

# 2023 Annual Report

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Canal Fulton &  
Lawrence Township  
Fire Department



**Mayor**  
Joe Schultz

**Trustee (Fire)**  
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# About Departments

The Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township Fire Department's annual report for the year 2023 highlights our commitment to providing exceptional Fire, Rescue, and EMS services to the people of Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township. Our department comprises the Lawrence Township Fire Department (LTFD) and Canal Fulton Fire Department (CFFD). Our primary objective is to serve the community's residents, businesses, and visitors with the utmost integrity.

The CFFD & LTFD is a combination department that employs a part-time Fire Chief, one full-time Assistant Fire Chief, 51 part-time firefighters, and a full-time administrative assistant. In 2023, the LTFD and CFFD had another successful year. We responded to 1,798 incidents and participated in 1,535 hours of training.





# Vision And Mission

## Vision

Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township will be one of the safest communities in Stark County.

## Mission

To protect the lives and property of the citizens, visitors, and businesses in the Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township.



# Chief's Message



## SHAWN YERIAN

### FIRE CHIEF

As the Fire Chief, I ensure our community receives the best Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services possible. Fortunately, I work with a team of devoted firefighters and support staff committed to delivering exceptional service to our community. The key to success is fostering solid partnerships with our community and professional peers and approaching problems with a solution-oriented mindset. I feel proud of our team and their daily efforts to provide our community with the highest quality of services.

My vision for the future includes continual growth and alignment of services to businesses, residents, and visitors in Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township and enhancing our readiness to respond to Emergencies in this growing community.

Managing change is one of the most significant challenges that every organization faces. In our community, the fire service dynamics changed with the end of the volunteer model in the early 2000s. In recent years, we have been dealing with a shortage of part-time firefighters and high turnover while the number of career departments hiring full-time firefighters is rising. We are fortunate to have a Recruitment and Retention SAFER grant until 2027, but the longevity of part-time firefighters has now been reduced to a few months instead of years. Therefore, the administration will monitor and explore opportunities to improve our current staffing model.

The officers and firefighters of the CFFD and LTFD are the most valuable assets of our organization. I want to thank them for their professionalism and unwavering commitment at every level of their service. Their continued hard work, dedication to training, and vigilance in ensuring the safety of Lawrence Township and Canal Fulton residents are highly appreciated.

If you have any questions or require further information about this report or the services and programs we offer to the community, please do not hesitate to contact me.

