

# Marietta Fire Department



## 2022 Year End Report

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## **Letter from the Chief**

It is my honor and privilege to present the 2022 Annual Report of the Marietta Fire Department. This report will detail the operations, direction, and goals of our department, as well as give a year-end review to what our department was able to achieve in 2022. The Marietta Fire Department experienced several positive changes in 2022, and we look forward to the opportunities that 2023 will bring to allow us to continue to improve our services to the community. Our focus has been on providing the highest level of care and service to our community, during both medical and fire related responses.

Our focus on medical responses includes continued focus to improve the level of care we provide to our citizens. We currently have 61% of our staff trained in advanced life support (ALS) skills. We anticipate that this number will continue to climb until we reach our goal of 100%, by implementing a policy that all new hires will be trained to Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) or higher. We are excited about these new measures, and have made sure to have available the tools these EMS providers need to complete their missions successfully. We also have a focus on continuous quality improvement throughout every aspect of our calls, from treatment to documentation, to ensure continued high levels of patient care.

Our focus on the fire response side has included a strong focus on training of our personnel on a wide variety of emergency response training for firefighting, hazardous materials responses, driving, dive operations, water rescue, confined space rescue, and rope rescue. We are a small department, but provide a high level of response in a variety of situations that may arise, so we must make intentional efforts frequently to ensure that we keep our skill level maintained. In 2022, we were able to place thermal imaging cameras on our SCBAs, so that firefighters entering a structure fire have the ability to locate victims more efficiently, and are able to utilize it for other decision making needs. We were also able to place an order for a new ladder truck that will increase our capabilities, while replacing a nearly 30-year-old current ladder truck. We were excited to promote a new inspector, and are continuing our focus on keeping our community as safe as possible. Replacing 25+ year old firefighting nozzles, as well as updating dive equipment are a few of our other accomplishments for 2022.

We are excited about the goals we have for 2023, to continue to improve our services to the community. We are currently working on replacement of a 2012 ambulance, and a 1994 ladder truck, with both on order (ambulance delivery in 2023 and ladder truck delivery in 2024). We continue to work toward the establishment of a training facility that we will use to properly and safely train on a variety of techniques needed to maintain our skills. We are also continuing our efforts to start providing CPR classes to the community. We look forward to the growth and improvement 2023 has to bring to our department.

