

Zeeland Charter Township
Fire Department

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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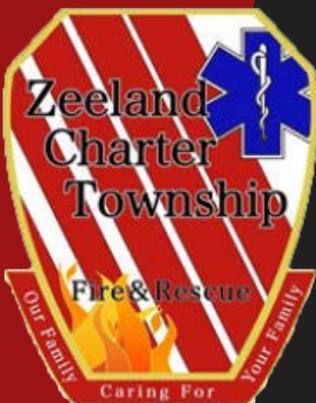


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Message from the Fire Chief



With the retirement of the Fire Chief at the end of 2022, Deputy Chief Brock Bruce has accepted the role of Fire Chief with Zeeland Charter Township Fire Department, effective January 1, 2023.

Chief Bruce has been with Zeeland Township Fire Department since 2007 and has served in various roles.



FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

It is my pleasure to report to you that our fire department has had a very successful year. In the past 12 months, we have made great strides in improving our response times, increasing our equipment and resources, and enhancing the skills of our firefighters. Through training and continued education, our team is better equipped to handle any emergency that may arise.

One of the key achievements of the last year has been with significant growth and development within our fire department. We have made a strong commitment to ongoing training and team building, which has greatly improved the cohesiveness and effectiveness of our team. Our firefighters have been participating in various in-house and external trainings to enhance their skills and knowledge, and to work together more effectively as a team. This investment in our personnel has paid off in the form of faster and more effective emergency response, better teamwork, communication and increased morale. We are committed to providing our firefighters with the training and resources they need to excel in their roles and serve the community to the best of their ability.

Additionally, our department has implemented new protocols and procedures to ensure the health and safety of our personnel and the public. We continue to equip our firefighters with the latest personal protective equipment and have trained them in the proper use of this equipment. We continue to grow in our sanitation and decontamination procedures to minimize the risk of infection and protect our firefighters and the community. These measures were crucial in allowing us to continue serving the community during the pandemic of recent years. We are committed to providing the highest level of service while prioritizing the health and safety of everyone involved.

Another important accomplishment has been the successful completion of various community outreach programs. Our firefighters have been actively engaging with local schools, businesses, and organizations to educate people on fire safety and provide them with the tools and resources they need to stay safe. This is a critical part of our mission and we are committed to making our community a safer place for everyone.

In conclusion, I am proud of the progress we have made and I am grateful for the support of our community. I am confident that, with continued efforts and collaboration, we will continue to achieve even more in the coming years.

Respectfully,

Fire Chief Brock E. Bruce
Zeeland Charter Township Fire

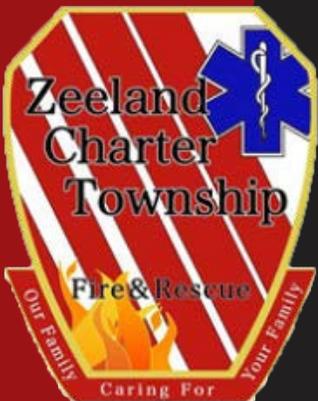


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2022 RECOGNITIONS



In December of 2022 we celebrated with Chief Phil Hunderman as he retired from the Fire Department. Chief Hunderman served on Zeeland Township Fire Department for 46 years. The Department thanks Chief Hunderman for his service to the community for so many years.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION



In 2022 we celebrated Hark VanRhee as he retired from Zeeland Township Fire Department with over 53 years of service. Hark served in various Officer and Fire Inspector roles. The Department thanks Hark for his service to the community.

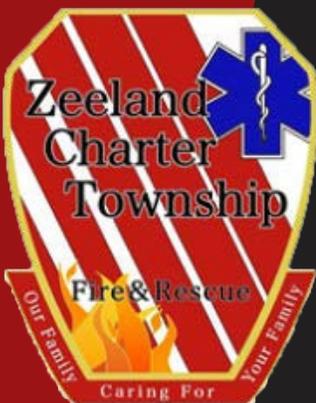


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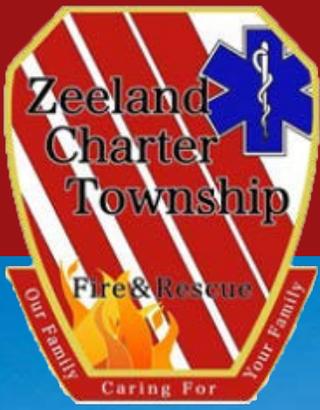


In 2022 we had two successful new recruits complete the Ottawa County Fire Academy.
Taylan Nyehuis and Collin VanOverloop

Taylan and Collin have both completed all State and Department required Fire and Medical training.



