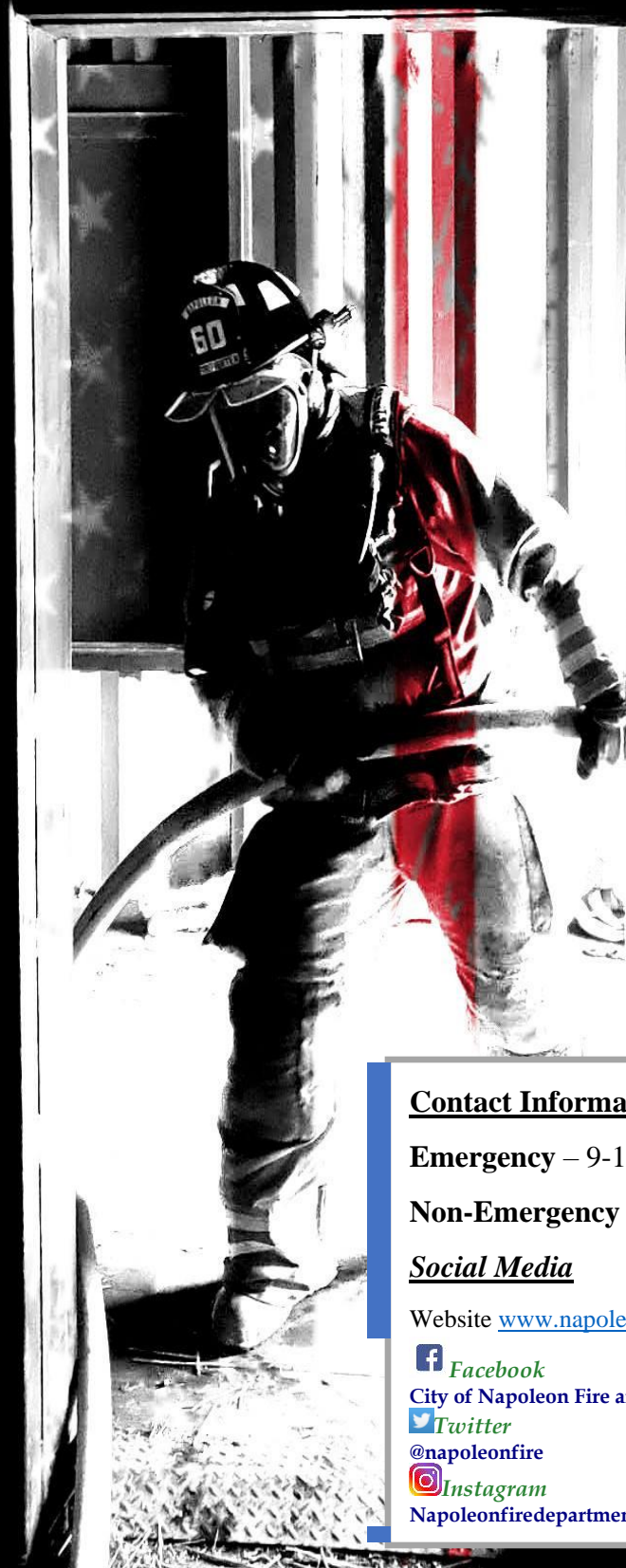




# 2020 Annual Report





### **Contact Information**

**Emergency – 9-1-1**

**Non-Emergency line – (419)-592-0441**

### **Social Media**

Website [www.napoleonfire.com](http://www.napoleonfire.com)

 **Facebook**

**City of Napoleon Fire and Rescue**

 **Twitter**

**@napoleonfire**

 **Instagram**

**Napoleonfiredepartment**

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## Mission Statement:

*The* goal of the Napoleon Fire-Rescue Department is to provide the highest level of life and property safety possible, through the extension of public education, emergency medical, fire prevention and fire suppression services in accordance with local and nationally accepted standards operating guidelines and procedures.





Jason Maassel  
Mayor



Joel Mazur  
City Manager



### **Members of Council**

President – Joe Bialorucki

President Pro-Tem – Dan Baer

Councilmember – Jeff Comadoll

Councilmember – Ken Haase

Councilmember – Lori Sinclair

Councilmember – Molly Knepley

Councilmember – Ross Durham

# Fire Chief's Message

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I am pleased to present the 2020 annual report for Napoleon Fire and Rescue Department. COVID-19 was at the forefront, but it did not affect the mission of our department. The members of the Napoleon Fire and Rescue department accepted the challenge and went to work. Our response collectively as a city showed our members the value they have and hold.



