

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP



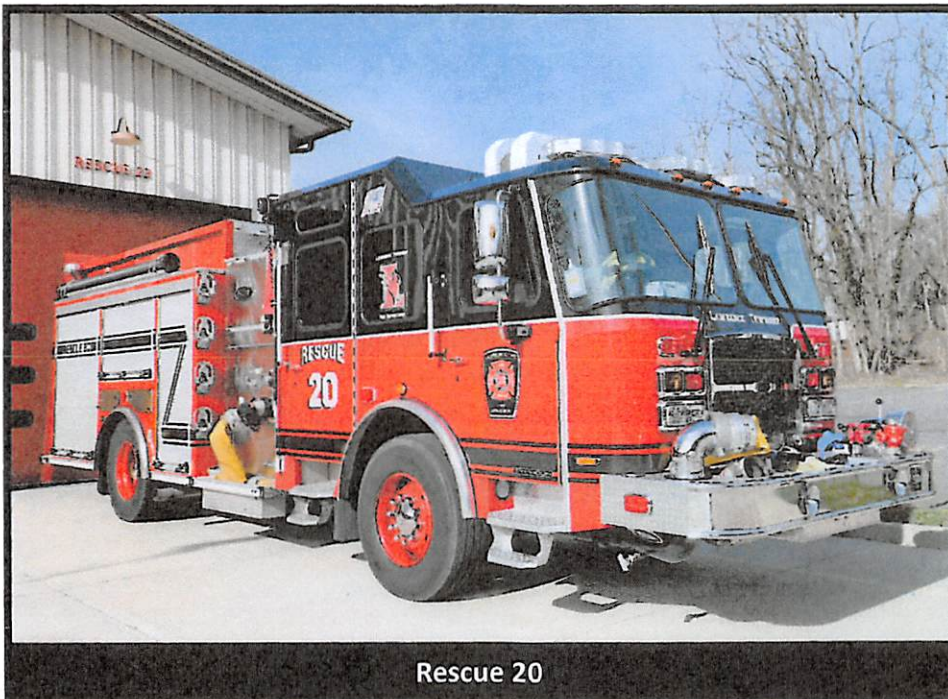
EMERGENCY SERVICES



FIRE DIVISION

Career Fire Staff:

During 2024 Lawrence Township has employed nine career firefighters, who have been on duty from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). For the majority of the year, these nine firefighters have been deployed as three three-man crews operating Tower 201 from the Slackwood firehouse in the southern part of the township, Engine 202 from the Lawrence Road firehouse in the center of town, and Rescue 20 from the Lawrenceville firehouse in the township's north side.



Rescue 20

In addition to responding to all emergencies in town that require a fire department response while they are working, the career firefighters' duties include the regular running and inspecting of firefighting apparatus, including exercising pumps and aerial ladders; exercising and refueling powered equipment such as saws, fans, and rescue tools; inspecting breathing apparatus components and air cylinders; mounting equipment and hose on apparatus; relocating apparatus to and from Lawrence Public Works and other repair facilities; inventorying and distributing personal protective clothing and other new gear; and making minor repairs to apparatus and equipment. Notable examples of these duties during 2024 included the creation of a centralized storehouse for the department's spare bunker pants, coats, helmets, hoods, and other protective equipment, and the wiring of emergency lighting onto the off-road utility vehicle assigned to our EMS Division. The storehouse project involved career staff members spending several days clearing out, cleaning and organizing a space in the Slackwood firehouse, while the wiring and installation of emergency lights and other components onto UTV129 took an estimated 40 hours of work from start to finish.

In support of our EMS Division, the career firefighters respond to significant Advanced Life Support (ALS) emergencies such as cardiac arrests. Because they are often able to quickly arrive and begin patient care before an out-of-town ambulance can get to the scene, our career firefighters also respond to other less-serious medical emergencies that occur when our on-duty EMS staff is already committed to another assignment and mutual aid is needed. As part of their role in responding to medical emergencies, the career firefighters are individually trained and certified as either emergency medical technicians (EMTs) or emergency medical "first responders." During the year, all members of the career staff were recertified in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) through a course approved by the American Heart Association. One particularly notable EMS response by the career staff occurred on Feb. 23 when members assigned to Rescue 20 were sent to a pregnancy in a vehicle stopped along

the side of Interstate 295. They arrived just moments after the mother delivered her child. The infant was found to have a partial airway obstruction. The career staff used a bulb syringe to suction away mucus and clear the infant's airway prior to the arrival of the dispatched ambulance crew.



Our career firefighters are also responsible, with assistance from the township's fire marshal's office, for teaching fire safety and fire prevention skills to pre-K and elementary school students. During 2024, the career staff made fire safety presentations to several hundred students from township elementary schools and a number of day care facilities throughout town. While the majority of these presentations were made in October to coincide with national Fire Prevention Week observances, during two days over the summer the career staff gave firehouse tours, equipment demonstrations and fire safety instruction to incoming kindergartners attending the township's Safety Town camp. Career firefighters also provided a tour of the Lawrenceville firehouse to a group of special needs children from Sovereign Care Services, and later provided those same children with a modified fire safety presentation during a visit to Sovereign's offices on Princess Road. As children with autism and developmental disorders are statistically at a higher risk of being injured by fire, this relationship developed by the career staff is particularly important.

Three of our career firefighters and three of our EMS staff are certified as Child

Passenger Safety (CPS) technicians. As of Nov. 30, they have completed 20 car seat installations/inspections this year for expectant and new parents, grandparents and other caregivers. Throughout the year, these members completed various continuing education training programs to maintain their certifications as CPS techs. Among the CPS community events they participated in were the Lawrence Township Police Department Bicycle Rodeo held at Lawrence High School in May and a car seat check event in Hamilton hosted by the Mercer County Sheriff's Department in October.



Community events in which career staff members participated or were on duty at included Operation Prom, the annual drunken driving prevention traffic accident demonstration held the morning of Lawrence High School's prom; the township's Memorial Day parade and the Juneteenth celebration at the municipal complex; the annual fireworks show held at Rider University to celebrate the Independence holiday; the township's annual 9/11 service at our memorial park on Pilla Avenue; and the police department's Trunk-or-Treat Halloween festivities at the high school.