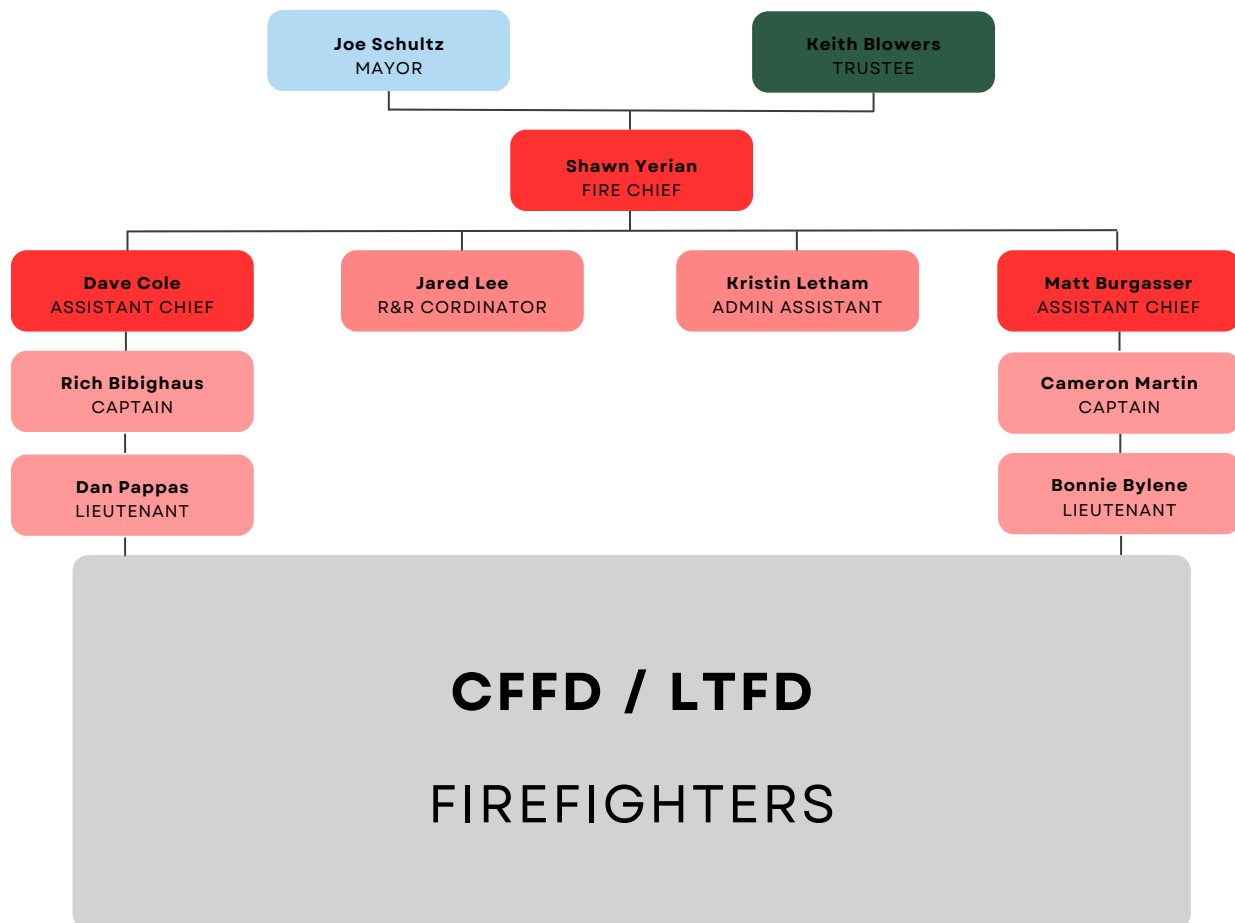
Respectfully,

A handwritten signature of Shawn Yerian in cursive script.

Canal Fulton & Lawrence Township  
Fire Department

# Organizational Chart

## CANAL FULTON & LAWRENCE TWP FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART



# Our Team

Number	Member	Certification	Status	Length of Service
1	Yerian, Shawn	Paramedic	Active	18 Years
2	Pennington, Steve	Paramedic	Active	15 Years
3	Bibighaus, Richard	Paramedic	Active	13 Years
4	Cole, David	Paramedic	Active	13 Years
5	Smith, Erik	Paramedic	Active	13 Years
6	Miller, Brad	Paramedic	LOA	13 Years
7	Runion, Zach	Paramedic	Active	12 Years
8	Burgasser, Matt	Paramedic	Active	11 Years
9	Martin, Cameron	Paramedic	Active	10 Years
10	Burroughs, Jerry	Paramedic	Active	9 Years
11	Rocco, Joe	Paramedic	Active	9 Years
12	Byelene, Estelle	Paramedic	Active	7 Years
13	Fetters, Allison	Paramedic	Active	7 Years
14	Pappas, Dan	Paramedic	Active	7 Years
15	Hagen, Jared	Paramedic	Active	5 Years
16	Lee, Jared	Paramedic	Active	5 Years
17	Wagner, Tim	Paramedic	Active	5 Years
18	Deyaeger, Mike	Paramedic	Active	4 Years
19	Litten, Matt	Paramedic	Active	4 Years
20	Hull, Brian	Paramedic	Active	3 Years
21	Tisdale, Max	Paramedic	Active	3 Years
22	Fabinak, Nathaniel	Paramedic	LOA	3 Years
23	Webb, Spencer	Paramedic	LOA	3 Years
24	Farrington, Shaquoi	Paramedic	Active	2 Years
25	Hare, Jarod	Paramedic	Active	2 Years
26	Pierpont, Mason	Paramedic	Active	2 Years
27	Wamsley, Dakota	Paramedic	Active	2 Years
28	Bower, Caleb	Paramedic	Active	1 Year
29	Snyder, Daniel	Paramedic	Active	1 Year
30	Zentkovich, Ryan	Paramedic	Active	1 Year
31	Fogle, Jalen	Paramedic	Active	10 Months
32	Nash, Nicholas	Paramedic	Active	10 Months
33	Brett, Travis	Paramedic	Active	9 Months
34	Bigelow, Erik	Paramedic	Active	8 Months
35	Broz, Madison	Paramedic	Active	7 Months
36	Lieberman, Nathan	Paramedic	Active	6 Months
37	Ciptak, Andrew	Paramedic	Active	5 Months
38	Quiggle, Brandon	Paramedic	Active	4 Months

