



# Van Wert Fire Department 2021

## Annual Report

Guarding Our Every Neighbor

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# INTRODUCTION

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## Office of the Fire Chief

I am honored to submit the 2021 Annual Report for the City of Van Wert Fire Division. The report is an overview of our accomplishments in 2021. The Van Wert Fire Department of providing a professional emergency service for our community, remains our top priority. Our highly trained and devoted personnel take great pride in protecting the lives and property within our great community of Van Wert.

The fire department had many successes in 2021, which will be reviewed in this report. Throughout the pages in this report, you will find information and data which summarizes the departments general activities, accomplishments and recognition of our personnel as they served our community with integrity and professionalism. I truly cannot say enough about the pride, commitment and dedication your firefighters give on a daily basis to this great community.

In 2021, our department strived to maintain our services during the Coronavirus pandemic. The Van Wert Fire Department answered every call during this historic crisis and adapted new initiatives to effectively provide emergency services to the Van Wert Community. Our department will always continue to overcome and think outside the box to provide high level of services for our citizens. We learned to be effective while doing things in ways we have not before. While facing uncertainty, your firefighter's commitment to the community never wavered.

Our fire department and firefighters are proud to serve the citizens of Van Wert. I the following pages you will find a summary of our activities in the past year and a general overview of our fire department operations. Please look it over and if you have any questions please contact us at 419-238-4918 or [vwfd@vanwertfd.org](mailto:vwfd@vanwertfd.org).



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# KEY ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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## 2021

- **Hired two new full time firefighters to replace retirements and two new reserve firefighters.**
- **Promoted Lieutenant Brain Ankney to Captain and Firefighter Austin Miller to Lieutenant.**
- **On station EMT-Paramedic class with three Van Wert Fire Department personnel enrolled in the class.**
- **Completed 4 department trainings which included; Mass casualty, grain bin rescue, initial fire response tactics and joint training with the Van Wert Sheriffs Department on active shooter with our tactical EMS teams.**
- **Completed life safety inspection on all occupancies in one year. First time in history of the department.**
- **Completed over 650 commercial occupancies OVAPs (Occupancy Vulnerability Assessment Profile). All occupancies within the fire department jurisdiction.**
- **Upgraded exhaust removal system to capture all particulates on apparatus in station.**
- **Completed over 4400 hours of training.**
- **Collaboration with Vantage Career Center on three story training building. Completed project will be capable of live burns and multiple training simulations.**
- **Updated EMS protocols.**
- **Updated all lighting on both aerial apparatus to LED.**
- **Increased our Out of Station -90% of the time ( 2 minutes) 3% from previous year. 2020-69%, 2021-72%.**

# STATISTICS



## STAFFING

19 SWORN PERSONNEL

19 suppression personnel –Firefighters/EMTs, Lieutenants, Captains and Fire Chief

10 reserve personnel

## AVERAGE DAILY MANPOWER

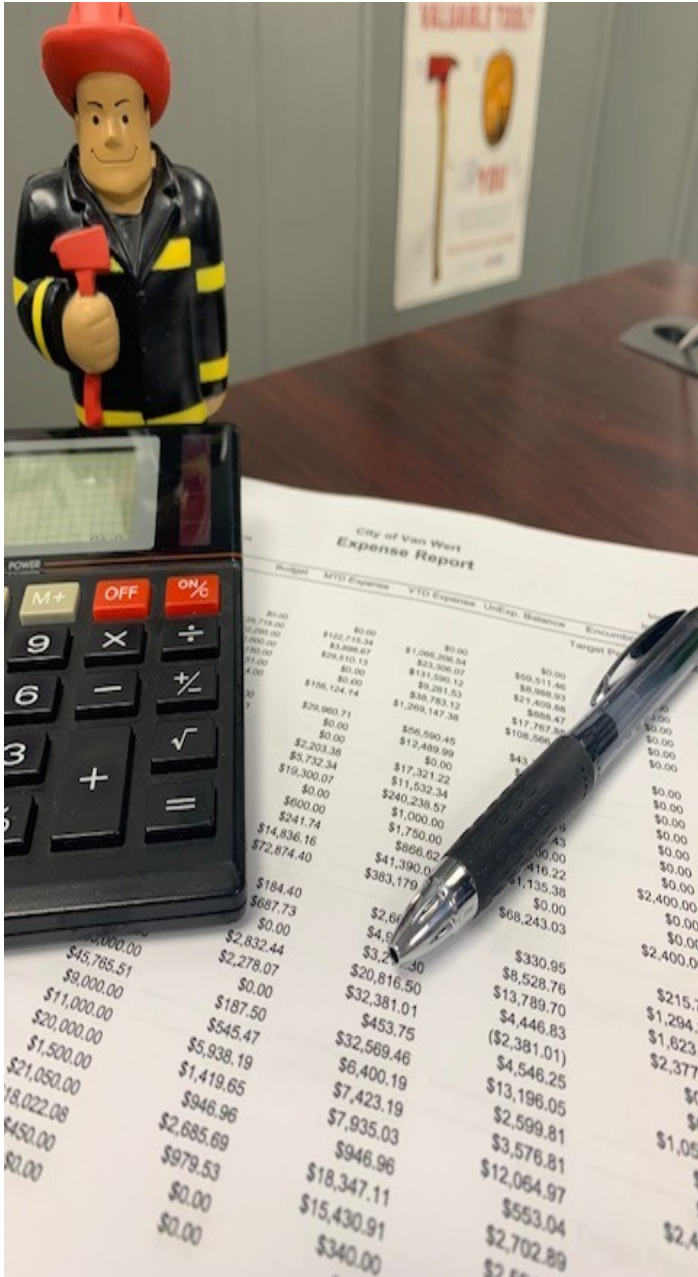
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## CALLS FOR SERVICE

