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ADMINISTRATION

Introduction

"On behalf of the Mayor and Village Council, I would like to thank our customers for supporting the Village of Batavia in the effort to enhance the community with positive growth." Our customers are our residents, business owners and others who shop and conduct business within the Village limits.

This is the first full year without the longtime Village Administrator, Dennis Nichols, who passed in the first quarter of 2022. Dennis was the architect of the Main Street revitalization, using and leveraging grants coupled with low interest loans and matching funds from the Village. Without a doubt, Mr. Nichols used his writing skills honed as an editor of a local newspaper, along with his military style of leadership and direction, to guide the Village into a position of growth for future generations. The community should forever remember Mr. Nichols as the administrator who led the Village out of financial distress and into a new era.

In 2023, John Thebout ended his tenure of twenty consecutive years as mayor. Mayor Thebout was one of the longest tenured mayors in the county as well as a public official with 32 years' experience on council and as mayor. Mayor Thebout was a stalwart leader recognized by his stint as the president of the Mayors' Association of Ohio through 2022. The Village recognized and celebrated Mayor Thebout for his efforts at a reception held in his honor in December.

I started my government work career in 1978 and I have worked for and with governments ever since. Now I have the privilege and honor to function as the Village administrator, enticed to the Village by the resilience of the residents, mayor, and council. Our Village is "re-making" itself as one of the premier small town county seats through relentless measures of expanding its geographic boundaries, encouraging new and redevelopment of land, and modernizing the delivery of service.

As an organization, I look toward to improvement in customer service and the quantity of service performed.

The administration expanded to include a full-time zoning officer and assistant Village administrator. In the first full year, the organization has investigated and resolved zoning violations that resulted in physical improvements of land and structure. Our zoning director started an aggressive review and modification of the Zoning Code. The Planning and Zoning Commission are actively working to improve the Code with hopes to introduce the finished product to council in the first quarter of 2024.

Our Public Works Department is a lean organization led by a veteran employee with more than 30 years' experience. The primary focus of the organization is to supply safe and efficient transportation over all Village controlled roadways through proper maintenance. The organization prides itself on "Black Pavement" standards after snow events.

Batavia Police Department has expanded to meet the needs of the community, especially in our schools. Currently, the police force dedicates two full-time officers to serve as school resource officers in the Batavia Middle and High schools. We also have a canine officer that patrols the Village as well.

ADMINISTRATION

Central Joint Fire-EMS Department (CJFED) supplies fire and EMS services to the Village. CJFED currently has an Insurance Services Organization rating of four but is actively working to better the score to a three, which reduces the general cost of insurance for business and industry.

The Village currently sponsors a Fun Fair in September and a Tree Lighting Ceremony in December. The Fun Fair attracts hundreds of people for a day-long event, featuring food trucks, crafts, games and play areas for the children, all capped off by fireworks in the evening. The Tree Lighting Ceremony is a time to kick off the Christmas season, with hot chocolate, cookies, a visit from Santa and the ceremonial lighting of the Village tree on the decorated Main Street.

I look forward to continuing the positive efforts that the mayor and Village Council have made. In 2024, under the direction of newly elected Mayor C. Scott Runck, I believe that the Village will continue to prosper and reach new heights of community engagement and fiscal prosperity.

A review of the following reports will show that each department enhanced operations during the last calendar year. Please feel free to comment on the information provided. Our offices are open during regular business hours, and we certainly welcome a chance to prove our commitment to our customers.

Very truly,



Ken Geis
Village Administrator

Financial Position

The Village posted an unencumbered year-end balance for all funds of \$1.8 million.

The Village General Fund ended the year with a cash balance of \$1.3 million. The total amount resulted from aggressive and secure economic development policies and practices established by the Mayor, Council and Fiscal Officer, John Waite.

CENTRAL JOINT FIRE–EMS DISTRICT

Introduction

It is my pleasure to share with you the 2023 Central Joint Fire – EMS District Annual Report. In 2023, we continued to be impacted by COVID and an unknown upper respiratory illness. Employees are still contracting the virus from patients that we transport, despite the use of the personal protective equipment provided.



The resilience of the district firefighter/paramedics and EMTs has been amazing, allowing us to complete our mission each day. Despite facing enormous challenges, cases of COVID and an unknown respiratory illness among our own staff, we continued to serve the district 24/7/365, staffed by full-time professional firefighter/paramedics and/or EMTs.

Staffing levels in 2023 saw a tremendous change with the increase of six additional full-time staff along with an additional Division Chief position that strengthens our management team. We now have 37 sworn and one non-sworn full-time staff. These additions will allow us to staff another Paramedic EMS Unit at Station 10 on Old State Route 32 in mid-2024.

Statistics show that our call-for-service volume has increased 33.4 percent and 22 percent for EMS and fire details since 2019, respectively. In 2023, we averaged a call volume of 15.6 calls-for-service each day. This increased call volume required the district to add additional staffing to allow for multiple calls-for-service at the same time throughout 2023.

We have experienced substantial growth in both residential and commercial construction over the last few years. As your fire chief, I continue to advocate for adequate resources required to address all-risk emergencies in the district and the required staffing and apparatus needed for responses to the new larger commercial buildings. Developing a staffing plan that meets national standards and addresses firefighter and public safety, while ensuring we have the financial resources to support the plan, is a challenge. We must continue to evaluate funding on a semi-annual basis to keep the district in a financially solvent position into the future.

We continue to look for ways to be responsive to the needs of our district and be innovative in service to our residents. Looking forward, it will be challenging to maintain our excellent level of service without additional revenue; however, we look forward to the future and working on solutions together as a district.

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Kevin L. Riley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Kevin L. Riley, Fire – EMS Chief
Central Joint Fire – EMS District

MISSION STATEMENT

Through professionalism, dedication, integrity and training, the Central Joint Fire – EMS District strives to safeguard lives and property and to enhance the quality of life of the people we serve.

We will accomplish the mission by providing a wide range of emergency medical services, fire suppression services, strong public relations, and fire safety education. We also endeavor to protect and preserve the health of our personnel and return them safely to their families.

MOTTO

“Proud to be of service!”

CORE VALUES

Community:

The CENTRAL JOINT FIRE - EMS DISTRICT considers our relationship with the community to be our first and foremost value.

Honor:

The CENTRAL JOINT FIRE - EMS DISTRICT recognizes our obligation to uphold our high standards and maintain our focus on service to the district.

Integrity:

The CENTRAL JOINT FIRE - EMS DISTRICT acknowledges the need to be honest and forthright in all our actions.

