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GALLIPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

2018 Chestnut Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631



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Fire Chief

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Run Stats:

Total fire runs:	2014 = 339	} Prior 5 year average = 350 runs per year
	2013 = 340	
	2012 = 418	
	2011 = 381	
	2010 = 290	
	2009 = 322	

Members are required to maintain an annual run percentage of 25%. In 2014, all members exceeded this annual requirement. The average member's run percentage for 2014 was 49.0%

Breakdown of Fire Runs:

Structure Fires – 43	Search/Rescue (Land) – 4	MVC w/ Entrapment – 7
Vehicle Fire – 10	Search/Rescue (Water) – 5	Auto Alarm – 10
Brush Fire – 17	Controlled Burn – 17	False Alarm – 81
Equipment Fire – 14	Smoke Scare – 12	CO Alarm – 6
Dumpster Fire – 6	Haz-Mat – 1	Good Intent – 27
Outside Fire – 8	Haz-Mat (Meth Lab) – 3	Lift Assistance – 1
Electrical Hazard – 23	Landing Zone – 5	Assistance (Traffic) – 0
Gas leak – 9	Motor Vehicle Crash – 27	Assist (other) – 3
TOTAL FIRE RUNS FOR 2014 – 339		

Fire Runs by Jurisdiction:

City of Gallipolis –	127	(37.46%)
Green Township –	101	(29.80%)
Addison Township –	50	(14.75%)
Gallipolis Township –	33	(9.73%)
Clay Township –	16	(4.72%)
Mason County, WV –	7	(2.06%)
Springfield Township –	3	(0.88%)
Harrison Township –	2	(0.59%)

Mutual-Aid Given:

Point Pleasant VFD –	7
Springfield Twp. VFD –	3
Harrison Twp. VFD –	2
Total:	12

Mutual-Aid Received:

Point Pleasant VFD –	1
Rio Grande VFD –	6
Springfield Twp. VFD –	1
Total:	8

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Departmental Training:

January 28 – Cold Temperature Pump Operations / Pump De-icing
February 11 – Department training - Air Evac
February 25 – Department training - SCBA Fit testing medical forms & Report writing
February – Safety Officer Rob Northup and Firefighter John Kearns successfully completed their Level II Firefighter Certification Training.
March 1 – 2 – Fire Chief’s Symposium at the Ohio Fire Academy
March 25 – Hose Lays
April 22 – Ohio Fire Incident Reporting and Rescue Boat familiarization
April 24 – Rescue Boat water operations
May 22 – SCBA extend air procedures for Ladder Truck & Ladder Truck Air Cascade Systems.
May – Three Lieutenants attended “Fire Officer I” class, hosted by Wellston FD.
May – Two Lieutenants attended “FD Apparatus Driver Training, Train the Trainer” class, hosted by Madison Jefferson FD.
June 3 – Members attended a joint training session with Springfield Township V.F.D. at River Valley High School.
June 24 – Safety Training – Chain saw safety & review of new engine safety equipment.
July 22 – Safety Training – Meth Lab Awareness and Dry Hydrant flushing.
July – Firefighter Jonathan VanMeter attending Level I Firefighter Class
August 26 – Safety Training – Establishing Landing Zones (Air Evac).
September 7th – Members attended Hocking Valley Regional Fire School at McArthur
September 14 – Members attended “Fire Attack” class Wellston FD
September 23 – Safety Training – New Brush Truck Operations
October 28 – Safety Training – Wildland Fires and Apparatus
October Firefighter Certifications: FF Devin Kirby completed his 36 hour Basic Firefighter
FF Jonathan VanMeter completed his Level I Firefighter
November 25 – Safety Training – Public Safety Vehicle Inspections & tour and pre-planning of the new Breech building, 500 block 2nd Avenue.

