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Gallipolis Fire Department

2018 Chestnut Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631



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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013

Run Stats:

Total fire runs:	2013 = 340	} Prior 5 year average = 343.6 runs per year
	2012 = 418	
	2011 = 381	
	2010 = 290	
	2009 = 322	
	2008 = 307	

Members are required to maintain a run percentage of 25%. In 2013, all members exceeded this run percentage requirement. The average member's run percentage for 2013 was 48.1%.

Breakdown of 2013 Fire Runs:

Structure Fires – 36	Search/Rescue (Water) – 4	False Alarm – 89
Vehicle Fire – 11	Controlled Burn – 15	CO Alarm – 9
Brush Fire – 15	Smoke Scare – 7	Good Intent – 14
Equipment Fire – 1	Haz-Mat – 1	Lift Assistance – 5
Dumpster Fire – 3	Haz-Mat (Meth Lab) – 18	Assistance (Traffic Control) – 3
Outside Fire – 7	Landing Zone – 10	Assist (other) – 1
Electrical Hazard – 27	Motor Vehicle Crash – 31	
Gas leak – 16	MVC w/ Entrapment – 6	
Search/Rescue (Land) – 5	Auto Alarm – 6	
Mutual-Aid Received – 10	Mutual-Aid Given – 10	

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Departmental Training:

Year to Date 24-7 Fire Online Training – members have successfully completed 134 individual online courses.

January 22nd – Report Writing

February 11th – Quick Clear (OSHP course)

February 26th – Tour of Electrocraft Ohio

March 24th – Joe Woodall completed his 36 hour Basic Firefighter certification at the Ohio Fire Academy.

March 26th – Clandestine Meth. Lab Awareness

March 18th – Training with Point Pleasant FD on “Hoarder Fires”.

April 13th – Joint Fire Training and pre-planning with District 2 (Guyan) FD.

April 23rd – CPR and AED Training

May 23rd – Hybrid Vehicle Training

May 28th – Holzer Hospital – Tour of remodeled facilities

Smoke Detectors... A Sound You Can Live With

May - Jonathan VanMeter and Travis Roush completed the Volunteer Level Firefighter training at the Ohio Fire Academy.

June – Rob Northup, John Kearns and John Tate completed the Level I Firefighter Training.

June 22nd – Members attended District 2 FD's Air Evac class.

June 25th – Pump Operations

July 23rd – Rescue Boat Safety training

July 23rd – Rescue Truck Operation

July 27th – Rescue Boat Operation

July 23-25th – Two members received factory re-certification training in MSA SCBA repair

August 27th – POK Foam and various hose nozzle demonstrations by Dill's Fire Equipment.

September 24th – Dry Hydrant flushing and operations

September - Hocking Valley Regional Fire School – (Oak Hill) 9 members attended

October 22nd – Natural Gas/Propane Fuel Emergencies and Explosions

October 27th – Haz-Mat Technician refresher class

November 26th – Bunker Gear Inspection, Wildfire Gear Inspection, Public Safety Vehicle Inspections.

Community Fire Safety Education Classes Taught:

March 28th – Tour of Station 1 by 3 adults and 3 children.

April 16th – Fire Safety and LZ setup for Safety Day at Wee Care Dare Care. 20children, 4 adults

April 18th – Tour of Station 1 by 28 children and 7 adults.

October 5th – Kmart Safety Day, 1 truck w/ Smokey Bear. Unknown number of adults and children.

October 8th – Station 1 – 2 children, 1 adult

October 8th – Washington Elementary School – 70 children, 6 adults

October 9th – Addaville Elementary School – 190 children, 10 adults

October 9th – Green Elementary School – 180 children, 8 adults

October 9th – Heart of the Valley Head Start – 117 children, 24 adults

October 9th – Station 1 – 25 children, 6 adults

October 13th – Addison Freewill Baptist Church w/ Smokey Bear – 40 children, 100 adults

October 15th – Station 1 (Club Scouts) – 6 children, 3 adults

October 17th – Fire Extinguisher Training – Senior Citizen Center – 30 adults

October 23rd – Saint Louis Catholic Church – 20 children, 8 adults

October 23rd – Station 1 – 2 children, 1 adult

October 30th – Toddler Tech Daycare – 13 children, 1 adult

November 8th – Wee Care Daycare – 16 children, 3 adults

Total Students = 732 children and 215 adults

Community Activities:

January 24th - Attended County Fire Asso. Meeting at Gallia EMS

February 28th – Hosted the Gallia County Fire Association at Station 1

March 10th – Press release for changing smoke detector batteries.

