
2024 Annual Report



Proudly Serving the Town of
Cedar Lake and
Unincorporated Hanover
Township Since 1942



JANUARY 1ST 2025

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Command Staff/Administration

Fire Chief – Todd Wilkening

Deputy Chief – Nick Mager

POC Assistant Chief – Larry Stenger

Battalion Chief – Matt Sella

Battalion Chief – Chris Craft

Administrative Assistant – Sandy Ehmen

Captains

Todd Konradi

Chad Wilson

Lieutenant

Larry Stenger Jr.

Firefighter/Paramedics

Jason Bieda

Allison Craft

Anthony Elkmann

Mike Gagliardi

Deneen Leiber

Danny Misiak

Mike Perich

Anthony VanAuken

Jake Vickery

Collin Turner

Firefighter/EMTs

Travis Able

Mark Beyer

Andrew Briggs

Jose Bugarin

Katherin Knauerhaze

Connor Reilly

Jena Reynhout

Fred Seniw

Megan Spiegel

Firefighters

Bailey Bachand

Bill Missal

Padrick Schmitt

Dean Wilkening

Probationary

Sam Iurillo

Kyle Caves

Steven Williams

Brandon Zimmerman

Training:

CLFD PERSONNEL RECIEVE THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF TRAINING EACH YEAR. TRAINING IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE FIREFIGHTERS ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND.

AS AN ALL-HAZARD DEPARMENT, CLFD PERSONNEL RESPOND TO A VARIETY OF EMERGENCIES INVOLVING FIRE, MEDICAL, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, WATER/ICE EMERGENCIES, TECHNICAL RESCUE, VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, AND MORE.

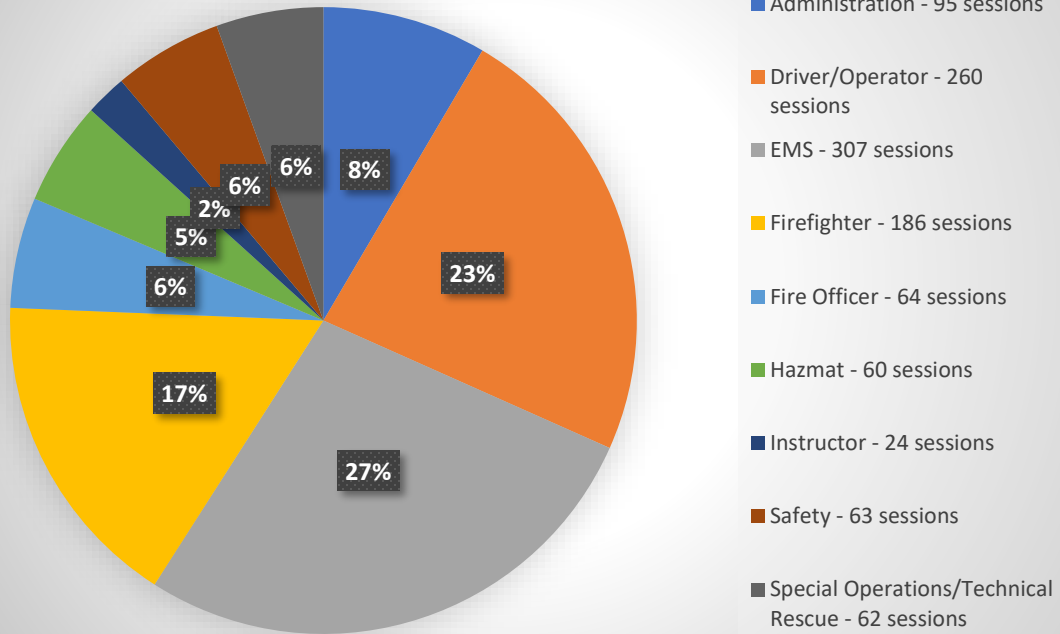
THIS RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRES SPECIALIZED, ON-GOING TRAINING TO MAINTAIN PROFICIENCY.

