

# ***Ashington Township / Avon Fire Department***

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## **Fire Chief's Report**

January 2013

Run Totals:	January	306
	January 2012	349
EMS Division:	Training Hours	150
Fire Training Division:	Training Hours	351
Public Education Division:	Total Events	35
Fire Prevention/Investigation:	Service Calls:	152
	Investigations:	2

The month of January was the month of changes. As you are all aware, we implemented a total re-assignment of personnel on the shift level at the department. Every member of the department was impacted, either by working with new personnel, moving to a new fire station or moving to a different shift. It is interesting how personnel feel a loyalty and sense of belonging to a specific station, truck or shift. Our shifts continue to work through the changes, some finding positive perspectives while others still work to find their comfort zone.

Last month, the engine committee and I made a trip to Louisiana to finalize the construction of our engine. The manufacturer's engineer met with us and made recommendations of changes that we might want to consider making. These changes have been made with some being subtractions, and some being additions and with all of the changes accepted, it added \$301.00 to the cost of the truck. In the specifications, we added a \$5,000 allowance for changes to the specifications, so we should still be well within our original budget.

We contacted our ambulance manufacturer last week and there were several orders placed for new units at the end of last year. This was due to the fact that the standards for ambulances were changing in January of this year, adding a substantial cost to the units if ordered after December. Subsequently, we are a ways down on the manufacture list, so we have some time before our unit will begin manufacture.

We are currently conducting a Chauffer's promotion process with our personnel. With the promotion of Chief Bessler, we have a vacancy for a merit Chauffer, and our previous list expired last year. The testing should be completed sometime this week or next. After the testing is completed, participants will be ranked and the rankings will go before the Safety Board for confirmation of the list. After the Safety Board certifies the list, a member will be promoted to fill the position.

This month, the fire training division will be conducting live fire training on a house in Avon. Chief Adams has been getting all of the permits filed and preliminary work done and the training burns will be conducted the last week in February.

Last month the Work Performance Evaluation committee met with Darrell Mendenhall and we have scheduled the next component of our process for the last week in March and the first week in April. During that time, all department members will be evaluated on the course including timing and videotaping.

The first week of March, Chief Bessler and hopefully another department member will be attending a Peer Fitness Trainer program in Michigan. One of the individuals that was originally chosen as a trainer was unsuccessful in passing his certification exam for a second time. By sending these two individuals to class, we continue with our commitment to have a trainer on each shift as well as having Chief Bessler certified so that he can oversee the trainers and assist with evaluations and continuing education.

Last month, one of the local senior living centers encountered an issue with their sprinkler system. It is a new building, and because of construction design flaws, the piping froze and broke. Because of the break, a portion of the building was without sprinkler protection. We encountered a similar situation in 2010 when a sprinkler pipe broke at the Hearth of Prestwick. Because of the fact that these facilities house senior citizens and these tenants have sleeping quarters, the building owners are required to follow a very stringent code. When these types of facilities have these types of problems, that state fire marshal, who oversees the safety of these buildings through our fire marshal, allows local jurisdictions to make provisions and provide assistance to keep these tenants from having to find other housing arrangements. In 2010 we allowed the Hearth to remain open as long as they utilized a "fire watch". The fire watch is basically an arrangement where certified firefighters are at the building 24 hours a day until repairs to the sprinkler system are made and it is totally functional. A certified firefighter is one who is NFPA certified as a firefighter. This arrangement lasted several days at the Hearth. The facility last month was given two choices, with the agreement of Fire Marshal Carpenter and I. First, if they could give the system repaired and up and running within 24 hours, they could utilize their own personnel to do the fire watch if they provided us with log sheets showing that the halls had been checked. The other option was that if the repairs were not completed in 24 hours, they would be required to use certified personnel. We provide those personnel to the facilities if they wish and the personnel that work the fire watch are private contractors and are paid directly and the township does not have any involvement with the personnel or payments. This facility could not get the repairs completed in 24 hours and we supplied the personnel for a three day period. They were only required to have fire watch from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. while tenants were sleeping and repair work was not being completed.

