



## Memorandum

**TO:** Mariah Walton, Interim City Manager

**FROM:** George T. Rouhib Jr., Director of Public Safety

**DATE:** January 12, 2022

**RE:** **2021 Eastpointe Fire Department Annual Report**

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Ms. Walton

The following information is an overview of the Fire Department for 2021. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to ask. Overall, 2021 was one of our most productive and busiest years. This was a special year because it was the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of our fire department. We strive on improving each year and serve our community to the best of our abilities.

### **Department Overview**

The City of Eastpointe Fire Department is centrally located on Nine Mile Road between Kelly Rd. and Gratiot. The city has one fire station that consists of one ladder truck and two engines. The city contracts all medical services with Medstar Ambulance; however, the department will send three licensed firefighters/paramedics to most medical scenes to assist Medstar personnel. Each firefighter/paramedic is trained in assessing patients, distributing specific drugs, CPR, and the use of a defibrillator. The Fire Department's primary services are suppression, education, inspections, managing hazardous materials incidents, and medical emergencies.

The Fire Department has automatic aid agreements with Roseville and Saint Clair Shores Fire Departments. The city also has mutual aid agreements in place with other surrounding communities and support is based on the magnitude of the specific fire or event. There are three 24-hour platoons that are each headed by a Battalion Chief.

### **Mission Statement**

"We are dedicated to the protection and preservation of life, property and the environment for the Community of Eastpointe. This is accomplished by effectively utilizing modern technology, and practices of fire suppression, rescue, and prevention.

## Fire Budget 2019/2020

\$7,086,048

## Staffing Levels

In 2021, the staffing levels of the Eastpointe Fire Department consisted of the following:

Director of Public Safety	1	(assigned to police and fire)
Deputy Fire Chief	1	
Fire Marshal	1	
Battalion Chiefs	3	
Lieutenants	3	
Sergeants	3	
Firefighters/Paramedics	12	
Clerical (part time)	1	
Chaplain	1	

\*There are currently no vacant positions\*



## Department Performance Statistics

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Calls for Service	4,944	4,954	4,857	5,572	6,166
Structure Fires/Fire Related	147	136	106	108	98
Traffic Accidents	150	164	106	122	151
Medical Runs	3,453	3,268	3,454	4,292	4,576
Hazardous Conditions	236	190	229	243	485
General Assistance	460	613	427	375	352
Good Intent	287	360	295	180	177
False Alarms	211	223	249	282	327
Fire Inspections	63	42	86	401	469

<b>Total Fire Loss (\$)</b>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<b>481,600</b>	<b>470,500</b>	<b>490,200</b>	<b>548,500</b>	<b>498,000</b>

## Fatal Fires

None

## New Hire

James Sharkey

## Resignations

Dustin Kent

## Promotions

None

## Retirements

None



## **Department Awards**

Firefighter/Paramedic **Andrew Pounders** was honored as the Firefighter of the Year through the Roseville/Eastpointe Chamber of Commerce.

## **Insurance Service Office (ISO Rating)**

Three (one being the best-ten being the worst) This rating is based on a number of factors specifically but not limited to city water pressure, number and function of certain apparatus, operations, and the number and location of fire stations. ISO ratings can impact your insurance rates.

## **Operational Accomplishments**

- Formulated a firefighter recruitment team
- Added three fire instructor I level trainers (the department now has four)
- Added one EMS Instructor (the department now has two)
- Added one new Fire Instructor II Trainer (first one)
- One Sergeant completed Fire Inspector II and NFPA Plan Review training (fully certified)
- Three Firefighters completed Fire Officer II training
- Deputy Chief completed coursework for Professional Emergency Manager PEM designation
- Fire Marshal completed Fire Investigation training
- The entire department received 7,804 hours of training (339 hours per person)

## **GRANTS**

- Applied/denied AFG grant for engine replacement
- Applied/denied MMRMA RAP for hi-vis/reflective EMS safety jackets
- CARE/ARP funds received-COVID mitigation

## **Specialized Units/Teams**

- One department member is assigned to the Michigan Task Force One Team
- Two members are assigned to the county search and rescue technical team

## **Equipment Purchased**

- The city council approved the purchase of a new 100-foot ladder truck with platform. This truck will be state of the art and will be beneficial for large fires and rescue attempts. The truck is in production and should be delivered sometime in late 2022.
- The department will be leasing the Fire Marshal a new Ford pickup truck that will be used in the field for inspections and to store arson investigation equipment
- Two LUCAS machines were purchased to assist our firefighters with CPR
- One outdoor early warning siren will be replaced in the spring of 2022

*Congratulations Crusin' Gratiot Committee  
On Another Successful Year!!!*



EASTPOINTE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

### **Building Improvements**

- The entire fire bay floor was repaired and coated with an epoxy sealant
- The stairs in the fire bay were coated with epoxy
- The fire bay ceiling was repaired and painted
- A new LED sign "Fire Station" was installed in the front of the building
- All new LED lights were installed above the fire bay doors

### **Goals for 2022**

- Continue to work on enhancing the recruitment process
- Schedule a number of training sessions with the police department
- Develop additional community outreach programs
- Introduce additional leadership schools for upper command
- Host an open house depending on the COVID situation
- Continue the smoke and CO alarm distribution program
- Restart the in-person fire prevention programs in the schools

- Continue with succession planning
- Establish a committee to purchase a new engine
- Renovate the upstairs sleeping quarters

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