2020 was another record setting year. The department responded to 1,745 calls for service, which equates to an increase of 6% compared to 2019 and a 64% increase compared to 2010. We are grateful for all the support from the city manager, mayor, and members of council for the passing of the reciprocity tax for staffing at the department. Their support proves to the members of the fire department as well as the citizens of Napoleon their commitment to their safety.

As apparatus and equipment cost increase year after year, we continue to look for ways to save the taxpayers money. The department's two 2004 ambulances were remounted in 2020. We were able to take advantage of the well-maintained boxes of the ambulances by putting them on new 2020 Ford E-450 chassis while appreciating an estimated savings of \$125,000 per truck. These remounts were completed by Braun Industries in Van Wert Ohio.

Additionally, in 2020 the department received a \$40,000 grant to purchase a power cot and load system and a hydraulic spreader/cutter tool for the newly remounted ambulances. This grant was awarded to Napoleon Fire and Rescue through the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation (BWC). This grant made it possible for all three of our ambulances to have the power cot and power load system. These upgrades are critical to our operation. With these improvements it makes it possible to perform the necessary lifting of patients with are limited number of staff.

Napoleon Fire and Rescue is proud to serve the community in a capacity larger than just emergency services. Through valued partnerships the department has been able to assist other community groups and city departments in the COVID-19 response. These relationships benefit all parties involved. We all experienced new challenges in 2020 therefore, without these relationships the battle against COVID-19 would have been harder than it was.

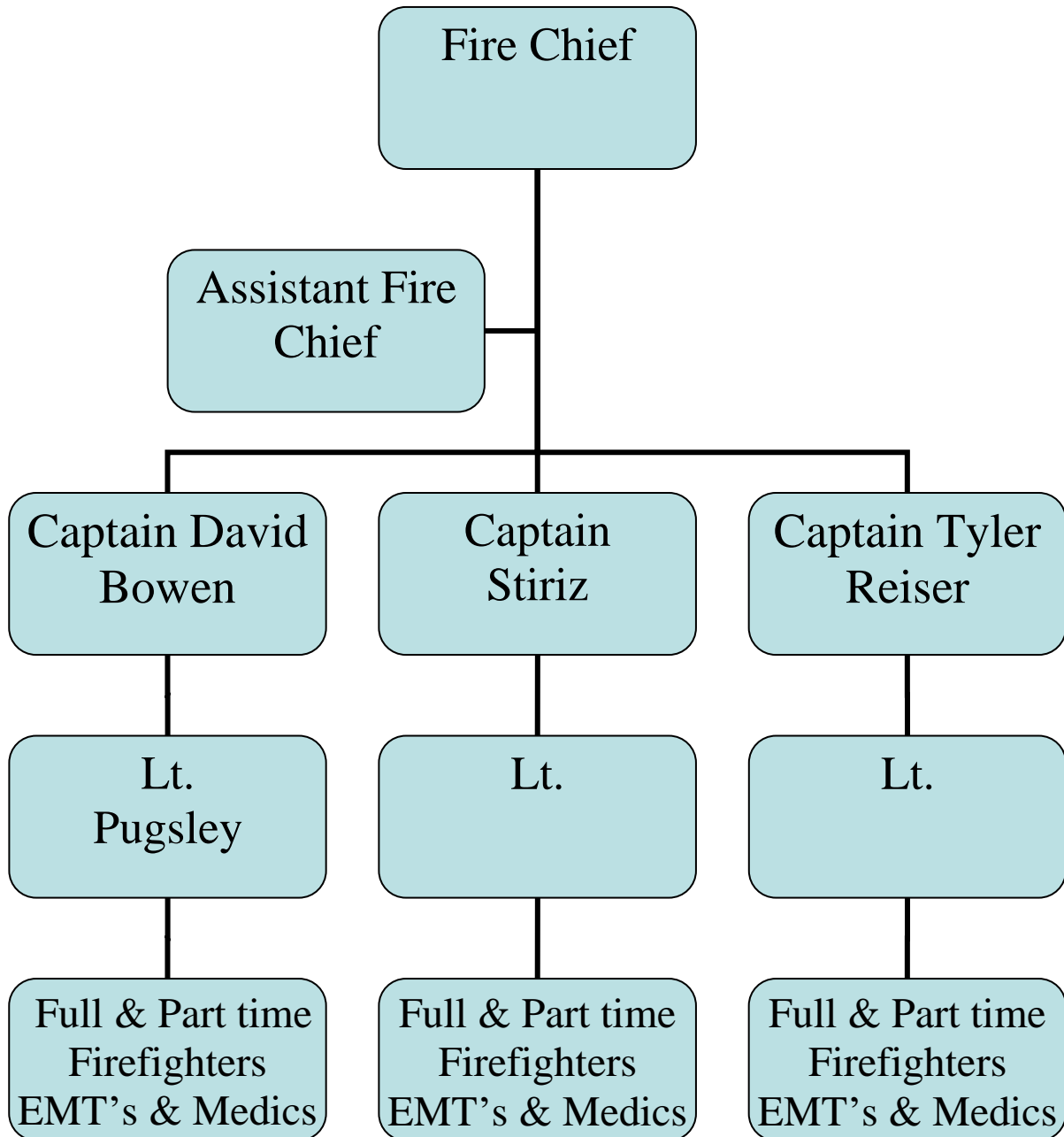
Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clayton K. O'Brien".

