



— CITY OF —  
**GREENSBURG**  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Greensburg Fire Department kept the promise to the community of “working hard to keep Greensburg safe.” The department responded to 1,321 calls for service. Over half of which are emergency medical services incidents. We continued the expansion of responding alongside of our peers at Decatur County Emergency Medical Services in providing basic and some advanced life support medical procedures. The commitment from our community partners and us is to continuously improve pre-hospital care for the citizens and visitors of Greensburg and Washington Township. We were able to implement a Lucas CPR assist device purchased for use by the Washington Township Trustee. More information on the Lucas device can be found in the committee report.

Continued positive progress topped off 2022. Commitments from the city included the purchase of a new aerial fire apparatus and approval for a new 21,000 square foot fire station and headquarters building. This commitment to not only the department but also the community is a loud sign of support for your Greensburg Fire Department, we cannot thank you enough and do not take these measures for granted. On the following pages we discuss how a new station came about, the processes of site selection and artistic renderings of what our new station will look like.

Thanks to the hard work of our teammates, we have improved our “storytelling” through community partnerships and social media. These steps not only assist us in becoming one with the community, but they also assist us in the recruitment and retention of current and future Greensburg firefighters. Public safety picnics, pink fire trucks, and parades just scratch the surface of our community relations. I encourage you, if you have not already, to give our Facebook page a “Like”.



**NATHAN STOERMER**

*Fire Chief*



**BRIAN WENNING**

*Assistant Chief- A Shift*



**CURTIS LEWIS**

*Assistant Chief- B Shift*



**DAVID ROSZELL**

*Assistant Chief- C Shift*



# FIREFIGHTERS



**ANDY ALLEN**  
Private



**ERIC BROWN**  
Private



**TYLER BROWN**  
Private



**TONY BRUCE**  
Private



**DONNATHON BUCKLEY**  
Private



**ALAN CAMPBELL**  
Fire Inspector



**TRENT CAMPBELL**  
Private



**TREVOR COOK**  
Captain



**DAVID ECKSTEIN**  
Captain



**WADE FARR**  
Private



**CORY FISCHER**  
Private



**NICK GAUCK**  
Private



**CHUCK GUNTER**  
Lieutenant



**TROY HARMON**  
Captain



**JOSHUA HENGESBACH**  
Private



**CHAD JONES**  
Private



**RANDALL KOORS**  
Private



**KYLE MUNSON**  
Private



**DONALD NICHOLSON**  
Private



**JARROD PRENTICE**  
Lieutenant



**JOCK RALSTON**  
Private



**RON REYNOLDS**  
Private



**MATT SHORTEN**  
Private



**CHRIS SPRINGMEYER**  
Private



**CALEB STEVENS**  
Private



**ROGER VOLK**  
Private



**KEVIN WENNING**  
Private



**KYLE WILSON**  
Lieutenant

# From the Fire Chief

It is my honor and privilege to present to the honorable Dr. Mayor Marsh, members of the Board of Public Works and Safety, the Greensburg City Council, and most importantly the community our 2022 Greensburg Fire Department annual report. I am happy to report that we continue to honor our tradition and promise to the public to keep Greensburg safe. The information in this report will give you a brief insight into the hard work and diligence being done by your Greensburg firefighters. Your support throughout the past year and dedication to support public safety in the future. I am proud to be YOUR fire chief.

Inching closer to pre-pandemic normality allowed us to return to in person fire prevention activities, fire station tours, and the return of our department chili supper, a long standing GFD tradition that had to be put on hold due to the pandemic. Our participation in community events saw the debut of our extinguish breast cancer pink fire truck. We welcomed Governor Holcomb to our fire station to launch his PFAS firefighting foam collection program along with the State Fire Marshal. It was an honor to kick off this state-wide initiative right here in Greensburg!

