

Jackson Township Fire Department
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2021 Year End Report

Jackson Township Fire Department 2021

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Jackson Township Fire Department (Stark County, Ohio)

The year 2021, is one that most of us would rather forget, as the entire world had to deal with COVID-19 pandemic issues. As community events and day-to-day living attempted to get back to some sort of normal, the Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD) struggled to maintain a safe environment due to the increasing amount of illness both with our residents and staff. Every day the men and women that serve on the JTFD responded to pandemic issues. Every day, these same individuals were required to complete decontamination processes in order to keep themselves, their fellow crew members, and their families safe from the virus. Yet, every day, every shift, these same individuals came to work and did what was required of them. The Jackson Township Fire Department is truly made up of Heroes!!

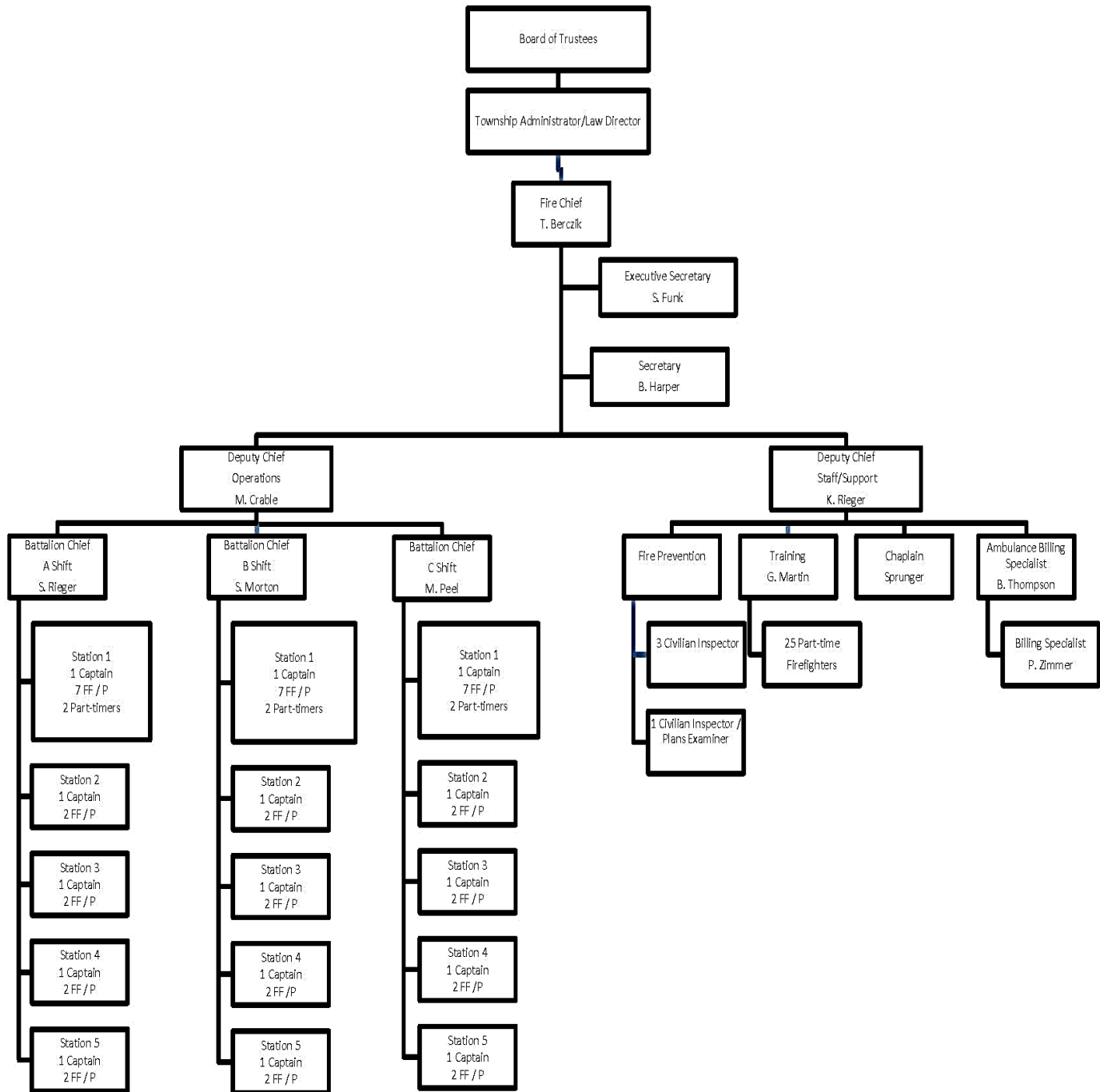
Our mission statement is:

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 year started off with several staff changes due to retirements; Fire Chief Tim Berczik, Deputy Chief Kai Rieger, Battalion Chiefs Michael Peel and Seth Rieger, along with Captains Damon Gallucci and Ryan Sullivan were added to different leadership roles within the organization. Along with the rest of organization, they have had to deal with the added pandemic challenges.

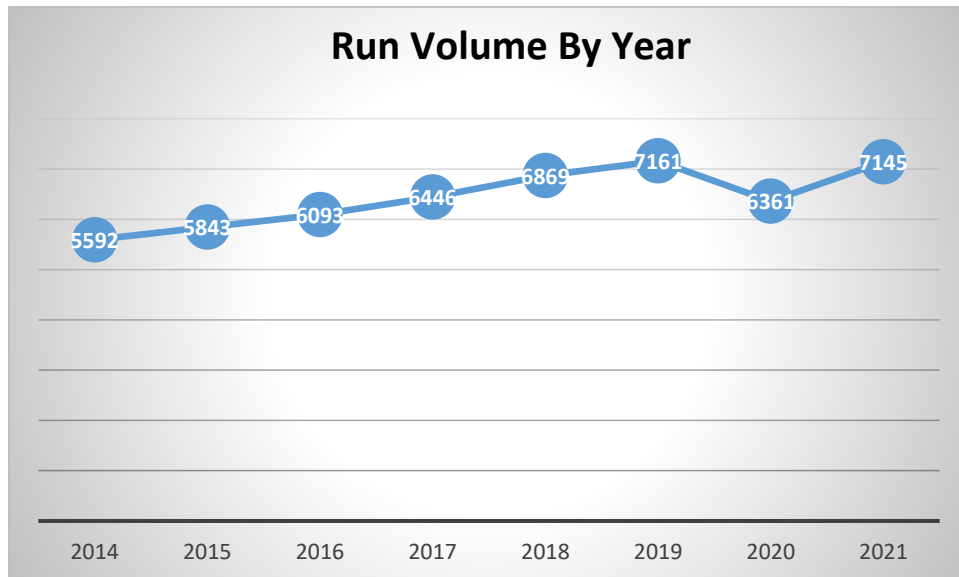
A description of some of the JTFD activities for 2021 are provided within this document. This data is based off of the monthly NIFRS reports submitted to the State of Ohio each month and to FEMA every quarter of the year.