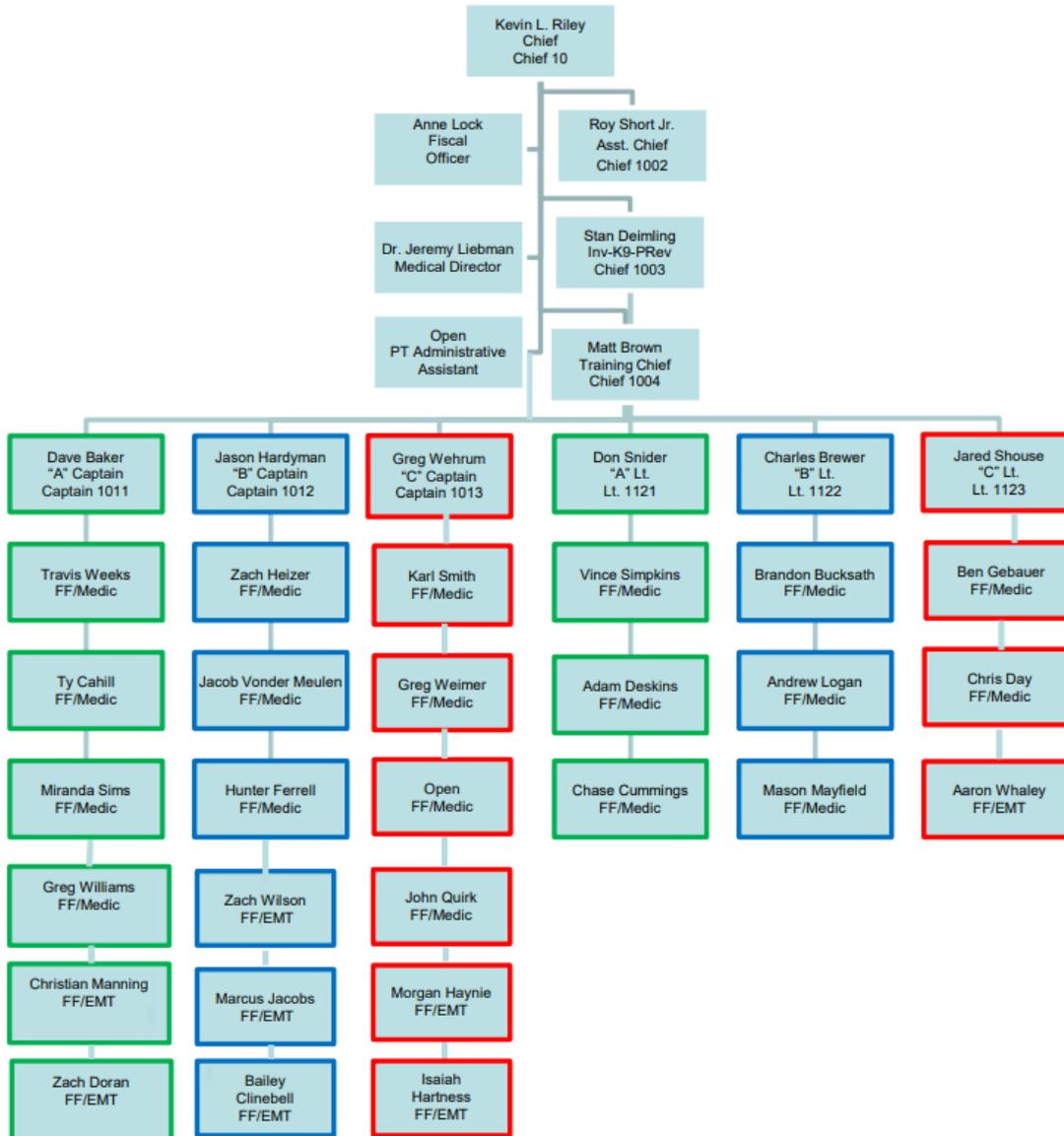
Professionalism:

The CENTRAL JOINT FIRE - EMS DISTRICT acknowledges the ethical and moral obligations required of our personnel.

Service:

The CENTRAL JOINT FIRE - EMS DISTRICT understands that we exist strictly to serve the community and for no other purpose.

Central Joint Fire – EMS District



Personnel

Currently, the district has 37 full-time sworn employees, one non-sworn and one active volunteer.

The district had nine resignations in 2023. All the resignations were from employees who went to other agencies that have better pay and benefits than we are able to provide.

In 2023, we hired eight new full-time employees, have one firefighter/paramedic opening, and created one new division fire chief position.

We also participate in the Clermont County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team by providing one specially-trained paramedic who trains and assists the team on callouts.

The district expanded in 2023 to include Division Chief Stanley G. Deimling. Division Chief Deimling provides extensive knowledge in many areas with his decades of fire service experience. He also leads the Clermont County Fire Investigations Team with his K9 partner, Rajna, and is an asset to the district with future planning.

At the end of December, Division Chief Matt Brown joined the team and has many plans for training in 2024. He is proud to be a part of the team and excited about the growth and future of the district. He will also be facilitating and tracking vehicle maintenance, employee certifications, and continuous quality improvement of the services we provide.



Divisions

Operations/Fire Prevention

The Operations/Fire Prevention Division is led by Assistant Fire Chief Roy Short Jr. and is responsible for responding to emergencies, annual fire inspections and calls-for-service that threaten life and property in the district and our mutual aid areas. Central Joint Fire – EMS District also provides many non-emergency services to the community, including smoke detector battery changes and public education events. While these services were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and suspended temporarily, all areas have resumed operations as designed.

AC Short has been with the district since its inception on April 1, 2002. AC Short began his career with the district as a captain and was promoted to assistant chief in 2003. AC Short serves as the chairperson of the Clermont County Fire Chiefs' Alliance EMS Committee, is a member of the Clermont County Fire Code Committee and the Clermont County Fire Investigations Team, is an Ohio Continuing Education Instructor in EMS, and is a graduate of Lead Clermont 2006.

Fire Hydrants

Annually, we test 1,391 fire hydrants, both in the spring and in the fall, to ensure they are operational and can provide the necessary water flow and pressure during a fire emergency. This testing is crucial for several reasons: water availability, pressure, flushing the system and flow rates, and determining if they need maintenance or repair.

Juvenile Fire Setter Program

The Juvenile Fire Setter Program is an initiative designed to address and mitigate the behavior of children and adolescents who show an unhealthy interest in fire or who have been involved in fire-setting activities. Our goal is to educate young people about the dangers of fire, understand the motivations behind fire-setting behavior, and provide intervention strategies to prevent future incidents. We work in conjunction with Clermont County Juvenile Court to provide this service.

Inspections

In 2023, the district performed 767 building inspections, with 242 re-inspections completed. On the next page you will find the most common fire code violations from most to least number of occurrences.

Code #	Description
1031.4	Exit Signs
605.1	Abatement of Electrical Hazards
906.2	General Requirements, Fire Extinguishers
605.6	Unapproved Conditions (Electrical)
703.1	Maintenance of Fire Resistance-Rated Construction
605.5	Extension Cords
901.6.3	Annual Service (Life Safety Systems)
1031.3	Obstructions (Means of Egress)
907.8	Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance, Fire Alarm Systems
315.3	Storage in Buildings
506.2	Key Box Maintained
603.7	Chimneys and Appliances (Obstructions)
703.2	Openings Maintained (Fire Doors)
906.7	Fire Extinguishers Installed on Brackets or Hangers
5303.53	Securing Compressed Gas Cylinders and Tanks
605.3	Working Space and Clearance

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is an annual observance in the United States aimed at raising awareness about fire safety and prevention. It is observed each year during the week in which October 9th falls and commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, which started on October 8, 1871, and caused extensive damage and loss of life.

During Fire Prevention Week, we team with the Batavia and West Clermont local districts, as well as numerous private schools within the district, to provide school visits by firefighters, distribute fire safety educational materials and demonstrate firefighting equipment and techniques. In 2023, over 400 children attended the programs.



CPR

At the district, we provide the community with scheduled CPR, AED and First Aid training based on the American Heart Association. In 2023, the district trained over 75 people in a variety of these programs.

Smoke/CO Detector Program

The district continues to be proactive in providing free smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. Smoke detectors and CO detectors are two of the most important things that you can do in your home for fire safety. Smoke detectors and CO detectors save lives and need to be in every home. The district provided over 50 smoke detectors, 18 CO detectors, and 38 batteries to residents in 2023.

Investigation/Plan Review

The Investigation/Plan Review Division is led by Division Fire Chief Stanley G. Deimling. DC Deimling is certified as a firefighter, paramedic, and fire safety inspector as well as a fire & explosion investigator, through the National Association of Fire Investigators and the International Association of Arson Investigators. He is also a trained K-9 handler and can usually be found with his ignitable liquid detection canine partner, Rajna. He currently serves as commander of the Clermont County Fire Investigations Team through the Clermont County Fire Chiefs' Alliance, a position he has maintained for the last 15 years. The Fire Investigations Team responded and assisted in the investigations of 45 fires in 2023.

DC Deimling earned a Bachelor of Science in Fire & Safety Engineering degree at the University of Cincinnati and is a graduate of the Executive Fire Officers Program at the United States Fire Administration's National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

His responsibilities include new construction and renovation plan review, and fire investigation. DC Deimling is assisted in investigations by his K9 partner, Rajna. Rajna, a black Labrador, is trained in accelerant detection and tracking.