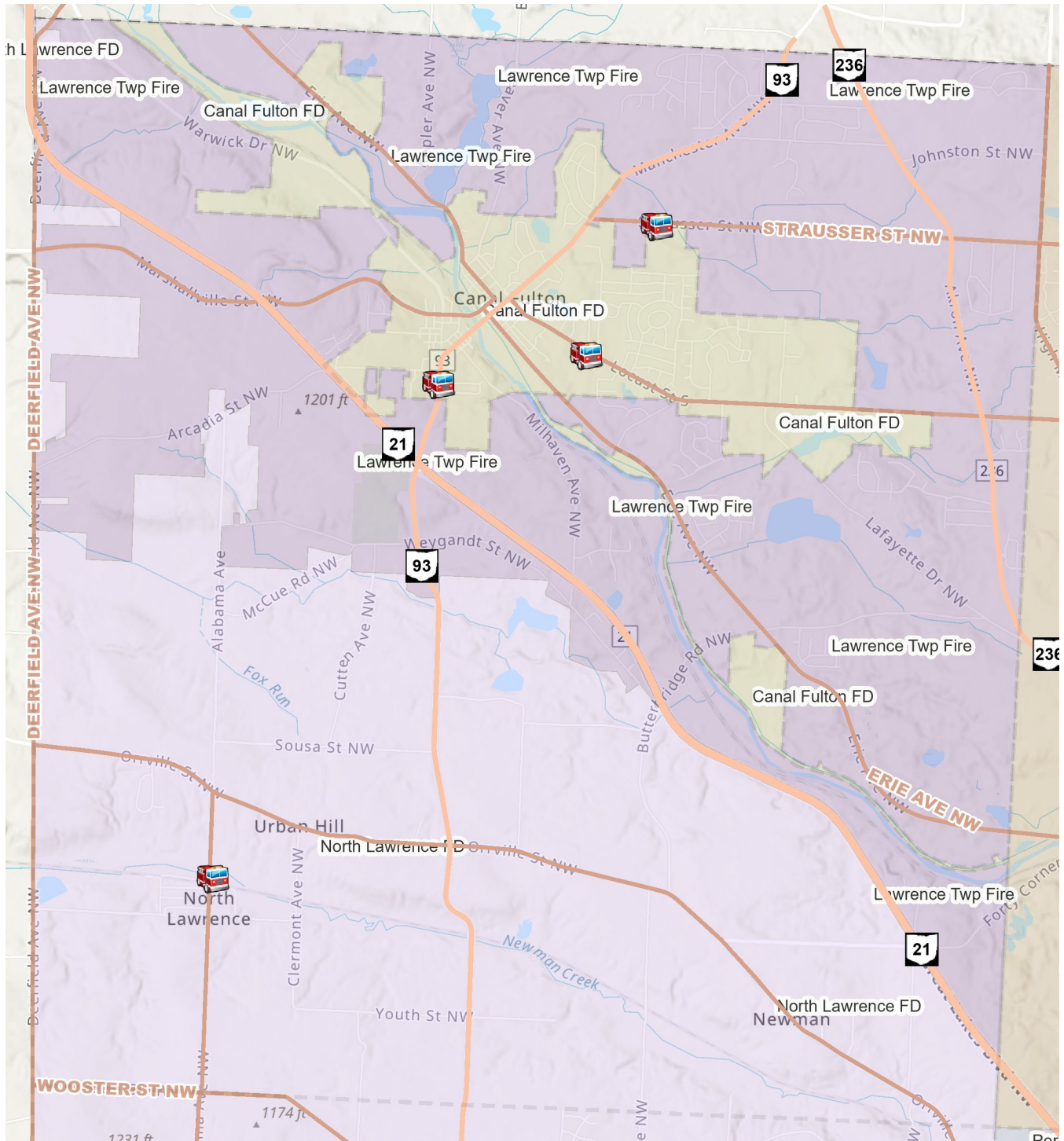
# Our Team

Number	Member	Certification	Status	Length of Service
1	Cordi, Austin	Paramedic Student	Active	1 Year
2	Grest, Mikaila	Paramedic Student	Active	1 Year
3	Januzzi, Andrew	Paramedic Student	Active	7 Months
4	Koonce, Tahrieq	Paramedic Student	Active	7 Months
5	Wiseman, Michael	Paramedic Student	Active	7 Months
6	Neuhauser, Brycen	Paramedic Student	Active	1 Month
Number	Member	Certification	Status	Length of Service
1	Berkey, Rachel	Basic	Active	25 Years
2	Hagen, Jeff	Basic	Active	23 Years
3	Stevens, Mikeal	Basic	Active	10 Years
4	Pennington-Cupples, John	Basic	Active	1 Year
5	Rock, Corey	Basic	Active	1 Year
6	Stevenson, Michael	Basic	Active	1 Year
7	Higgins, Jordan	Basic	Active	10 Months
8	Zeroski, Zachary	Basic	Active	10 Months
9	Jones, Tanner	Basic	Active	7 Months
10	Jones, Makala	Basic	Active	6 Months
11	Flesher, Cameron	Basic	Active	1 Month
Number	Member	Certification	Status	Length of Service
1	Collet, Ed	Intermediate	Active	17 Years

- Currently, 36 of the 38 Part-Time Paramedics are Full-Time at other Departments.
- In 2023, 11 firefighters resigned; of those, 10 were paramedics.






# Response Map





# Fire Stations

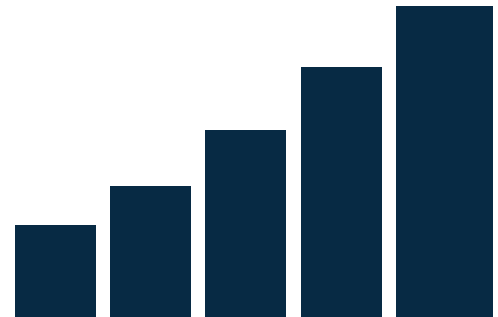
Address	Year Built	sq. ft.	Building Picture
1165 Locust St S	2007	5,992	
393 Milan St S	1978	3,216	
12270 Strausser St NW	1985	6,822	

# Fleet



Vehicle ID	Year	Vehicle Description	AGE (Years)	NFPA Category	15 Years Primary	5 Years Reserve