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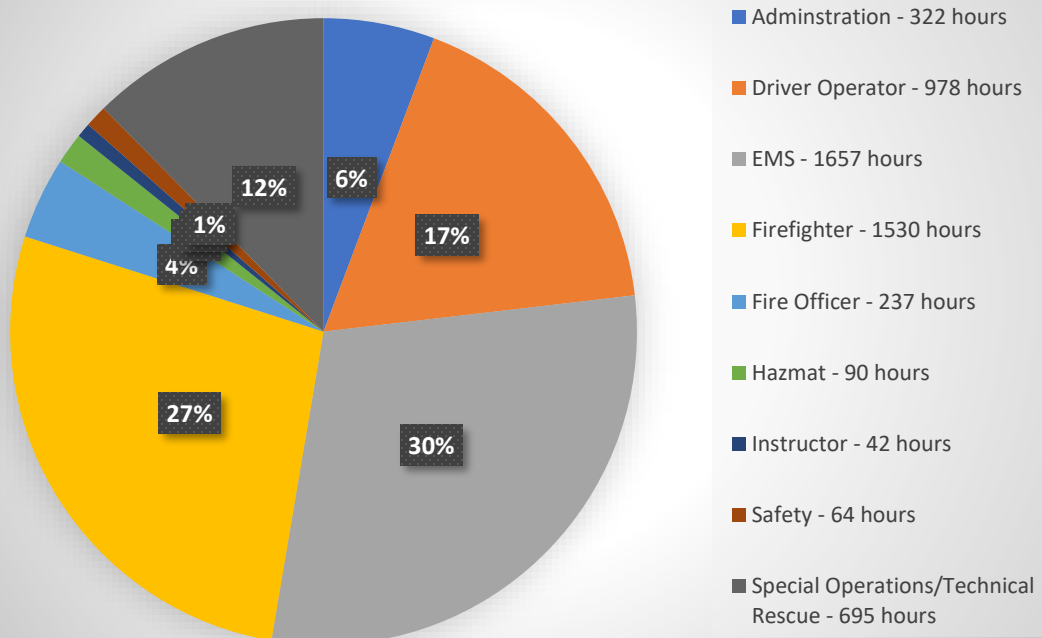
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Sessions by Category



Hours by Category



Administration (subcategories)	Hours
Procedures	104
Human Resources	88
Communications	112
Public Relations	18
Total	322

Driver Operator (subcategories)	Hours
Addresses, Maps, District Review	57
Ambulance Check Procedures	28
Apparatus Check Procedures	151
Apparatus Positioning	5
Brush Truck Operations	108
Defensive Driving/Safety	62
Engine Driving	29
Engine Pumping	105
General Driving	38
Maintenance/Checks/Standards	25
Pump Operations (drafting)	66
Pump Operations (hydrants)	8
Relay Pumping	80
Ladder Truck Operations	79
Ladder Truck Driving	4
Water Rescue Equipment	84
Total	978

EMS (subcategories)	Hours
Airway, Breathing, Cardiology	453
Medical	573
Trauma	136
OB/Peds	108
Operations	282
CQI	105
Total	1657

Firefighter (subcategories)	Hours
Firefighter Safety/Survival/RIT	34
Fire Behavior/Science	113
SCBA/PPE	396
Ground Ladders	21
Forcible Entry	102
Hose/Nozzle Operations	98
Search and Rescue	160
Strategic and Tactical Operations	194
Vehicle Extrication	128
Ropes and Knots	10
Inspection/Prevention	274
Total	1530

Fire Officer (subcategories)	Hours
Building Preplanning	62
Communications	31
Fire Scene Management/ICS	96
Size-up/Decision Making	48
Total	237

