

# **CITY OF NILES FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The background of the entire page is a photograph showing the silhouettes of two firefighters in full protective gear. They are positioned against a bright, hazy sky, likely during sunrise or sunset, with the bare branches of trees visible in the foreground and background. The firefighter on the left is seen from the side, wearing a helmet and carrying a large air tank on their back. The firefighter on the right is also in profile, holding a tool, possibly a pike pole. The overall mood is professional and heroic.

**2024 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 OPERATES 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 2024 OFF AT OUR AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF 31 FIREFIGHTERS. BRIAN MORELLO RETIRED IN MAY AFTER SERVING THE DEPARTMENT FOR 28 YEARS AND THEN JOHN VLOSICH RETIRED IN OCTOBER AFTER SERVING THE DEPARTMENT FOR 34 YEARS. KYLE HAMMON WAS HIRED IN SEPTEMBER AND JASON KOCHES IN DECEMBER TO FILL THOSE OPEN POSITIONS.
- THE 2024 CALL VOLUME INCREASED 431 EMERGENCY CALLS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR, FOR A TOTAL OF 3218 CALLS. AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES FROM TIME OF CALL TO TIME ON SCENE REMAIN IN THE 4-MINUTE RANGE.

CHIEF JOHN STEVENS



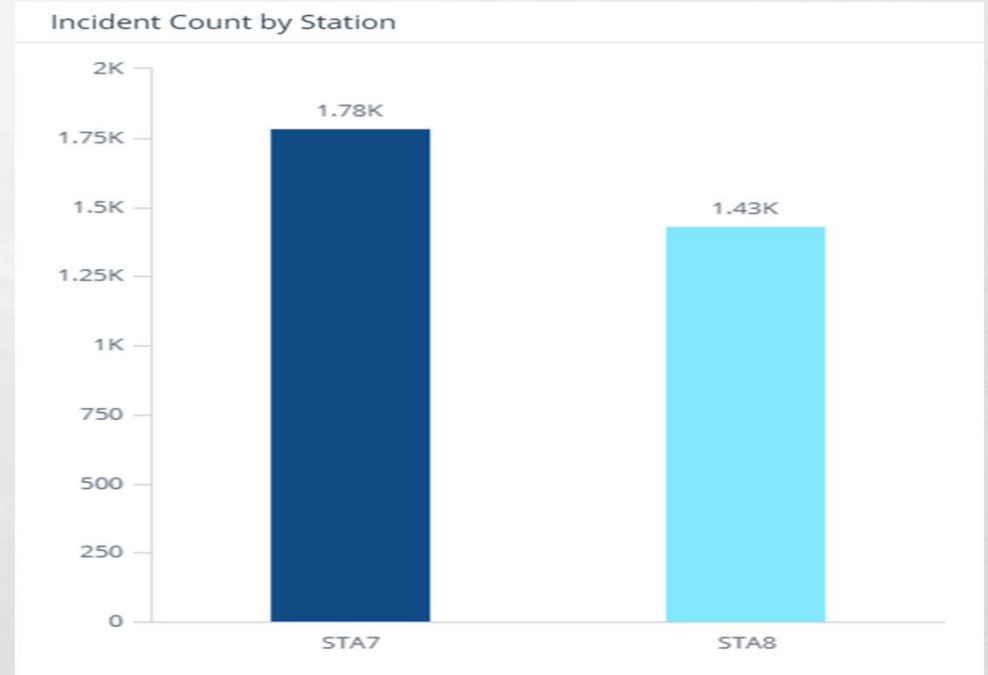
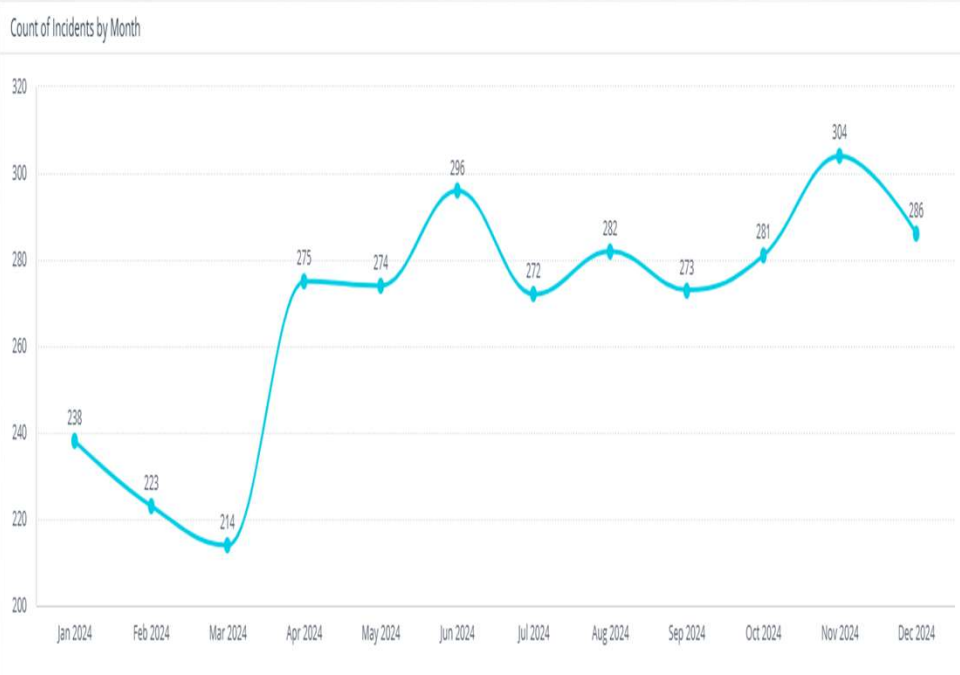
**2024 NILES FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL RUN  
NUMBERS**