Members continued to expand their knowledge through professional development and training opportunities. Members continued to train in all hazards response some even took more specialty training in active violence response, unmanned vehicle (drone) operations, hazardous materials technician, or rope rescue. Various professional development opportunities were fostered in the area and even outside of our area. Rick Lasky, a national known and in demand speaker came to Greensburg to present his program "Pride and Ownership in the fire service." I too reached a professional milestone in graduating with my Master of Arts Degree in Organizational Leadership. It is important that I lead by example in being a lifelong learner, committing myself to become a better leader, as our members also become better leaders and better firefighters.

Our biggest (physically) and most notable was that the idea of a new fire station and headquarters and made it a reality. A proactive forward-thinking team of professionals came together to see this idea into reality. We also brought into the mix the street and sanitation department. While not in the same building we will be sharing the property with them and look forward to working alongside of our new neighbors. Additional information about our new station is located in the committee reports.

The future remains bright for the Greensburg Fire Department! I continue to implement important changes that will grow our department to be the best that we can be. With your continued support and commitment to excellence will continue to raise the bar on our services provided to the citizens and visitors of Greensburg.

Yours in Service,



Nathan A. Stoermer, M.A., EFO, CFO



# About the Greensburg Fire Department

As of January 2022, the department is authorized for 32 employees: 30 full time sworn and two civilian employees. Command Staff includes the Fire Chief, three Assistant Chiefs, three Fire Captains, and three Fire Lieutenants.

The Fire Chief handles executive and administrative duties for the department, which include budgeting, finance, planning, monitoring performance data, writing policy and procedures, and communications. In addition, the Fire Chief supports department operations by participating on several boards and groups, such as the Local Emergency Planning Committee, City County Joint Dispatch Board, Decatur County Emergency Management Agency Advisory Board, Greensburg School Safety Board, and the Decatur County Fire Chief's Association. The Fire Chief's office is located at Fire Station One.

The other civilian position, Fire Inspector, conducts all fire safety related code enforcement (life safety inspections) and building plans review. The Fire Inspector supports prevention activities by participating in several groups and boards in Greensburg and Decatur County. The Fire inspector's office is in the City of Greensburg Building, Codes, and Permit Office at City Hall.

Assistant Fire Chiefs, also known as shift commanders, have overall responsibility for their respective shift and functional division (administration, community risk reduction, and operations). Each Assistant Chief has a Captain and Lieutenant to support them on shift. Shifts are composed of a complement of officers and seven firefighters. All firefighters are cross trained in emergency medical response. Additionally, all officers serve on various committees that are responsible for operations, apparatus and maintenance, training, health, safety, and wellness, technology, member recognition, and uniform programs.





# Mission, Vision and Values

An organization's mission, vision, and values statements serve as the foundation of behavior and decision making in our department. A mission statement explains its reason for existence, the why. A vision statement describes what an organization strives to be. Vision statements should inspire action in the organization and within individuals, and values serve as the guiding principles that assist the department in decision making. Throughout this process, input was sought from all levels of the Department.

## MISSION

The Greensburg Fire Department is dedicated to preserving life and property through the promotion of public safety to the citizens and visitors of Greensburg, IN through compassion, dedication, and honorable service.

## VISION

“Working Hard to Keep Greensburg Safe.”

## VALUES

Compassion

Dedication

Honorable Service



# 2022 Initiatives and Achievements

- Secured funding for a new headquarters and fire station, this is to replace station one.
- Welcomed Governor Holcomb and staff to kick off a firefighting foam collection initiative.
- Won the first ever Greensburg Public Safety Chili cookoff.
- Increased our EMS response capability to include advanced life support, non-transporting agency.
- Saw marked improvement in firefighters' physical fitness and medical readiness through our health and wellness program.
- Honor retired firefighters through quarterly breakfast
- Increased positive social media presence.