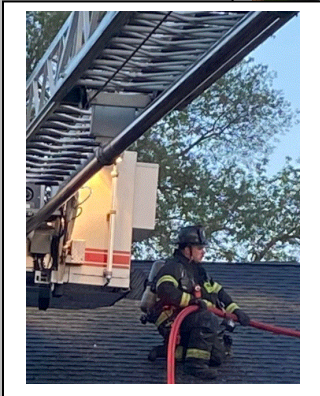
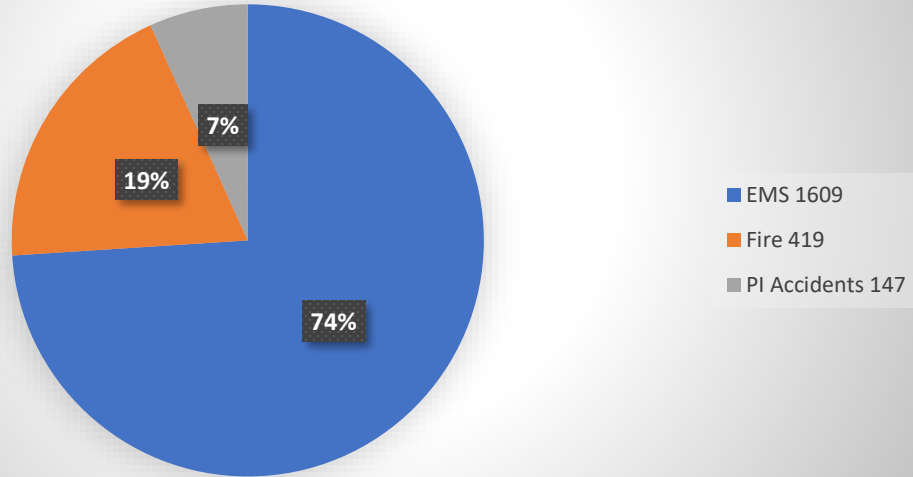
Hazmat (subcategories)	Hours
Hazmat Equipment/PPE	18
Hazmat Operations	72
Total	90

Instructor (subcategories)	Hours
Adult Continuing Education	19
Class Preparation	4
Skills Evaluation	11
Teaching Experience	8
Total	42

Safety (subcategories)	Hours
Crew Safety Scenarios	3
Firefighter Health/Safety/Rehab	61
Total	61

Special Operations/Technical Rescue (subcategories)	Hours
Technical Rescue	111
Water/Ice Rescue	584
Total	695

2024 Incidents Total = 2,182



EMS

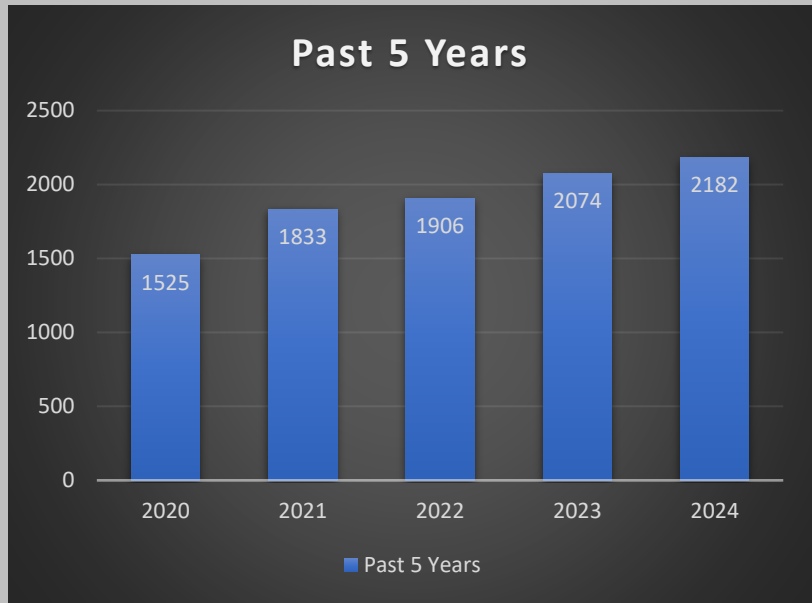
EMS Abdominal 38
EMS Allergic 9
EMS Animal Bite 9
EMS Assault 12
EMS Back Pain 13
EMS Bleeding 43
EMS Breathing 124
EMS Burns 2
EMS Chest Pain 70
EMS Choking 12
EMS Death 10
EMS Diabetic 49
EMS Entrap 2
EMS Eye Injury 5
EMS Fall 202
EMS Full Arrest 30
EMS Gunshot 2
EMS Headache 2
EMS Heart Prob 41
EMS Heat / Cold 2
EMS Lift Assist 234
EMS Misc 6
EMS Overdose 37
EMS Pregnancy 4
EMS Psych 117
EMS Seizure 44
EMS Sick Person 234
EMS Stabbing 3
EMS Standby 19
EMS Stroke 48
EMS Trauma 42
EMS Uncons 94
EMS Unknown 60

