

Jackson Township Fire Department

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2020 Year End Report

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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:

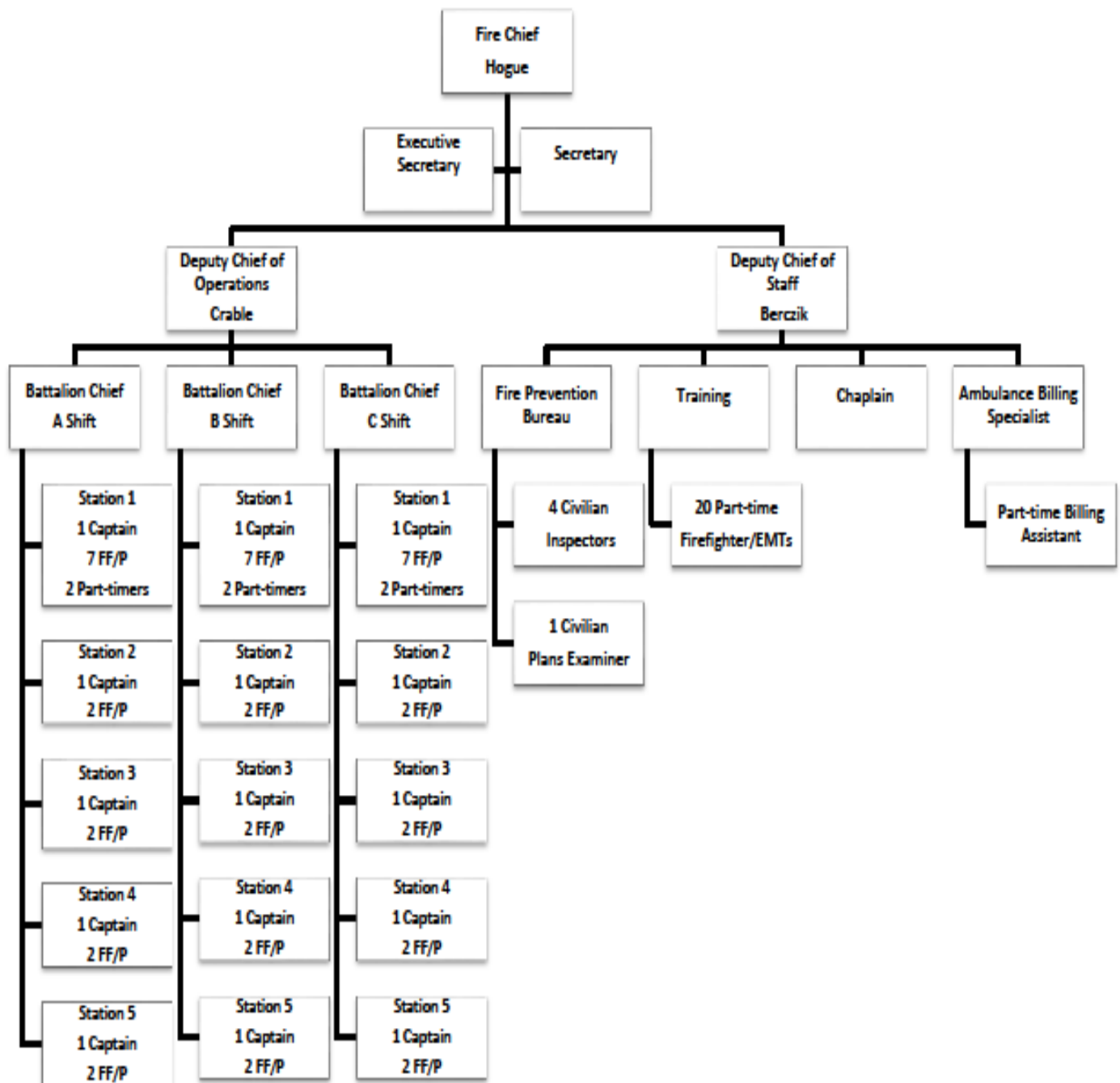
Based upon the resources provided by our citizenry, the fire department shall strive to prevent the outbreak of fires, the release of hazardous materials, and to provide lifesaving rescue and medical assistance within our community. All personnel shall endeavor to minimize the danger to persons and damage 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 organizations which 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.

