



CITY OF NILES FIRE DEPARTMENT

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION STATEMENT OF THE NILES FIRE DEPARTMENT

- THE OVERALL MISSION OF THIS DEPARTMENT IS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE PREVENTION OF FIRES COUPLED WITH MINIMIZING THE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY CAUSED BY FIRES AND EMERGENCIES OF ANY NATURE BY WAY OF TRAINING, KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, AND AGGRESSIVE INTERVENTION KNOWN ONLY TO OUR PROFESSION.

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

- The City of Niles Fire Department is a full-time department with 30 firefighters and a Chief that operate from two stations providing fire suppression, vehicle extrication, limited technical rescue, fire investigation, fire prevention and inspection, basic life support /first responder emergency medical services, certified car seat installation, and hazardous material containment. Firefighters work 24-hour shifts and then are off for 48 hours covering the city 365 days a year.
- The Niles Fire Department started the first half of 2023 with 29 members which is two short of the 31 authorized strength. As with any Fire or Police department across Ohio, recruitment has been a challenge. After a successful Civil Service test and interviews we established a hiring list. Shortly after, Firefighter Tim Crish announced his retirement creating a third open position. Nico Clementi and Brandon Davis were hired at the end of July and then we hired Joseph Page the second week of August to bring our department up to full strength. The department expects two retirements in 2024 and will be working to replace those positions.
- The overall call volume of 2,787 for the year 2023 was an increase of two more calls than the previous year. Over the last 7 years, our highest total was 3,284 calls in 2021 and our lowest was 2,411 in 2017. The department prides itself on quick response times. From the time of dispatch to arrival on scene, the NFD averages about 4 minutes.