On Oct. 2 career staff personnel represented the township in accepting the donation of a fire blanket from Polestar Princeton, an electric vehicle dealership located in town. This blanket, designed to help contain and suppress a fire involving Lithium Ion batteries that are found in electric vehicles, is a valuable tool added to our

firefighting arsenal. The donation by Polestar is very much appreciated. A career staff member was also instrumental in securing a grant from Bristol Myers Squibb that will be used to purchase two life-saving Lucas devices. (The Lucas is used to provide mechanical chest compressions to victims of cardiac arrest at the proper depth and rate, freeing up first responders to perform other vital tasks, thereby giving patients the greatest chance of survival.)

In terms of calls for service handled by fire department personnel (both career and volunteer), the annual total is on the rise and is nearing a return to pre-COVID 19 levels. Through the end of November 2024 a total of 1,292 incident reports have been completed, with another 42 reports for the month of November pending. Thus, as of Nov. 30, with an entire month left in the year, township fire personnel have responded to a total of 1,334 incidents. During 2023 the total emergency assignments handled by the fire department was 1,278. That total was 1,262 during 2022; 1,265 during 2021; and 1,260 during 2020. By comparison, there were 1,435 total calls for service during 2019 and 1,533 in 2018.

Using data obtained from the 1,292 incident reports completed as of Nov. 30, a comparison of the career staff's responses with that of the volunteer companies so far during 2024 is as follows:

2024 data from 1,292 incident reports completed as of Nov. 30	Sta. 20	Sta. 201	Sta. 202	Sta. 203
	Career Staff	Slackwood	Lawrence Road	Lawrenceville
TOTAL DISPATCHES	623	903	947	930
Physically Responded	623	49	524	180
Recalled/Held in Quarters	n/a	164	135	179
Scratched Assignment	n/a	690	288	571

In terms of the above response data for the Slackwood and Lawrenceville stations, as of July 15, 2024 the majority of volunteer staff at those stations transferred their personal protective equipment to the Lawrence Road station as part of a trial program meant to improve volunteer staffing and responses. More details about this program can be found in the Volunteer Staff section.

As can be seen in the chart above, as of Nov. 30, with one month left in the year,

career personnel have thus far responded to an all-time record total of 623 calls for service during 2024.

Career staff responses during previous years were:

- 2023: Total 592 emergency assignments
- 2022: Total 550 emergency assignments
- 2021: Total 455 emergency assignments
- 2020: Total 490 emergency assignments
- 2019: Total 571 emergency assignments
- 2018: Total 621 emergency assignments
- 2017: Total 556 emergency assignments
- 2016: Total 535 emergency assignments
- 2015: Total 474 emergency assignments
- 2014: Total 343 emergency assignments



Significant incidents to which the career staff responded during 2024 included:

- Jan. 22 – Structure Fire: Career staff manning Rescue 20, Telesquirt 20 and

Tower 20 responded first-due to a working fire in a large two-story home on Humphreys Drive on the Lawrenceville School campus. Heavy smoke and flames were showing from the second floor upon arrival. Career staff secured a continuous water supply from the closest hydrant and initiated an interior attack; however, extreme heat and deteriorating interior conditions forced all crews to evacuate and switch to defensive operations. Township volunteer staff and mutual aid from Ewing, Hamilton, Trenton, Princeton, Plainsboro and Robbinsville were brought in to help combat the two-alarm blaze. The aerial ladders from Tower 20 and Hamilton's Truck 10-1 were raised to flow water to extinguish flames that had fully engulfed the attic space of the home.

- Jan. 26 – Structure Fire: Career and volunteer staff teamed up to extinguish a fire in one of the apartment buildings at the Eggerts Crossing Village complex. Smoke and fire were visible from a second-floor unit when firefighters arrived and mutual aid was requested from Ewing, Hamilton and Trenton. Ultimately, the fire was quickly contained to the apartment of origin and extinguished and the out-of-town assistance was not needed.
- April 4 – Structure Fire: Career staff responded with Tower 20 and Engine 20 into Hopewell Township to help Hopewell Valley fire companies and other mutual aid partners extinguish a well-involved house fire on Cleveland Road.

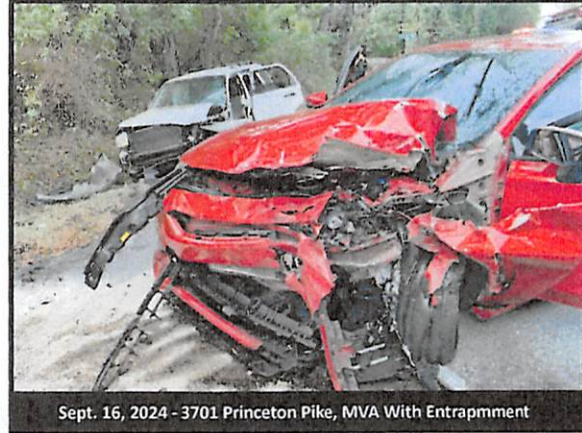
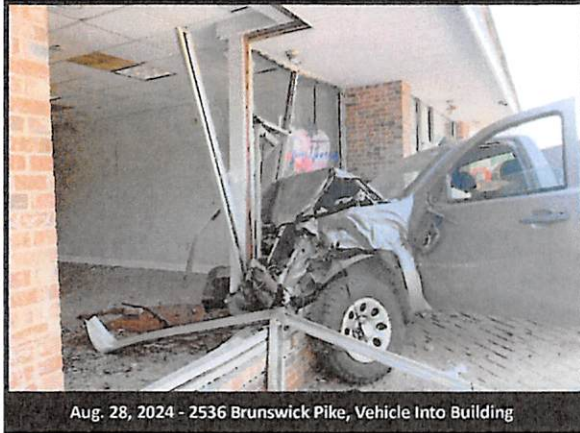


- April 17 – Structure Fire: Career crews in Tower 20, Telesquirt 20 and Rescue

20, joined by township volunteer personnel and mutual aid from Hamilton and Ewing, responded to a working fire on the second floor of the Lawrence Plaza senior apartment building in the 2300 block of Princeton Pike. While the fire was quickly held to the apartment of origin, one wing of the building was filled with dense smoke. Several residents and one volunteer firefighter were transported to the hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation.