FIRE

FIRE Alarm 68
FIRE Appliance 1
FIRE Assist 22
FIRE Brush 10
FIRE CO Alarm 41
FIRE Dive Recovery 1
FIRE Electrical 4
FIRE Explosion 1
FIRE Gas IN 20
FIRE Gas OUT 11
FIRE Hazmat 3
FIRE Inspection 1
FIRE Investigation 1
FIRE Marine 3
FIRE Misc 9
FIRE Mutual Aid 9
FIRE Odor 10
FIRE Outside 26
FIRE Smoke 3
FIRE Smoke Odor 4
FIRE Smoke Out 2
FIRE Standby 29
FIRE Structure 84
FIRE Utility 32
FIRE Vehicle 5
FIRE Washdown 4
FIRE Water Resc 16
PI Accident 147

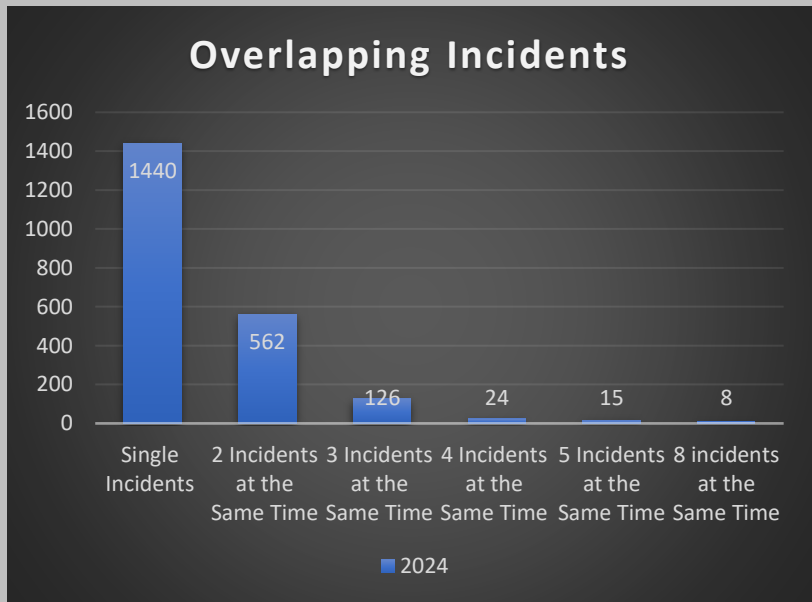
Uncategorized 7

WHILE THERE WAS A 5% INCREASE FROM 2023 TO 2024 THE 5 YEAR INCREASE IS UP 43%.

