



Bath Township Fire Department

2025 Annual Report

Reporting Period: January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Message from the Fire Chief

On behalf of the men and women of the Bath Township Fire Department, I am proud to present the 2025 Annual Report. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the department's activities, operational capacity, and service delivery throughout the past year, and reflects our continued commitment to public safety, preparedness, and professional excellence.

During 2025, our personnel responded to a diverse range of emergency and non-emergency incidents requiring a high level of training, coordination, and dedication. I commend our firefighters and EMS providers for their professionalism and unwavering commitment to service, and I thank the Bath Township Board of Trustees and our residents for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kitchen

Fire Chief

Department Overview

The Bath Township Fire Department responded to a total of **1,535 incidents** during calendar year 2025. These responses reflect the department's mission to protect life, property, and the environment through the delivery of high-quality emergency medical services, fire suppression, rescue operations, and support services.

Service Area Overview

The Bath Township Fire Department serves a diverse and complex service area that includes a mix of residential neighborhoods, major industrial and commercial properties, and light business and manufacturing facilities. The Township is traversed by a major federal highway and numerous state routes, resulting in significant daily traffic volume and an elevated potential for motor vehicle incidents.

The service area also encompasses several Metro Parks, public school buildings, and a large campus that includes both a regional university and a community college. Additionally, the department provides fire and emergency services to a variety of residential occupancies, including multi-family and multi-story apartment complexes and mobile home parks.

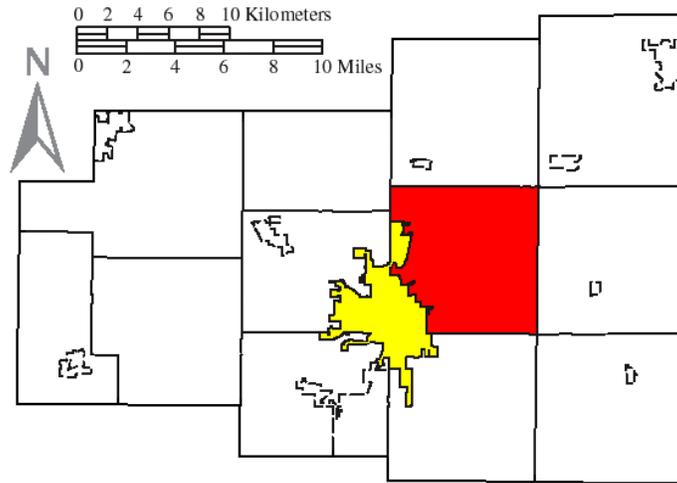
Commercial occupancies within the Township include hotels, restaurants, retail establishments, churches, and other public-facing businesses. Recreational and special-use properties such as two golf courses further contribute to the department's response responsibilities.

This diverse mix of occupancies and transportation corridors presents a wide range of fire suppression, emergency medical, rescue, and hazard mitigation challenges, requiring the Bath Township Fire Department to maintain a high level of readiness, training, and operational flexibility.

- **Service Area:** Approximately 36 square miles
- **Fire Stations:** One (1) station
 - 1787 N. Dixie Highway
Lima, Ohio 45801



- **Population:** The 2020 census found 9,399 people in the unincorporated parts of the township, outside the city of Lima, Ohio.



- Map of Allen County, Ohio with the City of Lima shown in yellow and Bath Township shown in red.

Government

Bath Township is governed by three (3) elected Township Trustees and one (1) elected Fiscal Officer.

The township offices are located at 2880 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio, 45801 and the phone number is (419) 221-1797.

Website: www.bathtwp.com

Funding

The department is funded through fixed property tax levies as follows:

1. 1984: .9 mills permanent
2. 2004: 3.0 mills five (5) year renewing
3. 2024: 2.5 mills five (5) year renewing

The township also receives funds through EMS transport billing.

Dispatch Services

Emergency dispatch services are provided through a contractual agreement with the **Allen County Sheriff's Office**, ensuring prompt and coordinated call handling and resource deployment.

Staffing and Organization

The department operates with a combination of full-time and part-time personnel to maintain 24-hour coverage and operational readiness.

Daily Staffing

- Two (2) full-time Level II Firefighter/Paramedics
- Two (2) part-time Level I or Level II Firefighters/EMS personnel (EMT-Basic, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic)

The department also employs:

- One (1) full-time Fire Chief
- One (1) full-time Fire Inspector, who also serves as the Township Zoning Inspector
- One (1) part-time secretary

Work Schedule

Personnel are assigned to **four (4) platoons** operating on a **24-hour on / 72-hour off rotating schedule**, providing continuous coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Roster Summary (as of February 1, 2026)

- **Full-Time Personnel:** Eight (8) positions authorized; one (1) position vacant
- **Part-Time Personnel:** Twenty-one (21)

Note: The full-time Firefighter/Paramedics are members of the International Association of Firefighters Union (IAFF) Local 4539

Fleet and Equipment Overview

The Bath Township Fire Department maintains a diverse fleet to support fire suppression, EMS response, rescue operations, and specialized services:

