

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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# CURRENT DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW



Pequea Valley Fire Department operates out of two stations, the first being located in the southern end of Leacock Township, PA at 3204 Vigilant Street, Gordonville, PA 17529 and the second is located at 3521 Lincoln Highway East, Kinzers, PA 17535.

Combined, the Department has a membership roster of about 150 members. About 70 are active volunteers for both the Fire and EMS divisions, 25 life members, and 50 social/support members.

The department provides Fire and EMS coverage with four ambulances, a Quick Response Service (QRS) EMS squad, two Engines, a Tanker, a Tower Ladder, a rehab unit, two UTVs (one for medical response/transport and one for brush/wildland firefighting) and 2 support squads. We also have a dedicated Fire Duty Officer and dedicated EMS Supervisor on call everyday.

The department employs 15 career staff members. Four of the employees are full time, five are Part Time, and six are flex employees. The staff consists of a Deputy Chief of the Department, EMS Captain, Administrative Assistant and 12 staff EMTs, Advanced EMTs, and Paramedics.

Our career staff provide coverage for two ambulances Monday - Friday from 6am -6pm and the second from 7am - 5pm (peak call volume hours). Nights and weekends and the additional ambulances during the day are all covered by volunteer EMS personnel. With the exception of the Deputy Chief of Department, the fire division is all volunteer.

# MISSION

Pequea Valley Fire Department (PVFD) provides professional and responsive emergency services to residents, businesses, institutions, and visitors of the Pequea Valley area.

# VISION

PVFD envisions an emergency service model that maximizes resources (personnel, funds, equipment, facilities) to maintain adequate and timely service within a more efficient system.

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**SERVICE**

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**INNOVATION**

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**COMMUNICATION**

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**EMBRACE DIVERSITY**

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**TEAM**

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**RESPECT**

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**INTEGRITY & HONESTY**

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**COMMUNITY**



# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



**CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT: TONY KAUFFMAN**  
**DEPUTY CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT: DAVE JOHNSON**

## **STATION 403**

**CHIEF 403: IVAN EBERSOL**

**CAPTAIN 403: J ELMER ESH**

**LIEUTENANT 403: JOHNNY FISHER**

**SERGEANT 403: RYAN KAUFFMAN**

## **STATION 405**

**CHIEF 405: JOHN MARK STOLTZFUS**

**CAPTAIN 405: AMOS BEILER JR**

**LIEUTENANT 405: IVAN KING**

**SERGEANT 405: AMOS J BLANK**

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: EMANUEL STOLTZFUS**

**FIRE POLICE LIEUTENANT: RICK CUMMINGS**

**CHIEF ENGINEER: KEN ESH**

# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

EMS CHIEF: NISSA STOLTZFUS

EMS CAPTAIN: RILEY KILHEFFER

EMS LIEUTENANT: JONATHAN EBERSOL

EMS SERGEANT: MEL EBERSOL

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT: TONY KAUFFMAN

PRESIDENT: ALVIN KING

VICE PRESIDENT: AMOS STOLTZFUS

TREASURER: DANIEL BEILER

SECRETARY: HEIDI SMITH

MEMBER AT LARGE: JONATHAN FISHER

FUNDRAISING CHAIRMAN: GIDEON FISHER

PROPERTY CHAIRMAN: KEVIN QUILLIN

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE: ALVIN FISHER

# RESPONSE AREA

## EMS

PEQUEA VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS THE PRIMARY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER FOR ALL OF LEACOCK TOWNSHIP AND PARADISE TOWNSHIP, THE EASTERN PORTION OF EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP (SPECIFICALLY THE VILLAGES OF RONKS, BIRD IN HAND, AND SOUDERSBURG), AND A VERY SMALL PORTION OF UPPER LEACOCK TOWNSHIP.

## FIRE

PEQUEA VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS THE PRIMARY FIRE SERVICES PROVIDER FOR THE SOUTH/WEST PORTION OF LEACOCK TOWNSHIP, THE EASTERN HALF OF PARADISE TOWNSHIP, AND A VERY SMALL PORTION OF THE SOUTH END OF SALISBURY TOWNSHIP.



# RESPONSE AREA

## LEACOCK TOWNSHIP

CONSISTING OF 20 SQUARE MILES OF VAST ROLLING FARMLANDS CENTERED BY THE POPULAR TOURIST TOWN OF INTERCOURSE, PA, THIS COMMUNITY HAS A RESIDENTIAL POPULATION OF 5,600+ PEOPLE AND SPIKES SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE LATE SPRING, SUMMER, EARLY FALL, AND HOLIDAYS WITH TOURISTS COMING TO THE AREA TO EXPERIENCE THE POPULAR AMISH AND MENNONITE CULTURES AND ATTRACTIONS, KITCHEN KETTLE VILLAGE, AS WELL AS ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE ROUTE 30 SHOPPING OUTLETS.

## PARADISE TOWNSHIP

SIMILAR TO THE MAKEUP OF LEACOCK TOWNSHIP, PARADISE TOWNSHIP CONSISTS OF 19 SQUARE MILES OF ROLLING FARMLANDS TO THE SOUTH AND A STRONG COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS DISTRICT IN THE NORTHERN END WHERE ROUTE 30, THE THIRD LONGEST U.S. HIGHWAY, CUTS RIGHT THROUGH THE TOWNSHIP. PARADISE TOWNSHIP HAS A RESIDENTIAL POPULATION OF 5,700 PEOPLE.

## EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

RONKS, BIRD IN HAND, AND SOUDERSBURG: TOTALING 20 SQUARE MILES WITH A RESIDENTIAL POPULATION OF NEARLY 18,000 PEOPLE, PVFD COVERS ABOUT FOUR SQUARE MILES AT THE EASTERN END OF THE TOWNSHIP WITH A POPULATION OF ABOUT 1,300 PEOPLE LIVING IN RONKS, BIRD IN HAND, AND SOUDERSBURG COMBINED. RONKS AND SOUDERSBURG ARE PREDOMINANTLY RESIDENTIAL WITH SOME FARMLAND AND FEW BUSINESSES. THE TOWN OF BIRD IN HAND IS SIMILAR TO ITS NEIGHBORING TOWN OF INTERCOURSE IN LEACOCK TOWNSHIP. THIS IS ALSO A POPULAR TOURIST LOCATION FOR THOSE SEEKING TO EXPERIENCE THE AMISH AND MENNONITE CULTURE AND ATTRACTIONS AS WELL AS ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE ROUTE 30 SHOPPING OUTLETS, SPIKING THE POPULATION SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE LATE SPRING, SUMMER, EARLY FALL, AND HOLIDAYS.

## UPPER LEACOCK TOWNSHIP

PVFD COVERS A VERY SMALL PORTION OF UPPER LEACOCK TOWNSHIP. ONLY THE THREE ROADS OF BEECHDALE ROAD, MILL CREEK ROAD AND CHURCH ROAD, PEQUEA VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT COVERS LESS THAN 25 PROPERTIES CONSISTING OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSING, FARMLANDS, AND A FEW HOME BUSINESSES.

## SALISBURY TOWNSHIP

PVFD COVERS A VERY SMALL PORTION OF THE SOUTHERN END OF THE TOWNSHIP, JUST WEST OF THE VILLAGE OF GAP. LESS THAN 75 PROPERTIES INCLUDE MIXED RESIDENTIAL HOUSING, FARMLANDS, A FEW COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES, THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM, AND ABOUT 1 MILE OF US ROUTE 30.

# FIRE OPERATIONS



IN 2024, THE FIRE DIVISION HANDLED 257 CALLS FOR SERVICE. THIS INCLUDED 19 WORKING FIRES AND ONE VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH ENTRAPMENT. WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE IN 2024 WE HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH NO FAILED RESPONSES.

## **RESPONSE TIMES**

IN 2024 THE DEPARTMENT AVERAGED A TWO AND A HALF MINUTE RESPONSE TIME FOR THE FIRST APPARATUS OUT THE DOOR. THIS IS WITH ALMOST ALL OF OUR CALLS HAVING PEOPLE RESPOND FROM HOME OR WORK. WE ARE VERY THANKFUL FOR OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT ALLOW THEIR EMPLOYEES TO LEAVE WORK AND RESPOND TO CALLS DURING THE DAY!

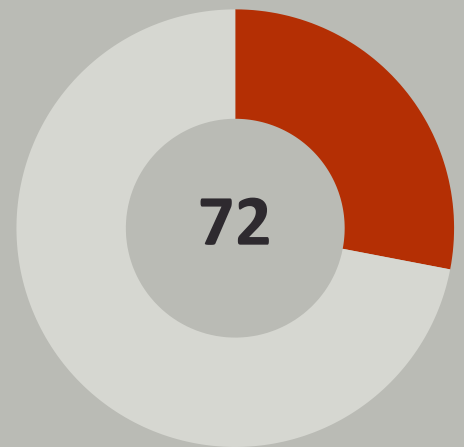
## **PERSONNEL RESPONSE**

IN 2024 OUR PER INCIDENT PERSONNEL RESPONSE AVERAGED 16 PEOPLE PER CALL. THE HIGHEST CALL RESPONSE FOR A SINGLE INCIDENT WAS 41 MEMBERS REPORTING TO THE STATION FOR A BUILDING FIRE WITH OUR LOWEST RESPONSE FOR THE YEAR BEING 4 PERSONNEL FOR A MEDICAL ASSIST.

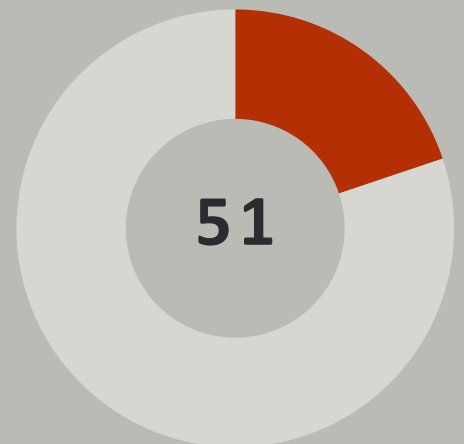
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## HIGHEST RESPONSE MUNICIPALITIES

