

MOUNT GILEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT



END OF YEAR REPORT 2009

Chief Don Staiger

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Chief's Report

Taking a look back memory lane I realized how far this fire department has come since its beginning. In 1832, the village name was officially changed to Mt. Gilead. There is little information that can be found about the fire department until June 17th of 1870 when the town decided to purchase a hand engine and the Olentangy Fire Company of Mt. Gilead was reorganized. Some history indicates that around 1835 anyone that moved into the area had to serve on the fire department for three years. This was a novel idea for manning the department.

The earliest records that we can find on insurance inspections for the fire department is in 1955 with the inspection provided by the Ohio Inspection Bureau giving a rating of Fairly Good, which I believe would be a Class 7 by today's standards. Intervals are to be every 10 years with the next Inspection in 1965 with a Class 6 Classification issued by (ISO) the Insurance Service Organization. Then in 1977 a Class 6 Classification was issued by Insurance Service Organization. In 1994 a Class 5 Classification by ISO and again in 2004 a Class 4 Classification by ISO which is our current classification. We are striving for a Class 3 Certification. This gives our residents the best insurance premium available by your insurance company. As the ISO Classification lowers from 10 to 6, the insurance rate for residential classifications will decrease. For example, a person living within 5 miles of our station rated as a class 9 has told me that when they were reclassified to our Class 4 their premium was dropped by over \$400 a year. This is a true example. Another example was a person living outside our jurisdiction, but within 5 miles of the station, their premium was reduced when their primary fire department added us to the run card with an engine responding automatically to a fire by \$419 per year. This is dependant on the insurance company your policy is with. Some do not recognize ISO ratings and have their own system. Any Classification below a 6 affects industrial insurance ratings only. I don't have any statistics on what the lower ratings actually save for this type of structure.

It is an honor to be fire chief of the Mt. Gilead Fire Department with the dedication of the officers, firefighters, all firefighter's wives and families, city officials and the community. We have been able to achieve many of the goals we set for ourselves two or three years ago. We are continuing to make improvements to the training center at the waste water treatment plant. We have been able to utilize this facility for many different types of training that continues to improve our skills. We continue to look for ideas that will benefit our firefighters and make hands on training just a way of life.

We are three fourths complete with the Firefighter II class with 73 hours of instruction and hands on training. This is the third class conducted by the "North Central Ohio Fire Training Academy". We have completed a basic 36-hour class with 11 students, a 100 hour Firefighter I class with 26 county firefighters enrolled. There are 15 certified fire instructors on our academy roster with 7 from the Mt. Gilead Fire Department. We are very excited with the potential the academy has for local firefighters and our department. We have received several calls requesting information about future classes for FF I and FF II. We will be starting some type of FF I class in the fall. (FF I – Firefighter I Class, FF II Class)

This past year was a very busy year in the history of the Mt. Gilead Fire Department with the 366 responses. This year was a decrease from 2008 by 51 responses. We responded to an average number of structure fires at forty six (46) which include mutual aid responses, seven (7) structure fires in the village, seventy three (73) motor vehicle crashes (MVC's) with nine (9) working extrications, we responded to four (4) reported lines down, twenty eight (28) grass or brush fires and fifteen (15) illegal burns. As you can see from these figures, we were very busy. There were thirty two (32) False Alarms with 16 being accidental alarms such as burned food on the stove. We responded to 87 MA responses for assistance with water supply, RIT operations or assist with extinguishment. (RIT – Rapid Intervention Team)

The year started out very quickly last year with 26 responses in January. On January 25th we were dispatched to a working house fire at 466 Lee Street with an estimated loss of \$250,000. This house was occupied with a gentleman sleeping when a passerby noticed the fire and knocked on the front door waking the occupant. He escaped uninjured thanks to a citizen. The fire was in the advanced stages and had vented through the back door of the garage where the fire started. Then on January 27th we were dispatched to a working house fire at 104 Short Line Street in Edison. The occupant had mistakenly filled

“Blue” Kerosene can used to fill his space heater with gasoline. When he filled his space heater it started to burn and then exploded in flames engulfing the living room. The owner searched for his pet before calling the fire department. The fire had extended into the dining room and kitchen before firefighters could arrive. The loss was estimated at \$95,000. This brings to light a serious problem people using the wrong fuel can for the wrong fuel. These cans are color coded for your protection. There were 30 responses in February with a trailer fire at Hidden Lakes being the most significant. In March we responded to 44 calls with a pickup truck owned by the State of Ohio being the most loss. April had 27, May had 38, June had 25, July had 30, and August had 32.

