

Jackson Township Fire Department

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2019 Year End Report

Jackson Township Fire Department
(Stark County, Ohio)

Along with the growth of the community, the Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD) continues to see an increase in service provided to its residents and visitors. The department is committed to the protection of both life and property.

Our mission statement is:

Based upon the resources provided by our citizenry, the fire department shall strive to prevent the outbreak of fires, the release of hazardous materials, and to provide lifesaving rescue and medical assistance within our community. All personnel shall endeavor to minimize the danger to persons and damage to property caused by fires or hazardous material releases that do occur in areas served by the fire department. The preservation of human life and lessening the degree of injury or illness shall be the primary concern of all personnel during fires or other emergencies.

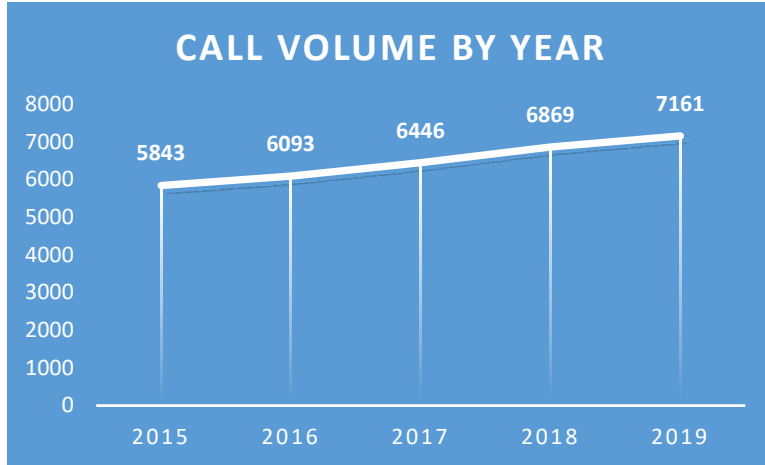
The business model exercised by the organization is based on a strong fire prevention program that includes public education, construction review along with testing of all life safety systems, as well as fire code compliance inspections, followed with a strong response to all fire, medical, and other calls for service by a highly motivated and trained staff of Firefighter/Paramedics. These men and women operate out of our five fire stations, strategically placed throughout our township. All fire incidents are investigated in order to determine the origin and cause. This often leads to more in-depth code enforcement or response activities.

Being good stewards, the department works well with community organization to include our police and road departments, our township administration, the Jackson Local Schools, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, as well as many others. In providing and receiving mutual aid assistance with neighboring communities, specifically the City of Massillon, Plain Township, the City of Green, as well as the State Fire Marshal's *Fire & Explosive Investigations Unit* the township has provided for the safety of all that enter Jackson Township.

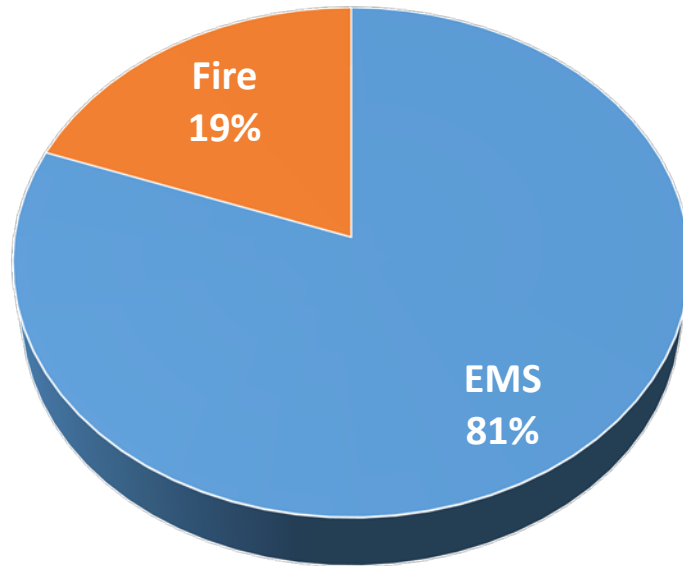
A description of some of the JTFD activities for 2019 are provided within this document. This data is based off of the monthly NIFRS reports submitted to the State of Ohio each month and to FEMA every quarter of the year.

Annual Run Volume Comparison

The Jackson Township Fire Department witnesses a consistent increase in call volume.