FIRE ACADEMY COMPLETION



Zeeland Charter Township Fire Department **STATIONS**



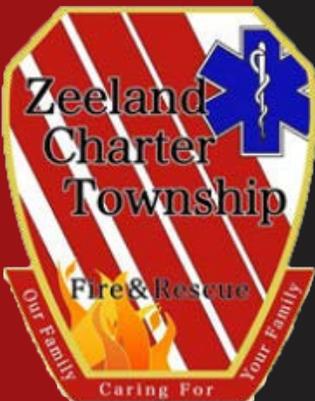
Squad 671
2015 Chevrolet Silverado



Tanker 661
2002 4-Guys 3,500 G Tanker



Engine 621
1993 HME Rescue Pumper



STATION #1

6413 ADAMS ST.



Squad 672
2015 Chevrolet Silverado



Tanker 662
2007 Toyne 3,500 G Tanker



Ladder 642
2018 Pierce Ascendant



Brush Truck 682
1985 Ford F350



STATION #2

4410 72ND AVE.



Rescue 633
2001 Ferrara Heavy Utility



Engine 623
2017 Pierce Engine/Rescue



Traffic Blocker 634
Utility Truck



UTV 677
Utility Rescue Vehicle

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STATION #3

6522 BYRON RD.



TRAINING FOR OUR FUTURE

DEPARTMENT TRAINING

The fire department completed another year of intense and exciting training aimed at improving their skills and knowledge. Over the course of the year, firefighters underwent a variety of simulations and drills designed to test their abilities in a range of scenarios. These included live fire exercises, rope rescues and simulations of vehicle extrication operations, all designed to put the firefighters' training to the test. 2022 was a huge success in training, with everyone showing significant improvement and a greater understanding of the challenges they may face in the field. With the skills the firefighters acquired, the fire department is now better prepared to serve the community and protect lives and property.



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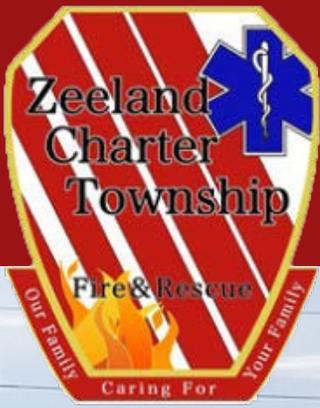
STATE FIRE INSTRUCTOR

Several Fire Officers recently celebrated the successful completion of their Fire Instructor Certification. This achievement signifies their expertise in teaching and training others in fire safety and emergency response techniques. The certification process was rigorous and required a high level of dedication and knowledge in the field. With their newfound designation as State of Michigan Certified Fire Instructors, these officers can now impart their knowledge and experience to our future generations of firefighters, helping to ensure that they are well-equipped to handle the challenges they will face on the job at ZCTFD. The completion of this certification is a testament to the hard work and commitment of the firefighters we employ, and this is a proud moment for Zeeland Charter Township Fire Department. Congratulations to Chief Bruce, Lieutenant West, and Lieutenant Steere.

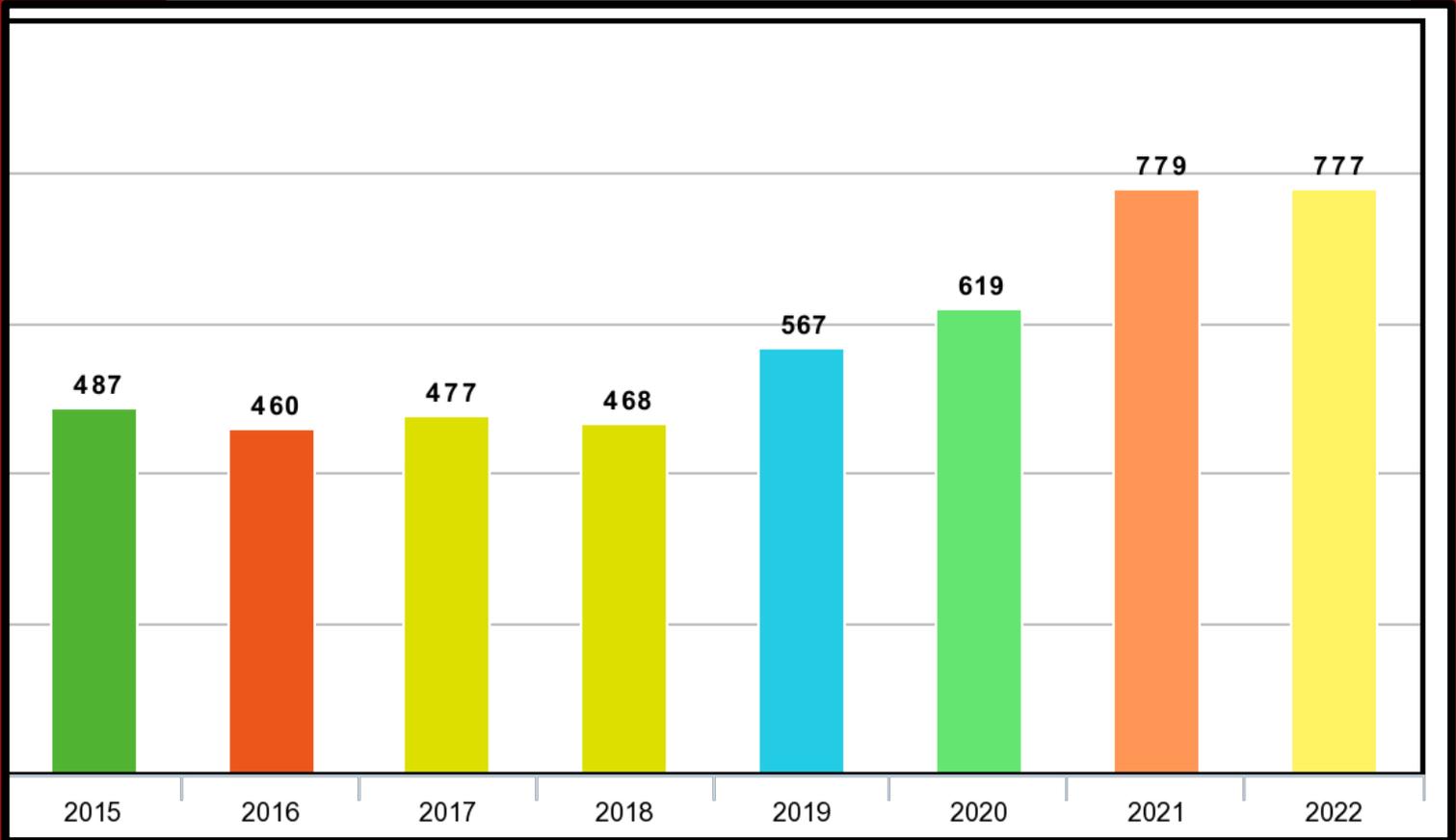
Additional Firefighters are currently in their certification process and training for 2023.