Clayton K. O'Brien

# Organizational Chart

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# Personnel

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**Newly Promoted Captain Jonah Stiriz**





## Incident Summary

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Fire Calls  
**296**



Average Response time  
**1:11 (all calls)**



EMS Calls  
**1,449**



Busiest time / Day / Shift.  
**11a -4p Friday C**



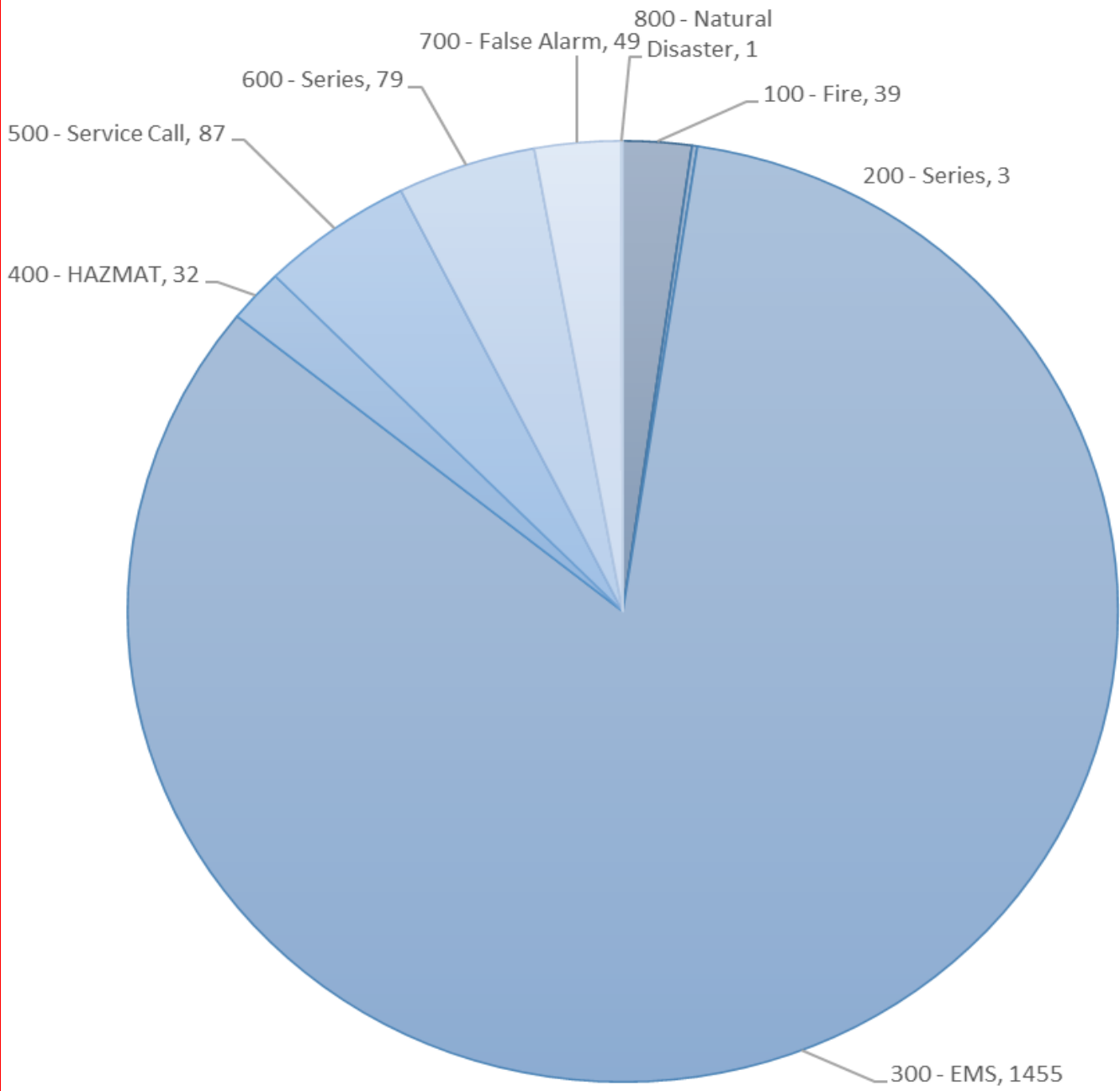


<u>Year</u>	<u>Calls for Service.</u>
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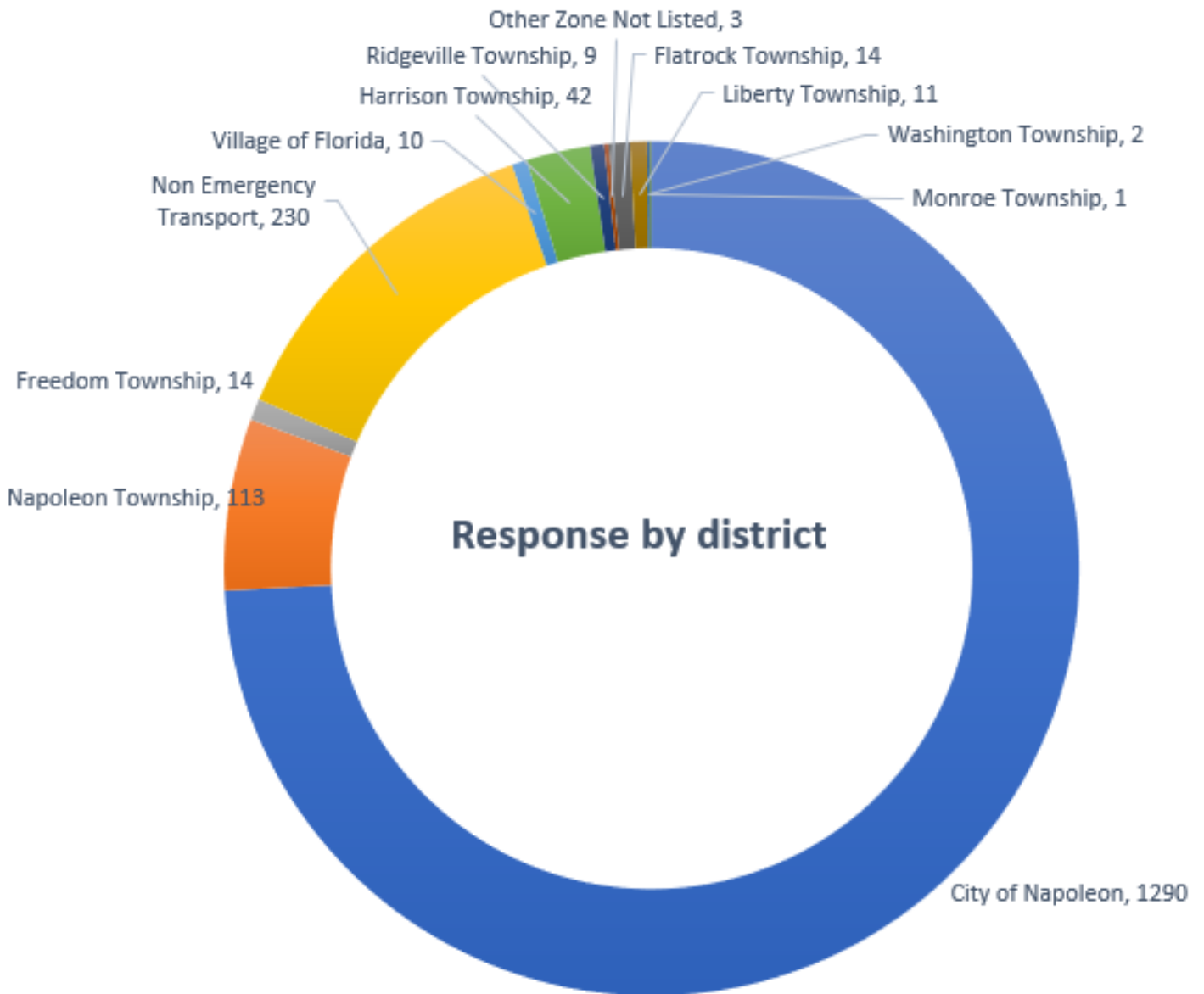
2010	1063
2011	1174
2012	1370
2013	1381
2014	1384
2015	1464
2016	1518
2017	1595
2018	1609
2019	1646
<b>2020</b>	<b>1,745</b>

