



Bath Township Fire Department 2021 Annual Report





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2021 In Review:

STAFFING

For 2021, we had Nineteen of Thirty roster positions filled. This includes a 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) Chief position and 0.5 FTE Fire Marshal position with remaining positions classified as part-paid/on-call. Department leadership is provided by Chief Dave Snider, Assistant Chief Ben Zeeb, Captain/Fire Marshal Kevin Douglas, and Lieutenants Ryan Wilkinson, Tyler Douglas and Roger Dunham. Paid/on-call employees are paid an hourly rate when they work which includes responding to emergency calls, attending required trainings, meetings or carrying out tasks directed or assigned by department leadership. Officers receive an additional stipend. We were able to implement our part time evening shift covering 6PM-10PM Monday-Friday Evenings. This helped us ensure that we had coverage at a time when most members were busy with family and home life.

We were able to bring on Two new members during the year. Scott Basel and Spencer Tessmar both joined in 2021. Scott completed an EMT Basic Class and was able to obtain his EMT Licensure. Spencer Tessmar attended an Emergency Medical Responder class and was able to obtain his EMR licensure. We are glad to have both members.

DELIVERING SERVICE

The service delivery model tasks the Fire Chief with administrative responsibility for the department including making policy, hiring personnel, carrying out disciplinary functions, planning and monitoring department budget(s), and ensuring compliance with regulations directed toward fire service. The Fire Chief also represents BTFD at local and regional meetings and workgroups involving other jurisdictions' public safety agencies and operations. The Fire Chief additionally responds to emergency calls as required for efficient operations. The Assistant Chief and other officers have primary responsibility for responding to emergency calls as availability dictates and are assigned limited tasks and responsibilities. Department officers work an average of twelve hours per month including required monthly meetings. The part-paid/on-call firefighters train and work an average of six hours per month responding to emergency calls as available around work, school, family and other obligations. The normal response on medical assist calls is 1-4 responders while fire response ranges 4-12.