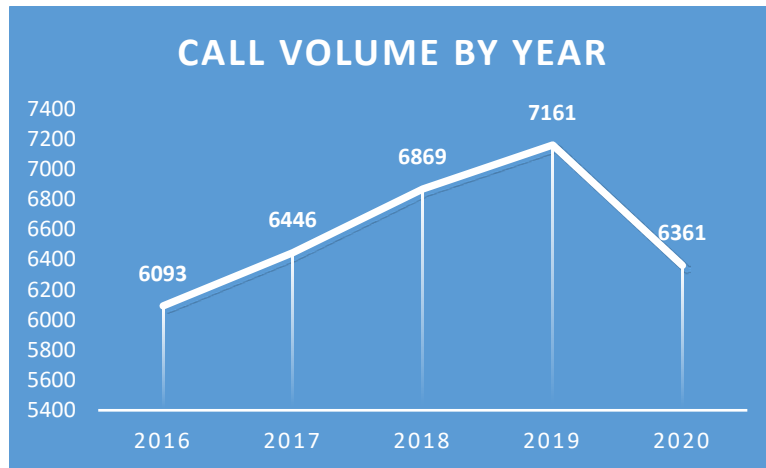
A description of some of the JTFD activities for 2020 are provided within this document. This data is based off of the monthly NIFRS reports submitted to the State of Ohio each month and to FEMA every quarter of the year.

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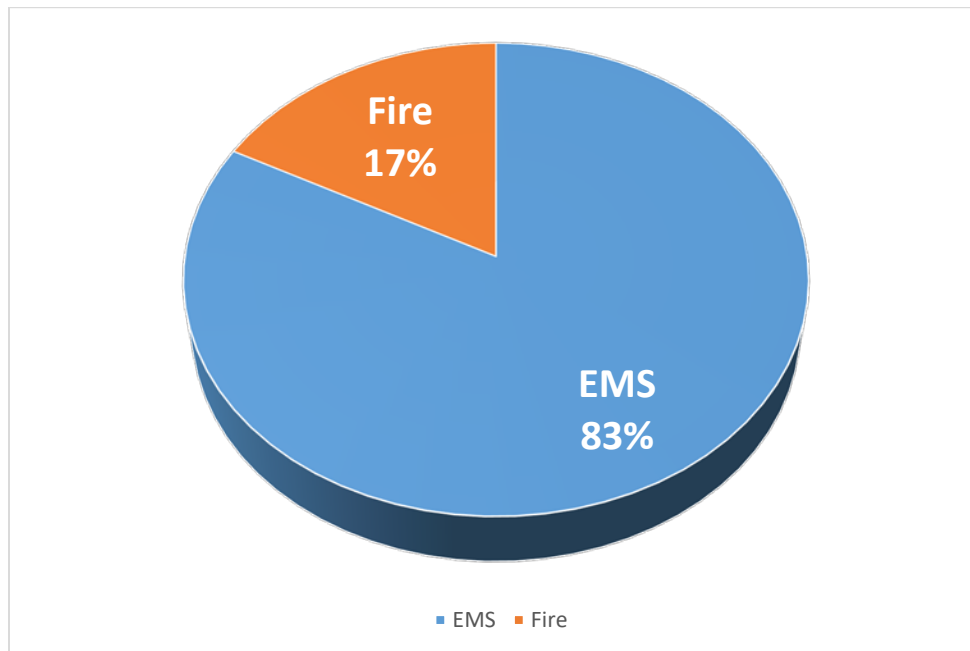


Annual Run Volume Comparison

The Jackson Township Fire Department witnessed a decrease in overall call volume in 2020.