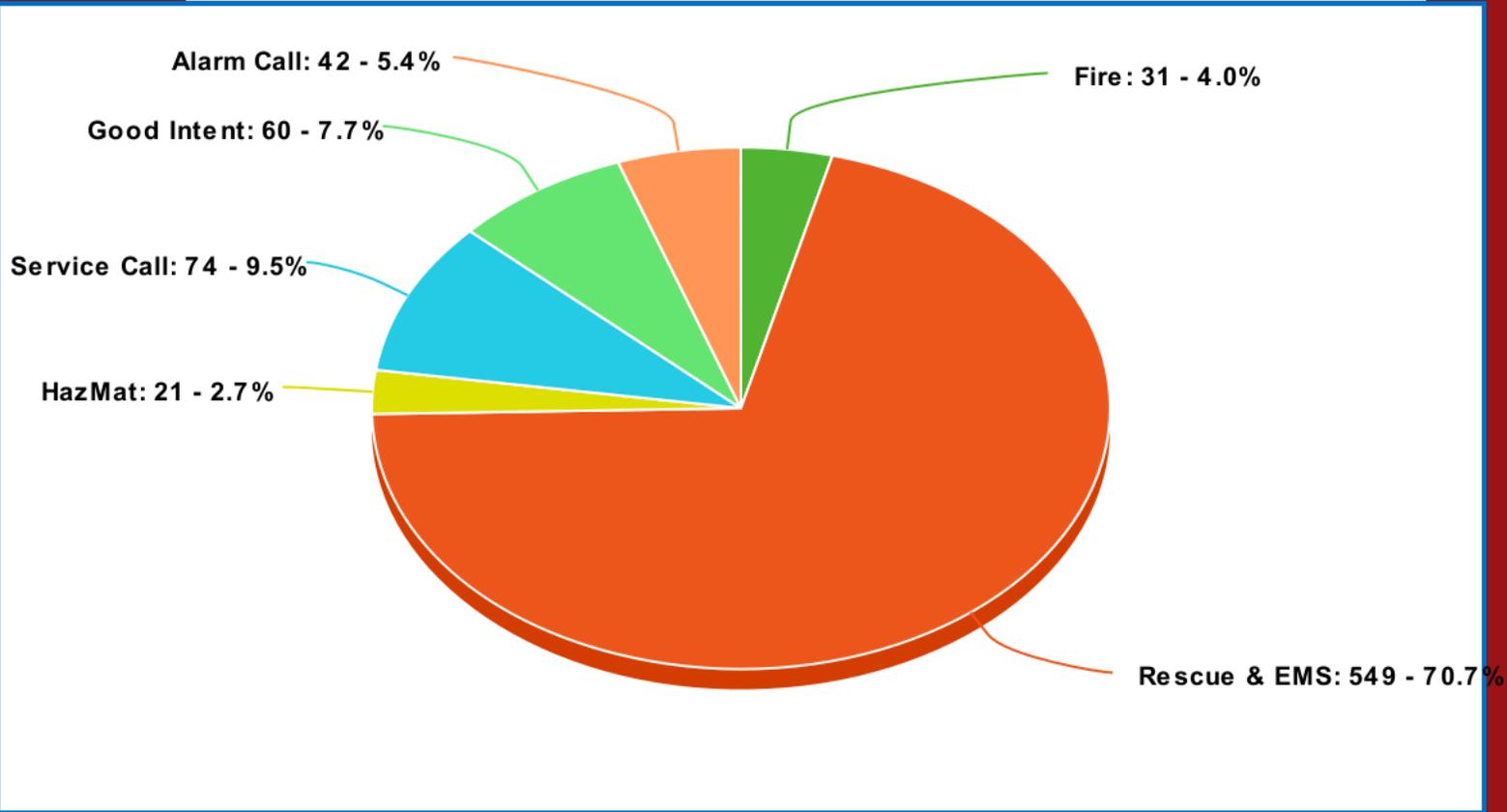
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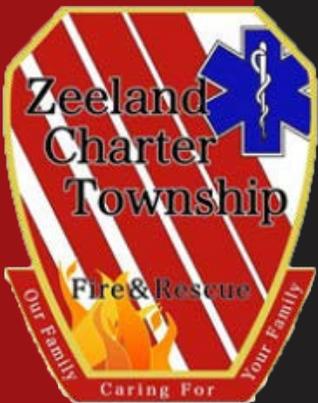