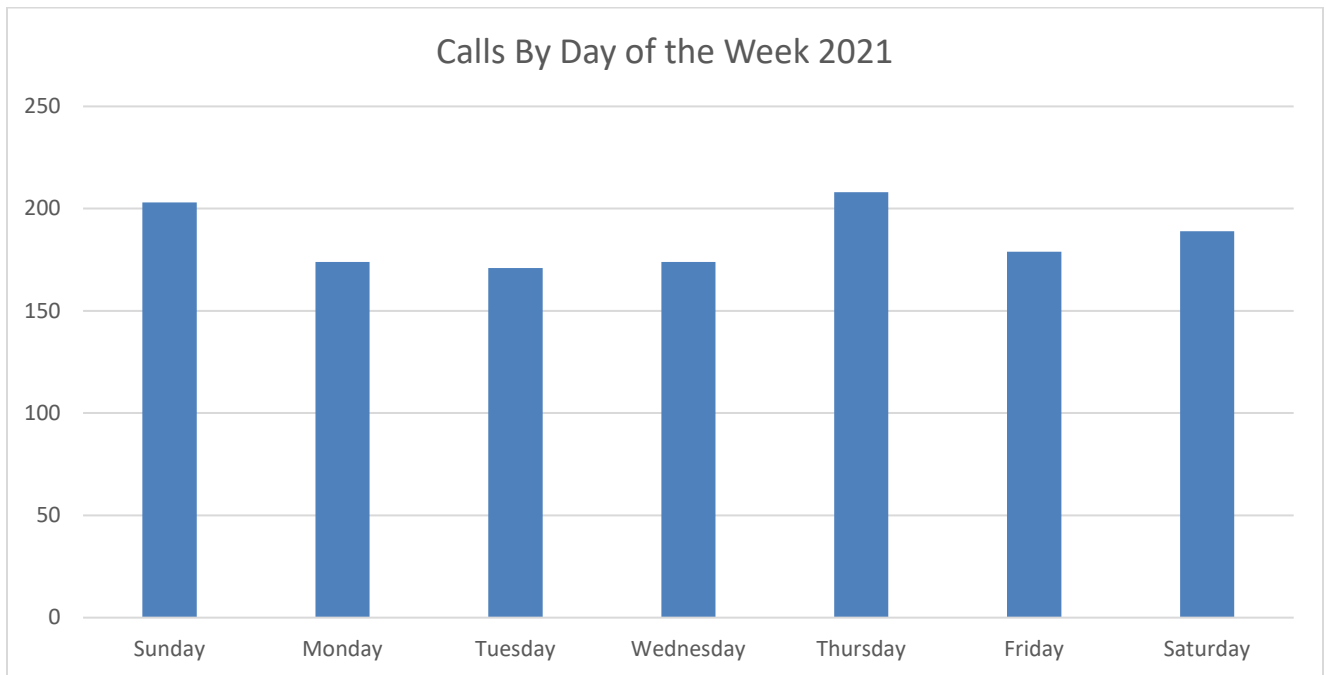
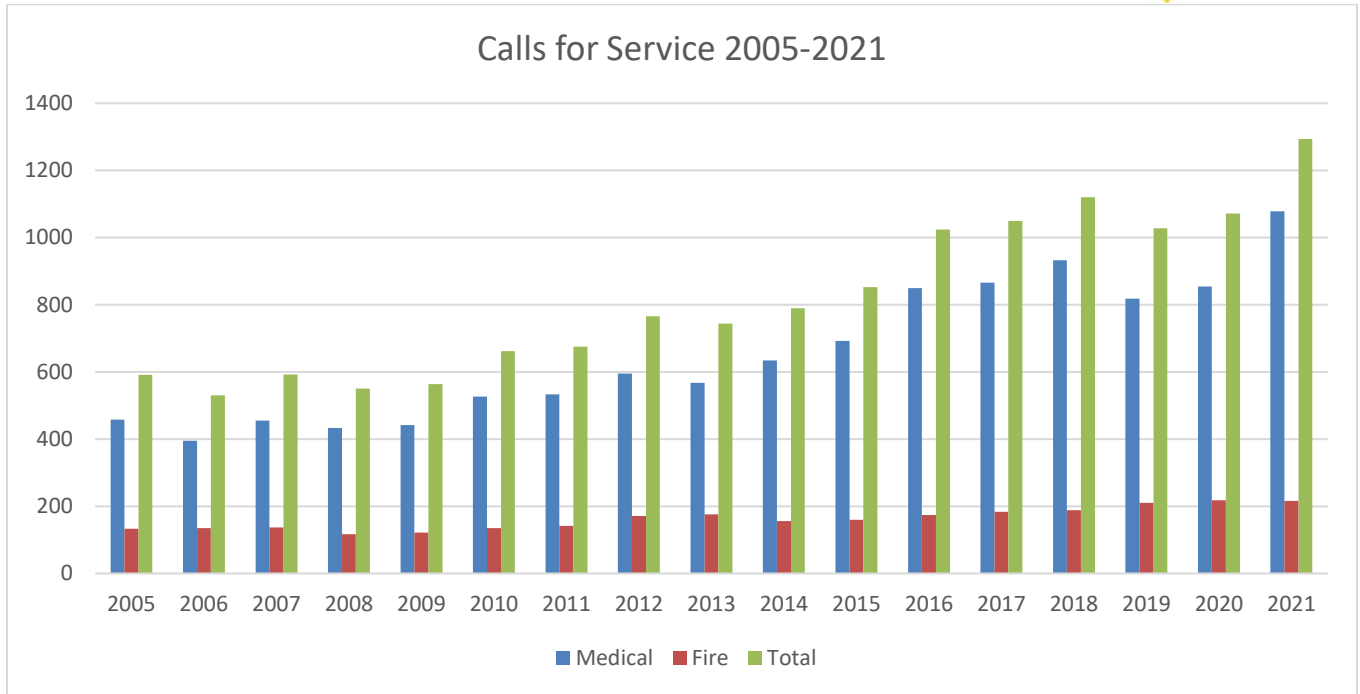
COOPERATING AGENCIES