Jackson Township Fire Department Organizational Chart 2021

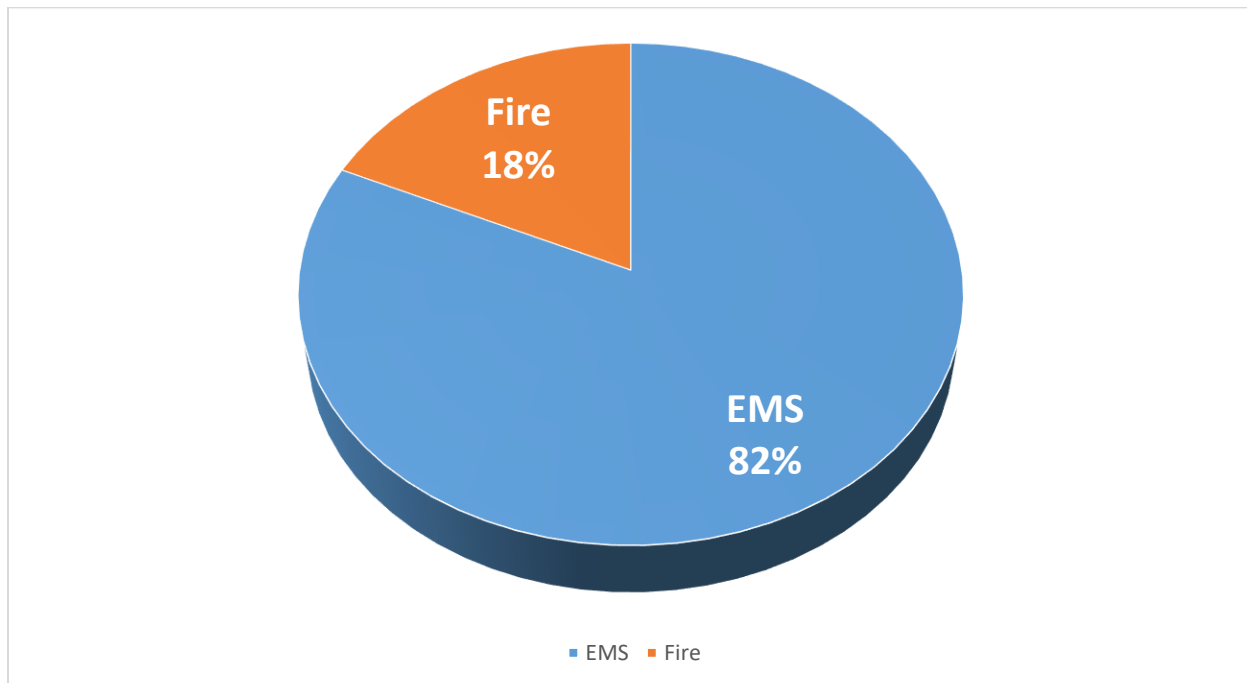


Annual Run Volume Comparison

The Jackson Township Fire Department experienced an increase in overall run volume in 2021.