Sincerely,



Chief C.W. Durham, CFO, OFC

Marietta Fire Department





## **Mission Statement**

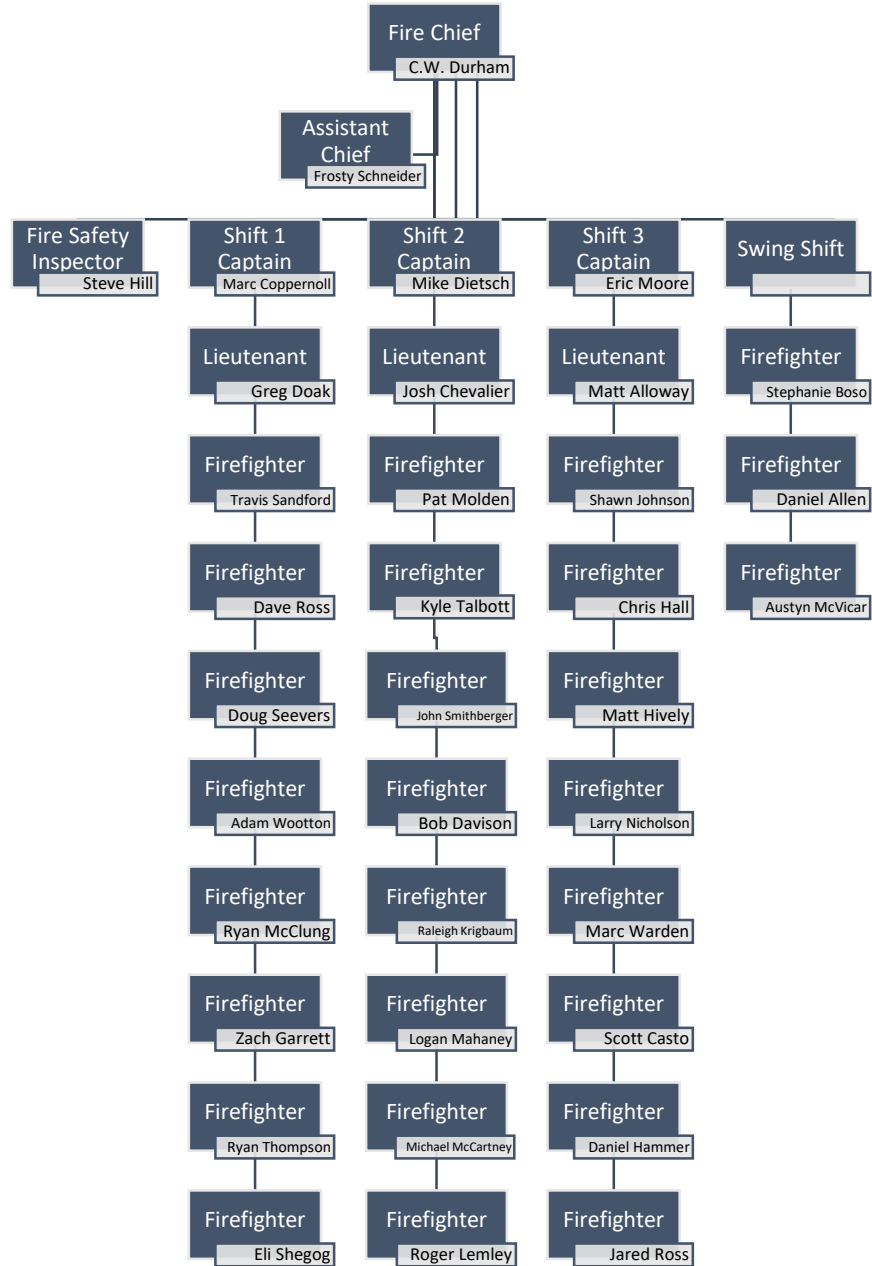
The mission of the Marietta Fire Department is to provide a wide range of programs designed to educate, and protect the lives and property of both the citizens and visitors of Marietta, Ohio, from the adverse effects of fire, sudden medical emergencies, or exposure to dangerous conditions created by either human beings or nature.

## **Vision Statement**

It is the vision of the Marietta Fire Department to seek continual improvement for the services we provide to our community, through training, staffing, up-to-date equipment, and continuous quality improvement evaluations of all aspects of our mission.



## Marietta Fire Department Organizational Chart





### **Overall Department Operations Report**

The Marietta Fire Department responded to 3,867 calls for service in 2022. These calls include fires, hazardous materials responses, motor vehicle accidents, personal injury accidents, medical responses, water related incidents, false alarms, and a variety of other calls for service within our community, and surrounding communities that request our assistance. This call volume is a 13% increase over the last 10 years, a 47% increase over the last 20 years, and a 167% increase in calls for service over the last 40 years.

2022	3867 responses
2012	3411 responses
2002	2626 responses
1992	1817 responses
1982	1450 responses

We continued to see an increase in demand for our service, and continually seek to explore the best options to deliver safe and efficient services to our entire community. We are working on a long-range plan to provide for replacement of our equipment, as well as an aggressive training program, to ensure that we are ready to respond to any emergency that our services are required. We take pride in providing fast, reliable, and professional services whenever called.





## Fire Response Report

The Marietta Fire Department operates three fire engines out of three separate stations, as well as a ladder truck, hazardous materials response unit, and a fireboat docked on the Muskingum River. In 2022, we had 453 calls that met National Fire Incident Reporting System qualifications. For comparison, 2012 had 279 reportable incidents, or a 62% increase in fire related calls for service over a 10-year period. These calls include, but are not limited to, structure fires, car accidents, and false alarms.







## **Emergency Medical Response Report**

The Marietta Fire Department operates three medical response units out of three separate stations, providing immediate response to sudden medical emergencies and injury accidents. In 2022, 3,491 unit responses occurred for medical responses, with an average response time of 4.14 minutes. These numbers incorporate mutual aid responses outside of our jurisdiction that take significantly longer to reach our destination.







