



**WASHINGTON
TOWNSHIP**
DUBLIN, OH

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Resilience



A Message from Township Administrator Eric Richter

The year 2022 marked a return to normal township operations after adjusting our priorities and engagement within the community throughout the Covid-19 pandemic during 2020 and 2021. The fire department has documented lessons learned, and adopted best practices and safety protocols in order to better prepare both the department and the community in the event of future emergencies. The health and safety of the community remained our top priority during this global emergency, and remains so as we continue to prepare for future emergency operations.

From a budget perspective, the Township continues to operate conservatively while investing in the community and the equipment necessary to respond to emergencies. Expenditures for 2022 totaled \$26,090,666, representing an 18.5% increase over 2021 expenditures of \$21,997,823. The increase was related to capital expenditures associated with stormwater and streetscape improvements made along Rings Road in the Amlin area, and replacement apparatus to support the emergency response operations of the fire department. Additionally, the Township trustees voted to suspend the 2022 collection of four continuing fire levies originally enacted in the 1970s as a way to reduce cash reserves and provide savings to taxpayers. The annual savings per \$100,000 of assessed valuation was approximately \$34.14, or about \$3.2 million in total savings to all taxpayers. This directly impacted 2022 revenues totaling \$21,487,768, a 14% decrease from 2021 revenues that totaled \$24,577,875.

Our partnerships with other local governments, such as the City of Dublin and Franklin County Engineer's Office, remain strong as we meet the needs of our Township residents. Construction began on the Amlin area stormwater and road improvement project in May 2022, and was substantially completed by late Fall. Landscaping, lawn seeding, lighting and other aesthetic improvements are planned for completion in early 2023. The Board of Trustees also authorized the manufacture of a new Quint Aerial Ladder and a Custom Pumper, estimated costs totaling \$1.87 million, and four new medics totaling \$1.23 million. Due to supply chain issues and extended manufacturing times, the engines and medics will be delivered over the next 20-36 months. Delivery of all items is expected by Spring 2025.

Washington Township continues to provide transparency, engagement, and a high level of customer service to our constituents. We welcome your feedback, and thank you for your support within the community.





A Letter from Fire Chief Alec O-Connell

During 2022, the Washington Township Fire Department returned to a sense of operational normalcy after responding to the community impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021. We remain committed to serving the community through emergency responses and day-to-day interaction via our public education programs. In 2022, the department's overall emergency responses increased by over 10% from 2021, which was expected and addressed without any delay in service delivery.

The department was evaluated by two prominent organizations regarding continuous process improvement and best practices in fire suppression. These evaluations ensure we continue to provide the highest quality of service to our community in an efficient manner. The Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) evaluated all aspects of the department's service delivery, strategic planning, and commitment to ongoing improvement. The department successfully earned re-accreditation by meeting established benchmarks and guidelines. In 2022 the department was also evaluated by the Insurance Services Office, which rates our efficiency related to all aspects of fire suppression. We are proud to say we retained a rating of one (ISO 1), which positively influences residential and commercial insurance premiums within the Dublin community.

We also recognize that in order for our first responders to take care of the community, we also need to take care of them. The department has established a robust mental health program, including annual check-ins, to assist our employees dealing with traumatic stress and to maintain overall mental wellness. The Township also invests in personal protective equipment, cancer-reduction cleaning and decontamination equipment, and policies that provide a firm foundation and safe work environment for our first responders.

We are proud of our accomplishments and thankful for the leadership of the Board of Trustees, Administrator, and the hardworking, competent members of the department. Our accomplishments would not be possible without support from the citizens, community partners, mutual aid departments and the City of Dublin. We strive to continue to exceed the expectations of our citizens through strategic planning, proactive community education, and performance management. The Washington Township Fire Department is indebted to the citizens of Dublin and Washington Township, and appreciates the support from the community.



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

CAPABLE OF MITIGATING:

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

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

STAFFING

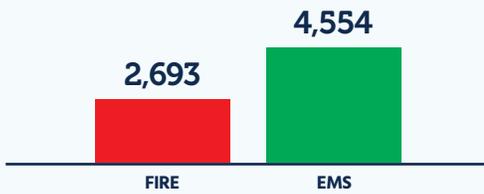
The Washington Township Fire Department has 102 full-time uniformed personnel and approximately 20 part-time uniformed personnel. The civilian support staff includes nine additional personnel.



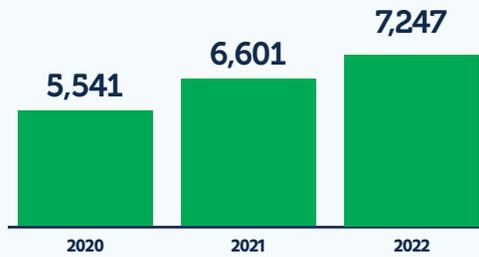
Fire Prevention Inspections

The Fire Prevention Bureau staff conducted 1403 fire safety inspections in 2022. The inspections included installation of fire protection systems, new construction, and ongoing compliance of existing commercial buildings, re-inspections, and home safety inspections. 242 fire protection systems were completed as part of new construction and tenant improvement inspections. 623 fire protection reviews were conducted, and 1403 general inspections of existing commercial structures were conducted in Washington Township and the City of Dublin. There were 2,693 total fire incidents. All fires within Washington Township and the City of Dublin were investigated per the Ohio Revised Code.

TOTAL INCIDENT BY TYPE



TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE BY YEAR



INSPECTIONS BY TYPE



Financial Report

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

Revenue Receipts	Total
Taxes	17,149,275 **
Charges for Services	1,158,796
Licenses, Permits & Fees	76,118
Intergovernmental Receipts	2,014,524
Interest	216,763
All Other Revenue	598,091
Transfers In	274,201
Total Revenue Receipts 2022	21,487,768
Expenditure Disbursements	
General Government	838,012
Public Safety	22,413,458
Public Works	916,176
Capital Outlay	1,648,819
Transfer Out	274,201
Total Expenditure Disbursement 2022	26,090,666
Total Receipts Over (Under Disbursements)	(4,602,898)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2022	42,704,738
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2022	38,101,840 *

*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.

**For tax collection year 2022, the Board of Trustees suspended the collection of four permanent fire levies representing tax savings of approximately \$3.2 million across all fire levy taxpayers.





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