



GRAND TRAVERSE METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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Our citizens, businesses, and stakeholders

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GRAND TRAVERSE METRO FIRE DEPT

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

It is with great pleasure to present to you the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority 2022 annual report. On behalf of the Metro Authority Board, Officers, and the men and women of the department, we thank you the community for your continued support. Our mission is to serve our community by safeguarding life and property from fire, hazards, and medical emergencies. We enhance the safety and quality of life in the communities of Acme, East Bay, and Garfield Townships through education, intervention, and quality response.

Our Metro team of employees are our most important asset. I am very proud of the accomplishments that you will see for yourselves, as you page through our annual report. Every day these dedicated employees come to work with a smile on their face and the positive attitude to face what is presented to them. Daily, our team spends hours training for mission critical preparedness. Included, is time for mental and physical fitness for personal readiness. Being professional, skilled, and courteous are a few of our key values and guiding principles. With that said, this report cannot possibly capture all their individual efforts, but does represent an overview of their collective accomplishments.

Like most of you, the year 2022 was a challenging year for the department. Inflationary prices put a hurt on our budget with the cost of labor, utilities, and fuel taking large double-digit increases. The department also felt supply chain delays in capital goods such as vehicles, turnout gear, and firefighting/rescue equipment. Despite some of these hurdles, we successfully rolled out a new comprehensive training program, negotiated a 3-year labor contract with Local #5288 which represents our firefighters, purchased a used heavy rescue, a squad and command vehicle. Our public education efforts saw new programs in Friends and Family CPR classes and a greater outreach of programs to businesses and industry. We also sent assets and crews to help in the May Gaylord tornado and the October Menominee Paper Mill fire.

As you will read in this annual report, the department responded to 6,170 calls for service which was an 8.51% increase from the 5,686 calls for service in 2021. Medical calls still lead the way with over 75% of our calls. With a little grit, determination, ingenuity, passion, and teamwork our team pulled through for another safe and productive year.

We are proud to be your fire department! We stand ready to serve you at any time with an atmosphere of enthusiasm, stewardship, and innovation. Thank you for taking time to review this annual report. We actively seek your input and feedback. If you have any thoughts or ideas on how we can better serve you, please contact me at 947-3000 ext. 1235 or at pparker@gtmetrofire.org. You can also check us out on the web at www.gtmetrofire.org.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support!

Patrick Parker – Fire Chief



THE DEPARTMENT

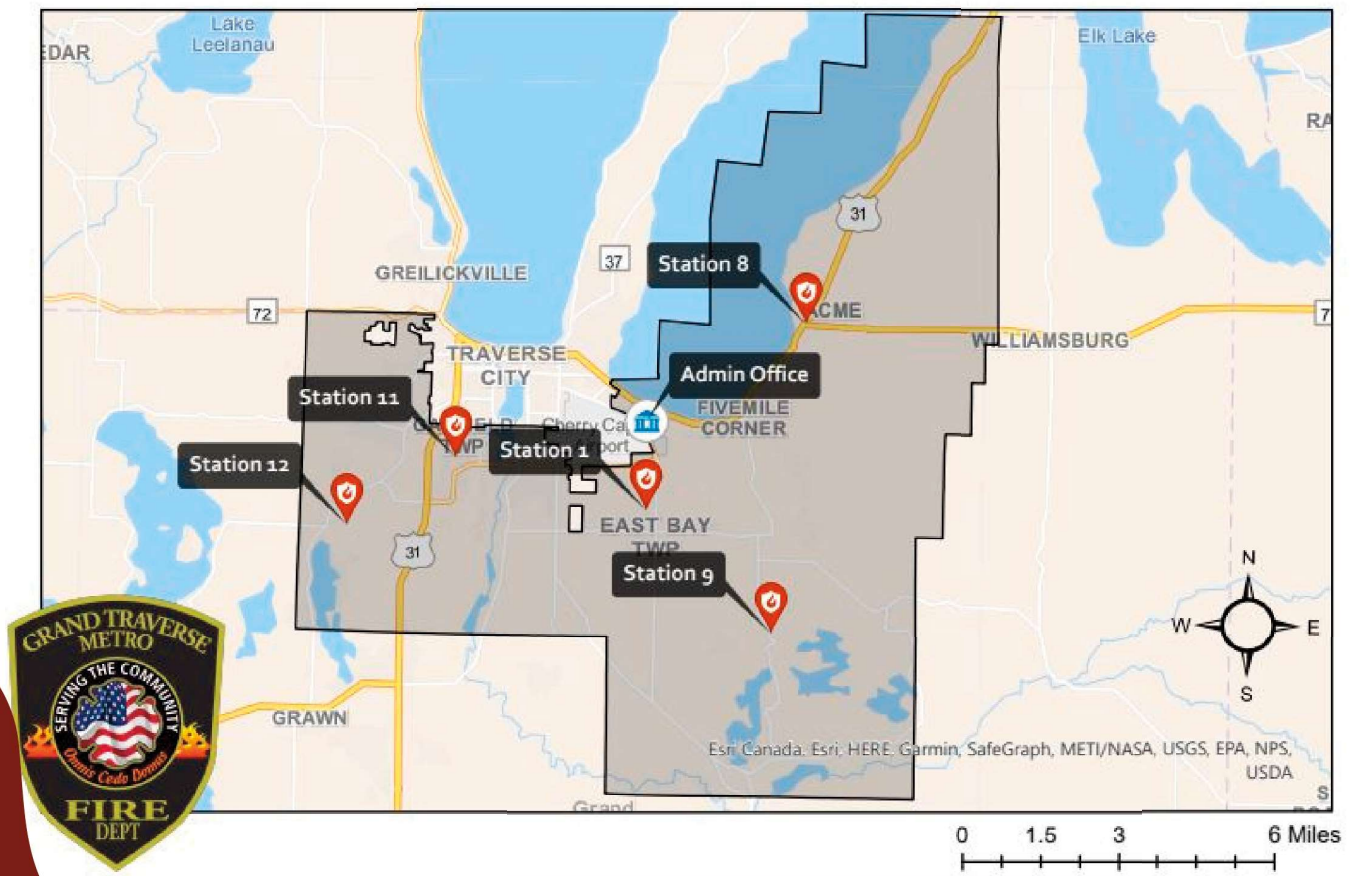
Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Service Authority (GTMESSA), also known as Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department, provides fire and life safety services to citizens of and visitors to Acme Township, East Bay Charter Township, and the Charter Township of Garfield. GTMESSA considers all emergency risks our citizens may face and are considered an “all hazards” department. GTMESSA has five (5) strategically located stations spread across the 110 square miles of land. This landscape encompasses both urban and rural living, boasts many lakes and rivers, and has beautiful recreational state land. GTMESSA is a combination model department, and our employment base holds a full-time firefighter schedule that is supplemented by shifts filled with part-time firefighters.

In 2008, GTMESSA restructured into a Fire Authority under Michigan Public Act 57. The three townships believed the concepts of regionalization and of sharing resources would produce economies of scale and benefit all involved. GTMESSA is governed by a board comprised of six (6) individuals; two (2) from each township. GTMESSA, with board oversight, created a vision and strategic direction to manage growth and its effects on our delivery of emergency services.