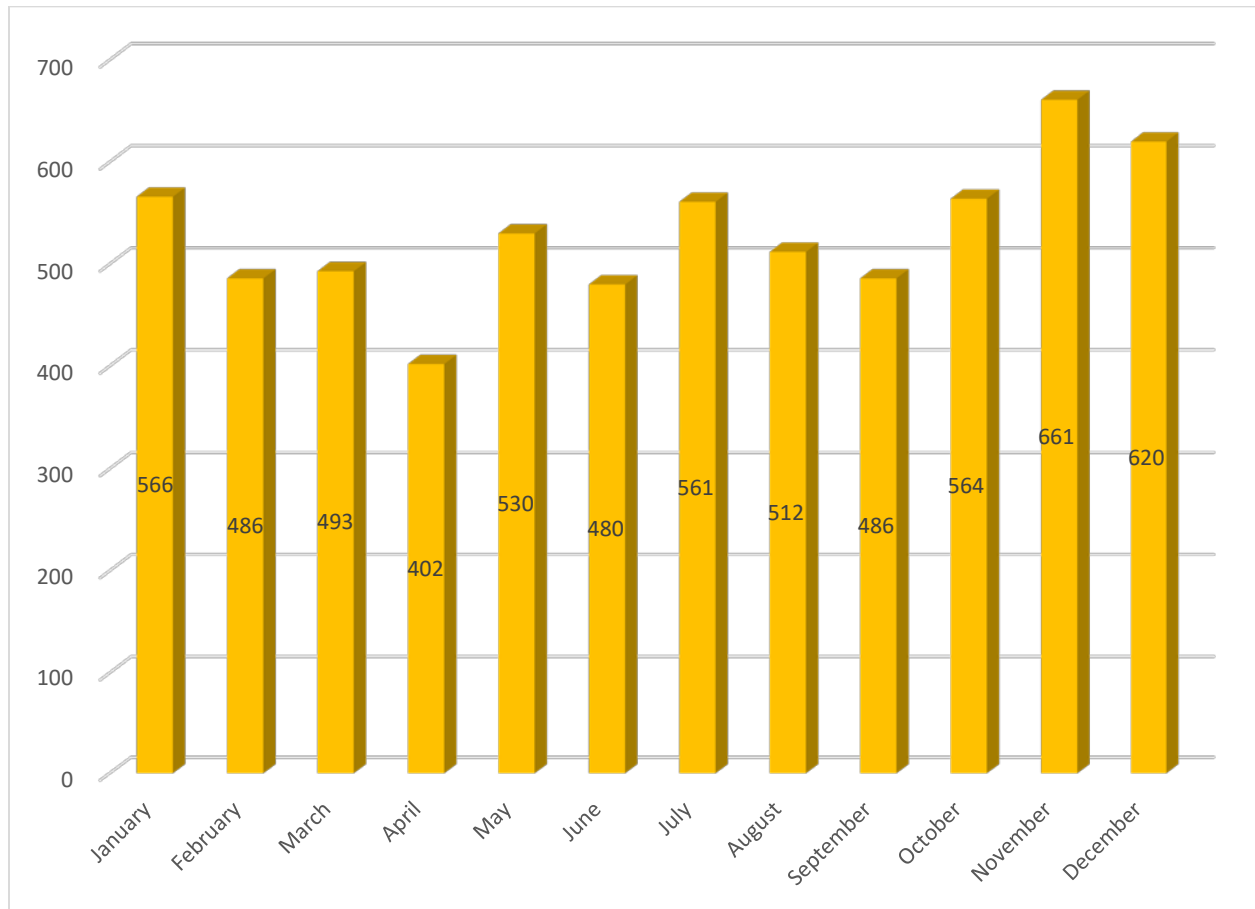


2020 saw an 11.17% decrease in run volume. As with all communities, the majority of calls have always been related to emergency medical care.