Chief John Stevens

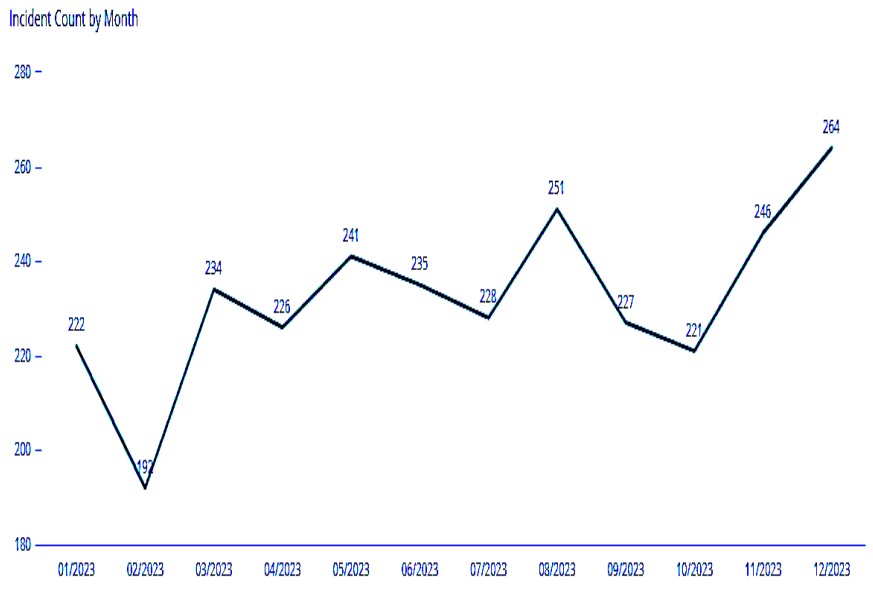


**NILES FIRE
DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL RUN
NUMBERS**

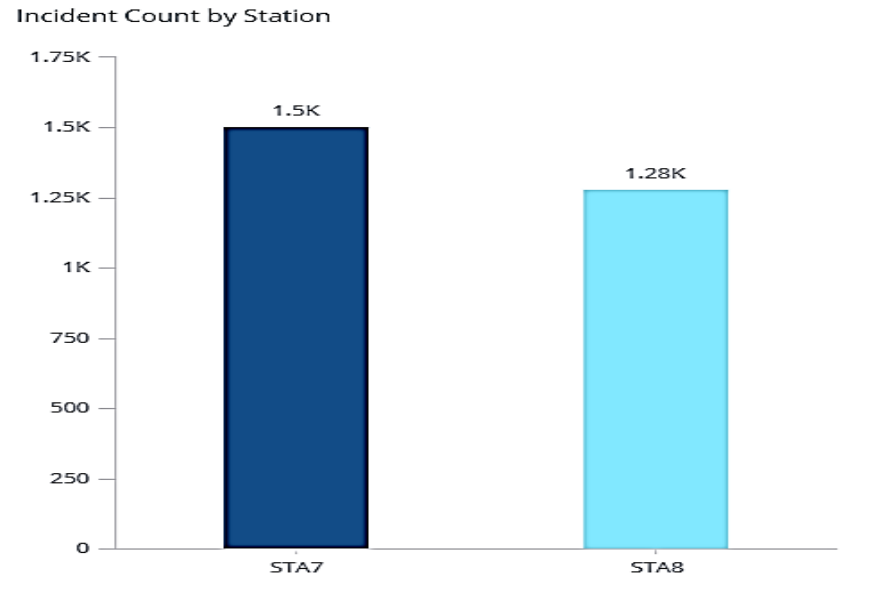
2787 TOTAL INCIDENTS

CALL VOLUME STATS

MONTHLY CALL VOLUME



CALL VOLUME BY STATION



FIRE INCIDENTS

32

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| Building fire | 5 |
| Cooking fire, confined to container | 5 |
| Trash or rubbish fire, contained | 1 |
| Passenger vehicle fire | 6 |
| Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire | 1 |
| Natural vegetation fire, other | 1 |
| Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire | 4 |
| Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire | 2 |
| Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire | 1 |
| Outside equipment fire | 1 |
| Dwelling Fire | 2 |
| Commercial Building Fire | 1 |
| Apartment/Condo Fire | 1 |
| Mulch fire | 2 |
| Fire Total | 32 |



OVERPRESSURE RUPTURE EXPLOSION, OVERHEAT

10

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| Overpressure rupture from air or gas, other | 1 |
| Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition | 7 |
| Burnt Food with no fire | 2 |
| Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat Total | 10 |

RESCUE & EMS

1936

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| Rescue, EMS incident, other | 4 |
| Medical assist, assist EMS crew | 1,774 |
| EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 16 |
| Motor vehicle accident with injuries | 40 |
| Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped) | 7 |
| Motor vehicle accident with no injuries. | 29 |
| Lock-in (if lock out , use 511) | 2 |
| Search for person on land | 1 |
| Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure | 1 |
| Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle | 1 |
| Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator | 7 |
| Trench/below-grade rescue | 1 |
| Rescue or EMS standby | 1 |
| Overdose | 47 |
| Heart Problem | 5 |
| Rescue & EMS Total | 1,936 |

HAZARDOUS INCIDENTS

64

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| Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill | 2 |
| Gas leak (natural gas or LPG) | 29 |
| Carbon monoxide incident | 15 |
| Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other | 5 |
| Overheated motor | 3 |
| Power line down | 2 |
| Arcing, shorted electrical equipment | 2 |
| Vehicle accident, general cleanup | 1 |
| Transformer Problem | 2 |
| Tree on structure | 3 |
| Hazardous Condition Total | 64 |

399

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| Person in distress, other | 1 |
| Lock-out | 11 |
| Water or steam leak | 1 |
| Smoke or odor removal | 11 |
| Animal problem | 1 |
| Assist police or other governmental agency | 10 |
| Police matter | 5 |
| Public service | 8 |
| Assist invalid | 5 |
| Defective elevator, no occupants | 1 |
| Unauthorized burning | 58 |
| Bat in dwelling | 1 |
| Assist resident - general assistance | 20 |
| Lift Assist - No Injury | 266 |
| Service Call Total | 399 |

SERVICE CALLS

GOOD INTENT

179

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| Good intent call, other | 2 |
| Dispatched & canceled en route | 63 |
| No incident found on arrival at dispatch address | 30 |
| Authorized controlled burning | 3 |
| Smoke scare, odor of smoke | 16 |
| Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle | 2 |
| HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat | 30 |
| Dispatched & cancelled on scene | 20 |
| Unnecessary - No Problem | 13 |
| Good Intent Call Total | 179 |

165

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| False alarm or false call, other | 3 |
| Malicious, mischievous false call, other | 1 |
| Sprinkler activation due to malfunction | 1 |
| Smoke detector activation due to malfunction | 12 |
| Alarm system sounded due to malfunction | 13 |
| CO detector activation due to malfunction | 9 |
| Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional | 17 |
| Detector activation, no fire - unintentional | 4 |
| Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional | 54 |
| Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO | 15 |
| False alarm due to testing system | 2 |
| Accidental transmission of MEDICAL Alarm | 30 |
| Unintentional MEDICAL Alarm - accidental | 1 |
| Accidental transmission of alarm due to test | 3 |
| False Alarm Total | 165 |

FALSE ALARMS

SEVERE WEATHER & SPECIAL INCIDENTS

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| Severe Weather & Natural Disaster | Tree Down | 1 |
| Special Incident | Citizen complaint | 1 |

