

2003 Annual Performance Report



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
DIVISION OF FIRE**





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Message From the Chief



Fire Chief
Jonathan M. Westendorf

Greetings,

It is a pleasure to bring you our second annual performance report summarizing a very exciting and productive 2003. Through the hard work of our firefighters and officers, along with cooperative efforts of city administrative staff and the dedicated leadership provided by our elected officials, the fire division had an outstanding year of accomplishment and progress.

The City of Franklin, Division of Fire serves all of the incorporated and portions of unincorporated Franklin Township. The information contained within this document provides a highlight of the services provided to all portions of our response areas.

The best example of accomplishment in 2003 resulted in the improved rating of our public protection classification as rated by the Insurance Service Office (ISO) to Class 4, placing the City of Franklin among the top ten percent of communities nationwide with a rating of equal or better.

We value the strong inter-agency relationships that are essential to the coordinated delivery of emergency services. Members of the CFDF routinely work with three police agencies (Franklin PD, Warren County Sheriff and Ohio State Patrol), Joint Emergency Medical Service (JEMS) and Miami Valley Care Flight who provides treatment and transport of the sick and injured in our community. Reciprocal mutual aid is provided with surrounding communities including Franklin Township (Hunter) Fire Department, Carlisle Fire Department and the Clearcreek Fire District in addition to surrounding communities and various county agencies on an as needed basis.

As is the case in any successful organization, our progress is the direct result of a dedicated team of professional career, part-time and call firefighters who have committed themselves to continuing to improve the emergency services provided to you. I would like to renew my pledge to you, that this growth and refinement will continue ultimately improving the emergency services provided you.

Chief Jonathan M. Westendorf

Chief Westendorf has been serving the City of Franklin, Division of Fire since September 2000.



Our Motivation

THE VISION

***To remember
the lessons of
yesterday,***

***While
building
upon the
needs of
today,***

***Continuously
addressing
the
challenges of
tomorrow.***

The history of the American fire service is well known and documented. Unfortunately, almost one hundred line-of-duty deaths occur annually. The goal of this administration is to study the events and decisions that lead to these tragic outcomes. By learning the lessons that are found in each circumstance, and then practically applying the principles or lessons in our organization, we are better prepared to prevent such a tragedy from occurring to our community.

Looking back is not enough; however. The fire service is growing and changing faster than ever. Technology is entering the fire service and improving the way we do our jobs daily. We are now equipped with the ability to see through smoky conditions, see fire that is hidden behind walls, use computers on the fire scene to manage and track the status of an emergency incident. Change is inevitable in today's fire career. The ability to approach the same problem, with new ideas will continue to allow us to improve the service that we provide.

The need for improved equipment and methods of performing fire and rescue services allows departments to continue to provide service in an age where volunteer fire departments can no longer meet the needs of today's growing communities. Hazardous material spills, motor vehicle crashes have had a large impact on the fire service provided by the Franklin Fire Department. Increased training requirements, decreased availability of the "volunteer" firefighter are just a couple of the reasons why Franklin, like so many other departments is discovering an increased reliance of "on-duty" staffing is necessary to consistently and effectively deliver service.

Finally, our vision statement reminds us to look forward in making plans that affect the fire service provided to our community. Currently, the future does not hold a promise of decreased need for fire and rescue services. Calls for service continue to rise; the hazards faced by your local firefighters continue to increase with the introduction of plastics, chemicals and other new products which are being introduced into our daily lives, creating new and increased hazards that must be dealt with by your emergency providers.



Our Motivation

THE MISSION

EDUCATION • PREVENTION • SUPPRESSION

To provide loyal and compassionate fire and rescue services utilizing highly trained professionals dedicated to the community we serve.

Educating our community of the risks and dangers of fire in our daily lives is a vital first step in teaching the public what to do in the event of an emergency. Firefighters in schools, teaching children how to call 911, what to do if your house catches on fire, and other general personal safety practices instill good habits that will lower the risk of injury or loss to this at-risk group. We also concentrate on the general citizen who generally does not come in contact with the fire department in everyday life. By addressing education first, we are reminded that in order for unsafe conditions to be corrected or eliminated from the home, school and workplace, the general public must first be able to identify that a condition is not safe or potentially hazardous in nature. Our fire inspection team is working very successfully with our community members attempting to create a safety conscious environment at home, work and school.

Prevention activities work hand in hand with educational goals. Here a broader approach is taken, addressing specific hazards that exist within the community by performing physical inspections of the occupancies within our community. Many problems that are found can be corrected immediately which provides immediate resolution to unsafe conditions, and eliminating the need for follow-up inspections. Inspectors are also completing Pre-Incident Analysis for individual business owners allowing the capture of specific information to be stored in a manner that allows fire professional to easily and quickly reference the data should it become necessary due to emergency. This information is updated annually during the fire safety inspection process.

Suppression activities include all aspects of fire response should a fire emergency response become necessary. This includes the actual firefight, rescue and salvage operations necessary to mitigate the hazardous condition. Here, all disciplines of modern firefighting technology are put into practice to stop or limit the loss of life, property and hazard to our community.



Our Motivation

CORE VALUES

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE:

We believe the pursuit of excellence and demonstrating high professional standards are critical to our work. To ensure the best possible service for our community, the Fire and Rescue Department supports continuous training and encourages professional development.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

We believe our health and safety are essential to fulfilling the Fire and Rescue Department's mission. We are committed to providing the best health and safety programs for our members' well-being and operational readiness.

TEAMWORK AND SHARED LEADERSHIP:

We know well-functioning teams of people are more effective than individuals working separately; our lives depend on it. We believe individuals have the capacity to lead, and our organization values leadership at all levels. Teamwork and shared leadership are integral to our organization, and we will seek out and value the opinions of our members.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION:

We believe communication is essential to the cohesiveness and performance of our organization. We are committed to providing effective and responsive means of communication throughout the organization and the community.

INTEGRITY:

We understand the trust placed in us by the public and our colleagues is integral to the performance of our duties. We are committed to honest and ethical behavior, and will hold ourselves accountable to these values.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT:

We believe we have a duty to be involved in the communities where we work. Our responsibility is to protect life, property, and the environment. We are committed to fulfilling our responsibility and to deepening our involvement in the community we serve. No request or inquiry will go unanswered.

