Marietta Fire Department

2019 Year End Report

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Letter from the Chief

It is my honor and privilege to present the 2019 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 2019. The Marietta Fire Department experienced several positive changes in 2019, and we look forward to the opportunities that 2020 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 currently having personnel in two separate emergency medical classes to improve the level of care we provide to our citizens. We currently have 52% of our staff trained in advanced life support (ALS) skills (13% increase from 2018). We anticipate that by year-end our total staff number will rise to 72%, and that 74% of the staff regularly assigned to take emergency medical calls will be at Advanced EMT or Paramedic level. We have also implemented a policy that all new hires will be trained to Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) or higher, so that the future will yield an all ALS department. 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. We also focus on ensuring that fire hydrants are in good working order, by checking them yearly, as well as color-coding them to identify how much water each would deliver during an event. We also offer a variety of fire prevention programs from going out to the local schools, to offering tours of the fire stations.

We are excited about the goals we have for 2020, to continue to improve our services to the community. We are currently awaiting delivery of new fire engine to replace a fire engine that is 33 years old, as well as planning to replace an ambulance that is 18 years old. 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 2020 has to bring to our department.

Sincerely,

Chief C.W. Durham

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

Fire Chief
- C.W. Durham

Assistant Chief
- Rodney Scott

Fire Safety Inspector
- Richard Stewart

Shift 1
- Captain
  - Marc Coppernoll
- Lieutenant
  - Greg Doak
- Firefighter
  - Jack Walters
  - Travis Sandford
  - Dave Ross
  - Frosty Schneider
  - Steve Hill
  - Doug Seevers
  - Jared Ross
  - Adam Wootton

Shift 2
- Captain
  - Mike Dietsch
- Lieutenant
  - Josh Chevalier
- Firefighter
  - Dennis Fisher
  - Pat Molden
  - Kyle Talbott
  - John Smithberger
  - Bob Davison
  - Matthew Alloway
  - Logan Mahaney
  - Ralgh Hingeman

Shift 3
- Captain
  - Bruce Weckbacher
- Lieutenant
  - Eric Moore
- Firefighter
  - Shawn Johnson
  - Chris Hall
  - Matt Hively
  - Larry Nicholson
  - Marc Warden
  - Scott Casto
  - Daniel Hammond
  - Zachary Garrett

Swing Shift
- Firefighter
  - Ryan McClung
  - Ryan Thompson
  - Eli Shegog
Overall Department Operations Report

The Marietta Fire Department responded to 3,551 calls for service in 2019. 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 27% increase over the last 10 years, a 53% increase over the last 20 years, and a 141% increase in calls for service over the last 40 years.

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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.
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 2019, we had 434 calls that met National Fire Incident Reporting System qualifications. For comparison, 2009 had 227 reportable incidents, or a 91% 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 2019, 2,233 unit responses occurred for medical responses, with an average response time of 3 minutes and 34 seconds, with 97% of our responses occurring in under 8 minutes. These numbers incorporate mutual aid responses outside of our jurisdiction that take significantly longer to reach our destination. NFPA 1710 sets the standard of 4 minutes or less for arrival time of an initial medical unit.
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. The addition of a new trailer to house our rope rescue equipment will allow for improved services for those events.
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 attended over 4,000 hours of initial and continuing education training in 2019. 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. This year included seven taking AEMT and one taking Paramedic class to improve their services to the community.
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. In 2019, we completed fire prevention and education presentations to over 1,500 school age children, including pre-school classes. We 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.
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 2019, we conducted over 375 initial inspections to our community, with most of these requiring at least one reinspection. 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.
2019 Firefighter of the Year

Bob Davison

Pictured L-R: FF Davison, and Chief Durham.

Achievements in 2019

The Marietta Fire Department was able to accomplish several goals in 2019. These include having seven personnel complete Advanced Emergency Medical Technician class, and one member attend Paramedic class with a February graduation date. We were able to place an AED on each primary response vehicle in our fleet, ensuring cardiac defibrillation, if needed, is available as soon as the first fire department vehicle arrives on the scene. We upgraded computer software to allow building preplan information to be available to all responding units, and we were able to purchase a rope rescue and confined space trailer that is able to accommodate all of our needed equipment for such an event. Fire Station 1 received new concrete, making for a safer environment. Through the Fire Marshal’s Grant, we were also able to place a MARCS radio in each unit and station, to provide for a backup radio system.
Goals for 2020

The Marietta Fire Department continues to strive for improvement in all aspects of our responsibilities. We are working to replace a fire engine that is 32 years old, and an ambulance that is 18 years old. We plan to take our fire inspection and preplan efforts to an all-electronic format for accurate documentation and rapid access in the event crews need the information. 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 practices skills in a realistic setting. 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 2020.