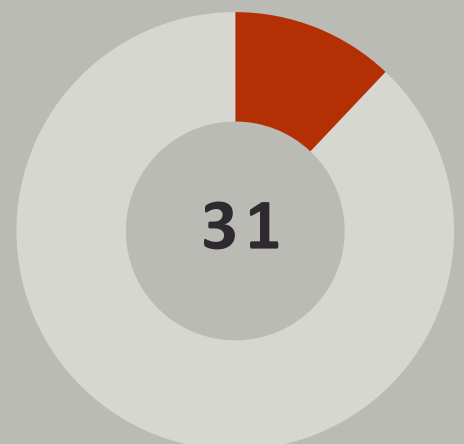
PARADISE TOWNSHIP



LEACOCK TOWNSHIP

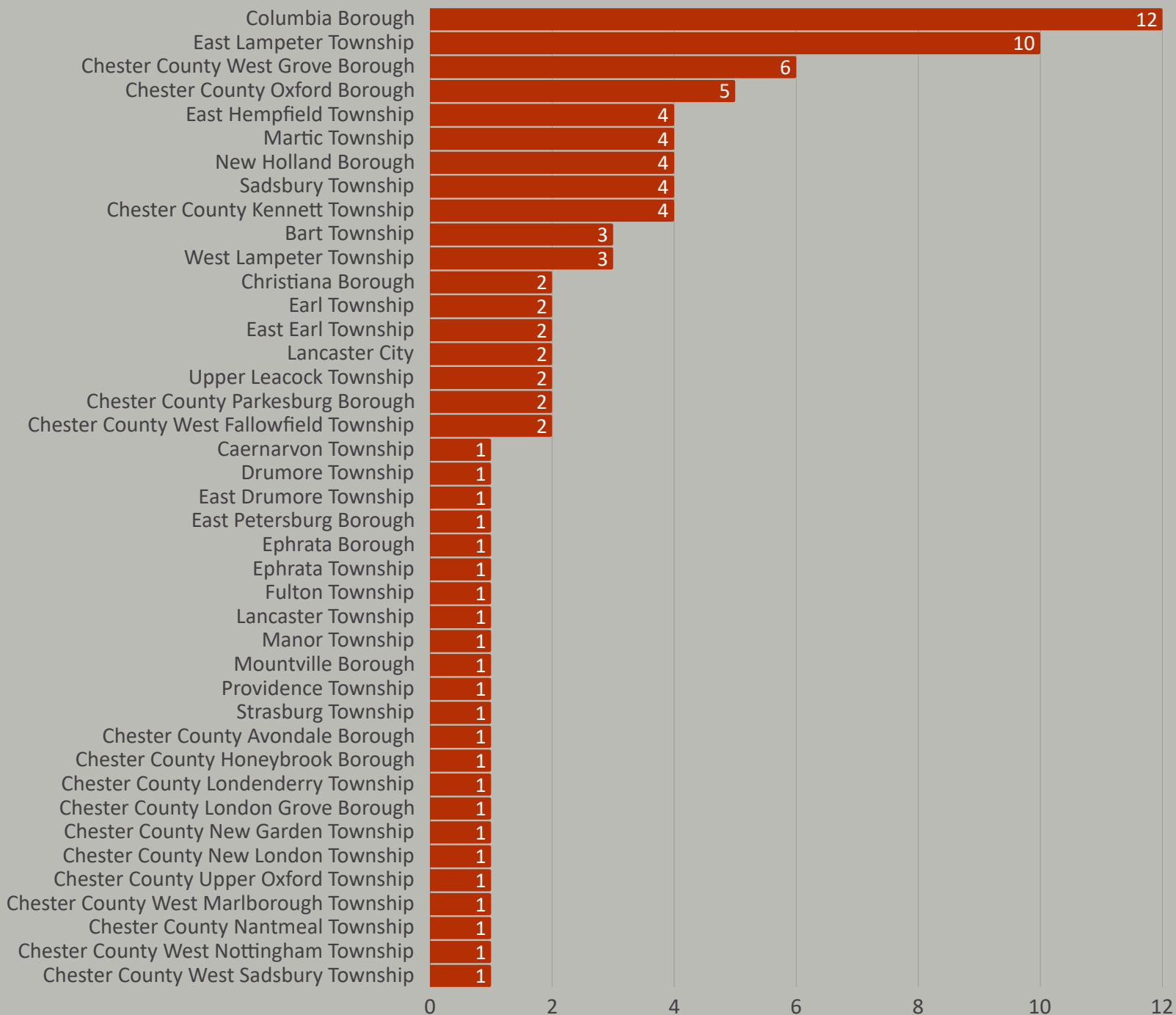


SALISBURY TOWNSHIP



# RESPONSE STATISTICS

## OTHER MUNICIPALITY RESPONSES



# EMS OPERATIONS



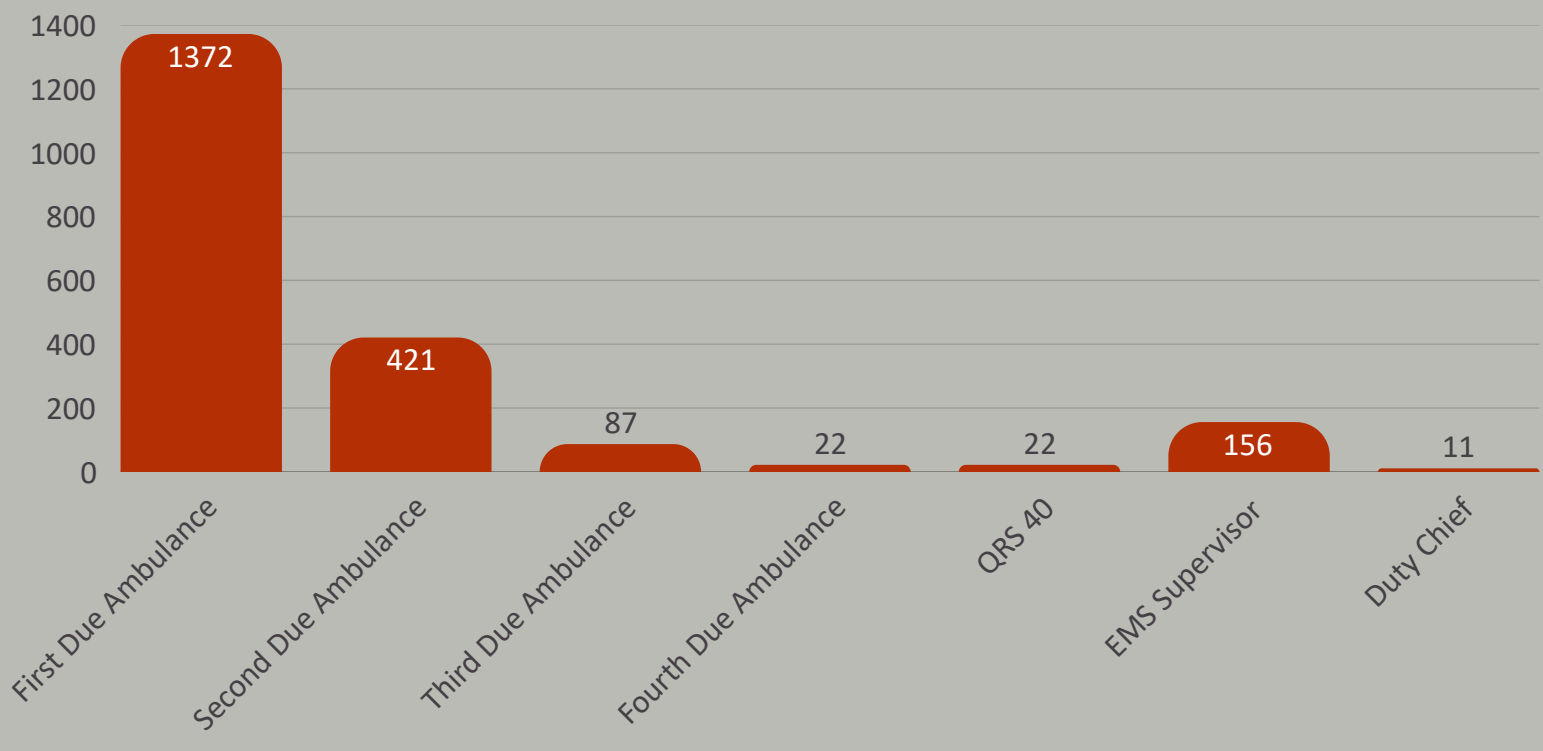
IN 2024, THE EMS DIVISION HANDLED 1,755 CALLS FOR SERVICE. THIS MARKS YET ANOTHER CONSECUTIVE YEAR WHERE WE SAW AN INCREASE IN CALL VOLUME, MARKING OUR BUSIEST YEAR EVER AGAIN, THIS TREND HAS BEEN CONSISTENT 7 OUT OF THE LAST 8 YEARS. OUR QRS UNIT, EMS SUPERVISOR, AND DUTY CHIEF ARE PERSONNEL THAT ARE STAFFING EQUIPPED VEHICLES WITH ADDITIONAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES THAT RESPOND TO HIGHER PRIORITY CALLS AS NEEDED. WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT IN THE YEAR 2024 WE HAD NO FAILED RESPONSES. THERE WERE 9 CALLS IN 2024 WHERE ALL PEQUEA VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCES WERE OUT AND WE WERE ASSISTED BY MUTUAL AID AGENCIES.

# RESPONSE TIMES AND RESPONSES BY APPARATUS

## RESPONSE TIMES:

OUR FIRST DUE UNIT AROUND THE CLOCK, AND 2ND DUE UNIT DURING THE DAY DURING THE WEEK, IS STAFFED WITH AN IN-STATION CREW, ALLOWING FOR AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO A CALL AT DISPATCH. NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS FOR OUR 2ND DUE UNIT, AND AROUND THE CLOCK FOR OUR 3RD AND 4TH DUE UNIT, ARE STAFFED WITH PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE AREA AND RESPOND TO THE STATION TO FIELD A CREW FOR THE UNIT TO RESPOND TO CALLS. AGAIN, WE ARE THANKFUL FOR OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO ALLOW THEIR EMPLOYEES TO LEAVE WORK AND RESPOND TO CALLS! IN 2024, THE DEPARTMENT AVERAGED A FOUR MINUTE RESPONSE TIME FROM 911 DISPATCH TO THE APPARATUS RESPONDING TO THE CALL. THIS IS FOR CALLS WHEN VOLUNTEERS ARE RESPONDING FROM HOME AND WORK (EXCLUDES TIMES FOR IN-STATION CREWS).

