

Wooster Division of Fire 2008 Annual Report

City of Wooster
1808 - Bicentennial Edition - 2008

Robert N. Eyler
Fire Chief

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January 31, 2009

The Honorable Robert Breneman
Mayor, City of Wooster
538 North Market Street
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Mayor Breneman:

I respectfully submit the 2008 Annual Report for the Wooster Division of Fire. I trust that the information herein pertaining to fire suppression and prevention, emergency medical service, training and public relation activities shall prove informative and useful.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the City of Wooster Administration, to all of the personnel in all the City of Wooster departments and divisions, to the members of the Wooster City Council, and to the citizens of the City of Wooster for their support and assistance in the past year.

Robert N. Eyler, Fire Chief
Wooster Division of Fire

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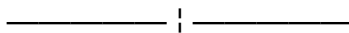
ROSTER OF FIRE PERSONNEL AS OF 12/31/08

| Administration | Year Hired |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Robert N. Eyler, Fire Chief | 1989 |
| Francis P. Kuntz, Asst. Fire Chief | 1970 |
| Roger M. Brenneman, Fire Inspector | 1987 |
| Douglas C. Myers, Records Officer | 1980 |
| “A” Shift Officers: | |
| Charles J. Monaghan, Captain | 1975 |
| Thomas E. Etter, Lieutenant | 1989 |
| Michael M. Maag, Lieutenant | 1992 |
| Firefighters: | |
| Jeffrey D. Aukerman | 1989 |
| Ronald J. Balas | 1995 |
| Michael D. Berry | 2000 |
| Scott E. Bertsch | 1988 |
| Patrick H. Christie | 2004 |
| Matthew R. Cudlip | 2001 |
| Christopher Hawkins | 2004 |
| Donald J. Keller | 2008 |
| Keith J. Rickett | 1987 |
| Michael A. Springer | 2001 |
| “B” Shift Officers: | |
| Thomas M. Graf, Captain | 1981 |
| Stanley A. Brown, Lieutenant | 1988 |
| Joseph L. Linz, Lieutenant | 1988 |
| Firefighters: | |
| Jeffrey L. Buzzard | 1998 |
| Eddie J. Edgell | 1996 |
| Brandon J. Hewitt | 2008 |
| R. Scott Iannarelli | 2001 |
| Joseph M. Kiefer | 2001 |
| Marc A. Lindsay | 2001 |
| David P. Shaffer | 2004 |
| John B. Sherrick | 1991 |
| Bradley T. Stull | 1990 |
| Brad D. Welty | 2006 |
| “C” Shift Officers: | |
| Rhodes Walter, Captain | 1991 |
| Christopher F. Green, Lieutenant | 1987 |
| Theodore W. Elder, Lieutenant | 1997 |
| Firefighters: | |
| Joshua L. Brownson | 2000 |
| John H. Cutlip | 2001 |
| Scott R. Kiper | 1991 |
| Scott M. Meshew | 2000 |
| Nathan A. Murphy | 1998 |
| Michael D. Priest | 1987 |
| Barry M. Saley | 2005 |
| Michael D. Sherrick | 1996 |
| Leslie E. Teichmer Jr. | 1991 |
| Gregory T. Thompson | 2002 |

The Wooster Division of Fire is composed of 4 administrative personnel and 39 shift members.

Administrative offices are located in the #1 Fire Station at 510 N. Market St.; regular business hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m – 5:00 p.m. The fire chief and assistant fire chief alternate being on 24-hour call for emergency incidents.

Shift personnel respond from both the #1 Fire Station and the #2 Fire Station located at 433 E. Highland Ave. Each shift operates on a 24-hour shift with a new tour of duty beginning at 7:00 a.m. each day. The minimum on-duty shift strength is 10 members (5 at each station). Both stations provide fire suppression and emergency medical service.



In recognition of Wooster’s bicentennial celebration it had been my intention to include herein an updated history of the Wooster Division of Fire. A history of the fire and emergency medical service was included in the 1997 ANNUAL REPORT and a history of the 20th Century fire chiefs in the 2000 ANNUAL REPORT. These histories, along with collected copies of the annual reports dating back to 1869, are part of the archival records of the Wooster Division of Fire at the #1 Fire Station.

However in the course of my history research I came across a long-forgotten incident involving what *may be* the fire division’s first line of duty death. Consequently I have chosen to report the details of this tragedy and dedicate the Wooster Division of Fire’s 2008 Annual Report to the memory of:

Arthur L. Hard
18 August 1884 – 29 June 1926

At approximately 0230 hours on 29 June 1926 a fire was discovered by Special Night Watchmen George Starr and David Griest on the third floor of the Stark & Zaring Restaurant at 152 East Liberty Street. Starr summoned the Wooster Fire Department; the fire bell in the City Hall tower was rung to alert the department’s volunteer minutemen as the regulars at the fire station responded to the fire call.