Engine 1	1996	Engine	28	ENGINE	2011	2016
Engine 2	2016	Engine / Tanker	8	ENGINE	2031	2036
Engine 3	1996	Engine	28	ENGINE	2011	2016
Engine 5	2017	Engine	7	ENGINE	2032	2037
Vehicle ID	Year	Vehicle Description		NFPA Category	5 Years Primary	5 Years Reserve
Medic 1	2014	Twp Ambulance	10	AMBULANCE	2019	2024
Medic 2	2012	NLFD Ambulance	12	AMBULANCE	2017	2022
Medic 7	2017	City Ambulance	7	AMBULANCE	2022	2027
Medic 8	2020	City Ambulance	4	AMBULANCE	2025	2030
Vehicle ID	Year	Vehicle Description		NFPA Category	10 Years Primary	5 Years Reserve
Brush 4	1988	Grass Truck	36	BRUSH	1998	2003
Brush 9	2005	Grass Truck	19	BRUSH	2015	2020
Vehicle ID	Year	Vehicle Description		NFPA Category	10 Years Primary	5 Years Reserve
Car 1	2010	EMS Chase SUV	14	SUV	2020	2025
Chief 2	2010	Assistant Chief SUV	14	SUV	2020	2025
Chief 1	2023	Chief SUV	1	SUV	2033	2038
Vehicle ID	Year	Vehicle Description			10 Years Primary	5 Years Reserve
Rescue 4	1996	Light Rescue Truck	28	RESCUE	2006	2011
Utility 1	2018	UTV	6	UTV	2028	2033
Utility 2	2018	Explorer Vehicle	6	VAN	2028	2033
Gator	2001	UTV	23	UTV	2011	2016

Our department values financial responsibility. Therefore, we have decided to focus on grants as a means of replacing and consolidating our significant capital assets, such as the aging fire trucks. We will be applying for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), which will help us protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.