- Career personnel were also first-due to several smaller fires inside structures, including a blaze on the rear deck that extended into the exterior wall of a home on Dayna Lane (April 23), a fire in the crawlspace of a home on Glenn Avenue (Aug. 1), and a blaze involving the ceiling exhaust fan in the bathroom of a commercial building on Whitehead Road (Oct. 1).
- Career staff responded to several traffic accidents in which drivers and/or passengers were trapped inside wrecked vehicles (some of which had flipped onto their side/roof) and had to be extricated using rescue tools. These crashes occurred along Interstate 295 (May 7 and again on May 8), the 3100 block of Princeton Pike (May 9), the 2900 block of Brunswick Pike (July 16 and again Aug. 12) and the 3700 block of Princeton Pike (Sept. 16). Career staff also responded to a multi-vehicle collision in which one of the autos, a pickup truck, crashed through the front window of a business in the 2500 block of Princeton Pike on Aug. 28. While the store sustained significant structural damage, luckily no one was trapped and all injuries proved to be minor.





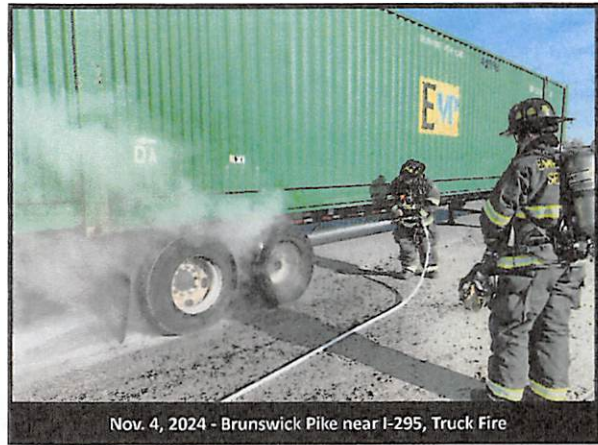
- Career staff trained in swift water operations, along with volunteer firefighters and township EMS personnel, provided support to a mutual aid water rescue team from the Trenton Fire Department that was called in to recover the body of a deceased male who had been spotted floating in the Delaware & Raritan Canal north of Whitehead Road on July 3. Our EMS Division's off-road utility vehicle, UTV129, was particularly useful in transporting manpower and equipment from the staging area at the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority parking lot to the incident scene more than a quarter of a mile along the narrow canal towpath. New Jersey State Park Police had jurisdiction of the incident.



- Among the more unusual assignments answered by career staff members were a fire involving a lithium ion battery on an E-bike on Huron Way (June 20), the rescue of a cat named “Tiger” from a large tree behind a Lawrence Road home (May 8), the rescue of another feline (a small kitten) that had fallen into a narrow shaft located under the fireplace of a home on Pine Oak Drive (Aug. 30), and the extrication of a deceased deer’s carcass wedged between the rails of a wrought iron fence at the rear of a property on Keefe Road (Nov. 1).
- In addition to the above, career staff responded mutual aid into neighboring municipalities including Trenton, Ewing, Hopewell, Princeton, West Windsor and Hightstown to either provide coverage while those town’s fire companies were committed at ongoing emergencies or to actually assist at the scene of incidents like smoke conditions, natural gas leaks and motor vehicle crashes. Among the more notable mutual aid assignments answered by the career staff were a solar array fire (April 22) and a multi-alarm wildfire (Oct. 8), both of which occurred in Princeton.



June 24, 2024 - Interstate 295 South, Vehicle Fire



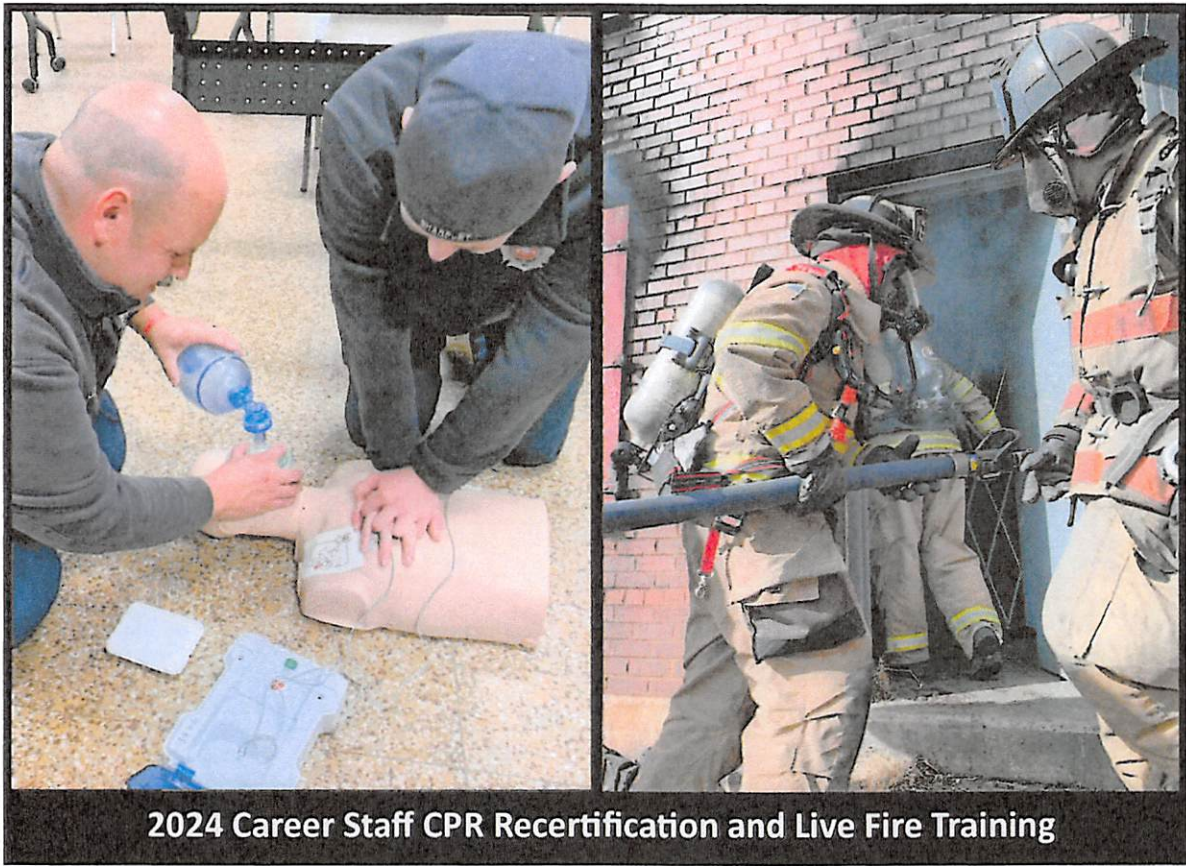
Nov. 4, 2024 - Brunswick Pike near I-295, Truck Fire