INNOVATION:

We recognize and understand that the constancy of change, in our community and industry, impacts our business daily. We are committed to seeking out and implementing innovative and progressive thinking to address change effectively, benefiting those we serve.

Departmental Overview



The City of Franklin, Division of Fire is comprised of 31 highly trained and motivated personnel. The department operates two divisions: Administration and Suppression. The Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, Fire Inspector and a Public Education Specialist conduct the daily business that is necessary to manage a modern and progressive fire department. This workforce functions cooperatively with the Suppression Division daily by responding to emergency events that occur within our community. The remaining staff comprises the Suppression Division by answering calls for service placed by our community.

The City of Franklin, Division of Fire provides fire and rescue services to the City of Franklin and portions of unincorporated Franklin Township. The Franklin Police Department and the Warren County Department of Emergency Services cooperatively dispatch the fire division. Residents of our service area are served by Enhanced 911 emergency dialing including Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Location Identification (ALI) information.

The suppression staff is comprised of three full time shift personnel that work on a continuous three-day cycle. An Operations Captain tasked with managing the day-to-day delivery of service directly to our customers leads the shift officers. Two part time firefighters provide the balance of the on-duty firefighting staff. The balance of the firefighting force responds from home or work to answer the call for service to staff additional fire apparatus.

Several members of the Franklin Fire Department are either medically certified or are in school to become certified. While the primary responsibility for the treatment and transport of the sick and/or injured lies with the Joint Emergency Medical Service (JEMS), the fire division does provide limited assistance to JEMS when requested as needed. Those employees who are employed by the fire division must re-certify their medical training every two or three years. In addition, the department has several

Departmental Overview

personnel that are trained in specialty areas of emergency services, such as automotive extrication, swift water rescue, hazardous materials operations, rope rescue, and confined space rescue.

The fire department fleet consists of three pumpers, a 105-foot ladder truck, (which also functions as an additional pumper) a rescue truck, and a brush truck. Additionally, the department has a rigid hull and an inflatable boat to be used in the event of a water emergency.



In the year 2003, the Franklin Fire Department responded to a total of 803 requests for assistance. This represents a decrease of 6.5% of service request, the first reduction of service demand since 1997. As in the past, the largest numbers of responses were to motor vehicle accidents, which totaled 240 calls for service or 30% of all calls.

For the third straight year, the total number of fires in structures decreased from the previous year, a 44% reduction from 2002. The largest single incident in 2003 was a residential fire, which occurred at 31 South River Street where the estimated loss was \$60,000. The cause of this fire was ruled incendiary and remains under investigation. The building was not occupied and was damaged beyond repair. Other notable events include a single-family residential fire, 31 Deardoff Road, with an estimated property loss of \$40,000 and a detached residential garage fire that occurred at 4435 Beal Road with an estimated property loss of \$30,000. The total estimated loss resulting from structural fires for 2003 was \$279,918.

The overall average emergency response time for the first arriving apparatus was five minutes and seventeen seconds. The average on scene time of the first arriving piece of apparatus to all portions of the response district for structure fires during 2003 was six minutes and forty-seven seconds.

The Franklin Fire Department has a new Insurance Services Office (ISO) public protection classification of Class 4. After years of preparation, the City of Franklin pursued an updated rating in hopes of saving money for property owners on insurance premiums. These ratings are the gauge in determining the homeowner and business fire insurance rates for a given area.

Departmental Overview



Franklin Firefighters Assisted the Carlisle Fire Department with a multi-family dwelling in December 2003.

During the review, ISO examined our records for response times, water flow capabilities, maintenance records, training, and other areas that reflect our ability to provide fire protection to our citizens. Some of the annual test records that were reviewed included pump and aerial tests, ground ladder tests, SCBA and fire hose tests, fire hydrant maintenance and building inspection records.

In addition to this required equipment testing, the Franklin Fire Department is

proactive in firefighter safety. Pre-employment medical physicals are given to all prospective recruits to insure that they are prepared to meet the challenges of this demanding profession. We are constantly striving to improve the safety of our personnel by improving working conditions.

Significant Accomplishments & Events



Improved ISO Public Protection Classification

Insurance Service Office (ISO) is the leading information source for property and liability risk used by insurers in the United States and around the world.



The statistical, actuarial, underwriting and claims information and analyses provided by ISO to insurers is used to establish insurance rates.

The Public Protection Classification (PPC) is used to evaluate a community's public fire protection capability and assigns a protection-class rating from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents exemplary fire protection; Class 10 means less than minimum recognized protection. Class 9 means "semi-protected" community because the fire department does not meet the ISO criteria for a recognizable water supply source.

The City of Franklin, Division of Fire provides fire suppression services to portions of unincorporated, and all of incorporated Franklin Township. Before the evaluation, the portions of unincorporated Franklin Township served by the City of Franklin Fire Department were rated a Class 9, and the incorporated portions were rated a Class 6.

Following an extensive weeklong site visit, the City of Franklin received an improved PPC rating of Class 4! This new rating places the City of Franklin, Division of Fire in the top ten fire departments nationwide, while reducing homeowners and business insurance rates an average of 10-20%.

Developing a Plan for Success

Without a solid plan in place to give us direction, we would not be able to remain focused on making forward progress in the future. Fire administration staff has worked closely with city administration and our elected officials during the past 3-years to develop an acceptable plan that identifies anticipated needs of the emergency service in years to come.

The budgetary process for the fire division was formally an annual process. In 2003 the fire division took the first substantial step towards making this a proactive process that identifies future needs, and works solutions to those needs into a budgetary process, with the completion of a comprehensive 5-year budget forecast through 2008. In coming years, this approach will provide the ability to identify service needs, allowing community leaders to react to changing service demands (i.e. Homeland Security) placed upon us by our community. Our goal: maintaining strong financial control of the taxpayer's dollar while providing value added service.