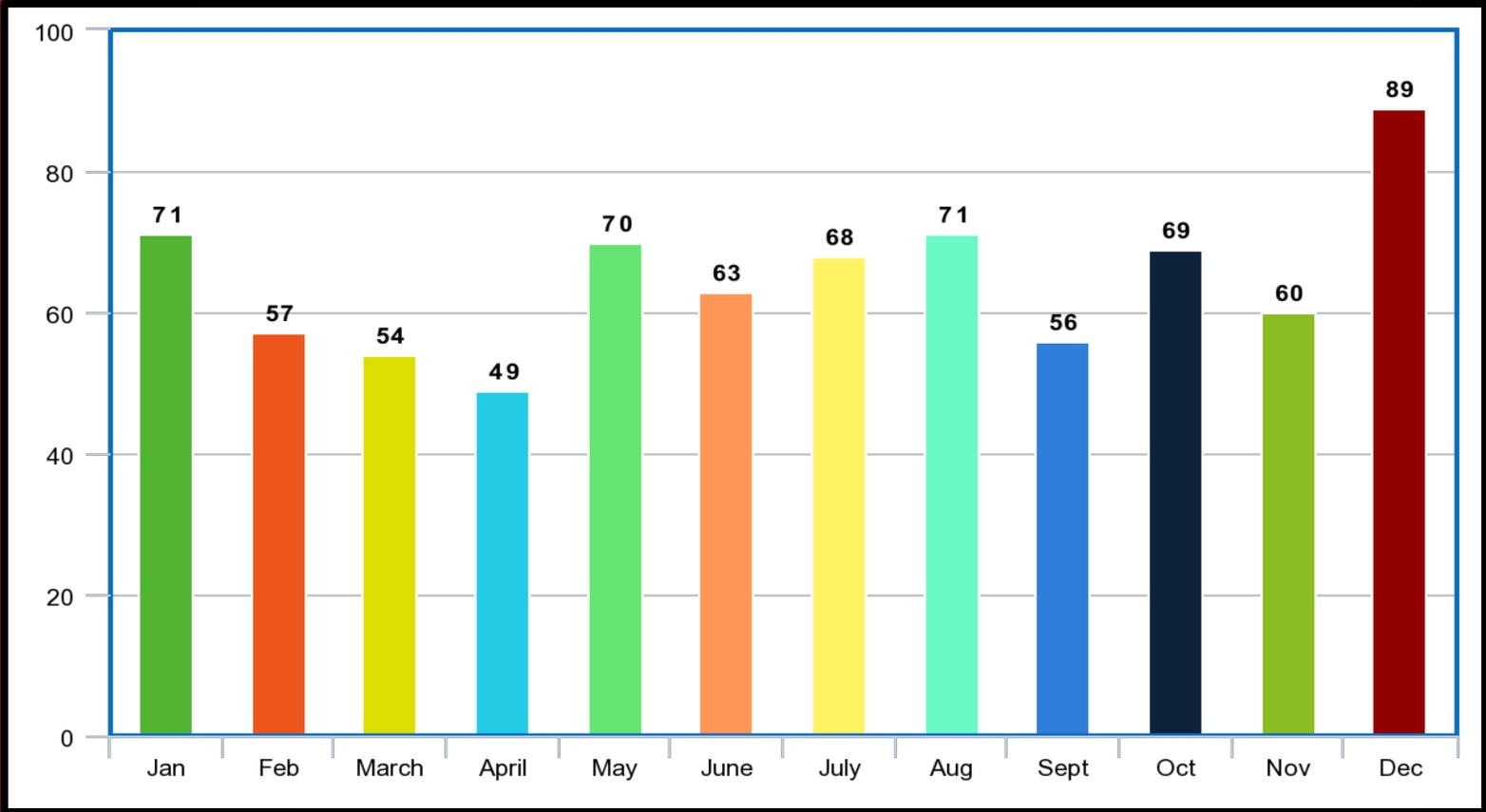
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2022 RESPONSES