**64%**  
Increase since  
2010

# Response Statistics

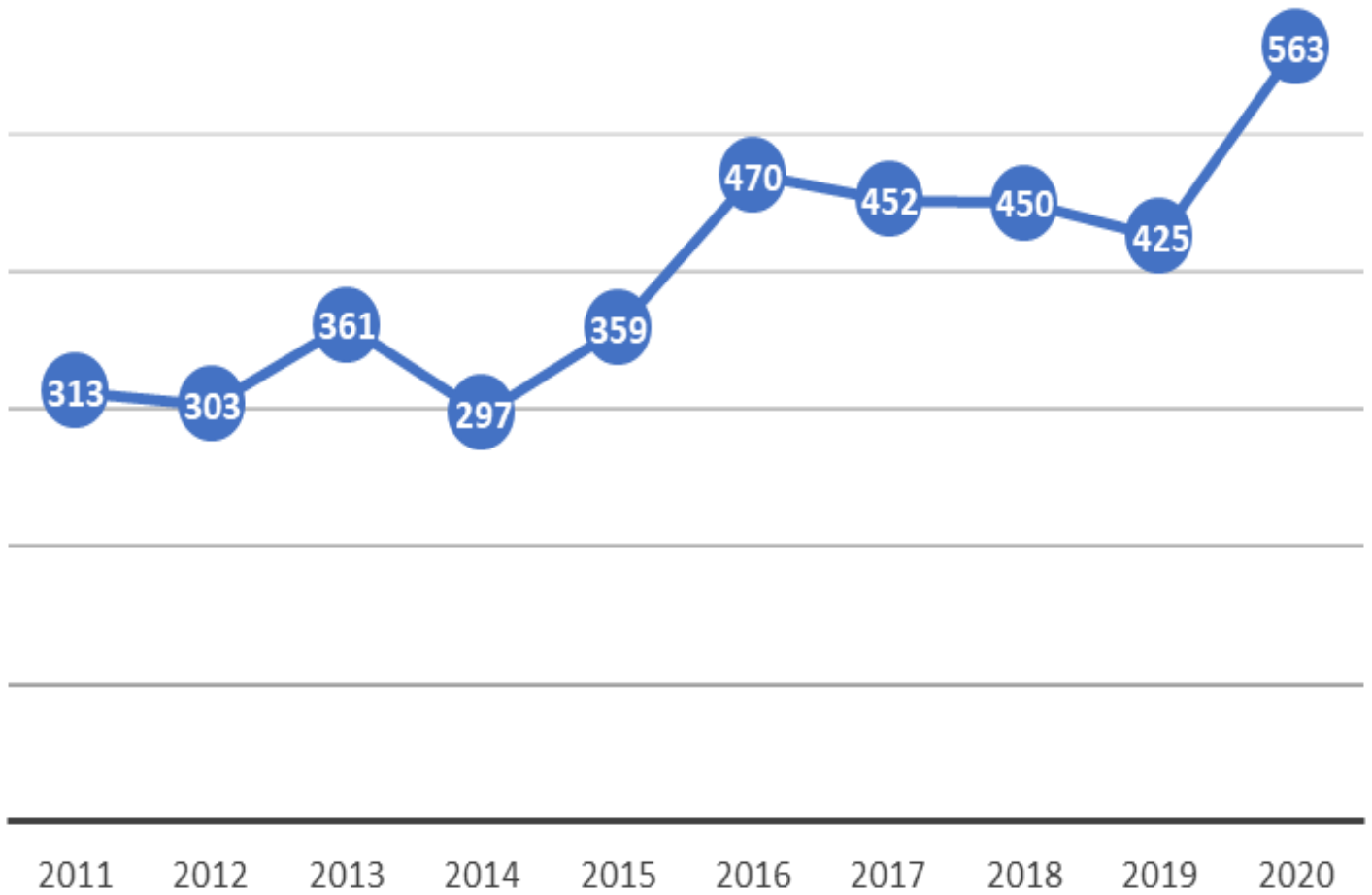


# Response Statistics



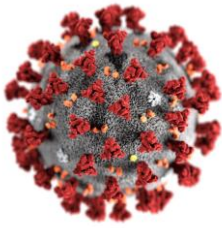
# Response Statistics

## Overlapping incidents





# COVID – 19 Response

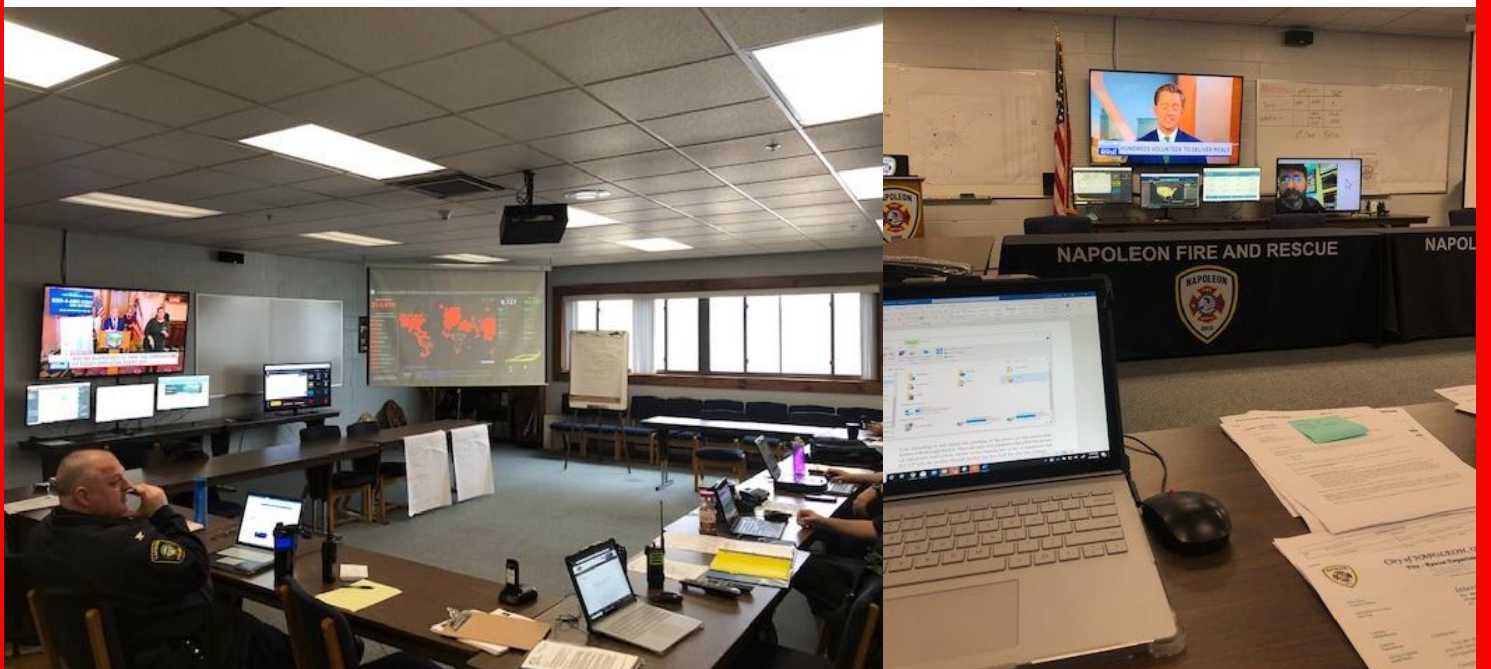


Due to COVID-19 our department had to take a step back and look at all aspects of our operations, response, and disinfecting procedures. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the fire department opened an emergency operations center in conjunction with other city departments. From that point forward the emergency operations team brainstormed and executed plans to safeguard the citizens, employees, and city operations from COVID-19. The #1 goal of the EOC team was to be able to maintain services while providing a safe work environment.

During this time, the fire department expanded its footprint by opening a second station. The second station housed an EMS crew giving the department the ability to keep the staff separated. We are grateful for the support of the local community and St. Paul Lutheran Church for helping make this happen.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was very limited at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. This shortage forced us to find alternatives in preserving or reusing our PPE. The department received a donation from the Rotary Club to obtain a UV-C light. This light was used to sterilize the N-95 masks to reuse. In addition to the UV-C light the N-95 masks were sent to Battelle for sterilizing. This was made possible through the Ohio State Patrol. Their team was gracious enough to transport our mask to and from Columbus for sterilization.

Although disinfection has always taken place it had to be re looked at. The standard way we have done it for years simply was not good enough moving forward in a pandemic. With the help of a donation from a local community member the department purchased a paint spray gun and retrofitted it to spray the disinfectant the department had on hand.