Plan Review

Our district reviews building plans for several critical reasons, all aimed at ensuring public safety, compliance with fire codes, and efficient emergency response. This process is part of the broader fire prevention and safety measures for which fire departments are responsible. In 2023, the district reviewed 166 sets of plans with a total value of \$60,046,392. A few of the significant plan reviews for 2023 include:

American Modern Insurance	7000 Midland Blvd.	Alteration	\$10,725,000
Clermont Eng. Highway Ops.	4435 SR 222	New Structure	\$ 8,786,000
Clermont Engineer Fleet Bldg.	4435 SR 222	New Structure	\$ 8,786,000
Burd Brothers	4294 Armstrong	New Structure	\$ 2,716,000
Clermont Wastewater Plant	4400 Haskell Ln.	New Headworks	\$ 1,948,000
Burd Brothers Phase 2	4294 Armstrong	Addition	\$ 1,892,000
Clermont Wastewater Plant	4400 Haskell Ln.	New Blower	\$ 1,795,000
Dollar General	41 Main St. Amelia	New Structure	\$ 1,750,000
Batavia Schools Admin. Bldg	1 Bulldog Pl.	Alteration	\$ 1,450,000
Redwood Building S	3600 Redsky Ln.	Multi-Family	\$ 1,001,200
Redwood Building L	3519 Redmoon Ln.	Multi-Family	\$ 989,200
Redwood Building K	3501 Redmoon Ln.	Multi-Family	\$ 977,200
UDF Store	1374 SR 125	New Structure	\$ 958,000

Training – Fleet Maintenance

The Training – Fleet Maintenance Division is led by Division Fire Chief Matt Brown. Chief Brown joined the district in December, 2023, after an exhaustive search. During 2023, the district facilitated four orientation classes to on-board 14 new full-time employees and one new volunteer. Our existing personnel participated in the process of orientation classes and many others helped ensure they completed the necessary check-off procedures while working on shift during their probation period before being released for full duty.

DC Brown joined the team at Central Joint in 2023. He is a firefighter, paramedic, fire safety inspector, fire instructor, NFPA 1403 Live Fire instructor, Ohio EMS CE instructor, and is trained as a certified rescue technician. DC Brown's duties include but are not limited to department training and vehicle maintenance. DC Brown earned a Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration degree at Bowling Green State University.

Training is a vital yet challenging activity for our personnel. Often calls-for-service to the community interrupt training, causing delays or postponement of events. The crews are diligent about completing the missed training as soon as practical. With the departure of the Training – Fleet Maintenance division chief mid-year, training fell on the other members of command staff to implement, schedule and track. The shift officers can be thanked for continuing the process of training new employees and engaging everyone to keep training on track as much as possible.



In March, we hosted Capt. Eadicicco from Loveland-Symmes Fire Department to provide thermal imaging training. This training involves burning a small dollhouse prop to show fire behavior and how introducing air to the structure affects fire growth. Everyone enjoyed the class and could envision how their actions can help or hinder fire-fighting efforts on a larger scale.

A refresher course on Advanced Cardiac Life Support was also provided for 11 of our personnel in March. This training is required bi-annually to maintain proficiency on the use of cardiac drugs and procedures. The remaining members of the district will receive training in 2024. The split groups enable the district to maintain available staffing while the class is in session.

Two of our staff successfully completed the Cincinnati Fire Department Paramedic Program. The program consists of 1100 hours of training (570 classroom hours, 110 clinical hours, 300 field internship hours and 120 National Registry preparation hours).

Incident Command

In July, personnel participated in a Blue Card Incident Command training, which provides a platform for them to use as they initially arrive on scene. The personnel gain an understanding of radio discipline while working at emergency scenes, how to relay necessary information, and how to assign resources to perform tactical objectives. This training has quickly become the standard in many parts of the nation and will be continued in 2024 for our new personnel.

Swiftwater Rescue

In October, most of our newer personnel participated in Swiftwater rescue training provided through Bowling Green State University and Rescue Methods Training Group. This has become a yearly training to keep skills sharp for the possibility of a water rescue on the East Fork of the Little Miami River, East Fork Lake, or in assisting neighboring departments.



Training was provided for the SEEK thermal imaging cameras when they arrived. These small, thermal imaging cameras are provided to each member of a fire crew at shift change. With the implementation of the SEEK cameras, all district personnel operating at a fire have the ability to see "through the smoke" for fire extension and possible victims. These cameras are valuable tools for increasing the safety of our firefighters.

CJFED

Building Walk Throughs

Throughout the year, personnel spent time reviewing buildings in the district for preplanning purposes. Most notable was the new Batavia Schools campus. With the renovation and new construction, it was important to see how the buildings and building systems had changed.

Overall, there were 1,613 hours of training completed by personnel in 2023. Although this is down from 2022, with the vacancy in the Training Division chief position, it was expected. Again, it is important to note that several members of the district rose to the challenge and performed very well in the role of instructor, leading training, and learning opportunities

Stations

Station 10 serves as District Headquarters and is located at 2401 Old State Route 32 in Batavia. The chief, investigation/plan review chief, training division chief and fiscal officer are at this location along with seven firefighter/paramedic/EMTs who are on staff 24/7/365. This station responds to calls for service in the northern part of the district.

Apparatus:

- 1 Engine
- 1 Aerial
- 1 Medic Unit
- 1 Reserve Medic Unit
- 1 Field Unit
- 1 Utility Vehicle
- 2 Inflatable Boats



Station 11, located at 1776 State Route 125 in Amelia, is staffed by our assistant chief and four firefighter/paramedics. This station responds to calls for service in the southern part of the District.

Apparatus:

- 1 Engine
- 1 Reserve Engine
- 2 Medic Units
- 1 Reserve Medic Unit
- 1 Field Unit
- 1 Water Tender
- 1 Decontamination Unit (truck and trailer)



Equipment

Fire and EMS Equipment – Our current inventory consists of 23 pieces of fire, EMS and utility apparatus:

- 2024 Ford F250 Pickup Truck
- 2023 Ford Interceptor Explorer
- 2022 Ford F550 4x4 Paramedic Unit
- 2020 Command Trailer with Kubota Side-by-Side
- 2020 Ford F550 4x4 Paramedic Unit
- 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe



Equipment, con't.

2017 Ford F550 4x4 Paramedic Unit
2017 Chevrolet Tahoe
2015 Ford F550 4x4 Paramedic Unit
2014 Sutphen Engines x2
2013 Ford Interceptor Explorers x2
2013 Kenworth Water Tender
2013 Navistar Paramedic Unit
2006 Sutphen Aerial
2006 Ford F750 Tow Vehicle
2006 Decontamination Trailer
1999 Ford F350 Paramedic Unit
1997 Sutphen Engine
1987 GMC Salvage Unit
1986 Jeep Brush Unit
1981 Jeep Brush Unit



Fire Turnout Gear (pants, coat, helmet, gloves, Nomex Hood) - All staff members' personal protective equipment is in date and of good quality. We purchased 10 sets of fire gear in 2023 with an expected order of 10 in 2024. The 2024 order will enable us to have a few used sets in storage in case something is damaged and needs to be replaced prior to the normal cycle. Staff should receive a new set of gear when hired; replacement every five years ensures that inventory is maintained and the gear the staff uses is well maintained and up-to-date. Fire gear is mandated to be replaced every 10 years; with our run volume, it is worn out prior to that date.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) - All SCBAs were annually tested and passed in 2023. We are developing a replacement plan for most of our SCBAs, as they are 10-plus years old and are the lifeline of breathing air for oxygen-deprived conditions for the staff. A few repairs were needed but were able to be made. Several SCBA bottles will be reaching their 10-year end of life in 2025 and will need to be replaced.

Communications Equipment – Eleven mobile radios required replacement in 2023 due to a radio system upgrade mandated by the State of Ohio. Our Motorola XTL-5000 model radios were unable to be upgraded to work on the system after the upgrade was completed. The latest model of Motorola APX radio was ordered in 2023 with a delivery date of 2024, due to supply chain issues. Five new portable radios were also ordered as replacements for older or out-of-service radios.

Ladders – All ladders require testing every year from an outside third-party vendor. All ladders passed inspection, including the ladder truck aerial device.