March 15th – Members judged a Chili Cook-off at the Central Christian Church on Garfield Avenue.

March 22nd – Coverage of District 2 FD's fire district with one truck and five members.

March 22nd – Group attended the calling hours for Chief Tom Wrights' mother.

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March 23rd – Helped District 2 FD with the set-up of their Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser.

March 31st – Press release for open burning restrictions.
 April 20th – Group attendance, Calling Hours for Springfield Twp. FD member Gary Fisher
 April 21st – Participated in Crossed Ladders and Funeral Detail for Gary Fisher.
 April 25th – Attended County Fire Association at Harrison Twp. FD
 May 4th – Holzer Heart Walk – Assisted with traffic control.
 May 9th – Dam Safety Meeting with ODNR
 May 11th – Safety Demo at Gallia Academy High School
 May 15th – Meeting with County Fire Chiefs
 May 23rd – County Fire Association Meeting, Rio Grande F.D.
 May 27th – Memorial Day Parade
 May – FD Flags were placed on the graves of GFD retirees and line of duty death members.
 June 27th – County Fire Association Meeting, Springfield F.D.
 June 28th – 30th – The Station Firefighter attended the Ohio Weekend at the National Fire Academy.
 June 29th – Assist to Point Pleasant F.D. w/ Rescue boat during Regatta.
 July 7th – Fireworks Detail: Apparatus stationed and manned at Station 1, SR 7 & SR 141, Pine Street and 2nd & State Street. Firefighting equipment staged in Bandstand.
 July 20th – Hosted the “2nd Annual Mutual-Aid Fire Department Picnic & Water Ball Battle” at Station 1. Approximately 95 Gallia County and Point Pleasant firefighters and family members attended.
 July 25th – Attended County Fire Association Meeting at Vinton F.D.
 July 29-31st – Fire Apparatus stationed at the Gallia County Junior Fair.
 July 30-31st – Gallia County Junior Fair – Track detail covered by various County fire departments.
 August 1st – 3rd – Fire Apparatus stationed at the Gallia County Junior Fair.
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 August 8th – Attended funeral calling hours as a group for a firefighter’s family member.
 August 10th – Worked Old Car Club Detail with FD food booth.
 August 17th – Opened Station 1 for tours. District 2 FD stopped by on their 1st Fire Run Benefit Ride.
 September 8th – Attended 1st Responders Day at the Faith Baptist Church as a group.
 September 12th – 1 Engine and 1 Brush Truck participated in the Pomeroy Fire Truck Parade.
 October 5th – Members attended Point Pleasant FD’s “Fun Day”.
 October 6th – Members participated in “Bells Across America” at various local Churches in honor of Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend.
 October 17th – Members attended the County Fire Association meeting at District 2 V.F.D.
 October 30th – Funeral detail with Truck 63 for Racine Firefighter.
 October 31st – Group attended the funeral calling hours for Mike Null’s mother-in-law
 November 2nd – Trick or treat. Candy was given out to children at Station 1 and in a parking lot the 100 block of 3rd Avenue from firefighters with Truck 65.
 November 11th – Veterans Day Parade, the department participated with trucks in the parade.
 November 21st – Members attended the County Fire Association meeting at Gallia EMS.
 December 7th – Christmas Parade w/ 6 trucks and Rescue Boat
 December 10th – FD Christmas / Awards Dinner
 December 19th – Gallia County Firefighter’s Association – hosted at Gallipolis FD.

2013 Fire Inspections / Life Safety Inspections: 61

Smoke Detector Program:

Firefighters installed smoke detectors in 11 residences at no cost to the homeowners.

Boy Scout Explorer Program

The Gallipolis Fire Department currently hosts a Boy Scout Explorer Program with 7 young adult participants; one female and six males. Explorers are required to maintain a 10% run percent average. In 2013 all Explorers exceeded this requirement. Although they attend school during the day, must maintain a 2.0gpa, and have an 11:00pm curfew at night, they still maintained an average of 33.85% run percentage.