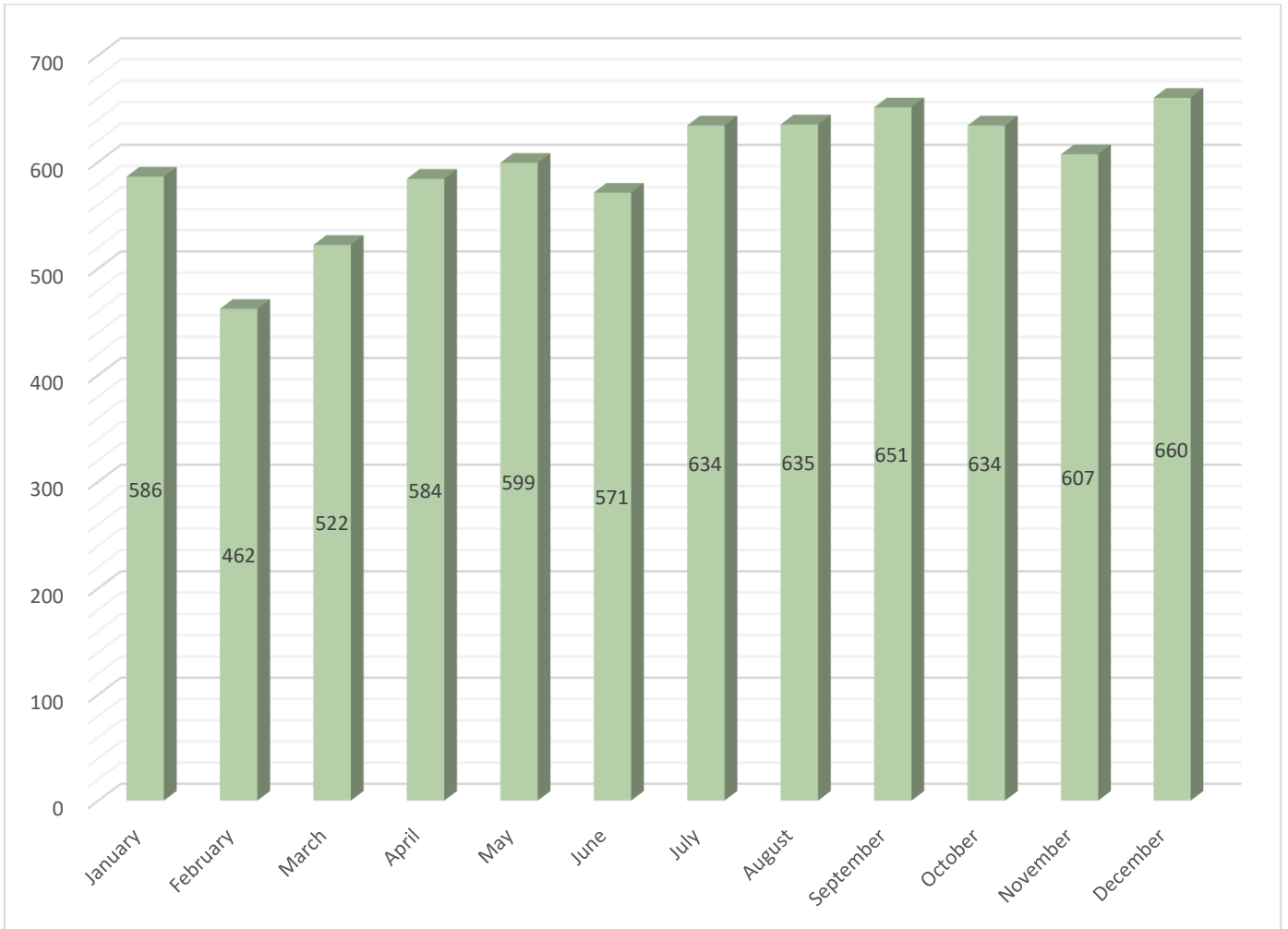


2021 saw an 8.9% increase in run volume. As with all communities, the majority of runs have always been related to emergency medical care. The last 2 years have presented unique challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic which directly contributed to lower and/or higher run volumes.



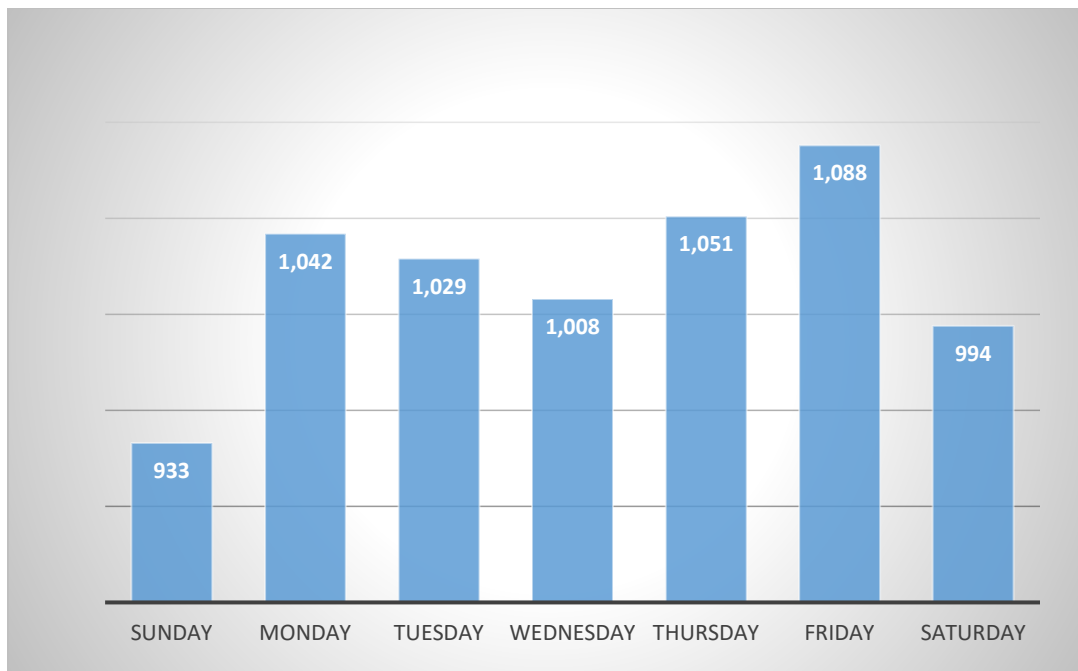
As depicted above, there were 7,145 total calls for service. Of these, 5,849 (82%) were for EMS and 1,296 (18%) were fire-base related.