NILES FD FLEET

Rescue 8



**2016 Pierce PUC pumper
Acquired with 2014 FEMA
Assistance to firefighter
grant funds
\$420,000**

Rescue 7



**2021 Pierce PUC pumper
Acquired with city of Niles
Funds
\$660,935.**

Tower 7



**1998 Pierce 100' aerial
Acquired with city of Niles
Funds
\$667,534**

NILES FD FLEET

Engine 8



**2000 pierce saber pumper
Acquired with city of nils
Funds
\$365,542**

Engine 7



**1996 pierce pumper (used)
Acquired in 2020
with city of nils Funds
\$33,000**

Pickup truck 7



**2020 Ford F150
Acquired with CARES ACT
funds
\$32,500**

NILES FD FLEET

PICKUP TRUCK 8



2020 FORD F150

ACQUIRED WITH CARES ACT

FUNDS

\$32,500

CHIEF CAR 7



2020 FORD EXPLORER SUV

ACQUIRED WITH CITY OF NILES

FUNDS

\$32,432

BOAT 8



2004 MERCURY INFLATABLE 14'

AND TRAILER

ACQUIRED WITH CITY OF NILES

FUNDS

\$3,448

COMING SUMMER 2024

****IN PRODUCTION****

ENGINE 7

**TO REPLACE CURRENT USED E7
ACQUIRED WITH CITY OF NILES**

FUNDS

\$667,517

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1906

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PERSONNEL

- The personnel of the Niles Fire Department have many different types of specialty certifications such as Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Emergency Medical Responders to cover medical incidents. For the prevention side, we have 4 Certified Fire and Life Safety Inspectors and 4 Certified Fire Investigators. We also have two Certified Car Seat Installers to help new parents secure their children into their vehicles properly. Some firefighters have furthered their education in the fire service to include certifications like Fire Instructor, Fire Officer courses, Rope rescue, Hazardous material courses and many other specialty trainings to better the NFD.

A-Turn

Capt. Mike Hudzik
Lt. Ron Freel
Lt. Chris Votino
FF. Ron Danadic
FF. Greg Rowley
FF. Adam Kashien
FF. Nick Stasiak
FF. Nick Augusta
FF. Todd Allen
FF. Joseph Page

B - Turn

Capt. Bryan Lowrie
Lt. Mike Burns
Lt. Andy Bickerstaff
FF. Ben Reed
FF. Rob Russell
FF. Brian Morello
FF. Jerry Kirkwood
FF. Jacob Sigley
FF. Haden Rupnik
FF. Nicolas Clementi

C - Turn

Capt. Rodney Freel
Lt. Jim Fedor
Lt. Trevor Bonacci
FF. John Vlosich
FF. Ken Heinselmann
FF. Lou Viglio
FF. Justin Ross
FF. Mike O'Connell
FF. Derick Rapczak
FF. Brandon Davis

Chief John Stevens

NILES FIRE DEPARTMENT STATIONS

Station 7

15 E. State St.



Concrete Replacement

\$158,761

Wall repair (Insurance claim)

\$9,400

Generator

\$220,000

The Niles Fire Department had many improvements to station 7 & 8 this past year. At the beginning of the year, the weather cooperated, and we were able to get the concrete replacement project completed at both stations. Next, the apparatus bay walls at station 8 were repaired after sustaining damage from the windstorms in the spring. After the walls were secured, the exterior of the station was painted, which was a much-needed improvement. Finally, the installation of the generator at station 8 began after a long wait. These projects were the result of Niles City Administration and Council approving the funding to make these improvements.

Station 8

1235 Niles Cortland Rd.



Concrete Replacement

\$94,594

LOOKING TO 2024

We are looking forward to 2024 to continue improving the Niles Fire Department with things like:

- Adding a new LifePak 15 Heart Monitor for medical responses
- Upgrade boat motor
- Update workout equipment in the Stations
- Continue updating technology to improve reporting and equipment management
- Station 8 Landscaping and interior drainage work
- Purchasing 3 sets of replacement firefighting gear plus 2 sets of gear for new hires
- New hydrant connections for each fire engine

We will seek grant funding from resources like the Bureau of Workers Compensation for firefighting gloves and hoods. We are applying for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for a new aerial truck to replace the existing 1998 aerial truck. Another funding source is the State of Ohio EMS grant which the department receives annual funds for purchasing EMS equipment.

The department will continue to solicit funds from businesses through the National Fire Safety Council for the purpose of providing educational fire safety materials for the citizens of our community with an emphasis on young children. We provide educational fire safety talks and material to around 500 children a year.

Our Fire Inspection Bureau has a hand in inspecting most of the new businesses that come to the City of Niles. They also provide the required annual fire and life safety inspections for the schools and other businesses that must meet requirements from the State of Ohio.