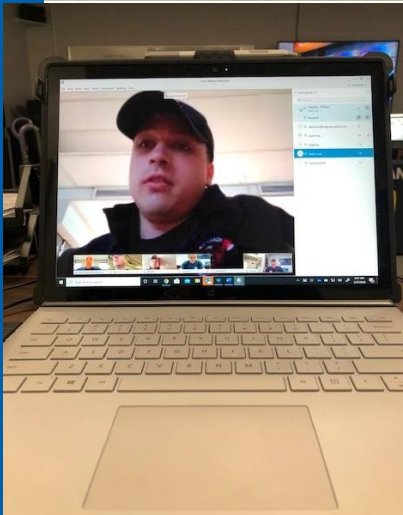






**WEAR A MASK,  
SAVE A LIFE**

**HENRY COUNTY HOSPITAL**



**I WEAR ONE FOR MY COMMUNITY.**



# Training Bureau







## Training Bureau

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Firefighters, EMTs, and Paramedics require an extensive amount of training every year. 90% of the Napoleon Fire and Rescue department is cross trained requiring them to meet the requirements of a firefighter as well as their respective EMS certification. Most training is conducted in house by our own fire and EMS instructors. Due the COVID -19 pandemic outside training classes were very little. EMS and Fire classes for new hires still took place with Four County Career center. Those students were able to attend the lectures via video conferencing. This year was challenging for the members pertaining to training. However, all precautions were taken to continue in house training. Training is a very important aspect of our job; therefore, a small break can be absorbed but not an entire year. In January of 2020, the department began using an online training platform called Fire Rescue 1 Academy. This allowed the members to conduct the lecture portions while at home online. The skills portion monthly was then conducted at the station with a limited number of members at a time.

In 2020 members of the fire department participated in a total of 2,040-man hours of training. This training included firefighting, emergency medical care and special hazardous.







### Fire Training:

The fire training program is under the direction of Captain David Bowen. Firefighters are required to participate in 56 hours of continuing education every 3 years. The goal of the fire training program is to provide realistic training to the members. This training is crucial in their survival on the fire ground. Topics of focus for 2020 included firefighter safety, fire ground operations, and communications. There was several other topics covered throughout the year.







### EMS Training:

The EMS training program is under the direction of Captain Tyler Reiser. EMT's are required to have 40 hours of continuing education every 3 years and paramedics are required to have 86 hours every 3 years. Topics of interest included protocol review, equipment refresher and documentation. Again, there was many other topics covered throughout the year.







### Special Operations Training:

The Special Operations training program is under the direction of Captain Jonah Stiriz and assisted by FF/Paramedic Tobias Westhoven. In addition to fire and EMS training the department trains on special operations. Special operations training includes training in hazardous materials, water rescue, rope rescue, grain rescue and confined space.





# Fire Prevention Bureau

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The Fire Prevention Bureau which also includes public education is under the direction of Assistant Chief Joel Frey. The Fire Prevention Bureau's primary task is conducting fire inspections and providing public education to the citizens of Napoleon.

Inspections are conducted throughout the city by Assistant Chief Frey. The 2017 Ohio Fire Code is followed during these

inspections. The purpose of the fire prevention bureau is to provide fire safety inspections and public education in the city of Napoleon to guard against hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling, or use of structures, materials, or devices. There are many different conditions that Assistant Chief Frey looks for that are hazardous to life, property or public welfare in the occupancy of structures or premises. Fire hazards, building alterations, change of use, or removal of fire alarm or suppression are all topics of interest when it comes to fire prevention.





# Fire Prevention Bureau





# Fire Prevention Bureau



*EDUCATING OUR FUTURE*

*PARENTS  
LEADERS  
WORKERS*







## Fireworks

In addition to fire inspections the fire prevention bureau works directly with the fireworks display personnel. The permit for the fireworks display is completed by the fire prevention bureau. This process ensures the citizens of Napoleon can enjoy a safe firework display each year. Unfortunately, due the COVID-19 impact the fireworks display did not take place.

## Plans Review

The fire prevention bureau performs plans reviews for all incoming business. The plans review section reviews construction plans and other related documents of all structures proposed for construction to assure fire safety codes are followed. During the plans review process the fire department ensures the new business will be properly protected based on the site plan, hydrant location, and fire department connection. The fire department works directly with Wood County Building Department for all new incoming projects.