Career staff completed training on a variety of skills and topics throughout the year, including hoseline stretches, water supply, apparatus operation, driver improvement, and forcible entry. Notable training completed by the career staff in 2024 included:

- Career staff members completed “Building the Water Supply Infrastructure” training designed to teach and strengthen skills needed for drafting and water shuttle operations at large-scale fires.
- Career staff certified as swift water technicians conducted a skill refresher in the swimming pool at The Lawrenceville School.
- Career staff attended an “active shooter response” drill conducted at Rider University by law enforcement personnel from throughout Mercer County.
- Career staff participated in a disaster emergency response drill conducted by Public Service Electric & Gas Co.
- Some members of the career staff attended a weekend lecture on “The Art of Smoke Reading” taught at The College of New Jersey by Battalion Chief Bob Backer of the Thornton, Colorado, Fire Department, in November, and in December completed a three-week course “Hazardous Materials On Scene Incident Commander” at the Mercer County Fire Academy.
- Career staff conducted pre-fire planning and familiarization tours of several commercial buildings in the township, including malls and shopping centers, self-storage facilities, and the dormitories at Rider University.

- Career staff took part in live fire training in the burn building at the Mercer County Fire Academy, participating in multiple evolutions over the course of two days in May and November.
- Career staff completed mandatory annual training on various topics: sexual harassment and discrimination; cyber security; distracted driving; bloodborne pathogens; respiratory protection; confined space; hazard communication; personal protective equipment; etc.





2024 Career Staff CPR Recertification and Live Fire Training

Volunteer Fire Staff:

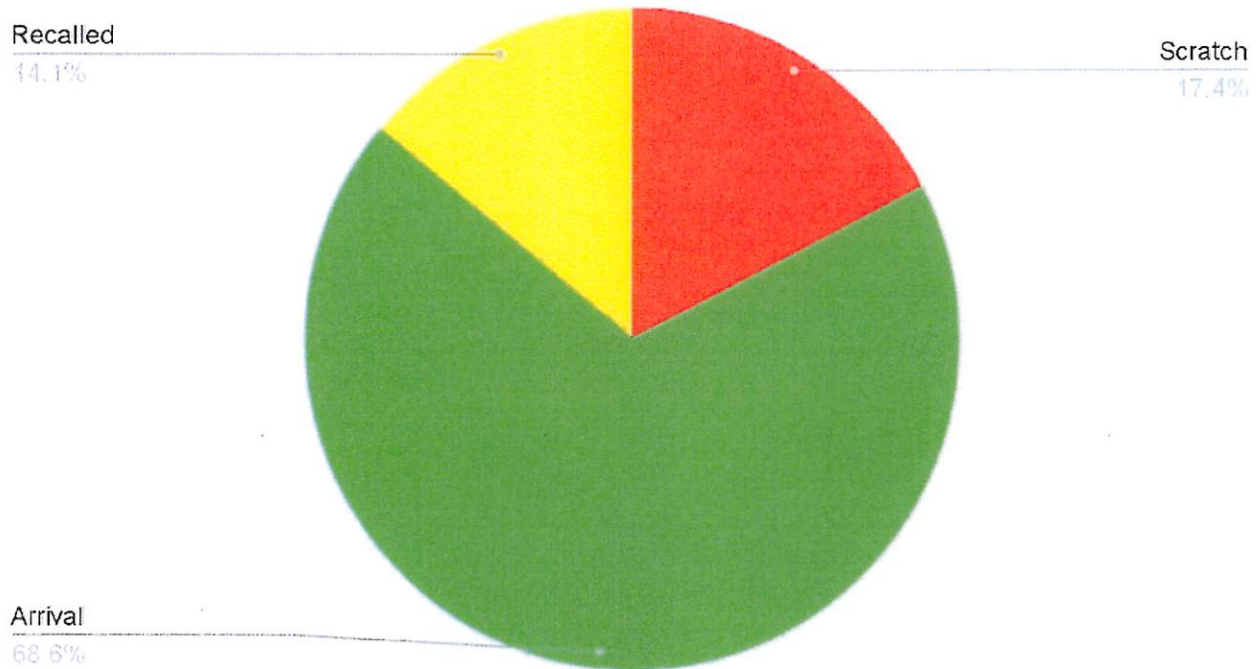
The volunteer stations of Slackwood, Lawrence Road and Lawrenceville have continued to sustain a positive influence on the fire service in the Township. Though it becomes difficult to retain volunteers, the companies have continued efforts in recruiting potential members in each of their organizations. Last year we conducted nine background investigations on potential applicants. The small corps of dedicated individuals that comprise the volunteer staff have certainly borne the brunt of emergency incident responses. They should be commended for their efforts.

In an effort to address the number of emergency assignments that were not being answered in a timely manner or not answered at all (scratched) by the volunteer staff, a trial program was launched by the township on July 15, 2024. As part of this program, volunteers from the Slackwood and Lawrenceville stations relocated their personal protective equipment (turnout gear) to the Lawrence Road station and

agreed to respond there to answers calls for service. Because a fire apparatus cannot respond to an emergency until certain minimum standards are met with regard to the number of personnel aboard that apparatus and their qualifications/training, it was hoped that having all available volunteers report to one centralized location would increase the chances of a properly-staffed apparatus actually responding. While participation was voluntary, it should be noted that the majority of the volunteer staff have relocated their equipment and embraced the program. This trial program has resulted in an increased response during the volunteer coverage hours. The centralization of our assets and staff is critical to maintain an efficient response. Keep in mind, this is only staffing one unit, but much better than the previous three-station response system.