# Year in Review



## **NORTH LAWRENCE FIRE DEPT CONTRACTED SERVICES**

Approved a one-year fire and emergency services contract with the North Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department.

Trustees agreed to pay the Fire Department \$156,000 for coverage in the southern portion of the township, including Clay's Park, and eliminate the per-call pay structure of the previous contract. The agreement starts on March 17, 2023, and ends on March 16, 2024.



## **ASSISTANT CHIEF COLE FULL TIME**

The Lawrence Township Board of Trustees appointed Assistant Chief Dave Cole to serve as the first Full-Time Firefighter Paramedic/Fire Inspector of Lawrence Township. AC Cole's salary and benefits are being shared between CFFD and LTFD, as he brings immense value to both departments.



## **SOCIAL MEDIA FACEBOOK.COM/CFFDOHIO**

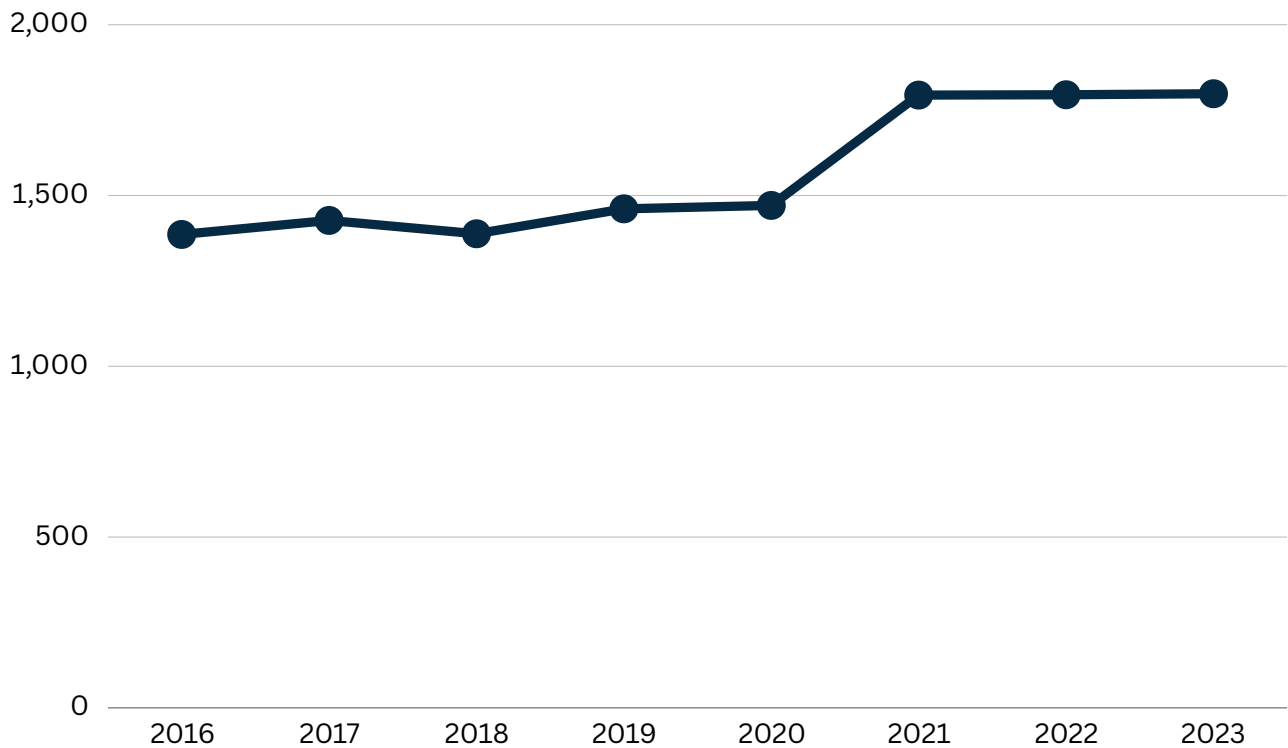
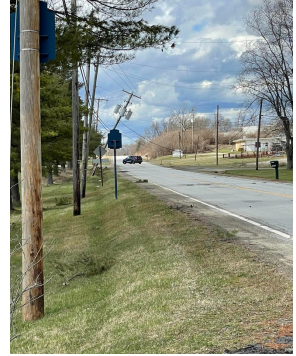
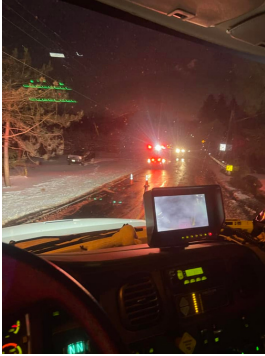
Reach: 760,200 (50,067 in 2021)

