

Mentor-on-the-Lake

Fire Department



Annual Report

2024

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Honorable David R. Eva
Mayor and Director of Safety
City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio



On behalf of all the members of the Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department, it is my great privilege to present our 2024 Annual Report. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the fire personnel who diligently compiled the data for this report and to our two labor units for their unwavering community involvement.

The primary aim of this report is to provide valuable insights into our department for the community we proudly serve. It highlights not only our accomplishments over the past year but also the many services and activities that support the wellness of our community. The Fire Rescue Division responded to 1,342 emergency calls for service, while also engaging in efforts to reduce harm and strengthen our community partnerships. Protecting our community from harm remains our core mission and we continue to work tirelessly to care for our community.

I am immensely proud of our personnel and deeply grateful for your confidence in us. Under your leadership, as Mayor and Director of Safety, we have been able to uphold the fire department's tradition of delivering exceptional service to our citizens. Personally, I want to thank City Council, City Administration, and each member of our department, our citizens, business community, and neighboring public safety agencies for their outstanding continued support. It is an honor to serve as your Fire Chief!

This report reflects the hard work and dedication of the Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department. I believe it showcases our commitment and dedication to the citizens of Mentor-on-the-Lake and our visitors.

As we look ahead to 2025, we recognize the necessity for additional personnel and equipment to continue providing exceptional service. The need for three new full-time firefighter/paramedics, replacing outdated equipment, and acquiring new apparatus will be critical to our ongoing efforts to protect and serve our community effectively.

James A. Pechatsko
Chief, Division of Fire

Administrative Staff - 2024



Battalion Chief Tom Konitsky



Battalion Chief Ray Paduano



Fire Chief James Pechatsko



Captain Jeremy Campaign (B-Shift)



Captain Justin Corbe (A-Shift)



Lieutenant Tim Brown



Lieutenant Dustin Langford

Personnel Roster and Service Record – 2024

Full Time Staff				
Name	Rank	Date of Hire	Years of Service	
		FT	PT	
James Pechatsko	Fire Chief	7/23/2002	7/28/1998	26 Years
Jeremy Campaign	Captain	3/24/2015	7/13/2010	14 Years
Justin Corbe	Captain	5/26/2020	8/19/2015	9 Years
Daniel Klems	Firefighter	4/11/2023	4/17/17	7 Years
Daniel Wheeler	Firefighter	10/24/2023	9/11/2019	5 Years
Josh Sundbom	Firefighter	4/11/2023	4/20/2020	4 Years
Joe Tennyson	Firefighter	1/9/2024	11/10/2022	2 Years

Part Time Staff				
Name	Rank	Date of Hire	Years of Service	
Michael Spencer	Firefighter	5-18-1985	39 Years	
Thomas Konitsky	Battalion Chief	7-28-1991	33 Years	
Raymond Paduano	Battalion Chief	4-28-1992	32 Years	
Eric Heimberger	Firefighter	1-11-1994	30 Years	
Timothy Brown	Lieutenant	1-24-1995	29 Years	
David Huelsman	Firefighter	12-21-2000	24 Years	
Gabriel Ananea	Firefighter	4-26-2005	19 Years	

Part Time Staff cont.			
Name	Rank	Date of Hire	Years of Service
Dustin Langford	Lieutenant	4-22-2008	16 Years
Aaron Husted	Firefighter	10-16-2014	10 Years
Lee Santos	Firefighter	5-26-2015	9 Years
Brian Sedmak	Firefighter	8-29-2016	8 Years
John Padley	Firefighter	4-28-2017	7 Years
Rollin Pachinger	Firefighter	10-9-2018	6 Years
Noah Smith	Firefighter	6-03-2019	5 Years
Cody Bendlock	Firefighter	4-03-2020	4 Year
Tyrus Kovach	Firefighter	4-17-2020	4 Year
Brandon Brown	Firefighter	8-18-2021	3 Year
Conner Trick	Firefighter	10-24-2022	2 Year
Andrew Leitch	Firefighter	11-10-2022	2 Year
Brandon Baker	Firefighter	7-19-2023	1 Year
Anthony Brack	Firefighter	12-19-2023	1 Year
Nathan Birtley	Firefighter	6-05-2024	6 Months
Mitchell Freeze	Firefighter	8-08-2024	4 Months
Barry Kifus	Firefighter	8-08-2024	4 Months
Josh Durst	Firefighter	10-02-2024	2 Months
Frank Bittner	Firefighter	11-05-2024	1 Months

Personnel Turnover – 2024

<i>Name</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Date of Hire</i>	<i>Years of Service</i>
Brian Sedmak	Firefighter	8-29-2016	8 Years
Noah Smith	Firefighter	6-03-2019	5 Years
Andrew Leitch	Firefighter	11-10-2022	2 Year

ADMINISTRATION & CHAIN OF COMMAND

The Fire Department Administration oversees all emergency and non-emergency activities. These responsibilities are organized into four major areas:

1. **Fiscal Management**
2. **Personnel Management**
3. **Productivity**
4. **Training**

Each of these areas is further divided into the following responsibilities:

Records and Reports

Public Information and Community Relations

Intergovernmental Relations

Budgeting

Procurement of Equipment and Supplies

Resource and Supplies

Recruitment and Hiring

Promotional Practices

Loss Control

Firefighting / Emergency Medical Qualifications

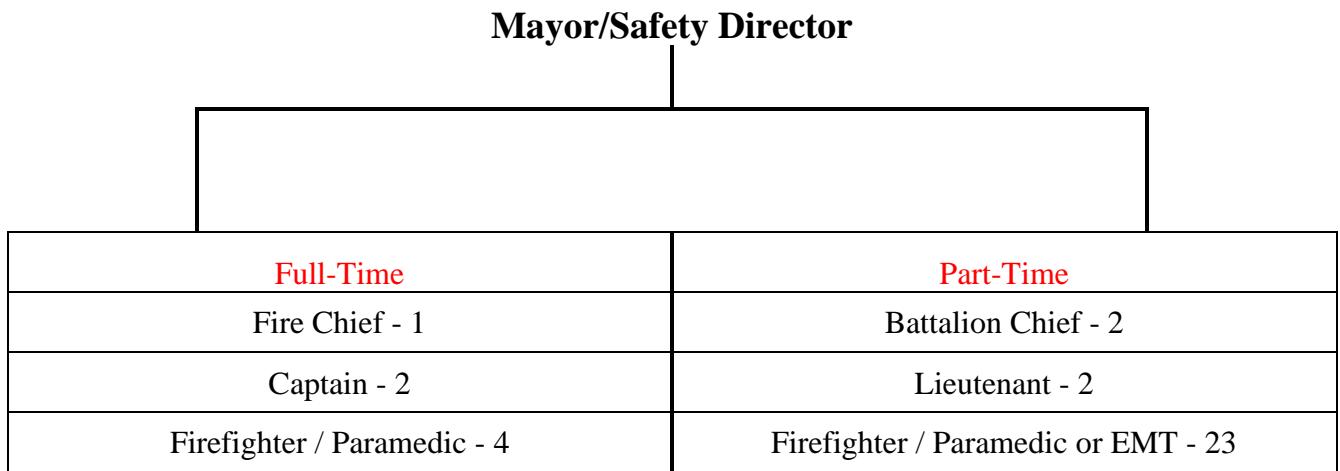
Personnel Supervision and Performance Evaluations

Hazard Control

Emergency Incident Management

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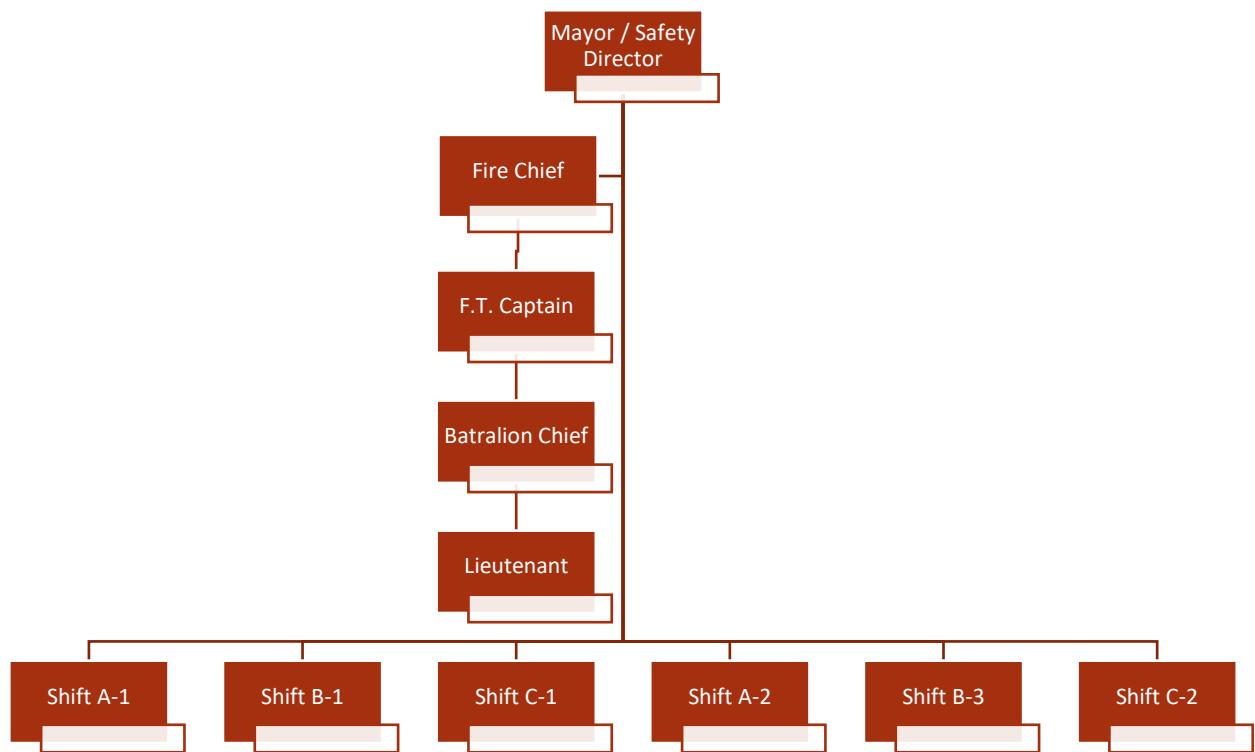
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Chain of Command

