



**WASHINGTON
TOWNSHIP**
DUBLIN, OH

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

2020 ANNUAL REPORT





A MESSAGE FROM TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR ERIC RICHTER



"We're All In This Together." The slogan of 2020. The words our Township lived by after a global pandemic hit in 2020. We faced the biggest public health challenge to our nation and the world in over 100 years. Despite all the unknowns and fear, Washington Township continued to move forward.

Despite a global pandemic, economic downturn and financial uncertainty, Washington Township and the Washington Township Fire Department (WTFD) were able to maintain a high level of citizen-focused government to keep many people safe. Our staff immediately found ways to operate and provide top-notch services in a safe manner. Staffing was adjusted and new technology became tools in our arsenal to remain operational and fully responsive. Everyone played a vital role in supporting each other, and the community stepped up in a way we can all be proud of.

From a budget perspective, the Township weathered the storm cautiously and conservatively. Budgeted expenditures for 2020 totaled \$23,321,681. Due to discretionary spending freezes and cost savings associated with the reduced number of emergency responses, the Township ended the year spending \$20,943,659, or approximately 10% less than the original approved budget. During 2020, the Township also received Federal CARES Act funds totaling \$103,471 that was used in part to replenish N-95 masks, face shields, and personal protective equipment costs.

We continue to partner with other local governments, including the City of Dublin and Franklin County Engineer's Office, to meet the needs of Township residents. Design and engineering work related to the Amlin area stormwater and road improvement project continued to progress during 2020, with construction still planned for early 2022.

For our WTFD, the pandemic impacted our internal and external stakeholders forcing the department to be creative in its service delivery. The department had to reduce non-essential interaction with the public while implementing operational changes to reduce the spread of COVID-19 throughout the organization and community. Our firefighters and medics were able to quickly ration our personal protective equipment to meet the demand while also rebuilding future supplies. Our Public Education Programs were canceled, based on the Governor's directives to limit public gatherings. The Township participated in daily Emergency Operations Center (EOC) calls with the City of Dublin to implement measures to safeguard both our employees and the community.

While 2020 was a difficult year for all of us, it is adversity such as this that allows for the greatest growth in an organization. We will continue to meet the expectations of our citizens through strategic planning, projecting the needs of our community, and by providing proactive education. The department is truly indebted to the citizens of Dublin and Washington Township and appreciates their ongoing support.

Sincerely,
Eric Richter, Administrator



A LETTER FROM FIRE CHIEF ALEC O'CONNELL



2020 was an unprecedented year in the history of the Washington Township Fire Department and our members handled the challenges presented with professionalism, flexibility, and a focus on safety for our community. As Chief, I am extremely proud of the work the members of our department did this past year. It was slower than other years with a 12.28% reduction in emergency calls, requests for services, and adapting to a changing world, but our members responded to these challenges in a manner that can make our community proud.

COVID-19 has had many unforeseen side effects that could not be anticipated. It led to a reduction of emergency incidents for the first time in a decade. The normal traffic patterns were altered leading to a drastic reduction in automobile accidents. Citizens were reluctant to go to the hospital and did not call for assistance as quickly as they had done in the past. When they did call, many waited longer to seek medical attention leading to an increase in critical care calls like heart attacks and strokes.

Throughout all of this, the department performed admirably given the toughest of conditions. We kept all fire stations staffed and all apparatus in service to meet the needs of the residents. There was not a single aspect of department operations that was not affected. The fight against the COVID-19 virus became the primary focus of the department and one that we continue to deal with.

Also in 2020, the Commission on Fire Accreditation International evaluated all aspects of the department's service delivery, strategic planning, and commitment to ongoing improvement. The department successfully earned our annual re-accreditation by meeting established benchmarks and guidelines. In addition to our accreditation, the department has maintained an Insurance Services Office rating of one (ISO 1), which positively influences the residential and commercial insurance premiums. Our accreditation status and our ISO 1 rating place us among a select group of fire departments across the country.

We are proud of our accomplishments and thankful for the leadership of the Trustees, Township Administrator, and the hardworking, competent members of the department. These accomplishments would not be possible without support from the citizens, partnerships with our mutual aid departments, and the City of Dublin.

We are committed to continuing our hard work and dedication to improve service to our residents and visitors and to make Washington Township and the City of Dublin a safe place to work and live.

Sincerely,
Alec O'Connell, Fire Chief



OPERATIONS – FIRE/EMS

The operations division is the largest of all divisions within the Washington Township Fire Department. The primary responsibilities of its personnel are life safety, incident stabilization, preservation of property, emergency medical care, and public education. The Washington Township Fire Department takes great pride in serving the residents and visitors of Washington Township and the City of Dublin. The Operations Division is capable of mitigating:

Fires	Hazardous Material Incidents
Emergency Medical Responses	High-Angle Rescue Incidents
Technical Rescues	Ice Rescue Incidents
Traffic Accidents/Extrications	Confined Space Incidents
Swift Water Responses	Rescue Dive Responses
Trench Collapse Incidents	Structural Collapse Incidents
Mass Casualty Incidents	Active Shooter Responses

The operations division staff, all of whom are cross-trained in fire suppression and EMS, are deployed from four fire stations and an administrative/training center.