Significant Accomplishments & Events

One of the predominate local news stories in 2003 developed early in the year as Franklin Township citizen action resulted in a ballot issue that creates the possibility of merging Franklin Township with the City of Franklin. Citizens in both Franklin Township and the City of Franklin overwhelmingly supporting the preliminary ballot issue; thereby, establishing a committee of township and city residents to perform a study to determine if the township and city should merge into a single governmental entity.

While the results of this study will not be known until mid-2004, city fire officials immediately began to identify areas of our strategic plan that would be affected by this potential merger. It was determined that the strategic plan developed in 2002 would immediately and directly be affected by the merger initiative.

Proactive planning allowed this new development to allow leaders the ability to react to this development quickly. By slightly modifying the already developed strategic plan, the fire department was to increase on-duty firefighter positions as planned, while saving taxpayer revenue and allowing the flexibility to respond to the developments of on-going merger discussions.

\$15,000 Awarded to Improve Fire Safety in Multiple Grants to Downtown Business Owners

A \$10,000 grant was awarded to Pisanellos Pizza/TLC catering for the addition of a retrofit sprinkler system to a historic downtown property. This is an important forward step in the promotion of fire safety to protect and enhance the ability to protect life and property of our community.

25 businesses took advantage of the City of Franklin, Division of Fire Knox Box program. Under the grant program, business owners are awarded up to \$200 per property to provide emergency access to the fire department by purchasing and installing a Knox Box vault system improving the fire division's response time in answering calls for emergency service after hours.





Candidate Physical Abilities Test

We believe our health and safety are essential to fulfilling the Fire Division's mission. We are committed to providing the best health and safety programs for our members' well-being and operational readiness. It is one of our core values.

In order to promote this philosophy, new members joining our organization must be able to perform the essential functions of the position from the beginning. The Candidate Physical Abilities Test (CPAT) is a validated test that allows for the consistent inclusion and exclusion of firefighter candidates.

This test, developed cooperatively by the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs' (IAFC), is an example how leadership and union members have committed themselves to work towards a shared vision and belief system. With the adoption of this scientifically validated testing system, we are also capable of selecting the candidates with the highest propensity of physical health and abilities; thereby, providing you with better overall service.

Utilizing a portion of the 2002 FEMA Fire Act grant, which funded 90% of the total \$48,000 purchase, the testing equipment was delivered on December 15, 2003. We look to 2004 to fully implement this testing program.

FAST Team

The Franklin Assistance and Support Team (FAST) was reestablished in 2003, combining the former firefighters auxiliary and the ladies auxiliary into a single organization; committed to supporting the firefighters of our community. With a unified leadership team, the larger membership is able to accomplish and provide improved service levels to the firefighters in a more efficient manner.

The FAST team was officially launched at the local Bicentennial Celebration, Franklin Heritage Days. The FAST team worked all weekend long selling raffle tickets for several scooters and other prizes while getting the word out of their mission and purpose.



Significant Accomplishments & Events



FAST team members carried on the long time Harding House Holiday Dinner tradition in 2003. The most successful and well-attended event in anyone's memory, members served over fifty meals and distributed small gifts to the residents.

The FAST team worked tirelessly through the organizational and administrative process throughout the year. The FAST team leadership is currently working with council to formally establish themselves as a non-profit organization registered with the State of Ohio.

Firefighters Chris Mullins and Kelly Shotwell Injured in Line of Duty

Unfortunately, two firefighters were injured, one seriously, in April of 2003 while providing mutual aid fire suppression support in a neighboring community. These dedicated firefighters were preparing to enter a structure fire to perform search and rescue for a reported trapped occupant. Following their injuries, these brave firefighters continued to provide fire suppression support until additional responding units arrived.

Firefighter Mullins (far left) and Firefighter Shotwell were presented with letter of commendation by Chief Wallace (Carlisle Fire Division) and Chief Westendorf for their bravery and services performed in the line of duty at the following Franklin Council meeting.



Franklin Police and Fire Emergency Service Awards Criteria

A long time goal of the Franklin Police and Fire divisions was to come together, and honor the brave men and women of both emergency services in a uniformed manner. Work began on the policy and procedure to make this a possibility during 2003 with a committee formed of police and fire officials. Members from both organizations will be recognized at an upcoming awards ceremony slated for 2004.

Division of Training and Career Education



Captain Stu Dixon

Firefighters are faced with many challenges and hazards on a daily basis. Our members never quite know what type of hazard or danger they may face each time they answer a call for service placed by our community. It is the responsibility of the Division of Training and Career Education to prepare our staff (that ranges from career, part-time and volunteer) to safely and efficiently provide emergency service delivery consistently, whoever answers the call.

Education is the first point in our department's mission statement. Our staff must be as equally committed to improving their individual training levels, as my team of educators are in preparing and delivering high quality training classes and programs. I am proud of the accomplishments of our firefighters in 2003.

Training is contagious. In my 23-year career in the fire service, the commitment our current firefighting staff has demonstrated has surpassed that of any other group of firefighters that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. The desire of our firefighters to achieve more than their level of employment requires, is both remarkable and admirable.

Some Highlights Include:

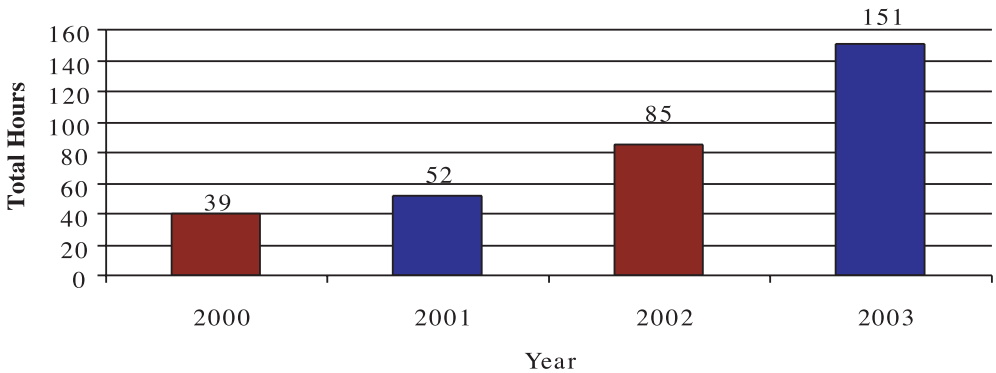
- Rapid Intervention Training by all staff members
- Participation in Regional Disaster Tabletop Exercise
- Addition of two certified Advanced Fire Investigators
- Captains attained certification as NFPA 1910 Fire Officer 1
- National Fire Academy program of Management of Fire Prevention Programs
- National Fire Service Staff and Command Course, University of Maryland
- Addition of two certified Car Seat Technicians
- Drug Free Workplace Training for Employees and Supervisors
- Three firefighters attained State Certification as Firefighter Level I
- Four firefighters attained State Certification as Professional Firefighters Level II
- Eighteen firefighters completed 40-hours of pump operator training
- Twenty-Seven employees completed legal training of emergency driving laws

