



Chester Township Fire Rescue 2022 Annual Report

Dear Chester Township residents,

The attached annual report highlights the activity of your Fire Department in 2022. Last year we answered the most calls for assistance in the history of the department – 1,505. This reflects an 11.65% increase from 2021. The department saw increases in both EMS runs (4.6%) and fire runs (29.5%).

Our personnel have changed significantly in 2022. There were 3 resignations of full-time personnel and 13 resignations of part-time personnel. To offset these losses, we hired 3 full-time personnel, and 11 part-time personnel were hired, many of which were former employees. This dedicated group of people provided 38,702 hours of protection and service for the community.

As the demands of the fire service increase, so does the need to continually train for the challenges that lie ahead. In 2022, department members accomplished 1,912 hours of training, most of which were completed on duty at no additional cost to the Township.

Emergency medical services (EMS) account for many of our calls for service. As in years past, most of our patients seen were 65 years old or greater, female and transported to Hillcrest hospital. The department also needs to be prepared for fires which are a more dangerous threat to both people and property. We were able to limit losses from fire to an estimated \$93,250. This amount represents 7.72% of the value of the property that suffered fire incidents. The amount of property saved was over \$1.2 million dollars.

While this was a year of significant transition, we were able to move ahead with improvements, some of which were:

- ❖ Refurbished training room and second floor of fire station
- ❖ Ordered new pumper truck (expected delivery late 2023)
- ❖ Received new ambulance

- ❖ Updated department rules and regulations
- ❖ Updated department mutual aid received responses to ensure adequate resources for incidents
- ❖ Negotiated contracts with both full-time and part-time employees
- ❖ Promoted two full-time personnel to Lieutenant – Jeremy Scalese and Marty Neary
- ❖ Instituted a more robust fire prevention program

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Fire Chief this year. The dedication and professionalism of our staff is shown every day in all they do for you and our community. I am proud of our organization and the commitment to serve you.

As we look forward to continuing to serve you in 2023, I want you to be aware that your fire department will have two levies on the ballot next year – one in the spring and one in the fall. These levies are crucial to our ability to maintain a prominent level of service. I am hopeful that you will continue with your important level of support so we can continue our mission of protecting and serving you and your family.

Yours in safety,



William J. Shaw, Fire Chief

PERSONNEL

The strength of any emergency organization is the people that deliver the services and Chester Township Fire Rescue is no different. We are proud of the people who serve our community and provide the emergency services you rely on.

You are protected by a combination of full-time and part-time personnel. The full-time personnel work the traditional firefighter shift – 24 hours on duty followed by 48 hours off duty. Part-time personnel work as they are able. Many of our part-time personnel are full-time paramedic/firefighters with other communities in the area.

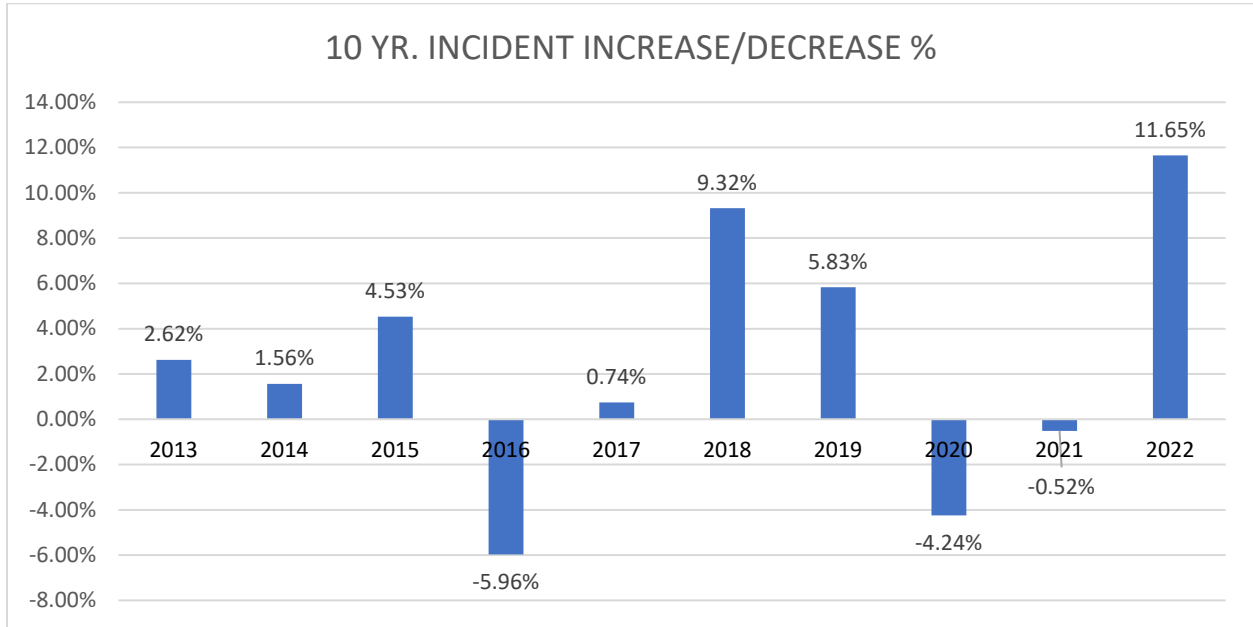
The full-time personnel worked 18,332.15 hours and part-time personnel worked 23,133.5 hours. The hours worked by our staff ensured we had personnel at the fire station 24 hours/day every day of the year.