Run Volume by Month



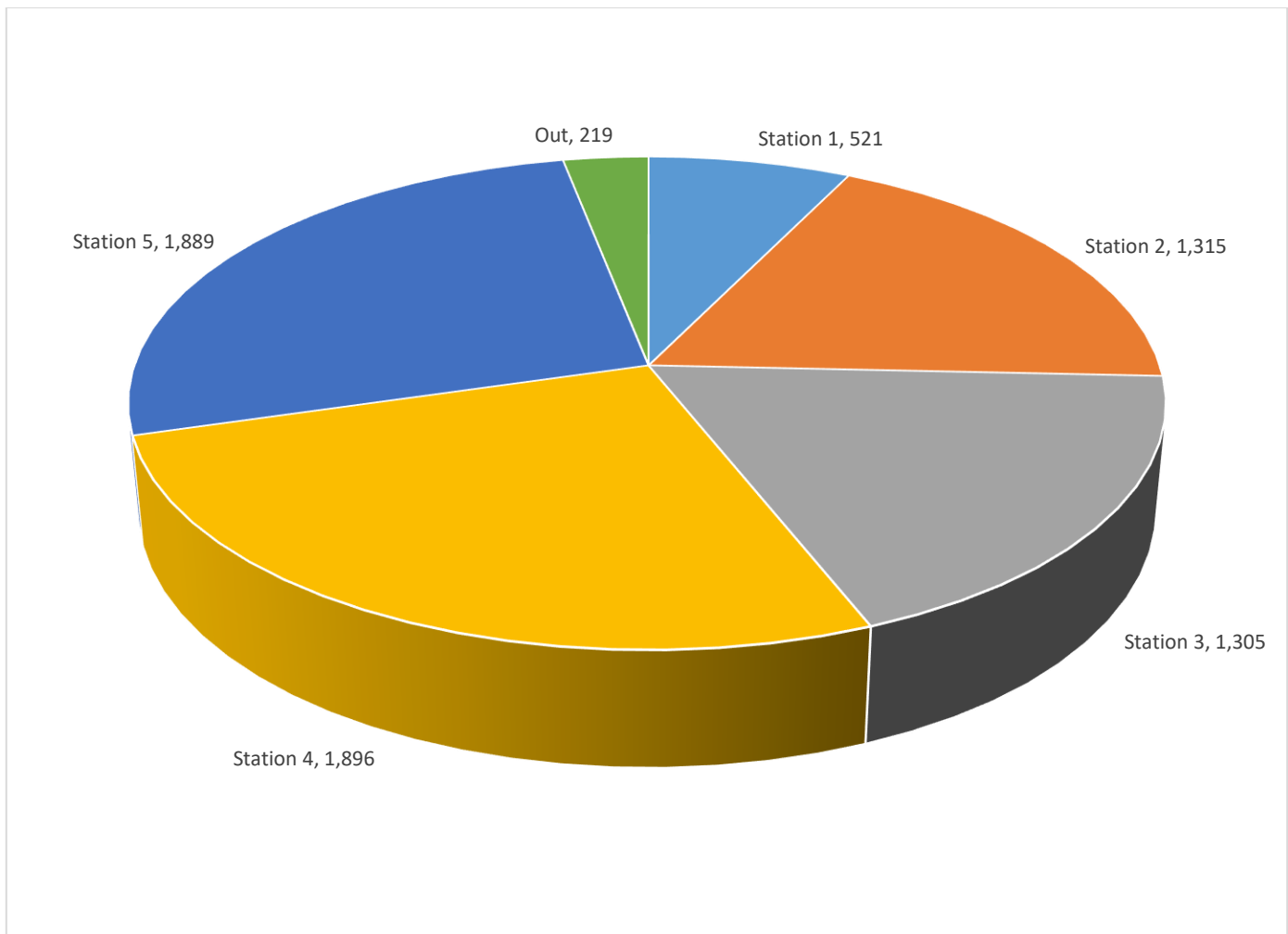
December brought the most activity for both Fire and EMS responses. September activity was only 9 runs lower than December. February had the least amount of activity.