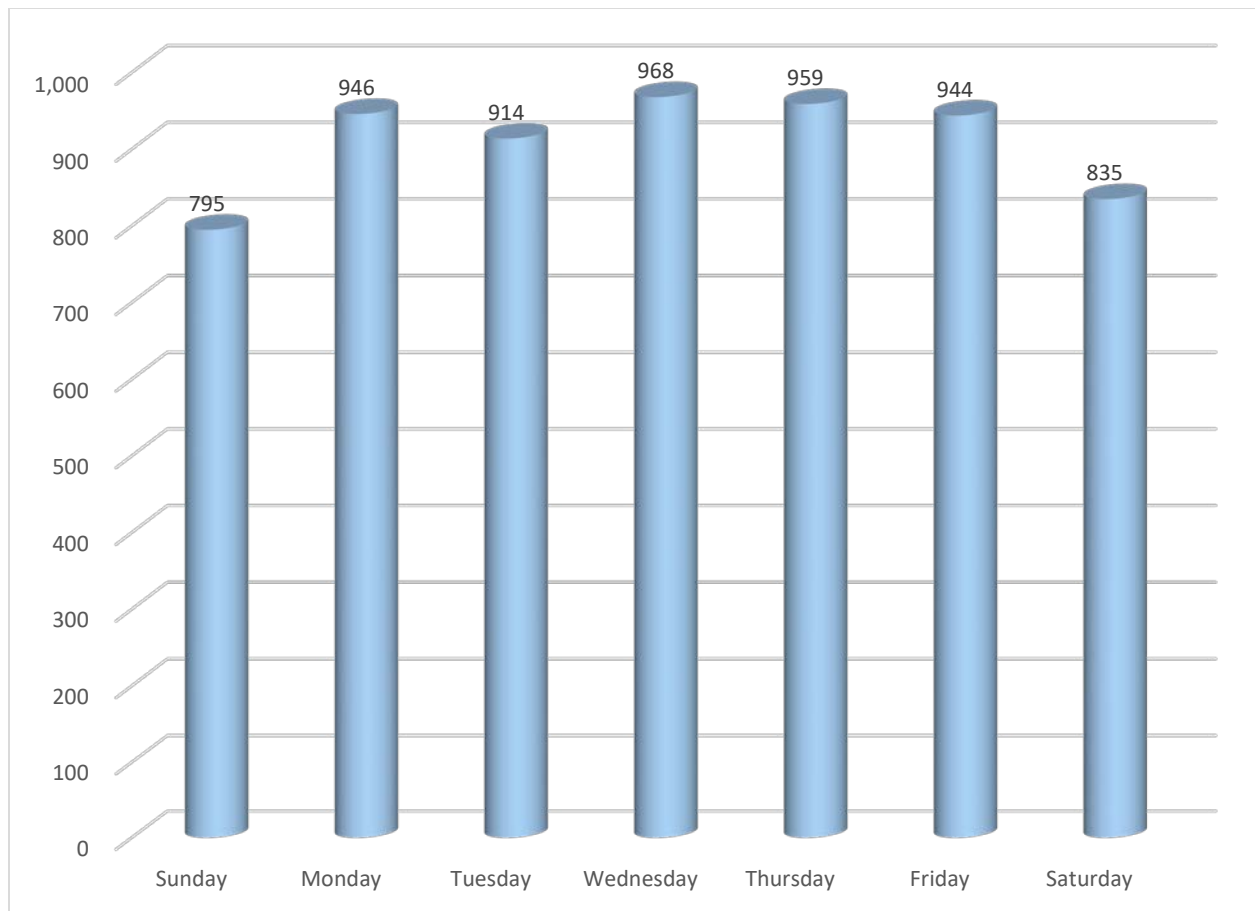
As depicted above, there were 6,361 total calls for service. Of these, 5,265 (83%) were for EMS and 1,096 (17%) were fire-base related.