Then on September 1st we were dispatched to a fully involved house fire on County Road 98, South of Pulaskiville. This home was 300 yards off the roadway with a very tight winding driveway through the trees. When units arrived on the scene the entire home was ablaze with electric power lines lying on the ground arching violently. This restricted operations on the side of the building. There was a lake within 25 feet of the structure where water was drafted to extinguish the fire. This fire was determined to have started by an electric short where the main electric cable entered the home with an estimated loss of over \$100,000.

Then early Saturday morning September 5th the department was dispatched to 75 South Cherry Street for a commercial fire at the Baptist Church Annex. When firefighters arrived they were confronted with heavy smoke coming from all sides of the structure. Firefighters made entry into the first floor and into the basement where the heaviest fire was located. Firefighters from Mt. Gilead with Engine 10, Rescue 11, Brush 12, Engine 15, and Tower 18, Cardington with Engine 23 and Rescue 21, Johnsville with Engine 50, Engine 55 and Rescue 51, Iberia with Engine 40, Caledonia with Engine 112 and Marion Township with Tower 311 were on scene to combat the fire. A total of 43 firefighters operated on the scene during the height of the fire. Firefighters were on the scene for over 12 hours including the investigation by the State Fire Marshal’s investigators. This fire was declared an arson fire. It is still under investigation. The estimated loss on this fire was over \$700,000. There were a total of 24 responses in September. The year concluded with 26 responses in October, 33 responses in November and 31 responses in December with another house fire at 143 West High Street caused by a faulty fireplace. The neighbor noticed fire coming from the outside wall when they woke up early. The damage to this house was limited to \$4000 to the structure and the fireplace. No damage was to the interior of the structure.

Daily during the part time firefighters shift, first thing every morning every vehicle is checked and power tool are operated. If something has a problem, the part time crew orders the parts and makes the repair. We change the oil in all vehicles, power tools, generators and pump motors. All maintenance that does not require a certified technician is done by firefighters of the department. Any props for the academy are build by firefighters.

While I am starting my 18th year as fire chief and my 5th year as full time chief, I can say that it is the best job a person could ever have. The fact that we are helping people on the worst day of their life, being there to help them through the tough time, or only going to their house to change the battery in the CO or smoke detector. The real satisfaction of being a firefighter and chief is to be available to respond when people need you to solve their problem. The most difficult responsibility is to make the weekly work schedule. Trying to give everyone relatively the same number of hours on the day they would like or are able to work. All of our people working P.T. have full time jobs of some kind and can only work certain days. This has to be the most difficult part of my job function.

What an exciting year! Another year with a “Daytime Crew” on station from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday turned out to be another busy year with a total of 366 responses. Of which, 159 responses were during the “Daytime Crew” work hours. This represented 43% of our entire responses for the year. Our response time by the daytime crew is less than 1 minute compared to when members are not on station our response is still less than 4 minutes. This is a great improvement when you consider a fire doubles in size every 30 seconds. We responded 87 times to mutual aid calls with other fire departments, Cardington, Iberia, Johnsville Marengo and Caledonia, and have received 37 mutual aid responses from other departments. Later in this report there will be our complete response breakdown summary for 2009. It has been a pleasure to serve this community as fire chief. We have been blessed

with very talented individuals serving as firefighters and officers on this department. There is very little that we cannot do with the people we have on staff. Members of the department do all the work required except the work that requires a specific certification. We were able to do most repairs and regular maintenance in house. Oil and filter changes with greasing have been done on all units. We saved approximately \$6,500.00 in labor costs by doing the work in house with our membership and the daytime crew. We are always looking for avenues to save your money in the station.

Again this year we applied for the “Assistance to Firefighter” grant through FEMA for a total of \$110,516.00 to add a full training CD library, replace 20 radios and pagers with new radios, add 4 vehicle repeaters for better communications coverage, purchase an accountability system that detects firefighters on scene, arriving on scene and where they are in the structure, also the addition of a diesel exhaust system in the vehicle bay. This would make a radio available for all firefighters and officers including part-time firefighters. We have also applied for the State Fire Marshal’s training grant for \$5,637.00 to cover the cost of training 11 firefighters to a Firefighter I classification and for one instructor. A total of \$6,250 was applied for the State Fire Marshal’s Equipment Grant. As of this writing we have not received any correspondence about either grant. We are still hopeful of receiving all three grants. When any grants are available we will apply for them.