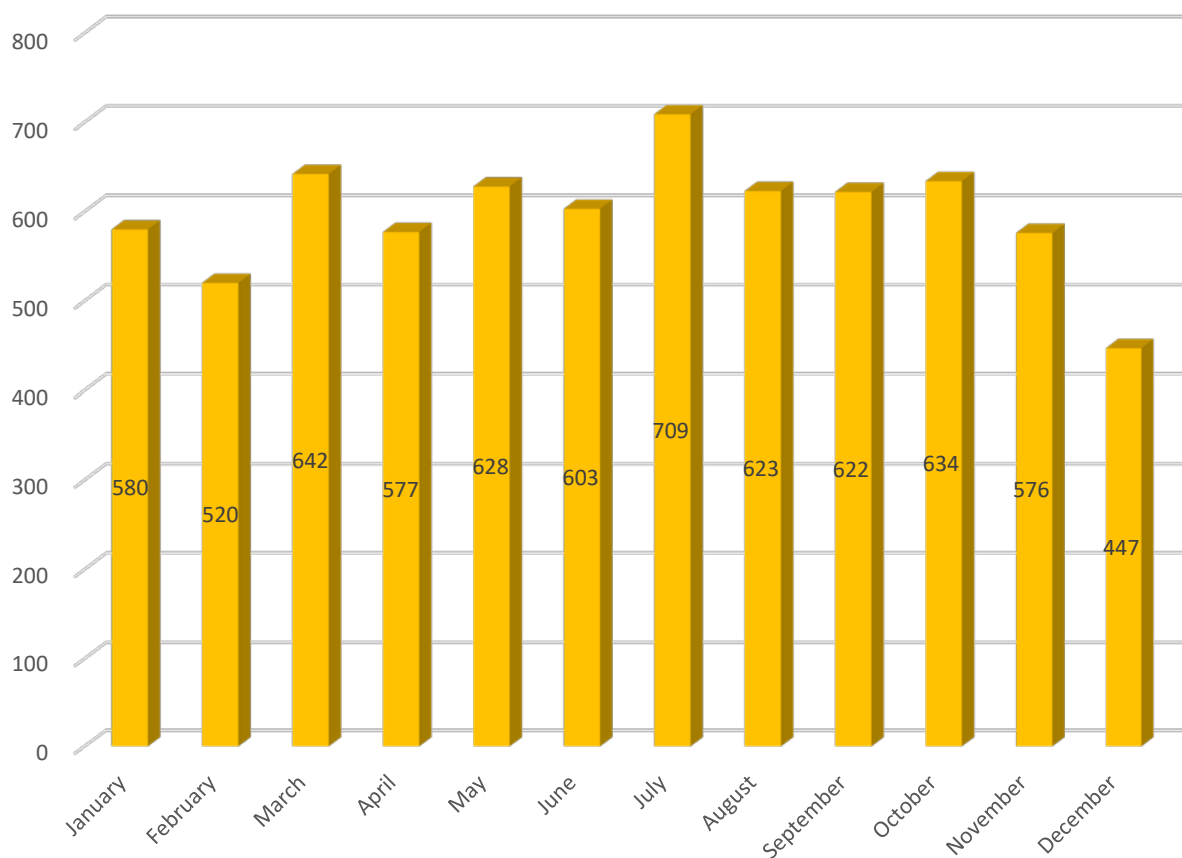


2019 saw a 9.6% growth in run volume; this is over the 6.2% from the previous year. As with all communities, the majority of calls have always been related to emergency medical care.



As depicted above, there were 7,161 total calls for service. Of these, 5,774 (81%) were for EMS and 1,387 (19%) were fire-base related.

