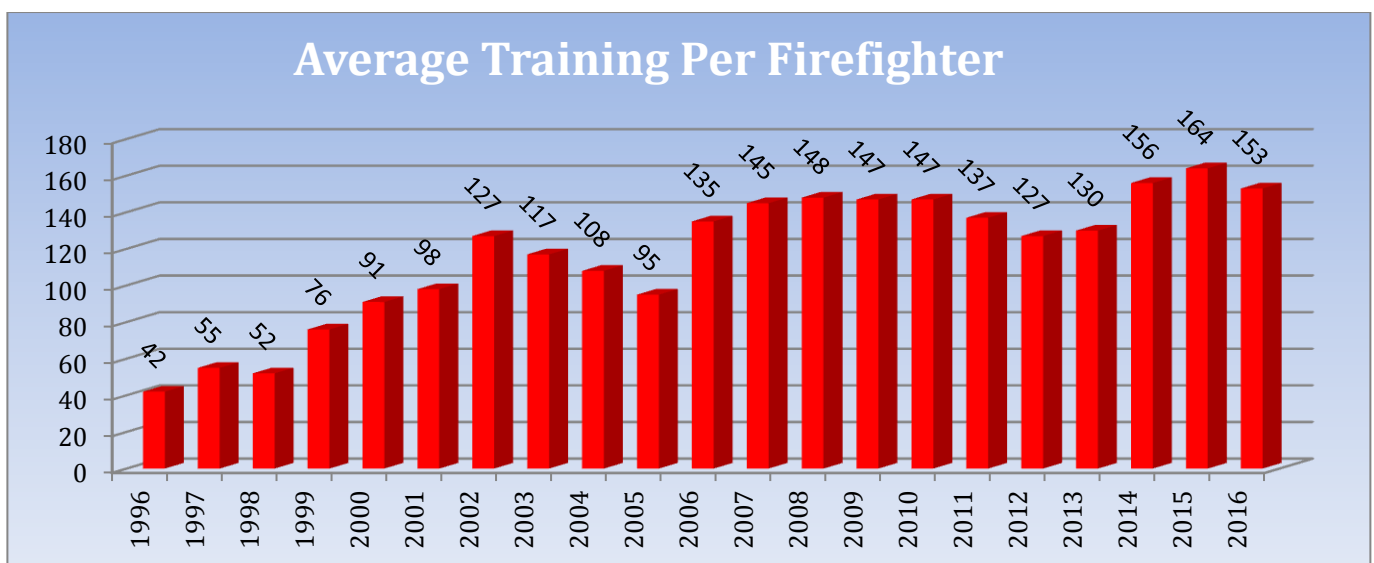
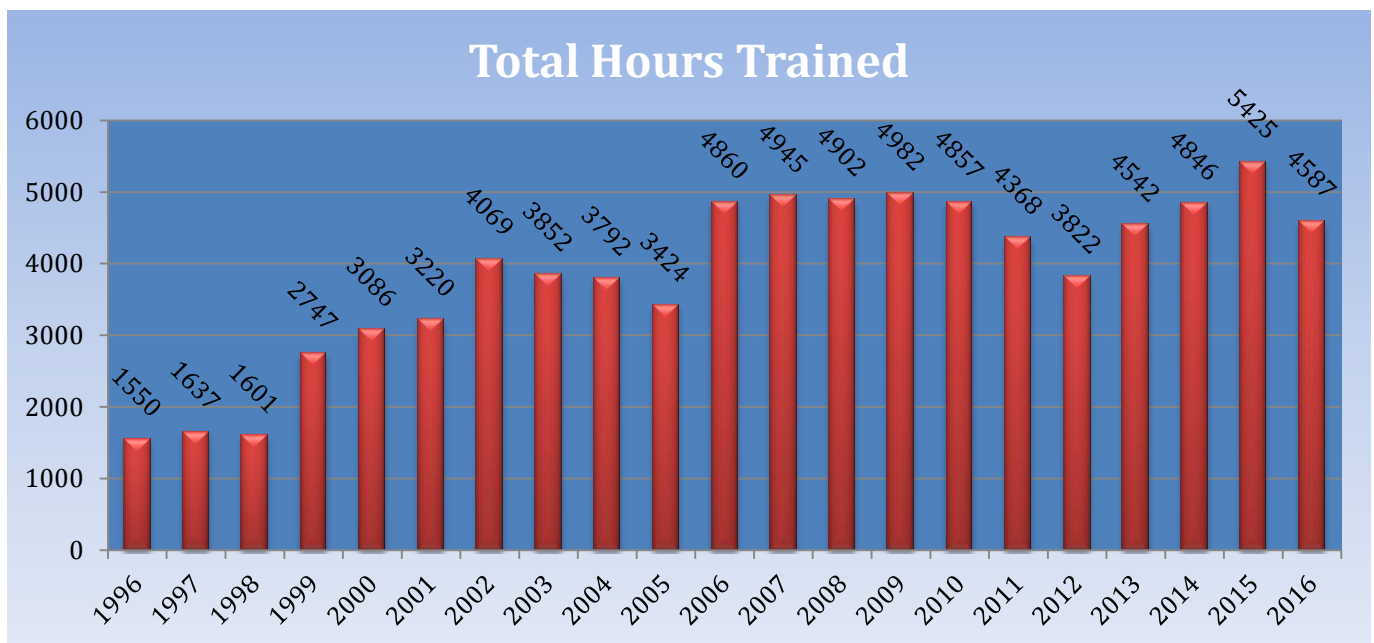
Each fire department in Lorain County was given a chance to send a certain amount of firefighters through the program; those departments who did not participate had their spots made available to other willing departments. The Wellington Fire District was able to send all eight officers and seven firefighters through the program.