**3218 TOTAL INCIDENTS**

# CALL VOLUME STATS

## MONTHLY CALL VOLUME

## CALL VOLUME BY STATION



# FIRE INCIDENTS

47

Fire, other	1
Building fire	2
Dwelling Fire	6
Industrial Building Fire	1
Apartment/Condo Fire	3
Cooking fire, confined to container	7
Passenger vehicle fire	9
Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1
Mulch fire	3
Forest, woods or wildland fire	1
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	3
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	3
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	3
Outside storage fire	1
Outside equipment fire	2
Grill fire	1



# OVERPRESSURE RUPTURE EXPLOSION, OVERHEAT

5

251 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition

4

2511 Burnt Food with no fire

1

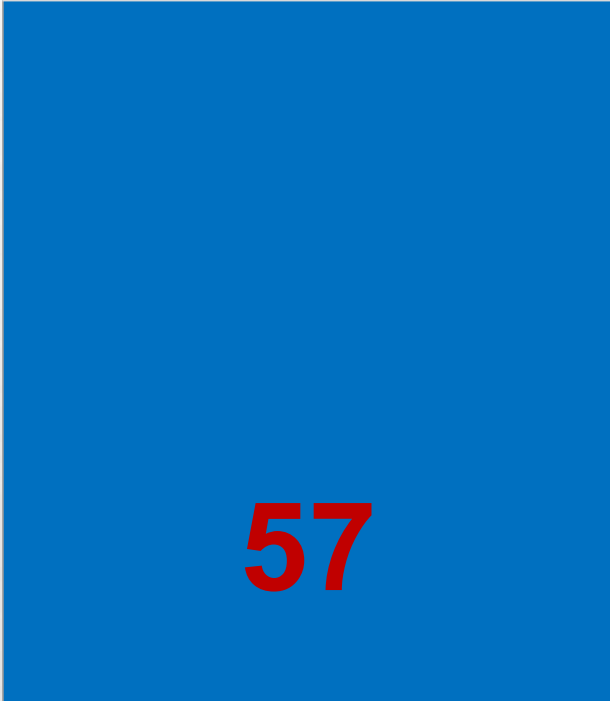
# RESCUE & EMS

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Rescue, EMS incident, other	2
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1,930
Overdose	36
Heart Problem	26
DOA	24
Fall	31
Breathing Problems	5
Emergency medical service incident, other	1
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	22
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	55
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	4
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	37
Lock-in (if lock out , use 511 )	1
Extrication, rescue, other	1
Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	1
Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	3
Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	9
Extrication of victim(s) from machinery	1
Rescue or EMS standby	2