2170

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	49	2.26%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	2	0.09%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	1946	89.68%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	37	1.71%
Service Call	19	0.88%
Good Intent Call	60	2.76%
False Alarm & False Call	52	2.4%
Special Incident Type	5	0.23%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2170</b>	<b>100%</b>

# 2021 BUDGET



**\$2,413,614**

**Total Budget**

**13.4%** of City budget dedicated to Fire Department

**\$1,881,446**

**Personal Services**

This includes wages, overtime, pension, healthcare, etc.

**\$185,853**

**Operations**

This includes items for daily operations, utilities, fuel, etc.

**\$346,316**

**2021 Capital Improvements**

Installation of exhaust removal system in station

Upgraded all lights on aerial apparatus to LED

Replaced tires on 3 apparatus due to age

Equipment and supplies related to COVID **\$70,848**

# PUBLIC RELATIONS

The department strives to continually promote positive public relations with the citizens of Van Wert City and Van Wert County. The department works with our schools on fire prevention and safety, along with participating in numerous other events throughout the year. The department returned to providing station tours to the public in 2021. This was missed in 2020 due to COVID.



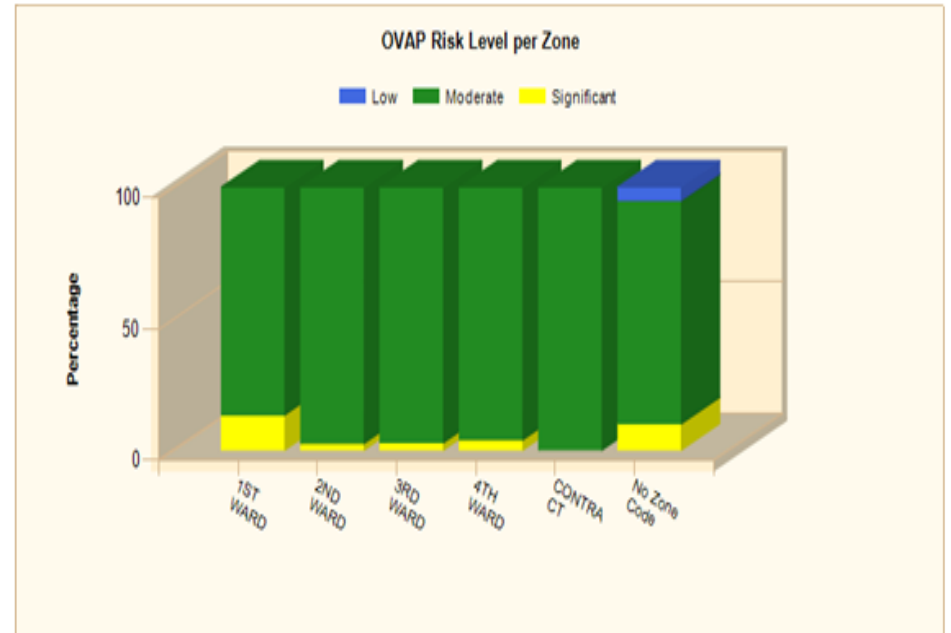
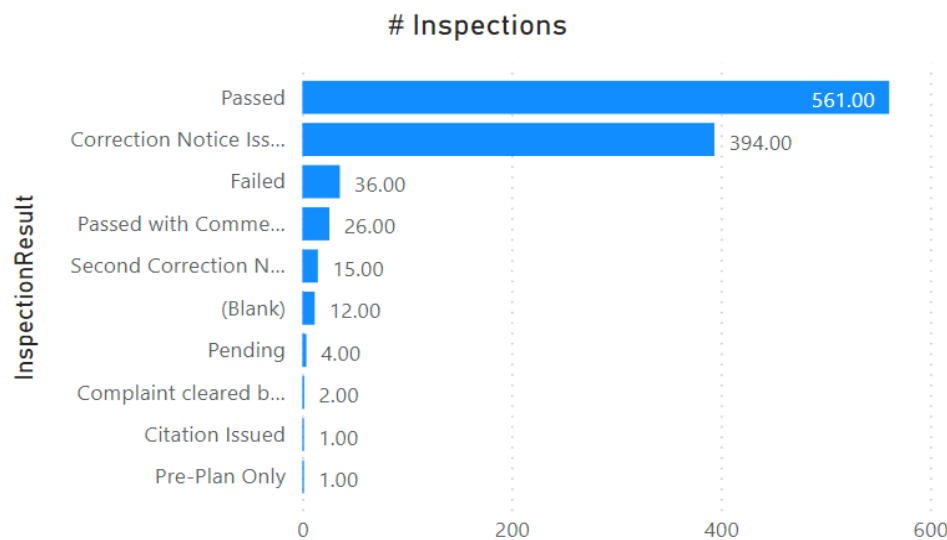
2021 marks the fifth year of having student from the Van Wert High School Career Education Opportunity (CEO) program. This program gives student the opportunity to be on station over weekday for two school periods. During that time they participate activities with the on-duty personnel. They also respond to emergency incidents and learn from real life situations. The department has hired two of the previous students as full-time firefighter/EMTs.