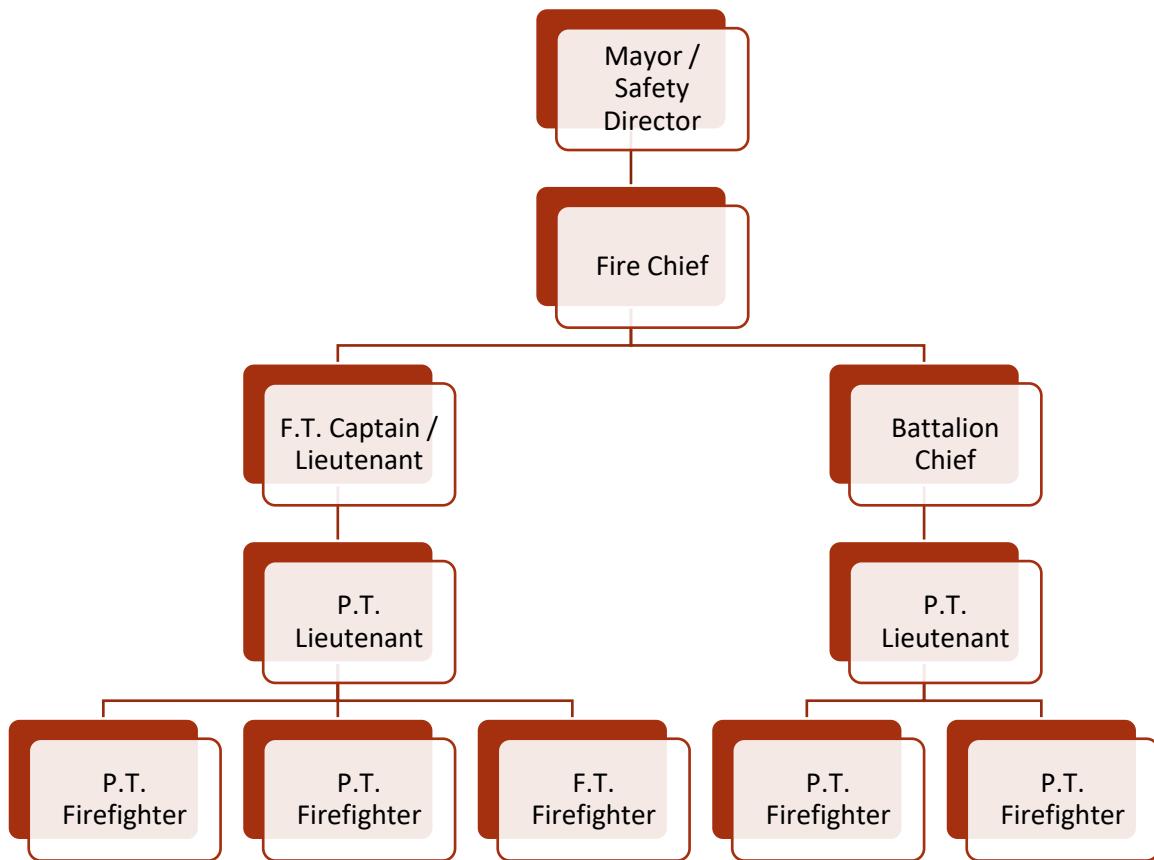
DAILY OPERATIONS



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Chain of Command

RESCUE/FIRE OPERATIONS



GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department upholds fiscal responsibility while operating at the highest level. The department diligently seeks alternative financial resources, including applying for grants.

In 2024, the department applied for six Federal, State, and local grants, totaling over \$3,000,000. Throughout the year, the department was awarded one grant of \$3,264, faced rejection for three grants, and is still awaiting the outcomes of two pending applications.

Grant Name	Grant Year	Date Submitted	Amount Requested
A.F.G Grant EMS Priority One Grant S.A.F.E.R Grant FP&S Grant A.F.G Grant SFM FD Equipment Grant	2023	1/30/2024	\$1,615,000.00
	2024/2025	2/5/2024	\$2,000.00
	2023	3/15/2024	\$1,243.620.00
	2023	3/16/2024	\$6,845.00
	2024	11/21/2024	\$128,984.50
	2025	12/2/2024	\$13,376.00

EMERGENCY SERVICES

2024



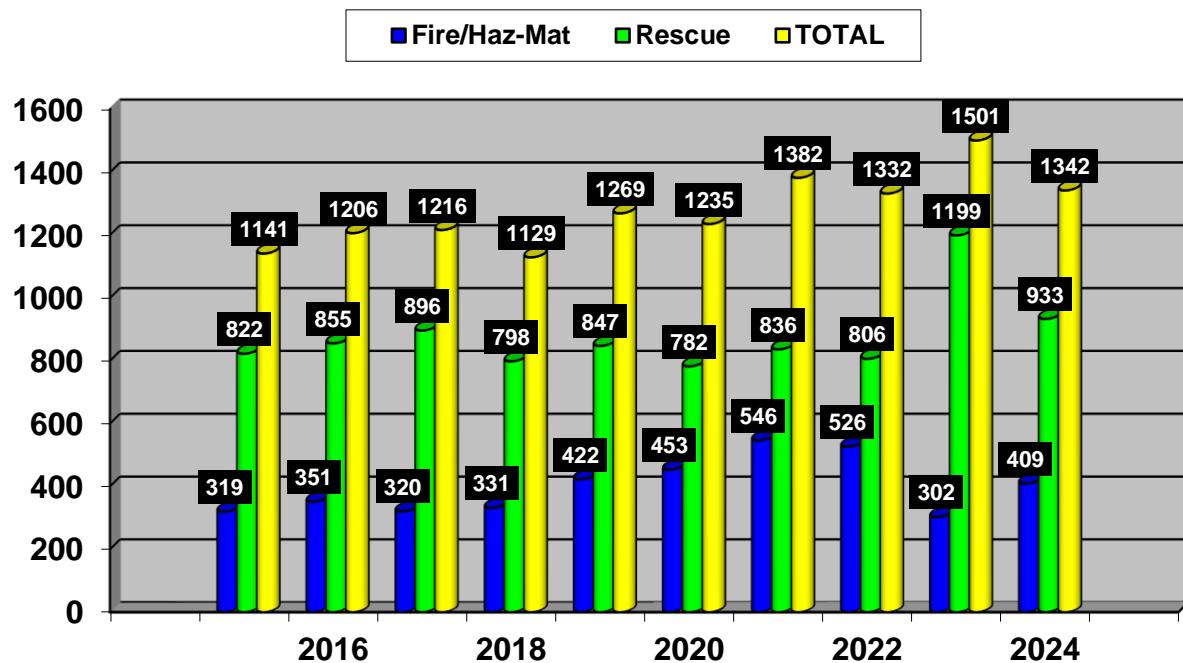
For the purpose of data overview, emergency responses are entered into a statistical analysis in the following two pages.

In 2024, the department responded to a total of 1,342 rescue, fire, and service calls. This represents a decrease of 159 calls compared to 2023.

Total Calls for the 10-year period: 2015 – 2024

Service calls are defined as any non-emergent assistance response.