Run Volume by Month



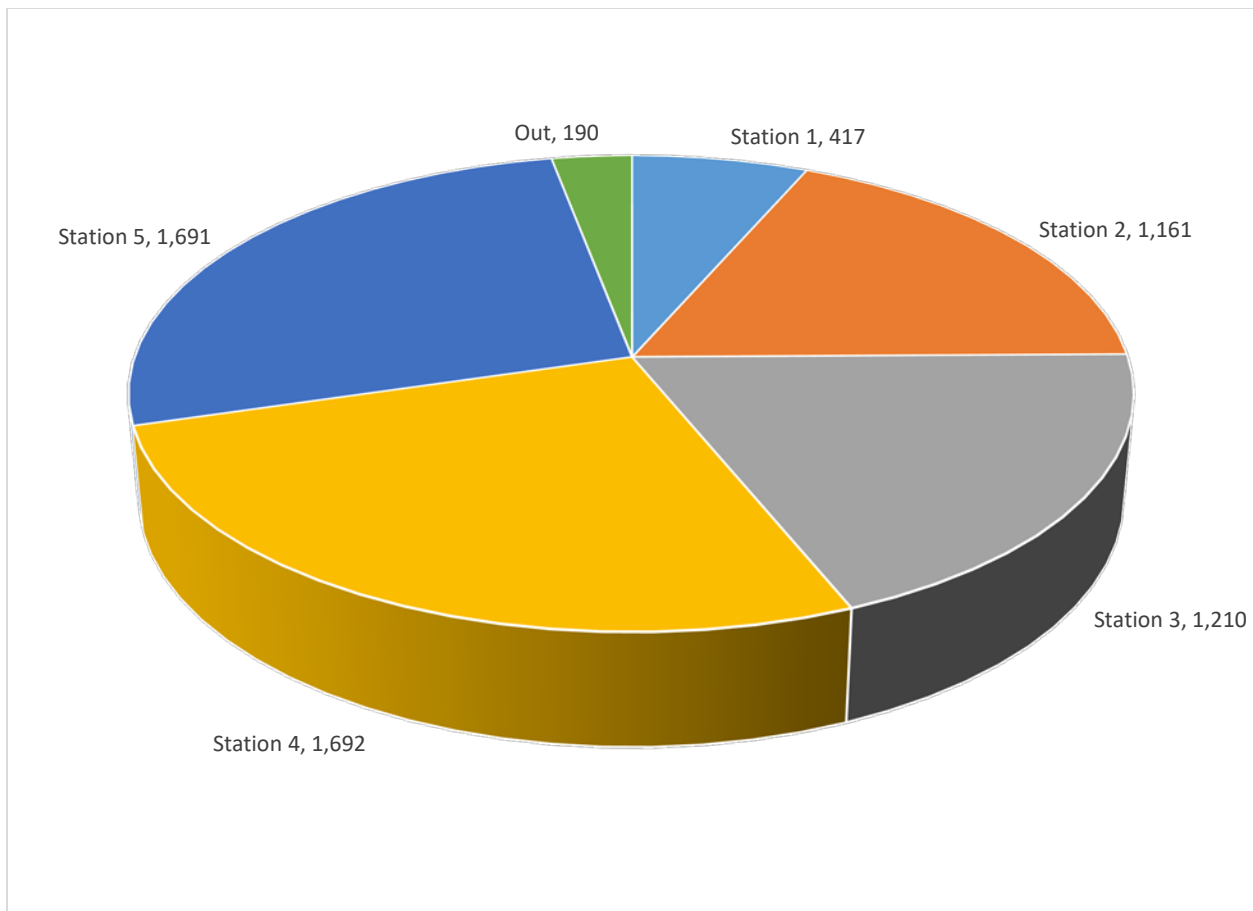
November brought the most activity for both Fire and EMS responses. April had the least amount of activity. 2020 came with unprecedented circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Run Volume by Day



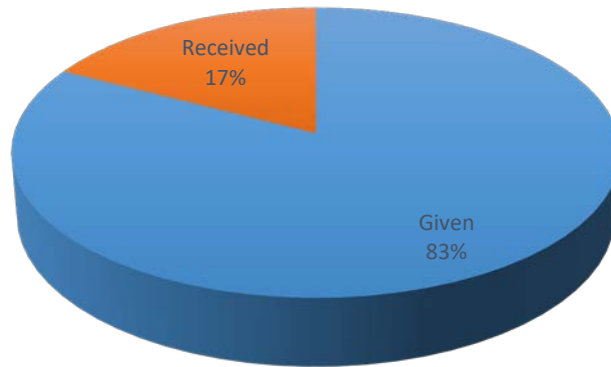
In 2020 Sundays remained the least busy, with Wednesdays requiring the most attention. The data shows each day to be consistent.

