



HAMILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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2022 Annual Report

December 15, 2022

As of November 30, 2022, Hamilton Fire & Rescue has responded to 452 incidents, which is tracking our two year average of 453 incidents.

The 2022/2023 Approved Operational Budget Expenses, (Less Capital Improvements and Capital Equipment), is currently \$209,620.00, or 7 % under the 2022/2023 projections of \$225,730.00, as of November 30, 2022.

The Fire Station addition is near completion. The building addition general contractor is Wedeven Bros. Construction, Hamilton, MI. The addition project budget is close to being on target. Wedeven Bros. has been given a pick list of 14 items to be completed.

The Light Rescue Vehicle is scheduled to be delivered in March of 2023. The chassis is at the factory in New York. The delivery was pushed back due to the Pentagon request to have their Light Rescues Vehicles moved to the front of the line.

The Radio Micro Site System was installed on the Hamilton Fire radio tower this past September. The install is being done by Unication, (Pager Vendor), at their expense. The system is designed to improve the paging radio signal. Preliminary results have been positive in testing. There may be additional software updates coming. The Radio Micro Site is monitored by Unication, (Vancouver, British Columbia, and MPSCS Lansing, Michigan) 24 hours a day. This is the only Radio Micro Site System in use in the United States.

As of today's date Hamilton Fire is still under consideration for a \$ 196,550.00, SCBA, FEMA Grant.

Our best wishes to Firefighter Nate Heuer, who is leaving us for a fulltime career with Spring Lake Township Fire /Rescue.

In June of this year we welcomed Firefighter Riley Capel. Riley comes to us with Firefighter I & II certifications, and EMT certifications. Riley's background includes past fulltime AMR employment, and is currently a fulltime member of Saugatuck Fire/Rescue.

We are also welcoming, effective December 1st of this year, Josh Klein. Josh will begin Fire Academy training January 2023, followed by EMT Academy in 2024.

Last summer we received a joint Federal Grant for \$58,000.00 to expand the Live Fire Training Facility. The grant will allow us to add additional live fire training rooms, and install safety monitoring equipment.

We continue to work with the Hamilton Schools and Law Enforcement, focusing on rapid Rescue Task Force response. In a national joint effort, it has been identified that Law Enforcement will focus on suspect and the crime, Fire/Recue will focus on rescue, medical, and logistics. This month we trained on what that response would look like. Coming this summer, we will train on that actual response.

This coming summer Hamilton Fire will be part of a major training incident, under the direction of Ottawa County Medical Control. The goal of the training is to sharpen our skills, while also identifying areas to improve, in the event of an incident. It is a known fact that a major incident will require support from a lot of agencies, hence the need to train together.

The youth fire safety program that we are doing reaches about 200 kids every year. The kids, and teacher enjoy the program. We get a lot of interesting questions from the kids, and teachers.

The drone program got up and flying this past summer, with the official start in September. It's been requested 9 times so far. The requests have been for lost kids, adults, and fires. Hamilton has 8 people who are FAA Certified to fly the drone, and train monthly.

Our request for water/ice rescue is growing every year. People are increasingly kayaking, canoeing, float tubing, and boating on both the Rabbit and Kalamazoo Rivers, every year. As the word gets out more people are joining in. Last summer while rescuing kayakers on the Kalamazoo River, another group of 54 people showed up, kayaking and canoeing.

Hamilton Fire/Rescue is greatly blessed to have an awesome group of people who have stepped forward to serve this community. Their commitment to train, responding, and skills, is widely known and respected throughout the fire service.

Again, please feel free to contact us at any time with questions, concerns, and or suggestions about the activities of Hamilton Fire & Rescue.