RESPONSE AREA = 110 Square Miles

2022 - Total Population = 36,065

GTMESSA - Response Area



GTMESSA FIRE BOARD

2022 Chairman: Doug White Vice Chairman: Glen Lile

Acme Township



Supervisor
Doug White



Representative
Dale Stevens

East Bay Charter Township



Supervisor
Beth Friend



Representative
Glen Lile

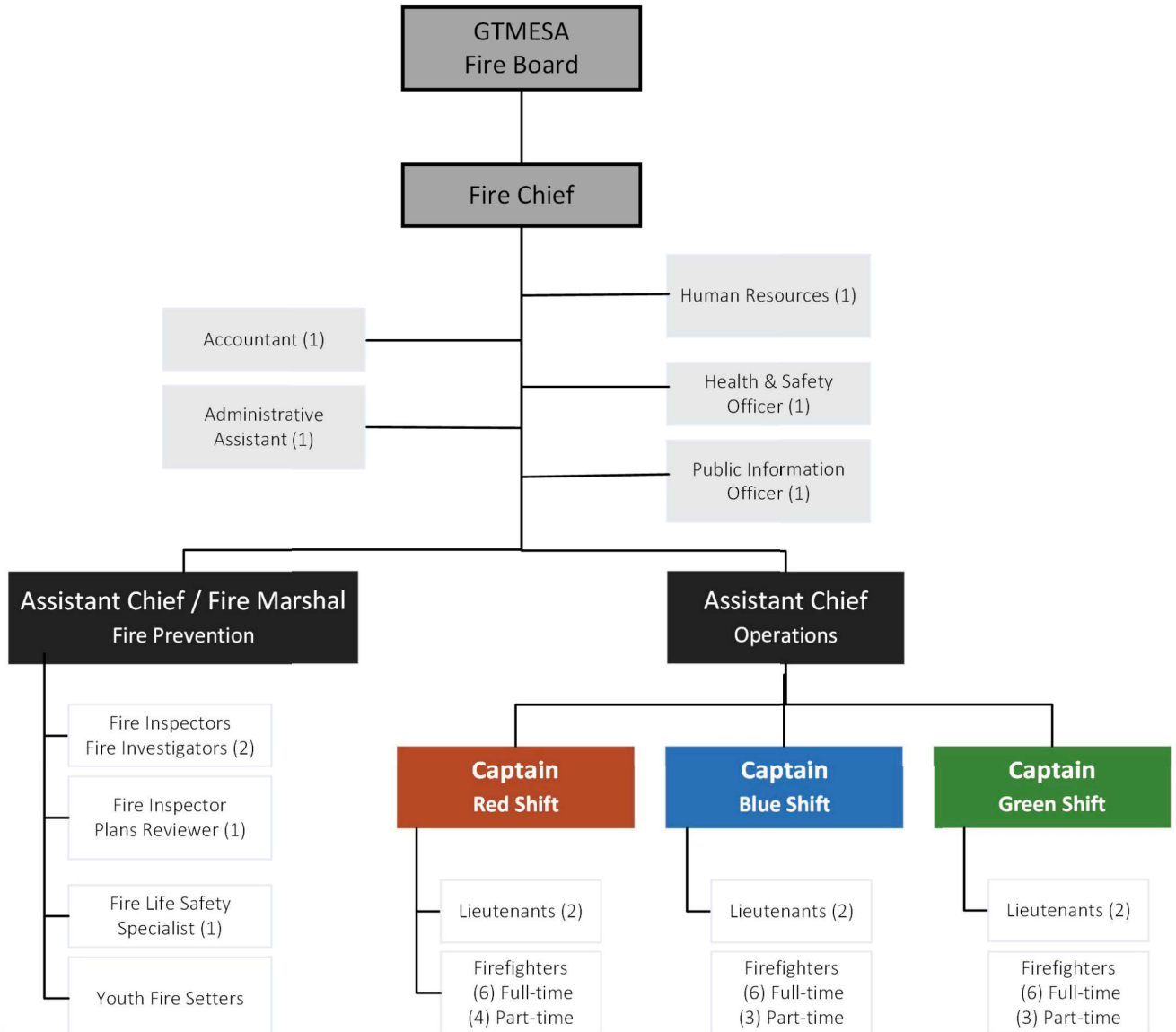
Charter Township of Garfield



Supervisor
Chuck Korn



Representative
Steve Duell



MISSION STATEMENT

To serve our community by safeguarding life and property from fire, hazards and medical emergencies; through education, intervention, and quality response.

OUR VISION

Be a proactive, innovative, and progressive leader in providing high quality services to the community.

- A work environment where all employees live our values every day on the job.
- Respected, valued, and supported by the community.
- Recognized as a progressive leader and innovator.
- Enthusiastic, highly motivated, trained, and skilled people providing superior emergency services and prevention activities.
- Continued reduction in fires and other emergencies due to effective Community Risk Reduction.
- Lives are saved due to our actions (endeavors)

VALUES / GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We are committed to:

- Excellence in everything we do
- Serving the community with honesty, fairness, and integrity
- Safe, effective, timely, and economical solutions
- Professional, skilled, and courteous customer service at all times.
- Innovation and continuous improvement to meet the changing community needs.
- Collaboration with others (organizations/individuals) who share our values on behalf of our communities.

OUR COMMITMENT TO EMPLOYEES

We value our employees and are committed to ensuring the highest standards of safety and health, providing exceptional training and employee development.

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Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department

Chief: Patrick Parker



ADMINISTRATION 897 PARSONS RD
231-947-3000

STATION 1
843 INDUSTRIAL CIRCLE 231-947-3814



STATION 8
6042 ACME RD 231-938-9533



STATION 9
110 HIGH LAKE RD 231-947-0125



STATION 11
3000 ALBANY 231-941-7682



STATION 12
2025 N. EAST SILVER LAKE RD 231-947-2071



2022 STATISTICS

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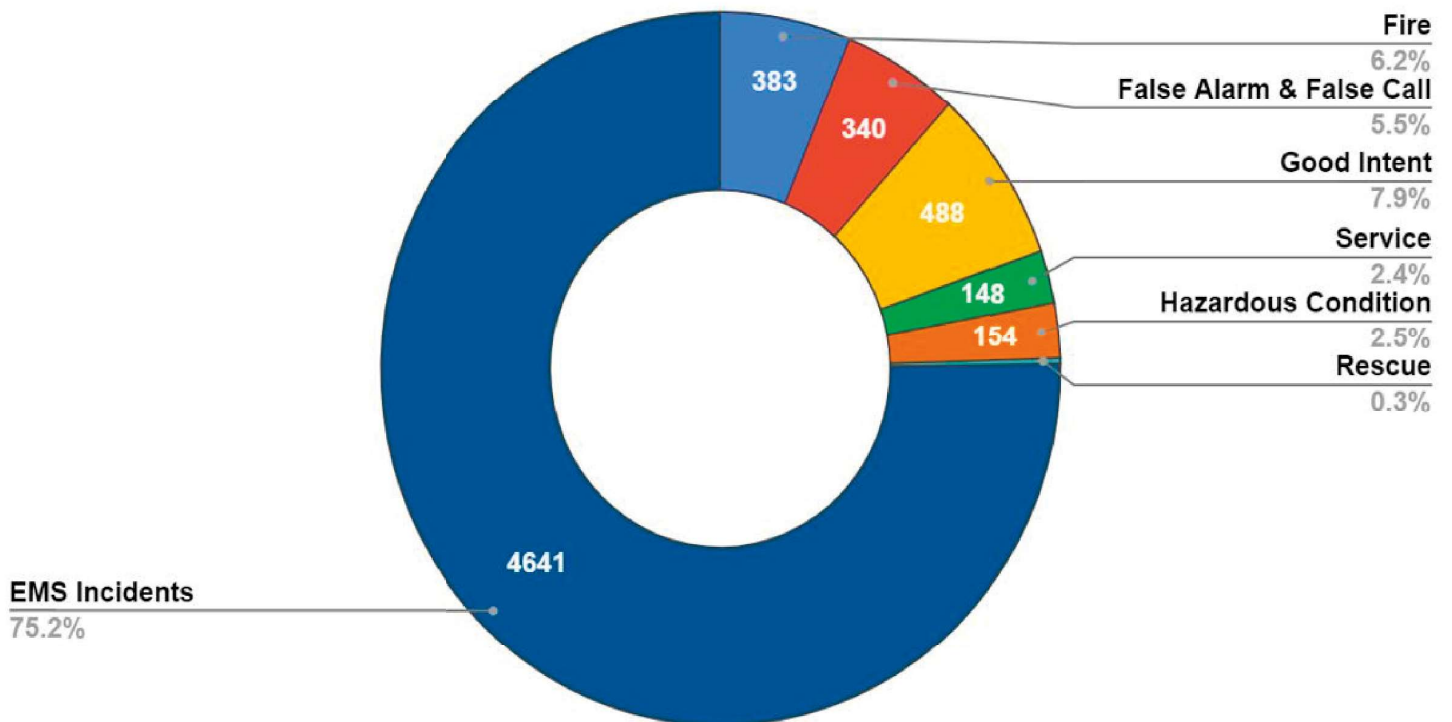
The Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority
total incident response in 2022