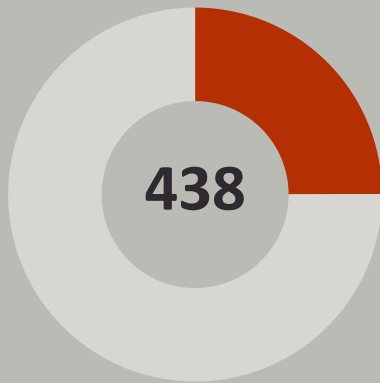
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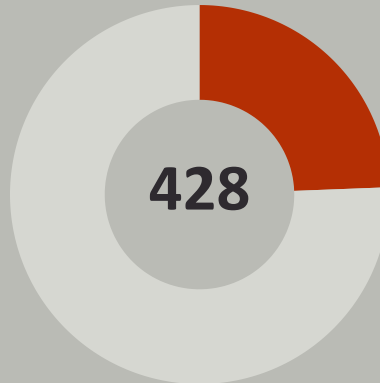
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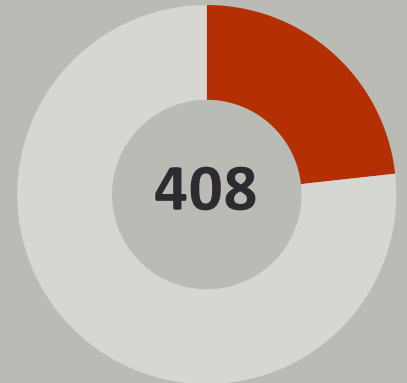
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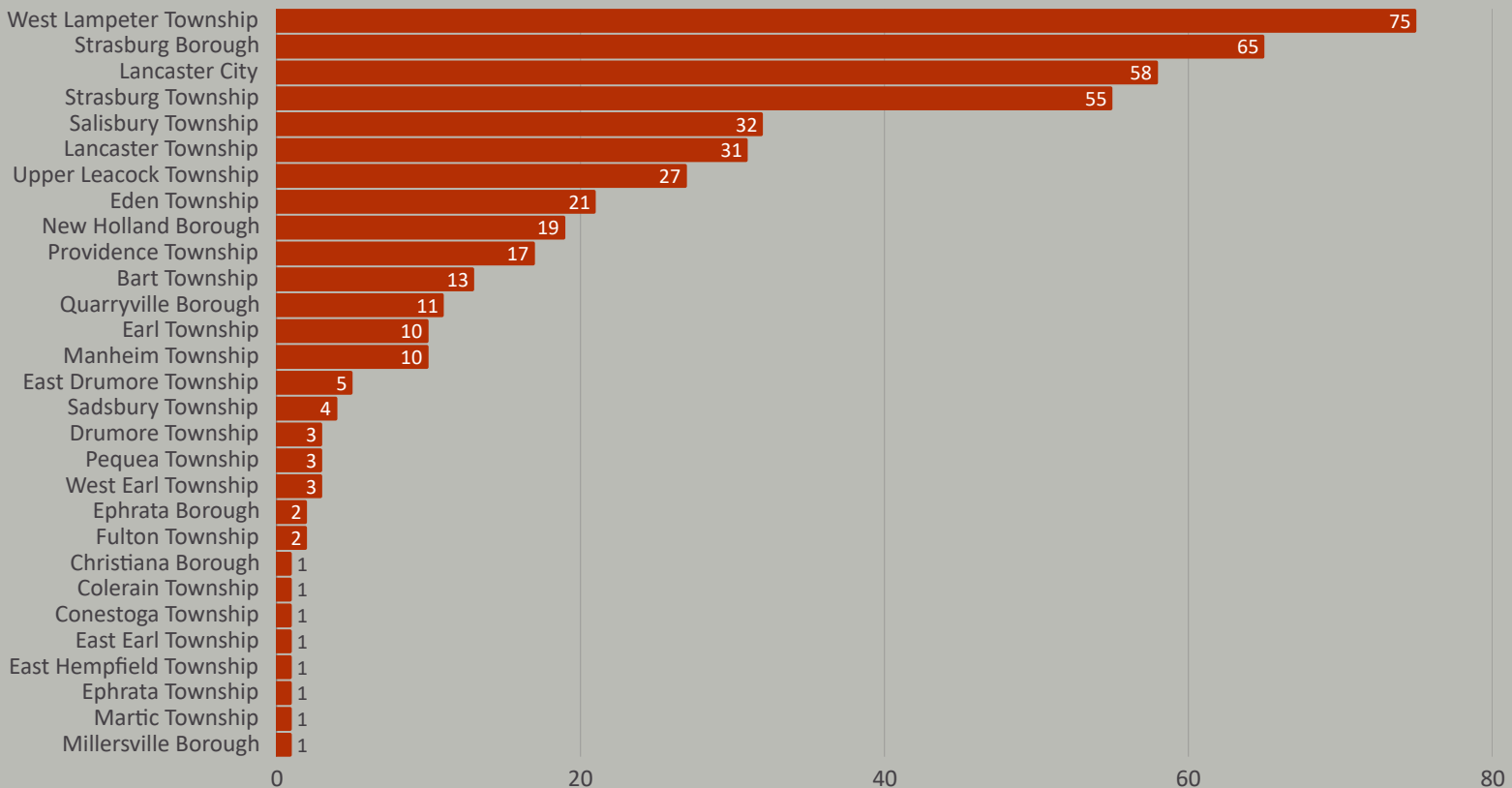
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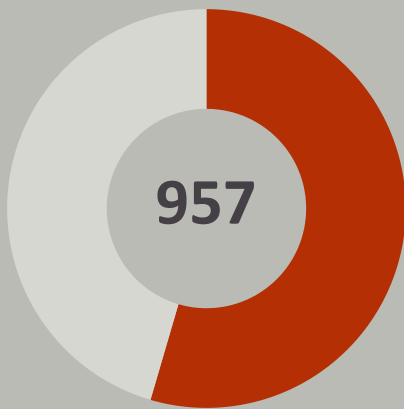


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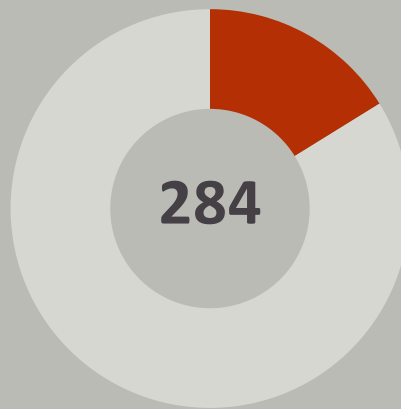