The community will benefit from this training by having its fire officers and firefighters trained for better structure on what to do at a fire scene, big or small, from communications and tactics, to organizing resources. Anytime training like this is available, it helps make the Wellington Fire District better. It also makes the community safer, because the more we train the more it helps us when the pager goes off.



Wellington Fire District 2016 Training and Activity Summary

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
FF's Trained:	33	34	33	32	30	35	31	33	30
Avg. Training Per FF:	148	147	147	137	127	130	156	164	153
FF's With >40 Hours:	26	28	29	25	27	32	30	31	25
FF's With >80 Hours:	19	23	26	23	22	25	27	28	23
FF's With >100 Hours:	19	18	23	22	19	24	22	25	20
FF's With >120 Hours:	17	17	21	22	16	20	17	22	18
FF's With >200 Hours:	10	10	8	7	4	7	11	13	10
FF's With >300 Hours:	4	5	1	2	1	0	0	1	3
Total Training Hours:	4,902	4,982	4,857	4,368	3,822	4,542	4,846	5,425	4,587



Wellington Fire District 2016 Training Analysis by Staff

Staff Member	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Chief Mike Wetherbee	290.75	271.25	301	272.75	207	248	318
Assistant Chief Bill Brown	210.50	193.25	209	220.75	184	209	309.50
Assistant Chief Troy Pitts	276.25	200.50	204.75	238	288	204	265.75
Lieutenant Greg Frenk	293.25	324.75	195.75	207.5	293	171.50	115.50
Lieutenant Chad Regal	179.25	188.50	165.75	199	225.50	167.75	207.5
Lieutenant Ethan Little	320.25	322	266.75	231.5	253.50	227.25	112.25
Lieutenant Dusty Reynolds	201.25	206	125	105.75	141.25	109.50	98
Lieutenant Bryan Hamer	130	122.25	88.50	84	88.50	173.75	221.50
Firefighter Gordy Lent	178.75	120.75	94	120.25	136.25	93.50	95.50
Firefighter Scott Regal	187.25	159.50	144.25	139.25	178.25	203.75	195.50
Firefighter Dave Crawford	75.75	62.25	58	259	230.25	299.25	251.25
Firefighter John Clawson	72.50	62.25	80.75	71.25	58.25	34.75	145.50
Firefighter Derick Oswald	125.25	104.25	107.75	76.25	58.50	57	91.50
Firefighter Dan Shinsky	181.75	151	134.25	135.25	128.25	148.75	140.25
Firefighter Tim Polen	95	84	137.25	41.75	53	28.75	28.75
Firefighter Steve Higgins	13.25	11.50	11.50	54.75	96.50	65	131
Firefighter Ed Thorn	132.50	179.25	111.75	106.75	115.75	113.75	151
Firefighter Dave Roser	153.75	160.75	117.75	159	270.25	255.25	249.50
Firefighter Rich Smith	144	145	38.25	50.5	98	59.25	35.50
Firefighter Dusty Reynolds	201.25	206	125	105.75	141.25	109.50	98
Firefighter Mike Barlow	129	191	220.50	194	248	248.75	201.50
Firefighter Ken Knapp	N/A	N/A	68.50	253	215.75	267.25	137.50
Firefighter Mike Standen	N/A	N/A	122.25	104	102.50	92.75	42.75
Firefighter Tim Standen	N/A	N/A	121	111.5	114.25	109.50	38
Firefighter Jason Dumke	N/A	N/A	N/A	123.25	95.75	201.50	67.50
Firefighter Tyler Honoshofsky	N/A	N/A	N/A	134.75	221	120	149.25
Firefighter Justen Tripp	N/A	N/A	N/A	126.25	67.25	225.50	121
Firefighter Steve Garn	N/A	N/A	N/A	122.75	219	183.25	36.25
Firefighter Rick Suda	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	151	34.25
Firefighter Dean Bowman	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	182	284.50
Firefighter Logan Spence	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	216.50	311.25

Wellington Fire District 2016 Training by Category

Category	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Apparatus Maintenance	1,132.75	914.50	967.75	1,101.25	1,071	895
General Firefighting (Other)	822.50	755.50	965.25	335.75	1,508.25	342.25
Station Maintenance	379.25	388	416	394	693	648.75
Dive/Water Operations	270.75	289	379.5	311.25	451.75	294
Public Education/Dept. Pride	306.25	284	463.5	251.50	168	213
Officer Development	251.50	265.75	160	508.75	277	150
Driver's Training/Pump Operations	271.50	261	274.5	429	249.50	161.75
Technical Rescue	138.50	148	205.25	163.25	118.75	47
Hazardous Materials	28	124	24.5	331.50	101.50	220.5
Administrative Procedures	42.25	101.75	164.25	44	40	128.5
EMS	285	93	30.5	561.50	360.25	504.5
Strategic/Tactical Operations	142.50	73.75	192.5	174	260	927.75
Fire Instructor/Instruction	262	71.25	176.5	46	98	43.5
Certified Fire Safety Inspector	35.50	52.25	121.5	111	18	10.5