Just as important as having the proper staff available for incidents, training must be conducted to ensure the competency of those serving the community. While many of our part-time staff receive training at their full-time fire jobs, it is still important for all Chester Township Fire Rescue staff to train on our equipment, medical protocols, and operational policies so we achieve the safety and efficiency desired.

Our full time staff logged 900 hours of training, much of which was to earn certifications. Two personnel became certified fire safety inspectors from the State of Ohio. Two personnel completed a Fire Officer 1 & 2 course while another became certified in areas of technical rescue. Our part-time staff logged 1,012 hours of training on a variety of topics. Most of the part-time training hours were accomplished on duty at no additional cost.

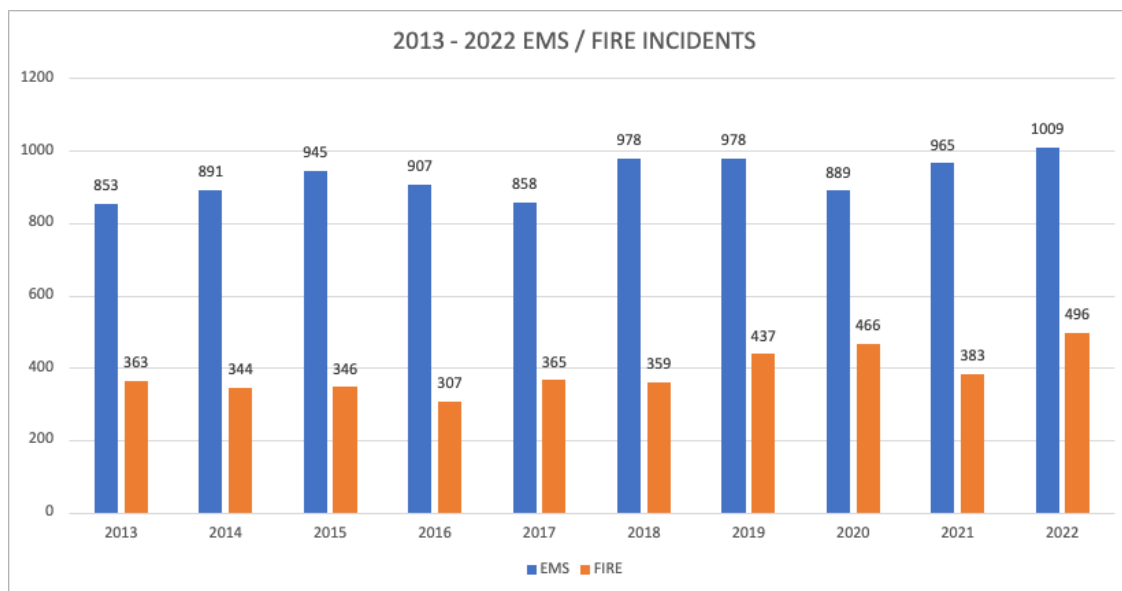
INCIDENTS

Chester Township Fire Rescue set a record for emergency incidents in 2022 – 1,505 which was an 11.65% increase over 2021.