Run Volume by Station



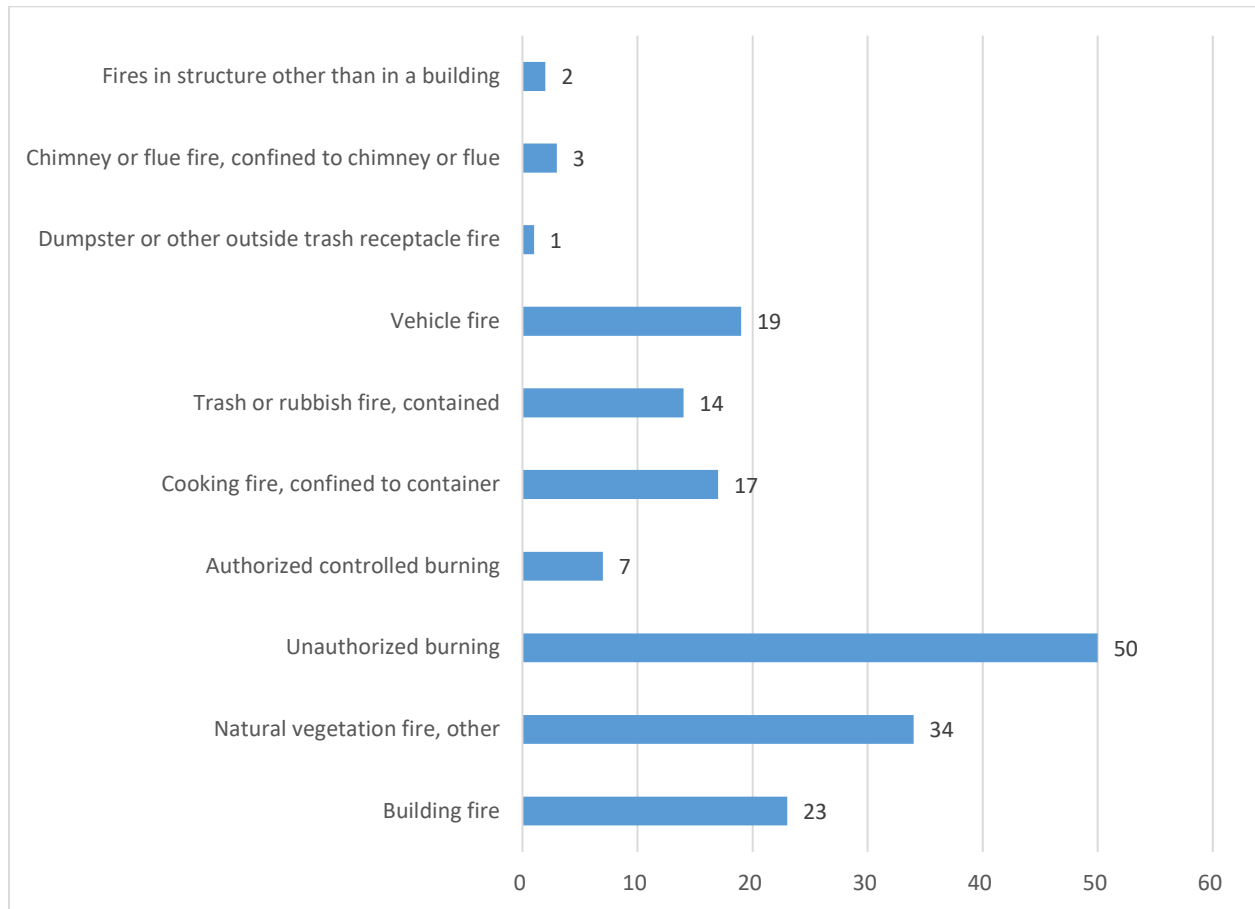
This chart depicts the district from which calls originated. At times, some of these calls were responded to by other stations, such as motor vehicle accidents (MVAs), fire alarms activations, and reported structure fires. Calls for service within the districts of Stations 4 and 5 make-up 53% of the call volume for the year.

Mutual Aid



	Given	Received
Alliance FD	1	
Canal Fulton/Lawrence Twp FD	30	5
Canton Twp FD	1	
City of Canton FD	2	
City of Green FD	18	3
Greentown FD	2	
Louisville FD	1	
Massillon FD	13	2
North Canton FD	11	9
North Lawrence FD	1	
Osnaburg Twp FD	1	
Perry Twp FD	21	2
Plain Twp FD	55	12
Totals:	157	33

Confirmed Working Fires



The department responded to 170 confirmed fire-related events. These were extinguished, as well as investigated by the department. Some incidents required units from multiple stations in order to mitigate. Unauthorized burning accounted for 29% of the fire related incidents for 2020.