## Promotions

Assistant Chief Curtis Lewis  
Captain Troy Harmon  
Lieutenant Jarrod Prentice  
Private Cory Fisher

## New Hires

Josh Hengesbach  
Jordan Bondurant  
Trent Campbell  
Caleb Stevens

## Retirements

Firefighter Brad Tressler

## Resignations

Daniel Bautista  
Alex Martinez  
Jordan Bondurant

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Apparatus & Maintenance Committee

2022 was a busy year for the apparatus committee. We are proud of our accomplishments in 2022. Starting in 2021 and continuing into 2022 we were able to complete all of the upgrades to Rescue 11. This includes ALS certification, special compartmentation for the drone and drone pilots along with an awning to provide weather and sun relief when utilizing the larger screen for incident command purposes. Additional storage has been placed on top of the vehicle to allow for increased storage of our hazardous materials equipment.

Currently the committee is excited to add the newly transformed rescue 11 truck and potential new aerial truck in a new station for the city of Greensburg. The committee has strived to make the best decisions for the department as we are a growing department in a growing community. The new apparatus includes the new fire chief vehicle a 2022 Chevy Tahoe Special Service Vehicle and we have also been working diligently on finding a replacing our 100-foot aerial tower. The following manufacturers are listed as potential suppliers of a new aerial truck; Spartan/Smeal, E-One, and Spartan/Ladder Tower. The Greensburg Fire Department has replaced the Chief's vehicle with a new Tahoe.





# Training Committee

The training committee was able to provide a wide range of training to all of our department this year. Everything from hands-on training to professional development was achieved. The department hosted several of the State of Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy hands-on trailers. These are imperative to our training. These trailers allow us to bring in items and simulations that are not easily afforded by smaller departments with limited resources and budgets like us.

We also utilized our mutual aid partners in providing our recruit school training to new hires. These facilities allow us to provide real world scenarios in a controlled environment to members who may have not been exposed to these conditions before. Two recruit schools were hosted by Greensburg Fire in 2022. We also completed our week of fire safety training to the children in the various Greensburg School systems. Fire prevention is a cross between educating them and training them on the proper methods of stop, drop, and roll along with practicing exit drills in the home (EDITH). State certification classes were also hosted by GFD in 2022, those classes included Fire Officer II, Safety Officer, and Rope Rescue Operations and Technician level training.



# Health, Safety, & Fitness Committee

The Fitness Committee decided to go to an annual versus a biannual department physical evaluation with the understanding that if we started to see the overall fitness of the Greensburg Fire Department members regressing that we would return to the twice a year evaluation. Currently, we are still seeing a positive improvement in the medical health of our firefighters. Evaluations were done in June of this year. The Department has improved with several more teammates reaching fitness level four. We did see a few individuals regress some, as to be expected. This regression was most likely because of a push up counter being used versus a standing count by the fitness examiner. The counter was added to ensure a more consistent and accurate count. With this being new it was felt by the committee that the personnel that regressed weren't familiar with it.

The committee has had two of its members resign. One because he was retiring and the other because of personal reasons. The retiring member had been replaced, but the member that replaced him has transferred to another department. Recruit Firefighter Caleb Stevens has been recruited onto the committee to serve in one of these open spots. Caleb has an interest in physical fitness and is also already certified as a personal trainer.

Our Goal for the New Year will be to fill the vacant seat of the Fitness Committee and possibly look at a new technique to replace the core strength portion of the evaluation. This will allow us to remain progressive, competitive, and get the best picture of our team's physical health.

# Member Recognition Committee

The recognition committee comprised of Assistant Chief David Roszell, Lieutenant Chuck Gunter, Inspector Alan Campbell, Firefighters Kevin Wenning, Donnathon Buckley, Cory Fischer

The Committee started a bi-monthly breakfast for the retired members of the dept. with the attendance averaging 12 retired members attending each of the breakfast out of the 22 retired members with an additional ten of the regular members attending each one.