Fire Safety Education Classes Taught:

May 14th – Gallipolis Christian School – Fire Prevention presentation: 19 children, 3 adults.
April 9th – Fire prevention class presented at Baptist Church, 3 adults & 14 children
July 14th – Fire Prevention class at French City Day Care – 22 children and 3 adults.
August 29th – Fire Prevention class at Station 1 – 2 groups. 3 children and 3 adults attended.
September 13th – Gallia County BBQ Festival – Members attended with apparatus and handed out fire prevention materials to 50 children and 25 adults.
October 4th – Skating Rink, 35 children, 10 adults
October 5th – K-Mart Safety Day, 10 children, 5 adults
October 6th – Wee Care Daycare 24 children, 6 adults
October 6th – GFD Station 1, (Boy Scout Troop) 12 children, 6 adults
October 6th – TJ’s Daycare, 18 children, 3 adults
October 7th – Head Start, 75 children, 15 adults
October 7th – Guiding Hand, 150 children, 6 adults
October 8th – Addiville Elementary, 350 children, 17 adults
October 15th – Green Elementary, 185 children, 7 adults
October 15th – Elizabeth Chapel Church, 48 children
October 16th – Community Nursery School (Presbyterian Church), 20 children, 2 adults
October 16th – Toddler Tech, 8 children, 2 adults
October 17th – Community Nursery School (Presbyterian Church), 27 children, 2 adults
October 18th – Pre-school fire prevention Birthday Party, Centenary Road, 18 children, 6 adults
October 20th - Washington Elementary School, 88 children, 6 adults
October 24th – Buckeye Hills Career Center – 300 students, 10 adults

November 10th – Cub Scouts at Station 1 – 8 students, 8 adults
December 6th – at Station 1 – 6 children, 6 adults
December 18th & 19th – Fire Extinguisher classes at Arbors – 93 adults

Total Fire Prevention Students = 1,490 children and 247 adults

Community Activities:

January 23rd – Attended the County Firefighter’s Association Meeting at Greenfield Township V.F.D.
February 15th – Group Attendance at the Funeral Home calling hours for Bernie Goelling, retired PD officer and FF Jeremy O’Dell’s father-in-law.
February 27th – Gallia County Association Meeting at Harrison Twp. VFD
March 10th – Public Safety Announcement – Smoke Detector batteries, escape plan and CO detectors.
March 27th – Members attended the Fire Association Meeting at Rio Grande VFD
March 28th – Members assisted in teaching Search and Rescue at Harrison Township VFD
April 7th – Press Release – Open Burning Restrictions
April 24th – Members attended the Fire Association Meeting at Springfield VFD
May 3rd – Holzer Health Walk, assisted in traffic control
May 17th – Assisted with “Gallipolis in Lights” (seven trucks participated)
May 19th – 23rd – Chief and Battalion Chief: inspection trip - Florida at E-One for engine.
May 26th – Memorial Day Parade (seven trucks participated)
May 28th – Press Release – “Get Out and Stay Out”
June 3rd – Assisted with a 14 hour water shuttle to Holzer Hospital
June 3rd – Assisted with an 8 hour water shuttle to Fresenius dialysis
June 4th – Assisted with a 6.5 hour water shuttle to Holzer Hospital
June 5th – Rescue boat utilized to assist in locating water leak
June 5th – Assisted with a 8 hour water shuttle to Holzer Hospital
June 6th – Assisted with a 8 hour water shuttle to Holzer Hospital
June 7th – Assisted with 2 hour water shuttle to Holzer Hospital
June 6th & 7th – Members worked the track w/ Truck 64 at the FFA Tractor Pull: Gallia Co. Fairgrounds.
June 9th – Rescue boat utilized to assist in locating water leak.
June 21st – Water-ball Battles & Graduation party for Fire Department Explorers leaving the Department for College and Military service.
June 26th – Gallia County Fire Association – Centerville V.F.D.
June 25th through July 6th – Displayed Fire Prevention Banner at 2nd Avenue & State Street.
July 1st – 1 apparatus participated in escorting the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall.
July 4th – 7 trucks participated in the Independence Day Parade
July 5th – Group visitation at Willis Funeral Home for FF Kevin Plantz’ mother-in-law.
July 5th – staged 4 engines and crews in various locations around the City for the fireworks.
July 5th – The Rescue Boat and crew was patrolling the Ohio River in the area of the Public Use Area during the evening of the fireworks.
July 12th – The FD hosted the 3rd Annual Mutual-Aid Fire Department picnic and Water Ball Battles at Station 1.
July 19th – The volunteer FD members hosted a Golf Scramble at Cliffside Golf Course.
July 19th – 1 engine and 2 brush trucks participated in the “Trea Smith Welcome Home Parade in Point Pleasant.
July 24th – Gallia County Fire Association @ Crown City V.F.D.
July 28th – 31st – Staged Fire Apparatus at the Gallia County Jr. Fair
July 29th – Worked the track at the Gallia County Jr. Fair with a crew and apparatus
July 29th – Setup Landing Zone for Air Medical at the Fair Grounds for a Helicopter Demo
August 1st & 2nd - Staged Fire Apparatus at the Gallia County Jr. Fair
August 18th – Holzer Cancer Center - wetting their parking lot for a TV commercial.