FIRE/EMS INCIDENT COMPARISON

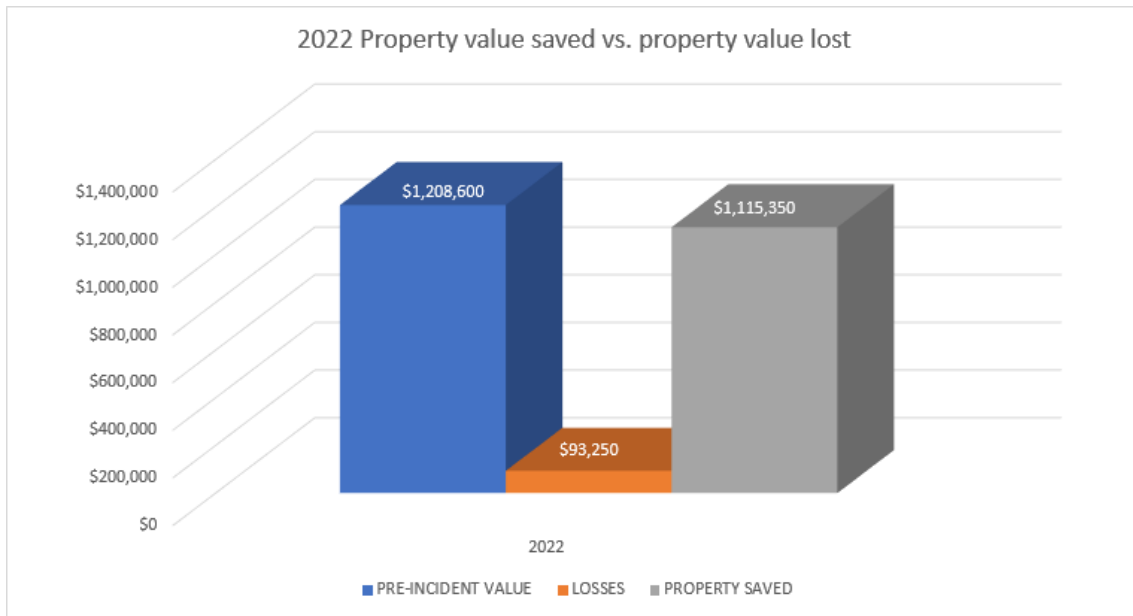
As in years past, the calls for paramedic EMS service make up most of our incidents. Even though fires make up a smaller amount of our call volume, fire remains a concern due to the potential loss of life and property.



PROPERTY LOSS FROM FIRE

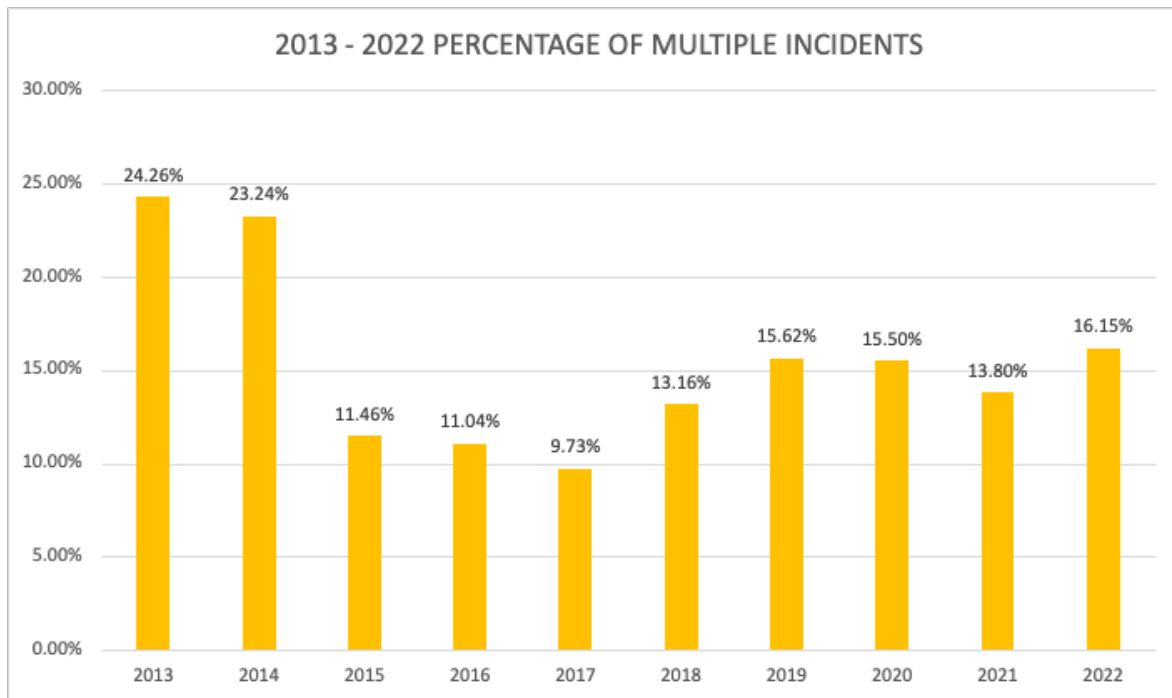
A measure of how effective the fire department can be is comparing the value of the property before the fire to the dollar loss from the fire. This graph shows that the department was able to minimize fire loss suffered by our residents.