6,170

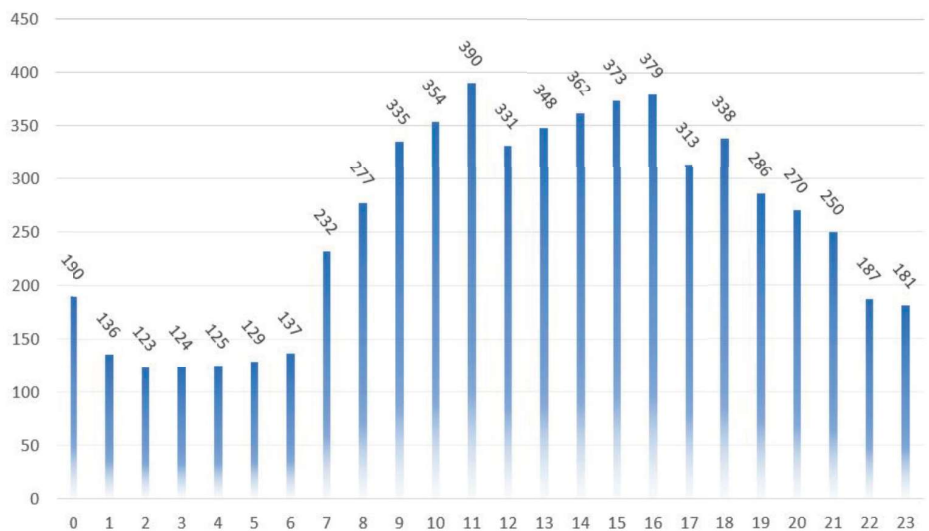
An increase of 8.51% of incidents from 2021



2022 Incidents by Type

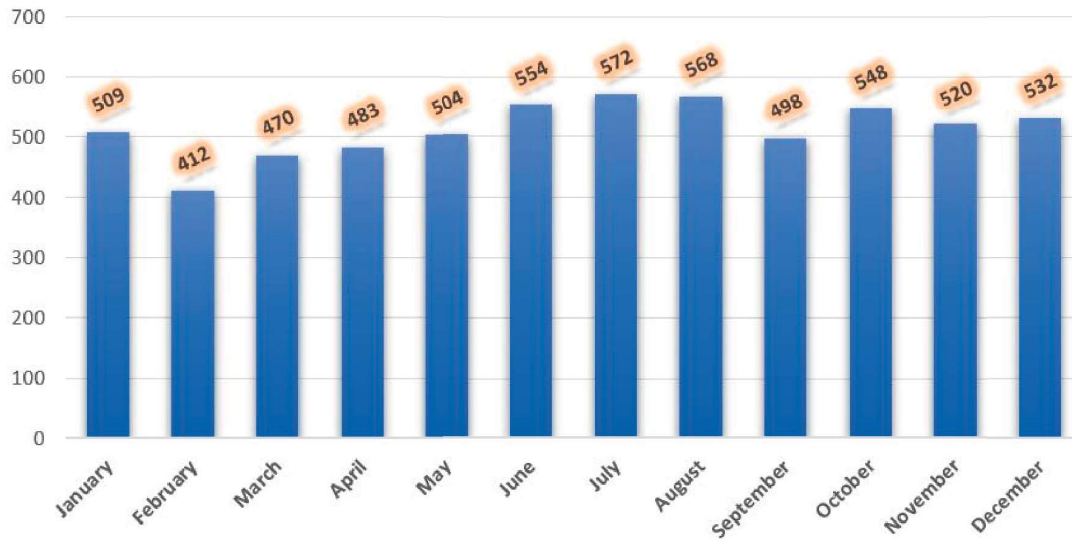


GTMESSA - INCIDENTS BY HOUR



2022 STATISTICS

GTMESSA Incidents by Month



2022 Fires = 90

Wildland / Trash / Outside	26
1-2 Family Residential	25
Vehicle	22
Multi-Family Dwellings	12
Commercial / Business / Retail	4
Hotel / Motel	1
Industrial	0
Public Assembly (i.e. Church)	0

Fire related	Injuries	Fatalities
Civilian	3	1
Firefighter	1	0

Top Fires Causes for 2022

- Misc. Accidental (i.e. appliances, chimney, equipment failures, fireworks)
- Cooking
- Electrical
- Intentional (Arson)

Values of Structures and Contents where Fires occurred:

\$74,383,275

Total Loss of Structures and Contents

\$3,295,090

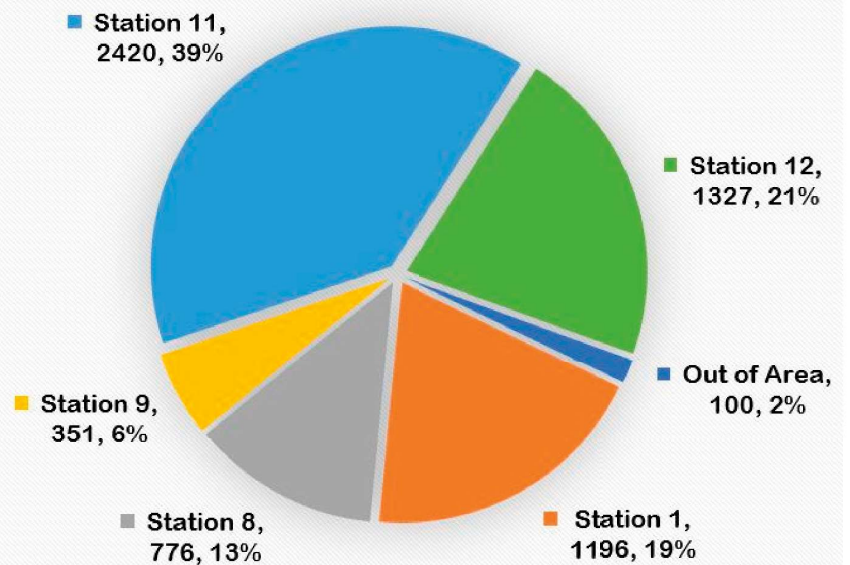
96% of values were saved

2022 STATISTICS

GTMESA - 10 YEAR INCIDENT TOTALS

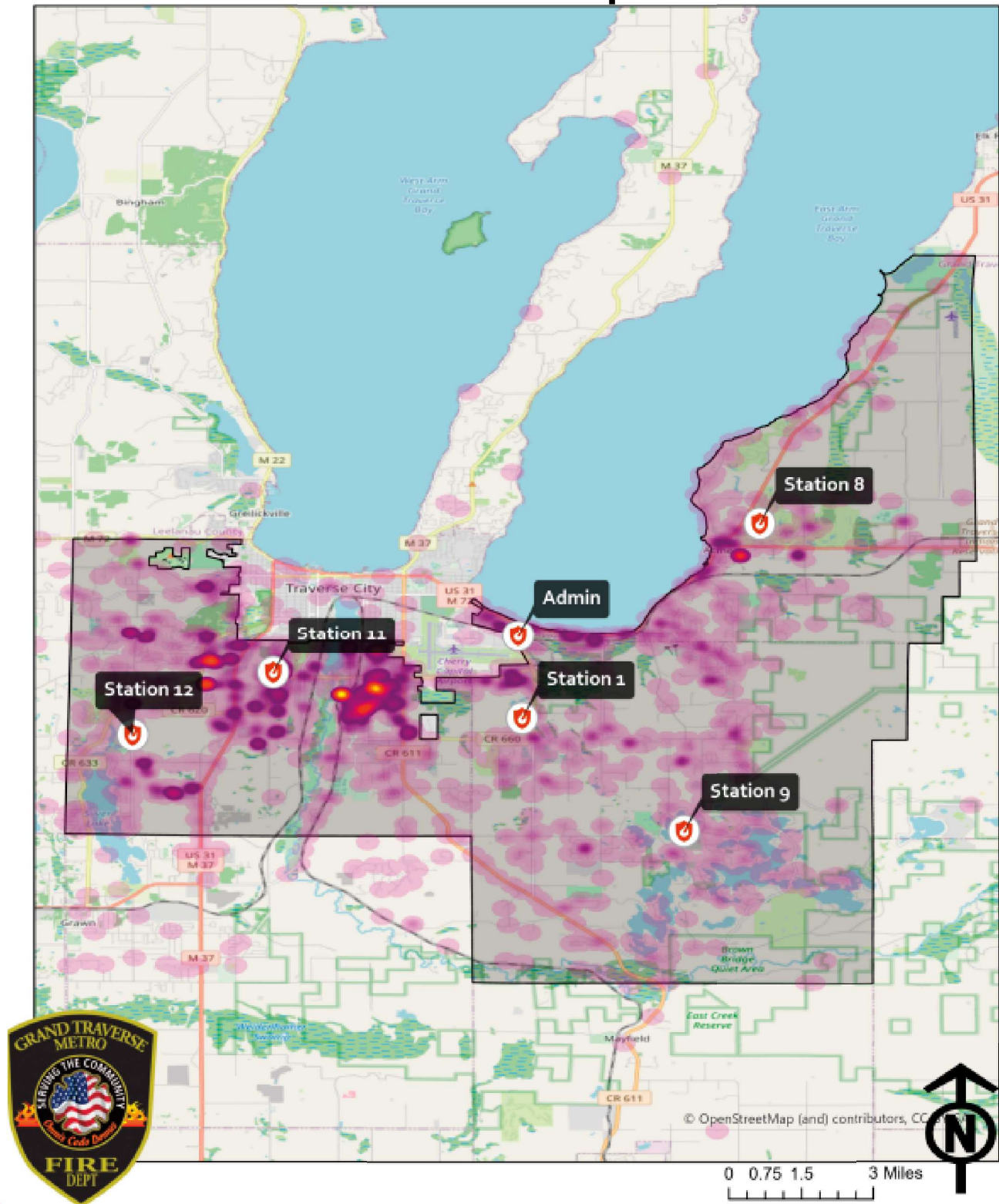


Station Responses 2022



2022 STATISTICS

GTMESSA Heat Map - 2022



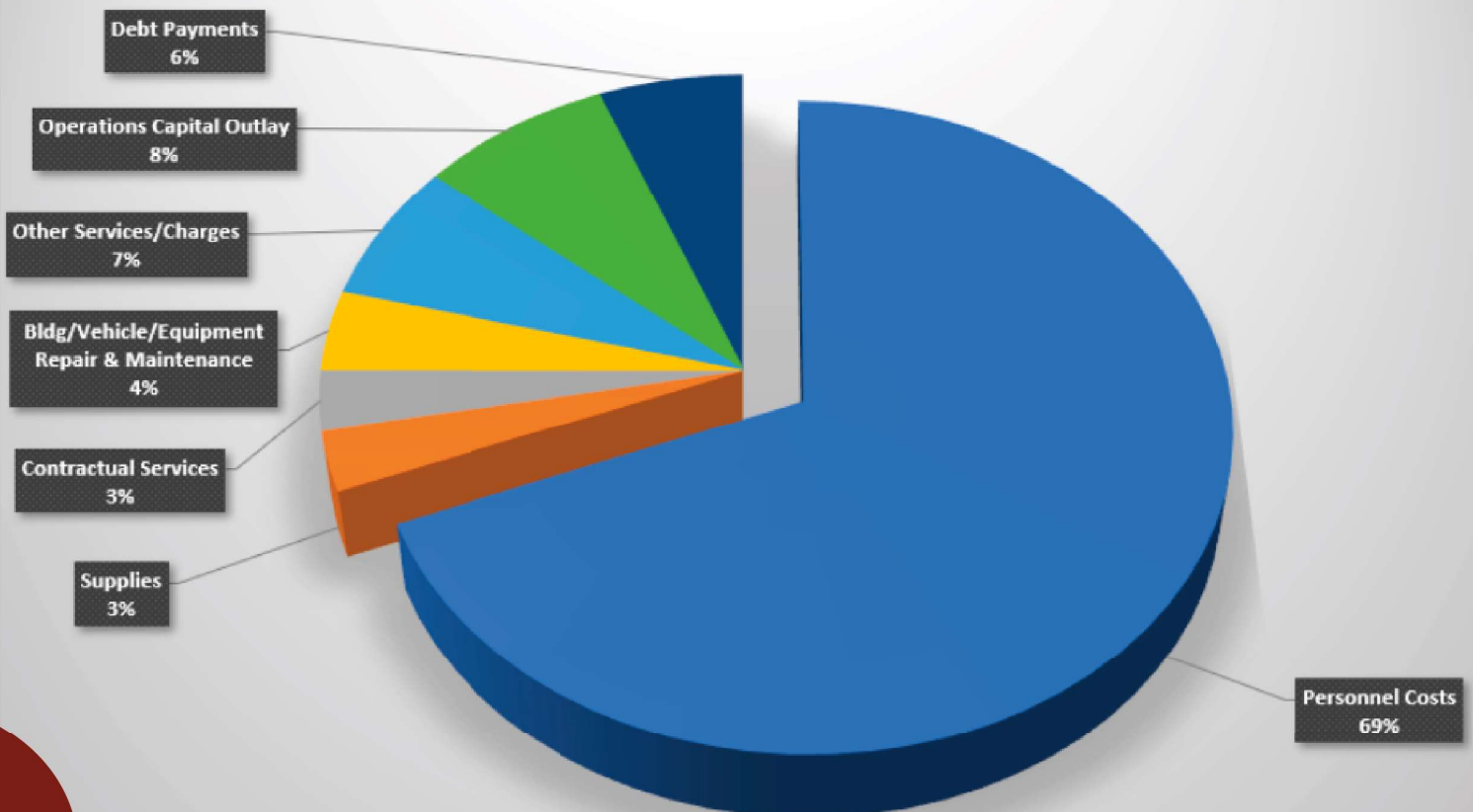
Heat Map represents the density of incidents on the map as cool (low density of incident) to hot (many incidents)

2022 BUDGET

The operating budget for GTMESA was \$5,300,103. This revenue was primarily made up of a fire millage of 2.6 assessed by all three townships. Some additional revenue is seen with third party plan review contracts. Personnel costs continue to lead our expense category. We anticipate a combination staffing model of utilizing both full-time and part-time firefighters well into the future.