Arthur Lichtenwalter Hard [nicknamed “Jum”], a WFD minuteman for approximately 20 years, was awakened in his home at 567 North Walnut Street by the tolling of the fire bell. Hard quickly dressed and ran all the way from his residence to the scene of the fire - a distance of about half a mile. He assisted during the short time required to extinguish the blaze and, as the firemen were leaving, he became ill. Hard had suffered a stroke.

The stroke overcame him gradually and at first affected him only slightly on one side. Hard’s fellow firemen saw the condition he was in, placed him in an automobile and took him home. Hard told them that he would be “all right in a few minutes.” Hard’s condition worsened after he was taken home and the family called for a doctor. The doctor was unable to do anything for him and, about six hours after he was stricken, Arthur Hard died at his home - he was 41 years of age. Hard’s death was determined to be caused by a cerebral hemorrhage brought about by Hard’s over-exertion running to the fire.

Funeral services for Arthur Hard were held in the family home on the afternoon of 1 July 1926; the service was conducted by Rev. Samuel L. Stewart of the Methodist church. Pall bearers [all unnamed in the newspaper] were two city firemen, two co-workers from the Elliott & Palmer laundry and two neighbors. Interment was made in the Wooster Cemetery. He was laid to rest next to an infant son, Lester Arthur Hard, who died of indigestion on 2 February 1918 at the age of 7 months.

Arthur Hard was survived by his wife, Mary C. [née Boner] and three school age children: Raymond E, age 18; Dorothea (Dorothy) E, age 12; Robert Darrell, age 11. Hard was born in Wooster, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin C. Hard, and had lived his entire life in the city. For upwards of ten years prior to World War I he was an active member of Company D in the Ohio National Guard. He was one of the most active and reliable of the volunteers in the fire department. Hard spent much time at the fire department and, as the newspaper reported, "... worked for years on the stage at the opera house, handling the curtains and drops for theater performances."

Hard's fulltime job was as a laundryman for the Elliott & Palmer laundry, located at 328 East Liberty Street, and was the family's sole source of income. His family was already facing some financial difficulties at the time of his death, notably being behind on their mortgage payments, due to Hard's suffering from an [undisclosed] serious illness for several months, which prevented him from working during that time. As a volunteer fireman Hard was a city employee but the city had no pension system for its employees at that time.

Fire Chief Edward Snavely took up a small fund to buy flowers at the time of Arthur Hard's funeral. More money was collected than what was spent on flowers so Chief Snavely took the extra money to the Hard home to give to Mrs. Hard, suggesting that she use it for expenses. The family's needs were in this manner made known to city officials. Chief Snavely and his firemen then began a special fund for the benefit of the fallen fireman's family. Articles in the newspaper made the public aware of the special fund being collected at the fire station and for several days appeals for contributions were made in the newspaper. By July 9th the fund passed the \$150 mark - approximately \$1,800 today per the Consumer Price Index. What the grand total of the fund eventually came to be remains unknown at the time this history was written.

Chief Snavely continued his efforts to assist Arthur Hard's family beyond that of the one-time fund gift. Chief Snavely and K. E. Hoover of the law firm Weygant & Ross assisted Mrs. Hard with a civil service claim application to the Industrial Commission of Ohio in Columbus; they procured evidence upon which the Commission granted Mrs. Hard's claim. An undated newspaper clipping reported that the Commission "... made the full allowance of \$6,500 to the widow of Arthur L. "Jum" Hard of Wooster, payable at the rate of \$37.50 each two weeks over a period of eight years." The allowance also included an undisclosed sum for Hard's doctors' bills and \$150 for the funeral expenses. In today's dollars the full allowance would be equal to approximately \$79,000.

Mary C. Hard continued to reside in the family home on North Walnut Street until her death on 2 January 1967 at the age of 84. At the time of her death she was survived by her three children, three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Of Arthur and Mary Hard's three grown children, Raymond was the first to pass away. Raymond was residing in Ashland, Ohio when he died in 1983 at the age of 75. Dorothy, who apparently never married and had no children, died in 1996 in Arlington, Virginia at the age of 83. She was interred in the Wooster Cemetery next to her parents. Robert, the youngest of the three, was residing in Defiance, Ohio when he died in 1998 just shy of his 83rd birthday.

The Hard family gravesite is located in Wooster Cemetery, Section 25, southwest of the mausoleum. The graves are clearly marked with two gray granite stones.

~ Douglas C. Myers, Records Officer
Wooster Division of Fire

WFD 2008 HIGHLIGHTS

Fire Suppression

The Wooster Division of Fire responded to 804 calls in 2008. Of these 804 responses 22 fire incidents sustained a reported fire loss and 63 were without a reported fire loss. The total estimated property value involved in the 22 fire calls was \$20,132,205 and the total estimated property loss was \$100,480.