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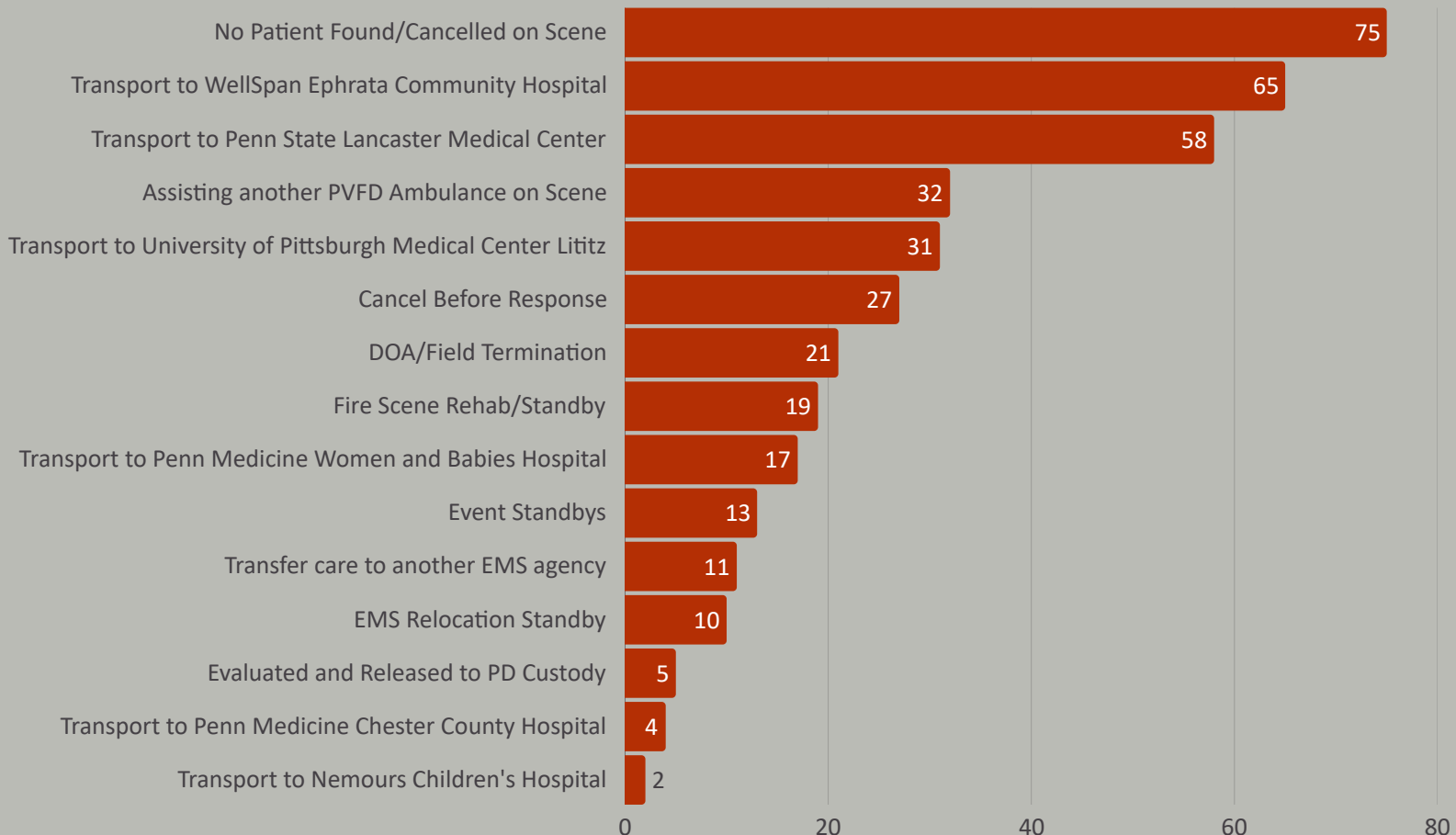
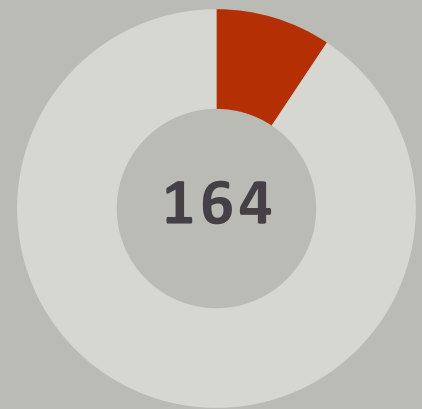
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PATIENT REFUSAL AFTER  
EMS EVALUATION



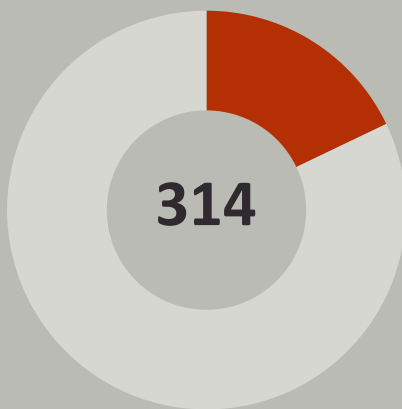
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EN ROUTE