Run Volume by Day



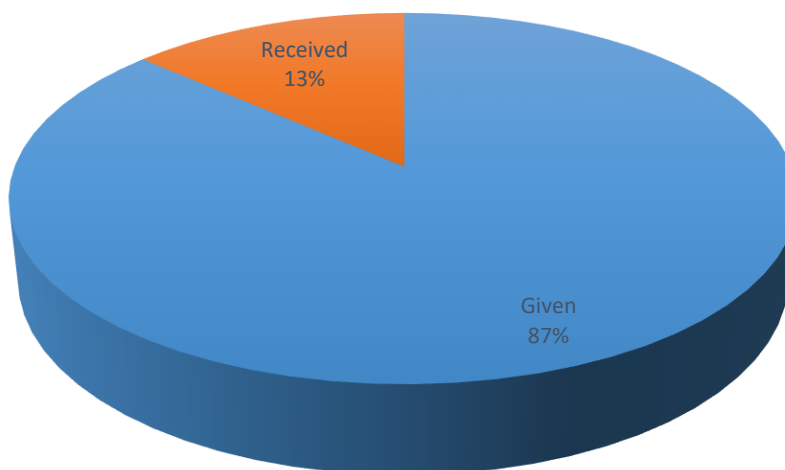
In 2021 Sundays remained the least busy day. Sunday was the least busy day in 2020. However, in 2021 Fridays required the most attention which is a change from 2020 which data showed to be Wednesday requiring the most attention.

