



2023 ANNUAL REPORT





ABOUT CLAY FIRE

- 5 STATIONS THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY
- 76 CAREER PERSONNEL
- 52 PART-TIME PERSONNEL
- 3 FIRE INSPECTORS
- 26 DAILY STAFFING



CLAY FIRE IS 1 OF ONLY 3 FIRE DEPARTMENTS ACCREDITED IN INDIANA



SINCE 2016, CLAY FIRE HAS MAINTAINED AN ISO CLASS 2 RATING



SOME OF THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE...

- FIRE SUPPRESSION
- EMS
- HAZMAT
- TECHNICAL RESCUE
- VEHICLE EXTRICATION
- FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS
- PUBLIC EDUCATION
- FIRE INVESTIGATION
- WATER RESCUE
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



5312 TOTAL RUNS

A

1793

B

1761

C

1758



**BUSIEST DAY OF THE YEAR:
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH
(28 RUNS)**

BUSIEST TIME OF DAY: 11:00AM (291 RUNS)

**BUSIEST DAY OF THE WEEK:
WEDNESDAY (755 RUNS)**

BUSIEST MONTH: MARCH (477 RUNS)



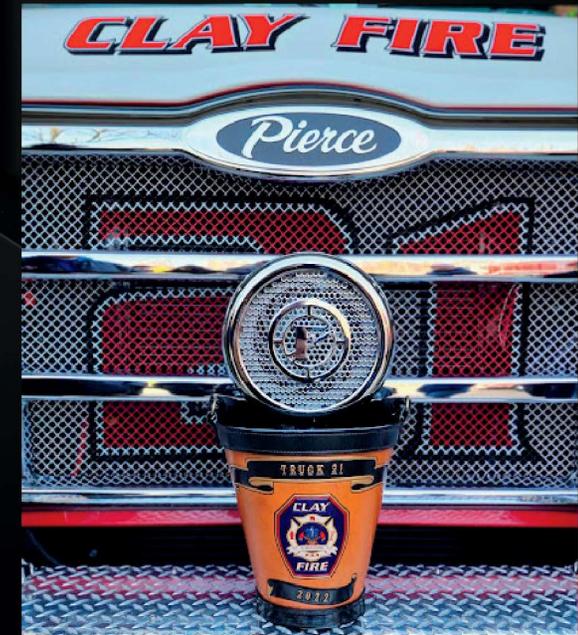
OPERATIONS

In 2023, Clay Fire responded to 5312 calls for service. These include fire incidents, medical emergencies, and other types of emergencies. Our personnel have responded to each call promptly and efficiently, demonstrating our commitment to serving the community and to uphold our mission statement “To Help Others.” The Operations Division has made significant progress in enhancing the capabilities and improving departmental operations.



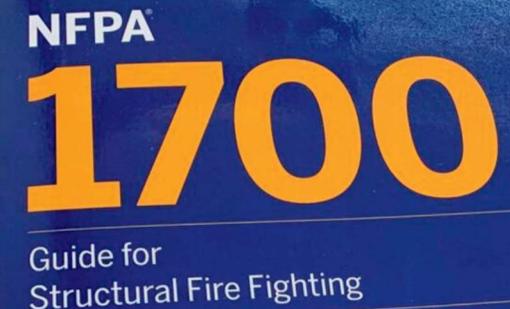
NEW TRUCK 21 IN-SERVICE

One of the major highlights of the year was the addition of a new Truck 21 to our fleet. This state-of-the-art ladder truck is equipped with the latest technology and equipment to efficiently respond to a structure fires and other emergencies. Truck 21 has been put into service and has already been proven to be a valuable asset/addition to our operations. To ensure that the members of Clay Fire are prepared to maximize the new Truck 21, a Driver/Operator Aerial program was established and 40 members of Clay Fire received their Driver/Operator Aerial certifications.



NFPA 1700 IMPLEMENTATION

The Operations Division has successfully implemented NFPA 1700: Guide for Structural Firefighting. This standard provides guidelines for safe and effective firefighting operations, and our personnel have been trained and equipped accordingly to meet this standard.





THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS

The division has procured and implemented new Seek thermal imaging cameras to assist in search and rescue operations. An extensive research and development process was conducted to evaluate the best thermal imaging cameras for our operations. These cameras can detect heat signatures and help locate victims in low-visibility environments. All members have been trained in the use of these cameras.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS

In 2023, the Operations Division facilitated operations level vehicle extrication certifications as well as a shoring exercise for all three shifts. The shoring exercise was a response to calls for vehicles into buildings on multiple occasions which required the use of structural shoring to support the building from collapsing. Finally, a training exercise was conducted in November to test the incident management team's capabilities. The event went very well and the team will continue to enhance operations in 2024.



PROMOTIONAL TESTING

Clay Fire conducted promotional testing for the positions of engineer, captain, and battalion chief. The testing process consisted of written exams, practical evolutions, and interviews. The individuals who were successfully promoted to these positions play a valuable role in ensuring the safety and effectiveness of the department's operations.

SUPPORT SERVICES

2023 was another busy year for the Support Services Division. All annual mandate goals were achieved. Apparatus DOT inspections, fire pumps, nozzles and hose, ladders, SCBA flow testing, and (annual) Hurst rescue equipment preventative maintenance.

Clay Fire took delivery of the new Truck 21 on January 26th, 2023. Once Truck 21 was outfitted with equipment and factory training was completed, Clay Fire hosted a Driver Operator Aerial class that was completed by the staff in May 2023.

An SCBA decon unit was added to Station 22 to increase our decon and cancer prevention program.