Our training program is far above the proposed state yearly certification of 18 hours per year. This past year we made available to all members a total of 187 hours of training with 167 hours qualifying for CEU hours. This is an average of almost 15.5 hours per month. These training numbers are a good sign of the commitment of our members and will help with reducing our class 4 ISO classification. We train on all the basics the things that everyone takes for granted. The little things are the things that make a fire attack or a rescue a smooth efficient operation. If you look like you know what you are doing you most likely do and will get the job done effectively. The in-house training certification process is still not completely implemented. There are some areas that we need to address with our insurance company before starting the process.

The department is at its all time largest membership ever. We have a total of 37 members on the department including the 4 part time firefighters. You will be able to see the average year experience of the officers and the firefighters. Please note the number of young members that are willing to donate their time to protect our community.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank all the members of the department, their wives and families for their support and belief in the direction we are headed. A special thank you to Mayor Porter and City Manager Dan Rogers for their support of the department and me in providing the help we need to maintain this department. Also thank you to the Fire and Police Committee members, City Council Members and the Fire Department personnel for understanding the direction we are headed and giving their support. And the BIGGEST thank you to the community for your support of the department. Our job is made easier when we know we have your support.

Thank You
Don Staiger – Fire Chief

= **MISSION STATEMENT** =

The mission of the Mt. Gilead Fire Department is to protect lives, the environment and property through skillful and cost effective prevention, preparedness, education and response.

Web Site

www.mountgilead.net/firedept.htm

Mt. Gilead Fire Department Roster 2009

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#	Name		Rank	Unit #	Start	Officers	FF	Honorary	Cert Class			
									No Train	VFF	FFI	FFII
1	Young	Greg	A.C.	103	1970	40						1
2	Hoffman	Herb	A.C.	102	1948			62				
3	Cox	Caleb	P - FF II	19-03	2008		2					1
4	Madeker	Mitch	FF II	19-04	2006		4					1
5	Young	Bruce	FF II	105	1976	34						1
6	Carey	Mark	FF II	19-06	2006		4					1
7	Walker	Rob	FF II	19-07	2000		10					1
8												
9	Hoffman	Tim	FF II	108	1982	28						1
10	Caudill	Scott	Probe	19-10	2009		1		1			
11	Weber	Jason	FF II	19-11	1996		14					1
12	Kemp	Paul	FF I	19-12	1997		13				1	
13	Matson	Paul	P - FF II	19-13	2009		1					1
14	Kunze	Darroll	FF I	19-14	1992		18				1	
15	Staley	Brent	FF II	19-15	1986		24					1
16	Barler	Scott	FF II	19-16	1999		11					1
17	Weber	Terry	FF Vol	104	1968	42			1			
18	Coil	John	FF Vol	19-18	2006		4		1			
19	Mosher	Scott	FF I	19-19	2006		4				1	
20	Staiger	Don	FF II	101	1966	44						1
21	Sharp	Norm	FF II	19-21	1989		21					1
22	Carey	Mike	Probe	19-22	2009		1					
23	Searls	Rob	FF II	106	1992	18						1
24	Coil	Joe	FF I	19-24	1996		14					1
25	Scott	Lonnie	FF Vol	19-25	1999		11		1			
26	Carey	Mathew	FF II	19-26	2002		8					1
27	Weese	John	FF I	19-27	2003		7					1
28	McAvoy	Jeff	FF I	19-28	1989		21					1
29	Martin	Chris	FF II	19-29	2000		10					1
30	McKinney	Mike	FF II	107	1990	20						1
31	Chafin	James	Prob.	19-31	2010		0		1			
32	Sterling	Dennis	FF Vol	19-32	2001			9				
33	Johnson	Jeff	Probe V	19-33	2009		1			1		
34	Fink	Melissa	FF Vol	19-34	2006		4			1		
35	Swank	Chad	FF II	19-35	2005		5					1
36	Fink	Ken	FF I	19-36	2006		4					1
37	Coil	Jeanette	FF I	19-37	2006		4				1	
41	Bailey	Jesse	FF II	19-41	2006		4					1
42	Bradford	Ben	FF II	19-42	2006		4					1
43												1
44	Swank	Ryan	FF II	19-44	2006		4					1
Total Years of Service						459			2	5	4	26
FF & Years of Service					30	233	71	5%	14%	11%	70%	
Avg. FF Years of Service						8.0						
Officers Years of Service					7	226						
Total Members					37	28.3						

