



Your Firefighters



- Ted Chase, Fire Chief
- Don Redding, Asst. Chief
- Dennis Kastner, Captain
- Bryant Miller, Lieutenant
- Jim Trapp
- Jeff Ozeran

- Nick Jackson
- Andy Dickey
- T.J. Miller
- Ben Nelson
- Cody Shepherd
- Travis Munday



Now accepting applications!

Interested in helping the
community?

Looking for rewarding service?

Like fire trucks?

Want to drive in a parade?

We want you!



Your Fire Protection Equipment

- We maintain a fleet of 3 vehicles
- Each has their specific purpose
- Equipment is inspected monthly and following each call to ensure readiness. Ask one of the guys for a tour
- We do as much of our own repairs and maintenance as possible to save taxpayer money
- We even did most of the construction on the building conversion project – saving well over \$100,000



960 – Brush Truck / Light Rescue

- Purchased in 2008
- Responds to:
 - Wildland Fires
 - Auto Accidents
 - Medical assists
 - Carbon Monoxide Alarm calls
 - All fires for support
- Plays vital role at structural firefighting operations
- Carries extrication tools – Jaws of life
- Turns night time into daytime – that takes a lot of lights!



930 - Tanker



- Purchased in 1998
- Very important due to our rural environment and lack of city water
- Carries 3000 gallons of water
- Works as a mobile fire hydrant (but not a very good one)
 - It carries only 10 minutes of water
- Has a pump that provides a layer of safety for firefighters working inside a burning building



920 – Engine (Pumper)



- Purchased in 1987
- The oldest unit in the fleet (due for replacement)
- The most important unit in the fleet
- Responds to all fire related emergencies
- Pumper – it provides the water pressure needed for firefighting efforts
- Has 6 riding positions for the crew



2017 Run Data

- We responded to 63 calls for assistance in 2017
 - Structure fires
 - Water Rescues
 - Lift Assists
 - Mutual Aid calls to our neighbors / they came here to help too
 - Power Lines down
 - Burning complaints
 - Grass/Brush Fires
 - Vehicle Accidents, with and without entrapment



2017 Training Data



- Training is very important to any organization – especially a job as serious as ours
- We hold regular training sessions
- We support off site training as well

In 2017, the Fire Department completed more than 425 hours of training



Fire Department Millage Renewal

- The millage has been in place since the mid 1970s
- 1 Mil of taxes generates approximately \$45,000 annually
- The Galien Fire Department is the lowest funded Fire Department in Berrien County
- This renewal keeps the fire department in existence – we cease operations without it



Medical Marihuana Money

When will it come, how much will it be?

- There are a lot of unknowns
- The Township's general fund could receive some money contingent on how many facilities actually open across the State
- The Township General operations has its own financial needs - cemetery, roads (in addition to the repairs covered by the road millage), repayment of drain bills, etc. so any new tax revenue may not all go to the fire fund. Certainly not enough to replace our current millage receipts
- Some Fire Department expenses could potentially be absorbed by the General Fund, but the Fire Department has equipment needs well beyond those amounts.



Does the FD actually need the millage if the Township has Medical Marihuana facilities?

- The answer is – Yes, without a doubt
- Medical Marihuana doesn't replace the Fire Millage
- For every \$1,000,000 increase in assessed value (construction/buildings, etc.) the fire department would receive \$5,000 – *only if the millage is renewed. No millage, means no tax revenue from the new facilities.*
- (Taxable value is 50% of the assessed value x 1 Mil)
- The timing of the construction and addition to the tax roll could be months or years as the State has not established final regulations at this point and construction hasn't begun
- Fire department operations would cease while we wait



Vote on August 7th

- This is a renewal of the millage that started in the mid 1970s
- This millage will keep the fire department doors open
- This is not a new tax
- This decision is unrelated to any Medical Marihuana projects that may take place in the Township