We spent an additional \$563,335 out of a dedicated capital fund which is funded from the operating budget. Purchases in 2022 were for a new (used) Heavy Rescue truck from Glen Lake Fire Department, a new medical Squad, a Command Vehicle, and special operations equipment.

GTMESA End of Year Expenses = \$5,472,081



FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

The Fire Prevention Division is an all-hazards Community Risk Reduction program who works in conjunction with the Operations Division to carry out the mission of the department. We provide services which encompass the three E's of quality prevention programs: Education, Enforcement, and Engineering. We conduct fire code compliance (enforcement) inspections, plan review (engineering) of new buildings, fire protection systems and assistance to developers for new construction projects. Numerous education programs are offered such as: CPR, fire extinguishers, car seat installations, smoke alarm checks in homes, senior specific programs, evacuation training, safety programs in schools, among many others and is the host agency for Safe Kids North Shore programming.

The Fire Prevention Division also conducts investigations of all fires in the combat against arson and provides counseling services through our Youth Firesetter program. Our goal of eliminating fires and traumatic injuries in our community is a huge task to which we strive to attain.

Employees continued pursuing additional learning and certification opportunities in 2022. Inspector/Investigator Eric Chryst passed the International Association of Arson Investigators Certified Fire Investigation Technician exam as well as the Fire Plans Examiner class. Assistant Chief / Fire Marshal Brian Belcher and Lieutenant Kyle Clute attended and graduated from the Eastern Michigan University Executive Fire Staff and Command program. A ten-month program held one week per month culminating with a research project paper and formal presentation to the program advisory board of Fire Chiefs. *See photo in Highlights section of report.*

One of the Inspector/Investigators did resign from GTMESA to pursue another opportunity. This job vacancy is currently posted for applicants.

Our employees are our biggest asset, who all strive every day to bring success to all our programs and customers.



Safe Neighborhood - Smoke Alarm Campaign



Residential Homes Visited = 68

Smoke Alarms Installed = 147

Carbon Monoxide Alarms Installed = 16

Smoke Alarm Batteries Installed = 65

42% of alarms checked were either not working or expired.

In 2022, we saw more difficulties for our Safe Neighborhood Smoke Alarm Campaign. While we had hoped to get back to our neighborhood sweeps and door to door activity, a lack of smoke alarms prevented us from doing that. Smoke alarm manufacturers are having difficulties with supply and demand. We placed an order in May of 2021 and have yet to receive those alarms. Many larger agencies are ordering smoke alarms by the thousands for their programs so unfortunately our needs fall to the bottom. We visited 68 homes and installed 147 alarms. In those 68 homes we checked 216 alarms and found 91 alarms needing replacement (42%) and 4 homes with no smoke alarms present.

Our goals for 2023 are to receive an inventory of alarms to allow us to be back in the community making a bigger impact in the safety of our citizens homes.



Working
SMOKE ALARMS
SAVE LIVES

Michigan Fatal Fire Statistics - 2022

132 PEOPLE died in **113** FIRES

↑ 23%
INCREASE

In deaths compared to 2017-2021 average

↑ 20%
INCREASE

In fires compared to 2017-2021 average



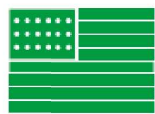
16 MULTI-FATAL FIRES resulting in **35** deaths



ONLY 33% of homes were reported as having **working smoke alarms**



27% of victims were reported as disabled



5% of victims were reported to be veterans

REPORTED HOME VALUES

as compared to Michigan's \$150,000 median value



47% OF HOMES with fatal fires valued **below**

16% OF HOMES with fatal fires valued **above**

14% APARTMENTS/COMMERCIAL



SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!

Put one on **EVERY LEVEL** in **EVERY BEDROOM**



Change batteries **EVERY YEAR OR WHEN IT CHIRPS** and replace every **TEN YEARS**

TEST smoke alarms every month

GENDER



62%
MALE



37%
FEMALE

1% not reported

AGE



4% not reported

24% 0-39 years old

41% 40-69 years old

31% 70+ years old

TIME



6pm - 6am **61%**



6am - 6pm **39%**

DAYS

Most fatal fires occurred on **Monday & Tuesday**

TOP 3 FATAL FIRE CAUSES



SMOKING



ELECTRICAL



HEATING

TOP 3 AREAS OF ORIGIN



LIVING ROOM



BEDROOM



KITCHEN

(These numbers reflect only the reported fires.)

MI PREVENTION HOME SAFETY VISITS

Visited

3040 HOMES

41% OF HOMES

had NO working smoke alarms

Installed

8897
SMOKE ALARMS

&

2337
CO ALARMS

Visited with

6510
COMMUNITY MEMBERS



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FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION



With the lifting of most COVID restrictions, our Public Education and Community Outreach programs were once again in full swing. The number of programs and services delivered rose significantly in 2022 over 2021. Requests for fire extinguisher and emergency planning for businesses nearly tripled in 2022.

With falls being the number one emergency response category, we focused on new fall prevention programs and extended the outreach to new groups. A partnership with Munson Healthcare to offer a new 7-week Matter Of Balance Program in conjunction with the Grand Traverse YMCA was a success. Two class sessions were held with requests for additional classes. These classes will be continued in 2023.

2022 also saw us back in the schools delivering the OnWatch injury prevention programs. While not all schools are in this program, we continue to work to expand into more schools in the GTMESA district.

Event / Program	Total Attendance	Number of Youth Attending	Number of Adults Attending
CAR SEAT FITTING STATIONS *	272		272
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	1,837	1,019	818
FRIENDS AND FAMILY CPR	73	3	70
FIRE EVACUATION DRILLS FOR BUSINESSES	244		244
STATION TOURS	68	43	25
EXTINGUISHER TRAINING	431	119	312
ONWATCH PROGRAM	0		
FALL PREVENTION PROGRAMMING	117		117
PEER SUPPORT	0		
REMEMBERING WHEN	0		
IN SCHOOL PROGRAMMING	2,310	2,190	120
TRAFFIC SAFETY PRESENTATIONS	106		106
YOUTH FIRE INTERVENTION EDUCATION	2	1	1
WATER SAFETY EDUCATION	100	40	60
OPEN HOUSE	150		

* Car Seat Checks - 180 Car Seats Distributed - 9

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

In 2022 fire inspections were back on track. We continue to inspect every public assembly, hotel/motel, big box store, apartment complexes and other target hazards every year. With the increase in these occupancies due to construction, the frequency of inspecting the other business types becomes less frequent, with some not inspected in over 4 years. No court citations were issued for noncompliance in 2022. Plan reviews were up across the district with increases in East Bay and Acme with Garfield remaining the same number as 2021.