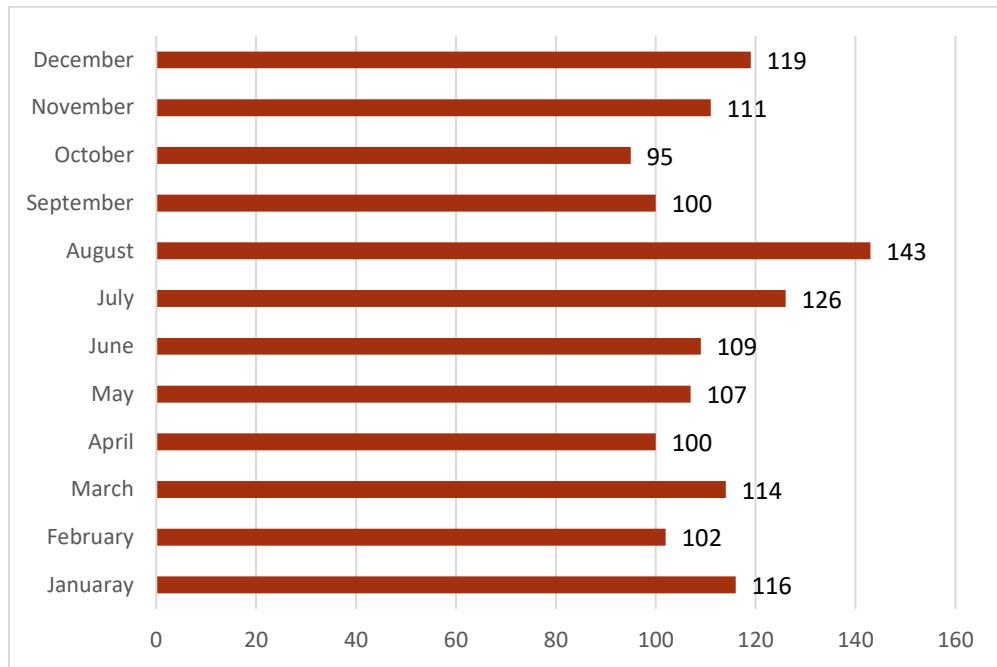
As of 2002, Service Calls were incorporated into the Fire / Haz-Mat category



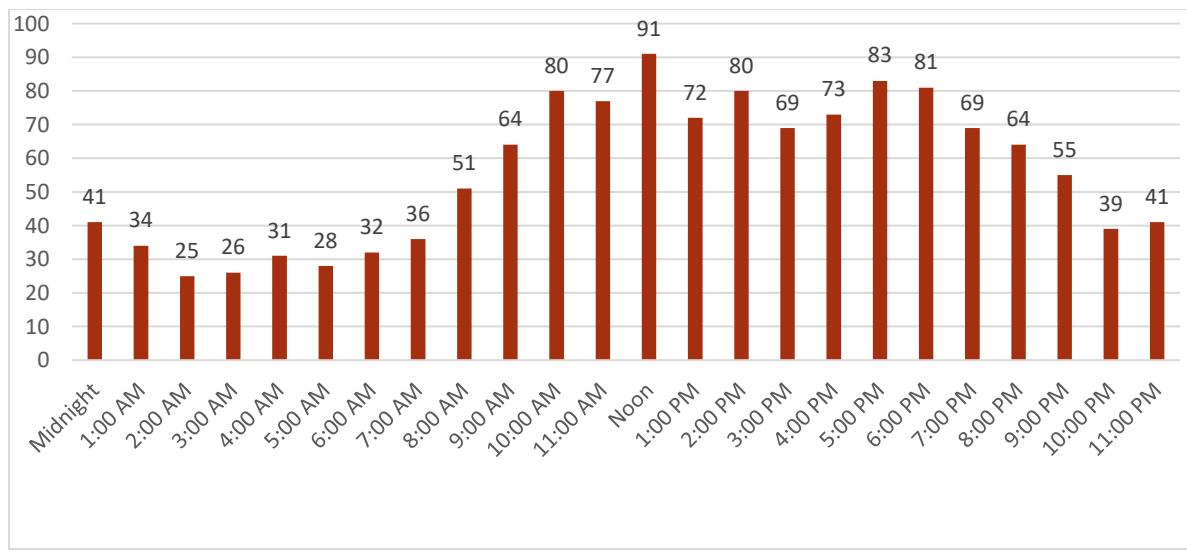
Overlapping Calls	
Number	Percent
269	20.0%

Responses per month in 2024

The Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department responded to and safely managed 1,342 incidents in 2024. Below we can see the response breakdown by month. In 2024, we averaged 111 calls per month with July and August being our two busiest months.

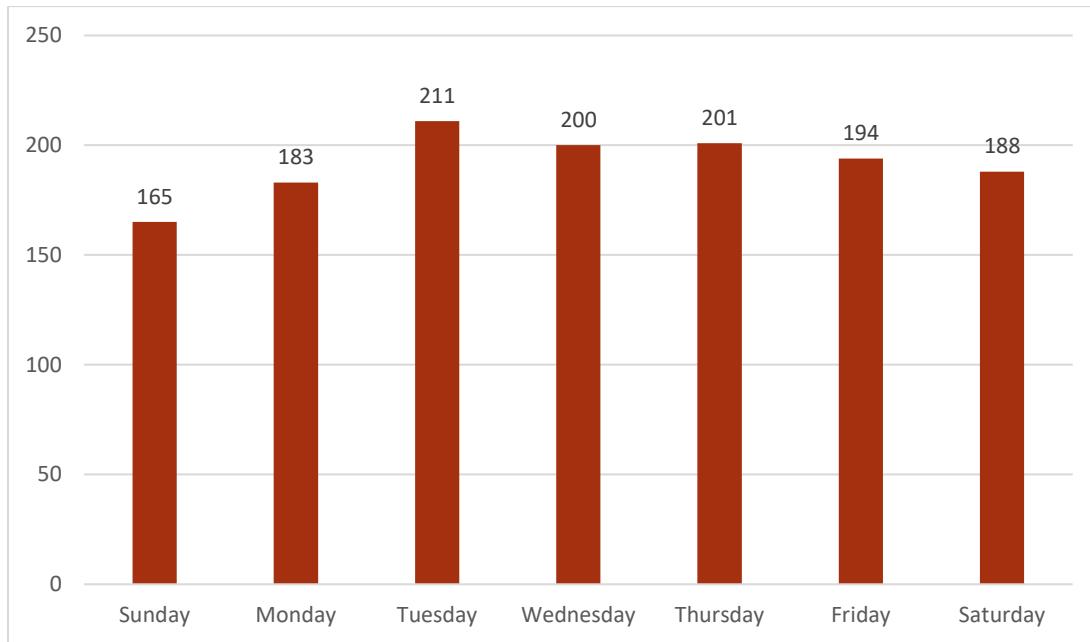


Responses per hour of the day in 2024



Based on the data, the majority of our responses occur during typical business hours (0800 - 1800, Monday through Friday). However, it is important to note that some of our most critical calls take place overnight.