The Township has designated Lansing Mercy Ambulance of Dewitt to provide automatic advanced life support response and transportation. When Lansing Mercy Ambulance is unavailable, mutual aid agreements provide advanced life support response and transport from neighboring agencies. Dewitt Township Fire Department assists BTFD on an automatic basis for fire calls. Further, all Clinton County Fire Departments have signed a mutual aid agreement to help each other when need arises and resources are available. BTFD also provides rescue and fire protection for several thousand acres of State of Michigan Department of Transportation and Department of Natural Resources land with no state funding or assistance.

In 2021, we were also able to implement an Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement with Laingsburg Sciota Woodhull Emergency Services Authority. This is a mutual benefit to both departments as we are both automatically dispatched to not only structures fires in both counties, but if LSW has a Water or Ice Rescue in their jurisdictions, BTFD is dispatched as well.

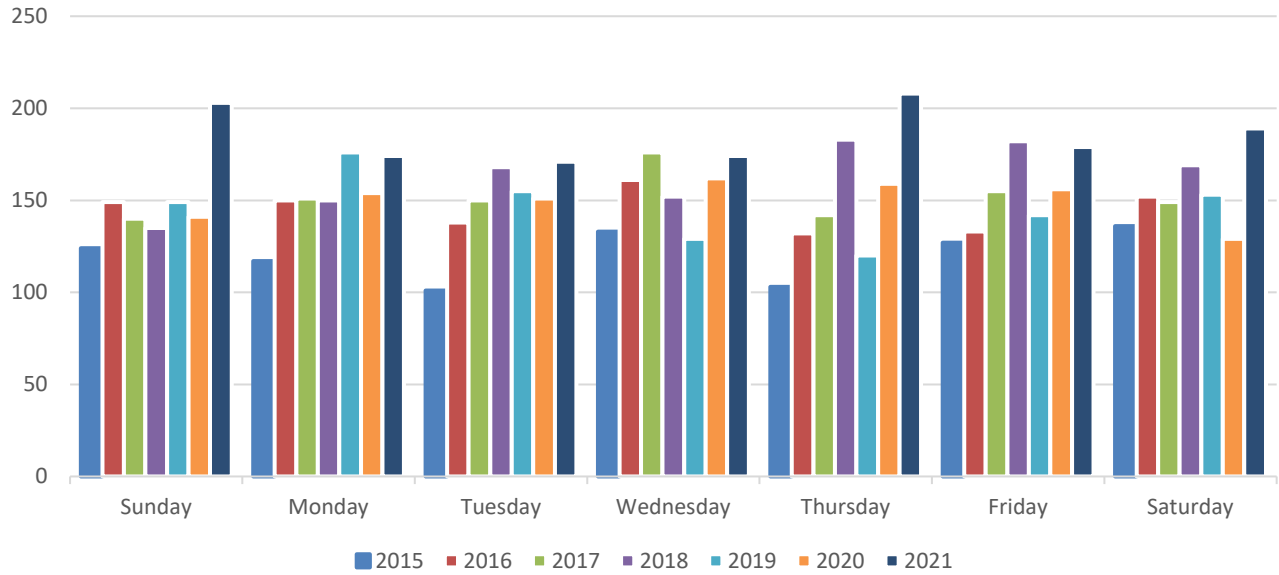
RUN VOLUME

For the year of 2021, Bath Township Fire Department responded to 1294 calls for service. This included our medical and fire runs. This was the busiest year in the history of the Bath Township Fire Department. These calls ranged from medical first responder calls to fire calls. This is an increase of 20% over 2020 in which the department responded to 1078 calls. 2021 was the year that we hoped to put COVID behind us but we were not so fortunate. We continued to adapt our operations and our response to the every changing world we are in. In the following charts you see information on the departments response including how many calls we responded on by day of the week, by hour of the day, and a break down of how many fire calls and how many EMS calls we went on.