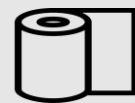
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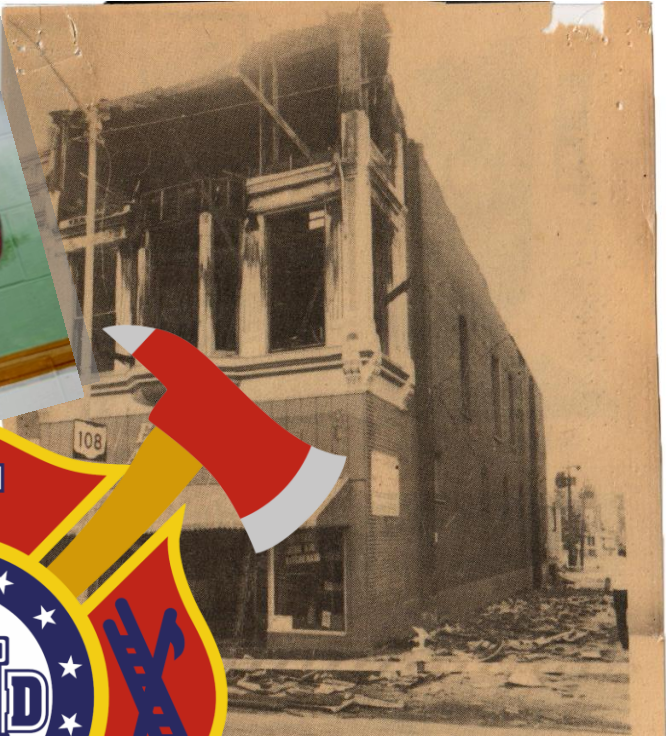
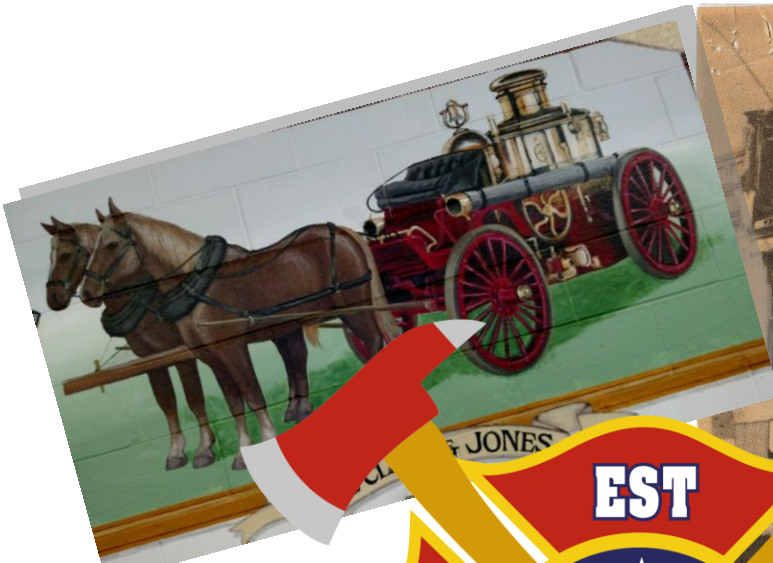
Public Education – 224



Plans reviews – 14



# History – Napoleon Fire Rescue est. 1870



**HONORED** - Ten Napoleon Fire Department members were honored by Napoleon Chief Scott Highley and City Council last night at the City Building. They include, from front left, Mike Mohring, Peter Celani, Robert Burditt and Leonard Talmager; back, Dennis Toujes, Tony Drabot, Jerry Toujes, Rick Durham and Ray Goodman. Paul How was also honored but unable to attend. Photo by Mark Hutchins.

### Firemen honored during Council session

NAPOLEON - Napoleon Fire Department personnel were recognized during City Council's regular session last night. Ten officers from the Napoleon Fire Department were honored by Napoleon Fire Chief Scott Highley and the City for their performance during the New Wellington Hotel fire in January. Highley presented letters of commendation to the firefighters. Seven of the 10 also received plaques for distinguished service recognizing their heroic acts during the fire. Mayor Steve Lankman presented the Key to the City to the department.



The day after . . .

...menting fire, smoke and scattered debris, all was un- at 720 North Perry Street. Six area fire departments a fire that caused damage to the second and third floors Napoleon building. Napoleon Fire Department's Tom Berg say if arson is suspected. Turn to page 3 for full photo night's blaze. Photo by Jamie Kuser.

## NAPOLEON FIRE & RESCUE

### SERVING FOR 150 YEARS



# Thank you for your continued support.

The success of the fire department only goes as far as the support it has from the Citizens, Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Business Owners, and Department Members.

Thank You!!



Clayton O'Brien  
Fire Chief