



# Monthly Performance Report

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## Heavy Rains Result in Two Summer Water Rescue Incidents Within 6 Hours

The rainfall was fast and furious. Within hours the small streets and creeks surrounding the Franklin area were overflowing.

The first call for help came when traffic passing on Union Road in Franklin Township amazingly heard screams from three teens stranded on brush caught against the pillars of the bridge holding the roadway above.

Captain Stu Dixon



led responding crews to quickly formulate a rescue plan and swiftly place it into action.

Immediately upon arrival, Fire and EMS crews lowered personal flotation devices to the stranded teens. Above the teens, fire crews worked rapidly to construct a rope rescue system fastened to the end of the departments 105' aerial ladder. Captain Dixon quickly attached himself to the rope system and was lowered down to the wait-

ing, and very scared teens, below.

As parents were notified and began to arrive, the teens were attached, one-by-one, to the rescue system and were raised from the rushing, rain



swollen waters.

JEMS crews checked the teens and all denied any injury or harm, each being released to their parents immediately after.

### JUST A FEW SHORT HOURS LATER...

The City of Franklin, Division of Fire boat and crews were called to assist the Clearcreek Fire District for a car fleeing from Franklin Police Officers that ran off the road. The car, covered to its roof by surging storm water, and was partially swept under the road and pinned against the culvert. Upon arrival, it was deter-

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mined that boats would be of no use and as police units and K9's attempted to locate the subject, fire crews sprang to action determining if the driver and any occupants were trapped.

CFDF members utilized both thermal imaging cameras to search the shore and surrounding areas, while other crew members maneuvered underwater thermal cameras to determine if anyone was in, under, or trapped by the rushing water. The suspect later turned himself suffering significant, but non-life threatening injuries.

## Firefighters Protect The Environment As Well...

Firefighters Steve Sarver and Ryan Heitmen recognized that we all use a lot of paper products in the course of doing business each day. They decided that they wanted to do something about it. Working with Captain Abston, these firefighter developed, proposed and

ultimately implemented an office recycling program to help the environment.

Although the program was kicked off by just a few, many have participated. Some of our staff have actually brought recyclables from their home to further the effort. We have

already reduced the amount of trash entering the landfills as evidenced by the overflowing recycling collection can. Our firefighters doing their part, will have a big impact for us all.

*Thanks for your initiative and willingness to make a difference CFDF!!!*



# Daily Activity Log: June 2005

## Inspections

Fire alarm test / drill	
Fire inspection / re-inspection	
Fire pump testing	
Follow-up	
Hood suppression test	
Hydrostatic test	
Pre-incident analysis	
Plans review	
Public Education	
Smoke / Co detector install	
Sprinkler test	
<b>Inspection Total</b>	<b>228.22</b>

## Public Education

Customer service detail / inquiry	
Parade detail	
Risk watch presentation	
Risk watch development	
<b>Public Education Total</b>	<b>1.59</b>

## Training

Physical fitness training	Shift drill	
Mobile fire simulator	Special training	
Lesson plan development	Video training	
Monthly training	<b>Training Total</b>	<b>189.45</b>

## Administrative

Administrative work	
Data entry inspection / re-inspection	
Data entry pre-incident analysis	
Data entry training records	
Data entry user fee	
Firms / Cad update and maintenance	
Meeting	
Payroll	
Recruitment Cpat	
Reports / Paperwork	
Research	
Scheduling	
<b>Admin Total</b>	<b>404.63</b>