Statistics for 2009

Responses by District

Year	Edison	Village	Gilead	Canaan	Franklin	Total for Year	District
1991		45	47	13	17	236	114
1992		37	45	14	20	201	85
1993		51	49	16	29	260	115
1994		47	50	18	30	267	122
1995		40	43	9	31	244	121
1996		48	59	15	33	286	<u>131</u>
1997		49	47	11	20	235	108
1998		56	41	6	29	240	108
1999		82	45	10	35	268	96
2000		72	63	9	38	254	72
2001		81	45	15	60	269	68
2002		67	50	14	48	232	53
2003	8	51	47	13	67	235	49
2004	8	96	53	14	76	317	70
2005	13	127	63	15	54	335	63
2006	15	119	65	17	61	391	87
2007	26	170	59	18	54	427	98
2008	19	145	91	10	48	417	104
2009	17	134	60	13	53	366	89
Average	15.1	79.8	53.8	13.2	42.3	288.4	92

Responses by Time of Day

	Average	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Key
0:00	8	10	10	6	8	5	13	6	4	10	6	0 to 4
1:00	5	2	3	8	3	6	5	5	4	4	5	5 to 10
2:00	4	7	6	5	4	3	5	3	5	4	2	11 to 15
3:00	2	3	4	5	1	1	5	1	1	1	2	16 +
4:00	4	4	3	5	6	3	4	6	3	6	4	
5:00	6	3	6	8	5	5	5	6	4	6	9	Midnight to 8:00 am
6:00	8	7	9	5	8	7	10	8	8	10	9	
7:00	10	10	14	24	8	12	7	2	7	8	6	471 14.52%
8:00	13	8	16	16	23	21	14	9	4	7	10	Daytime Crew
9:00	16	22	17	18	20	18	19	11	6	14	12	
10:00	16	20	20	27	27	14	8	13	9	6	12	
11:00	17	17	24	24	25	19	17	7	14	8	10	
12:00	17	26	28	18	23	13	20	8	6	18	14	
13:00	20	28	31	31	25	16	11	10	18	16	18	
14:00	21	23	29	38	24	27	13	10	14	12	15	
15:00	23	25	36	32	33	30	13	18	20	20	7	
16:00	21	30	28	23	24	13	22	16	17	23	17	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
17:00	21	21	23	24	32	19	22	14	21	13	17	1636 50.45%
18:00	22	28	30	30	24	24	21	21	8	13	16	
19:00	18	12	21	20	21	18	22	13	16	17	17	
20:00	16	12	22	25	13	17	13	15	11	15	13	
21:00	16	16	16	20	18	18	19	13	9	11	15	
22:00	13	14	13	13	10	15	15	9	15	17	12	
23:00	9	13	8	3	8	10	14	11	8	9	10	4:00 pm to Midnight
		366	417	428	393	334	317	235	232	268	258	1136 35.03%

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Responses by Months, Ten Year Average, Yearly Totals

Month	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	Average
Jan	26	34	31	30	36	25	25	9	25	28	26.9
Feb	30	39	40	25	21	24	18	18	24	16	25.5
Mar	44	44	30	35	20	18	25	25	18	28	28.7
Apr	27	30	32	38	37	19	15	17	35	20	27.0
May	38	32	26	34	28	36	21	13	20	17	26.5
Jun	25	21	34	33	37	26	24	16	20	12	24.8
Jul	30	48	45	28	31	21	18	32	33	23	30.9
Aug	32	33	50	31	21	26	18	25	28	22	28.6
Sep	24	39	32	24	23	21	13	18	18	13	22.5
Oct	26	32	35	42	18	33	11	18	17	24	25.6
Nov	33	29	43	31	26	22	24	20	13	27	26.8
Dec	31	36	29	40	33	46	23	21	18	24	30.1

Total 366 417 427 391 331 317 235 232 269 254 323.9
 Breakdown (White/black 0 – 20)(Light yellow/black 21 – 25)(Dark yellow/blue 26 – 30)(Dark yellow/red 31+)