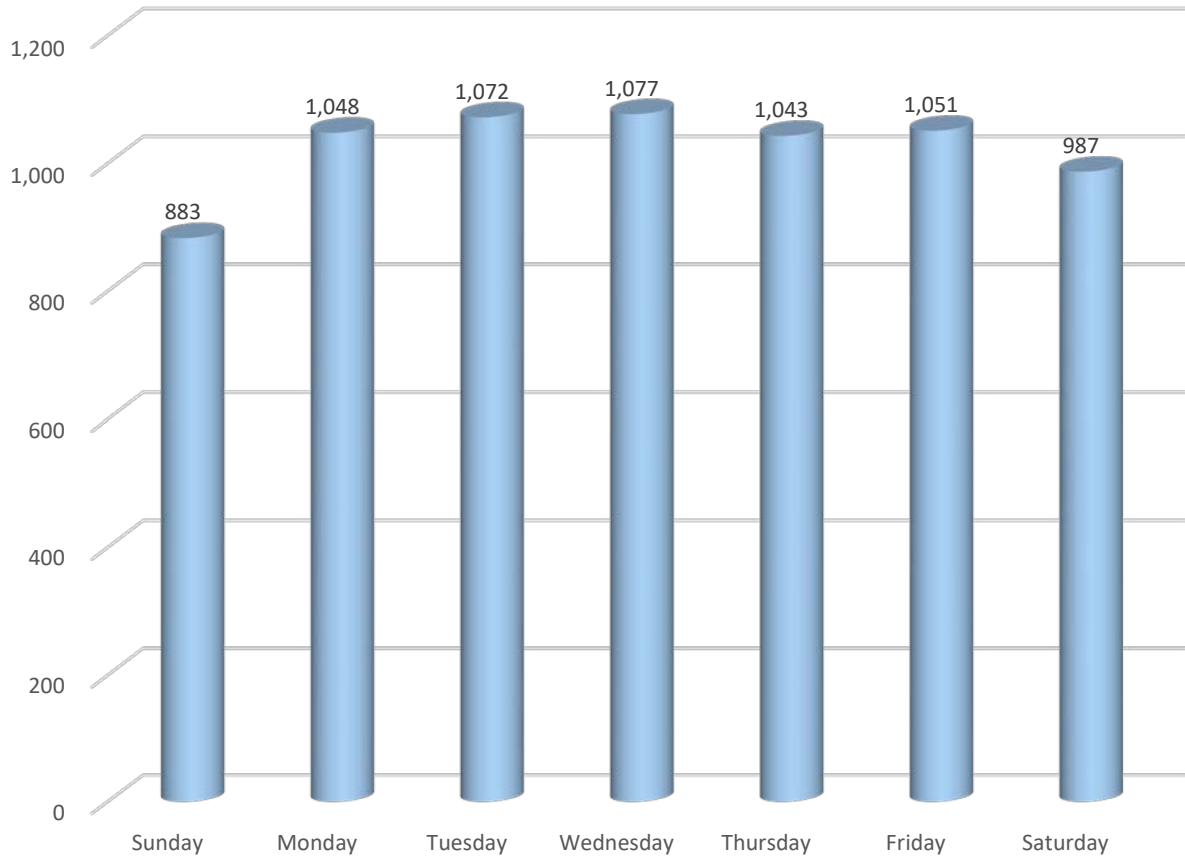
Run Volume (by Month)



Just as in the past three years, July brought the most activity in both fire and EMS responses.

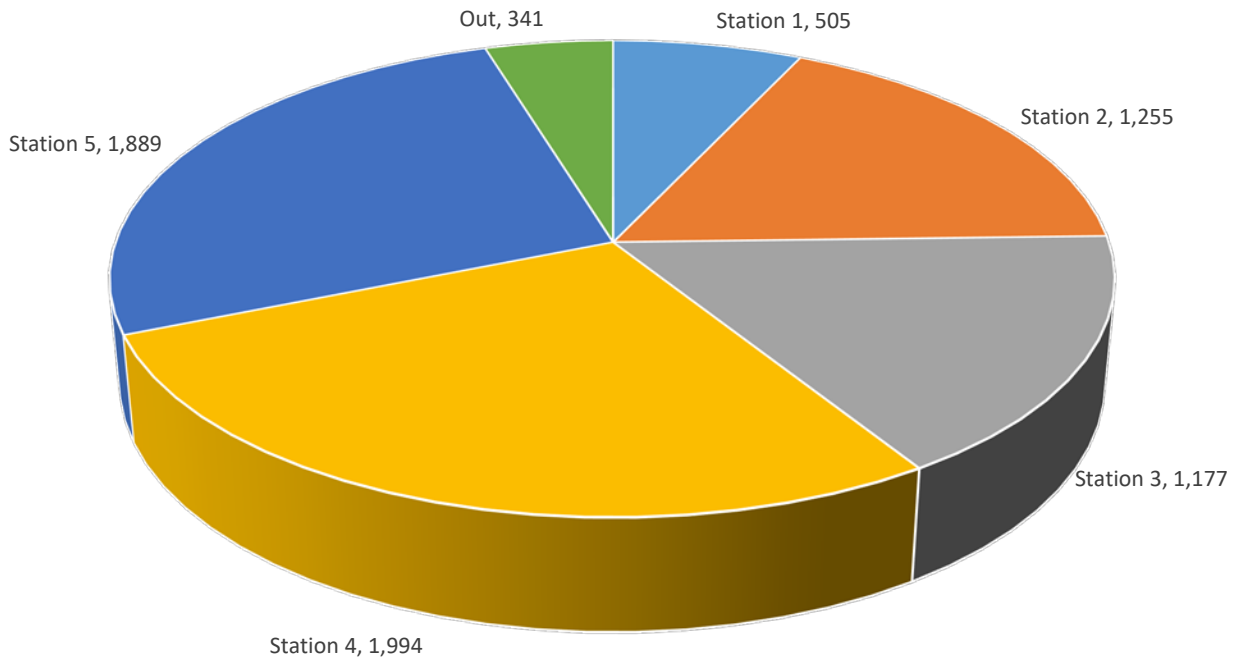
Due to the weather, the month of March had the most responses for motor vehicle accidents (MVAs), which collates to the increase in run numbers. The year ended with December being the least active month for the year.