The fire loss ratio [a loss-to-value percentage] for 2008 was 0.5% - a marked decrease from that of 2007. The fire loss ratio formula indicates what percentage of each property was destroyed / not destroyed in a fire incident.

| 2007 | | 2008 | |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Total Responses | 745 | Total Responses | 804 |
| Fire Calls w/o Loss | 60 | Fire Calls w/o Loss | 63 |
| Fire Calls w/ Loss | 41 | Fire Calls w/ Loss | 22 |
| Total Property Value | \$19,424,510 | Total Property Value | \$20,132,205 |
| Total Property Loss | \$492,910 | Total Property Loss | \$100,480 |
| Fire Loss Ratio | 2.5% | Fire Loss Ratio | 0.5% |

The Wooster Division of Fire uses the estimated total dollar value of properties, both of structure and contents, and the estimated total dollar loss, both of structure and contents, as a statistical base.

Numerous variables effect fire loss: pre-existing structural conditions which facilitate the spread of fire; lack of internal fire protection [e.g. sprinkler systems]; available water supply; poor housekeeping; alarm delay by occupants; fire division response time. Factoring one or more of these variables into a firefighting operation creates the potential for a greatly increased fire loss.

Major Fire Losses

The Wooster Division of Fire defines a major fire loss as being a loss of \$100,000 or more. There were no major fire losses recorded in 2008.

Fire Deaths

There were no fire deaths within the City of Wooster in 2008.

Hirings / Promotions / Retirements

In 2008 the Wooster Division of Fire hired two firefighters to replace positions opened by one retirement and one resignation. Brandon J. Hewitt and Donald J. Keller were both hired in April of 2008. Both new members are still within their probationary period [one year from date of hire].

Firefighter Theodore W. Elder was promoted to lieutenant on September 21, 2008. Lt. Elder has completed NFPA Fire Officer I certification during his probationary period.

Lieutenant William J. Whitmore Jr. retired in 2008 with almost 31 years of service to the City of Wooster.

Training

Wooster Division of Fire personnel have multiple roles to fill in their service to the community - the largest responsibilities are those as firefighters and paramedics. Extensive training is required to stay abreast of the latest techniques of fire suppression and emergency medical services as well as fulfilling the annual requirements for confined space rescue and dealing with hazardous materials.

Diversified training, re-training and drills are a continual part of the firefighter's daily activities. This includes, but is not limited to, training in: chemical safety; hydraulics; emergency victim care; firefighting operations; pre-planning and other relevant topics.

Beginning February 19, 2009 all firefighters in the State of Ohio must recertify their firefighter, inspector and instructor certifications and renew every three years by completing 54 hours of continuing education.

In 2008 over 3,988 hours of fire-related training were recorded in addition to over 1,000 hours of emergency medical service training.

Online training for EMTs was established in 2008 with a company called Centrelearn. The online topic for instruction has a vast array of educational materials that allows all members to apply their online training hours towards their EMT cards for state certification. 111 certificates of completion have been logged in the first year.

For the first time ever the Wooster Division of Fire was able to use the Wayne County Regional Training Facility in Apple Creek. The training there included incident command, search and rescue, and standpipe use.

All three fire captains completed NIMS 300 and 400 training.

All fire division members completed confined space rescue and hazardous materials refresher courses.

The Miller farm house on Friendsville Road was used by the fire division for rapid intervention team training as well as hose advancement scenarios.

A mass casualty exercise was conducting in April of 2008. This exercise involved numerous county departments and was held at the Wooster City Hall. This was a practice and critique session for the new county casualty plan.

Fire Chief Robert Eyler enrolled in the Ohio Certified Public Managers class.

The Wooster Division of Fire has also entered into a contract with Stark State and the Buckeye Career Center to allow EMT students to do required clinical ride time with Wooster's emergency squads.

Apparatus / Equipment

The Wooster Division of Fire received delivery of a Pierce 2009 Dash fire engine in January, 2008. The new fire engine replaced a 30-year old unit. The new Pierce engine and all equipment was purchased at a cost of \$502,000. The old fire engine was sold at the annual Rotary Club auction for \$7,200.

In 2008 a request for qualifications was sent to six architects to complete design-and-build work to replace the fire division's #2 Station. The firm chosen was Architectural Resources of Dayton, Ohio. At this time the company has completed a site study as well as the first draft of facility programming. It is hoped that that land purchasing and a bid documentation for construction will be completed in 2009.

The fire division entered into a regional FEMA grant with several local fire departments in 2008. In December of 2008 the regional grant was awarded. The Wooster Division of Fire will receive \$81,000 worth of communications equipment; this purchase will allow the fire division to be narrow band compliant. The fire division also applied for a FEMA grant to cover the cost of personal protective gear cleaners – at this time the grant has not been awarded.