Responses by Day of the Week

Day	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Average
Sunday	54	50	50	39	55	48	37	42	31	42
Monday	47	63	65	69	36	39	38	33	47	44
Tuesday	56	67	58	57	36	52	29	32	32	40
Wednesday	54	61	69	67	51	43	34	31	31	43
Thursday	51	56	67	68	54	44	30	37	43	46
Friday	54	72	64	48	49	51	28	23	47	41
Saturday	50	48	54	46	53	40	39	34	38	42
Responses	366	417	427	355	279	269	198	190	238	255

Highest Day in Each Year

Responses and Miles Traveled by Each Unit

Engine 10 responded to 8 calls and traveled a total of 951.9 miles,
 Rescue 11 responded to 203 calls and traveled a total of 3,373 miles,
 Brush Truck 12 responded to 82 calls and traveled a total of 2,014.9 miles,
 Tanker 14 responded to 73 calls and traveled a total of 1,196.1 miles,
 Engine 15 responded to 51 calls and traveled a total of 1,547 miles,
 Brush Truck 17 responded to 10 calls and traveled a total of 279.2 miles,
 Tower 18 responded to 9 calls and traveled a total of 1,166.1 miles,
 Personal Vehicles responded on 167 responses,

- Please note that the total mileage includes drivers training, road testing every week and pumping time for the engines. Pumping time would be for testing and actual responses.

Average Hours per Response

The total hours a firefighter provided each year and the average number of hours spent per response per year.

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Average
FF Hours	3,247.21	2963.14	4580	3652.42	3369.33	3143.42	2195	2,202	2,669.5	2872
Hr / resp.	8.9	7.1	10.7	9.3	10.1	9.9	9.3	9.49	10.0	10

ENGINE 10



Engine 10 is a 1981 Ford, C-8000, E-One 1000 gallon per minute pumper. The physical condition of this unit is very good. There is a little bubbling of the paint around the windows of the cab, but the aluminum body is in excellent condition. The unit is now 29 years old, but due to thinking ahead when purchasing the aluminum fire body we will be able to purchase a chassis and use the fire body. This will cut the cost of refurbishing the truck to less than half the cost of a new truck. Total miles traveled by this unit are 33,917 miles. It carries a combination rescue spreader/cutter tool as a backup rescue when the primary unit is on an emergency response. Drawbacks to this unit are that the two firefighters in the jump seats are out in the open, exposed to the elements. We do not anticipate any major problems in the future.

RESCUE 11



Rescue 11 is a 2008 Rosenbauer Rescue / Pumper manufactured by Central States fire Equipment Company in Lyon South Dakota. Rescue 11 carries all of our heavy rescue equipment including the “Jaws-of-Life”, air bags, cribbing, flat sheets, Res-Q-Jacks, hand jacks, wench with cable, a 4-bottle 6,000-psi air cascade system and an SCBA refilling station. It is equipped with a 8K hydraulic generator to operate our 2000 watts of floodlight. This unit is the workhorse of the department with the number of rescue responses we do each year. It has responded on 203 emergencies in 2009. This unit has the capability of class “A” and class “B” Foam flowing from 5 different outlets and will improve our ISO points for our classification and provide a better knockdown of the fire that is of most importance. By using foam we are much less likely to have to return to a rekindle since the foam does a better job of penetration to extinguish the fire. This unit has seat belt alarms so no one rides without being belted in. There are headsets for all 5-seat positions to give hearing protection for each person and an easier method of communicating to each other during the response.

BRUSH TRUCK 12



Brush Truck 12 a 1992 1-ton Chevy pickup truck was converted into a grass/brush fire and capable of pumping approximately 500 gallons per minute at 70 psi to fill tankers for shuttle operations. We carry hand tools such as fire brooms, pressurized water cans, hose for water supply and attack. It is in very good condition with some minor bubbling of the paint on the rear quarter panel that will need repair the coming year. This unit traveled a total 2,014.9 miles in 2009 with a total mileage of 24,249 miles. A new radiator was installed at the end of summer due to the seams failing in the old one. This is the third warranty replacement radiator we have put in this unit.

TANKER 14



Tanker 14 is a 1990 International, 2000-gallon tanker manufactured by Allegheny Fire Equipment Company. With the stainless steel tank it is in very good condition with just some minor issues with one fender. Again the extra money spent purchasing a stainless steel tank has proven to be worthwhile. All the piping from the tank to the pump, outlet, and return line were replaced by the daytime firefighters over several days of work. Tanker 14 has traveled 1,108 miles responding to 110 responses this past year totaling 23,715 miles on the unit.