Run Volume (by Day)



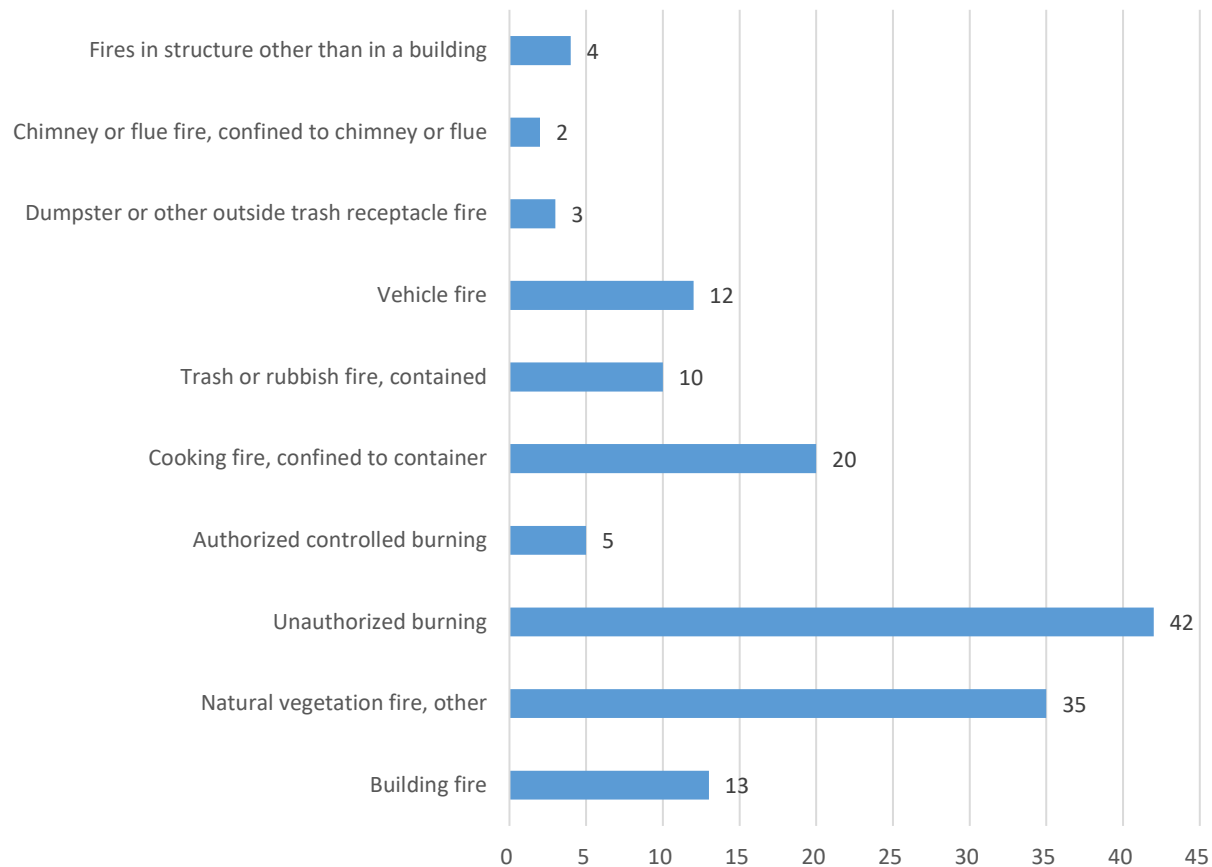
Everyday saw an increase in activity throughout the year. Sundays remain the least busy, with Wednesdays requiring the most attention. The data shows each day to be very consistent.

Run Volume (by Station)



This chart depicts the district from which calls originated. At times, some of these calls were responded to by other stations, such as motor vehicle accidents (MVAs), fire alarms activations, and reported structure fires. Calls for service within the districts of Stations 4 and 5 make-up just over 50% of the call volume for the year.