Station 202 While Station 20 is off duty July 15th-December 31st								
	Calls	Scratch	Scratch %	Arrivals	Arrival %	Out the Door	On Location	Response Time
July	29	2	6.90%	22	75.86%	0:05:59	0:06:36	0:12:35
August	53	9	16.98%	36	67.92%	0:06:13	0:06:05	0:12:18
September	58	14	24.14%	38	65.52%	0:06:25	0:06:04	0:12:29
October	73	11	15.07%	53	72.60%	0:08:07	0:06:41	0:14:48
November	78	10	12.82%	57	73.08%	0:07:45	0:06:58	0:14:43
December	43	12	27.91%	23	53.49%	0:06:08	0:06:18	0:12:26
Total	334	58	17.37%	229	68.56%	0:06:46	0:06:27	0:13:13

Station 202 After July 15th



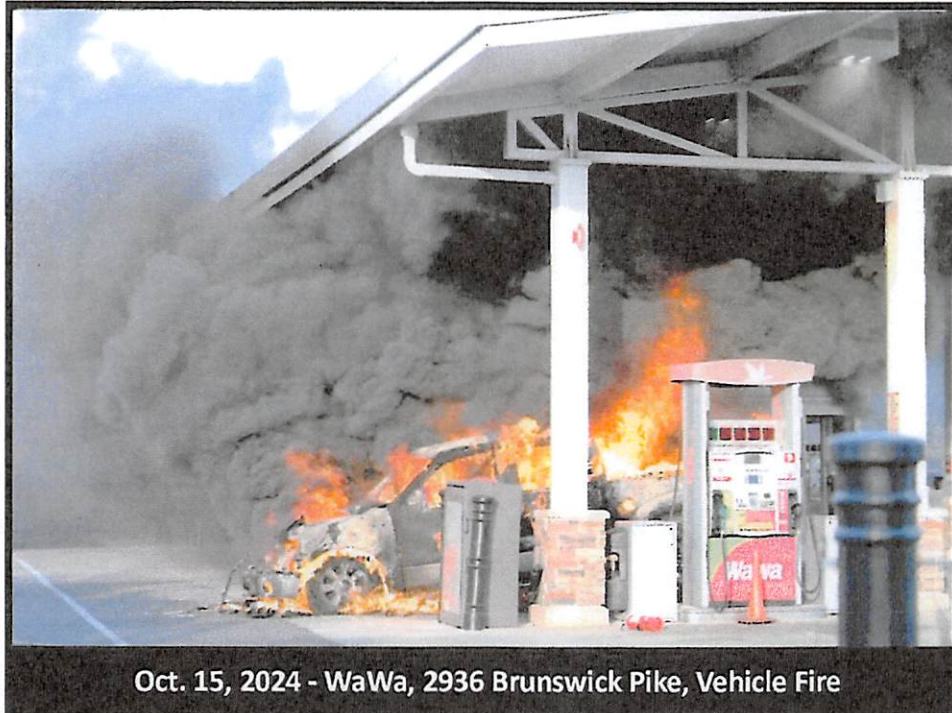
Significant incidents to which the volunteer staff responded during 2024 included:

- Feb. 24 – Structure Fire: Volunteer personnel, assisted by mutual aid from Ewing and Hamilton, as well as a crew of off-duty township career staff who were recalled to work, fought a house fire in the 2300 block of Princeton Pike. Flames were shooting out a rear window and the entire house was charged with heavy smoke when firefighters arrived. One resident suffered burns and smoke inhalation and was transported by EMS to the regional trauma center.



- March 28 – Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash: Volunteer personnel responded to an overnight traffic incident in which a vehicle crashed into a utility pole near the Whitehead Road roundabout, sadly killing the driver. Personnel had to extricate the body of the deceased driver from the mangled wreckage.
- June 14 – Tornado Damage: Volunteer personnel responded to several calls for service (a downed power line, two gas leaks and several unoccupied autos that were flipped over) that were caused by a small EF-0 tornado that touched down in the area of the Circle Branch Post Office along Brunswick Pike.
- Sept. 3 – Structure Fire: Volunteer crews, assisted by mutual aid from Ewing and Hamilton, extinguished a fire in the basement of a home on Gedney Road. Off-duty career staff were recalled to work to cover the township.
- Sept. 9 – Motor Vehicle Crash: Volunteer crews responded to an unusual incident in which a vehicle crashed through a fence and came to rest in an in-ground swimming pool in the rear yard of a home on Foch Avenue. Crews stabilized the vehicle and removed the driver, who luckily was not hurt.
- Throughout the year, volunteer personnel responded to several vehicles fires,

including one involving a pickup truck that became engulfed in flames right next to the fuel pumps of the WaWa on Brunswick Pike on Oct. 15. Mutual aid from Hamilton Township was called in to help extinguish that blaze.



- In addition to the above, volunteer personnel responded mutual aid to assist with operations at several structure fires, including on Hazel Avenue (April 3) and Bernard Drive (Nov. 13) in Ewing, Avon Drive in East Windsor (June 10), Cleveland Road in Hopewell Township (June 13), Cranbury Road (June 30) and Princeton-Hightstown Road (July 13) in West Windsor.

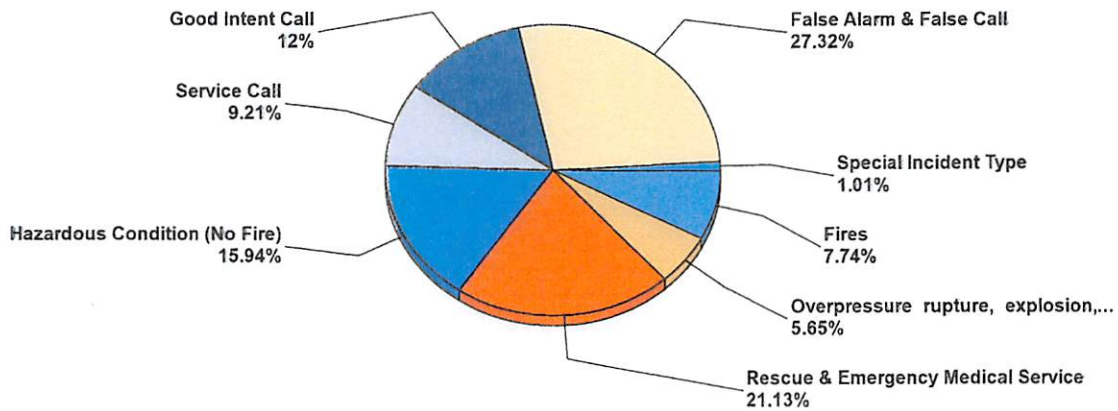
Throughout the year, volunteer staff completed live fire training and monthly drills on topics such as forcible entry, ventilation, swift water rescue, natural gas emergencies, and Lithium Ion battery hazards. Among the community events the volunteers participated in were Operation Prom, the township fireworks show, Community Day, Trunk or Treat, and the town Christmas Tree lighting ceremony.