In closing, this week I processed our dispatch payment of \$60,500 to Plainfield.

## JANUARY 2013 EMS RESPONSES

	BFT	DFD	PFT	WTFD	Other
Mutual Aid Received	5	8	6	2	
Mutual Aid Given	2	11	14	18	2

Battalion 14	10
Ladder 141	5
Rescue 141	19
Engine 141	0
Engine 142	21
Engine 143	16
Medic 142	92
Medic 143	75
Medic 144	0
Squad N/A	132

### EMS TRAINING - Department Level

Subject	Type*	Date	Hours
Spinal Immobilization - Supine	L&P	26-Jan-12	17

### EMS TRAINING - Company Level

Drug administration/recognition	L&P	5-Jan-13	3
ESO tablet updates	L&P	5-Jan-13	5
Left Vent. Hypertrophy/HTN	L	11-Jan-13	5
Medical emergencies	L	25-Jan-13	8
Cardiac Arrest	L&P	28-Jan-13	4

### EMS TRAINING - Outside

HRH Paramedic Class	L&P	January	90
ALS Audit/Review	L	15-Jan-13	18

	Monthly Total	150
	Year to Date Total	

\* L = Lecture P = Practical L&P = Combination

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Subject	Date	Hours
Ropes/Knots	Jan. 25, 2013	7.5
Administrative	Jan. 2, 2013	5.0
SOP's/SOG's	Jan. 2, 8, 23, 2013	18.5
Ice Water Rescue	Jan. 9, 2013	15.0
Fire Suppression	Jan. 6, 8, 9, and 30, 2013	25.0
Auto Extrication	Jan. 10, 16, and 22, 2013	34.0
CSX Mapping	Jan. 3, 10, 17, 2013	83.0
Buildings	Jan. 10, 2013	14.0
Hazardous Material		
Class	Jan. 22, 23, and 24, 2013	60.0
Apparatus	Jan. 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 22, and 24, 2013	89.5
	Total Man-hours	351.5

## Credit Summary

Summary By Credit Code  
 payments rec'd

<u>ID</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>QTY %</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount %</u>
CCP	Credit Card Payment	20	10.00	2270.83	4.83
PAIN	Payment-Insurance-Auto	3	1.50	1173.70	2.50
PMCB	Payment-Medicare-Part B	57	28.50	18797.00	39.99
PMCD	Payment-Medicaid	9	4.50	1414.93	3.01
PPCA	Payment-Private-Cash	1	0.50	20.00	0.04
PPCH	Payment-Private-Check	53	26.50	7700.22	16.38
PPIN	Payment-Insurance-Primary	26	13.00	12157.20	25.86
PRRM	Payment Railroad Medicare	3	1.50	932.16	1.98
PSIN	Payment-Insurance-Secondary	27	13.50	2511.94	5.34
PSPE	Payment-Special Source	1	0.50	26.74	0.06
<b>Totals For All</b>		<b>200</b>		<b>47004.72</b>	