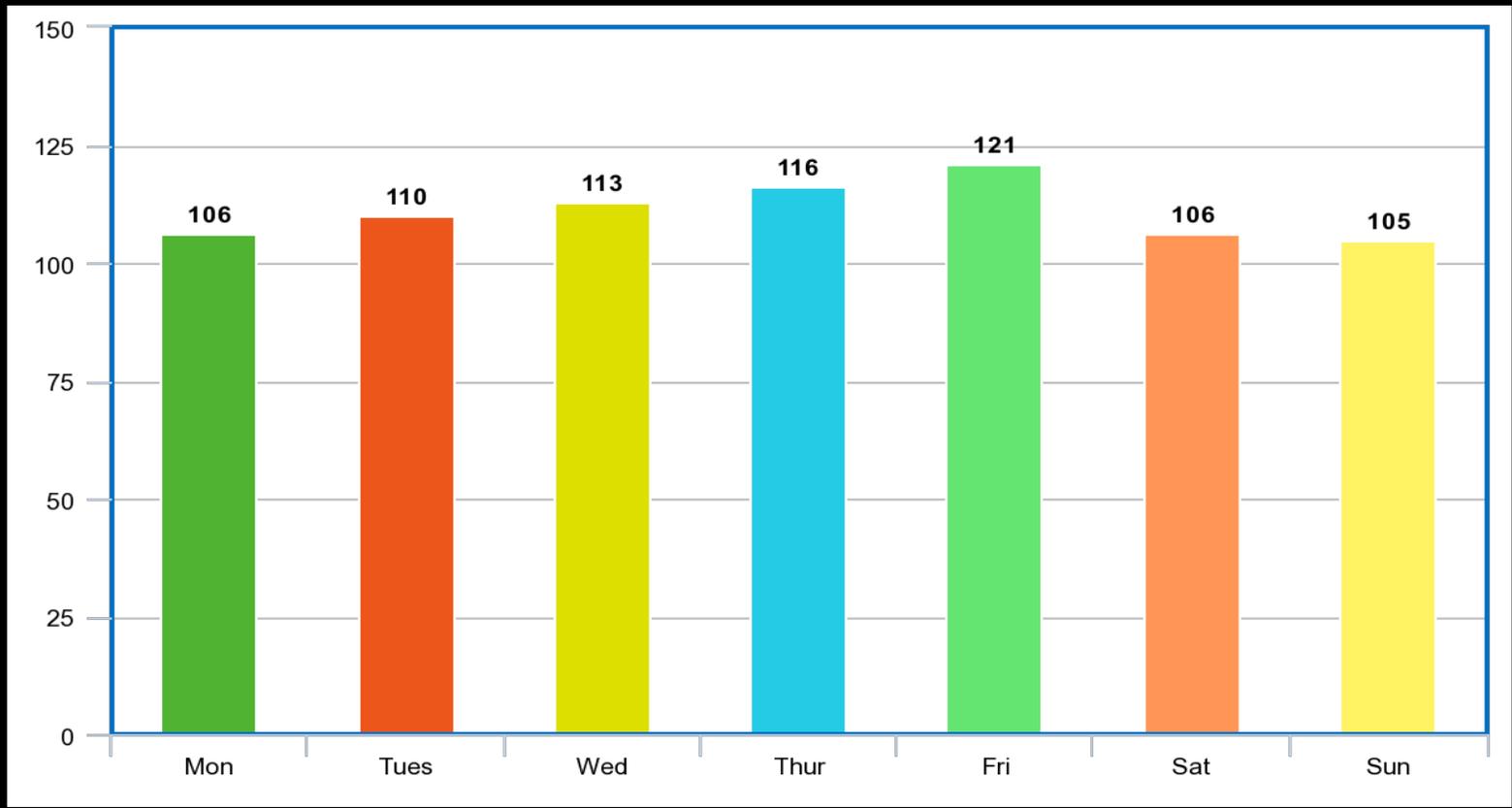
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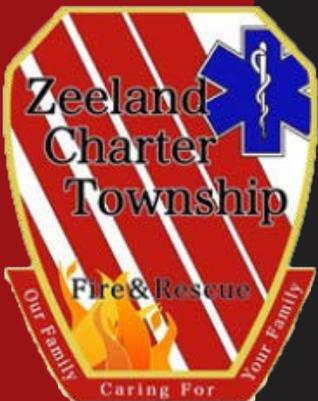
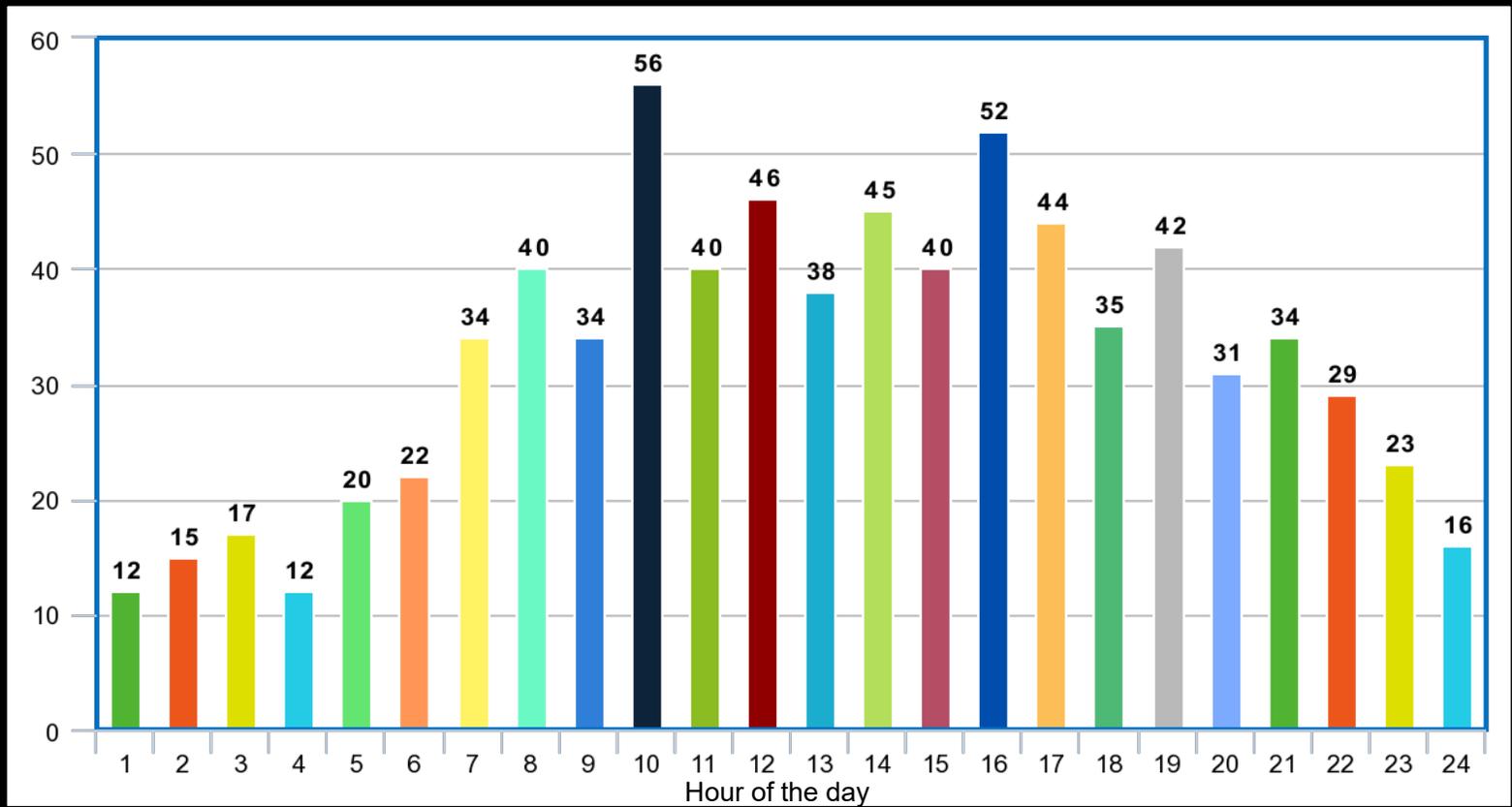