Division of Training and Career Education



Firefighter safety is of crucial importance to the employee and the administration of our staff. Firefighter on-duty deaths increased 11% in 2003 over the previous year, despite advances in technology and safety equipment. By improving and expanding our training program, we are doing everything we can to prevent our community from suffering this horrific tragedy. Franklin firefighters increased their attendance at training programs by 56% over that attended in 2002. Our employees logged over 4,600 hours of training during 2003. This represents significant improvement over training levels logged by firefighters in just three years ago when each firefighter averaged just 39 hours per employee.

Average Hours Spent Training By Fire



More than 380% Increase In Just 3 Years!

Administration and staff have cooperatively developed a revolutionary training system throughout this year that will be implemented during 2004, which will further improve the knowledge level of our officers and the firefighting staff. The newly developed training program is designed to maintain the newly adopted training standards.

Live Fire Training Simulator

The City of Franklin, Division of Fire was the recipient of the tenth largest Fire Act Grant in the State of Ohio in 2002, and the largest portion of the grant award was invested in our new mobile simulator which the department took delivery on December 15, 2003.



Division of Training and Career Education



The total cost of \$132,600 would normally make this simulator unaffordable for a department our size. However, as a recipient of a 2002 Fire Act Grant sponsored by FEMA, 90% of the cost of this important training tool is funded through the grant, while the remaining 10% or \$13,260 was funded by the City of Franklin.

Some of the many features of the training simulator include fire suppression training utilizing two adjacent interior fires plus a Flashover-Rollover Effect with intense temperatures between 500 - 1100° F. Utilizing movable interior walls and a smoke generator, firefighters will be able to perform search and rescue training. Forcible entry and rapid intervention skills are tested by the use of a spring-loaded doorjamb. The simulator allows training using a pitched room ventilation prop with chop-out panel and shuttered window. Fires in the prop are electronically controlled with emergency stop capabilities that allow safe and immediate remote extinguishment of the fire. The simulator fires are fueled by clean-burning propane gas and is certified to meet NFPA 58 and UL 508 standards, and compliant with NFPA 1402 and 1403.



Division of Loss Prevention & Life Safety Education



Captain
Tony Abston

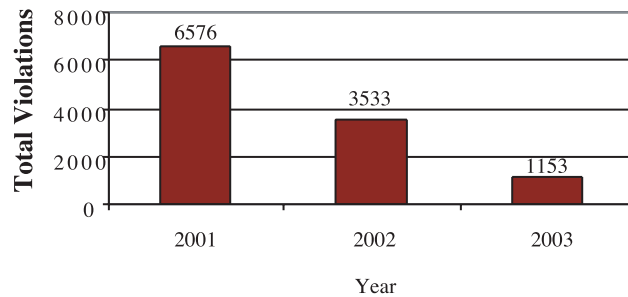
Prevention through Education

The loss prevention team that serves the City of Franklin has remained very active throughout 2003. Led by the Fire Marshal, the Public Education Specialist and Code Enforcement Officer are responsible for preventing fire and personal injuries throughout our community. We strongly believe that our best effort at preventing tragedy from striking our community is accomplished through education.

Code enforcement and life safety inspections remain the primary activity for our inspectors. During 2003, 362 businesses were inspected with an additional 206 follow-up inspections occurring. Since the inception of the fire and life safety inspection program, it has been our primary goal to work with business owners and occupants; educating the public we serve to the hidden dangers that surround us every day.

I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of our business community. Fire code violations found by fire safety inspectors in Franklin businesses fell a dramatic 300% from those found in 2002. This commitment to public safety continues to improve the quality of life for our community.

Total Violations Found By Fire Inspectors



Pre-Incident Analysis efforts continued during 2003 with inspectors completing an additional 95 reports on properties. Pre-plans are used in the event a fire or other emergency event occurs at a property, providing fire officers with important information and building diagrams, improving our abilities in delivering emergency services to our customers.

Unfortunately, it became necessary to formally enter the citation process during 2003. All violations charged were eventually corrected and a fine of \$5,800 was ruled as judgment in favor of the City of Franklin.

Division of Loss Prevention & Life Safety Education

Risk Watch Public Education Initiative Expanded For 2003-2004



Risk Watch is a school-based curriculum that links teachers with community safety experts and parents. The curriculum is divided into five age-appropriate teaching modules (Pre-K/Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, and Grades 7-8), each of which addresses the following topics: Motor Vehicle Safety, Fire and Burn Prevention, Choking, Suffocation and Strangulation Prevention, Poisoning Prevention, Falls Prevention, Firearms Prevention, Bike and Pedestrian Safety, and Water Safety. These topic areas represent the eight areas kids ages 14 and under are at greatest risk to unintentional injury.

Risk Watch is the first comprehensive injury prevention program available for use in schools. Developed by NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) with co-funding from the Lowe's Home Safety Council and in collaboration with a panel of respected safety and injury prevention experts, *Risk Watch* gives children and their families the skills and knowledge they need to create safer homes and communities.

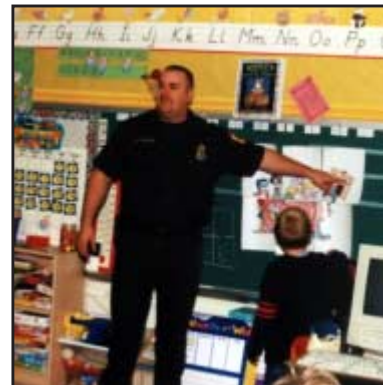
For children ages 14 and under, the number-one health risk is not drugs or disease: it is injuries. Each year, unintentional injuries kill more than 6,000 kids and permanently disable more than 120,000.

