



STRONGSVILLE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

2017

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Year End Report

## 2017 Operational Summary

➤ TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	5,647 (4.3% increase over 2016)
➤ EMS CALLS	3,984
➤ EMS TRANSPORTS	3,234
➤ AMBULANCE BILLING COLLECTIONS	\$1,006,793
➤ FIRE & SERVICE CALLS	1665
➤ TOTAL FIRE LOSSES	\$1,077,050
➤ FIRES WITH PROPERTY LOSS	17
➤ FIRES WITH LOSS EXCEEDING \$10,000	10 (8 structure, 2 vehicle)
➤ MUTUAL AID GIVEN	124
➤ MUTUAL AID RECEIVED	71

Strongsville Fire & Emergency Services is tasked with coordinating Incident Action Plans (IAP) for all large community events, including July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks, Homecoming Parade, Carnival and fireworks, Rib Burn-Off, and Winter Wonderland fireworks.

On November 5, 2017, a storm which included a “macro burst” and “straight line wind” swept through Strongsville with recorded gusts up to 105mph. Dozens of homes were damaged, hundreds of downed trees and limbs, and power outages. During the 12 hours after the storm, SFES responded to 37 calls.

## 2017 Department Highlights

- Retirements of Firemedics Chris Nieberding, Tim Fetzer, Denis Marconi, and Administrative Assistant Erin Sutak
- Hiring of Matt Taylor, Patrick Barrett, and Josh Maslocha as FireMedics
- Two *National Drug Take Back* collection days and installation of a permanent collection receptacle in the SPD lobby.
- Continued transition to iPads for all mobile functions-Dispatch, mapping, medical reports
- AHA Mission Lifeline Gold Award for resuscitation success
- Active member in the *Northern Ohio Trauma System* with MetroHealth, Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, and Southwest General
- Hosted NorthEast Ohio Fire Protection Association meetings at ERC
- Improved vehicle extrication capability with battery-powered tools at a cost of \$60,000
- Updated Fire Medic ballistic gear for Active Threat/Active Shooter response
- Hosted Regional Fire Training Seminar at Ehrnfelt Recreation Center

SFES transports primarily to the main campus of Southwest General Health Center, but also to Southwest-Brunswick ER; Cleveland Clinic Main Campus, Brunswick ER, Fairview, Medina, ; University Hospitals Main Campus & Parma Medical Center; MetroHealth Medical Center Main Campus & Parma ER. As new options, UH-Broadview Hts. and MetroHealth-Brecksville are now available to receive patients.

The most frequent reasons for transport are Chest Pain, Difficulty Breathing, Altered Level of Consciousness, Diabetic Emergencies, and Stroke. The opioid epidemic continues to utilize EMS law enforcement resources, requiring 161 doses of the anti-opioid drug Narcan in 2017. City Council approved legislation in October 2017 to begin charging for EMS calls “treatment, no transport (TNT)” at a fee of \$400.

## 2017 Administrative Summary

- Staffing
  - 54 members on three shifts
  - 3 uniformed administrative staff
  - 3 Fire Inspectors
  - 1 Training Officer (assigned Nov., 2017)
  - 1 administrative assistant (ret. Oct., 2017 & not replaced)
- Regional Teams
  - 18 SFES members
  - Hazardous Materials
  - Land: structural collapse, trench, high angle
  - Water: dive, swift water
  - Fire Investigation
- Facilities
  - Approximately 75,000 sq. ft. of heated space
  - \$75,000 in upgrades and repairs
    - Station 1 roof repairs HVAC systems, community room, and fire alarm panel
  - Re-dedication of Station 3 following renovation
- Fleet
  - 21 emergency vehicles
  - 10 support vehicles
  - Commissioned new Sutphen fire engine in February, 2017
  - New Braun ambulance designed & ordered for Spring, 2018 delivery
- Fire Prevention
  - 1,267 inspections
  - Approximately 1,200 occupancies
  - 35 occupancies with monitored chemical inventories
  - Acceptance Co-testing with Building Department
  - Fire Safety trailer at all elementary schools
  - Numerous public education events
  - Fire Fighter Phil education program
  - Participation in Safety Town
  - Added a third Fire Safety Inspector due to volume of new construction and increasing complexity of new occupancies

- Trained 250 residents with LED Fire Extinguisher training system
- Community Emergency Response team (CERT)
  - Participates in all major city events
  - Key component of City Disaster Planning
  - 8/9? CERT members received EMR certification
- Received \$2000 from Shoreline and Swagelok for community safety education
- Over 300 citizens trained in CPR