Thermal Imaging Cameras – In 2023, the district purchased 12 Seek Thermal Imaging Cameras for the staff. This purchase allows every firefighter who is on duty to have a personal thermal imaging camera on their person the entire time they are on duty.

Small Engine Service - Small Engine Service includes hydraulic extrication tools, rescue saws, chain saws, ventilation fans and any equipment that has a gas-powered engine. All equipment was annually serviced by its respective outside vendors.

Stryker Lifepak Monitor/Defibrillator – All six units completed testing and were re-certified in 2023.

Patient cots and stair chairs – Annual service was completed on our Stryker Cots and Load Systems, Ferno Power Cots, and stair chairs. The district received a State of Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation grant in the amount of \$24,073.44, which allowed us to purchase two new Stryker battery-powered stair chairs.

Cold Water (Ice Rescue) Personal Protective Equipment – Inspection of seven Stern ice rescue suits was completed. It was determined that four needed replacements due to defects and those were replaced with four Mustang Ice Commander suits.

Fire Hose / Nozzles - Hose testing was completed with very few issues in 2023; a total of 19,250 ft. of hose was tested. Hose testing was completed following the standard NFPA 1962 requirements and district SOGs. All annual testing records were recorded and are available for ISO review. Due to age and the unavailability of parts, a new hose tester was purchased in 2023. A large hose order was placed for 60 sections of hose, which includes both 1.75" and 2.50" hose. This order has arrived and is scheduled for acceptance testing in early 2024. We also have several nozzles and water appliances that need to be serviced or rebuilt in 2024.

Swift Water Rescue Personal Protective Equipment – All 10 swift water rescue suits were inspected after our annual weeklong swift water training in October, and all were found to be in serviceable condition.

Grants Awarded in 2023

2023 FEMA SAFER Grant - Funds available for spending

\$1,653,301.00 Federal

Hiring of six full-time employees

2023 BWC Safety Intervention Grant - Awarded

\$24,073.44 State

Power Stair Chairs (X2)

2023 Ohio EMA COVID Retention - Awarded

\$20,308.84 State

Retention Bonuses

2023-2024 Ohio EMS Grant - Awarded

\$3,539.68 State

EMS equipment

2023 BWC Safety Intervention Grant - Awarded

\$2,805.00 State

Fire hoods and gloves

2023 total grant dollars awarded: \$1,704,027.96

EMS Statistics

Total EMS Call Volume

Row		Month	
1	1	January	324
2	2	February	271
3	3	March	364
4	4	April	297
5	5	May	337
6	6	June	335
7	7	July	329
8	8	August	339
9	9	September	335
10	10	October	327
11	11	November	300
12	12	December	353
			Total 3911



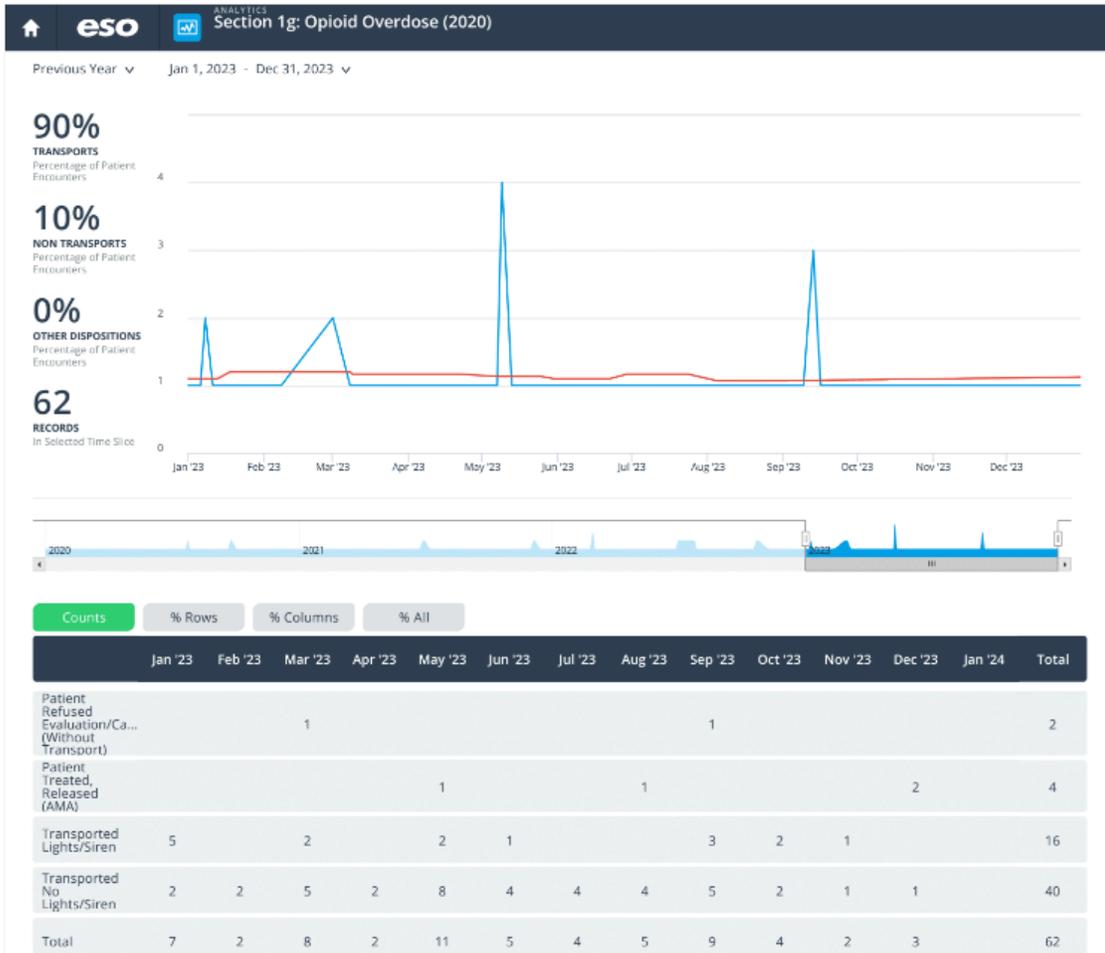
Dispatched Time between 2023-01-01 and 2023-12-31

Disposition Breakdown

Disposition	Total Incidents	Total Patients
Cancelled (No Patient Contact)	185	185
Patient Dead on Scene - Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)	18	18
Cancelled (Prior to Arrival at Scene)	138	139
Patient Treated, Transferred Care to Another EMS Professional/Unit	3	3
Transported No Lights/Siren	2263	2295
Transported No Lights/Siren, Upgraded	9	9
Cancelled on Scene/No Patient Found	64	64
Patient Dead on Scene - No Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)	27	27
Patient Treated, Released (AMA)	267	286
Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (Without Transport)	508	594
Standby - Public Safety, Fire, or EMS Operational Support Provided	3	3
Standby - No Service or Support Provided	2	2
Transported Lights/Siren	283	286
		3911

Destination Breakdown

Destination Locations	Total
AirCare 3	1
Bethesda North Hospital	82
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	80
Cincinnati VA Medical Center	4
Good Samaritan Hospital	4
Jewish Hospital Kenwood	10
Mercy Hospital - Anderson	613
Mercy Hospital - Clermont	1717
The Christ Hospital	31
UC West Chester Hospital	1
University of Cincinnati Medical Center	48
	2591