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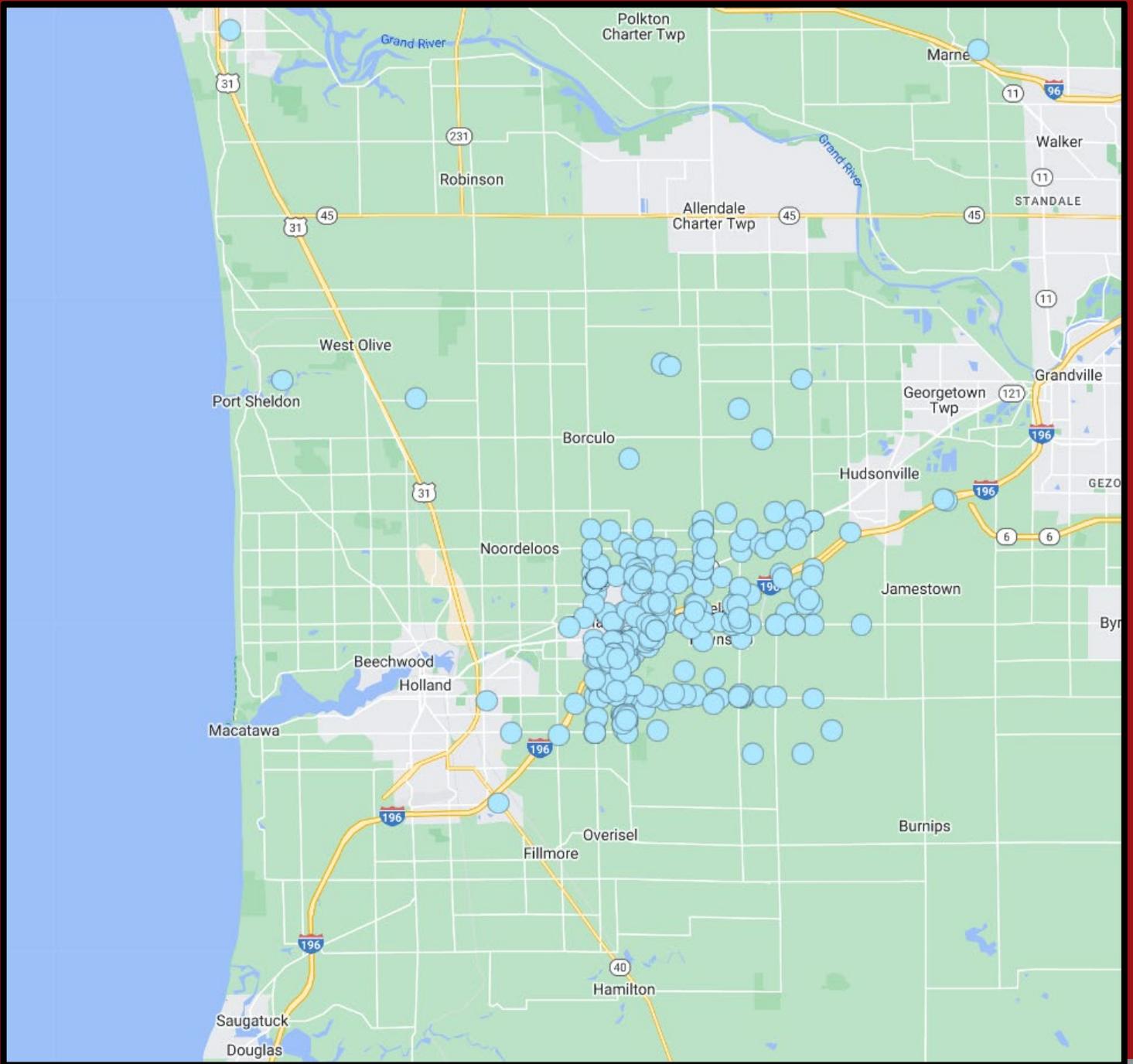
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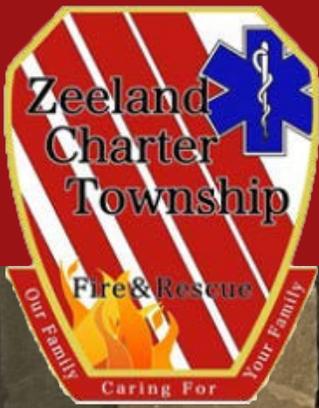
RESPONSES BY DAY OF WEEK