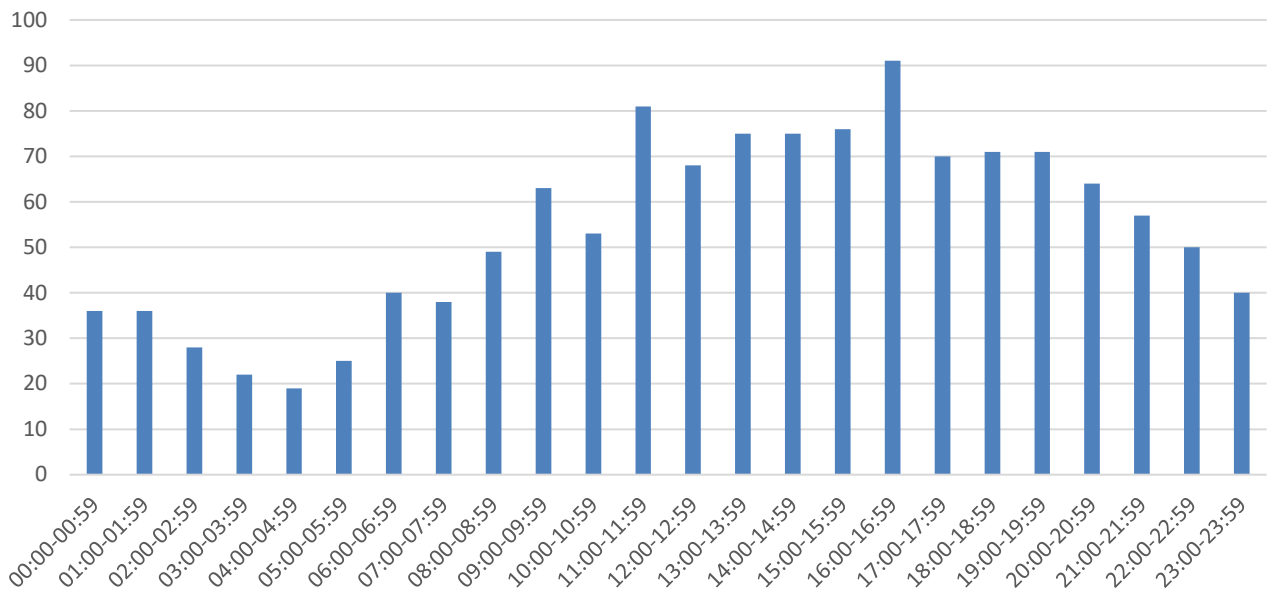


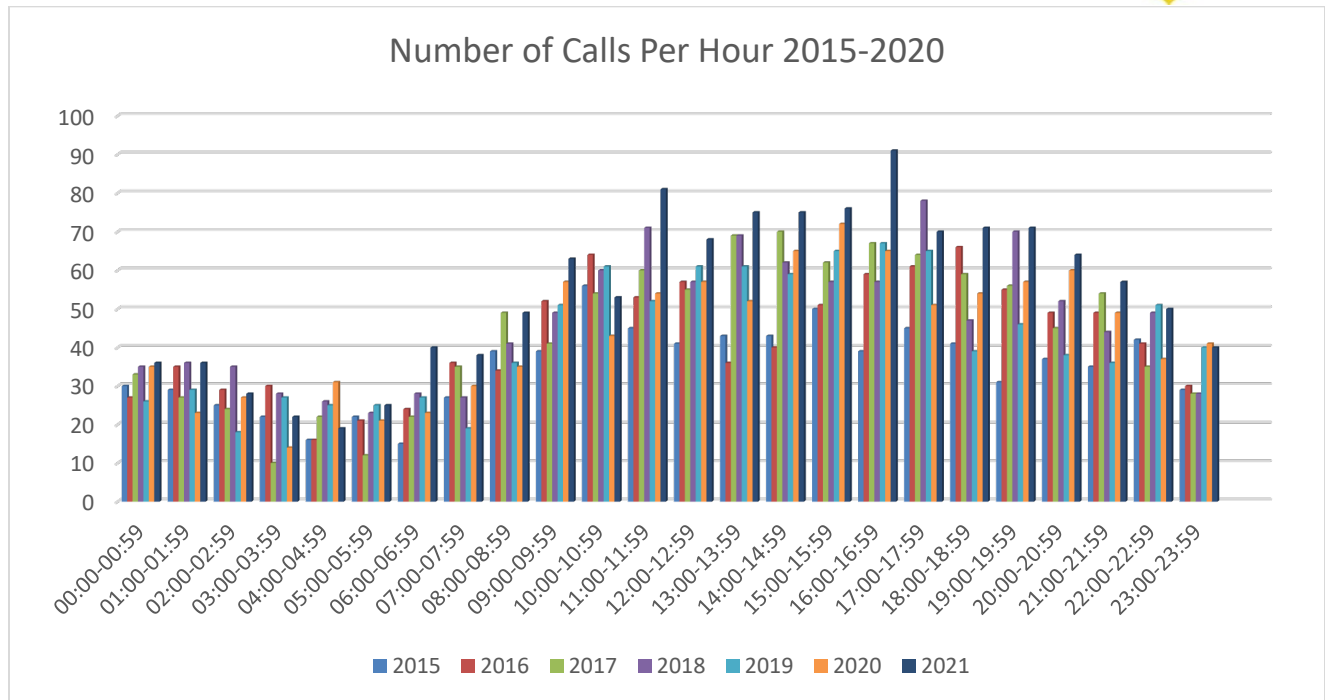


Calls By Day of the Week 2015-2021



Number of Calls Per Hour 2021





TRAINING

In 2021, we were able to return to some sort of normalcy when it came to training. Bath Township Fire Department was able to host the 2021 Clinton County Fire Chief's Association Fire Academy. Fire Marshal Kevin Douglas is the Coordinator for the Academy as well. Firefighter Collin Bulkley successfully completed the class and is now a Certified Firefighter. Bath Township Fire also became an Initial Education Center for Emergency Medical Responder and Firefighter Spencer Tessmar successfully completed the class and is a licensed Emergency Medical Responder. Members put in over 700 hours of training in 2021. The training plan for 2021 included getting back to the basics and having members work on ground level tasks of firefighter.

FIRE STATION UTILIZATION/MAINTENANCE

In addition to providing an environment for firefighters to exercise study and socialize with each other, the Fire Station is also available to other township employees to visit, work and at times share a meal. Having the firefighters and other township staff in and around the station more frequently results in more timely maintenance of the facility and its equipment. More importantly, the department can improve response times by providing a setting in which firefighters may gather.



EQUIPMENT