A public education initiative for the 2002-2003 school year ended with the close of school for summer break. During that time, fire and school officials were able to objectively evaluate the curriculum's impact on both the school district, and the students of the program.

Course evaluations completed by school faculty played a large role in not only continuing this valuable program, but also developing a plan to expand the program throughout the school system. The first and second grade students received instruction from fire education specialist, Kyle Lovelace in four of the eight categories.

Our goals for the 2003-2004 school year were simple.

- Continue to present the Risk Watch Program to students of first and second grade
- Expand the curriculum delivered beyond the initial four categories as much as possible
- Enable the Risk Watch Program to grow with the students, year after year, building upon the accomplishments achieved in the first year of the program



Division of Loss Prevention & Life Safety Education

Fortunately, we were able to demonstrate to school administration that this program provided additional value to the students and staff. Risk Watch correlates to the State of Ohio Competency-Based Standards for language arts for each grade level. Beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, we have been invited back into the classrooms to continue the Risk Watch program for the first and second grade levels as in the past. Additionally we will deliver seven, of the eight categories, to all third grade classes in the district. This program strategy will continue until the Risk Watch program is fully launched to all grade levels throughout the elementary school system.

Over 1,130 hours were invested in delivering the Risk Watch Program to students in the Franklin School District, with 40 separate additional presentations occurring during our annual Fire Prevention Week program in October.

Every time a child is injured or killed by an unintentional injury, everyone suffers - the child, his or her family, classmates and friends, and the entire community. Sadly, the vast majority of these injuries are not random "accidents" - they are predictable and preventable. With education, motivation, and the support of caring adults, NFPA believes that children can learn to be much safer.

Smoke Detector Blitz



The City of Franklin, Division of Fire maintained its relationship with the American Red Cross to continue to provide free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors throughout the Franklin community. Over 141 smoke detectors, 124 carbon monoxide detectors, and 18 batteries were distributed in 2003. Fire department

members performed its third annual smoke detector blitz in 2003. Of the 69 homes that we were able to inspect, 23 homes or a full 1/3 of the residences were discovered to have non-working detectors. This program continues to provide direct customer service, possibly preventing a tragedy from occurring.

Community Outreach Programs

Anthony Wayne School Partnership



The 2002-2003 school year represented the first full year that City of Franklin, Division of Fire firefighters were able to partner with a local elementary school. The Franklin School District has a program where corporate sponsors collaborate with individual schools annually. The City of Franklin partnered with Anthony Wayne Elementary.

Firefighters can be found each Thursday helping students with their assignments, having lunch together, playing basketball, laughing, and having a great time! This is truly a joyful experience for our firefighters as we get to know our community on a personal level. The faculty feels that we are making a real difference with these children, helping boost their motivation and making them feel a part of our family.

Franklin Fire Joins Safe Kids Coalition

The goal of The Greater Dayton Area SAFE KIDS is to serve in a leadership role in the education of parents/care givers, children, educators, health care providers, public and private organizations, legislators and the community about the impact of childhood injuries.

Through this program, we have been able to send our public education specialist to advanced training targeting childhood injury prevention such as playground safety and certified two Child Safety-Seat Technicians and five assistants. The popularity of this program is gaining quickly, as technicians assisted with the installation or inspection of 72 car seats in just the second half of the year.



Community Outreach Programs

Fire Explorer Program Grows

Our fire explorer post is a division of the Boy Scouts of America and is a career-oriented program for young adults, aged 14 through 19. Members are referred to as “Explorers” and, while the program is part of the Boy Scouts of America, the Explorer program is distinctively different from scouting. Fire Exploring is a co-educational, young-adult program developed and supervised by your local fire department providing an opportunity for young adults to explore a particular career field.



The Fire Explorers remained active in 2003, with several new members joining the post. In May, the explorers participated in the Firefighter Skills Challenge held at Coney Island. Explorers from 14 area fire departments competed in fire related events including EMS skills, patient extrication, salvage and overhaul, construction of a catchall and water-chute. Other events included Search and Rescue and firefighter survival and the retrieval of a “trapped” firefighter. Participants also competed in events evaluating skill in using



ground ladders, blind Self Contained Breathing Apparatus assembly, and forcible entry of locked doors along with completion of a firefighter obstacle course. The explorers did a fantastic job representing the City of Franklin and had a wonderful time.

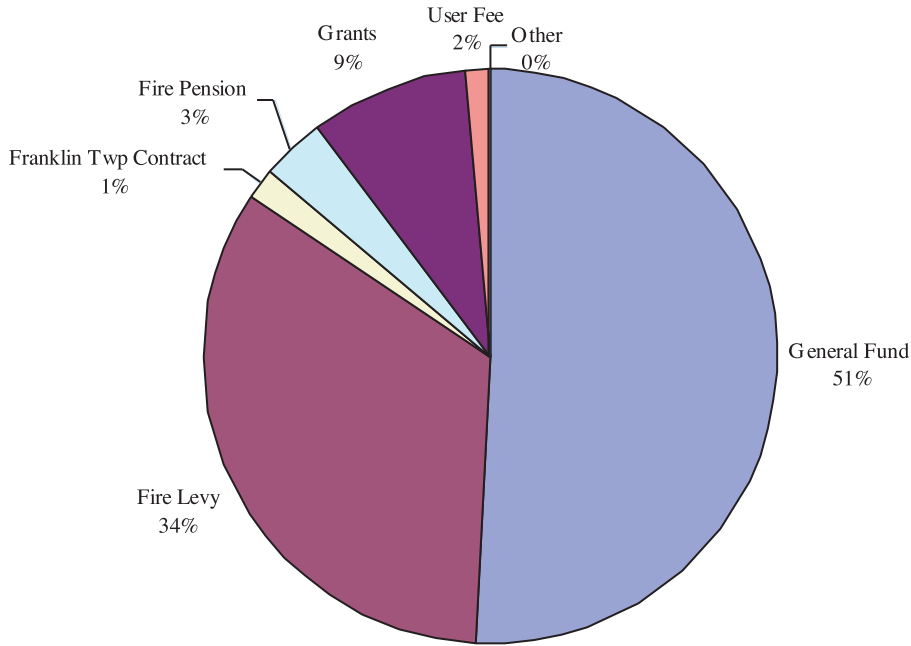
Our Explorers receive training in first-aid, fire prevention, fire suppression, CPR, and Special Rescue. Explorer ride-along on the fire apparatus and do everything except fight live fire.