2024 Fire Incident Data

(as of Nov. 30, 2024, taken from 1,292 completed incident reports):

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
100 - Fire, other	3	0.23%
111 - Building fire	29	2.24%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	7	0.54%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	0.08%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	4	0.31%
130 - Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	2	0.15%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	8	0.62%
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	3	0.23%
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	0.08%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	12	0.93%
142M - Mulch fire	22	1.7%
143 - Grass fire	1	0.08%
150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	1	0.08%
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	4	0.31%
152 - Garbage dump or sanitary landfill fire	1	0.08%
162 - Outside equipment fire	1	0.08%
200 - Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other	2	0.15%
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	71	5.5%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	148	11.46%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	11	0.85%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	37	2.86%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	25	1.94%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	4	0.31%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	16	1.24%
331 - Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	2	0.15%
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	2	0.15%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	14	1.08%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	12	0.93%
360 - Water & ice-related rescue, other	1	0.08%
363 - Swift water rescue	1	0.08%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	7	0.54%
410 - Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition, other	2	0.15%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2	0.15%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	89	6.89%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	4	0.31%
423 - Refrigeration leak	2	0.15%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	26	2.01%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	3	0.23%
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1	0.08%
442 - Overheated motor	16	1.24%
444 - Power line down	14	1.08%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	33	2.55%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	7	0.54%
500 - Service Call, other	3	0.23%
511 - Lock-out	2	0.15%
520 - Water problem, other	3	0.23%
521 - Water evacuation	1	0.08%
522 - Water or steam leak	24	1.86%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	0.08%
541 - Animal problem	1	0.08%
542 - Animal rescue	9	0.7%
550 - Public service assistance, other	4	0.31%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	15	1.16%
553 - Public service	8	0.62%
561 - Unauthorized burning	15	1.16%

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	33	2.55%
600 - Good intent call, other	29	2.24%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	66	5.11%
621 - Wrong location	6	0.46%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	14	1.08%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	5	0.39%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	22	1.7%
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	7	0.54%
653 - Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	2	0.15%
661 - EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency	1	0.08%
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	3	0.23%
700 - False alarm or false call, other	7	0.54%
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	7	0.54%
714 - Central station, malicious false alarm	3	0.23%
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	6	0.46%
730 - System malfunction, other	3	0.23%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	4	0.31%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	22	1.7%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	107	8.28%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	33	2.55%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	28	2.17%
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	6	0.46%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	49	3.79%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	5	0.39%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	63	4.88%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	10	0.77%
900 - Special type of incident, other	11	0.85%
911 - Citizen complaint	2	0.15%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	1292	100%



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	100	7.74%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire	73	5.65%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	273	21.13%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	206	15.94%
Service Call	119	9.21%
Good Intent Call	155	12%
False Alarm & False Call	353	27.32%
Special Incident Type	13	1.01%
TOTAL	1292	100%

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIVISION

Career Emergency Medical Staff:

Lawrence Township operates an Emergency Medical Service response system for basic life support with career EMS crews responding 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The medical division has a fleet of three basic life support ambulances, one first response vehicle, and one specialty response Kubota unit.

It is comprised of one supervising Chief, 10 full-time staff members, and 18 per-diem personnel to fill vacancies due to time off. Each ambulance is staffed with a two-person crew that each holds either an EMT or Paramedic certification.

Daily, citizens and visitors of Lawrence Township depend on our Emergency Medical Services to mitigate the illnesses, disabilities, and deaths that occur from serious injury or illness. In 2024 Lawrence Township EMS responded to over 4029 emergency dispatches. Of these calls, 2,569 resulted in patients being transported to medical facilities for additional care and treatment. The nature of these calls ranged from stable to severely critical. Our second day duty crew continues to be an asset to the Township since going into service in June of 2023. In 2024 they responded to 412 emergency dispatches that would have otherwise gone to a mutual aid ambulance and caused a delay in patient care.

EMS continues to struggle with exposures to COVID-19, RSV, mycoplasma pneumonia and noroviruses that have been sweeping the nation. These highly contagious viruses play a key role in our daily operations to maintain continuous

protection and decontamination of equipment and personnel. The ongoing clinical and operational challenges continue to tax our employees and resources. A sharp decline of available certified EMTs state and nationwide has added to the challenges. The safety of our crews and the patients we care for remains our #1 priority. The continued support from our Council members, Township Manager Kevin Nerwinski and his staff, Health Officer Keith Levine as well as the entire Emergency Service staff have made it possible to meet these challenges to provide the most professional and safest pre-hospital emergency care.

Lawrence Township EMS staff strives daily to create the safest environment for our ambulances, equipment, as well as our station and offices with thorough, continuous cleaning and decontamination procedures. Training for proper use of personal protective equipment, continuous changes in treatment algorithms, and recognition of symptoms under state guidelines recommended by the CDC are constantly reviewed by all staff members. The members of this medical division have certainly risen to the challenges and continue to provide the most professional pre-hospital care in the safest environment possible.