ANALYTICS **Transports By Destination Name (Bar)**

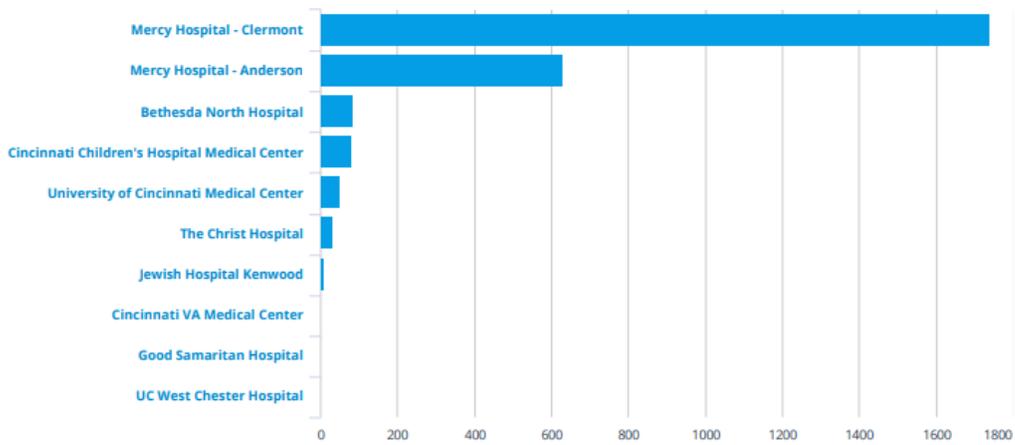
Previous Year ▾ Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023 ▾

2,636

RECORDS
In Selected Time Slice

365

DAYS
In Selected Time Slice



Counts % Rows % Columns % All

	Jan '23	Feb '23	Mar '23	Apr '23	May '23	Jun '23	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Total
Bethesda North Hospital	6	7	5	5	10	6	9	5	8	6	10	8		85
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	5	5	7	6	4	7	6	10	8	4	9	11		82
Cincinnati VA Medical Center						1	1	1				1		4
Good Samaritan Hospital			1			1	1			1				4
Jewish Hospital Kenwood	1	1	3						1	2	1	1		10
Mercy Hospital - Anderson	55	39	60	45	40	57	50	60	60	44	48	73		631
Mercy Hospital - Clermont	140	126	161	140	147	149	138	135	144	145	141	173		1,739
The Christ Hospital	2	1	3	2	3	2	5	2	2	3	3	3		31
UC West Chester Hospital							1							1
University of Cincinnati Medical Center		8	12	3	2	5	4	2	3	4	1	5		49
Total	209	187	252	201	206	228	215	215	226	209	213	275		2,636

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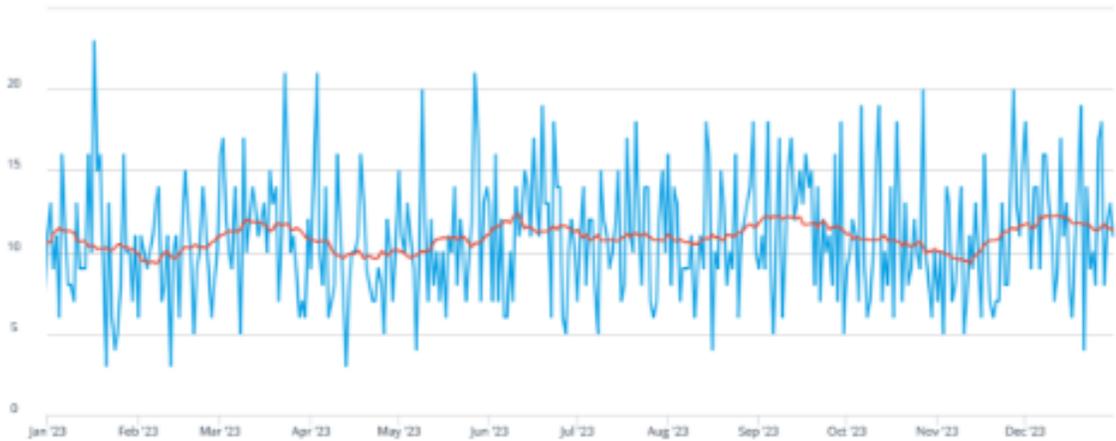
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66%
TRANSPORTS
Percentage of Patient Encounters

22%
NON TRANSPORTS
Percentage of Patient Encounters

11%
OTHER DISPOSITIONS
Percentage of Patient Encounters

3,966
RECORDS
In Selected Time Slice



Counts % Rows % Columns % All

	Jan '23	Feb '23	Mar '23	Apr '23	May '23	Jun '23	Jul '23	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23	Nov '23	Dec '23	Jan '24	Total
Cancelled (No Patient Contact)	14	8	20	12	14	19	25	15	13	16	17	12		185
Cancelled (Prior to Arrival at Scene)	15	12	10	6	16	11	18	11	13	11	7	7		137
Cancelled on Scene/No Patient Found	7	4	2	4	6	7	7	5	4	5	5	9		65
Patient Dead on Scene - No Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)	4	3	4	2	2		2	1	3	1	4	1		27
Patient Dead on Scene - Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)	3	1		1	1	1	1	3		4	1	2		18
Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (Without Transport)	52	41	56	53	67	47	50	68	49	53	31	32		599
Patient Treated, Released (AMA)	17	14	18	17	29	28	18	24	34	32	26	34		291
Patient Treated, Transferred Care to Another EMS Professional/U...			1			1		1						3
Standby - No Service or Support Provided	1	1												2
Standby - Public Safety, Fire, or EMS Operational Support Provided	1			1						1				3
Transported Lights/Siren	22	20	38	18	21	19	21	17	24	23	31	36		290
Transported No Lights/Siren	186	166	212	181	185	209	194	196	202	186	181	238		2,336

Fire Statistics

Incident Count By NFIRS Code

Incident Type Group	2023-01-01	2023-02-01	2023-03-01	2023-04-01	2023-05-01	2023-06-01	2023-07-01	2023-08-01	2023-09-01	2023-10-01	2023-11-01	2023-12-01	Total
300 - EMS	90	70	84	68	84	83	87	78	86	72	75	110	987
500 - Service Call	7	5	2	5	12	7	8	5	5	5	6	7	74
600 - Series	16	21	30	18	27	37	24	28	21	20	18	25	285
100 - Fire	4	10	6	11	13	17	7	3	3	8	13	8	103
700 - False Alarm	15	16	22	15	13	24	18	16	23	15	15	15	207
400 - HAZMAT	5	7	12	3	7	6	9	9	8	11	8	9	94
800 - Natural Disaster	2	1	6	4	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	21
200 - Series	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Monthly Total	140	132	162	124	156	174	160	140	146	131	135	174	1774

Incident Count by Shift

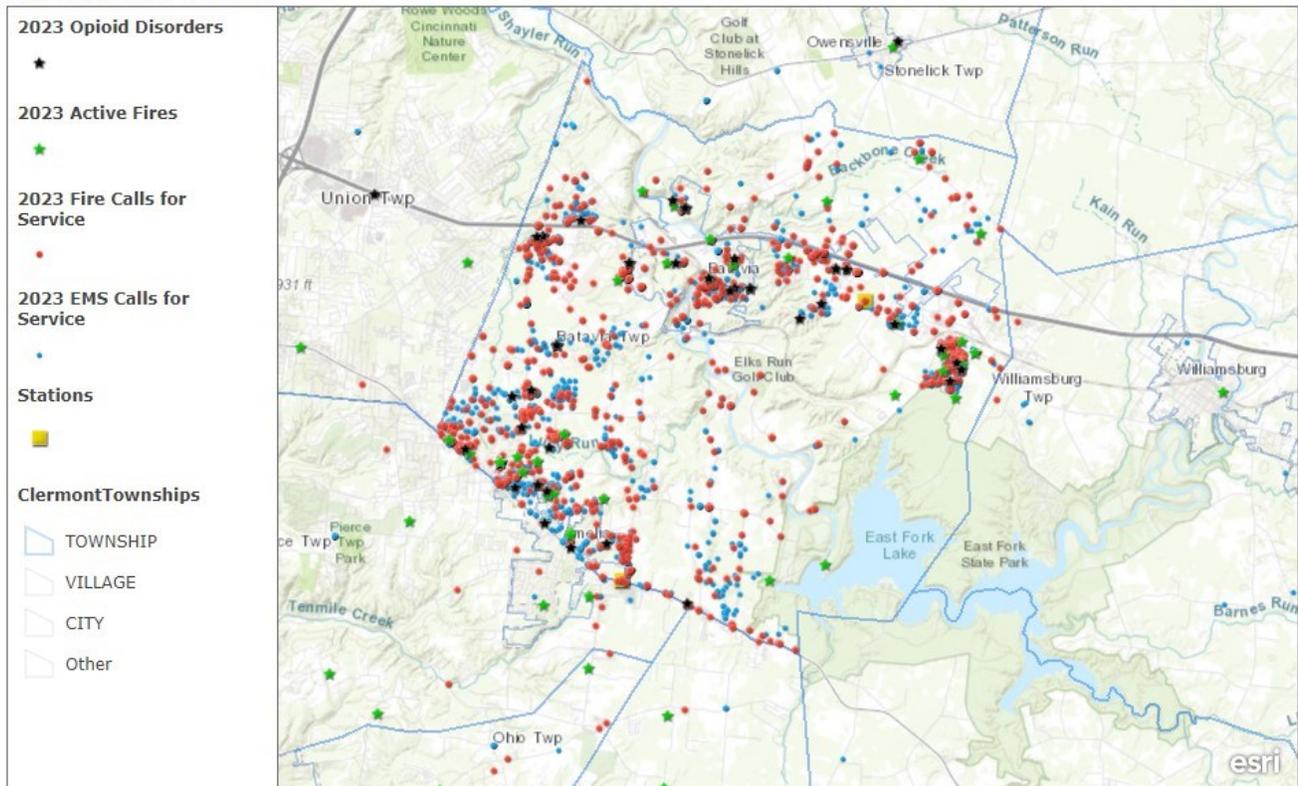
Shift	2023-01-01	2023-02-01	2023-03-01	2023-04-01	2023-05-01	2023-06-01	2023-07-01	2023-08-01	2023-09-01	2023-10-01	2023-11-01	2023-12-01	Total
B Shift	51	50	49	49	61	60	57	38	45	43	56	58	617
C Shift	45	46	54	36	39	59	58	62	59	41	34	60	593
A Shift	44	35	59	39	56	55	45	40	42	47	45	56	563
40 Hour Employee	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	140	132	162	124	156	174	160	140	146	131	135	174	1774