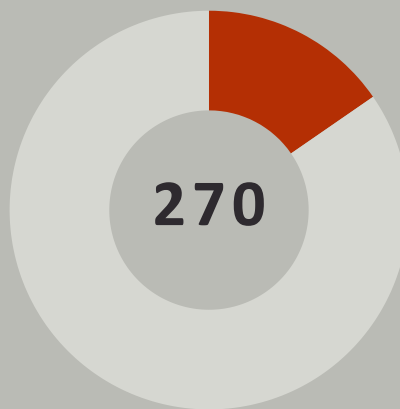


# CALL NATURES

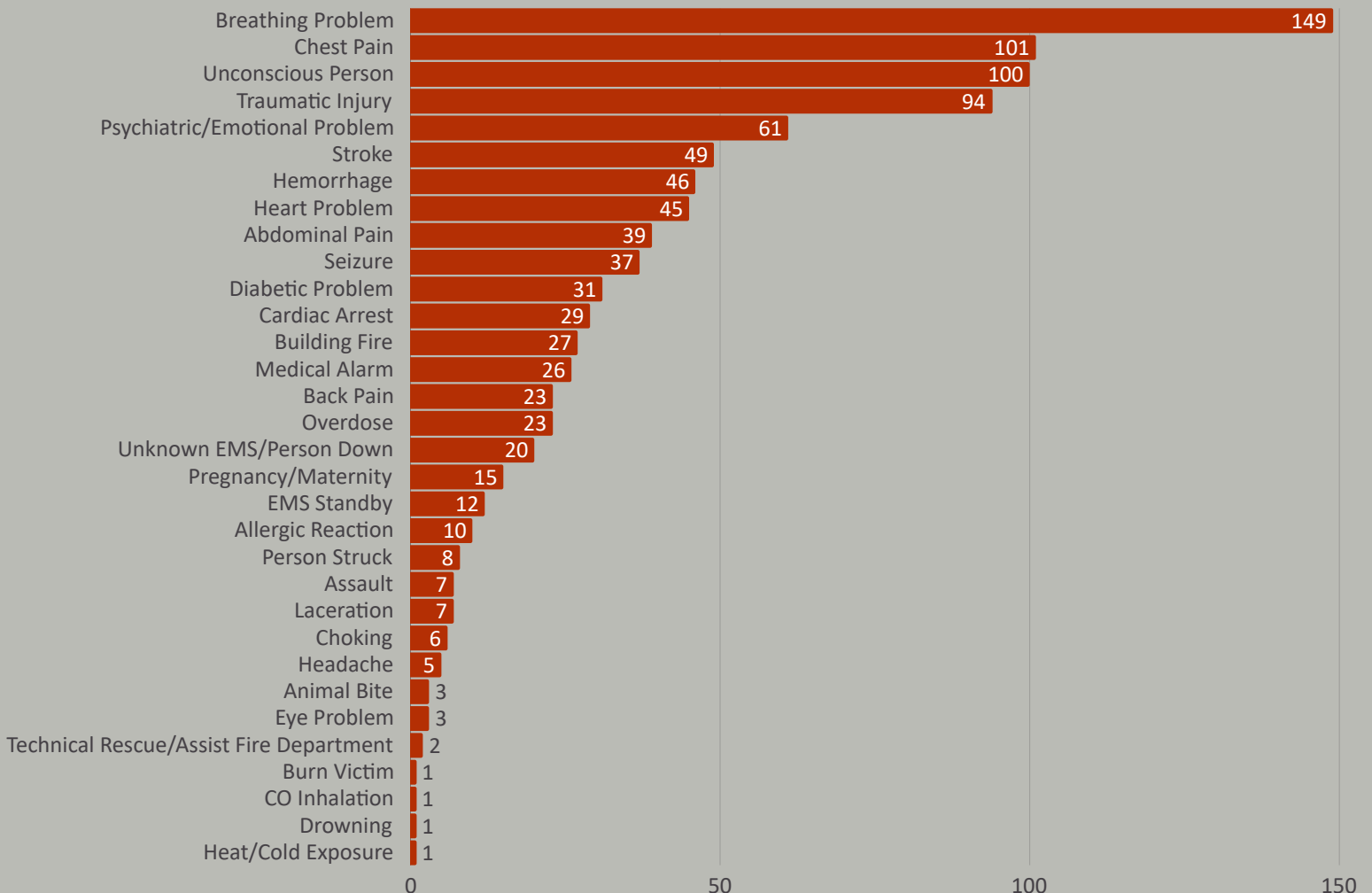
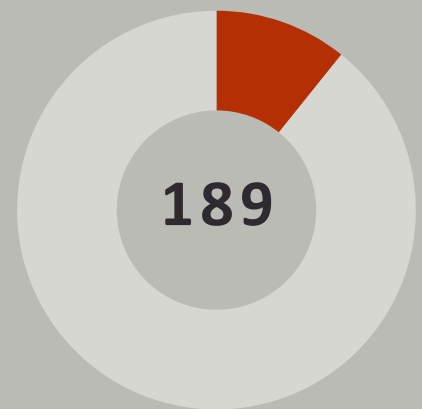
SICK PERSON



FALLS



VEHICLE ACCIDENT



# 2024 DEPARTMENT AWARDS

ANNUALLY IN FEBRUARY AT OUR COMPANY BANQUET WE HAND OUT SEVERAL AWARDS TO MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR. FOR 2024, THE AWARDS AND WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

## **FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR: *AMOS J BLANK***

This award is voted by the membership for one of their peers who demonstrates is the person who they felt gave 110% effort everyday around the station. This person demonstrates their dedication with running calls, attending training, and typically is found doing whatever needs done around the station, from general cleaning, washing apparatus, tool cleaning and maintenance, helping train the newer members, assisting the officers with various tasks and duties, and more.

## **TOP FIRE TRAINING HOURS: *MERV ESCH***

This award goes to the volunteer who attended the most hours of fire training throughout the year.

## **TOP FIRE RESPONDER GORDONVILLE STATION: *JONATHAN EBERSOL***

## **TOP FIRE RESPONDER KINZERS STATION: *ELMER LAPP***

This award goes to the volunteer who ran the most fire calls of the year from each station.

## **TOP EMS RESPONDER: *JONATHAN EBERSOL***

This award goes to the volunteer who ran the most EMS calls of the year.

## **KAUFFMAN AWARD (EMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR): *MEL EBERSOL***

Named after Dave and Mary Kauffman in 2016 who both faithfully served the department for over 40 years, this award is given to an individual who shows compassionate service towards others and our community. Someone who is willing to do extra without being asked or needing thanks, other than just running calls and attending training.

## **TOP TRAINING HOURS: *\*TIE\* JONATHAN EBERSOL AND RHODA EBERSOL***

This award goes to the volunteer who attended the most hours of EMS training throughout the year.

# 2024 DEPARTMENT AWARDS

## CLINICAL SAVE AWARDS

This award is issued by Emergency Health Services Federation which is our Regional EMS Council who recognizes personnel and organizations who perform life saving skills in the event of a cardiac arrest where the outcome results in patient regaining a pulse and is able to be discharged from the hospital.

- March 18th: Matt Chambers, Noelle Barrett, Dave Johnson, Jonathan Ebersol, Dwylan Beiler and Nikki Bills

## PREHOSPITAL DELIVERY AWARDS

This award is issued by Emergency Health Services Federation which is our Regional EMS Council who recognizes personnel and organizations who help with the delivery of babies in a prehospital setting.