Assistance Provided to Other Organizations

- Firefighters donated to the Franklin High School Scholarship Fund
- IAFF raised \$1,886.88 during its third annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Fill the Boot drive.
- Hosted multiple mobile blood drives for Community Blood Center
- Ohio Bicentennial Celebration
- Area Progress Council of Warren County, Warren County Career Center High School Education Program
- Warren County Traffic Coalition, Southwestern Ohio Safety Council
- Toys For Tots

Financial Report

Revenue Sources FY 2003



Funding for the City of Franklin, Division of Fire increased dramatically during 2003 for several reasons.

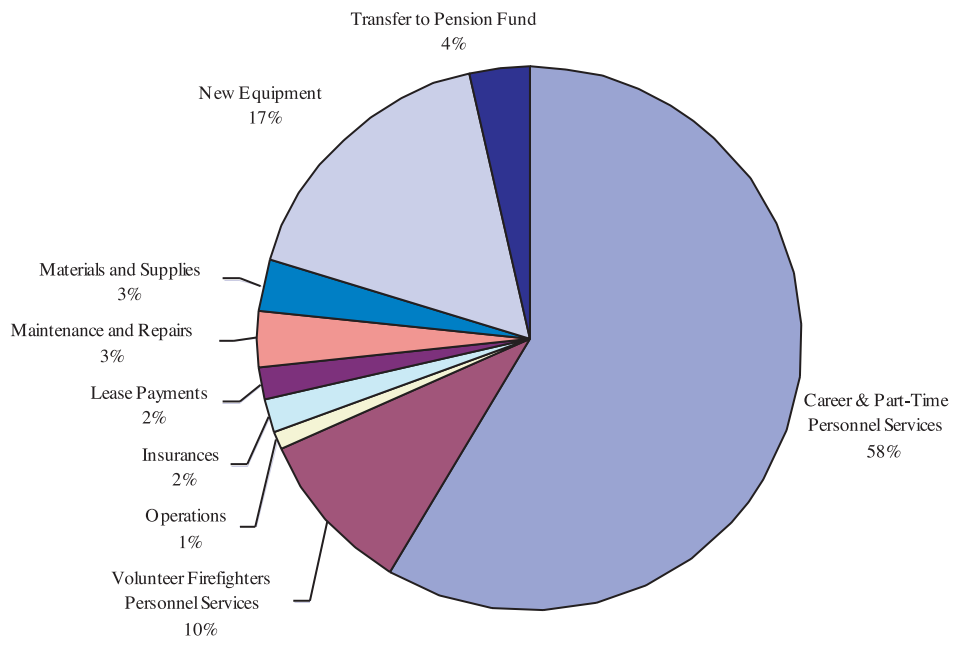
The primary impact resulted from the first year payment resulting from a voter approved fire levy effective on 2002 property valuation assessments. Our department also benefited from successful attempts to secure grant funding throughout the year.

General Fund	\$ 960,000.00
Fire Levy	\$ 636,350.11
Franklin Twp Contract	\$ 29,100.00
Fire Pension	\$ 70,248.00
Grants	\$ 168,176.00
User Fee	\$ 33,729.18
Other	\$ 1,300.00
Total	<u>\$1,898,903.29</u>

Federal Funding from the 2002 Fire Act Grant made possible the purchase of new equipment including the Symtron fire-training simulator and the addition of the Candidate Physical Abilities Test. Separate grant funding was also received from the State of Ohio to assist in funding new firefighter training and education.

Financial Report

Expenditures FY 2003



The single largest investment in any organization is our personnel, and our budget reflects that. This year personnel services of our career, part-time and call firefighters represented over 70% of expenses during 2003. Investment in new equipment topped 14% with the addition of new equipment, of which 90% was funded through grant awards received.

New equipment allowed the fire division to improve the service delivered to our customer by the purchase and upgrade of new equipment through the year.

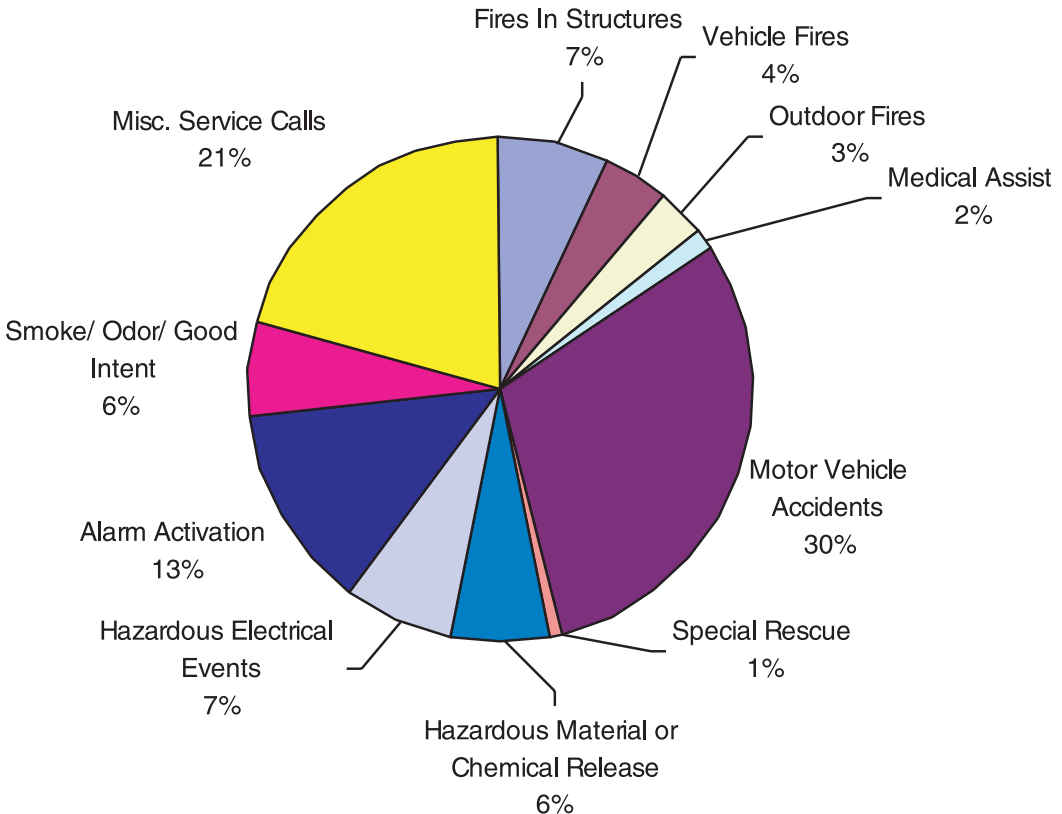
Career & Part-Time Personnel Services	\$ 811,489.50
Volunteer Firefighters Personnel Services	\$ 132,882.71
Operations	\$ 16,717.70
Insurances	\$ 27,444.13
Lease Payments	\$ 25,503.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 46,560.00
Materials and Supplies	\$ 44,632.50
New Equipment	\$ 228,898.00
Transfer to Pension Fund	\$ 50,494.00
Total	<u>\$1,401,339.24</u>



