



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Community Strength



A Message from Township Administrator Eric Richter



As we reflect on 2021, there are several common themes associated with the pandemic. We've all learned to adapt to ever-changing situations and to quickly adjust our priorities at times. The community's health and safety has been our central focus while juggling workforce shortages and supply chain issues. I am incredibly grateful for the strength of our community as we begin to return to some semblance of normal operations in 2022.

From a budget perspective, the Township continues to operate conservatively. Budgeted expenditures for 2021 totaled \$25,454,854. Through a combination of grants and cost savings associated with the COVID-19 pandemic the Township ended the year spending \$21,997,823, or 13.5% below the original approved budget.

In April, the Township trustees voted to suspend the 2022 collection of four continuing fire levies originally enacted in the 1970s as a way to reduce cash reserves and provide savings to taxpayers.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 is \$34.14, or about \$3.2 million in total savings to all taxpayers.

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. Design and engineering work related to the Amlin area stormwater and road improvement project continued to progress during 2021, with construction planned for early 2022.

The Washington Township Fire Department also had a productive year. The Department employed 102 full-time uniformed personnel and approximately 20 part-time uniformed personnel. The Department responded to 6,601 calls for service, which was an increase of 19.13% from 2020 to 2021. They also totaled more than 32,000 hours of training in areas that included fire suppression, officer development, emergency medical, hazardous materials, and technical rescue. The Department remains committed to enhancing their skills and training for the safety of the community.

As 2021 came to a close, we bid farewell to Trustee Denise Franz King who retired after 20+ years of service to Washington Township. We sincerely thank Denise for her contributions and dedication to our community. Stu Harris was elected to a four-year term in November to fill the vacancy created by Denise's departure. Stu was sworn in as a Township Trustee in January 2022 and also looks forward to serving the community.

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.

ERIC RICHTER

Administrator

A Letter from Fire Chief Alec O'Connell



I would like to thank our community, our great firefighters, the Washington Township staff, and the Township Trustees for another year of continued development in the services we provide. In 2021, the Washington Township Fire Department (WTFD) took another step in our continual pursuit of excellence.

With the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent variants still challenging our community, the WTFD altered several of the administrative and operational aspects of the department while also focusing on limiting exposure of fire department personnel. In early 2021, steps were taken to reduce restrictions, only to re-establish them with the onset of the Omicron variant in late 2021. The pandemic reduced our interaction with our internal and external stakeholders and made it difficult to fully return to normal operations throughout the year.

In 2021, the Department's overall emergency responses increased by 19.13% from the previous year. This was expected and addressed without any delay in service delivery. Although 2021 presented challenges, the pandemic gave us an excellent opportunity for growth. We expanded our Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) to be better prepared with regard to position redundancy training, remote employee access/expectations, and resources needed to sustain operations. We also implemented the One Call Now program, so employees are notified immediately for emergency and/or informational purposes. We are hopeful 2022 provides a return to normal operations, and interaction with the community as we have historically done in the past.

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 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 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. Both designations will be subject to on-site review in 2022.

We are proud of our accomplishments and thankful for the leadership of the Trustees, 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 will continue to meet the expectations of our citizens through strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, and by providing proactive education and training.

The Department is truly indebted to the citizens of Dublin and Washington Township, and appreciates their ongoing support.

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

STAFFING

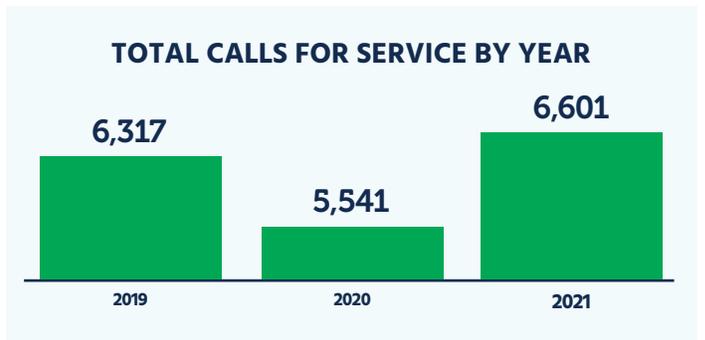
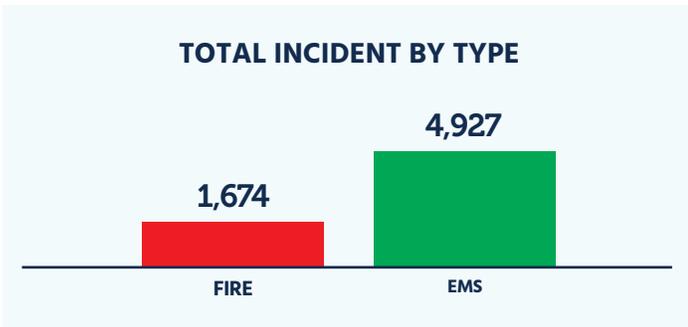
The Washington Township Fire Department has 102 full-time uniformed personnel and approximately 20 part-time uniformed personnel. The civilian support staff includes 9 additional personnel.





Fire Prevention Inspections

The Fire Prevention Bureau staff conducted 2,919 fire safety inspections in 2021. The inspections included installation of fire protection systems, new construction, and ongoing compliance of existing commercial buildings, re-inspections, and home safety inspections. 166 fire protection systems were completed as part of new construction and tenant improvement inspections. 551 fire protection reviews were conducted and 797 general inspections of existing commercial structures were conducted in Washington Township and the City of Dublin. There were 2,953 violations documented and 1,759 re-inspections required at those facilities with violations. All fires within Washington Township and the City of Dublin were investigated per the Ohio Revised Code.



Financial Report

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

Revenue Receipts	Total
Taxes	20,332,269
Charges for Services	1,001,188
Licenses, Permits & Fees	32,394
Intergovernmental Receipts	2,312,634
Interest	257,129
All Other Revenue	402,151
Transfers In	240,108
Total Revenue Receipts 2020	24,577,875

Expenditure Disbursements	Total
General Government	609,134
Public Safety	20,487,582
Public Works	90,860
Capital Outlay	570,139
Transfer Out	240,108
Total Expenditure Disbursement 2020	21,997,823
Total Receipts Over (Under Disbursements)	2,580,053
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2020	40,124,685
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2020	42,704,738 *

*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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DUBLIN, OH



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