Fire Prevention Bureau

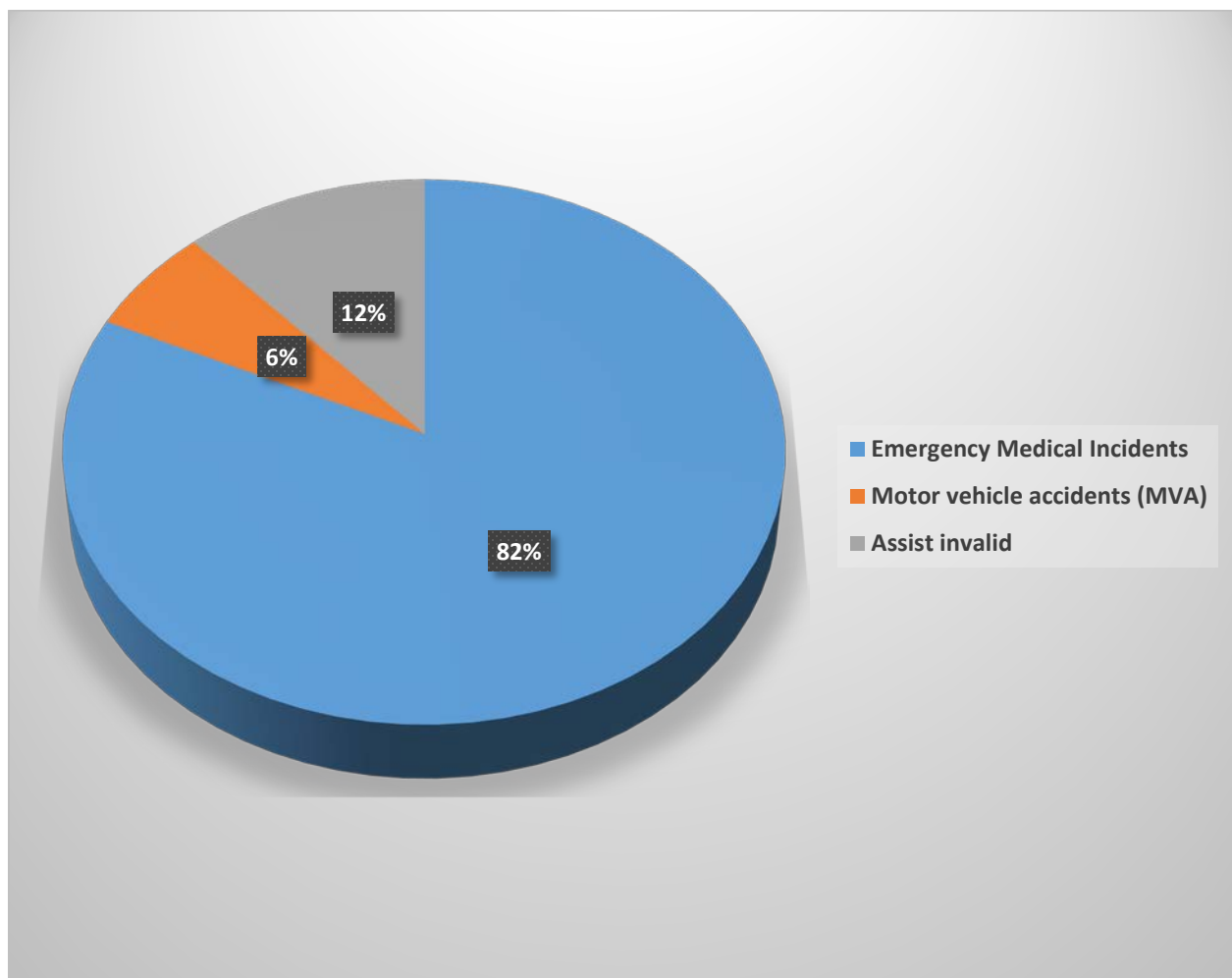
The mission of The Jackson Township Fire Prevention Bureau, is to prevent or limit the occurrences of fire that result injury, death and property damage through prevention, education and enforcement.

The Bureau conducts fire and life safety inspections of commercial buildings and public events, educate residents and enforce the Ohio Fire Code.

In 2020 the Bureau had 5 full-time inspectors, a part-time plans examiner and one administrative assistant. The Bureau completed 1629 inspections in 2020. At the end of 2020, 1 full-time inspector retired. Moving forward in 2021, there will be only 4 full-time inspectors.

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. While the department had less call volume in 2020 compared to the last three (3) years, there continues to be 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

As the department has observed in prior years Aultman Main and Mercy Medical Center (MMC) continue to receive the majority of the patients. At the end of 2019, Aultman Massillon Emergency Room opened their doors. The opening of this facility, allowed the department to transport 308 patients without having to divert patients to Aultman's main campus.