Responses per day of the week in 2024



In 2024, data shows a consistent number in responses per day of the week, with Tuesday being our busiest day.

Transports by Destination in 2024

Location	Number of Transports	Percent of Total
U.H. Lake West Hospital	313	46.9%
U.H. Tri-Point Hospital	64	9.6%
U.H. Main Campus	1	0.1%
U.H. Rainbow	2	0.3%
Cleveland Clinic Foundation	274	41%
Mentor Hospital		
Cleveland Clinic Foundation	14	2.1%
Hillcrest Hospital		
Total Transports	668	
Total Non-Transports	265	
Total Calls	933	

As the table shows, the majority of our transports are within Lake County. This reduces the time our personnel and squads are out of our service area, making our on-duty personnel available for future call for service. We do transport to facilities outside of Lake County when it's in the best interest of our patients or when mandated by the State.

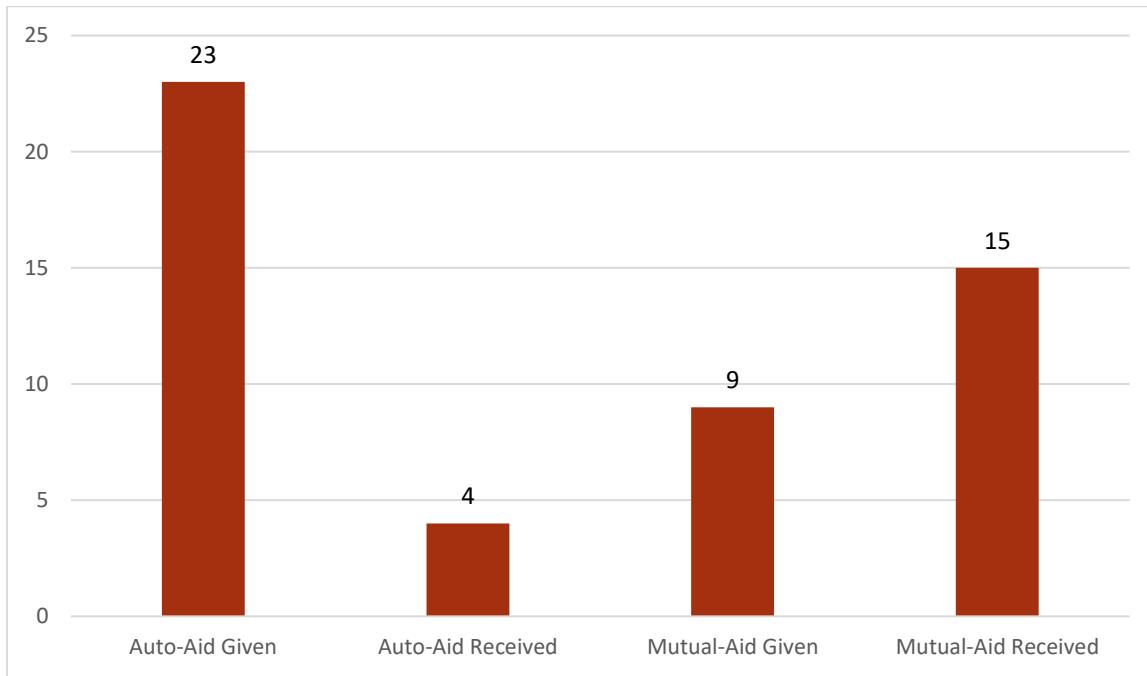
Mutual Aid

Throughout the year, fire departments often rely on neighboring communities to assist during incidents requiring additional manpower, equipment, or station coverage. Established systems in Lake County facilitate the immediate dispatch of neighboring communities to the location where assistance is needed.

The following are descriptions of these coordinated systems:

- **Mutual Aid:** A response to or from another community as needed. This may include a request for a vehicle, special expertise, or manpower.
- **MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System):** A county-wide system that allows the immediate dispatch of a pre-designated selection of equipment and manpower to the scene of an emergency when the initial responders are insufficient due to the scale of the incident. This pre-designated system allows the incident commander to activate as needed, ensuring multiple resources are dispatched simultaneously, enabling the commander to focus on strategy and tactics.
- **Automatic Aid (Auto Aid):** A pre-designated response system that incorporates neighboring communities into the emergency city's initial alarm. This system allows for the dispatching of other communities to respond emergently to the initial alarm until they arrive at the scene or are canceled by the Incident Commander. This system is designed for "High-Target" occupancy locations such as multi-story apartment units, commercial or industrial facilities, schools, and large shopping centers.
- **Selective Expertise Call Outs:** Utilized when a specific level of expertise is required at an emergency scene. This could include areas such as Fire Investigators and Hazardous Materials Technicians.

Mutual Aid / Automatic Aid Responses in 2024



Automatic Aid Given Totals: 23

5 - Responses to Mentor
18 – Responses to Willoughby

Automatic Aid Received Totals: 4

4 – Responses From:
Grand River
Mentor
Willoughby

Mutual Aid Given Totals: 9

Eastlake – 1
Mentor – 4
Willoughby – 3
Willowick – 1

Mutual Aid Received Totals: 15

Fire / Service Response - 3
EMS / Rescue Responses – 12

Fire Suppression



In Service Fire Training – Departmental

Total Departmental Fire Training 2024: 857 Hours

In 2024, the department responded to 409 fire and service calls, marking an increase of 107 calls compared to the previous year in those areas. However, the overall number of calls decreased by 159 from 2023. Additionally, the data indicates an approximate \$103,000 increase in total dollar loss in 2024, as reflected in the department's statistical database.