## Credit Schedule/Event Summary

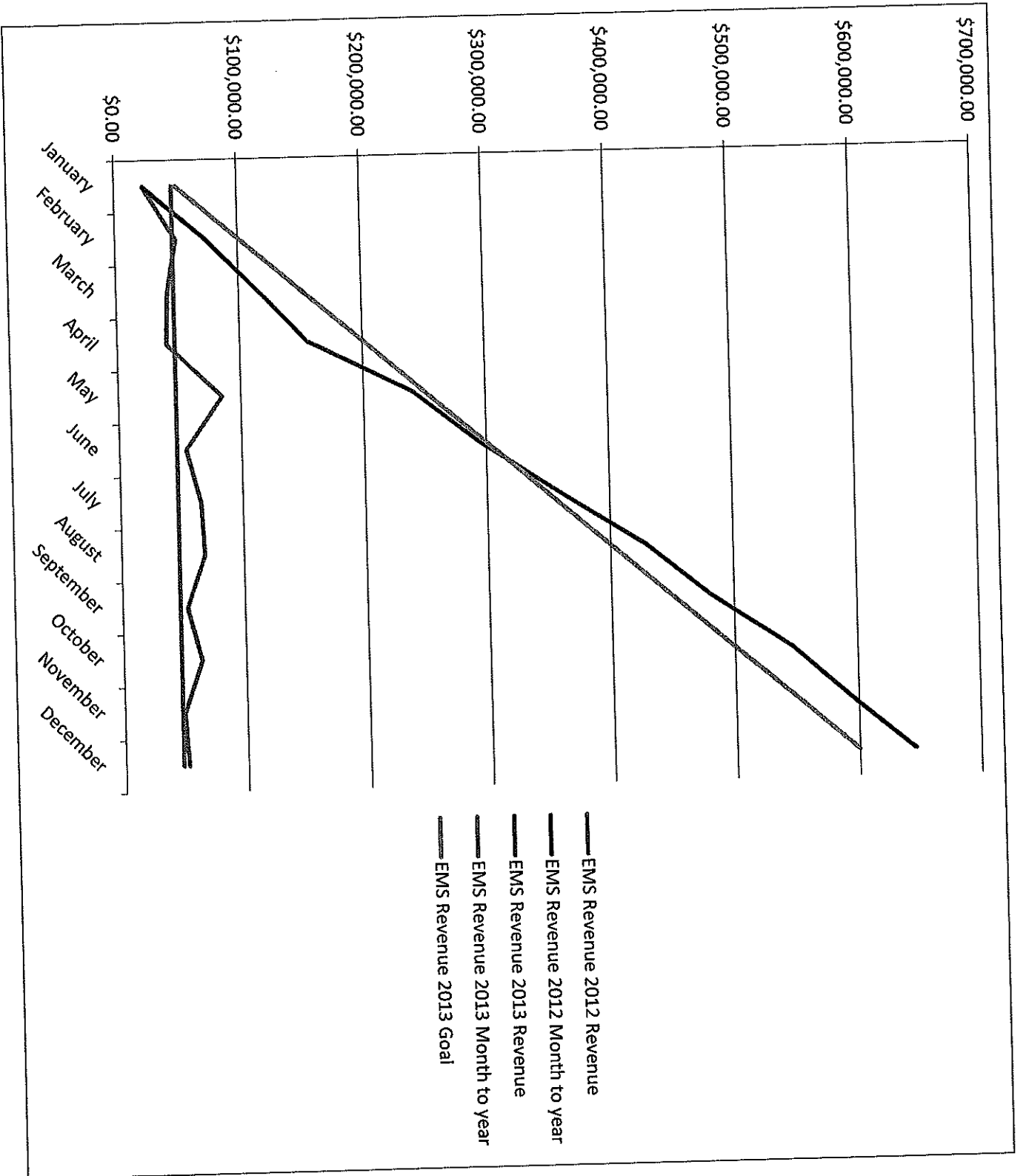
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<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Event ID</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
5010A		5010 Insurance				
	5010A	5010 Anthem Claim Sent	5	83.33	1782.51	83.76
	BARR	REVIEW STATUS W/ BCBS	1	16.67	345.53	16.24
			6		2128.04	
5010CAID		5010 MEDICAID				
	5010CAID	5010 MEDICAID CLAIM SENT	1	100.00	320.21	100.00
			1		320.21	
ANTHEM		ANTHEM PRIVATE PAY				
	1ST	INITIAL BILL 0-30 DAYS	1	100.00	311.04	100.00
			1		311.04	
COLL		COLLECTION AGENCY ACCOUNTS				
	COL1	REFERRED TO COLLECTION AGENCY	7	100.00	486.97	100.00
			7		486.97	
COUPON		TIME PAY COUPON BOOK				
	Coupon	Sent Coupon Book	24	100.00	2092.85	100.00
			24		2092.85	
INSU		PRIMARY INSURANCE SCHEDULE				
	INSC	INSURANCE PAPER CLAIM SENT	2	100.00	563.07	100.00
			2		563.07	
MVA		MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT				
	3RD	THIRD BILL 60-90 DAYS	1	100.00	375.50	100.00
			1		375.50	
PRIV		PRIVATE PAY NO INSURANCE				
	1ST	INITIAL BILL 0-30 DAYS	17	73.91	5696.67	70.70
	2ND	SECOND BILL 30-60 DAYS	5	21.74	1437.83	17.84
	4TH	FINAL BILL 60+DAYS	1	4.35	923.52	11.46
			23		8058.02	
SINS		SECONDARY INSURANCE				
	INSC	INSURANCE PAPER CLAIM SENT	1	100.00	328.09	100.00
			1		328.09	
ZERO		ZERO BALANCE CALLS				
	ZERO	ZERO BALANCE CALLS	104	100.00	32340.93	100.00