Content Interactions: 37,700

Followers: 6,100



# Annual Incidents



Source: RED Center CAD View

Modern fire departments have multiple responsibilities beyond responding to structure, wildland, and vehicle fires. We also respond to medical emergencies, water rescues, hazardous materials incidents, vehicle accidents, people trapped in buildings, etc.

# Budget

2023	CFFD	LTFD
Personnel	\$571,857	\$588,800
Operating	\$195,083	\$170,885
*Approved 2023 Budgets		*\$156,000 Contracted Services - NLFD





# Grants

## FY 2023 GRANT MONEY AWARDED

# \$672,175

Received	Grant	Match	Total Project	Award	Description	Dept.
1/1/2023	\$1,800	\$-	\$1,800	MARCs Grant	User Fees Batteries and Accessories	CFFD
1/1/2023	\$3,240	\$-	\$3,240	MARCs Grant	User Fees Batteries and Accessories	LTFD
3/11/2023	\$1,000	\$-	\$1,000	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)	All Hazards Training - HAZMAT	CFFD
3/28/2023	\$500	\$-	\$500	Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition	TV	LTFD
5/11/2023	\$2,674	\$-	\$2,674	FM - Global - LTFD	Sparky the Fire Dog Costume	LTFD
6/1/2023	\$3,416	\$-	\$3,416	2022-2023 P1 - Training & Equipment Grant	EMS Supplies	CFFD
6/1/2023	\$3,416	\$-	\$3,416	2022-2023 P1 - Training & Equipment Grant	EMS Supplies	LTFD
6/1/2023	\$500	\$-	\$500	Ohio Fire Marshal	Driving Simulation Lab	CFFD
7/27/2023	\$650	\$-	\$650	Ohio Fire Marshal	Structural Fire Attack Lab (Fire Blast)	LTFD
7/31/2023	\$20,000	\$-	\$20,000	Ohio Ambulance Transportation Program	Premium Pay	CFFD
8/18/2023	\$9,667	\$483	\$10,150	AFG - LTFD	Seven (7) Knox Key Secure Systems	LTFD
9/15/2023	\$20,000	\$-	\$20,000	Ohio Ambulance Transportation Program	Premium Pay	LTFD
9/21/2023	\$541,986	\$-	\$541,986	AFG - SAFER	Recruitment and Retention	CFFD
9/22/2023	\$40,000	\$14,769	\$54,769	BWC - LTFD - Safety Intervention Grant	Power Cot and Load	LTFD
11/28/2023	\$23,328	\$7,776	\$31,104	BWC - CFFD - Safety Intervention Grant	LUCAS CPR Machines	CFFD
Total	\$672,175	\$23,028	\$695,203			







# Contact Us



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The LTFD & CFFD has numerous programs available to our residents and businesses, including the following:

- Annual life safety inspection program for all of our schools & businesses.
- Smoke alarm program (partnership with the American Red Cross).
- File-of-Life Program to notify the responders of any severe health conditions
- Community CPR/First Aid Program.
- Emergency Key Box & Knox Rapid Access System for businesses and residential.
- Fire Prevention program in our schools with the students.

Lawrence Township is one of the seventeen townships in Stark County, Ohio. It covers an area of 31.63 square miles and has a population of 8,383, according to the 2020 census.

Canal Fulton is a city in western Stark County, Ohio, along the Tuscarawas River. The city covers an area of 3.27 square miles within its limits. As per the 2020 census, the population of Canal Fulton was 5,325. It is a part of the Canton-Massillon metropolitan area.