Respectfully Submitted



David Haverdink

Hamilton Fire & Rescue

Yearly Incident Totals

		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		2011
Jan	23	23	13	13	23	23	27	27	23	23	16	16	13	13
Feb	20	43	13	26	18	41	19	46	23	46	13	29	22	35
Mar	24	67	17	43	14	55	13	59	18	64	17	46	13	48
Apr	27	94	25	68	22	77	25	84	24	88	20	66	13	61
May	24	118	23	91	20	97	21	105	17	105	27	93	25	86
Jun	15	133	23	114	26	123	24	129	24	129	17	110	28	114
Jul	16	149	23	137	30	153	27	156	20	149	21	131	30	144
Aug	14	163	24	161	25	178	22	178	14	164	17	148	16	160
Sep	21	184	15	176	23	201	25	203	26	190	29	177	21	181
Oct	15	199	22	198	25	223	20	223	25	215	24	201	19	200
Nov	20	219	16	214	26	249	18	241	17	232	30	231	16	216
Dec	22	241	28	242	32	281	22	263	19	251	20	251	25	241

		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018
Jan	20	20	27	27	32	32	26	26	25	25	26	26	39	39
Feb	15	35	20	47	41	73	28	54	25	50	29	55	40	79
Mar	20	55	30	77	26	99	29	83	30	80	30	85	27	106
Apr	31	86	23	100	30	129	37	120	25	105	23	108	34	140
May	13	99	31	131	26	155	27	147	35	140	36	144	34	174
Jun	37	136	22	153	37	192	26	173	37	177	30	174	36	210
Jul	24	160	22	175	18	210	29	202	43	220	26	200	43	253
Aug	20	180	21	196	37	247	32	234	38	258	41	241	48	301
Sep	23	203	25	221	17	264	23	257	27	285	46	287	43	344
Oct	26	229	31	252	24	288	23	280	27	312	41	328	33	377
Nov	23	252	28	280	28	316	16	296	29	341	36	364	29	406
Dec	30	282	26	306	25	341	21	317	38	379	40	404	32	437

		2019		2020		2021		2022			2 Year Avg			2025
Jan	48	48	33	33	31	31	32	32			32	32		
Feb	29	77	36	69	24	55	32	64			30	62		
Mar	28	105	24	93	31	86	44	108			28	90		
Apr	23	128	34	127	47	133	35	143			41	131		
May	31	159	38	165	40	173	39	182			40	171		
Jun	39	198	51	216	37	210	45	227			44	215		
Jul	51	249	33	249	46	256	32	259			40	255		
Aug	38	287	46	295	68	324	43	302			57	312		
Sep	50	337	39	334	44	368	49	351			42	354		
Oct	39	376	33	367	49	417	49	400			41	395		
Nov	39	415	57	424	60	477	52	452			58	453		
Dec	31	446	38	462	32	509					35	488	5% 512	

Record number of incidents in 24 hours, 21, 08/10/2021

Proposed

12/15/2022

2023/2024 Capital Equipment Items

Hamilton Fire & Rescue

1	Genesis SL3 EFORCE RESCUE CUTTER	\$14,250.00
22	FIRE DEX Wildland / Tech Rescue Gear	\$22,000.00
1	16' Lowe Rescue Boat / 15hp Motor / Trailer	\$12,250.00
1	Motorola Radio Equipment for New Light Rescue	\$19,750.00
4	Tactical Rescue Vest	\$6,825.00
<i>Total Request</i>		<i>\$75,325.00</i>

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12/15/2022

Proposed COLA Wage Adjustments 6%

Fiscal Year 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024

Chief	\$ 4,390.00 p/mo \$ 39.00 p/IC-HR \$ 78.00 p/Training
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Asst Chief	\$ 910.00 p/mo \$ 37.00 p/IC-HR \$ 74.00 p/Training
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Captain	\$ 543.00 p/mo \$ 34.80 p/IC-HR \$ 69.60 p/Training
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Lieutenant	\$ 330.00 p/mo \$ 32.30 p/IC-HR \$ 64.60 p/Training
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Firefighter	\$ 31.10 p/IC-HR \$62.20 p/Training
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Sec/Tres	\$18.60 p/HR
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Fire Board Sec/Tres, Adm. Asst.	\$ 650.00 p/mo
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