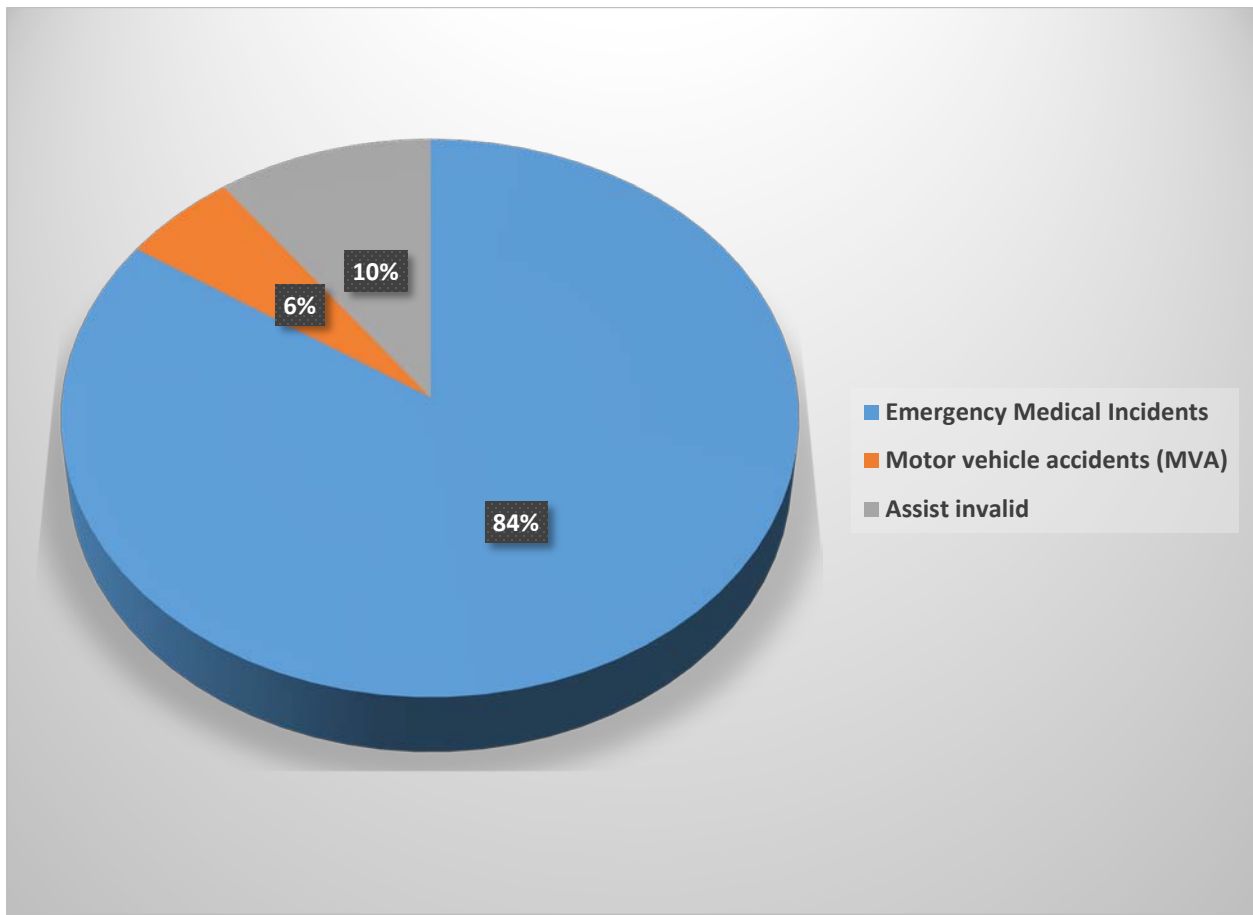
Confirmed Working Fires



The department responded to 146 confirmed fire-related events. These were extinguished, as well as investigated by the department. As stated earlier, some incidents required units from multiple stations in order to mitigate. Sadly, the year ended with one fire fatality two weeks prior to Christmas.

Emergency Medical Responses

The personnel that staff the five fire stations function as a 'dual-role' capacity; meaning that they are certified to the *Firefighter II* level and as *Paramedics*. As shown, the majority of calls for service by the department are related to medical incidents. There has been an increase for 'Assist Invalid' type of calls; these mostly consist of patient lifts, both from private residences and nursing homes. Motor vehicle accidents (MVAs) still require specialized care and training which the department is prepared to handle.



Hospital Usage

Aultman Massillon emergency room opened their doors towards the end of 2019. This is the result of the sudden closure of Affinity Hospital in 2018. It will be interesting to see how the use of this facility may affect the other ones moving forward. Aultman Main and Mercy Medical Center (MMC) continue to receive the bulk of the patients.