## Specialized Teams Report

The Marietta Fire Department continues to provide a wide variety of service to our community, that few communities our size are able to provide. We have a hazardous materials response team, a confined space rescue team, and a dive team that are ready to respond should an emergency arise. These teams dedicate additional hours of training each year to maintain their high level of expertise, and to ensure that they can deliver services at a moment's notice to those in need. We were able to replace and improve some of our dive equipment and rope rescue equipment in 2022, as well as place an order for a hazardous materials response trailer that will replace a 26-year-old truck.





## **Training Report**

The Marietta Fire Department invests many hours each year into ensuring high levels of proficiency in all disciplines. Our personnel train and practice life saving techniques and skills. The Marietta Fire Department members returned to a normal training schedule after the pandemic. We conduct shift trainings in person, as well as online training. These training sessions include firefighting, hazardous materials responses, confined space rescue, dive, emergency vehicle operator, emergency medical, as well as a variety of other topics intended to prepare firefighters for events they may encounter. We will be working toward a training facility in 2023, to help facilitate the trainings required to keep current and proficient.





## **Prevention and Education Report**

The Marietta Fire Department takes an active role in fire safety education and prevention efforts. We take the Fire Safety House to our local schools, as well as host number of tours at the fire station for school age children each year. We also attend events throughout the area including Grand Central Mall Safety Day, Safety Town, Sweet Corn Festival, BrAva Family Fun Day and Healthy Kids Day to name a few. We were excited to be able to return to fire safety education and prevention efforts in 2022.





## **Fire Safety Inspection Report**

The Marietta Fire Department conducts fire safety inspections of commercial and industrial facilities in our jurisdiction, as well as facilities that maintain a fire contract with our department. Our primary mission is to ensure the safety of all occupants of the building or facility, by ensuring compliance with Ohio Fire Code. We help educate these locations on how to improve safety, while identifying faulty equipment, and gain valuable knowledge of shut offs for utilities that will help to speed firefighting efforts if an event occurred at that location. In 2022, we conducted 437 initial inspections and re-inspections within our community. We also conduct fire preplan inspections, where on duty personnel will stop by a location, and confirm contact information, utility shut off locations, and any pertinent information the occupant wants to share with the fire department. This is part of our mission to protect the lives and property of our community, by having vital information about the location before an event occurs.





Congratulations to the 2021 Firefighter of the Year, Jared Ross. The Public Safety Awards Ceremony occurred on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Beverly, Ohio.

## **Achievements in 2022**

The Marietta Fire Department was able to accomplish several goals in 2022. We were able to take delivery of a 35 foot hazardous materials trailer, which replaced a 1997 unit. We also updated our self-contained breathing apparatus to include Seek thermal imaging cameras to increase public and firefighter safety. We concluded a bay painting project that began in 2021.

We were also able to expand our dive team capabilities by replacing equipment that was at end of life. We also replaced 25+ year old firefighter nozzles, and were able to place an emergency post at Fire Station 4 for the public to utilize in the event of an emergency. We made significant progress toward a Fire Station 1 expansion to include two additional bays so that we can place all of our vehicles and trailers inside and ready for emergency response, including engineered drawings and a cost estimate. We hope to continue toward this goal in 2023.







### **Goals for 2023**

The Marietta Fire Department continues to strive for improvement in all aspects of our responsibilities. We are working to replace an ambulance that is 11 years old, and our ladder truck that is 29 years old. The ambulance replacement is expected to be delivered in early 2023, while the ladder truck replacement is expected to be delivered in the middle of 2024. We are working on replacing our firefighting turnout gear, and the new gear has integrated harnesses to provide improved safety for firefighters.

We have plans to continue our efforts to establish a training facility, to allow firefighters not only from our department, but from around the area, to utilize a facility that can be used to practice skills in a realistic setting. We will also be continuing our work to establish a new building to house our equipment that is currently stored outside, to extend the life of the equipment, as well as improve response times for specialized teams. We also hope to bring our We are continuing to evaluate our skills and equipment in the emergency medical field, to ensure that we have the most current training and equipment to serve the public. We look forward to serving the citizens of Marietta in 2023.