August 28th – Attended the Gallia County Firefighters Association at District 2 V.F.D.
 August 30th – Attended District 2 (Guyan) FD Hog Roast and Bean Dinner.
 September 6th – Press Release regarding receiving new “Wildland Fire Attack Truck
 September 14th – Members attended the “First Responders Day” - Faith Baptist Church.
 September 25th – Attended the Gallia County Firefighters Association at Gallia EMS
 October 3rd – Press Release regarding “Bells Across America”
 October 4th – Attended Harrison Township V.F.D. Hog Roast fund raiser.
 October 6th – Press Release regarding “Fire Prevention Week”
 October 10th – Attended Retired Firefighter, Jim Saunders’ visitation and funeral.
 October 11th – Attended Point Pleasant Fire Department Community Fun Day
 October 16th – Press Release regarding “Kitchen Fires”
 October 16th – Hosted the Gallia County Firefighters Association meeting at GFD Station 1
 October 18th – Hosted Gallipolis FD Annual Picnic with retirees and family
 October 30th – Trick or Treat – Passed out candy at Station 1 & Downtown w/ new Brush Tk.
 October 31st – Press Release regarding “Carbon Monoxide Detectors”
 November 11th – Participated in the Veterans Day Parade
 November 20th – Attended the Gallia County Fire Association meeting at Greenfield VFD
 November 26th – “Gallipolis in Lights” – Department members decorated a Fire Department
 Christmas tree in the park.
 December 4th & 11th – Truck Cleaning Detail at Station 1
 December 9th – Fire Department Christmas & Awards Dinner
 December 13th – Christmas Parade = Transported Santa to the City Park on the Platform
 Truck & Transported Smokey the Bear in the parade on the retired Brush Truck.

Fire Inspections / Life Safety Inspections:

January 14 th –	Wee Care Day Care – 1723 State Route 141	– Green Township
January 14 th –	TJ’s Child Care – 1998 Centenary Road	– Green Township
January 27 th –	Wee Care Day Care – 1723 State Route 141	– Green Township
January 30 th –	TJ’s Child Care – 1998 Centenary Road	– Green Township
January 30 th –	French Art Colony #2 – 59 Court Street	– Gallipolis City
January 31 st –	Lafayette Mall (Artisan’s Mall) – 300 Second Avenue	– Gallipolis City
February 7 th –	2 nd floor apartments, 404 Second Avenue	– Gallipolis City
February 11 th –	2 nd floor apartments, 404 Second Avenue	– Gallipolis City
March 26 th –	Heatly Crossing Apartments, 266 Colonial Drive	– Green Township
March 27 th –	Holzer Cancer Center, 170 Jackson Pike	– Green Township
March 27 th –	Tuscany Italian Restaurant, 1308 Eastern Avenue	– Gallipolis City
April 4 th –	First Baptist Church, 1100 Fourth Avenue	– Gallipolis City
April 7 th –	Woodland Centers, 3086 State Route 160	– Green Township
April 7 th –	Woodland Centers, 3086-C State Route 160	– Green Township
April 16 th –	First Baptist Church, 1100 Fourth Avenue	– Gallipolis City
April 18 th –	Barbara Farley, Quail Creek Trailer Park	– Green Township
April 18 th –	Glimcher, Factory Connections, 27 Ohio River Plaza	– Gallipolis City
May 16 th –	Charles & Stacey Cox – Paxton Road	– Green Township
May 22 nd –	AT&T – 60-62 Locust Street	– Gallipolis City
May 22 nd –	Washington Elementary School – 450 4 th Avenue	– Gallipolis City
June 16 th –	William Ann Motel, 918 Second Avenue	– Gallipolis City
June 16 th –	Spectrum Outreach Services, 458 Second Avenue	– Gallipolis City
June 16 th –	Electrocraft of Ohio, 250 McCormick Road	– Green Township
June 18 th –	Toddler Tech Infant Care, 3615 Jackson Pike	– Green Township
July 2 nd –	Hampton Inn, 444 SR 7 South	– Gallipolis City
July 10 th –	Rescare, 240 Third Avenue	– Gallipolis City
July 10 th –	Holzer Health Systems, 100 Jackson Pike	– Green Township
July 17 th –	French City Day Care, 300 Third Avenue	– Gallipolis City

August 18 th –	First Presbyterian Church	– Gallipolis City
August 21 st –	GDC, 2500 Ohio Avenue	– Gallipolis City
August 22 nd –	First Presbyterian Church, 51 State Street	– Gallipolis City
August 27 th –	GDC, 2500 Ohio Avenue	– Gallipolis City
September 17 th –	Gallia County Jail	– Gallipolis City
October 3 rd –	GAHS	– Green Township
October 17 th –	Spectrum	– Gallipolis City
October 27 th –	Arbors	– Green Township
October 30 th –	Holzer Hospital	– Green Township
November 6 th –	Foster Care Inspection – Third Avenue	– Gallipolis City
November 12 th –	Arbors – Pinecrest Drive	– Green Township
November 21 st –	Arbors – Pinecrest Drive	– Green Township
November 24 th –	Right Lane Driving – 35 Court Street	– Gallipolis City
November 26 th –	AAA – 360 Block 2 nd Avenue	– Gallipolis City
December 18 th –	JBRB Properties, 334 2 nd Avenue	– Gallipolis City
December 22 nd –	Spectrum Outreach, 456 2 nd Avenue	– Gallipolis City

Fire Inspections by Jurisdiction:

City of Gallipolis –	26 (59.09%)
Green Township –	18 (40.91%)
Addison Township –	0
Clay Township –	0
Gallipolis Township –	<u>0</u>
Total –	44

Miscellaneous:

June 17th – Delivery of new 2014 E-One Fire Engine #68
 September – Delivery of new 2015 Chevy Brush Truck #67
 Engine 68 was showcased in the December 2014 issue of “*Fire Apparatus*”, a nationwide fire service publication.

Smoke Detector Program:

Firefighters installed smoke detectors in 25 residences at no cost to the homeowners.

Boy Scout Explorer Program:

The Gallipolis Fire Department currently hosts a Boy Scout Explorer Program with 5 young adult participants; three female and two males. Explorers are required to maintain a 10% run percent average. In 2014 all Explorers exceeded this requirement. Although they attend school during the day, must maintain a 2.0gpa, and have an 11:00pm curfew at night, they still maintained an average of 29.42% run percentage.



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