delivered to our customer by the purchase and upgrade of new equipment through the year. The addition of this equipment was possible as a result of the successful fire levy campaign. A thermal imaging camera was added to the fleet to improve the speed and ability of firefighters to search and locate injured or trapped persons and locate hidden or smoldering fires after extinguishment.

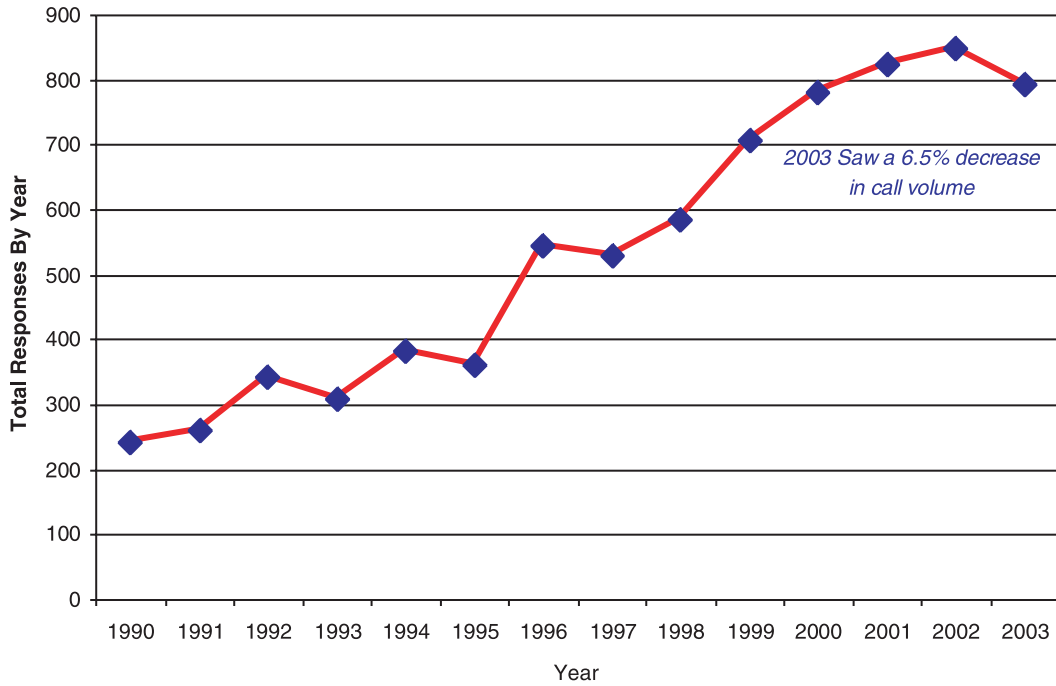
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2003 Call for Service Answered by CFDF