ENGINE 15



Engine 15 is a 1995 E-One refurbished from a 1977 Sutphen responding as our second responding engine to all in town emergencies. The unit is still in very good condition but is underpowered for what it really needs to do. Future considerations in approximately 7 years would be to re-power with a larger engine, transmission and drive train. Again this unit was purchased with an aluminum fire body that can have a new chassis for less than half the cost of a new unit. Engine 15 has a total of 28,085 miles.

BRUSH TRUCK 17



Brush 17 is a 1977 Ford ¾-ton pickup truck. The bed had rusted to the point that it was not safe anymore. The village welded a new bed per our design. Brush 17 has a total mileage of 26,596 miles. This unit is equipped with an SCBA single fill station, a (3) – 4,500 PSI air cascade bottles on the unit for air supply during major fires or mutual aid responses. The air is also available for Haz-Mat incidents with the Spec. Ops Trailer. The unit needs some new paint and insignias to bring it up to our current standard. The Village build the bed frame for the unit and firefighters purchased the flooring for the bed, water tank, side cabinet, used the hose cross lay from old Engine 13 and plumbed the unit meet the needs of the department.



TOWER LADDER 18



Tower 18 is a 1986 Sutphen 100 foot plus aerial platform with a 1500 gallon per minute pump. It responds on all possible structure fires in the village of Mt. Gilead and specific structures in Cardington. The unit is in very good condition and is expected to last for many years as a support vehicle for elevated fires and rescues. Tower 18 is the second unit out for all working fires in the village where access is available. This unit responded on 24 responses traveling a total of 1,024 miles with an odometer reading of 58,825 miles.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY

In October of 2008 the Mt. Gilead Fire Department became accredited as the “North Central Ohio Fire Training Academy.” We organized this academy to provide our department and all county departments with certified training at a reduced rate compared to other accredited training institutions. We have 7 certified instructors as part of the department and several other instructors available for use. In November of 2008 we completed a basic 36-hour class, started and completed a 100-hour transition class and then started a 120 hour Firefighter II class that will be completed by the end of March 2010. Our plans are to make available as much certified training as possible for all interested departments. The State of Ohio requires a minimum of 18 hours of CEU’s per year to maintain your firefighter certification, totaling 54 hours over a three (3) year period. This endeavor is a self-sufficient venture where there will not be any funds coming from the village or our operating levies to support the academy.

STATION 19

Station 19 was built in 1975 and has served the community well. We had some issues with the floor sinking on the South West corner of the station that had to be pumped up to re-level the floor. Three bay floor areas were leveled and the trench drain was leveled at the rear entrance. We are planning to put a sealer on the floor in 2010 to protect it from more deterioration due to the salt that comes in on the vehicles tires after they are washed. The building is in fair condition with the deterioration of the brick on the old portion of the building built in the early 1900's. The metal roof will need some attention next year.

FIRE SAFETY HOUSE



The Fire Safety House is still a favorite with school children during the fair and during Fire Prevention Week festivities. Children and adults are instructed on home safety with fireplaces, extension cords and kitchen safety. Learning where the handle of a pan on the stove should be located and what to do if a pan catches fire on the stove. Do not put items on or near the stove that could catch fire such as a Kleenex box, potholders, children toys or papers. Never put water on oil or grease fire. Never try to move the pan when it is on fire. You will always run the risk of catching yourself on fire or the room. If you have a fire in the oven, turn off the

power and keep the door closed. You should be safe and the fire will go out on by itself when there is no more oxygen to sustain combustion.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAILER 19



Special Operations trailer is used to carry all of our Haz-Mat Decontamination and containment equipment for leaks, spills and people becoming contaminated with chemicals. We carry a decon-tent that is deployed by air in less than 10 minutes. The tent is capable of having showers with hot and cold water, dressing rooms disrobing and dressing. The

unit has the capability of containing the water from the showers for recovery. There are also shovels, brooms and squeegees, picks, axes and pry bars. Also carried on this unit are the containment socks for spills that end up in a waterway. They are stretched across a waterway to stop or absorb the chemical, oil or fuels. Brush Truck 17 takes the Spec Ops Trailer to the scene of the incident so there is an air supply for refilling SCBA bottles for the Haz-Mat team.

DECONTAMINATION TRAILER

This trailer is owned by the Morrow County Fire and Squad Association, purchased from the Morrow County Hospital for \$1.00. The hospital received it through a grant from FEMA, but had no place to house the unit. This trailer will be used at all Haz-Mat decontamination emergencies throughout the county. Mt. Gilead Firefighters have been trained to operate this unit. Approximate value for this unit is \$30,000.00.