## Operations

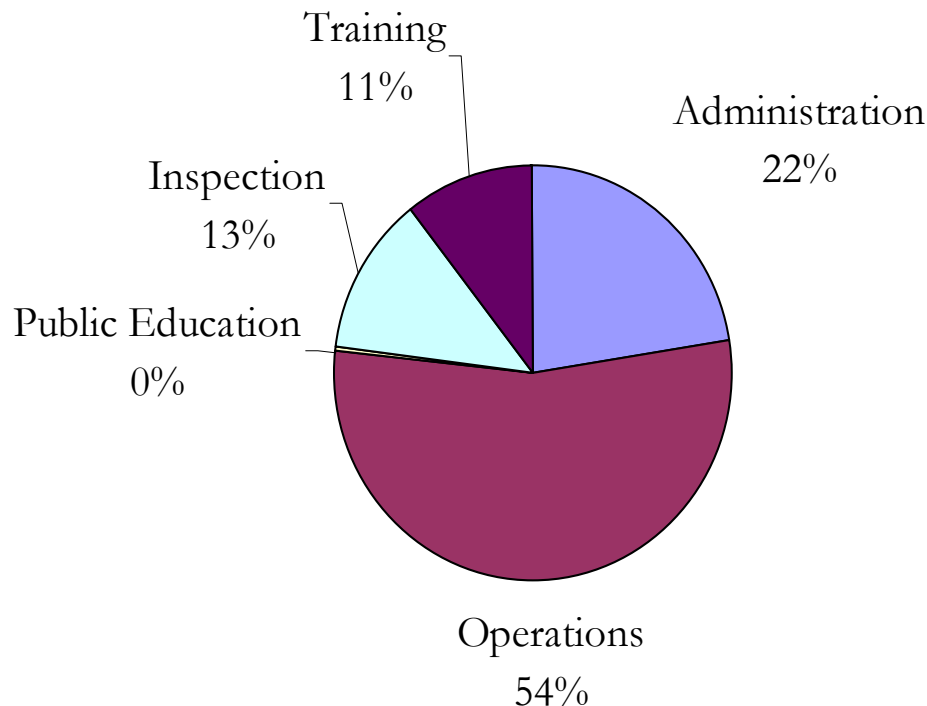
Area of Responsibility Assignment	
Car seat install / inspection	
Fire investigation	
Fire incident response	
House duties	
Hose testing	
Hydrant flushing / follow up	
Maintenance equipment	
Maintenance building	
Maintenance vehicle	
Shift meeting	
Equipment status in / out of service	
Truck checks	
<b>Operations Total</b>	<b>979.10</b>

### Understanding This Info

**DAILY ACTIVITY LOG**– The primary purpose of staffing a fire department is to expedite the response of personnel and equipment to the emergency scene when needed. When not on emergency details, our staff works diligently providing services in a variety of ways. Each task is categorized as administrative, operations, training, inspection and public education. Examples of assignments that are completed in each of these categories have been listed, along with the total number of hours worked in that category by on-duty staff.

**ACTIONS TAKEND BY CFDF**– This categorized list describes the disposition of our emergency calls for service year to date.

**TOTAL FIRE LOSS**– This list contains the number of fires, with loss, allowing for the tabulation of an estimated property saved vs.



## Actions Taken By City of Franklin, Division of Fire

	Investigate, Enforcement	Fill-in, Standby	Restore Systems, Services	Extinguish and Control	Provide Assistance	Identify and Confine Hazardous Condition	Rescue	Search and Rescue	Others	Total
January	121	41	23	4	3	6	3	2	1	204
February	44	12	0	5	3	3	0	0	0	67
March	49	24	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	80
April	58	26	0	1	4	2	1	0	0	92
May	30	20	0	5	4	3	2	1	0	65
June	55	26	0	3	9	2	0	2	0	97
	357	149	23	21	25	17	7	5	1	605

## Total Fire Loss by Month

	Count of Fires With	Total Loss	Total Value	Property Saved From Fire	Property Lost To Fire
January	2	\$ 7,500.00	\$2,100,000.00		
February	5	\$ 34,700.00	\$34,700.00		
March	7	\$ 800.00	\$4,700.00	94.38%	
April	12	\$ 82,100.00	\$346,600.00		
May	16	\$ 34,000.00	\$348,000.00		
June	2	\$ 8,000.00	\$137,000.00		5.62%
	44	\$ 167,100.00	\$2,971,000.00		

## Employee & Supervisor Harassment Training Held

### THE PUBLIC EXPECTS THE BEST...

That is why each member of the fire department participated in a training program dealing with workplace harassment. The training, developed and delivered by Partnership EAP through the Middletown Community Hospital, was divided into two parts.

Employees were presented with training designed to help them understand what constitutes harassment, and what their rights are if they suspect that they are being harassed. Staff members were then broken into small groups to tackle several scenarios presented to them. All members then came together as a large group and presented their findings, and participated in some group discussion.

The second part of the training occurred

when the supervisors of the fire department were joined two days later by division heads from a variety of other city departments. The second phase of this training was designed to assist our staff leaders with the do's and don'ts of dealing with a report of harassment by an employee. Leaders were also given real life case scenarios to discuss sparking a constructive and lively discussion.

THE WORKPLACE is different in emergency services than a traditional office environment. While members of fire departments nationwide struggle with issues such as what is and is not acceptable conduct in the firehouse, there is definitely a legal "line" that should not be crossed in terms of harassment. The training sessions helped raise awareness for all staff members,

and placed a renewed sense of awareness of this important, but unfortunately necessary, topic.

As a follow-up to this training, a timely Employment Practices Update was distributed to all members to simply reiterate the material previously covered.

By taking steps to educate our staff now, we are better prepared to deal with any alleged occurrence by preparing ourselves to respond compassionately, swiftly and appropriately if necessary.