Our full-time staff have at least 10 years of emergency service experience. These individuals are highly skilled in pre-hospital emergency patient care for medical and traumatic incidents. Some also have experience and certifications in various other disciplines such as emergency management, advanced para-medicine, firefighting, rescue and disaster management, tactical EMS, hazmat operations, and trench/high-angle rescue. We now have 3 staff members who are certified CPS technicians which enables our division to be available to citizens in need of proper child seat installation instruction which increases the safety of the children from our area. One of our staff members is a licensed drone operator enabling our emergency service to

perform search and rescue via drone as well as photo documentation and aerial views during disasters and states of emergency. Two of our full-time staff members have over 28 years of experience in advanced pre-hospital care para-medicine totaling over 35 years in emergency services. Two staff members have been assigned to continuing education enabling some in-house re-certifications of required classes. Three of our members are swift water rescue trained. This has enabled Lawrence Township EMS to not only continue to provide above standard emergency medical care, but also advanced functions and care when presented with such situations as multiple casualties or sickness incidents, as well as search and rescue if the need arises. While the main duty of this division is to deliver pre-hospital medical care and transportation, the expertise and experience of our staff contribute to a deeper comprehension of the requirements and reasons for collaborations with other responders. This is beneficial in all incidents ranging from routine responses to large-scale disasters. Through their combined contributions, the accumulated knowledge and years of experience that this staff assembles as a team represents a significant asset that is immeasurable in value.

Other activities our EMS division has been involved in have been outreach to our seniors with blood pressure screenings, basic CPR and AED familiarization, safety town for incoming kindergarteners, Standbys for our local football games, instruction for basic first aid for our local Girl and Boy Scout clubs to enable them to earn new badges, Trunk or Treat and, most importantly, assisting Santa Claus in collecting letters from local children.

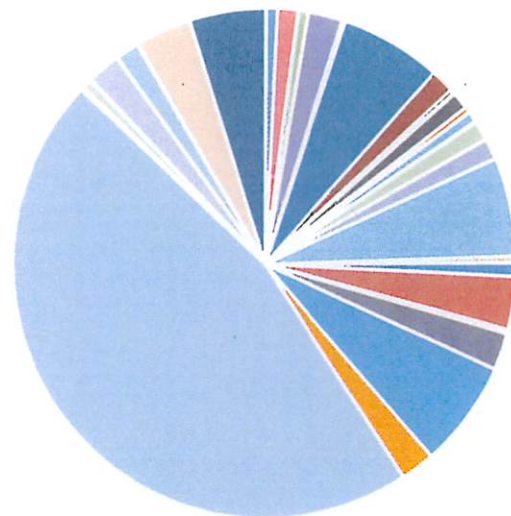
The medical division of Lawrence Township Emergency Services strives to provide unparalleled service to our residents, visitors, and surrounding communities.

Looking forward, our goals are to continue to expand the knowledge, experience,

and services we provide to the Township of Lawrence, surrounding areas, and those we serve. Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Service is committed to working collaboratively with other divisions, departments, and administration to deliver the highest quality emergency services.

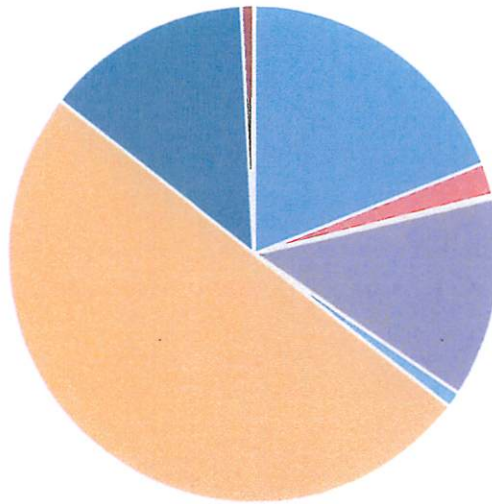
Group	Count
Allergic Reaction	30
Altered Mental Status	53
Assault	26
Bleeding	90
Burns	2
CO Poisoning / Hazmat	5
Cardiac	262
Cardiac Arrest	61
Choking	13
Diabetic Emergency	45
Drowning	1
Fire Incident	14
Headache	27
Heat/Cold Exposure	2
Intoxicated (ETOH)	51
Medical Alarm	55
Motor Vehicle Accident	251
Motor Vehicle Accident Rescue Assignment	17
Overdose	35
Patient Assist	135
Pregnancy / Childbirth	10
Psychiatric Problems	96
Respiratory Emergency	275
Seizures	87
Sick Person	1862
Stab/Gunshot Wound	5
Stand By	28
Stroke/CVA	87
Trauma	62
Unconscious / Fainting	146
Unknown Problems	196
Total:	4029

EMS Call Category



- Allergic Reaction
- Assault
- Bleeding
- Burns
- Cardiac
- Cardiac Arrest
- Choking
- Diabetic Emergency
- Drowning
- Fire Incident
- Headache
- Intoxicated (ETOH)
- Medical Alarm
- Motor Vehicle Accident
- Motor Vehicle Accident Rescue Assignment
- Overdose
- Patient Assist
- Pregnancy / Childbirth
- Psychiatric Problems
- Respiratory Emergency
- Seizures
- Sick Person
- Stab/Gunshot Wound
- Stand By
- Stroke/CVA
- Trauma
- Unconscious / Fainting
- Unknown Problems

EMS Call Outcomes



- Cancelled
- Other
- Patient Refusal by Action
- Patient Refused Care
- Pronouncement
- Transported By BLS
- Transported By BLS, ALS Treat
- Unfounded

Criteria	
Date From:	1/1/2024
Date To:	12/31/2024
Year by Outcome	
<u>2024</u>	
<u>Cancelled</u>	<u>767</u>
<u>Other</u>	<u>86</u>
<u>Patient Refusal by Action</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Patient Refused Care</u>	<u>525</u>
<u>Pronouncement</u>	<u>41</u>
<u>Transported By BLS</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Transported By BLS, ALS Treat</u>	<u>547</u>
<u>Unfounded</u>	<u>33</u>
Total:	4029

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

The Lawrence Township Fire Marshal's Office consists of a Fire Marshal, two full time fire inspectors, a housing inspector and a fire inspector/ administrative assistant. The Fire Marshal's Office is responsible for enforcing the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code in all businesses within Lawrence Township. Businesses are registered locally with Lawrence Township or registered with the State Of New Jersey as a Life Hazard Use Inspection (i.e. restaurants, gas stations, malls, Bristol Myers Squibb). The Fire Marshal's Office also conducts fire safety permit inspections on food trucks, tents, fireworks displays, bonfires, and large gatherings. The Lawrence Township Fire Marshal's Office also investigates all fires and explosions that occur within Lawrence Township with the Lawrence Township Police Department and the Mercer County Prosecutors Office.

