



STRONGSVILLE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

2019

Year End Report

2019 Operational Summary

➤ TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	6,422 (4.2% increase over 2018)
➤ EMS CALLS	4,236
➤ EMS TRANSPORTS	3,715
➤ AMBULANCE BILLING COLLECTIONS	\$1,198,116
➤ FIRE & SERVICE CALLS	2,186
➤ TOTAL FIRE LOSSES	\$1,454,007
➤ FIRES WITH PROPERTY LOSS	37
➤ FIRES WITH LOSS EXCEEDING \$10,000	12 (8 structure, 4 vehicle)
➤ MUTUAL AID GIVEN	160
➤ MUTUAL AID RECEIVED	96

Incidents by Type

Fire	88	1.37%
Rupture/Explosion	6	0.09%
EMS	4,504	70.13%
Hazardous Conditions	214	3.33%
Service Calls	663	10.32%
Good Intent Calls	460	7.16%
False Alarms	345	5.37%
Weather/Disaster	1	0.02%
Special Incident	4	0.06%
Mutual Aid Responses	137	2.13%
TOTAL	6,422	100.00%

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

2019 Department Highlights

- Retirements of Captain Harry Drennan and Lieutenant Gregg Samoly
- Promotion of Lieutenant Brian Tomcany to Administrative Officer and Lieutenant David Boyle to C Shift
- Hiring of Firemedic Dalton Jalovec
- Two *National Drug Take Back* collection days and installation of a permanent collection receptacle in the SPD lobby.
- 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
- Donated retired out of service turnout gear to the Strongsville Rotary for donation to Honduran Fire Department.
- EMS continuing education respiratory lab with pig anatomical parts

- October Open House at Fire Station 4 brought in 300+ people from the community
- Co-sponsored the Fire Academy for Kids with the Strongsville Firefighters Local 2882 and Firemedic Matt Schenek.

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. Southwest General Health Center is the Department's Medical Control. The Department transports 88% of its patients to either SWGHC Main or SWGHC Brunswick Emergency Department.

The most frequent reasons for transport are General Weakness, Chest Pain, Difficulty Breathing, Altered Level of Consciousness, Diabetic Emergencies, Stroke and Trauma. City Council approved legislation in December 2019 to increase EMS transport fees: \$650 for BLS, \$750 for ALS1, \$900 for ALS2, and \$14 per mile. The charges for EMS calls "treatment, no transport (TNT)" and "Lift Assist" were discontinued.

2019 Administrative Summary

- Staffing
 - 54 members on three shifts
 - 3 members assigned to Fire Prevention (Captain/Fire Marshal and 2 Inspectors)
 - 1 Lieutenant/Administrative Officer
 - 3 Chief Officers (Fire Chief, Assistant Chief Operations, Assistant Chief Administration)
- Regional Teams
 - 16 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
 - \$450,000 HVAC and lighting upgrades to Fire Station 1, grant from NOPEC \$150,000
- Fleet
 - 21 emergency vehicles
 - 10 support vehicles
 - New Braun ambulance ordered and delivered in September 2019; cost \$282,956
 - Purchased new a Ford Transit 150 8 passenger van
 - Major repairs to L-4 turntable and waterway

- L-1 hydraulic tank repaired
- L-4 aerial swivel repaired, cost \$26,000
- Equipment
 - Purchased new turnout gear for every firefighter; cost \$175,000
 - 5 year rotation; allows for each firefighter to have 2 sets
 - Purchased 14 Scott SCBA, 14 air cylinders, and 2RIT-PAK from Municipal Emergency Service for \$89,980
 - Purchased Howell Rescue Tools, battery powered hydraulic rescue tools for \$34,000
 - Three days of training by Howell Rescue Systems; vehicles donated by Rich's Towing.
- Fire Prevention
 - Over 1,200 inspections
 - Approximately 1,275 occupancies
 - 35 occupancies with monitored chemical inventories
 - Acceptance Co-testing with Building Department
 - Managed or installed over 217 residential lock boxes
 - Fire Safety Trailer for all third graders in the city elementary schools
 - Numerous public education events
 - Fire Fighter Phil education program for all K-2 students
 - Participation in Safety Town
 - Trained 1,000 business workers with LED Fire Extinguisher training system
- Community Emergency Response team (CERT)
 - Participates in all major city events
 - Key component of City Disaster Planning
 - 47 members and 9 EMR
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 - Total of 853 Volunteer hours
 - 474 meeting and training hours
 - 332 event and service hours
- Implemented the Emergency Reporting Software and records management system
- Contract negotiations with Strongsville Firefighters IAFF 2882 resolved after a year of negotiations, new CBA 2019-2021
- Donations received from:
 - McKinley Family donations of \$1,410 in honor of Charlotte McKinley
 - Swagelok \$2,000
 - Walmart Community Grant \$2,000
- EMS Grant received from Ohio Department of Public Safety for \$2,765
- Strongsville Police and Fire received \$11,572 reimbursement for training exercise at Southpark Center Mall from Cuyahoga county FY16 UASI funds.
- Over 500 citizens trained in CPR and first aid