- January 14th: Dave Johnson, Jonas Flaud, Darelene Beiler, and Hailey Yothers
- March 21st: Jonathan Ebersol, Rachel Henry and Darlene Beiler
- June 10th: Mandie Fisher and Noelle Barrett
- September 14th: Doug Brubaker, Mel Ebersol and Carly Hall

## RECOGNITIONS

In addition to those recognized above, there are several of our staff both career and volunteer that we would like to recognize for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Below we would like to take the time to recognize those who might not have had the “top spot” but excelled in their time and dedication to provide service to the department and community.

### TOP 5 FIRE RESPONDERS GORDONVILLE STATION

DAVE JOHNSON 134  
IVAN EBERSOL 133  
JONATHAN EBERSOL 107  
JOHN MILLER 78  
BRANDAN ESH 69

### TOP 5 VOLUNTEER EMS RESPONDERS

JONATHAN EBEROL 188  
KEN ESH 147  
ARLAN MILLER 144  
MEL EBERSOL 142  
RHODA EBERSOL 129

### TOP 5 VOLUNTEER FIRE RESPONDERS KINZER STATION

JOHN MARK STOLTZFUS 138  
ELMER LAPP 128  
BENUEL ESH 117  
AJ KING 101  
MIKE CHAMBERS AND JOHN KING \*TIE\* FOR 88

### TOP 3 CAREER EMS RESPONDERS

NOELLE BARRETT 306  
DARLENE BEILER 288  
MANDIE FISHER 249

# NOTABLE CALLS, NEWS, AND EVENTS



IN SEPTEMBER, WE UPGRADED OUR LICENSE FROM BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TO INTERMEDIATE ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT. INTERMEDIATE ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT IS A LEVEL OF CARE THAT THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH APPROVED IN 2015. IT'S A LEVEL OF CARE THAT BRIDGES THE GAP FROM BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TO ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT. THIS ALLOWS OUR RESPONDERS WHO ARE CERTIFIED AS AN AEMT OR HIGHER TO PROVIDE A MORE ADVANCED LEVEL OF LIFE SAVING CARE IN THE FIELD. IT GIVES US THE ABILITY TO OBTAIN IV ACCESS, ADMINISTER MORE ADVANCED MEDICATIONS, AND PROVIDE LIMITED CARDIAC MONITORING WHEN AN ALS (PARAMEDIC) UNIT IS NOT AVAILABLE OR WARRANTED.

# NOTABLE CALLS, NEWS, AND EVENTS



IN NOVEMBER, 6 MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT TRAVELED TO CLINTONVILLE, WI TO THE SEAGRAVE PLANT TO COMPLETE FINAL INSPECTION OF THE NEW TANKER 405.

# NOTABLE CALLS, NEWS, AND EVENTS

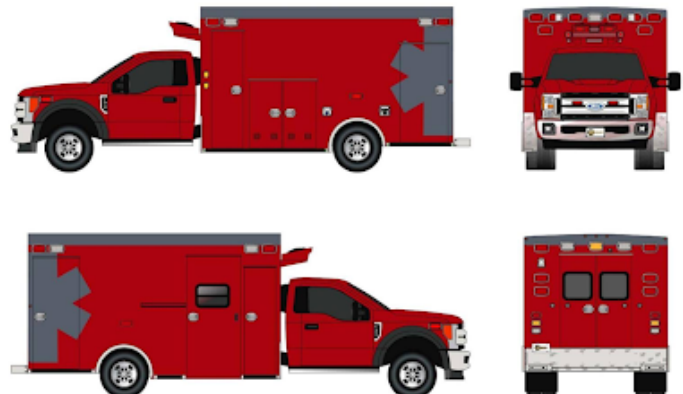


IN ORDER TO BETTER SERVE OUR COMMUNITY, IN 2024 WE HIRED 6 NEW EMS CAREER STAFF AND RECRUITED 19 VOLUNTEERS TO VARIOUS ROLES IN FIRE, EMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AREAS.

WE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN OVER 30 COMMUNITY RELATIONS, RECRUITMENT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION EVENTS.

WE PLACED AN ORDER ON A NEW BRAUN AMBULANCE TO REPLACE OUR 2010 AMBULANCE. THIS NEW AMBULANCE WILL HAVE NEWER TOP OF THE LINE FEATURES COMPARED TO THE AGING 2010 AMBULANCE AND WILL BE AN IDENTICAL SET UP WITH OUR TWO 2020 BRAUN AMBULANCES TO ALLOW CONSISTENCY AND EFFICIENCY FOR OUR CREWS DURING THEIR TIME OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY ON CALLS.

## Pequea Valley Fire Department - Lancaster County, PA Braun Chief XL Type I Ambulance



DRAWING IS FOR VISUAL PURPOSE ONLY. OPENINGS, HARDWARE AND BODY CONTOURS MAY VARY AFFECTING OUTCOME OF FINAL LAYOUT.



THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS!  
Nick DeWitt, EMS Account Manager



# NOTABLE CALLS, NEWS, AND EVENTS



IN JANUARY WE HAD A FULL DEPARTMENT ASSIST WITH HAND IN HAND FIRE COMPANY FOR A BUILDING FIRE AT BIRD IN HAND RESTAURANT.



IN FEBRUARY TRUCK 403, ENGINE 403, TANKER 405, AND SPECIAL UNIT 403 ASSISTED WITH THE MARTIN'S COUNTRY MARKET GROCERY STORE FIRE.

# NOTABLE CALLS, NEWS, AND EVENTS



IN JULY, TRUCK 403 AND SPECIAL UNIT 403 ASSISTED COLUMBIA BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT  
WITH THE MASSIVE TOLLBOOTH ANTIQUES MALL FIRE.