Run Volume by Station



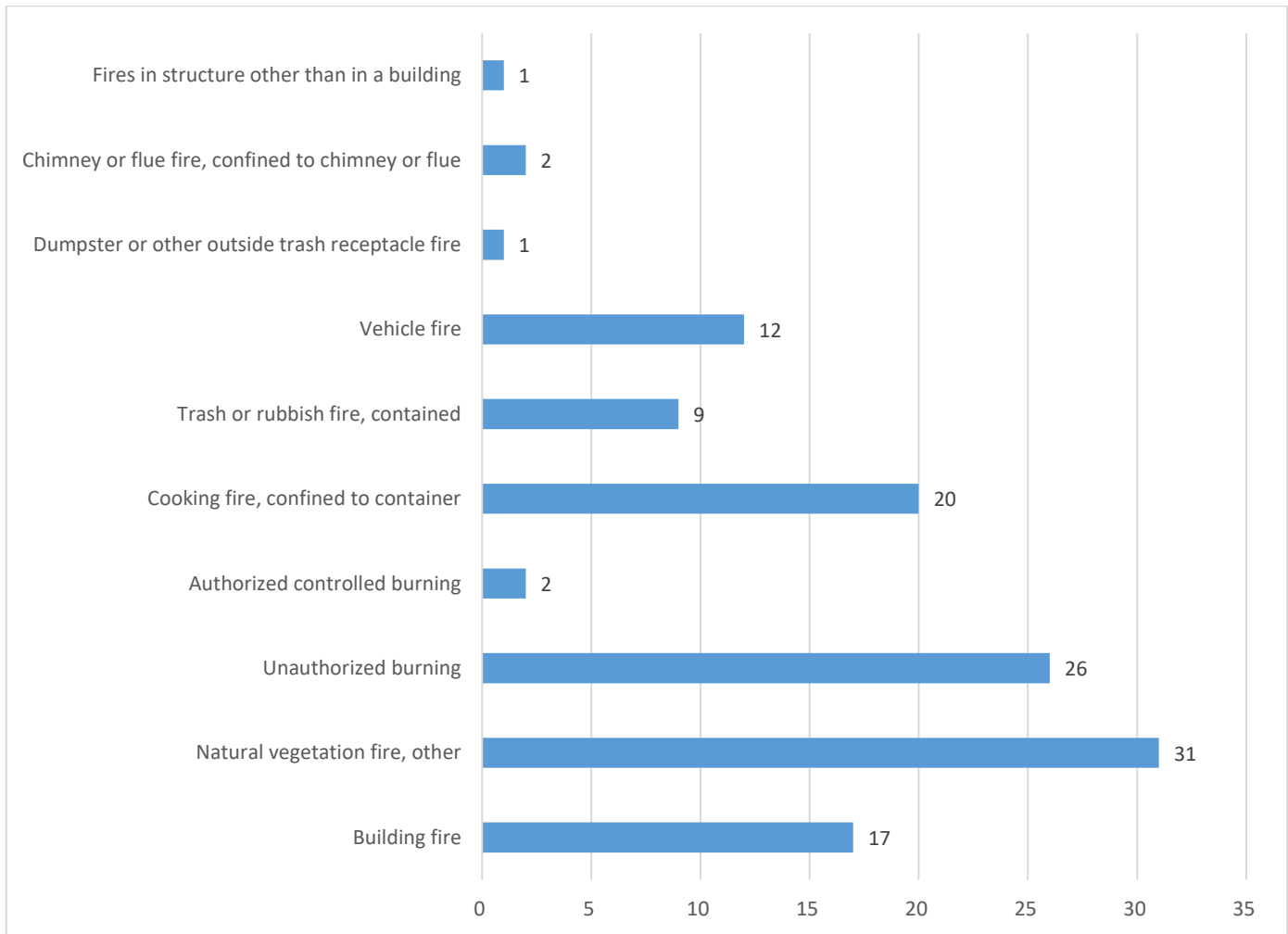
This chart depicts the district from which calls originated. At times, some of these runs were responded to by other stations, such as motor vehicle accidents (MVAs), fire alarms activations, and reported structure fires. Calls for service within the districts of Stations 4 and 5 make-up 53% of the run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

Mutual Aid



	Given	Received
Canal Fulton/Lawrence Twp FD	33	1
Canton Twp FD	1	1
City of Canton FD	17	
City of Green FD	33	4
Greentown FD	1	
Lexington Twp FD	1	
Massillon FD	17	8
North Canton FD	18	5
Clinton Twp FD	1	
Osnaburg Twp FD	1	
Perry Twp FD	28	2
Plain Twp FD	68	13
Totals:	219	34

Confirmed Working Fires



The department responded to 121 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 21% of the fire related incidents for 2021.

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.