Incident Count by Station

Station	2023-01-01	2023-02-01	2023-03-01	2023-04-01	2023-05-01	2023-06-01	2023-07-01	2023-08-01	2023-09-01	2023-10-01	2023-11-01	2023-12-01	Total
Station 10	74	74	90	70	86	86	87	81	85	74	69	100	976
Station 11	66	58	72	54	70	88	73	59	61	57	66	74	798
Total	140	132	162	124	156	174	160	140	146	131	135	174	1774

2023 TOTAL CJFD CALLS FOR SERVICE

2023 Calls for Service



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Goals and Objectives

2023 Goals

1. Improve and maintain clear, consistent, effective, and efficient methods for internal communication to better meet the district's mission.
100% completed – Moved to Office 365 with Microsoft teams, which allows each employee to send and receive messages based on their area of responsibility (AOR). This enables all employees to view the messages based on their AOR.
2. Increase staffing to reduce overtime and enhance employee morale.
100% completed - The district applied for and received a SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant in the amount of \$1,653,301.20 for the hiring of six additional full-time employees to supplement our current staff.
3. Ensure and maintain appropriate information systems that meet the needs of the district.
100% completed – The district completed a revision of our mobile data software, which included updating FirstDue Mobile software, First Arriving Station monitoring software and mobile tablets to input fire and EMS reports directly to our vendor.
4. Begin developing a "Community Risk Assessment."
10% completed – The team has been defined but the process has not begun.

2024 Objectives

1. Develop and implement a concise professional development model.
2. Develop future fire station planning.
3. Explore the opportunity for an Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating reduction.
4. Complete the "Community Risk Assessment."
5. Re-establish a comprehensive fire and EMS training program.



PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Introduction

I am pleased to present to you the 2023 Annual Report for the Village of Batavia Planning & Zoning Department. Our department remains committed to encouraging responsible growth while providing knowledgeable, friendly, and courteous customer service to both residents and businesses alike. The mayor and council have tasked me with balancing the enforcement role while encouraging meaningful economic development.



In 2023, I completed my first year as the Assistant Village Administrator and the Planning and Zoning Director. I was most previously employed in the private sector, but I worked part-time with the Village Police Department. I routinely worked on weekends and holidays to fill in where needed on routine road patrol. I also have public sector experience as a police officer and the IT director for Union Township.

We started off the year focusing on completing routine zoning inspections. I spent a significant amount of time inspecting properties for reported zoning violations and initiating complaints while driving around the Village. Through our efforts we resolved a considerable number of the complaints through voluntary measures with the property owners. The property owners appreciated the feedback and intervention from the Village.

The Planning and Zoning Department actively works to forge and strengthen economic development partnerships, to review development plans and uphold the adopted land use plan, and to issue permits for new development and redevelopment activities. Our Planning & Zoning Department strives for continuous improvement in all these areas.

We welcomed several new businesses to the Village in 2023, including Bulbs Deep, Cross Country Mortgage, Fierce Cleaning, Cross Country Mortgage, and Avas Vintage Market (grand opening scheduled for March, 2024). We continue to encourage the re-development of the existing downtown / Main Street Corridor.

Throughout last year we continued to record new zoning permit applications for new construction. The Streamside subdivision continues to be a highly desirable location for families to purchase new homes with a traditional suburban feel. The developer, Hal Homes, and the home builder, Ryan Homes, are good community partners, working with the Village to create a genuinely nice and affordable alternative to the Village core.

In the upcoming year, we plan to better utilize technology to assist us in streamlining permitting, inspection, and enforcement activities in 2024 and beyond. We introduced an online application and payment process that has been an enormous success. We hear from our customers that they like the option to fill out all forms and submit them online with any required payments.

As we move forward into 2024, we hope to fully incorporate a technology-based software system that will combine all the aspects of the Planning and Zoning Department. We will be able to use this resource to maintain an effective and reliable database to track the progress of permits. We will also use the system to coordinate, through GPS modeling, the location of signs, poles, and markers throughout the Village.

I am sure that the organization will continue to grow with new and redevelopment opportunities in the upcoming years and I look forward to assisting the mayor and council with projects while en-

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hancing our existing systems. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the village and its residents and do hope that 2024 holds great promise as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chip Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chip Stewart
Assistant Village Administrator
Director of Planning & Zoning

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administration

The Village of Batavia Planning & Zoning Department issued 92 permits in 2023. Permit levels were at or near previous yearly totals. New residential activity remained consistent from 2022 levels at 35 for the year. Change of use permits increased over the past year with 11. The new Streamside subdivision spurred an increase in deck, pool, and fence permits.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended to council an increase in zoning fees. An analysis of other municipal zoning fees was conducted and a new fee schedule was created. The village fees were significantly lower than other Clermont County and similar Ohio municipalities. Village council voted to approve the new fee schedule.

The Planning and Zoning Commission took on the task to adopt a revised zoning code. The current code was in need of numerous revisions, and it was decided that a new code was more practical than updating the existing code. Staff reviewed numerous codes from other municipalities and found one that would be a good base for the Village of Batavia. Staff has been working on the new code with hopes for adoption in early 2024.

Zoning Enforcement

In 2023, the Planning & Zoning Department started aggressive enforcement efforts in order to maintain gains in overall aesthetic appearance and quality of life. The village had been without a full-time Zoning Department for many years. The state of numerous properties reflected the lack of code enforcement.

The department recorded 56 zoning violations in 2023. Many of these violations had persisted for years. During the course of investigation and routine inspection efforts, those properties were found to be in violation of the *Village of Batavia Zoning Code*. Throughout completion of enforcement action, 19 violations were resolved without a need to pursue further action through the courts. Four violations were referred to the courts with only one resolved in 2023.

The Zoning Department will continue to investigate violation complaints throughout 2024.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Zoning Commission had two cases filed for review in 2023. The Harvest Meadows final planned unit development was approved. The Harvest Meadow Apartments final planned unit development was approved. The subdivision off Batavia Road will accommodate approximately 400 single family homes and 400 apartment units. The subdivision encompasses the Batavia and Clermont Northeast school districts.

The Zoning Commission approved a new fee schedule that was sent to council for approval.

The Zoning Commission continues to work on the new zoning code.