In 2022, Chester Township Fire Rescue was able to prevent damage to 92.28% of the property affected by fire. This reflects the strong community support we receive from our residents, which provides the staffing, equipment, and training to protect your families.



MULTIPLE INCIDENTS

Emergency services would be much more manageable if the incidents were scheduled. Unfortunately, life does not work that way. This graph shows the percentage of incidents that occurred simultaneously with others. Multiple calls may range from 2 at the same time up to as many as 5 or 6 at the same time. Most frequently it is 2 at the same time. With our staffing levels, 2 simultaneous incidents sometimes challenge our on-duty personnel to provide service.



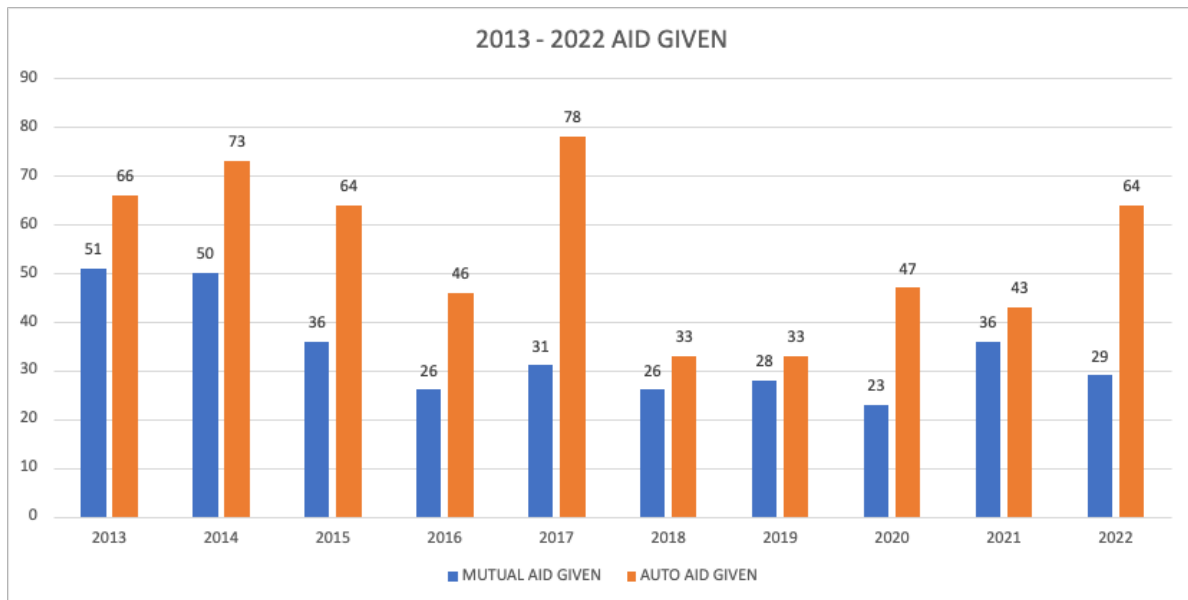
MUTUAL AID

No community can afford to protect 100% of the residents 100% of the time from 100% of emergency situations. Occasionally, assistance is required from other surrounding communities. We are thankful for the strong working relationships with our neighbors.

This graph depicts the number of incidents Chester Township Fire Rescue provided aid to other fire departments. Because of our location, we can be called upon to assist departments in Geauga, Lake, or Cuyahoga counties.

The number of incidents that Chester Township Fire Rescue provided aid to neighboring departments accounted for approximately 6.2% of our total calls.

The number of incidents that Chester Township Fire Rescue received aid from neighboring departments accounted for approximately 3.3% of our total calls.



Chester Township Fire Rescue is proud to provide you, our residents, with a safe community in which to live. We hope 2023 is healthy and safe for you and your family, but if not, we will be ready to help you.