Plan review permit fees generated \$63,001.85 in revenue, with \$7,781.00 of that coming from projects outside the Metro District. GTMESA is a contracted agency for Grand Traverse County Construction Code to conduct fire protection system plan reviews in other townships. Our plan review and permit process went live with the Grand Traverse County EnerGov portal in December 2022. Customers can submit for plan review and permits and receive all documents back electronically. The process is running smoothly after working out some minor issues. We've received positive comments from customers on the ability to submit and process electronically.

2022 Inspections Totals

	ACME	EAST BAY	GARFIELD	TOTAL
ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	73	80	694	847
RE-INSPECTIONS	187	144	1,290	1,621
FF RIGHT TO KNOW	25	26	208	259
PLAN REVIEWS	28	46	126	200
PERMIT INSPECTIONS	17	35	150	202
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE	2	1	20	23
FIRE WATCH / FIRE PROTECTION IMPAIREMENTS	2	5	17	24
OTHER INSPECTIONS	4	16	75	95
TOTAL ACTIVITY	338	353	2,580	3,271



Fire Evacuation Drills for Businesses:

- 244 employees

Fire Extinguisher Trainings:

- 119 students from public safety program at Northwoods Ed
- 312 participants from businesses

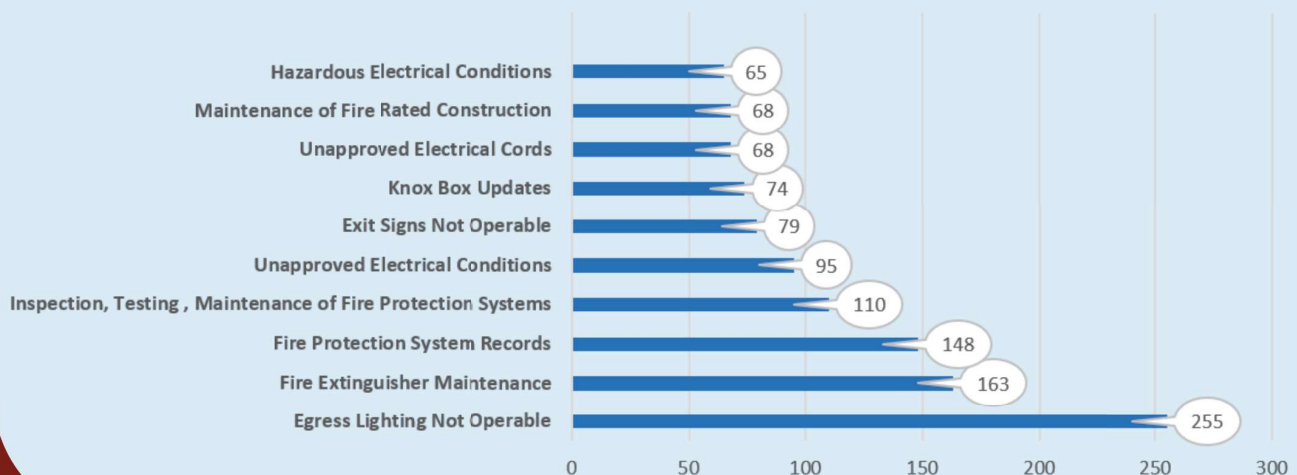
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

2022 Annual Inspections by Use Group

Assembly	122
Business	222
Educational	1
Factory	43
Institutional	3
Mercantile	112
Mixed	54
Residential	161
Storage	127
Utility	2
Total	847



Top 10 Code Violations for 2022



OPERATIONS DIVISION

The GTMESA Operations Division is responsible for providing a skilled and timely response to any call for aid. We are a true “All-Hazards” department. In 2022, the Operations Division encompassed an Operations Chief, 3 Captains (Shift Commander), 6 Lieutenants, 15 full-time firefighters, and 14 part-time firefighters. Our three protected townships are growing at an exponential rate, with the current population exceeding 36,000. The Traverse City area is a top tourist destination, which can see an average of 3.3 million visitor trips annually.

The Operations Division staffs 4 fire stations on a 24/7 basis and 1 fire station as personnel levels allow. All our suppression firefighters are divided into three shift rotations: Red, Green, and Blue. This places an average of 9 firefighters on duty per day. Our full-time firefighters work a 48/96 schedule, meaning they work 48 hours in a row, followed by 96 hours off. Our part-time firefighters work a varying schedule of either 12- or 24-hour shifts. Our fire stations are strategically located in each of the three townships we serve: Acme, East Bay, and Garfield Townships.

The Operations Division responds on a multitude of different Fire / EMS apparatus including fire engines, a ladder truck, a heavy rescue, Basic Life Support (BLS) response squads, all terrain vehicles, marine units, and snowmobiles. . Our department also belongs to Michigan MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Division 3701. MABAS is a statewide agreement among many different fire departments to give or receive aid in the event of large-scale incidents. We provided both fire and technical rescue assistance through MABAS in 2022 to the EF-3 tornado that struck Gaylord, MI as well as the Resolute Paper Mill fire in Menominee, MI. *See photos in Highlights in 2022.*

Our firefighters run an average of 17 calls for service per day. When they are not responding to calls for service, they are actively engaged in training, physical fitness, and ensuring all equipment and facilities are in a state of readiness for the next emergency.

Our fire stations are open to the public and we enjoy interacting with our local community. If you have questions about your fire department, please stop by and see us!



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

GTMESA is responsible for provides primary non-transporting medical responses. We responded to 6,170 incidents and treated 4,232 patients in 2022. We currently are staffed with 37 EMS licensed personnel.

Of the GTMESA's emergency calls, 75% are for medical response (including motor vehicle crashes). Since 2009, our apparatus is licensed at a Basic Life Support (BLS) level, which allows our members to provide a higher degree of medical attention to the community. Our members have the ability and training to provide basic life support measures to citizens, which include advanced airways, prehospital drug administration, and automatic defibrillation. All suppression personnel are certified as Medical First Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Paramedics. Our department operates as a BLS non-transporting medical response that utilizes East Bay Township Advanced Life Support and Mobile Medical Response (MMR) Advanced Life Support as the primary transporting agency. Station 9 houses East Bay EMS. Stations 8, 11, and 12 each house an MMR ambulance as well.

The large draw of tourists and citizens places a strain on our highways and roadways. GTMESA responded to many high-speed car crashes that required the need for vehicle extrication. Fire engines at each station supported by a Heavy Rescue truck from Station 1, respond to all motor vehicle crashes with injuries and are equipped with extrication equipment to free victims from entrapment. In 2022, units responded to 248 motor vehicle crashes, of which at least 14 of them required extrication of victims. Of those 248 incidents, 7 involved pedestrians.

FAMILY & FRIENDS CPR

FREE for anyone who wants to learn simple skills that could save a life!



TRAINING DIVISION

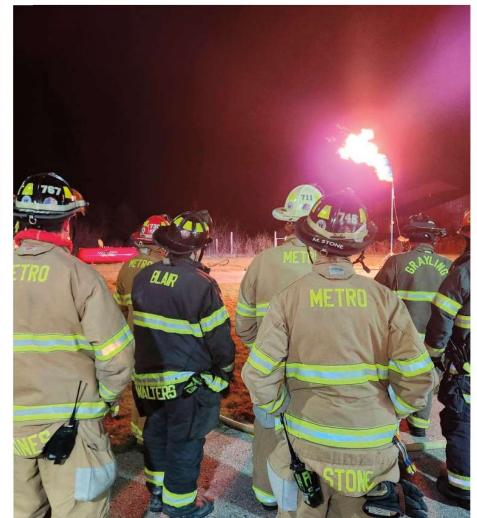
Training is the foundation of any well-prepared organization, and we take our mission of serving our community by safeguarding life and property from fire, hazards & medical emergencies through education, intervention, and quality response. We pride ourselves on being ready for any emergency, day, or night, in any weather condition. Our firefighters and fire officers spent 8,000+ hours training both on and off duty in many different disciplines in 2022.