A grant was applied for through the Ohio State EMS Department for training and equipment – \$3,000 was awarded to the fire division in 2008.

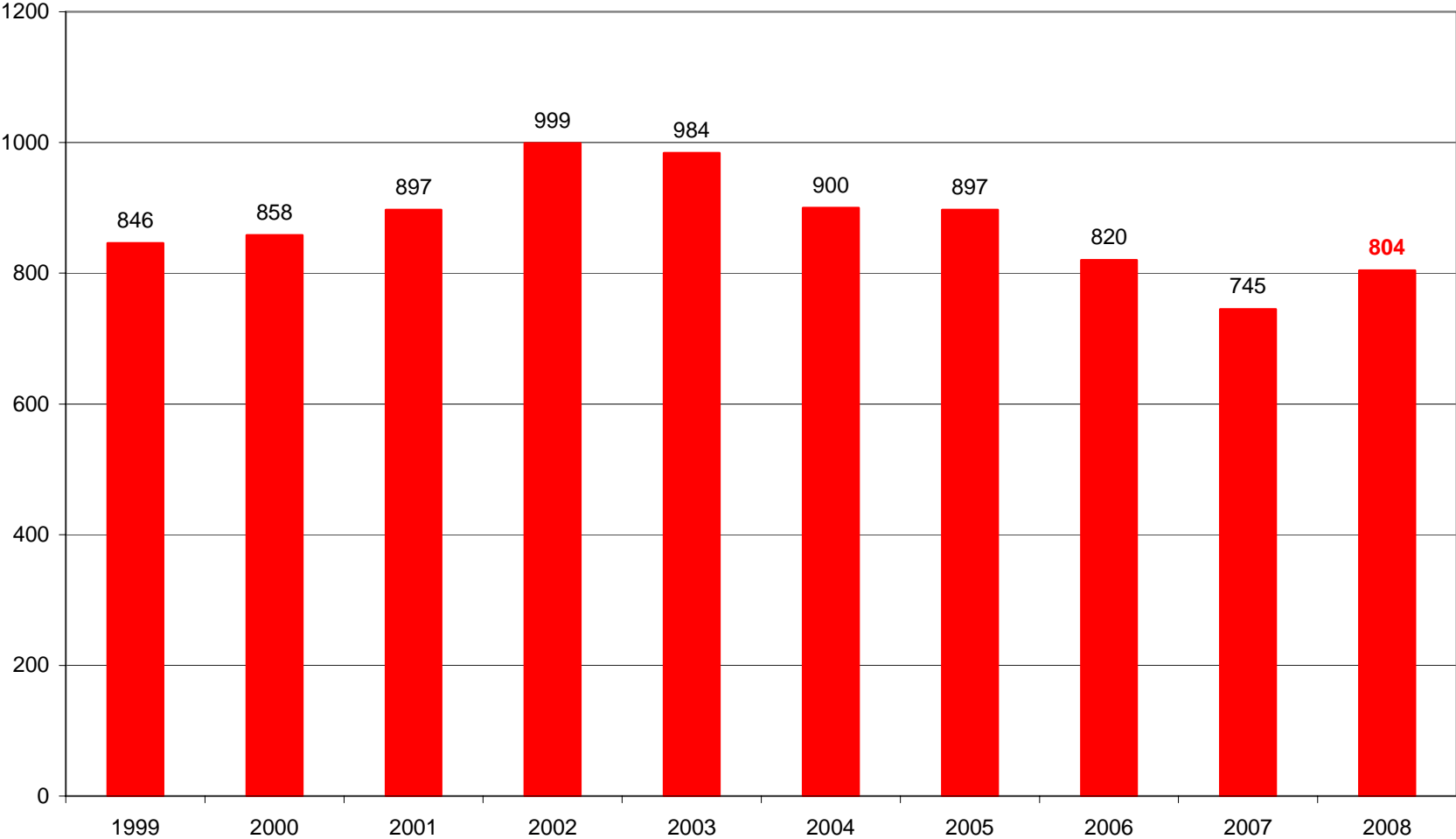
With the assistance of the Beaverson Foundation the fire division purchased three Lifepak 12 defibrillators.

In April, 2008 the fire division received a 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe by state bid pricing. This vehicle is equipped with two separate radios that can improve the functions of command capability in a large emergency event.

The City of Wooster incorporated the transitional work program in 2008; three members of the fire division have used the program.

In April, 2008 the Wooster Division of Fire installed a new generator at the #1 Station to replace an old and inefficient unit. The current generator allows all of the station's electrical circuits to be energized during a power outage.

