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**TO:** Mayor and Council  
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**REF:** **Operations Report for January 2018**

The Fire Department had a quiet January compared to the beginning months of the past few years. The decrease was in EMS responses - this is surprising, given the number of people who are suffering from the flu. It goes to prove that Fire and EMS calls-for-service patterns are hard to predict, and don't always make sense.

Fire Department personnel responded to **109 EMS** and **28 Fire** incidents during January. Crews handled a total of **137 incidents for the month**; 39 less incidents than handled in January 2017.

Fire calls were on pace with previous years, and we assisted our neighboring departments on several incidents. There was one fire in the Brookville fire protection area that resulted in a loss; a car fire destroyed a car and carport in Perry Township. Quick work by the first engine crew prevented damage to other buildings on the property.

The **109** EMS responses included responses to two (2) injury crashes, and one (1) non-injury crash during the month.

Personnel completed EMS continuing education on Autism; Burns; CHF & Pulmonary Edema; Initial Assessment; and Fall Injuries to Geriatric Patients. Personnel also completed Fire continuing education on Incident Command procedures; Operations at Carbon Monoxide incidents; Rapid Intervention Team Implementation; and Reading Smoke.



Fire Department Vehicle #310 (Medic 76) is close to returning to service. Last seen eastbound on a flatbed truck last September, it is finally back and at Yipes Graphics currently being lettered.

With a little over five years of service and 130,000 miles, Vehicle 310 developed a terminal engine issue. With the patient module still in very good condition, this vehicle was a prime candidate for a re-chassis procedure.



The new chassis is a 2017 Ford F550 and features a liquid spring suspension system. It provides a very smooth ride and aids in the handling of a typically top-heavy vehicle. In addition to the new chassis, the entire unit was gone through and refreshed where possible.

The best part is the cost-savings on this project; by refurbishing this unit (instead of buying an all new vehicle), we saved over \$60,000. Refurbishment isn't cost-effective with all vehicles, but it was certainly the way to go in this instance.

### **Calls for the Month by District - 137**

**City of Brookville** 89 total; 74 EMS Incidents; 15 Fire Incidents

**Clay Township** 30 total; 27 EMS Incidents; 3 Fire Incident

**Perry Township** 7 total; 4 EMS Incidents; 3 Fire Incidents

**Mutual Aid Given:** 11 total; 5 EMS Incidents; 7 Fire Incidents

### **Calls for the Year by District – 137 (176 – 2017 total)**

**Brookville** 89 total (120 – 2017); 74 EMS Incidents (107 - 2017); 15 Fire Incidents (13 – 2017)

**Clay Township** 30 total (24 – 2017); 27 EMS Incidents (20 – 2017); 3 Fire Incidents (4 – 2017)

**Perry Township** 7 total (18 – 2017); 4 EMS Incidents (16 – 2017); 3 Fire Incidents (2 – 2017)

**Mutual Aid:** 11 total (14 – 2017); 5 EMS Incidents (5 – 2017); 7 Fire Incidents (9 – 2017)