Monetary Loss Totals for 2024

Loss Type	Property Loss	Content Loss	Total Loss
Structure	\$189,000	\$59,500	\$248,500
Other Structure	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Flooding	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	\$189,000	\$59,500	\$248,500

Collective Loss in Thousands of Dollars

2015 - 2024

Year	Total Loss
2015	\$40,900
2016	\$120,300
2017	\$23,300
2018	\$216,671
2019	\$4,100
2020	\$115,020
2021	\$142,000
2022	\$416,000
2023	\$145,500
2024	\$248,500
2015 - 2024	\$1,472,291

Injuries and Fatalities – 2024

In 2024, the Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department responded to four structure fires:

January 15 – Primrose Drive

March 6 – Manor Drive

April 19 – Andrews Road

December 17 – Andrews Road

I am pleased to report that there were no injuries or fatalities at any of these incidents.

Number of Fire Fatalities (FD).....0

Number of Fire Fatalities (Public).....0

Number of Fire Injury's (FD).....0

Number of Fire Injury's (Public).....0

RESCUE - EMS

IN SERVICE EMS TRAINING- DEPARTMENTAL

Total EMS Training 2024: 735 hours

The Fire Division responded to 933 emergency medical calls in 2024, which is a decrease of 266 calls compared to the previous year. On 668 occasions, we transported patients to various medical facilities. On 265 occasions, we treated victims but did not transport them. In total, we logged 10,346 road miles on our 2 emergency vehicles.

Our current staff of 31 personnel has attained the following levels of certifications by the year's end:

- **EMT-Paramedic:** 21
- **EMT-Basic:** 10



As I have reported in the past, the most important single factor in offering paramedic service is the out-of-service time. With runs averaging 1 hour (plus or minus) on a normal paramedic transport call, we generally have 2 or 3 personnel and 1 medic squad out of service for that time frame. On several occasions, depending on the circumstances, this time frame exceeded 1 hour. This can be a burden on the fire service, especially during the daytime of the business week.

FULL TIME 2024

The full-time operation in the Fire Division is twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Six (6) full-time firefighters work a twenty-four (24) hour shift every third (3) day. This schedule is known as the ABC shift pattern, which is the traditional firefighter schedule where they are on duty for 24 hours and off duty for 48 hours. We currently have two (2) full-time firefighters assigned to each shift.

This fluctuation of shifts allows the Fire Department to have personnel scheduled for a 24-hour period throughout the entire year. Prior to the implementation of this schedule, full-time personnel worked Monday through Friday from 06:00 hours (6 a.m.) until 18:00 hours (6 p.m.). In 2024, two (2) full-time personnel were promoted to Captain.

The full-time staff has the following areas of responsibility:

- Administration and Records
- Budgeting and Payroll Statistical Analysis
- Arson Investigation and Fire Prevention
- Building Construction, Print Review, and Code Study
- Building Maintenance (i.e., Painting, Repairing, Cleaning)
- Graphics (Drawings, Graphs, and Illustrations, etc.)
- Training and Education, Private Sector Included
- Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance
- Fire Hydrant Maintenance Program
- Public Relations/Public Education
- Hose Testing and Maintenance
- Equipment Maintenance and Testing

Full-time staff wages amounted to \$549,980.49 for the year 2024.

Full-time staff overtime amounted to \$33,556.00 for the year 2024.

Part Time - 2024

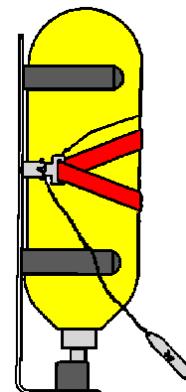
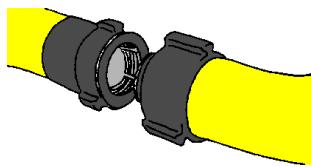
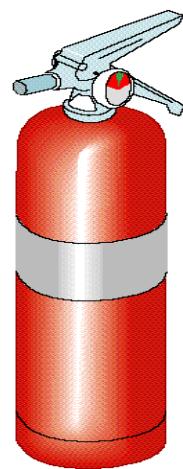
As of September 1, it will have been 26 years since the Part-Time staff began in-house manning of the station. Along with the Full-Time coverage previously reported, this allows the Department full 24-hour coverage throughout the year. There are two (2) different Part-Time shifts to which the personnel are assigned:

- Days and weekends shift personnel work a twelve (12) hour shift, commencing at 0600 (6 a.m.) and continuing through to 1800 (6 p.m.) the same day, every sixth day, Monday through Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, they work a twenty-four (24) hour shift, commencing at 0600 (6 a.m.) and continuing through to 0600 (6 a.m.) the following day.
- Nights and weekends shift personnel work a twelve (12) hour shift, commencing at 1800 (6 p.m.) and continuing through to 0600 (6 a.m.) the following day, every sixth day, Monday through Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, they work a twenty-four (24) hour shift, commencing at 0600 (6 a.m.) and continuing through to 0600 (6 a.m.) the following day.

By the end of 2024, our manpower status was at 24 Part-Time personnel. This number will fluctuate as members tend to leave from year to year.

Part-Time staff wages amounted to \$321,934.96 for the year 2024.

SUPPORT SERVICES



FIRE PREVENTION 2024

Fire Inspectors Report

In 2024, the Fire Prevention Division continued to support the mission of the Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department. To protect the lives and property of our citizens, visitors and firefighters through effective code enforcement, fire safety inspections of commercial buildings throughout the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake and residential fire safety inspections when requested by the resident. The Fire Prevention Division is also required to oversee the annual fireworks show that is presented by the Mentor Harbor Yacht club. In addition to the daily responsibilities, the Fire Prevention Division participates in public relations events as well. This included the annual Easter Egg hunt, Safety Forces Open House, and Santa rounds.