RESPONSES BY TIME OF DAY



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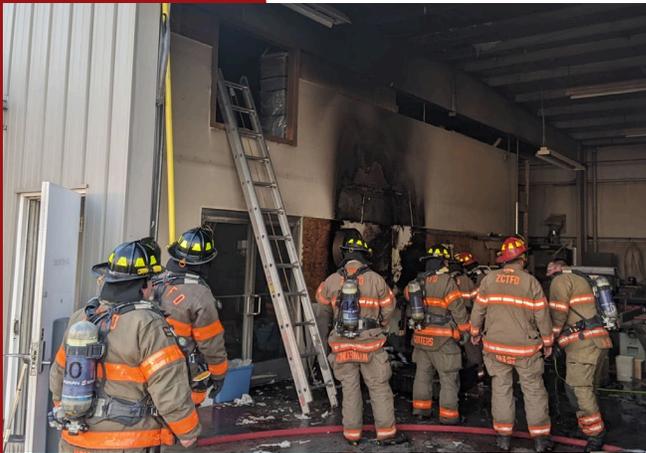
Zeeland Charter Township Fire Department **OPERATIONS**

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS



January 30

Lamplight Ct. Fire: Fire Department units were dispatched to a multi use, garage-chicken coop building that witnesses saw flames and smoke billowing from. Firefighters arrived to find the garage-chicken coop building fully engulfed in flames. Crews fought the fire defensively and were able to quickly knock down the fire.