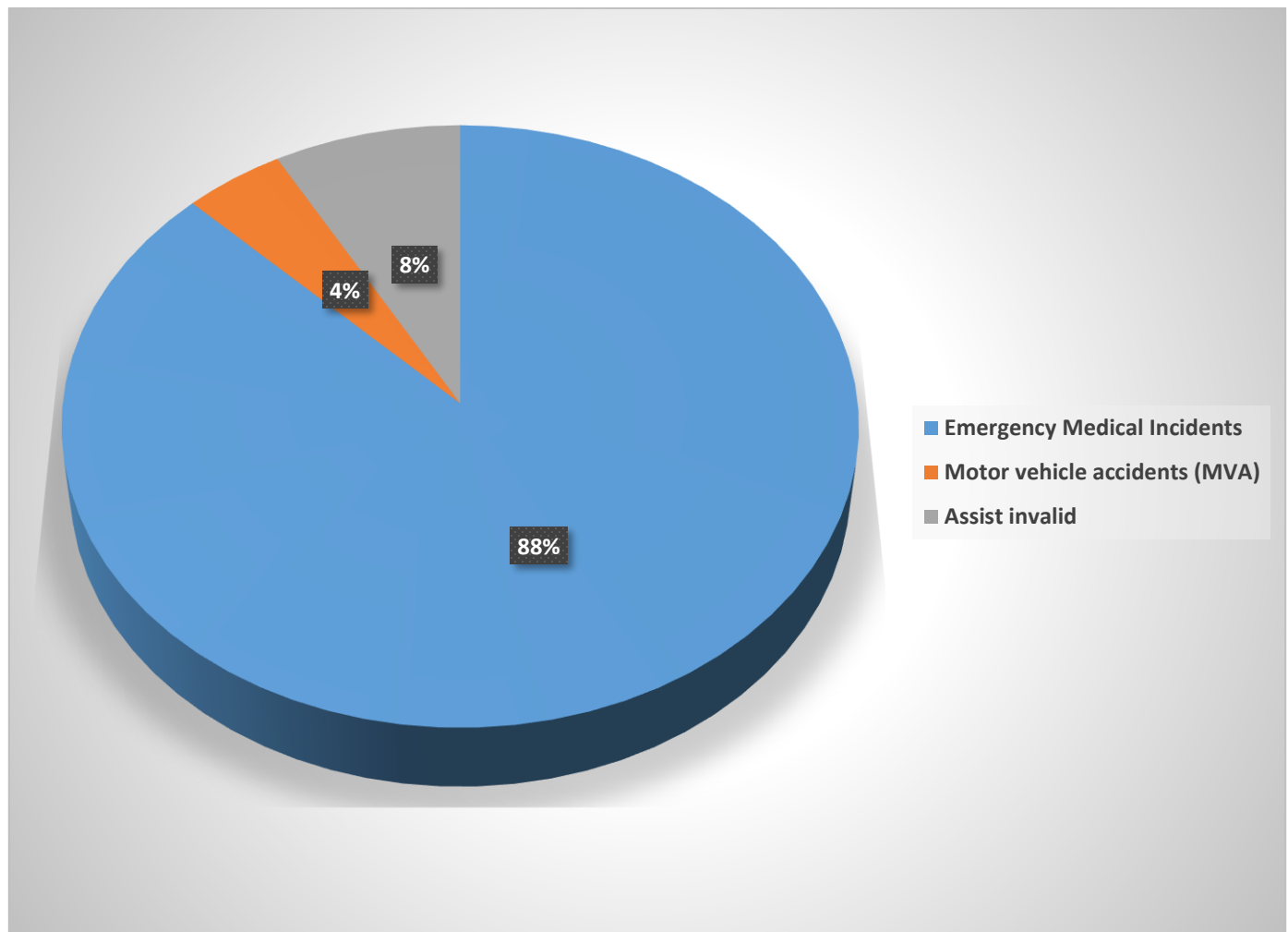
The Bureau conducts fire and life safety inspections of commercial buildings and public events, educate residents and enforce the Ohio Fire Code.

In 2021 the Bureau had 3 full-time inspectors, 1 full-time inspector/plans examiner and 1 administrative assistant. The Bureau completed 2,059 inspections, 66 mobile food vendor inspections and installed 42 smoke detectors and 25 carbon monoxide detectors in 2021. The Bureau also completed car seat install events the first Monday of each month and with Jackson Township Police Department hosted the 2021 Safety Village education camp.

The Bureau reviewed 111 Construction plans, 23 Fire Alarm plans, 17 Kitchen Suppression plans, 20 Sprinkler Suppression plans, 2 UST/AGT Storage Tank plans and issued 60 permits.

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 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 Cleveland Clinic (MMC) continue to receive the majority of the patients. Aultman Main and Aultman Massillon received a combined total of 2,234 patients.