- **Ladder 1301:** 2007 American LaFrance
- **Engine 1302:** 2018 Sutphen
- **Tanker 1303:** 2009 HME
- **Grass Truck 1305:** 2006 Ford F-350
- **Ambulance 1306:** 2016 Ford F-450 / Osage
- **Ambulance 1307:** 2022 Ford F-550 / Osage
- **Special Operations Truck 1309:** 1994 Ford / EMV
- **Boat:** 2022 Zodiac
- **Foam Trailer:** Continental Cargo

Staff Vehicles

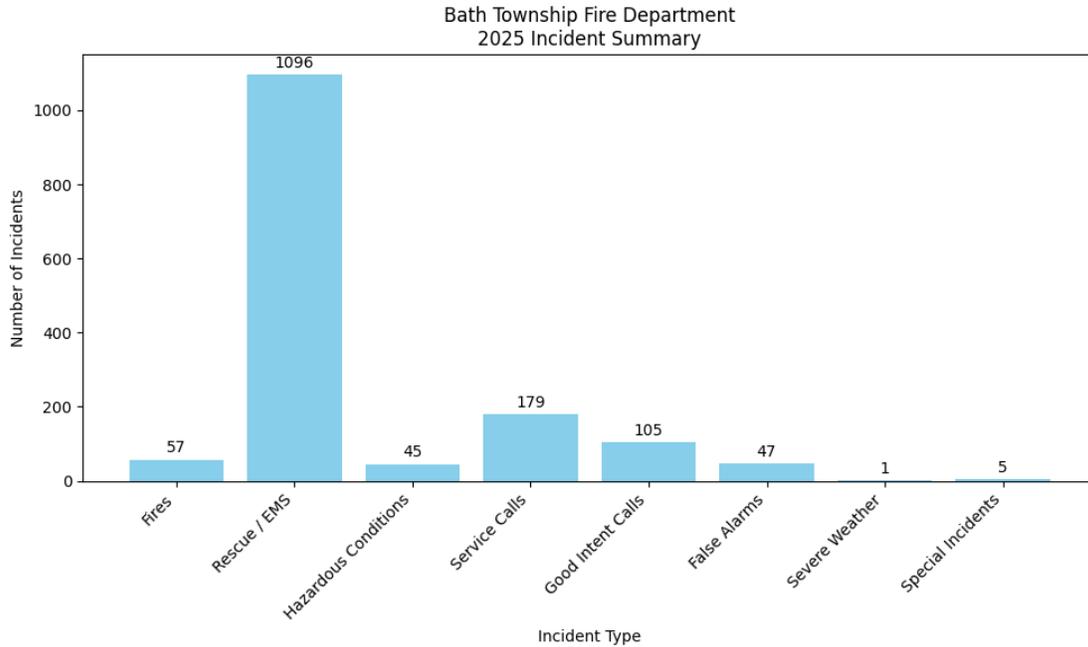
- **1304:** 2010 Ford Explorer
- **1308:** 2010 Ford F-150
- **1310:** 2018 Ford Taurus

Incident Activity Summary

The following table represents the types of incidents handled during calendar year 2025:

- **Fire Incidents:** 57
- **Rescue / Emergency Medical Services:** 1,096
- **Hazardous Conditions:** 45
- **Service Calls:** 179
- **Good Intent Calls:** 105
- **False Alarms:** 47
- **Severe Weather Responses:** 1
- **Special Incidents:** 5

Total Incidents: 1,535



Mutual Aid Operations

Mutual aid remains a critical component of emergency service delivery within Bath Township. Through established agreements with neighboring fire departments, resources are shared efficiently during incidents that exceed the capacity of a single agency or require specialized equipment or staffing.

In 2025, the Bath Township Fire Department:

- **Provided mutual aid:** 155 times
- **Received mutual aid:** 57 times

These cooperative efforts enhance regional preparedness, strengthen interagency relationships, and ensure residents receive timely and effective emergency services regardless of jurisdictional boundaries.

The Bath Township Fire Department participates in the Allen County Fire Department’s Mutual Aid contract and the Ohio Fire Chiefs’ Association Emergency Response System.

Medical Director

- Dr. Todd Brookens D.O. – Lima Memorial Health System (419) 228-3335

Calls for Service to Major Industry, Commercial Businesses, Schools, and Universities

- PPG/Metokote Corporation: 03
- Procter & Gamble: 64
- Ford Motor Company: 24
- OSU Lima/Rhodes State College: 09
- Marimor/MRDD: 12
- Bath Local Schools: 13
- Nelson Packaging: 15
- Spartan Nash Corp.: 08
- Dana Corporation: 02
- U.S. Plastics Corporation: 02
- Nickles Bakery: 03

Operational Analysis

Emergency Medical Services constituted the majority of departmental responses in 2025, accounting for approximately **71 percent** of total call volume. While EMS demands continue to increase, fire suppression, hazardous conditions, and service-related responses remain core functions of the department and require ongoing training, planning, and resource management to ensure readiness.

Closing Statement

This annual report is respectfully submitted to the **Bath Township Board of Trustees** as an official summary of departmental activity for the 2025 calendar year. The report will also be made available to the public through the Bath Township Fire Department website.

The department remains committed to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, operational readiness, and fiscal responsibility while continuing to meet the evolving needs of the Bath Township community.

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