## LIVE FIRE TRAINING A SUCCESS!



When the City of Franklin purchased a tract of property located off Scholl Rd, near State Route 123 that contained a dilapidated former farm house, the fire department was presented with just the right training opportunity. Training in acquired structures is a rare and necessary part of training staff members in the skills necessary to safely and efficiently perform their jobs.

While fire department members routinely simulate hazardous conditions, and practice their skills, there is simply no recreating the elements of a real structural fire fight. The smoke, the heat, the noise, and the unexpected are all real obstacles to doing our job, but each is difficult to recreate accurately and simultaneously on the training ground.

The work that goes into preparing a department and structure for this type of training may surprise you. Department members must be up to date on all of the associated skills utilized on the fire ground of course. Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT) used for firefighter and civilian rescue assignments, proper application of water streams, the safe use and maneuvering of ground ladders, ventilation, building construction, fire behavior and Incident Management Systems and Accountability cover just some of the operational components of hosting this

type of training.

Administratively, lesson plans must be developed containing building diagrams, emergency exit plans, all designed to teach the skills necessary, in as controlled manner as possible. But the work doesn't stop there.

Live fire training falls under NFPA 1400, the standard for Live Fire Training Evolutions. Pre-burn activities include obtaining various inspections (asbestos), permits (EPA), documents, and notifications. Comprehensive pre-burn planning must be completed and the building must be prepared with emergency ventilation holes, the removal of gun-powder, fuel oil tanks etc. Clearly described job duties for the instructor in charge, safety officer, adjunct instructors and students exist just to name a few of the responsibilities.



All of the work and preparation pays off in the end. After months of preparation and preparatory training, firefighters from the City of Franklin and Franklin Township joined forces with support from JEMS to participate in a number of live fire exercises. Crews repeatedly entered the structure, extinguishing Class A materials, performing various tasks, and exited for review.

Following a long evening of training, crews gathered around as the final fire was light, and allowed to burn until the collapse of the building. This is an effective training tool, as it is extremely uncommon to see your local fire department standing around, watching a building burn. Nonetheless, this too is a valuable training opportunity. Crews are able to see and hear, first hand, the indicators of structural collapse. Crews are able to interact and discuss the growth and development of the fire.

Although rare, and with increased risk, this type of training is certainly the most effective and appropriate tool to teach young firefighters the skills necessary to safety and efficiently perform their job duties.

### CFDF 'Stands Down' For Firefighter Safety

Franklin was one of thousands of fire departments across the country who participated in the first national stand down for firefighter safety blitz that occurred on Tuesday June 21st. This unprecedented event resulted from a staggering increase in the annual Line of Duty Deaths (LODD) occurring through May of 2005.

The purpose was to raise the level of awareness toward firefighter safety and call attention to the unacceptable number of LOD Deaths and injuries

Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death for firefighters. Of the 58 LODD that have occurred this year, 28 have been cardiac related. Several other LODD are attributed to Motor Vehicle Crashes where firefighters fail to wear safety belts, or training incidents that go horribly wrong.



## In Quarters

### CFDF Headquarters Receives Worldwide Attention

<http://firehouse.com/inquarters/>

Last month we reported that the City of Franklin, Division of Fire had elected to participate and assist with the submittal of an application for consideration in a national fire station design competition. While the review process for that competition is on-going, our partners, CDS & Associates approached us to determine if we would like to be featured on

Firehouse.com's In Quarters section of their web site. Always eager to share the new and innovative endeavors that we have taken, we readily agreed. Not sure what to expect, we forwarded the submission asking them to let us know if and when we would be featured. Before you know it, we are receiving e-mails from our colleagues congratulat-



ing us on the efficient, and cost effective design apparent from the seven pictures posted seeking copies of our plans! What a great confirmation of our decision to seek national recognition.

### City of Carlisle Approaches Franklin For Fire Contract

When Franklin Township Trustees determined to expand their fire department west of the Great Miami River, the City of Carlisle found themselves exploring alternatives to fund and operated their fire department located along the west-

ern boarder of Franklin.

City staff met with the Safety Subcommittee of Franklin Council to present this option. After much discussion, the green light was given for fire administration to explore the various op-

tions and issues associated with a consolidation of this nature. Fire officials advised the committee that work would begin immediately, and a summary report would be prepared for further consideration.

### Fire Hydrant Service Continues

The 2005 hydrant flushing campaign has begun. This years schedule is significantly longer than previous years in an effort to ensure that all hydrants are properly flushed and our community members know exactly when the hydrant will be serviced in their neighborhood.

Fire hydrants are serviced to assure that they are in proper working order, but also to measure the capacity and water available in the system.