OPERATION FLEET

- 1 Fire Chief
- 1 Assistant Fire Chief
- 2 ALS Engines
- 1 ALS Ladder
- 1 ALS Quint
- 1 ALS Engine/Heavy Rescue
- 3 ALS Medics
- 1 ALS Transport Squad
- 1 Battalion Chief
- 1 EMS Manager
- 1 Training Manager
- 5 Prevention Officers
- 1 Safety Technician
- 1 Grass Fighter
- 1 Dive Response Truck
- 3 Boats
- 8 EMS Bicycles
- 2 Special Event Golf Carts
- 1 Special Response Trailer
- 1 Technical Rescue Trailer
- 1 Reserve ALS Engine
- 1 Reserve ALS Ladder
- 2 Reserve ALS Medics
- 1 Reserve Battalion Chief SUV

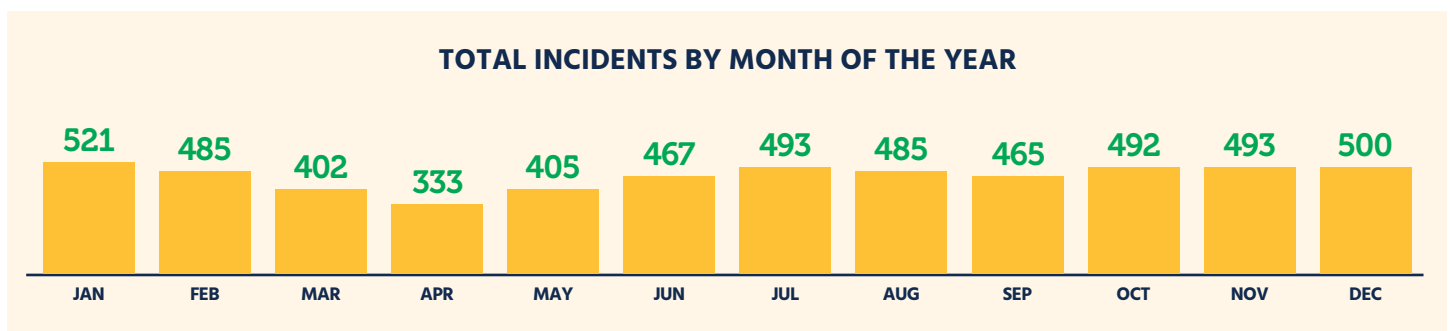
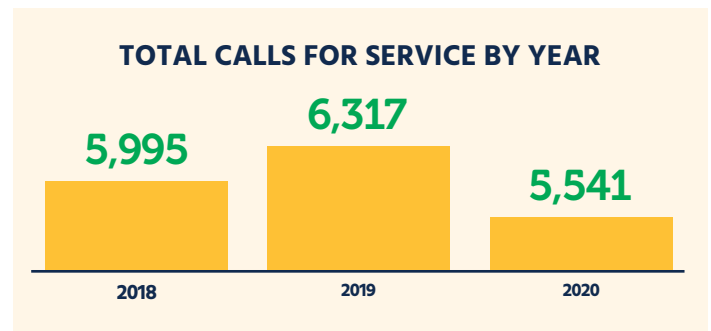
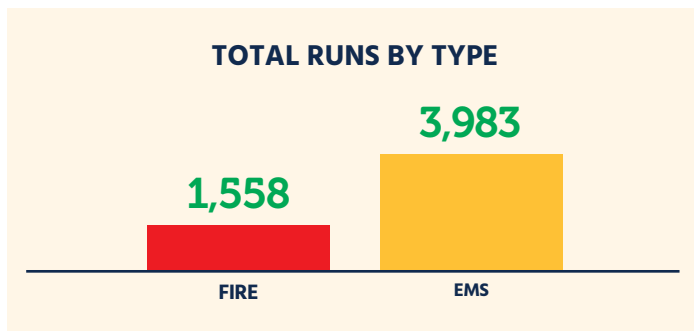


FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS

The Fire Prevention Bureau staff conducted 1,403 fire safety inspections in 2020. The inspections included installation of fire protection systems, new construction, and ongoing compliance of existing commercial buildings, re-inspections, and home safety inspections. 383 fire protection systems were completed as part of new construction and tenant improvement inspections. There were also 13 aboveground/underground storage tank installations inspected in 2020. Most of these inspections were for generator installations with fuel tanks. 838 fire protection reviews were conducted with 461 violations corrected.

There were 576 inspections of existing commercial structures conducted in Washington Township and the City of Dublin. These inspections were conducted to discover and mitigate the deficiencies that pose a threat to the life and property of the public and to fire department personnel. There were 1,065 violations documented and 233 re-inspections required at those facilities with violations. The most common violation was for exit lights.

All of the fires within Washington Township and the City of Dublin were investigated per the Ohio Revised Code. A total of \$794,777 was lost in structures and content with \$6,934,972 being saved in structures and content.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in balances. This is an unaudited Financial Statement.

Revenue Receipts	Total
Taxes	19,886,534
Charges for Services	1,060,425
Licenses, Permits & Fees	39,634
Intergovernmental Receipts	2,292,116
Interest	348,864
All Other Revenue	991,986
Transfers In	241,292
Total Revenue Receipts 2020	24,860,852

Expenditure Disbursements	Total
General Government	382,580
Public Safety	19,457,936
Public Works	150,392
Capital Outlay	711,459
Transfer Out	241,292
Total Expenditure Disbursement 2020	20,943,659
Total Receipts Over (Under Disbursements)	3,917,193
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2020	36,207,490
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2020	40,124,683*

*Township policy requires an amount equal to 25% of operating expenditures be carried over to the following year to pay bills during the first quarter of the following year. Because townships are funded primarily through real estate and property taxes, the carryover requirement was established to enable the Township to pay bills until the first half tax settlement is received in mid-March. The remainder is reserved to fund future capital projects such as real estate acquisition and replacement of fire trucks and medic vehicles. The Township currently has no debt service obligations.





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