Our firefighters are tasked with not only Fire and EMS responsibilities, but also Hazardous Materials Mitigation, Rope Rescue, Confined Space, Trench Rescue, Ice / Water / Land Search and Rescue, Building Pre-Plan Training, and Machine / Vehicle Extrication to name a few. Our firefighters need to be trained on operating fire engines, ladder trucks, tanker trucks, all terrain vehicles, boats, and snowmobiles as well as many different types of handheld tools and power equipment.

GTMESSA has developed a Training Division consisting of the Operations Chief, a Training Officer, and several Company Officers to ensure the latest training is being delivered safely and efficiently to our firefighters exceeding the training requirements of the State of Michigan. We pride ourselves on being one of the best trained departments in Northern Michigan.

Our firefighters spent time at the Illinois Fire Service Institute so newer and veteran firefighters can hone in skills for advancing charged hose lines into structures, searching for victims, and teamwork with different agencies, all while the structure is controlled with live fire.

We had many firefighters and officers complete training requirements and certification for Fire Instructor I, Instructor II, and Fire Officer I. Our department has certified train-the-trainers for EMS, Instructor I, Fire Officer I, II, and III, Driver Training, Blue Card IC, and Water Rescue.



MEET YOUR GTMESA MEMBERS

Administration



**Fire Chief
Pat Parker**



**Assistant Chief
of Operations
Tony Posey**



**Assistant Chief /
Fire Marshal
Brian Belcher**



**Human Resource
Stacey Bird**



**Administrative
Assistant
Mary Griggs**



**Accountant
Kim McCann**

Fire Prevention Bureau



**Fire Life Safety
Specialist
Jennifer Froehlich**



**Fire Inspector/
Plan Reviewer
Kathy Fordyce**



**Fire Inspector /
Investigator
Randy Rittenhouse**



**Fire Inspector /
Investigator
Eric Chryst**

MEET YOUR GTMESA MEMBERS

Captains



**Captain / EMT
Training Officer
Troy Holliday**



**Captain / EMT
Haz Mat Leader
Adam Drewery**



**Captain / EMT
Steve Meek**

Lieutenants



**Lieutenant / EMT
PIO
Kyle Clute**



**Lieutenant / EMT
Rescue Ops Leader
David Sicotte**



**Lieutenant / EMT
Josh Sprenger**



**Lieutenant / EMT
Mike Winter**



**Lieutenant / EMT
Health & Safety
Matt Adamek**



**Lieutenant/EMT-P IC
Medical Director
Spencer Scanlon**

MEET YOUR GTMESA MEMBERS

Firefighters

Full-Time



**Firefighter / EMT
Brian Bloom**



**Firefighter / EMT
Gary Francisco**



**Firefighter / EMT
Cody Lipe**



**Firefighter / EMT
Mike Thomas**



**Firefighter / EMT
Austin Miner**



**Firefighter / EMT
David Ginebaugh**



**Firefighter / EMT
Mike Stone**



**Firefighter / EMT
Weston Willoughby**



**Firefighter / AEMT
Peter Bean**



**Firefighter / EMT
Cory Snyder**



**Firefighter / EMT
Tyler Young**



**Firefighter / EMT
Brett Baines**



**Firefighter / EMT
Tony Longo**



**Firefighter / EMT
Nathan Leigeb**



**Firefighter / EMT
Dale Hall**

MEET YOUR GTMESA MEMBERS

Firefighters Part-Time



**Firefighter / EMT
Rick Worm**



**Firefighter / EMT
Hal Miller**



**Firefighter / EMT
Jon Flynn**



**Firefighter / EMT
Grant Blackmer**



**Firefighter / EMT
Jon Williamson**



**Firefighter / EMT
Trevor Alworden**



**Firefighter / EMT
Evan Schnabele**



**Firefighter / EMT
Brian Buckley**



**Firefighter / EMT-P
Cody Randall**



**Firefighter / EMR
Kirk Norman**



**Firefighter / EMT
Sam Rojewski**



**Probationary
Julian Dittmer**



**Probationary
Gunner Keaton**



**Probationary
David Mudd**



**Probationary
AJ Murray**

2022 ACCOMPLISHMENT

PROMOTIONS



Lieutenant Mike Thomas
Promoted from Firefighter to
Lieutenant in November 2022

GTMESSA AWARDS CEREMONY - 2021 and 2022

Fire Officer of the Year - 2021

Captain Troy Holliday



Fire Officer of the Year - 2022

Lieutenant Josh Sprenger



Firefighter of the Year - 2021

Firefighter Mike Thomas



Firefighter of the Year - 2022

Firefighter Austin Miner



2022 ACCOMPLISHMENT

GTMESSA AWARDS CEREMONY - 2021 and 2022

EMS Provider of the Year - 2021

Lieutenant Spencer Scanlon



EMS Provider of the Year - 2022

Lieutenant Mike Thomas



Chief Wayne Hanna Memorial Prevention Award - 2021

Retired Captain Mark Shaul



Chief Wayne Hanna Memorial Prevention Award - 2022

Inspector / Investigator
Randy Rittenhouse



2022 ACCOMPLISHMENT

UNIT CITATION / LIFE SAFETY AWARDS

It is our honor to recognize a few of our members for excellence in their work and performance by presenting them with Unit Citations. The Unit Citation is typically awarded to a group of members who have performed service to the department in a highly commendable manner. Please join us in congratulating jobs well done!

On 11/12/22 we were dispatched for a motor vehicle crash located at the intersection US 31 North and Bracket Road. Dispatch immediately advised that there was a confirmed entrapment and that the patient was having a hard time breathing. Crews responded from Station 8 and Station 1 with a total of four personnel. Staffing for the day on the East side was light on experience for a major accident. The incident involved a Bread Truck and two passenger vehicles. One of the vehicles involved was a Toyota Tundra pick-up which contained the entrapment. Station 8 crew arrived on scene with MMR and Law Enforcement to find the driver of the Tundra severely trapped in the vehicle. The vehicles left fender, door, firewall and dash were all on top of the patient crushing him against the seat. Engine 8 crew immediately went to work on this vehicle completing vehicle stabilization and began extrication.

The extensive extrication took approximately 41 minutes. During the extrication process crews utilized two hydraulic cutters, two hydraulic spreaders, hydraulic ram, battery operated ram, Sawzall and V-strut. With several tools operating at the same time, four at one point on the same vehicle, crews worked seamlessly and at no point was patient or crew safety a concern.

The entire roadway was shut down to traffic and re-routed with limited resources on scene. A safe area was secured by proper apparatus placement for the entire incident.

I am proud of each and every one that assisted with this incident no matter what position they were assigned, everyone played a significant part to the success of this incident. Each of the responders were awarded a Unit Citation award for their efforts on this incident.