	2021	2022	2023	11/19/2024
LOCAL INSPECTIONS	946	978	974	948
LIFE HAZARD INSPECTIONS	489	540	520	562
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	1495	1518	1494	1510
TOTAL REINSPECTIONS	1638	1588	1075	1004
COMPLAINTS	69	48	62	78
PERMIT INSPECTIONS	75	150	161	156
FIRE INVESTIGATIONS	16	10	10	13

Period Ending DECEMBER 31, 2024

1. Permits	Amount	MTD	Total	YTD	Total
Type A	\$ 54.00	2	\$ 108.00	114	\$ 6,156.00
Type B	\$ 214.00		\$ -	21	\$ 4,494.00
Type C	\$ 427.00		\$ -	5	\$ 2,135.00
Type D	\$ 641.00		\$ -	17	\$ 10,897.00
Type E	\$ 1,380.00		\$ -		\$ -
Total Permits		2	\$ 108.00	157	\$ 23,682.00

2. Township Fire Registrations

Under 500 sq. ft.	\$ 75.00	1	\$ 75.00	62	\$ 4,650.00
500 - 999 sq. ft.	\$ 105.00	2	\$ 210.00	92	\$ 9,660.00
1000 - 4999 sq. ft.	\$ 145.00	5	\$ 725.00	434	\$ 62,930.00
5000-9999 sq. ft.	\$ 180.00		\$ -	94	\$ 16,920.00

10,000 - 14,999 sq.ft.	\$ 200.00		\$ -	36	\$ 7,200.00
15,000 - 19,999 sq. ft.	\$ 285.00		\$ -	11	\$ 3,135.00
20,000 - 29,999 sq.ft	\$ 395.00		\$ -	15	\$ 5,925.00
Over 30,000 sq. ft.	\$ 620.00		\$ -	30	\$ 18,600.00
Total Township Fire Registrations		8	\$ 1,010.00	774	\$ 129,020.00
3. Fire Lane Summons					
1st Offense	\$ 45.00		\$ -		\$ -
2nd Offense	\$ 50.00	1	\$ 50.00	25	\$ 1,250.00
3rd Offense	\$ 100.00		\$ -	1	\$ 100.00
4th Offense	\$ 500.00		\$ -		\$ -
Total Fire Lane Summons		1	\$ 50.00	26	\$ 1,350.00
TOTAL UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY (Items 1,2,&3)			\$ 1,168.00		\$ 154,052.00
Miscellaneous					
Alarm Registrations	\$ 30.00	2	\$ 60.00	23	\$ 690.00
Copies					\$ -
Fines & Penalties	\$ -		\$ 3,150.00		\$ 37,212.50
Other			\$ -		\$ 50.70 Total
Miscellaneous		2		23	
Total Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated			\$ 3,210.00		\$ 37,953.20
GRAND TOTAL CURRENT FUND 4750200208			\$ 4,378.00		\$192,005.20
Total Dedicated Fire Penalties-Other Trust 4750200059			\$3,000.00		\$37,062.50

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HOUSING DEPARTMENT

The Lawrence Township Housing Department inspects all single and two-family dwellings when the property is being sold or rented and all multiple dwellings including apartment buildings, hotels, and motels annually. (Eaves at Lawrence, Stewards Crossing, Mercer at Lawrence Station, Red). All residential and rental inspections are conducted in accordance with New Jersey Division of Fire Safety administrative code for smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguisher compliance. Property transfer inspection are conducted as per Lawrence Township Ordinance and New Jersey Department of Community Affairs administrative code. Lawrence Township fire inspectors assist the housing inspector with housing inspections on large multiple dwelling inspections such as Avalon and Mercer at Lawrence Station, 3-4 story senior buildings and hotels. There were 3,456 multiple units inspected in 2024.

HOUSING REVENUE REPORT
January 1, 2024 - December 18, 2024

MONTH	RESALES	AMOUNT	RENTALS	AMOUNT	MULTIPLE DWELLING
January	19	\$ 1,520.00	11	\$ 825.00	\$ 45,582.00
February	25	\$ 2,000.00	10	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,713.00
March	30	\$ 2,400.00	8	\$ 600.00	\$ 924.00
April	30	\$ 2,400.00	10	\$ 750.00	\$ 4,920.00
May	47	\$ 3,760.00	12	\$ 900.00	\$ 9,790.00
June	33	\$ 2,640.00	19	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 1,974.00
July	25	\$ 2,000.00	24	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 273.00
August	40	\$ 3,200.00	35	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 6,341.00
September	18	\$ 1,440.00	9	\$ 675.00	\$ 3,342.00
October	25	\$ 2,000.00	16	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,616.00
November	15	\$ 1,200.00	4	\$ 300.00	\$ 10,020.00
December	13	\$ 1,040.00	9	\$ 675.00	\$ 2,550.00
Totals	320	\$ 25,600.00	167	\$ 12,525.00	\$ 89,045.00

Year To Date Totals 2024:	\$127,170.00
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HOUSING REVENUE REPORT
January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

MONTH	RESALES	AMOUNT	RENTALS	AMOUNT	MULTIPLE DWELLING
January	23	\$ 1,840.00	9	\$ 675.00	\$ 4,764.00
February	14	\$ 1,120.00	12	\$ 900.00	\$ -
March	25	\$ 2,000.00	12	\$ 900.00	\$ -
April	28	\$ 2,240.00	9	\$ 675.00	\$ 1,813.00
May	41	\$ 3,280.00	12	\$ 900.00	\$ 6,465.00
June	32	\$ 2,560.00	26	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 3,150.00
July	26	\$ 2,080.00	20	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,316.00
August	33	\$ 2,640.00	22	\$ 1,650.00	\$ -
September	23	\$ 1,840.00	11	\$ 825.00	\$ 998.00
October	23	\$ 1,840.00	19	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 6,336.00
November	28	\$ 2,240.00	22	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 3,686.00
December	20	\$ 1,600.00	9	\$ 75.00	\$ 8,556.00
Totals	316	\$ 25,280.00	183	\$ 13,125.00	\$ 41,084.00

Total Revenue for Year 2023	\$80,089.00
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