Economic Development

The Village of Batavia continues to aggressively pursue economic development. In 2023, we saw several businesses expand. Muscle Mechanics, a medical massage/therapy business, moved to a larger, newly remodeled building on East Main Street. The Bean and Brew acquired the former Not Just an Empty Box building next door for a new kitchen and bar/dining area. Not Just an Empty Box was able to acquire the former Clermont Sun building. The Village of Batavia, Clermont County, CIC, Inc facilitated these two businesses' property purchases for their expansion.

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The Harvest Meadows annexation final development plan was approved and the developer started the infrastructure construction. This development consists of over 400 single family residential homes. New homes sales will start in 2024. The Harvest Meadows Apartments final development plan was approved. Infrastructure construction is slated to begin in 2024. This development includes over 400 one and two bedroom apartments.

The Streamside subdivision continues to expand. There are approximately 150 single family homes currently in the subdivision. The final phase is still in the works.

An application was submitted for a zone change by a developer for 516 high end, market rate plus apartments. This development will be a four-phase, five-year project. The development would start in 2024, pending the zone change and final development plan approvals.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Introduction

I am pleased to present the Batavia Police Department Annual Report for the year 2023.

In 2023, we saw an increase of 15 percent in total call records completed. We continued to perform the police function with a high level of professionalism and compassion for those we serve. During 2023, we investigated several high value thefts, fatal car crashes and unfortunately one homicide. Traffic citation numbers increased along with the number of vehicle crashes investigated.



Several positive advancements in technology were achieved during the last year. In January, body worn cameras were implemented for all uniformed officers. During the year, these cameras were a valuable resource to help document interactions with members of the public. Another important improvement included the implementation of less lethal bean bag shotguns. Police officer interaction with people suffering from mental illness has seen a sharp increase in the past few years. Having these less lethal tools is an advantage to all personnel and the public. Our vehicle fleet was updated with several new police cruisers as well.

We worked very closely with the Batavia Public School District. The excellence of our police service was recognized when the school district requested a second School Resource Officer be assigned to the Batavia Schools campus on a full-time basis. Our current school contract was revisited and extended to five years. Our partnership with the school district has never been stronger than it is right now.

We continued our efforts in community outreach with our participation in numerous programs to assist the less fortunate in our community. Multiple families were assisted during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons as police staff made selfless donations of time and money to give back to the community.

I am proud to serve with all members of the Batavia Police Department and look forward to the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Young".

Jim Young
Chief of Police

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The Batavia Police Department is staffed with long term career police officers. The average length of service for the department combined is over 19 years. Current members are:

- ◆ Sergeant Shane Olson is a 26-year veteran police officer. He is the road patrol supervisor. He manages the property/evidence room and our BWC program. He supervises and maintains agency training initiatives. He is a state certified field training officer.
- ◆ Officer Chris Warner is a 30-year veteran police officer. He is currently assigned to Batavia High School as a School Resource Officer (SRO). He manages all aspects of our school-based policing component. He coordinates all off-duty details and special events and provides training for staff. He also functions as a field training officer for newly hired officers.
- ◆ Officer Patrick Kuhl is a 22-year veteran police officer. He is assigned road patrol as a night shift officer. His additional duties include fleet management and equipment control. He is a firearms instructor and weapon armorer.
- ◆ Officer Chris Whitaker has been a police officer for 13 years. He is our canine officer currently assigned to night shift patrol. With Canine Drees he specializes in narcotics interdiction and assists with tracking of suspects and searching for lost persons if needed
- ◆ Officer Brian Fletcher has been a police officer for 12 years and is currently assigned as a day shift patrol officer. He focuses on criminal investigations and also is the assistant property room custodian.
- ◆ Officer Ricky McAdams has been a police officer for 10 years. He is currently assigned to Batavia Middle School as an SRO. He assists with all school-based initiatives. He is also the Less Lethal (Taser) instructor for the department.
- ◆ Officer Michelle Tenbrink has been a police officer for five years. She is currently assigned to day shift road patrol duties. She is active in traffic enforcement activities and is involved in many community outreach initiatives with our residents.
- ◆ Chief Jim Young has been a police officer for over 35 years and supervises and manages all aspects of the police department, including personnel, budgeting, scheduling, and policy/procedures.

Road Patrol Function

Road patrol is the primary function of the Batavia Police Department. At least one officer is on patrol 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to provide safety and security to residents of the Village. In 2023, total staffing assigned to road patrol duties included one sergeant and four police officers. Sergeant Shane Olson supervises the road patrol officers, ensuring that all work products are within standard. Officers assigned to road patrol work 12– hour shifts. Officers patrol the Village to provide security, enforce criminal and traffic laws, and provide a safe environment for residents.

Several incidents occurred in 2023 to highlight the excellent service provide by officers:

- University Lane Apartments large fire: Multiple lives saved.
- Large theft from Baxla and Townscapes: All items recovered.
- Critical missing adult: Located.

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Batavia Police Department 2023 Activity

These numbers include dispatched calls for service, requests for service via the duty phone, and officer-initiated activity. Numbers listed are a 15 percent increase over 2022.

Total Call Records – 6,620

Traffic Stops	831
Citations Issued	470
Warnings Issued	385
Offense Reports	114
Incident Reports	938
Arrests	121
Accident Reports	81
Mutual Aid	260

Total miles driven by Batavia Police Officers in 2023 was 70,306.

Police Canine

The Batavia Police Canine Unit has proven to be a very effective tool and resource. Canine Drees was first partnered with Sergeant Chris McMillan prior to his departure for another agency. Officer Whitaker accepted the challenge and transitioned into the position of canine handler. Drees is a cross-trained canine that is trained to detect illegal narcotics and to search and track people. The canine unit is available not only to Batavia Police officers but to all outside agencies and the Clermont County Narcotics Unit. Activity for 2023 include:



Total Canine Deployments	182
Vehicle Sniffs	170
School Sniffs	3
Total Felony Criminal Charges	26
Total Misdemeanor Charges	47
Community Events/Displays	8
Tracks	6
Use of Force	0

During 2023 Officer Whitaker and Drees had 208 training hours for the year.

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School Resource Officers

School Resource Officers (SROs) are officers assigned to select schools for maintaining order; diverting law infractions through the school disciplinary system; counseling parents and children; filing reports; conducting investigations; making arrests; working with faculty; developing school resource manuals; building partnerships; and tracking in the areas of law enforcement education.

One of the busiest positions to fill within the Police Department is that of an SRO. Two police officers are assigned to and work full-time on the Batavia School Campus.

Officer Warner is assigned to the high school and Officer McAdams to the middle school. Both officers share the duties required at the elementary school. The SRO works closely with school officials to maintain a safe, friendly environment for all staff and students alike.

The SRO assists with arrivals and departures of buses, students, staff, visitors, and parents every day. As the first line of defense, the SRO is on alert for any security/safety threat and works very closely with county courts and child advocacy agencies to assist in the education process.

During 2023, our SROs were very busy:



Batavia High School

Calls for Service	147
Offense Reports	10
Incident Reports	48
Drills/Training	8
General Security	828
Special Detail	6

Batavia Middle School

Calls for Service	68
Offense Reports	2
Incident Reports	4
Drills/Training	7
General Security	408
Special Detail	1

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Batavia Elementary School

Calls for Service	70
Offense Reports	4
Incident Reports	7
Drills/Training	6
General Security	362
Special Detail	1

In addition to the daily duties performed by the SRO they also conducted many different activities monthly:

SRO HIGHLIGHTSD 2023

January

- ALICE training with high school staff

February

- ALICE drill with high school
- Fire drill high school and middle school

March

- Seatbelt safety class with high school

April

- Pre-prom safety presentation

May

- Organize graduation parade

September

- Assist with Open House Program of high and middle schools
- Click It or Ticket program
- High school tornado drill

October

- Assist high school staff with Homecoming Parade and dance events

November

- Coordinate Thanksgiving program for families in need

December

- Coordinate high school/middle school holiday raffle for families in need (provided 74 families with Christmas gifts for their children)
- Toy drive for Batavia School District children (28 families were provided with Christmas toys)
- Extra toys from toy drive donated to local church for distribution
- Batavia Police Department sponsored a family of five children who attend Batavia local schools for Christmas

POLICE DEPARTMENT



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Introduction

The Batavia Village Public Works Department (PWD) is responsible for street maintenance, property and facility management, storm-water management, brush and leaf pickup, snow removal, event setup and cleanup, and overall beautification of all Village-owned properties. In addition, the PWD works cooperatively with surrounding local governments, notably Batavia Township on the Batavia Union Cemetery.