As we look forward to 2025, the Fire Prevention Division will continue to look for additional ways to provide excellent customer service and a safer community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Inspectors:

Full-Time

Capt. Jeremy Campaign
F.F. Joe Tennyson

Part-Time

B.C. Tom Konitsky
B.C. Ray Paduano

FIRE PREVENTION 2024

Activity Total Incident Count Total Hours

Building Inspection	18	18.0
Code Study / Files	2	2.0
Complaint	1	10
Correspondence	1	1.0
Drills Fire / Tornado	2	2.0
Suppression / Sprinkler	13	13.0
Fire Alarms	3	4.5
Fire Lanes	0	0.0
Hood Testing	11	22.0
Meetings / Training	6	24.0
Permits / Citations	0	0.0
Pre-Plans	2	2.0
Plan Review	4	8.0
Home Inspections	2	2.0
Lock Box Install	4	2.0
Smoke Detector	5	2.5
2023 Totals:	74	104

Mentor-on-the-Lake Lock Box Program

The fire department offers a lock box you can buy for \$35 dollars that hangs on top of your door to allow us access to your home or apartment in case of an emergency. This year we had 4 new lock box installations.



Smoke Detector Installations

We offer one free smoke detector to any of our residence in the city that cannot afford to buy one on their own. This year we had 5 new smoke detector installations. This does not include service calls to help residents replace smoke detector batteries and helping to install a smoke detector that they have purchased on their own.



Public Education 2024

The Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department strives to educate the community on fire safety and the use of our EMS system. This included our CPR and AED training to our residents and businesses. We did maintain other programs that are aimed towards safety which include our Lock Box and Smoke Detector Programs. We were happy to continue our normal community events such as, The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Lake Elementary, the Larkspur Drive Block Party, Read with a firefighter at the Library, Safety Forces Open House, and Santa rounds. Our dedication to these public events is our way to show the community that we appreciate them.

Please like us on our Facebook page located at facebook.com/TheMentoronthLakeFireDepartment and to keep up-to-date with safety information and events.

Personnel assigned to public education:

Firefighter Josh Sundbom

Firefighter Dan Wheeler

CPR and AED Training

CPR and the use of an AED are a critical step in saving lives. That's why we have 2 fulltime CPR instructors that work to provide training to residents.

Station Tours

The fire department always welcomes station tours. It gives a chance for residents to check out the equipment, apparatus and to learn about fire safety and our EMS system.

2024 Easter Egg Hunt



2024 Safety Forces Open House



2024 Santa Rounds



FIRE INVESTIGATION



The Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department has an integral membership with the Western Lake County Fire Investigation Unit (WLCFIU). The unit has been in existence for over 40 years, but has recently been reorganized to improve inter-city assistance and operations.



The unit consists of members from the cities of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Mentor, Eastlake, Wickliffe, Kirtland, Willoughby Hills, Willoughby and Willowick Fire Departments. Mentor-on-the-Lake currently has four members assigned to the unit. The West Lake County Unit is comprised of a group of specialists who assist with fire scene investigation when the resources of the incident Department request such assistance. Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Investigators responded to 4 calls for specialized assistance in the year 2024. Unfortunately, Mentor-on-the-Lake did need to utilize the services of the WLCFIU in the year 2024.



For a Fire Investigation Unit to be effective, many hours of training are needed. Every other month, the WLCFIU holds meetings and training sessions that keep the members of the unit honed on the latest investigative techniques, equipment and technology. This is very important so that the unit's Investigators can be accurate in conducting investigations and presenting forensic evidence



for courtroom proceedings. The unit also utilizes the services of numerous Insurance Companies, Private Fire Investigation Units, Lake County, and the State of Ohio.

MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE FIRE INVESTIGATORS – (WLCFIU)

Battalion Chief Tom Konitsky - Trained to Advanced Fire Investigator Level

Battalion Chief Ray Paduano - Trained to Advanced Fire Investigator Level

Captain Justin Corbe –Trained to Advanced Fire Investigator Level

Firefighter Joe Tennyson - Trained to Advanced Fire Investigator Level

TRAINING

Year to year changes in hours of training are to be expected depending on the amount of participation and enrollment in the State of Ohio paramedic program. In house training is performed on each shift and fluctuates from 2.0 to 3.0 hours. In addition, the Department conducts two monthly drills. The total figure does vary from year to year depending on how many mandated, certification and/or recertification training programs are attended in this time frame.

Mandated training and State of Ohio required certifications are as follows:

1. Paramedic training for certification is 1200 hours.
2. E.M.T. – Basic training for certification is 220 hours
3. Fire training for certification is 300 hours.
4. Fire safety inspector training certification is 84 hours
5. State of Ohio Fire/EMT Instructor certification is 80 hours.
6. C.P.R. Instructor certification is 12 hours. Each certified instructor must teach 2 classes annually in order to maintain American Heart Association certification.

Recertification and Continuing Medical Education Requirements

Mandated by the State of Ohio

1. Paramedic training for maintaining certification is 75 hours every 3 years.
2. E.M.T.-B. Recertification is 40 hours every 3 years.
3. Fire recertification training is 36 hours every 3 years. This can be accrued through in-service training.
4. Hazardous Materials training by Federal Law is 24 hours annually.

In-service training is training which is done on duty in quarters, or at selected training sites within the city confines. It may also, from time to time, include bi-lateral training with surrounding communities.

TECHNICAL TRAINING



The Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department has members who are actively involved in other areas of specialty training. These members are a part of a core group of Lake County firefighters that meet numerous times throughout the year to hone and maintain their skills in each respective area. Some of the specialized areas include Hazardous Materials, Confined Space, and Water Rescue.

Mentor on the Lake Fire is a member of the Lake County Hazardous Incident Team or L.C.H.I.T. The team consists of 50 members from all Lake County Fire Departments and includes private companies (Lubrizol) as well. The L.C.H.I.T. is certified as a Type 1 HAZMAT Team. It is thought that there are only 3 Type 1 teams in the state of Ohio. The team will offer their services to all local and neighboring counties in the event of a Hazardous Incident. The team is funded by the L.E.P.C. and fees collected from all the Fire Departments in Lake County.

Captain Jeremy Campaign Full-Time Haz.Mat. Tech (L.C.H.I.T.)

Captain Justin Corbe Full-Time Haz. Mat Tech (L.C.H.I.T.)

Firefighter Joe Tennyson Full-Time Haz. Mat Tech (L.C.H.I.T.)

