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TO: Perry Township Trustees
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FROM: Ronald Fletcher, Fire Chief
REF: Operations Report for March 2021

I find it hard to believe we have already completed the first quarter of 2021! We had a busy month handling 167 calls for service. The above-average March made up for the slow January, as we have now totaled just four more calls for service than this time last year. Speaking of last year, due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, our call volume declined during the second quarter as many were reluctant to go to hospitals. We do not expect that to be the case this year.

Our personnel responded to 134 EMS and 33 Fire incidents during March. This was 20 more EMS/Rescue calls and 9 more Fire/Service calls than one year ago.

Crews handled several serious EMS calls during the month, and we continue to see COVID-related calls flattening out. We did not experience a rash of vehicle crashes like we sometimes due in the first quarter of a year. This was a bit surprising given the number of poor weather days we experienced. We did respond to two serious crashes, both on the last weekend of March. Two suffered serious injuries in one crash, and a man died from his injuries in the other.

There were two dollar-loss fire during March – both were outbuildings. An unattached garage fire on Number Nine Road in Clay Township resulted in an estimated loss of $15,000 in structure and contents. A fire on Airhill Road destroyed a shed, causing an estimated $5,000 in damages.

Most personnel have completed initial or refresher training in Rescue Task Force procedures – the EMS response to an Active Shooter Incident. This training and subsequent exercises involve integrated training with EMS and Police personnel.
BUSY 24 HOURS

Over a 24-hour period on the 27th and 28th of March, Brookville firefighters handled numerous calls, including two serious crashes and a working fire.

Pictured left – Brookville and Phillipsburg firefighters work to extricate a man trapped beneath his car after it left the roadway and struck trees along Wolf Creek Pike in Perry Township. The vehicle came to rest above a deep creek, making stabilization of the vehicle a challenge.

Calls for the Month by District - 167

City of Brookville 113 total; 101 EMS Incidents; 12 Fire Incidents
  Incorporated Clay Twp 98 total; 89 EMS Incidents; 9 Fire Incidents
  Incorporated Perry Twp 15 total; 12 EMS Incidents; 3 Fire Incidents

Unincorporated Clay Township 24 total; 18 EMS Incidents; 6 Fire Incidents

Unincorporated Perry Township 17 total; 10 EMS Incidents; 7 Fire Incidents

Mutual Aid Given: 13 total; 5 EMS Incident; 8 Fire Incidents

Calls for the Year by District – 439 (435 – 2020 total)

Brookville 300 total (301 – ‘20); 269 EMS Incidents (263 - ‘20); 31 Fire Incidents (38 – ‘20)
  Incorporated Clay Twp 266 total (278 – ‘20); 238 EMS Incidents (243 – ‘20); 28 Fire Incidents (35 – ‘20)
  Incorporated Perry Twp 34 total (23 – ‘20); 31 EMS Incidents (20 – ‘20); 3 Fire Incidents (3 – ‘20)

Unincorp. Clay Twp 66 total (84 – ‘20); 54 EMS Incidents (67 – ‘20); 12 Fire Incidents (17 – ‘20)

Unincorp. Perry Twp 42 total (35 – ‘20); 31 EMS Incidents (28 – ‘20); 11 Fire Incidents (7 – ‘20)

Mutual Aid: 31 total (15 – 2020); 10 EMS Incident (5 – 2020); 21 Fire Incidents (10 – 2020)