SUPPORT SERVICES

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Many scheduled facility improvements were completed in 2023. Knox boxes were installed at all (5) fire stations. Station 21 (2) HVAC units were replaced. The backflow preventer was replaced. Station 22 Front pad concrete was repaired. The apparatus bay floor was repaired and epoxied. The kitchen floor was replaced, and the kitchen area was repainted. A second (larger) ice maker was also added to help with rehab during classes on the training grounds. Station 24 had the well replaced.

PART-TIME PROGRAM

The part-time division staffs a minimum of (2) 24-hour firefighter positions per day, and Tanker 22 every night and weekend. 28 new firefighters were added through a mini-academy and fire academy in 2023. firefighters who completed the mini-academy are currently working in the part-time program. The fire academy is scheduled to graduate in May 2024. I look forward to adding the new firefighters to the part-time roster. Additionally, (2) firefighters attained tanker driver status, adding to our tanker driver program. The part-time program total is 33 firefighters with 15 more graduating in May 2024.



TRAINING DIVISION



2023 RECAP

36,247

TRAINING HOURS
COMPLETED IN 2023

- TRAINING AT THE TRAINING GROUNDS: 4,195
- OFFICER TRAINING HOURS: 3,481
- DRIVER/OPERATOR HOURS: 4,758
- COMPANY TRAINING HOURS: 9,511
- EMS TRAINING HOURS: 6,700
- HAZMAT TRAINING HOURS: 1,690
- RECRUIT TRAINING HOURS: 3,178



RECRUIT CLASS 23 PICTURED ABOVE STARTED IN AUGUST 2023 AND WILL GRADUATE IN MAY 2024
ADDING 15 NEW PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS

TRAINING DIVISION



IN DECEMBER 2023, CLAY FIRE COMPLETED A SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION TO THE TOWER ADDING A NEW BURN ROOM, INTERIOR STAIRWELL, AND NUMEROUS DOOR AND WINDOW ADDITIONS. THE TOWER ALSO RECEIVED A FRESH COAT OF PAINT.

IN 2023, THE TRAINING DIVISION HOSTED THE FOLLOWING CLASSES: BLUE CARD, FIRE OFFICER STRATEGY & TACTICS, FIRE INVESTIGATOR, INSTRUCTOR I, & DRIVER/OPERATOR AERIAL



7 MEMBERS COMPLETED THE 2ND EVER ENGINEER ACADEMY IN OCTOBER 2023

5 MEMBERS OBTAINED THEIR FIRE INVESTIGATOR CERTIFICATION IN OCTOBER



13 NEW PART-TIME HIRES COMPLETED THE MINI ACADEMY IN OCTOBER 2023

EMS DIVISION

Reflecting on the previous year, the EMS Division within Clay Fire continued to grow and lead in the area's emergency medical service program. Starting in January and ending in April, Clay Fire hosted an Advanced EMT course. 15 students representing fire departments across Saint Joseph County participated. Four members started paramedic class in 2023. This 18-month program will conclude early in 2025. After completing the education program, new paramedics are mentored and precepted by other paramedics. Once completed and approved by the sponsoring physicians, paramedics are granted "Lead Paramedic Status" within the EMS system.

In 2023, members took part in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Medical Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Pediatric Emergencies for Prehospital Providers, and Prehospital Trauma Life Support. In February Clay Fire placed the Stryker LUCAS Device in service on all front-line engine companies. These mechanical CPR devices provide consistent CPR to patients who are in cardiac arrest.



EMS DIVISION



BY THE NUMBERS...

- New Advanced EMT's: 8
- New Paramedics: 1
- New Lead Paramedics: 2
- New EMT's: 7

TOP 5 CALL TYPES

1. Weakness (509)
2. Injury (500)
3. Pain non-trauma (320)
4. Cardiac (257)
5. Respiratory (231)

BUSIEST MONTH

OCTOBER

TOTAL TRANSPORTS

2,438

MHSB: 1,150

SJRMC: 1,184





COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION



13 ADDRESS SIGNS WERE INSTALLED IN 2023



466 COMMUNITY MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN THE COMMUNITY CPR PROGRAM



30 KIDS ATTENDED FIRE CAMP IN JUNE 2023



275 HOURS OF INVESTIGATOR TRAINING WAS COMPLETED IN 2023

SAFE SENIORS

In 2023, the Clay Fire Community Risk Reduction Division began executing a grant for the Safe Seniors Program. The purpose of this program is to provide home fire safety inspections, education, and resources to keep our elderly community safe.

Having a reflective address sign on your house helps us find you when you call 9-1-1. To order a sign please visit www.clayfd.com. Signs cost \$20.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Smoke and carbon monoxide detector installation
- Stovetop Firestop Installation
- Knox Homebox installation



Contact us to determine your eligibility to participate in our program! Visit www.clayfd.com or call (574) 272-2144 for more information.

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION



54 PUBLIC EDUCATION EVENTS ATTENDED BY 8,039 PEOPLE



65 SMOKE ALARMS AND CO DETECTORS WERE INSTALLED



2,547 ON-SITE INSPECTIONS WERE COMPLETED IN 2023



42 CAR SEATS WERE INSTALLED IN 2023

2023 FIRE INVESTIGATOR COURSE

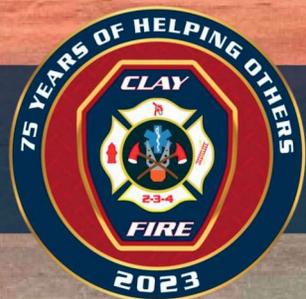
in September 2023, Clay Fire hosted a State of Indiana Fire Investigator course that was attended by 29 students including 5 from Clay Fire. Every students passed all testing components and earned their certifications.

DRONE TRAINING

Throughout 2023, the CRR Division continued to host drone pilot training and Clay Fire has seen a tremendous increase in their use during emergency response.



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TO HELP OTHERS