Firefighter Dan Wheeler Full-Time Haz. Mat Tech (L.C.H.I.T.)

Firefighter Brandon Baker Part-Time Haz. Mat Tech (L.C.H.I.T.)

Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance

A total of 3,438 hours of labor were expended last year in all categories to maintain equipment, vehicles and quarters in an operable and livable condition. Vehicles and equipment consumed 1,875 hours, or 54.5% of the total time. Aside from the normal weekly check-out, fueling and house running, internal maintenance is performed by Fire Department personnel in areas such as:

A. Vehicles - Lubricate and change oil, exhaust systems, tire rotation, body work, touch up and repaint, alternators, lights, horns, wiring, batteries, door repairs, lubrication, change air and oil filters, repair brakes, trim, and seats, tune up and installation of new equipment.

B. Equipment - Maintain self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) repair/modify the same where applicable, relocate and remount equipment, mark I.D. on equipment, clean charge material and recharge air compressor, initiate hydrostatic checks of air cylinders, portable pumps and air tools, diesel tank and building where possible.

Building and quarters consumed 1,563 or 45.5% of the remaining maintenance time. Aside from normal routine house cleaning done weekly, other maintenance includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Bi-monthly or monthly cleaning of windows, repair of interior/exterior doors, repair faucets, commodes and plumbing, maintain clean towels for apparatus, laundry, paint, repair and mount hardware as well as fire bay maintenance.

The total fuel consumption for all Fire Department vehicles amounted to 2,382.9 gallons. Of this total, 1,971.8 gallons of gasoline were used and 411.1 gallons of diesel were used to fuel the vehicles.

VEHICLE CONDITION – 2024



2500: Chief / Command Vehicle, 2024 Ford Explorer.

Engine excellent, body excellent, general overall condition excellent.



2511: Chase, Fire Prevention, and Public Education, 2018 Ford Explorer.

Engine excellent, body excellent, general overall condition excellent.



2522: ALS Unit (Advanced Life Support) 2017 Ford E-450 Modular.

Engine excellent, body excellent, general overall condition excellent.



2512: ALS Unit (Advanced Life Support) 2019 Ford E-450 Modular.

Engine excellent, body excellent, general overall condition excellent.



2517-HR (Heavy Rescue): 1993 International Rescue Master.

Engine good, body fair, general overall condition fair.



2513 (Engine): 2009 Sutphen - 1500 gallon per minute pump.

Engine good, body good, general overall condition good.



2519 (Engine): 1993 Pierce - 2000 gallon per minute pump with a 50' telescoping ladder.
Engine good, body fair, general overall condition good.

FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM



The Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department, in conjunction with Aqua Ohio, conducts maintenance and services the fire hydrants within the city during most spring and fall seasons. The spring testing typically begins around May and usually consists of flushing each hydrant to remove stagnant rust water from inside the line, lubricating the flow valve stem and threaded inlets, inspecting for any gasket leaks at the base of each hydrant, and repainting with reflective paint as needed. This maintenance and testing are performed by Aqua Ohio to ensure the proper operation of each hydrant within the city. This program is usually completed over a one-week period. Residents may experience slight water discoloration in their homes around the time these procedures are conducted and should simply allow their tap water to run for a short period until the water is clear to expel any dirty water from their household piping.

During the fall months, usually around September, the Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department conducts spot monitoring on the hydrants, specifically geared at preparing the water system for the cold winter months. Fire hydrants are designed so that when they are shut off, any residual water in the hydrant will drain, preventing exposure to cold winter temperatures. This reduces the potential for the water to freeze inside the hydrant, rendering it unusable until thawed. Throughout the spring and summer months, if a hydrant is found to be retaining water, it should be re-inspected during the fall hydrant program to ensure no water has been retained in the barrel. If water is found in a hydrant, it should be pumped out, and a special type of antifreeze added. This will allow the hydrant to remain functional throughout the winter months.

This year, the city had a total of 377 fire hydrants available for immediate use within and around the city boundaries, including privately owned hydrants. Any problems that are found and considered to be a potential hindrance to firefighting operations are usually reported to Aqua Ohio for further inspection. Aqua Ohio will investigate the problems and correct any that need to be repaired.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024 the fire department responded to and safely managed 1,342 incidents. We participated in our usual community events and served our community just as we have always done and will continue to do in the future.

March: annual Easter egg hunt

May: participated in the A.M.V.E.T.S. Memorial Day Parade and the Mentor Harbor Yacht Club Memorial Day event.

June: promoted two personnel to Full-Time Captain

July: the department supervised the fireworks show at Mentor Harbor Yacht Club.

August: assisted with Meijer food distribution

September: the department participated in the Cities Fall Fest

October: annual safety forces open house and trunk or treat event

November: successful change to the City Charter which created improved Part-time employment opportunities.

December: the department held its annual Santa rounds

Assisted with Santa's Blue helper kids shopping event

RECOMMENDATIONS – 2025

- Hire three (3) new Full-Time Firefighter / Paramedics
- Replace the 32-year-old fire truck
- Promote one (1) Full-Time member to Captain
- Update living quarters / dorm building
- Obtain Federal and State grants to replace aging equipment.
- Improve the storage areas in general (i.e. records and equipment).
- Install a fire hydrant on the South side of City Hall to assist with Fire Department training and fire protection

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

My sincere thanks to the Officers and Personnel of the Fire Division for maintaining the highest level of service, even under challenging conditions. Their ability to adapt and respond to difficult circumstances reflects the training and discipline that has been instilled in each individual from their first day of assignment. Continued training ensures that our team remains prepared and capable to handle any situation that arises.

Mentor-on-the-Lake Professional Firefighters



Local 3049

The Mentor-on-the-Lake Professional Firefighters Local 3049 is represented by 6 full-time members who provide fire and EMS services to The City of Mentor-on-the-Lake. 3049 was chartered on March 3, 1986.



The Mentor-on-the-Lake Part-Time Firefighters' Association consists of 23 part-time members who offer both Fire & EMS services to the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake.

THANK YOU!!!



The Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department graciously thanks the citizens of Mentor-on-the-Lake for their continued support.

Please stay safe.