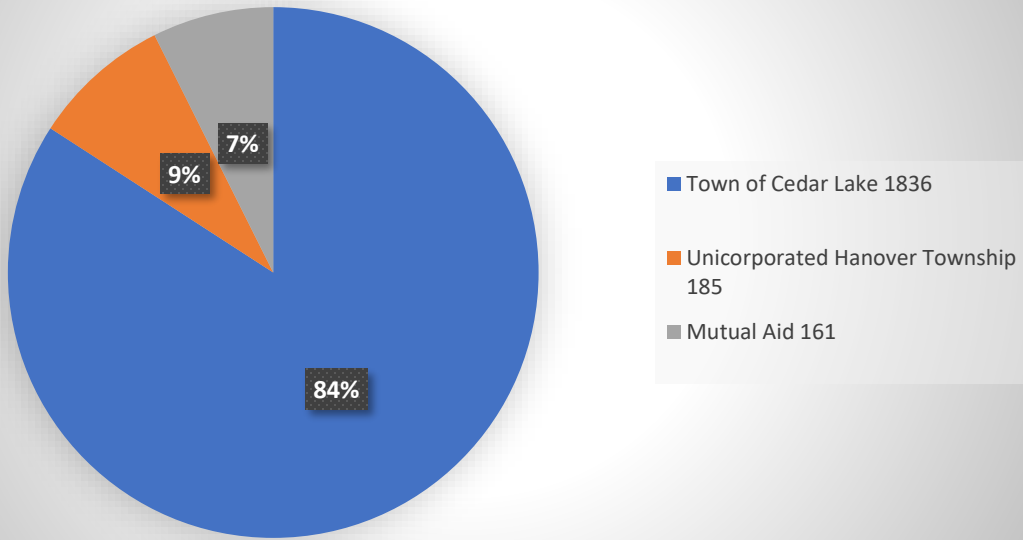


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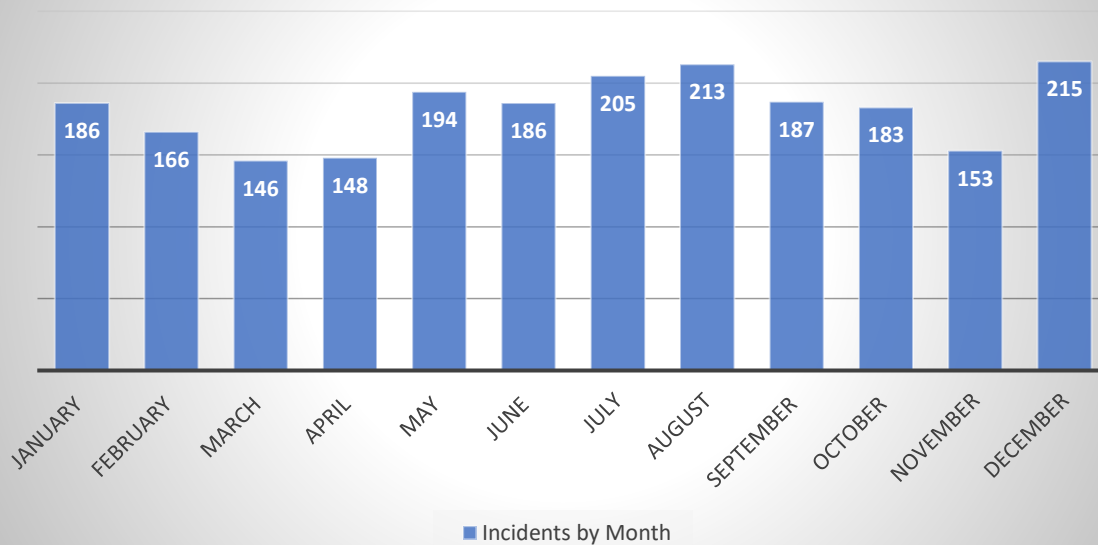
During 33% of the incidents there were multiple incidents at the same time in which POC response, call back, and/or Mutual Aid was utilized.