On May 11th of 2022 the committee held a Recognition Ceremony at this ceremony the following was recognized. The promotion of officers: Curtis Lewis from Captain to Assistant Chief, Troy Harmon from Lieutenant to Captain and Jarrod Prentice from Firefighter to Lieutenant. The Promotion of Cory Fischer from Probationary to Private, Brad Tressler was presented with an Axe for his recent retirement, Josh Hengesbach was recognized as a new hire with less than one year.

Then the following were presented lifesaver awards Firefighters Anthony Bruce, Cory Fischer, Lieutenant Dave Eckstein, Assistant Chief Curtis Lewis, Chief Nathan Stoermer. The ceremony ended with the presentation of firefighter of the year being presented to Donnathon Buckley

Moving into the new year more bi-monthly breakfasts have been scheduled and another recognition ceremony being planned for the spring.



# Operations Committee

After a hard-working 2021 in placing new apparatus in service and looking at the way we respond to incidents we have developed and implemented strategy sheet of equipment needed and relocation on apparatus. This allows any member through their officer the opportunity to change the location of equipment on any of our apparatus. We then utilize the form to determine if the change is positive for the whole department or not.

Along with applying for and achieving for State of Indiana Advanced Life Support non-transport status the department also took delivery of hazardous materials equipment. That equipment was placed on our light rescue apparatus, Rescue 11. Another piece of equipment that was placed into service after a trial period was Stryker Medical's LUCAS ® device. The Lucas device is an automated chest compression system that performs high quality CPR. This saves on the physical exhaustion of manpower needed to work a cardiac arrest. It is a force multiplier; without a doubt it allows us to do more with less.

This past year, 2022, was a year of research and development for the operations committee. After a season of grain rescues, the committee undertook the research of additional equipment needed for grain bin rescue. The committee has also been researching the type, kind, and availability of outside resources that could be utilized to assist in special incidents.



# Honda Committee

This year was the first year that we convened a committee that looks strictly at issues pertaining to our contract and operations at the Honda Indiana Auto Plant. This committee implemented a strategy that allows our most senior firefighters that work at Honda to reduce or limit the amount of time spent working Honda operations. Honda operations is a single firefighter/EMT with rescue and hazardous materials knowledge on duty for 24-hours. This firefighter responds by themselves plant wide on all emergency situations. Medical emergencies are handled by a nurse and supplemented with our EMT's.

# Technology Committee

technology committee had another productive year assisting the department in achieving its objectives. One focus was to utilize GIS mapping to locate a suitable site for our new headquarters and fire station. This data was encompassed into a story that allowed us to show how we achieved the best location for the community we serve. This also allowed us to gain better mapping to create improved areas of automatic aid responses.

New department mobile phones were purchased for the fire chief and inspector. This allows the department and city to better manage the accounts and calls. We were also able to streamline our billing and remove standalone internet connections that can now be done via their phones. As well a new laptop/ tablet combination was purchased for our inspector to use.

The department's drone team saw another successful year with nine requests for service from local public safety agencies and we added three additional pilots that are certified in FAA Part 107.