Hydrants are flushed between the hours of 08:30am and 4:00pm. Flushing activities may cause some discolored water, which is normal, but avoiding laundry activities during these times is good practice. If you should inadvertently soil laundry, there will be cleaning compound available at the City Administration Building, located at 1 Benjamin Franklin Way or through the

Public Works Department at 202 Baxter Drive.

Flushing Dates Are:

#### July 4th thru July 8th

Allen, Argile, Arlington (01 to 299 block), Black, Charles, Elaine, Gaynor, Gribble, Harold, Harpwood (00-399 block), Hemlock, Highland, Highridge, Judy, Meadowview, Melanie, Morgan, Mulberry, Patricia, Robinson, Second St, (300 block -899), Skokian, Stadia, Victoria, Virginia (400 block to 899).

#### July 11th thru July 15th

Arlington (300 block and up), Commerce Center, Dale, Deardoff, Harpwood (400 block and up), Holly, Lance, Libby, Poplar, Rupert, Second (900 block and up), Sunny, Virginia (900 block and up), Wells Bridge, Westline.

#### July 18th thru July 22nd

Graham, Grand Oaks, Hancock

Cove, Industrial, Miller, Pleasant Hill, Shaker Meadows, Shotwell, St Rt. 123 (Franklin Lebanon Rd), Watkins Glen, William C Good, Wyndemere.

#### July 25th thru July 29th

Anthony, Beal, Broadcrest, Field Crest, Gorsuch, Green Knoll, Green Meadow, Hillsdale Lakeview, Long Meadows, Mad River, Meadowcrest, Rolling Hills, Rolling Meadows, Scholl, Sprucewood, Twin Lakes, Waterstone.





# Crash Claims Life of Mother

On the afternoon of Thursday, June 23, 2005 CFDF and JEMS and Franklin Police crews responded to State Route 123 near the entrance to McDonalds. We were dispatched to a motor vehicle crash with injuries. Five units were assigned to this incident with eighteen personnel on the scene, all working feverishly to disentangle the trapped subject. Immediately upon the arrival of Chief Saylor, Careflight was requested to respond to the scene to provide advanced treatment to the occupants of the two car, head-on crash.



## Performance Indicators

	2005 June	YTD
<b>Loss Prevention</b>		
Initial Inspections	70	334
Re-Inspects	15	190
Pre-Incident Analysis	3	57
Alarm Tests	0	14
Knox Boxes Installed	4	11
Smoke Detectors Distributed	3	70
Carbon Monoxide Detectors Distributed	3	48
Vial of Life Distributed	0	34
Car Seats Installed	2	13
<b>Public Education Participants</b>		
General	100	360
Pre-School	0	87
Risk Watch	0	1905
Elderly	0	99
Smoke Trailer	0	0
Fire Extinguisher	0	124
<b>Training</b>		
Classes	21	141
Participants	132	667
Total Hours	337	1817.2

In addition to sharing our organizational benchmarks, we will also be providing several performance indicators that are used to monitor various aspects of our service delivery. Over time, this data will be compared to historical accomplishments.



Fire crews began the process of performing a scene size up, stabilizing the vehicles by placing cribbing under the vehicle and flattening the tires before beginning disentanglement of the vehicle from the patient. Multiple rescue crews worked simultaneously as JEMS medics provided initial patient treatment. Meanwhile, additional fire crews shut down SR 123 with the assistance of Franklin police to land the air ambulance. Two extrication crews were able to remove the vehicle doors, the roof and utilize the hydraulic spreaders to roll the dash in order to begin to free the victims legs. Once there was enough room, a ram was inserted to complete the job. Fire crews had to remove the second row seating from the van and cut the driver seat in order to get the seat to lay in a flat position. Once this was accomplished, EMS crews with the assistance of Fire personnel were able to assist with removing the victim from the vehicle by placing her on, and securing her to a backboard. This most critically injured patient was loaded into the helicopter and Careflight transported her to the Miami Valley Hospital where she eventually succumbed to her injuries. The driver of the other vehicle was also transported by ground ambulance to Miami Valley. The two minor children in the van were transported via ground ambulance to Children's Hospital for additional treatment and observation.



Crews remained on the scene and secured the electrical systems on both vehicles, applied floor dry to leaking fluids and assistance was provided to the Franklin Police Department for traffic control while they performed the traffic investigation.

Following the crash, CFDF and JEMS crews reported to the training room at Fire Headquarters for debriefing and a post-incident review. These types of incidents are difficult for everyone involved, but it is with strong leadership and teamwork that coordinated rescue efforts, such as this, can be accomplished safely and efficiently.