



CHESHIRE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



2022 Town of Canandaigua Annual Report

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INTRODUCTION

- CVFD continued it's evolution from a rural to rural/suburban department fielding 538 calls in 2022; the busiest volunteer department in Ontario County.
- Public demands for services remained high while competition for funding, not only continued, but was exacerbated by an extraordinary acceleration in inflation.
- Like municipalities and individual taxpayers, volunteer fire organizations were “stretched” to meet short term financial obligations, and to plan future capital expenditures especially with cost and delivery uncertainties
- CVFD Leadership Team continued to innovate and find ways to be more efficient and effective



2022 CHALLENGES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- CVFD's aging fleet maintenance and repair costs soared approximately 40% above budget!
- NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) mandates continued to drive scheduled apparatus and equipment replacements at much higher costs
- Fleet Management Team successfully completed a revised short & long term apparatus plan designed to meet community & dept. needs
- New 431 Engine (pumper/tanker) was commissioned after replacing its 22 year old predecessor at a cost of \$800k
- Memorial Technical Rescue Trailer was purchased with donated funds; currently being outfitted for service



2022 CHALLENGES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2)

- CVFD continued to benefit from excellent leadership teams (operations leadership and company/business management leadership)
- Volunteer membership growth of the CVFD continued while most volunteer fire service organizations experienced declines
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT continued to grow with events such as the Safety Training Program/Fire Prevention delivered to residents at:
The Hammocks - Quail Summit - Cheshire Glen – Ferris Hills – Clark Meadows - Boy Scouts
- A joint venture with the Canandaigua School System yielded the creation of a “full wall mural” at Station 2 painted by students and overwhelmingly applauded by their parents and Firefighters.
- Municipal Contract Negotiations were completed which will ensure CVFD viability and a platform from which to provide fire/rescue services from 2023 thru 2025.



COMMUNITY CONSIDERATIONS & RISK MANAGEMENT

- A constantly changing community requires the ongoing application of “Risk Management” principles. Changes in demographics, types of construction, motor vehicle traffic volume, marine activity, volume/nature of calls, all require constant review for potential CVFD changes.
 - **High-hazard Occupancies:** nursing homes, assisted living and other elder-care facilities; high life safety-hazard and/or large fire-potential occupancies (high rise condominiums).
 - **Medium-hazard Occupancies:** apartments (townhouses), mercantile and light industrial occupancies not normally requiring extensive rescue by firefighting forces.
 - **Low-hazard Occupancies:** one-family, two-family, three-family dwellings and scattered small business occupancies
- Risk Management drives apparatus/fleet configuration, types of tools, equipment, and their location (Station 1 and/or Station 2)



COMMUNITY CONSIDERATIONS & RISK MANAGEMENT ⁽²⁾

- Based on community changes and need to replace another aging engine, CVFD is developing specifications for a mid-size Engine with CAFS (compressed air foam system), particularly well suited for “high density” living and residential populations and provides:
 - 5-7 times the extinguishment power of straight water
 - 50 % lighter hoses
 - 30% better reach
 - Faster fire knockdown, heat reduction and less property damage



CVFD - 100% VOLUNTEER

- Active Firefighters to Perform Firefighting Duties 50
- Active Firefighters Trained at Firefighter I Level or Equivalent 30
- Active Firefighters Trained at Firefighter II Level or Equivalent 20
- CVFD's Active Firefighter group includes:
 - First-Responders-EMTS
 - Special Operations Technicians
 - Cold Water Rescue Technicians
 - Rope Rescue Technicians
- 2022 New Additions:
 - EMT's: 1
 - Experienced Firefighters: 1
 - Firefighters in Training: 5



OPERATIONS LEADERSHIP TEAM*

Chief Officers

Fire Chief	Chris Brown (40)
Asst. Chief	John Springer (401)
Asst. Chief	Cris Milne (402)
Asst. Chief	Chuck Friden (403)

Captains

Capt.	Matt LaFave (404)
Capt.	K J Miller (405)
Capt.	Justin Reader (406)
Capt. Fire Police	Ruth Outhouse (FP1)

Lieutenants

Lieutenant	Jareth Graves (407)
Lieutenant	Brandon Emmal (408)
Lieutenant	Bryztin Johnson (409)
Lieut. Fire Police	Crystal Martin (FP2)

*Significant compilation of Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Experience



2022 CALL VOLUME

Call Type	2022	2021	2020
Fires	22	19	29
Overpressure/Rupture	1	1	0
MVA & EMS	268	322	215
Hazardous Conditions	43	47	44
Service	30	49	26
Good Intent	38	38	35
False Alarm & False Call	128	127	90
Severe Weather	8	2	1
Special Incidents	0	2	3
Total	538	607	443



2022 RESPONSE SUMMARY

Call Type	2022	2021	2020
Structure Fires	12	17	15
Vehicle Fires	3	1	1
“Vegetation” Fires	1	7	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	41	33	15
Extrication from Vehicles	1	1	3
Rescues	5	6	9
EMS – Basic Life Support	220	289	215
Mutual Aid Received	31	37	52
Mutual Aid Provided	48	54	67
Mutual/Automatic Aid Structure Fires	16	12	23



PRESENT & FUTURE POSITIONING

- Great faith and confidence in CVFD's organizational leadership teams (company and line officers) to effectively manage the organization and continue to embrace and employ the **Strategic Plan & Ten Year Financial Master Plan**.
- Treasurer and Finance Committee: continue to identify financial resources necessary to sustain a 100% volunteer organization both short and long term.
 - Ensures a cost effective means of providing for life safety and property protection
 - Note: A single paid Firefighter, interior fire/rescue certified, carries a cost (pay and benefits) which approximates \$100 k/year. CVFD's State Certified volunteers save approx. \$2, 000,000 /year.



PRESENT & FUTURE POSITIONING (2)

Financial Resources Closely Managed

- Income vs. Expenses (ongoing Operations and Maintenance)
- Accruals and Other Resources for Capital Expenditures
 - **Managing Existing Debt**, payoff schedules, etc.
 - **Fleet** (reconfiguration to meet changing community needs)
 - **Equipment** (especially safety updates required by NFPA)
 - **Facilities** (potential capital expenditures)
- Fundraising initiatives continue to be important revenue sources, e.g.:
 - BBQ Chicken Sale
 - Boot Drives
 - Fund Drive



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS





CLOSING COMMENTS

- As attested by 2022, a year of further **evolution and growth**, the CVFD continues to demonstrate it is an adaptable and responsive organization focused on fulfilling its **mission** of *providing an appropriate, safe and professional response to fire, medical, water and environmental emergencies for the communities it serves and mutual aid partners.*
- Chief Brown - very honored to hold this position and extremely appreciative of the efforts and sacrifices put forth by this team of dedicated volunteers AND the steadfast support of TOC officials & citizens.