In 2021, we were able to place our LUCAS 3 mechanical device and had at least one outcome where a patient who was in cardiac arrest was discharged from the hospital. We were able to continue replacing turnout gear. We purchased a new hand-held thermal imaging camera that is carried in the vehicle that the Fire Marshal uses for inspections. At the end of the year, we ordered 6 Sets of AVI Gear that included a ballistic vest, ballistic helmet and equipment pouches. Although we hope to only have this equipment out for training purposes, our members will be prepared if an Active Violence Situation occurs.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2021 seem to bring back a little bit of normalcy to our community. Bath Fire was able to participate again in the Memorial Day and Homecoming Parades. Fire Marshal Douglas was able to do presentations for Fire Prevention Week this year with the Elementary School as well as Gilden Woods Pre School. Due to a rise in COVID cases towards the end of 2021, we chose to not hold a Department Open House this

Department Goals:

As we move into 2022, cannot wait to hire and start our two new full time employees that were approved by the Township Board in in the 2022 Budget. We also hope to also continue with the following goals as well:

- Continue to develop the multi-year replacement and budget plans.
- Continue to work on apparatus replacement and updating department apparatus
- Helping to make the public aware of all that it takes to be a part of the Fire Department

In closing, 2021 wasn't the year that we had all hoped for, but our department was able to continue serving the community even though it was the busiest year in our history. We want to thank the Township Board and Superintendent Hildebrant for all of their support during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Snider

Fire Chief

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