Various parades and events take place along our Main Street throughout the year, because Batavia is the county seat, and it is my department's pleasure to work and represent the Village in a professional, competent manner. As superintendent of the Batavia Village PWD, I serve as the Village's project inspector/manager on all major capital projects, including residential developments and street construction, within the Village limits.

A review of the following pages will underscore that all department employees remain committed to providing outstanding service and continual improvement in each task we undertake to help make the Village of Batavia the incredible community it is.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Wayne Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Wayne Smith

Public Works Department Superintendent.

PWD

Street Maintenance

The department is responsible for more than fifty-seven (57) lane miles of Village and state route roads (including the portions of Ohio State Routes 32, 132 and 222 within the Village limits), and two interstate interchanges. In addition to the actual roadway, street infrastructure includes catch basins, storm culverts, ditches, guardrails, street lighting, traffic signals and signs. Street maintenance consists of resurfacing, pothole repairs, patchwork, crack sealing, line striping, ditch cleaning, tree trimming and trash pickup in Village rights-of-way.

In 2023, the PWD

- repaired and/or replaced 15 catch basins;
- inspected and cleaned 297 catch basins;
- completed full-depth patch work on:
Wood St., North St., Spring St., S. 4th St., N. 6th St., Clark St., Ely St., Diana Ave., Old S. Riverside Dr., Clough Pike., Filager Rd., and State Route 222;
- crack sealed 11 miles of Village roadways, including the following streets:
Broadway, Clark, Meadowbrook, Spring, E. Glen, College, S. 2nd, W. Glen, Douglas, S. Market, Ely, Bauer, S. 3rd, Lou Darbro, W. Main, S. 4th, Clermont, State Route 32 on and off ramps, N. 6th, Victoria, River, Forest;
- performed ditch cleaning, which consists of excavating dirt and/or debris to re-establish a clear water path, and includes traffic control, along:
State Route 222, State Route 132, N.6th St., and Shelley Dr.



Property and Facility Management

All the Village-owned buildings and properties are maintained by the PWD. The Armory, where the Mayor's Office and Police Departments are located, is cleaned weekly, and various inspections, in compliance with the Village's maintenance schedule, are completed throughout the year, including fire alarms and elevators. Two HVAC units and two hot water heaters were replaced at the Armory in 2023, and one hot water heater at the street garage.

The PWD is responsible for the seasonal grass mowing at the Village buildings, and 48 acres along State Route 32, Bauer, Harold and Batavia roads. The Village contracts with Clermont Lawncare to cut approximately 25 acres of other Village-owned land, as well as the S.R. 32 on and off ramps.

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Stormwater Management

For 2023, the Village is in complete compliance with the Ohio EPA Storm Water Phase II Program. This mandate requires the Village to inventory catch basins and track their annual maintenance history, which includes the miles of curbs cleaned and the amount of debris disposed. Catch basin debris is removed by Rumpke.

In 2023, the PWD swept 35 miles of curb, and disposed of 30 yards of debris.

Brush and Leaf Pickup

Yard waste and brush pickup is done on the first Monday of the month from April through October, and leaf pickup season is October 30th through December 8th.

The department works with Ellis Farm, in Williamsburg, for composting and recycling of yard waste.

In 2023:

- 16 boxes (dump truck loads) of yard waste and brush were chipped
- 24 boxes (dump truck loads) of leaves were picked up in the Village for composting

Snow Removal

The PWD responded to four snow events in 2023, and used eighty-two (82) tons of salt and one thousand, six hundred forty (1,640) gallons of liquid brine to treat Village roads and parking lots. Due to increased foot traffic, beginning in 2023, the PWD removes snow and cleans the sidewalks from 5th Street to College Drive after every snow event, to make a safe path for our Village residents and other pedestrians.

In 2023, the PWD constructed a salt barn out of existing concrete walls from the old water plant site for additional storage, allowing the Village to store up to 600 tons of salt. This practical reuse of existing infrastructure allows the Village to purchase salt at bulk/discounted prices and prevents the Village from being reliant on other agencies during critical snow emergencies.

The PWD takes great pride in keeping the roads clear and safe for our public and village residents.



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Community Events

Batavia Village hosts the annual Family Fun Fair in September, and the Christmas on Main in December. The PWD is responsible for the street closures, and assists with the setup and breakdown of any equipment or stages. They also ensure adequate electrical connections and post-event cleanup.

In addition to the Village's annual events in 2023, the Village was also the site of the annual Clermont County Veterans' Parade, Batavia High School Homecoming Parade, Batavia Car Show, Batavia Christian Help Center's School Supply Giveaway, and Clermont County National Day of Prayer.

Beautification

Batavia's entire Main Street, including the bridge, has over 20 flower pots and hanging planters full of flowers in the warmer weather due to the daily care provided by the PWD. The department also maintains 13 flower beds from the S.R. 32 ramp flags to the Main Street hillside, and the Village buildings and parking lot, as well as the Village limit signs. All flowers and mulch are purchased at Ellis Farm in Williamsburg.

During the holiday season, the PWD is responsible for locating and preparing a tree for the Christmas tree lighting, and decorates Main Street and the bridge. In 2023, a 20-foot fresh cut tree was purchased from the Nieman Tree Farm in Ross, Ohio, and Main Street was lit with over 356 strands of lights and almost 16,000 bulbs. In addition, 30 wreaths and 34 banners were hung-up, to add to the festive atmosphere.



Project Management

2023 OPWC Projects

With the assistance of Ohio Public Works Commission funding, the PWD managed and inspected the wastewater force main addition for the Wood Street lift station under the river to Haskell Lane to upsize discharge capacity to meet the Village and county needs for sewer transfer. This project was awarded to Majors Enterprises at a cost of \$538,037.50.

Also, with OPWC funding, the Village supervised and inspected the Main St turn lane extension at the S.R. 132 and S.R. 222 intersections to improve increased traffic flow. This project was awarded to Adleta Construction at a cost of \$756,767.05.

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2023 Village-funded Project

The PWD assisted with the replacement of 150 linear feet of new 18” storm culvert on S.R. 132 before repaving.

Other

The department directed construction of the Harvest Meadows Subdivision Phase #1 road, storm culvert, and catch basin construction, located at the annexed property along Batavia Road.

Equipment

In 2023, the PWD added a 2023 Freightliner (large) dump truck to our fleet. This addition allows the retirement of the 2000 International dump truck from snow removal service, allowing for more reliable operations as the department’s service area continues to grow.

Batavia Union Cemetery

Batavia Union Cemetery

Mission Statement

**To operate and maintain an historic burial ground
with the commitment to preserve and honor the heritage of past generations,
to serve and respect the needs of the present generation,
and to provide a legacy for the future generations.**



In 1879, the Village joined the township in purchasing land adjacent to the old Citizen Cemetery from J.H. Hamilton. Subsequent purchases from John Ruerkle and the Hulick estate resulted in the present 15-acre site. The oldest burials in the cemetery date back to the early 1830s.

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The cemetery is jointly funded by the Village of Batavia council and the Batavia Township trustees, and is governed by a board of cemetery trustees, consisting of one member of the Batavia Village Council, one Batavia Township trustee, and one person-at-large from the community, appointed at an annual joint meeting of the Village Council and the Township Trustees. All cemetery operations are under the direction of the cemetery board of trustees.

In 2023, the cemetery sold eight new grave sites and had forty-four burials. One family utilized the cremation scattering garden, which opened in 2016, and one family chose the columbarium that also opened in 2016.

Improvements for the cemetery in 2023 included the rebuilding of the stone walls and the sand-blasting and painting of the cemetery gates.