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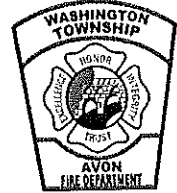
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			104		32340.93	
<b>Totals For All</b>			170		47004.72	







Division of Public Education  
January 2013  
Report by: Julie Stone



Director of Public Education	Jan.		YTD.
Public Education	33		33
Public Relation	0		0
Fundraising	0		0
EMS coverage	0		0
<b>Monthly Total</b>	33		33

Crews/ HQ Staff	Jan.		YTD
Public Education	1		1
Public Relation	1		1
Fundraising	0		0
EMS coverage	0		0
<b>Monthly Total</b>	2		2

	Jan.		YTD
Cancelled	0		0
Rescheduled	4		4
Refer/Deny	0		0

**TOTAL: 35**  
**TOTAL CONTACTS: 987**

**Director of Public Education Events:**

- **Car Seats**
  - 2 infant-only car seat installation/ checks
- **Preschool Risk Watch Program**
  - 25 different classes for 11 Daycares/Preschools (567 Preschoolers)
  - Lesson topic: Fire Safety
  - Students received newsletters and stickers.
- **Basic Aid Training**
  - 3 classes provided to the 4<sup>th</sup> graders of White Oak: Introduction/ First Aid, Poison & Choking, Wheel Safety
- **Kindergarten Safety**
  - Poison Safety taught to the Kindergarten classes at Maple
    - Materials provided by the Indiana Poison Control Center
    - Newsletters provided by the department
  - Poison Safety classes for Pine Tree reschedule due to weather delay for the Avon Community School Corporation.

### **Crews/ Staff Events:**

- **Basic Aid Training**
  - Division Chief Jerry Bessler taught the Basic Aid Training's Fire Safety
- **Public Relations:**
  - Station 142 baked cookies for the Happy Hollow Children's Camp.

### **Training:**

- Understanding the Media (1/2)
- The Impact of Social Media Within Your Organization (1/4)
- Social Networking: Linked In, Twitter, Facebook (1/5, 1/31)
- Social Media Marketing 101 (1/16)
- Managing Conflict and Confrontation (1/29)

### **Grants:**

- 2010 AFG
  - Waiting for the closeout module to finalize documentation
- 2011 AFG
  - Primary request fulfilled
  - Extension of the scope of practice is in process
  - Amendment written to extend until July 31, 2013
- 2012 AFG, SAFER
  - Waiting to hear if awarded
- 2012 P & S
  - Application sent 1/18/2013
  - Written for funding to expand the scope of our Business Safety program
- Firehouse Subs Grant, 2013 1<sup>st</sup> QTR
  - Writing for air bags and struts
  - Due by March 15, 2013



**Fire Inspection/Investigation Division**  
*January 2013 Monthly Report*

	<b>January</b>
<b>Fire Inspections/Consultations</b>	143
<b>Plan Review</b>	7
<b>Site Review</b>	0
<b>Inspector Call Outs</b>	2
<b>Total Number</b>	152
<b>Fire Investigation Cases</b>	
Undetermined	1
Accidental	1
Natural	0
Incendiary	0
<b>Total Fire Investigation Cases</b>	2

**Division Notes:**

- The division brought in \$1,492.80 in building and fire protection plan review fees.
- Building plan review completed on the following projects:  
 Sear Fun (Remodel) – 9655 E US 36 Suite H  
 Chicago Title – 9158 E US 36  
 Golf Etc. -8179 E US 36