March 1, 2021

TO: Perry Township Trustees

CC: Sonja Keaton, City Manager

FROM: Ronald Fletcher, Fire Chief

REF: Operations Report for February 2021

I am often amazed at the ebb and flow of our Fire and EMS activity. For the month of February, we handled 142 calls for service. This was not our busiest February over the past decade – we had 184 calls for service in both February 2017 and February 2016. It was also not our quietest – we handled just 97 calls for service in February 2012. With the average number of calls for service over the past ten years being 141.2, I guess our 142 calls for service this month was just average.

Our personnel responded to 124 EMS and 18 Fire incidents during February. This was 4 more EMS/Rescue calls and 3 more Fire/Service calls than one year ago.

Our EMS responses related to COVID continue to decline, and we are also seeing less influenza-related calls this year. Some medical experts attribute this to better handwashing and increased use of facial coverings, especially by the most vulnerable to influenza illness.

We experienced an estimated total loss of $3,100 to fire during the month. A cooking fire on Villa Drive resulted in $100 in loss, and a vehicle fire on Calmer Ernst Boulevard resulted in a $3,000 loss.

Winter Firefighting Challenge

Firefighting is always challenging, especially in the winter. Engine 76 is pictured in a snowstorm along Diamond Mill Road in Perry Township extinguishing a car that caught on fire after rolling into a ditch.
### RURAL WATER SUPPLY

On a warmer day at the end of February, Lieutenant Collier and Firefighters Robinson, Long, Gruza, and Vaughn trained on the procedures necessary to establish a water supply from a dump tank.

This is one of the ways we establish a water supply in the rural areas of Clay and Perry Townships (areas without fire hydrants). This is a time-consuming procedure, often requiring additional firefighters to be called to rural fires to both assist with extinguishment and to haul water.

**Calls for the Month by District - 142**

**City of Brookville** 91 total; 85 EMS Incidents; 6 Fire Incidents  
**Incorporated Clay Twp** 80 total; 74 EMS Incidents; 6 Fire Incidents  
**Incorporated Perry Twp** 11 total; 11 EMS Incidents; 0 Fire Incidents  
**Unincorporated Clay Township** 26 total; 22 EMS Incidents; 4 Fire Incidents  
**Unincorporated Perry Township** 16 total; 14 EMS Incidents; 2 Fire Incidents  
**Mutual Aid Given:** 9 total; 3 EMS Incident; 6 Fire Incidents

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**Calls for the Year by District – 272 (297 – 2020 total)**

**Brookville** 187 total (209 – ‘20); 168 EMS Incidents (185 - ‘20); 19 Fire Incidents (24 – ‘20)  
**Incorporated Clay Twp** 168 total (193 – ‘20); 149 EMS Incidents (170 – ‘20); 19 Fire Incidents (23 – ‘20)  
**Incorporated Perry Twp** 19 total (16 – ‘20); 19 EMS Incidents (15 – ‘20); 0 Fire Incidents (1 – ‘20)  
**Unincorp. Clay Twp** 42 total (55 – ‘20); 36 EMS Incidents (44 – ‘20); 8 Fire Incidents (11 – ‘20)  
**Unincorp. Perry Twp** 25 total (22 – ‘20); 21 EMS Incidents (18 – ‘20); 4 Fire Incidents (4 – ‘20)  
**Mutual Aid:** 18 total (11 – 2020); 5 EMS Incident (2 – 2020); 13 Fire Incidents (9 – 2020)