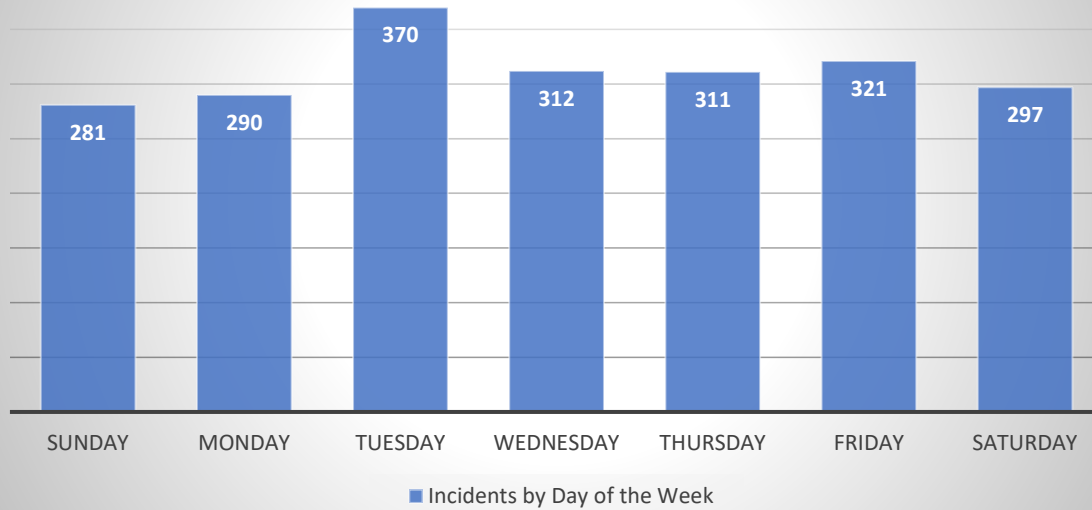
Incidents By Area



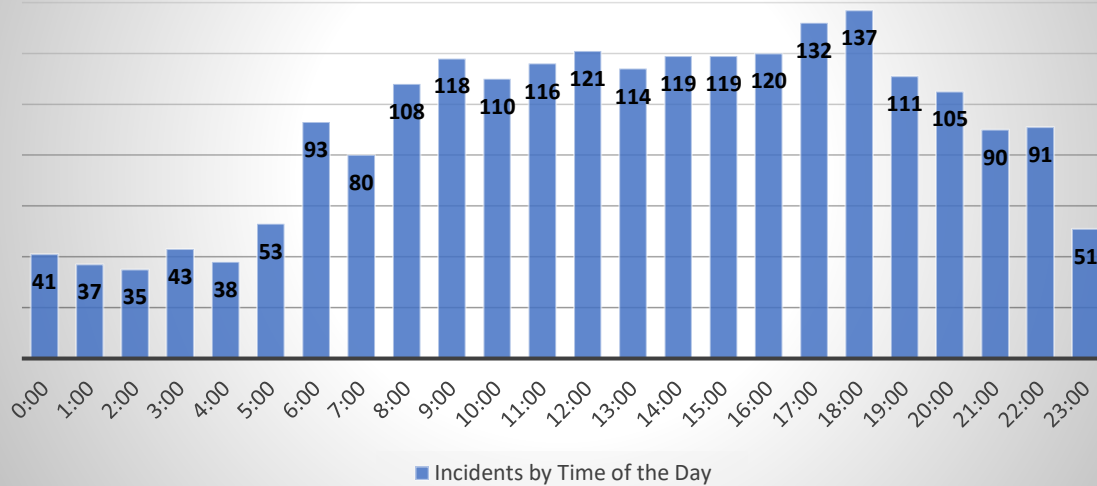
Incidents by Month



Incidents by Day of the Week



Incidents by Time of the Day



Donations/Grants:

Mr. Huppenthal Estate-graciously, has donated \$500,000.00 to the Fire Department. This donation money was used in purchasing and replacing Self-contained Breathing apparatus. Along with this donation, was a golf cart and a trailer for transport.

Nipsco Grant-was awarded in the amount of \$5,000.00. This grant will be used to purchase CO detectors, smoke detectors, and fire education materials.

Cedar Lake Firefighters Association-donated an inflatable fire rescue house for fire education.

Resident, Mr. Bianchi-donated \$10,000.00 to the Cedar Lake Firefighters IAFF Local 5141.

EMS Billing:

Cedar Lake EMS IN										DECEMBER 2024	
EMSMC + THE ACCUMED GROUP COMBINED ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECONCILIATION REPORT											
For Accounting Period Ending: December 31, 2024											
EMSMC											
Period	Beginning AR	Gross Charges	Contractual Allow	Net Charges	Rev Adj	Payments	GEMT Payments	Collections & Other Write Offs	Refunds	Ending AR	
202401	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
202402	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
202403	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
202404	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
202405	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
202406	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
202407	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
202408	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
202409	-	60,082.70	-	60,082.70	-	-	-	-	-	60,082.70	
202410	60,082.70	60,220.85	19,232.11	40,988.74	-	26,306.71	-	-	-	74,764.73	
202411	74,764.73	22,384.35	13,211.14	9,173.21	-	20,976.55	-	-	-	62,961.39	
202412	62,961.39	144,159.70	21,529.87	122,629.83	-	28,400.91	-	2,286.40	(148.53)	155,052.44	
TOTAL	-	286,847.60	53,973.12	232,874.48	-	75,684.17	-	2,286.40	(148.53)	155,052.44	
THE ACCUMED GROUP											
Period	Beginning AR	Gross Charges	Contractual Allow	Net Charges	Rev Adj	Payments	GEMT Payments	Collections & Other Write Offs	Refunds	Ending AR	
202401	224,418.21	66,959.81	24,259.22	42,700.59	-	33,253.17	-	10,596.61	-	224,770.76	
202402	224,770.76	95,978.20	27,624.27	88,353.93	-	44,122.69	-	7,335.02	-	243,531.97	
202403	243,531.97	72,859.00	36,042.17	36,816.83	-	52,490.09	-	3,952.15	-	224,581.56	
202404	224,581.56	99,026.50	22,298.44	76,728.06	-	34,354.06	-	(1,242.45)	-	269,432.66	
202405	269,432.66	46,016.40	27,138.15	18,878.25	-	39,731.00	-	372.57	-	248,207.34	
202406	248,207.34	35,843.05	19,614.05	16,229.00	-	29,274.30	-	15,784.37	-	219,719.93	
202407	219,719.93	74,935.90	18,638.05	56,297.85	-	30,081.49	-	1,998.73	-	244,427.87	
202408	244,427.87	118,200.96	27,670.07	90,530.89	-	43,862.68	-	6,259.52	-	286,548.64	
202409	286,548.64	62,934.94	40,414.57	22,520.37	-	59,485.44	-	6,146.76	-	243,436.81	
202410	243,436.81	4,542.51	7,302.85	(2,760.34)	-	24,380.60	-	10,073.20	(314.45)	207,108.34	
202411	207,108.34	(21.70)	3,988.71	(4,010.41)	-	7,281.99	-	3,666.00	(912.70)	190,316.64	
202412	190,316.64	(9.30)	3,920.80	(3,930.10)	-	7,000.71	-	12,253.51	37.60	167,094.72	
TOTAL	224,418.21	677,266.27	258,911.35	418,354.92	-	405,318.22	-	77,195.99	(1,189.55)	167,094.72	