ALL FIRE RESPONSES: 1999-2008



**ALL 2008 FIRE RESPONSES CLASSIFIED BY SITUATION FOUND
PER FIREHOUSE SOFTWARE "INCIDENT TYPE REPORT SUMMARY"**

| Classification | Total # Calls | Estimated Fire Loss |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 0 – Other | 1 | 0 |
| 1 – Fire | 84 | \$75,330 |
| 2 – Overpressure Rupture | 4 | \$150 |
| 3 – Rescue & EMS Incident | 86 | 0 |
| 4 – Hazardous Condition | 88 | 0 |
| 5 – Servide Call | 102 | 0 |
| 6 – Good Intent Call | 94 | 0 |
| 7 – False Alarm & False Call | 176 | 0 |
| 8 – Severe Weather | 39 | 0 |
| 9 – Special Incident Type | 5 | \$25,000 |
| Grand Totals | 679 | \$100,480 |

ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE SAVED & LOSS ANALYSIS

| Classification | # Calls | Est. Values | Est. Losses | Total Saved | % Saved |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------|
| 111 – Building Fires | 9 | \$15,020,000 | \$55,000 | \$14,965,000 | 99.63 |
| 121 – Mobile Home Fires | 1 | \$27,500 | \$500 | \$27,000 | 98.18 |
| 131 – Passenger Vehicles | 6 | \$34,600 | \$17,150 | \$17,450 | 50.43 |
| 140 – Natural Vegetation Fires | 1 | \$80 | \$80 | \$0 | 0.00 |
| 154 – Dumpster/Outside Fires | 1 | \$25 | \$0 | \$25 | 100.00 |
| 155 – Outside Stationary Fires | 1 | \$30,000 | \$600 | \$29,400 | 98.00 |
| 162 – Outside Equipment Fires | 1 | \$8,000 | \$2,000 | \$6,000 | 75.00 |
| 251 – Excessive Heat/Scorch | 1 | \$12,000 | \$150 | \$11,850 | 98.75 |
| 900 – Special Incidents | 1 | \$5,000,000 | \$25,000 | \$4,975,000 | 99.50 |
| Grand Totals | 22 | \$20,132,205 | \$100,480 | \$20,031,725 | |

PROPERTY USE REPORT

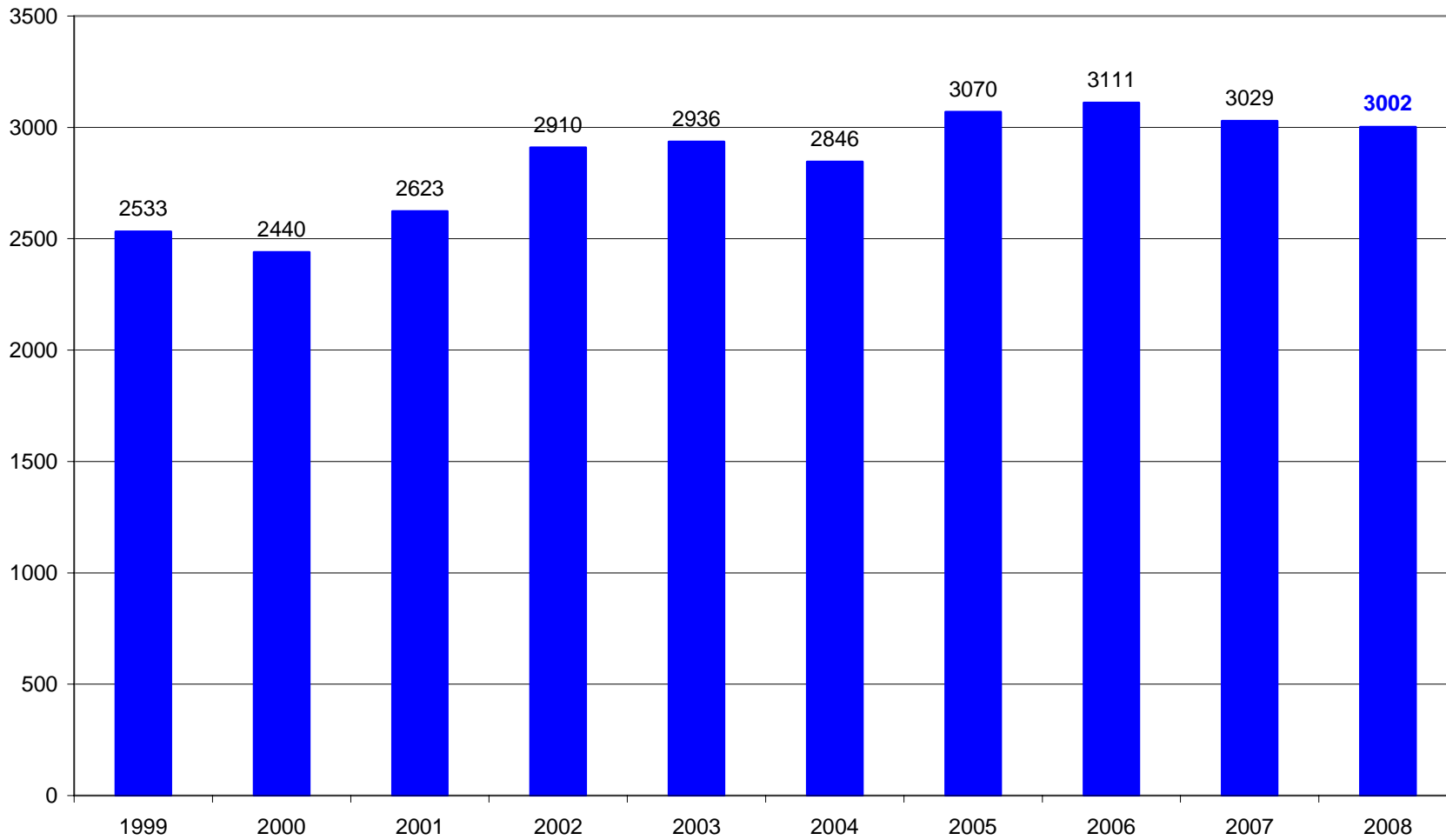
| Classification | # Calls | Est. Losses | % Saved |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| 000 – No/Other Use Reported | 8 | \$0 | - |
| 100 – Assembly | 23 | \$0 | - |
| 200 – Educational | 16 | \$0 | - |
| 300 – Health Care & Penal | 26 | \$0 | - |
| 400 – Residential | 307 | \$50,730 | 49.51 |
| 500 – Mercantile & Business | 74 | \$6,050 | 93.97 |
| 600 – Industrial | 6 | \$0 | - |
| 700 – Manufacturing | 33 | \$25,000 | 75.12 |
| 800 – Storage | 5 | \$0 | - |
| 900 – Outside/Special | 182 | \$18,700 | 81.38 |