February 25

Construction Ct. Fire: Firefighters arrived to find smoke coming from a commercial building. Fire crews setup for an offensive fire attack. Crews forced entry into the building and were able to rapidly knock down the fire and prevent it from spreading.



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March 2

Felch St. Fire: Fire Department units were dispatched to a vehicle fire in the parking lot. On arrival, a car was found well involved in fire with several other cars as exposures. Fire units applied water to the fire while additional units attempted to keep all of the exposures from igniting. Several vehicles were damaged in the fire.



April 12

Main St. Fire: Firefighters arrived to assist the city of Zeeland Fire Department with a working commercial fire. ZCTFD units setup their aerial ladder truck, 642, and began a defensive attack on the fire. Additional ZCTFD units setup a water supply from a nearby hydrant to supply water for the fire attack. Firefighter surrounded the building with multiple deployed hose lines and were able to extinguish the fire.



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May 2022

New SCBA Units: Zeeland Charter Township Fire Department placed new SCBAs into service. The older SCBA units were nearing their end of life date based on NFPA standards. In order to avoid rising prices, the new SCBAs were ordered. The SCBAs are needed for firefighters to be able to breath clean air while in situations that pose a risk to firefighter health.



OLD SCBAs: With not having a market to sell the old SCBAs, Chief Bruce was able to arrange the donation of the SCBAs to a department in need that came all the way up from Tennessee. The department was very grateful for the donated equipment.



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June 8

Plascore Fire: Fire Department units were dispatched to assist Zeeland City Fire Department on a commercial building fire. Zeeland Township Fire units were able to provide needed apparatus and manpower to help control and extinguish the fire.



June 23

Saugatuck Fire Training: Zeeland Township Fire Department expanded their skills and tactics in 2022. Firefighters used the training facility located at Saugatuck Fire Department and were able to experience live fire training.



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October 6

I-196 PIN-IN: Fire crews responded to a reported rolled over loaded semi with the driver pinned in the cab. First arriving units were able to free the driver.



October 7

Honor Guard: Zeeland Township Fire Department Honor Guard members were asked once again, to lead the Holland Fire Prevention Parade. Being one of the only Honor Guards Teams in the area, our members are well respected and show significant pride in their duties.



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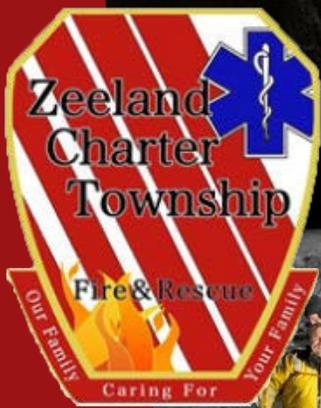


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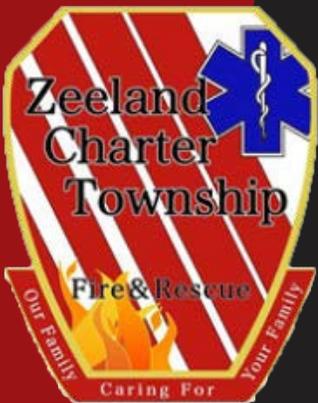
Blizzard: The December Blizzard of 2022 brought extreme winter weather and some firsts for the Zeeland Township Fire Department. With the extended cold and blizzard like conditions, firefighters rotated 12 hour on duty shifts for 3 days. This gave the firefighters faster response in conditions that already hindered their arrival to those in need. Fire fighters also responded to a location for a medical call where the snow was so deep our medical squad and an ambulance could not get to. Our UTV was able to easily respond and bring the patient to a waiting ambulance.



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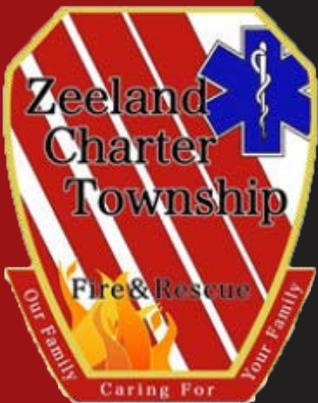
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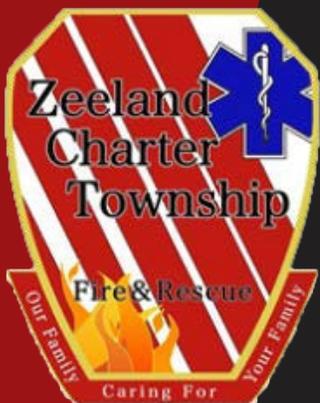
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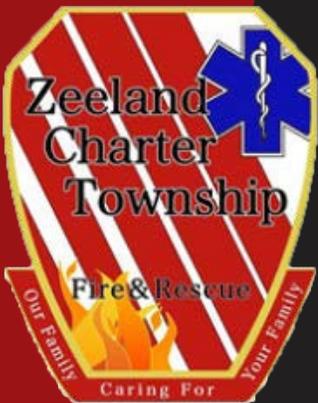
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