Total EMS Billing Payments were \$481,002.39 which is a 1.5% increase from the 2023 total of \$474,078.65

Budget:

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GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2024		YTD BALANCE	ACTIVITY FOR	UNENCUMBERED	% BDDT	
		ORIGINAL BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	12/31/2024	MONTH 12/31/24			
				(ANORM)	(INCR)	BALANCE	USED	
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND								
Expenditures								
Dept 005 - FIRE DEPARTMENT								
101-005-110.000	FIRE - BOARD OF SAFETY	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,445.86	2,393.93	0.00	97.71	
101-005-111.000	FIRE - CHIEF	87,600.00	87,600.00	87,533.59	6,865.38	0.00	99.92	
101-005-112.000	FIRE - FULL TIME OFFICERS	970,000.00	826,331.50	767,857.02	56,952.70	0.00	92.92	
101-005-113.000	FIRE - ADMIN/BILLING ASST	40,000.00	40,000.00	39,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	97.50	
101-005-115.000	FIRE - PART TIME OFFICERS	100,000.00	101,805.00	101,802.93	10,275.55	0.00	100.00	
101-005-116.000	FIRE - OVERTIME	150,000.00	265,535.00	265,533.43	26,747.54	0.00	100.00	
101-005-117.000	FIRE - VOLUNTEER STIPEND	30,000.00	30,000.00	10,377.50	3,300.00	0.00	34.59	
101-005-119.000	FIRE - PTO PAYOUT	10,000.00	10,183.50	10,183.50	4,863.51	0.00	100.00	
101-005-122.000	FIRE - FICA/MED	66,000.00	66,000.00	42,703.32	4,306.67	0.00	64.70	
101-005-123.000	FIRE - PERF	180,000.00	180,000.00	179,589.16	13,594.75	0.00	99.77	
101-005-124.000	FIRE - LONGEVITY	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,485.00	330.00	0.00	89.70	
101-005-131.000	FIRE - UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	15,000.00	15,075.00	14,667.30	3,173.00	0.00	97.16	
101-005-132.000	FIRE - PHYSICALS	10,000.00	5,000.00	4,272.00	220.00	0.00	85.44	
101-005-211.000	FIRE - OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,500.00	5,220.40	4,568.94	0.00	0.00	87.52	
101-005-212.000	FIRE - POSTAGE	0.00	800.00	722.68	146.00	0.00	90.34	
101-005-221.000	FIRE - FUEL	35,000.00	33,704.60	33,704.60	517.88	0.00	100.00	
101-005-231.000	FIRE - PARTS/TOOLS	10,000.00	10,000.00	7,449.68	551.43	426.33	78.76	
101-005-241.000	FIRE - MISC SUPPLIES	30,000.00	28,500.00	22,517.69	562.00	0.00	79.01	
101-005-321.000	FIRE - PHONES	7,000.00	7,000.00	6,889.20	310.77	0.00	98.42	
101-005-322.000	FIRE - TRAVEL	500.00	500.00	225.33	0.00	0.00	45.07	
101-005-331.000	FIRE - PRINTING	1,000.00	1,000.00	645.79	198.77	0.00	64.58	
101-005-339.000	FIRE - COPIER LEASE	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
101-005-351.000	FIRE - NIPSCO	25,000.00	27,030.00	27,028.08	4,271.76	0.00	99.99	
101-005-352.000	FIRE - TOWN UTILITIES	8,500.00	6,470.00	5,714.14	0.00	0.00	88.32	
101-005-361.000	FIRE - EQUIP REPAIRS	45,000.00	40,000.00	21,269.04	295.00	0.00	53.17	
101-005-362.000	FIRE - VEHICLE REPAIRS	55,000.00	100,445.00	96,661.28	31,534.92	0.00	96.23	
101-005-365.000	FIRE - MAINT AGREEMENTS	6,000.00	5,991.50	4,869.07	139.08	0.00	81.27	
101-005-394.000	FIRE - TRAINING	3,000.00	7,376.00	7,376.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
101-005-396.000	FIRE - MISC SERVICES	15,000.00	11,239.26	10,724.65	721.58	0.00	95.42	
101-005-397.000	FIRE - DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	12,000.00	24,679.00	14,768.36	0.00	0.00	59.84	
101-005-398.000	FIRE - AWARDS/PROMOTION	1,200.00	826.24	390.52	0.00	0.00	47.26	
101-005-399.000	FIRE - FACILITIES	10,000.00	5,888.00	5,887.99	325.00	0.00	100.00	
Total Dept 005 - FIRE DEPARTMENT		1,935,650.00	1,953,750.00	1,803,842.65	175,597.22	426.33	92.35	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,935,650.00	1,953,750.00	1,803,842.65	175,597.22	426.33	92.35	
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND:								
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,935,650.00	1,953,750.00	1,803,842.65	175,597.22	426.33	92.35	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS								
		1,935,650.00	1,953,750.00	1,803,842.65	175,597.22	426.33	92.35	