Grand Totals

680

\$100,480

ALL SQUAD RESPONSES: 1999-2008



**ALL 2008 SQUAD RESPONSES CLASSIFIED BY SITUATION FOUND
PER FIREHOUSE SOFTWARE "PROVIDER IMPRESSION ANALYSIS"**

| Classification | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 0001 – No Cause For Concern | 69 | 73 | 56 | 76 | 86 | 99 | 98 | 87 | 85 | 63 | 100 | 85 | 967 |
| 0002 – Dead on Arrival | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 0101 – Cold/Flu Symptoms | 8 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 56 |
| 0102 – Diarrhea | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 11 |
| 0103 – Dizziness/Vertigo | 5 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 43 |
| 0104 – Nosebleed | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 0105 – General Aches & Pains | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 30 |
| 0106 – Headache | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 19 |
| 0107 – Nausea/Vomiting | 8 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 58 |
| 0108 – Fainting | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 46 |
| 0109 – Fever | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 22 |
| 0201 – Minor Reactions Local | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 |
| 0202 – Respiratory Involvement | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 0203 – Anaphylactic Shock | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| 0301 – Angina Pectoris | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 35 |
| 0302 – Aortic Aneurysm | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0303 – Congestive Heart Failure | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| 0304 – Dysrhythmia | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 22 |
| 0305 – Hypertension | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| 0306 – Hypotension | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 19 |
| 0307 – Myocardial Infarction | 7 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 42 |
| 0309 – Chest Pain/Discomfort | 14 | 21 | 24 | 11 | 11 | 18 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 16 | 16 | 12 | 176 |
| 0401 – CVA/Stroke | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 35 |
| 0402 – TIA | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| 0403 – Numbness/Tingling | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 0404 – Paralysis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 0405 – Seizure/Febrile | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 0406 – Seizure/Unknown Origin | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 25 |
| 0407 – Seizure/Epileptic | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 35 |
| 0408 – Altered Level of Consciousness | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 59 |
| 0501 – Abnormal Delivery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0502 – Normal Delivery | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 0504 – Stillborn | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0505 – Obstetrics/Gynecology | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 0506 – | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|---|-----|
| Abortion/Miscarriage | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0508 – False Labor | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 0509 – Vaginal Hemorrhage | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| 0601 – Cancer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| 0701 – Abominal Pain, Minor | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 26 |
| 0702 – Abdominal Pain, Severe | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 36 |
| 0705 – Lower GI Bleeding | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 8 |
| 0706 – Upper GI Bleeding | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 0801 – Alcohol Related | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 25 |
| 0802 – Drug Induced Emotional | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0803 – Abuse/Dependency | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0804 – Drug Overdose | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 20 |
| 0805 – Depression | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| 0806 – Anxiety | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 25 |
| 0807 – Suicide Attempt | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| 0808 – Psychiatric Disorder | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 18 |
| 0809 – Behavioral Disorder | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| 0901 – Hematuria | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0902 – Kidney Stones | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 0903 – Renal Failure | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 1201 – Dehydration | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 1202 – Hyperglycemia | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 13 |
| 1204 – Hypoglycemia | 6 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 50 |
| 1301 – Chronic Back Pain | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 22 |
| 1302 – Musculoskeletal Pain | 10 | 14 | 16 | 6 | 21 | 18 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 19 | 16 | 3 | 149 |
| 1303 – Dislocations | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 16 |
| 1304 – Fractures | 7 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 45 |
| 1305 – Sprains/Strains | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 23 |
| 1401 – Acute Pulmonary Edema | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 1402 – Asthma | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 21 |
| 1403 – COPD | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 26 |
| 1404 – Croup | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1408 – Pulmonary Embolus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 1409 – Respiratory Distress | 12 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 82 |
| 1410 – Respiratory Distress | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 27 |
| Acute | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1413 – Airway Obstruction | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 1414 – Respiratory Arrest | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 1502 – Exposure | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 1504 – Heat Exhaustion | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1506 – Hypothermia | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1601 – Abrasions, Scrapes | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 29 |