List of responders:

FF Eric Chryst
 FF Cody Randall
 FF Tony Longo
 Capt Drewery
 Lt Matt Adamek
 FF Tyler Young
 Chief Belcher



2022 RETIREMENTS



Firefighter Hal Miller
1997 - 2022
Retiring with
25 years of Service



Accountant Robin Ehardt
2005 - 2022
Retiring with
17 years of Service



Admin Asst Mary Griggs
2007 - 2022
Retiring with
15 years of Service

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- 3-year union contract agreed upon with the new Grand Traverse Metro Firefighters IAFF Local 5288.
- Continued implementation of updated operations including training, equipment, and policies.
- (3) Lieutenants obtained Blue Card Command IC certification after 50+ hours of training.
- Purchased a new (used) Heavy Rescue from Glen Arbor Fire Department to replace an aging rescue unit.
- Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) 3701 response from GTMESA to two incidents: Gaylord Tornado response in May 2022, and Menominee Paper Mill fire in October 2022. *Picture below...*
- Grant Funding of \$18,572 through Cosgrove Foundation for trench rescue and collapse equipment. *Photo on right...*
- Grant Funding of \$21,159 through Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians for Tech Rescue Equipment and improvements to our Special Operations Trailer.
- Grant funding of \$3,500 through Michigan Township Participating Plan for the purchase of additional dash cameras in apparatus to help improve our operations.
- Grant funding of \$1,000 from City Church for additional smoke alarms.
- Donation of a propane tank from Fick & Son's for Hazardous Materials training.
- New 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe placed in-service as a new Command Vehicle.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

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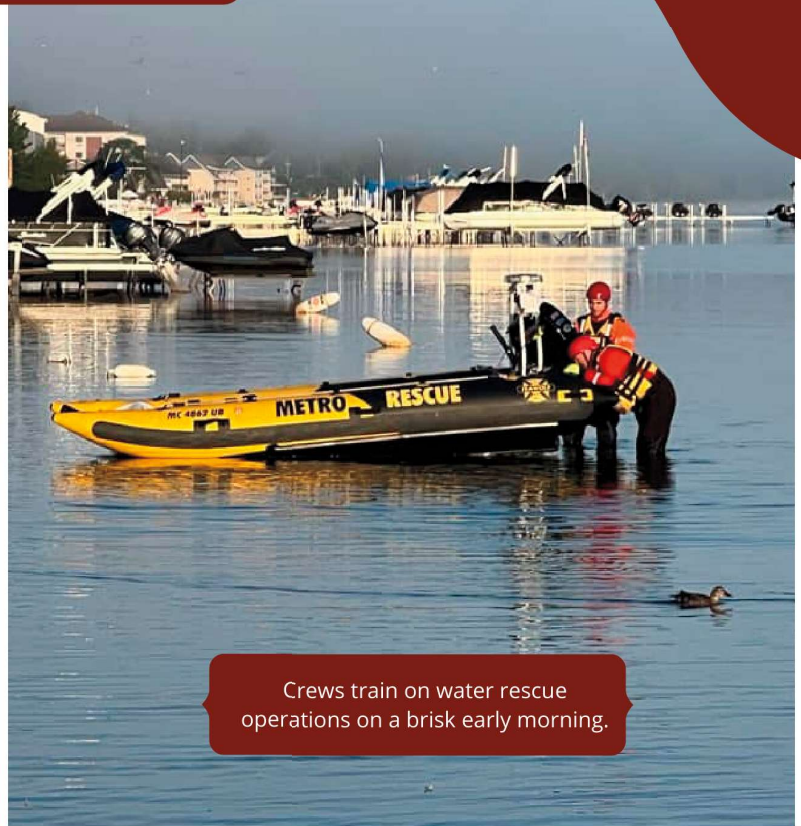
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Lt Kyle Clute and Asst Chief / Fire Marshal Brian Belcher achieved recognition for completing a 9 month training program through Eastern Michigan University Staff and Command.

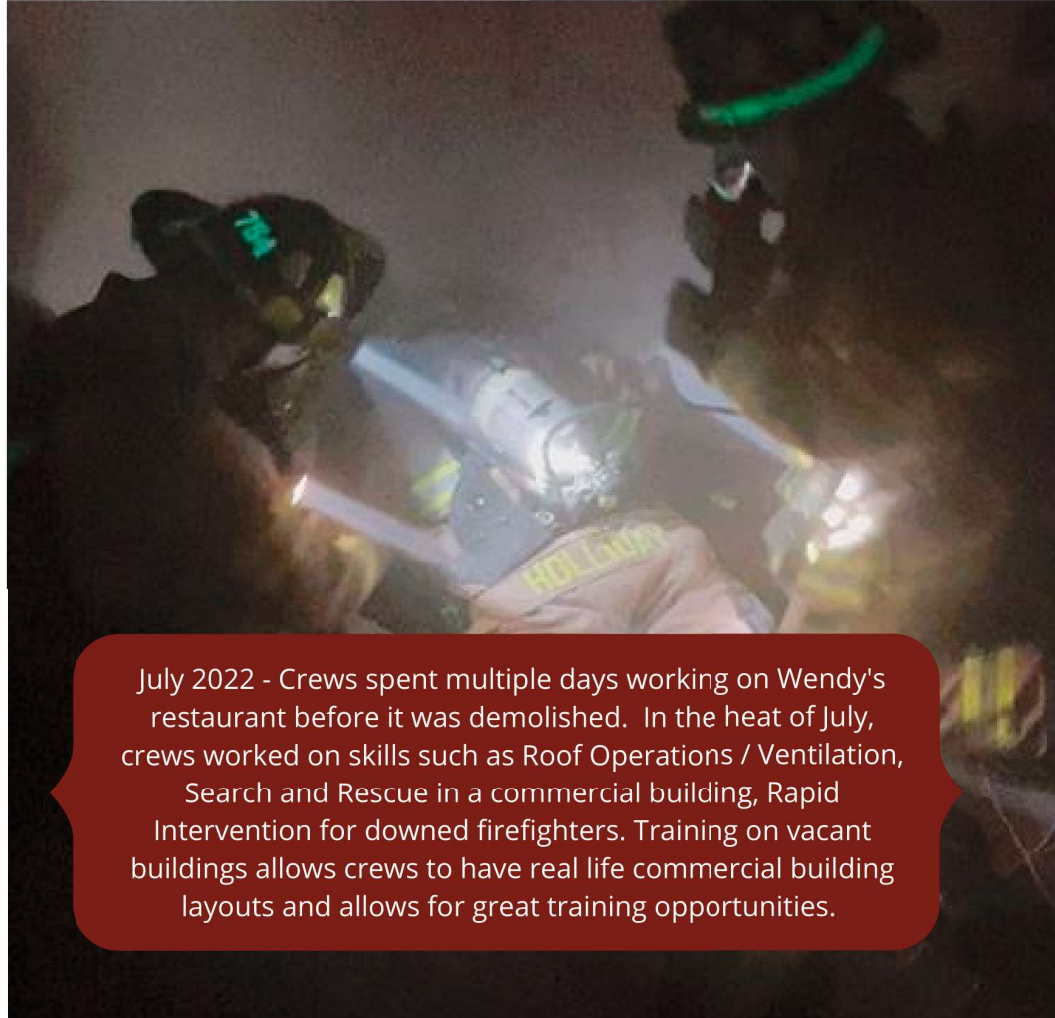


Crews train on water rescue operations on a brisk early morning.



Feb 25, 2022 - At 1:39 am Metro Engines 11, 12, Truck 1, TCFD Engines 1 and 2 and Metro Chief were dispatched for a commercial fire on Cass Rd. Crews found a working fire in the building with fire extending into the attic space which resulted in a roof collapse. Cold temperatures made conditions difficult for firefighters however no injuries are reported.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



July 2022 - Crews spent multiple days working on Wendy's restaurant before it was demolished. In the heat of July, crews worked on skills such as Roof Operations / Ventilation, Search and Rescue in a commercial building, Rapid Intervention for downed firefighters. Training on vacant buildings allows crews to have real life commercial building layouts and allows for great training opportunities.