The 2024 Fire Department budget was \$1,953,750.00. Hanover Township Contract was \$160,000.00. EMS Billing Payments were \$481,002.39.

Total Fire Department budget impact to the General Fund: \$1,312,747.61.



Council, Board of Safety

In conclusion of the report after a very trying year we managed to come in overall under budget. Injuries and loss of personnel to other departments has again stressed the overall budget for over time. With the end of the year approval of pay increases for the beginning on 2025 we look forward to increasing our part time staff, the retention of current staff and recruiting new recruits. With the council's recent commitment to continue the competitive investment in pay and benefits we will be getting much closer to attracting quality candidates and keeping them, this will take some time due to most people are already working elsewhere at the same rate. We have had interest already from new people looking to chose a department to work Part time.

We certified two brand new Paramedics. The towns investment in personnel is starting to come full circle and pay off like we predicted. We applied for grants this year and income from a donation has set up our department for 10 years with our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.

With the late 2024 addition of Part time, and Fulltime staff we should help us "Per Policy of the Town of Cedar Lake" maintain four per shift. With the additional people hired this year we will soon have 5 or 6 per shift depending on the availability of part time staff. This will ultimately



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help us maintain four per shift all the time, hopefully reducing the overtime.

All apparatus has been serviced and repaired when needed, a DOT inspection is included yearly buy the contracted service J&M Equipment.

No improvements were done to Station 12 in 2024 but work will need to be done in 2025. Windows, gutters and siding and painting of the doors in the truck bays to mention a few important upgrades. A couple larger repairs included a new motor in an ambulance.

Reflected in the report shows the income from last year from the Twp Contract and Ems Billing.

Respectfully Submitted, Chief Todd Wilkening

Note: All statistics shown in this report was provided by The Spillman program that is used by all the Fire Departments in Lake County. A Nationally used program. Our data is drawn from the dispatch centers documentation and assigned type of call that we are dispatched for service. This is a fixed program with a set of parameters determined when the call is processed.