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| 1603 – Blast Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1604 – Burns, Minor | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 1605 – Burns, Severe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1606 – Spinal Injury | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 16 |
| 1607 – Concussion | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 1608 – Contusions/Bruises | 3 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 35 |
| 1611 – Lacerations | 1 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 76 |
| 1612 – Multiple Minor Injuries | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 15 |
| 1617 – Trauma, Multiple | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 20 |
| 1699 – Other Injuries | 6 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 57 |
| 1701 – Ingestion Poisoning | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 |
| 1702 – Inhalation Poisoning | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| 1801 – Cardiac Arrest | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 30 |
| 1899 – Other or Unknown | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| 9999 – Other | 30 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 22 | 11 | 19 | 12 | 11 | 24 | 13 | 13 | 201 |
| Classification Totals | Jan 255 | Feb 263 | Mar 257 | Apr 232 | May 253 | Jun 256 | Jul 258 | Aug 235 | Sep 270 | Oct 252 | Nov 258 | Dec 238 | Total 3002 |

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU & PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Fire Prevention Bureau's mission is "To save lives and protect property through fire prevention education, inspection and engineering efforts." The bureau takes a pro-active role in educating the community in fire prevention in public schools and in private businesses. The bureau conducts fire safety inspections of all commercial and industrial buildings in the City of Wooster, making every effort to work with property managers to create a safe environment for their employees and customers.

Assistant Chief Frank Kuntz as fire marshal works closely with the City's Building Official as well as with architects and contractors to assure that all new structures meet the Ohio Fire Code. Fire Inspector Roger Brenneman performs all fire safety inspections and also provides fire safety education programs to the citizens of Wooster.

2008 Inspection Volume

| Inspection Type | # of |
|--------------------|------------|
| Acceptance Tests | 42 |
| Complaint | 48 |
| License | 2 |
| Miscellaneous | 90 |
| Regular | 160 |
| Re-Inspections | 10 |
| State | |
| Grand Total | 367 |

One re-inspection can encompass multiple inspection types – this is why the re-inspection total is frequently greater than the count.

2008 Public Relations Activities

In 2008 a total of 27 fire extinguisher training classes were given to a variety of businesses, government agencies and schools. A total of 996 people attended these classes.

In October of 2008 the Wooster Division of Fire recognized National Fire Prevention Week with program visitations to all the elementary schools in the City of Wooster as well as conducted its annual open house. A total of 733 persons attended these programs at the schools and the open house.

SPECIAL UNIT REPORTS

The following special units have been created to assure the continued efficiency of the various operations of the Wooster Division of Fire. All unit members perform firefighting and emergency medical service duties in addition to their special unit assignments.

Air Pack Maintenance Unit

This unit ensures that all self-contained breathing apparatus [air packs] are maintained and fully functional at all times. This is accomplished by conducting monthly inspections and annual bench tests on all of the fire division's air packs. Routine repairs and part replacements are done by unit members. Major repairs are done by Scott Aviation factory personnel due to liability constraints.

Members: Lt. S. Brown, officer-in-charge; Ff. M. Cudlip, Ff. S. Iannarelli and Ff. J. Brownson.

Communication Unit

The Communications Unit is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of all radio communication devices: base radios in station; radios on the apparatus; portable radios.

Members: Ff. J. Cutlip, officer-in-charge; Ff. M. Springer and Ff. G. Thompson.

Computer Information Unit

This unit assists fire division members with the various software applications in use in the fire division.

Members: Lt. S. Brown, officer-in-charge; Ff. R. Balas, Ff. M. Berry, Ff. B. Welty, Ff. M. Sherrick and Ff. S. Kiper.