# HAZARDOUS INCIDENTS



Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	27
Carbon monoxide incident	6
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	4
Overheated motor	2
Power line down	6
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	3
Transformer Problem	2
Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1
Vehicle into structure	1
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1
Explosive, bomb removal (for bomb scare, use 721)	1
Attempted burning, illegal action, other	1

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Service Call, other	7
Person in distress, other	4
Lock-out	17
Ring or jewelry removal	2
Water problem, other	1
Smoke or odor removal	11
Animal problem, other	1
Animal problem	3
Bat in dwelling	2
Assist police or other governmental agency	12
Police matter	1
Public service	13
Welfare Check	6
Assist resident - general assistance	11
Assist invalid	4
Lift Assist - No Injury	367
Unauthorized burning	54

# SERVICE CALLS

# GOOD INTENT CALLS

**223**

Good intent call, other	6
Dispatched & canceled en route	94
Dispatched & cancelled on scene	12
Wrong location	1
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	42
Unnecessary - No Problem	13
Authorized controlled burning	9
Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other	2
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	21
HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	23

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False alarm or false call, other	4
False alarm due to testing system	2
Malicious, mischievous false call, other	2
Telephone, malicious false alarm	1
Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	2
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	10
Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	30
CO detector activation due to malfunction	10
Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1
Accidental transmission of MEDICAL Alarm	30
Accidental transmission of alarm due to test	1
Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	2
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	18
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	7
Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	41
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	14

# FALSE ALARMS

# SEVERE WEATHER & SPECIAL INCIDENTS

Tree Down	1
Citizen complaint	2

# 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 Niles  
funds  
\$365,542**

## Engine 7



**2024 Pierce Saber pumper  
Acquired in 2024  
with City of Niles funds  
\$667,517**

## 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**



# EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

## 7 SETS OF GEAR



**PURCHASED WITH  
CITY OF NILES FUNDS  
\$23,000**

## HOODS AND GLOVES



**PURCHASED WITH  
BUREAU OF WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION GRANT  
\$16,781**

## LIFEPAK 15 HEART MONITOR



**PURCHASED WITH  
CITY OF NILES FUNDS  
\$27,470**

# 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  
BEN REED  
RON DANADIC  
GREG ROWLEY  
ADAM KASHIEN  
NICK STASIAK  
TODD ALLEN  
JOSEPH PAGE

## B - Turn

CAPT. BRYAN LOWRIE  
LT. MIKE BURNS  
LT. ANDY BICKERSTAFF  
ROB RUSSELL  
JERRY KIRKWOOD  
JACOB SIGLEY  
NICK AUGUSTA  
HADEN RUPNIK  
NICOLAS CLEMENTI  
KYLE HAMMON

## C - Turn

CAPT. ROD FREEL  
LT. JIM FEDOR  
LT. TREVOR BONACCI  
KEN HEINSELMAN  
LOU VIGLIO  
JUSTIN ROSS  
MIKE O'CONNELL  
DERICK RAPCZAK  
BRANDON DAVIS  
JASON KOCHES

CHIEF JOHN STEVENS

# NILES FIRE DEPARTMENT STATIONS

## Station 7

15 E. State St.



- Replaced trench drain in bay
- Added new LED lighting in bay
- New treadmill and Power rack  
Fitness equipment

## Station 8

1235 Niles Cortland Rd.



- Replaced bay heater
- New treadmill

# LOOKING TO 2025

Moving into 2025, the Niles Fire Department will continue efforts to keep the stations and equipment updated and in good working condition. Here are some of the plans we have for the upcoming year:

- Repair and paint interior walls of apparatus bay at Station 8
- Epoxy apparatus bay floor at Station 8
- Upgrade speaker system at both stations. These speakers are throughout the stations and transmit emergency calls over them.
- Purchase an additional combination cutter/spreader extrication tool to carry on the new Engine 7
- Purchase 8 sets of firefighting gear
  - 2 sets will be for new hires
  - 6 sets to update current firefighter's gear
- Purchasing more fitness equipment for both stations
- Updating portable radios
- Updating two desktop computers at Station 7

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 materials 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.