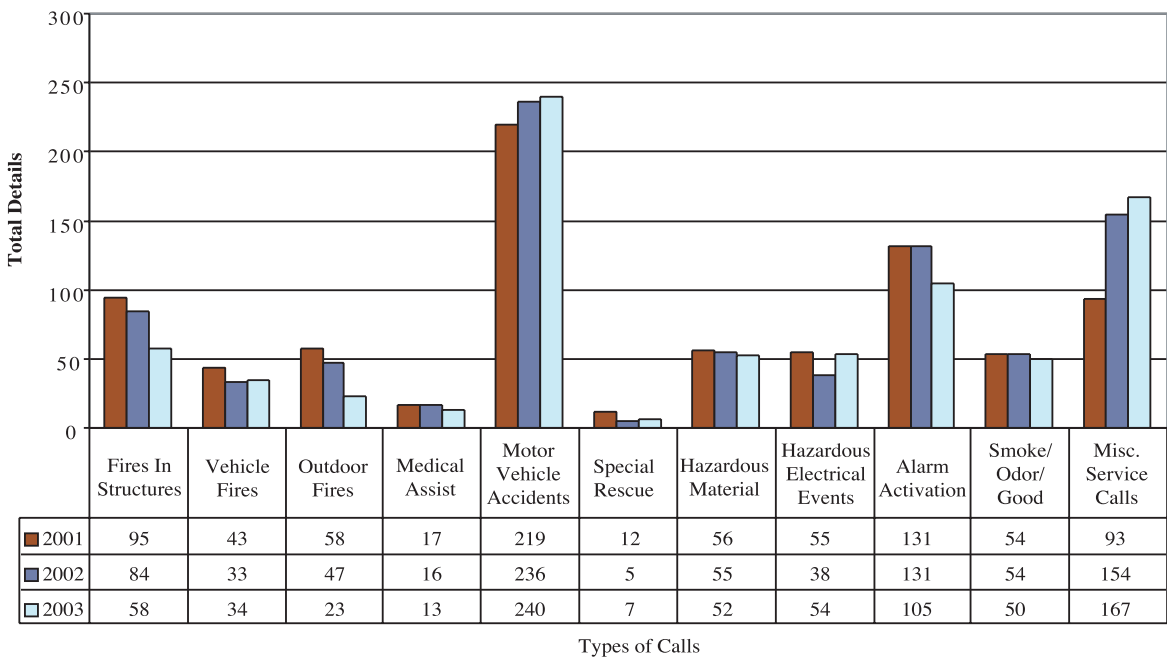


Operational Statistics

Annual Call for Service Trend

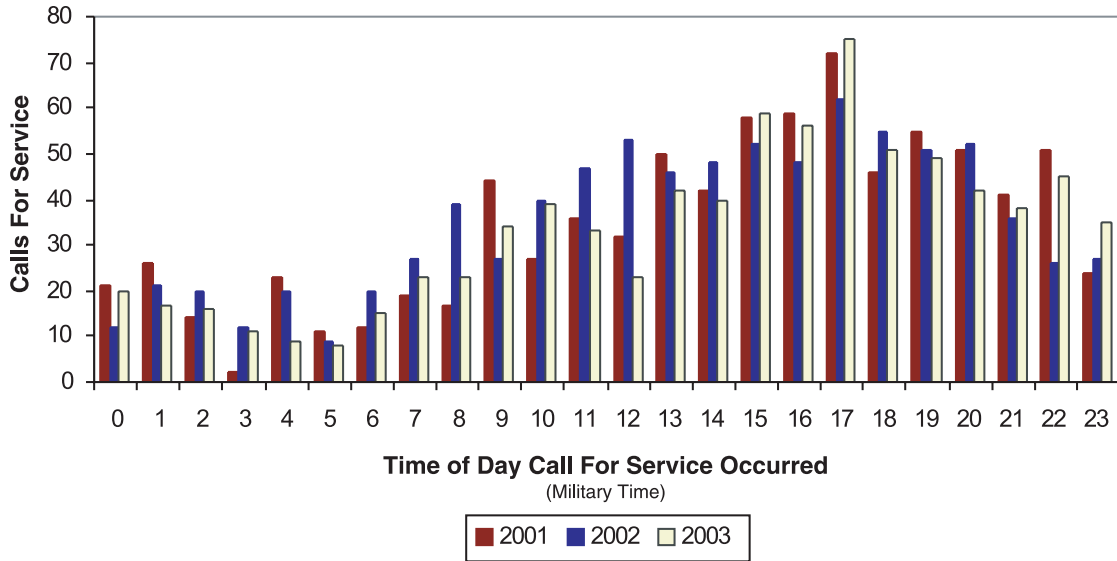


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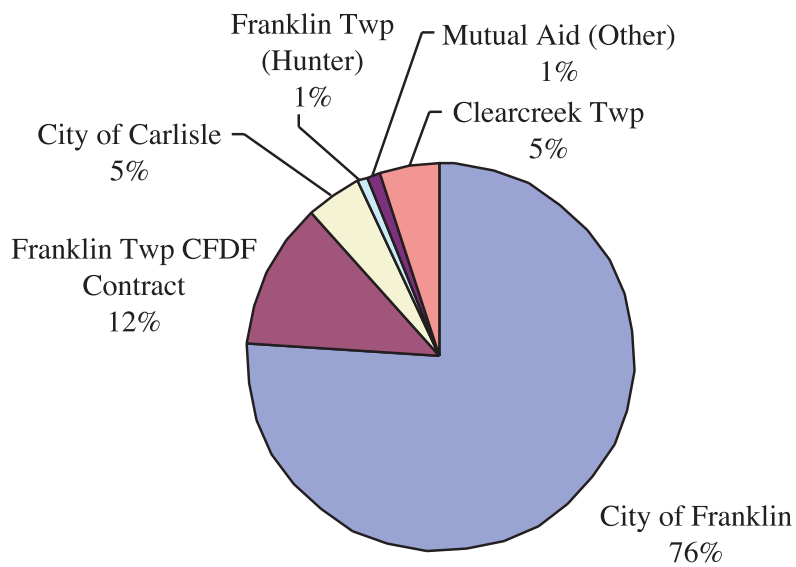


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Call for Service by Alarm Hour Trend

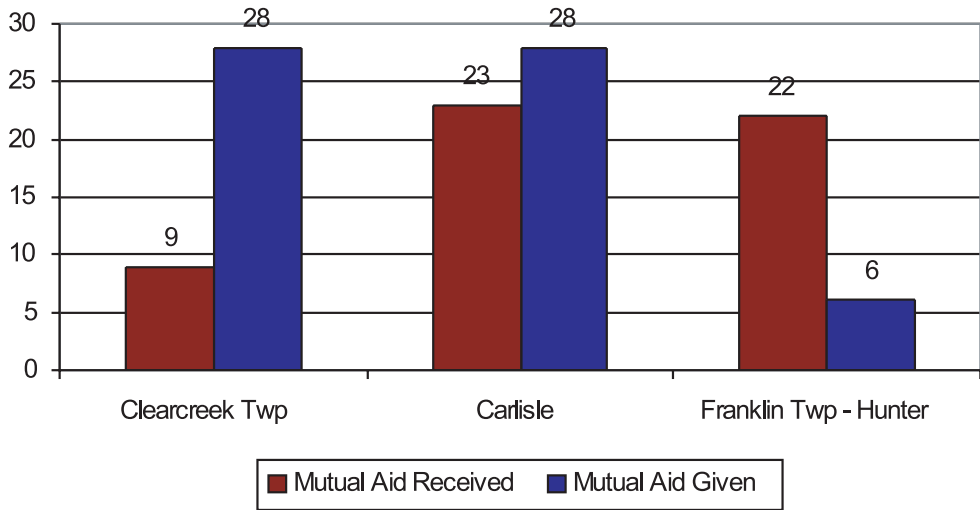


Call for Service Location 2003



Operational Statistics

Primary Mutual Aid Given & Received Comparison





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