Confined Space Rescue Unit

This unit was developed in response to the need for industry to become OSHA compliant. The Wooster Division of Fire has personnel that are trained and equipped to mitigate emergencies in confined spaces. This unit is comprised of members from each of the three shifts who may be called upon to participate in extra training; they would also be members who would be called upon to play a leadership role in an actual emergency. The Wooster Division of Fire is the only department in Wayne County that provides this service and therefore could be called upon to respond throughout the county.

Members: Lt. M. Maag, officer-in-charge; Ff. S. Bertsch, Lt. J. Linz, Ff. E. Edgell, Ff. J. Buzzard, Capt. R. Walter, Ff. M. Sherrick, Ff. N. Murphy and Lt. T. Elder.

CPR Education Unit

This unit provides continuous CPR training and re-certification to all fire division personnel. All unit members are American Heart Association certified instructors and are responsible for maintaining the equipment and educational material and records.

Members: Ff. M. Priest, officer-in-charge; 1 A Shift member, 2 B Shift members and 4 C Shift members.

Emergency Entry Unit

The purpose of this unit is to implement a Knox Box program or obtain keys for local buildings to gain quick access in the case of an emergency and eliminate the need for forcible entry.

Members: Ff. J. Aukerman, officer-in-charge; Ff. P. Christie, Ff. E. Edgell and Ff. B. Saley.

EMS Re-Certification Unit

This unit assists fire division personnel with re-certification issues. Unit personnel evaluate re-certification programs and make recommendations to the fire chief.

Members: Lt. C. Green, officer-in-charge; Ff. S. Bertsch and Ff. J. Sherrick.

Fire Investigation Unit – Photography Unit

The FIU-PU provides photographic support to the fire division's Fire Investigation Unit and is active at fire investigations and at all other incidents requiring photo-documentation. The unit makes use of the latest digital photography technology.

Members: Ff. M. Sherrick, officer-in-charge; Ff. M. Priest, Ff. J. Sherrick, Ff. E. Edgell, Ff. J. Buzzard, Ff. R. Balas, Ff. M. Springer and Ff. M. Cudlip.

Fuel Powered Equipment Maintenance Unit

This unit maintains all fuel powered equipment to ensure their best possible condition for immediate use during emergency tactical operations as well as for the daily use of non-tactical appliances.

Members: Ff. B. Stull, officer-in-charge; Ff. K. Rickett and Ff. M. Cutlip.

Hazardous Materials Unit

The Haz-Mat Unit is responsible for maintaining records of hazardous materials located in facilities throughout the City of Wooster, logging SARA files received from businesses, updating resources and assisting with policies and procedures pertaining to haz-mat responses.

Members: Lt. M. Maag, officer-in-charge; Ff. K. Rickett, Ff. J. Kiefer and Ff. S. Meshew.

Juvenile Fire Setter Unit

The fire division provides to the community a special program, instituted several years ago, to assist children who have shown fire setting tendencies and to identify the cause of their actions and identify the best course of action to correct same.

Member: Lt. C. Green.

Map Information Unit

The purpose of this unit is to establish an emergency response book for each fire division vehicle that has maps to assist in the initial response of the division.

Members: Ff. J. Aukerman, officer-in-charge; Ff. P. Christie, Ff. B. Welty and Ff. B. Saley.

Pre-Plan Unit

This unit gathers data, prepares drawings and develops firefighting pre-plans of businesses, factories, schools and target hazards within the City of Wooster. Pre-plans provide structure/content information to the incident commander that would otherwise be impossible to obtain during emergency operations.

Members: Lt. T. Etter, officer-in-charge; Ff. C. Hawkins.

Quartermaster Unit

This unit has the responsibility of clothing all fire division personnel with regular uniforms, dress uniforms and protective turnout uniforms and gear. Unit personnel inspect and order all new clothing items as well as safety gear worn and/or carried by fire division personnel at emergency scenes.

Members: Lt. J. Linz, officer-in-charge; Ff. C. Hawkins, Ff. M. Lindsay and Ff. L. Teichmer.

Station Supplies Unit

This unit tracks and maintains all the supplies necessary for the daily operation / housekeeping of the fire division's two stations.

Member: Ff. J. Brownson, officer-in-charge.

Training Unit

This unit assists fire division personnel with training issues. Unit personnel evaluate available training programs and make recommendations to the fire chief.

Members: Lt. C. Green, officer-in-charge; Ff. J. Buzzard and Ff. S. Bertsch.

Vehicle Specification Unit

This unit is responsible for creating the construction specifications and design for all fire engines and squads purchased by the fire division. These specifications are created to provide apparatus which best fit the needs of service by the Wooster Division of Fire and require countless hours of preparation prior to the bidding process. The unit also tracks the maintenance and repair records of existing fire division vehicles.

Members: Capt. T. Graf, officer-in-charge; Ff. M. Priest and Ff. M. Cudlip.