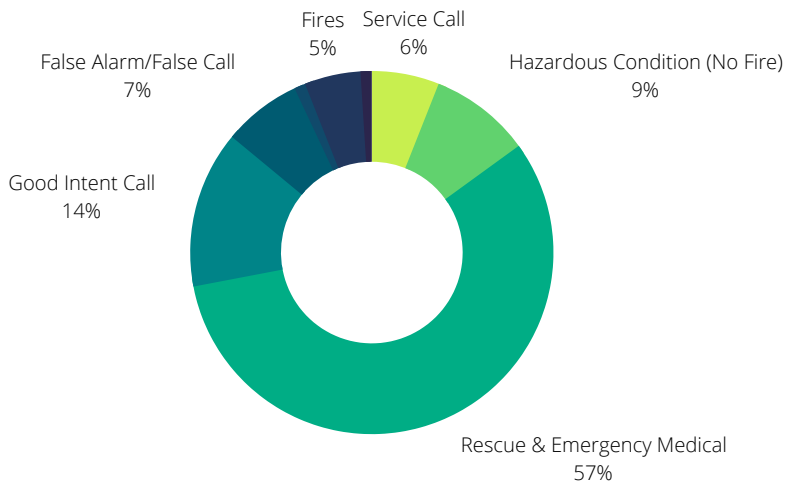


# New Fire Station Committee

This year was a culmination of two years' worth of hard work resulting in the successful funding of a new fire station and headquarters. To be co-located with the Greensburg Street Department at the corner of Barachel and North Broadway the municipal complex will better serve the citizens and visitors of Greensburg. Growing from just over 9,000 square feet to 21,000 square feet the department will replace the current facility at 528 N. Ireland. The new facility will house all administration including the fire inspector who is currently housed at city hall. The new station will also have a dedicated training room, fitness area, and private bedrooms as well. A Groundbreaking is set to occur in the spring of 2023.



# A Year in Review



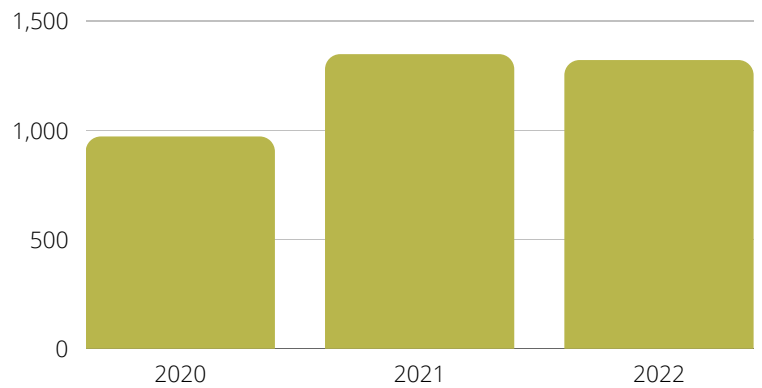
While just shy of being another record year, we saw slightly less calls than 2021 but more than 2020. GFD operated 1,321 calls for service. These calls were in Greensburg, Washington Township, and Decatur County as a whole. Our rescue squad responds to every accident with injuries, accidents with extrication, and technical rescues within Decatur County.

Fire and Emergency Medical Services are provided to The Greensburg Fire Department was able to save over 16 million dollars from property loss. Losses were recorded at just under \$700,000 for the year. These numbers come from the pre incident value/ losses in residential and vehicle fires combined. Another notable statistic is that of overlapping calls. GFD responded to 213 overlapping calls or 16% of total run volume. Overlapping calls are defined multiple calls for service happening simultaneously.

This statistic is monitored for the need to add additional personnel. A sustained number of calls, over 15%, can signify the need for additional personnel.

Data helps drive decision making at the Greensburg Fire Department. The data we utilize goes further than run totals and incident types. We utilize GIS data in conjunction with data from our dispatch center and system.

This assists us in placement of apparatus and response graphs knowing the location, type, and proximity to fire hydrants as well. A heat map is used to show areas of high use, in this case, run volume. As you can see the areas shaded in yellow and white are our highest call areas, blue represents a call for service and red is multiple calls for service.



Fire and life safety inspections are an integral piece in helping to keep Greensburg safe. The department's Fire Inspector is Alan Campbell. Alan is primarily responsible for fire inspections, however we recently added fire investigations into his scope of work after he became certified at both the state level and nationally in fire investigations. 2021 saw an increase in all fire inspections by 18%, this includes annual inspections, complaints, and re-inspections. A six percent increase in new and existing building first year inspection was achieved this year this shows not only growth in our inspection program but also in the economic development of our city.

There were 516 violations documented in 2021, this is a seven percent decrease in violations from 2020. Fewer yearly violations are testament to our inspection program. More businesses becoming familiar with and educating them on fire codes allows for less violation and safer businesses, a win-win for everyone. Five fire investigations were conducted in 2022. One was ruled as incendiary with the others being accidental or undetermined due to damage.



# Organizational Chart