GENERAL COMMENTS

There will always be a challenge to protect people from the ravages of fire. The new fire code for open burning has put a stipulation that only the property owner can be issued an "open burn" permit. If a renter wants a permit they must first obtain a certified letter from the landlord acknowledging their authorizing of the permit. We still have citizens stop in the station to visit or ask questions. Ohio Department of Natural Resources regulates open burning, other than camp fires, fire are prohibited in unincorporated areas in March, April, May, October and November, 6 am to 6 pm. All rules apply in incorporated areas except permits are required in the village for camp fires. At no time is trash allowed to be burned. We want to make sure that everyone knows that they are always welcome at the station. The daytime crew is here from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday and anytime for an appointment. We are always glad to give tours to small or large groups with educational videos and demonstrations. Available upon request is a fire extinguisher class and hands on training. Individuals are allowed to use an extinguisher to extinguish a staged fire.

LONG TERM GOALS

Our long-term goal is to improve our ISO rating to a Class 3. We believe that this would be a very good tool to entice business to move into our community because this ISO rating would give them low insurance premiums. Still in the works is a challenge to the rural ISO rating of 9. We feel that with the proper preparation we can challenge this rating and reduce it to a better classification. Another long-term goal is to get everyone trained to 120 or 240-hour certification. Improve community awareness of life safety issues relating to fire, Carbon Monoxide and dangerous chemicals. When the WWTP is completed and Loren Road is passable we will utilize our training facility much more. Even during the day shift we would be able to train at the tower.

FUTURE POTENTIAL CHANGES 5 PLUS YEARS DOWN THE ROAD

Over the past year we lost firefighters for various reasons. There has not been an increase in the number of personnel available during the daytime shift hours. I can see in the future where we will need to extend the daytime shift into the weekend on Saturdays and Sundays and possibly to a 10-hour day shift to cover the increased number of responses. Everyone is very busy and that constitutes less people available on the weekends. If you study the chart for "Time of Day" responses on page 7, you will see that the numbers are increasing in the early evening. Also you can see that the number of responses by day is not diminishing on the weekends. We will have to keep a good eye on this trend to be able to make the best decision for the community.

Mt. Gilead Fire Department Grant History

Black signifies Grants that were awarded.

Red indicates Grants that were denied.

Yellow highlight indicates Grants still pending

Dark Blue indicates totals

Grant Year	Fire Marshal Equipment	Request	Status	Fire Marshal Training	Request	Status	FEMA	City 5%	Equipment	Status
1997	\$3,165	PPE & LDH	Denied							
1998	\$3,900	PPE	Approved	\$494	VFF (3)	Approved				
1999	\$10,700	PPE,SCBA	Denied	\$163	VFF (1)	Approved				
2000	\$8,000	SCBA	Approved	\$800	VFF (4)	Approved	Denied			
2001	\$10,500	PPE,SCBA	Denied				Denied			
2002	\$4,000	PPE	Denied				Denied			
2003		No Papers	Denied				Denied			
2004		No Papers	Denied				Denied			
2005	\$8,000	SCBA	Approved	\$675	VFF (3)	Approved	\$136,361	\$7,146.25	SCBA, Air	Approve
2006				\$1,350	VFF (6)	Approved	\$70,390	\$3,705.00	PPE	Approve
2007	\$4,000	PPE	Denied	\$2,400	Instructor	Approved				Combined w/06
2008	\$6,528	Radios/LDH	Denied				\$293,208	\$15,432	Radios/Refer	Denied
2009	\$769.63	Lap Top/Print	Approved	\$500	VFF (2)	Approved				
	\$6,250	RIT, Radio,	Pending	\$5,225	FF I (11)	Pending	\$87,928	\$4,627.75	Training, Radio	Pend.
				\$412	Instructor	Pending			PAT, Exhaust	
2010										

Request \$65,812.63

Award \$20,669.63

\$12,019.40

\$12,019.40

\$587,887.00 Applied for

\$206,751.00 Awarded

Total Grants Awarded \$242,440.03

Total City Portion 5% \$ 26,283.25

Check out our web site at www.mountgilead.net/firedept.htm. You can keep up to date on all of our activities. Read a summary of each response to see what is going on in your community. The history of the department is a portion of the site.