he department , along with the Van Wert County Fire Chiefs Association, gave every kindergarten child in Van Wert County a smoke detector with a 10 year battery for their home.

# FIRE PREVENTION

2021 was designated as a year of identifying the risk to our community. The department focused on completing an Occupancy Vulnerability Assessment Profile (OVAP) on all the occupancies in the department's jurisdiction. An OVAP was completed, in whole, on all occupancies within our community.

The department also completed a life safety inspection on all occupancies within the community. This was the first time in the history of the department that this was completed in one year. The inspection is completed for the following reasons: helps prevent the loss of life, decreases the exposure of risk to firefighters, prevents loss of property and can help decrease response times. The department completed 1052 total inspections in 2021.



Risk Level	OVAP Score	Number Occupancies	Percent
<b>ZONE : 1ST WARD - 1ST WARD</b>			
Significant	59.99 - 40.00	21	3.42%
Moderate	39.99 - 15.00	135	21.99%
<b>ZONE : 2ND WARD - 2ND WARD</b>			
Significant	59.99 - 40.00	2	0.33%
Moderate	39.99 - 15.00	75	12.21%
<b>ZONE : 3RD WARD - 3RD WARD</b>			
Significant	59.99 - 40.00	7	1.14%
Moderate	39.99 - 15.00	239	38.93%
<b>ZONE : 4TH WARD - 4TH WARD</b>			
Significant	59.99 - 40.00	4	0.65%
Moderate	39.99 - 15.00	98	15.96%
<b>ZONE : CONTRACT - CONTRACTUAL AREA</b>			
Moderate	39.99 - 15.00	13	2.12%
<b>ZONE : No Zone Assigned</b>			
Significant	59.99 - 40.00	2	0.33%
Moderate	39.99 - 15.00	17	2.77%
Low	14.99 - 00.01	1	0.16%
<b># Occupancies with Complete OVAP scores</b>		<b>614</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b># Occupancies with Incomplete OVAP scores</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

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# TRAINING

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6427

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS

2280

FIRE TRAINING HOURS

2226

FITNESS TRAINING HOURS

1921

EMS TRAINING HOURS

2021 Training Achievements:

4 Departmental trainings



# KPI'S

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The departments Key Performance Indicator targets are to meet an out of station time of less than 2 minutes and a on scene time of 6 minutes or less on 90% of our incidents.



69%

TURNOUT TIME 2 MINUTES OR LESS TARGET ACHIEVED

1 MINUTE 48 SECONDS

AVERAGE OUT OF STATION TIME

73%

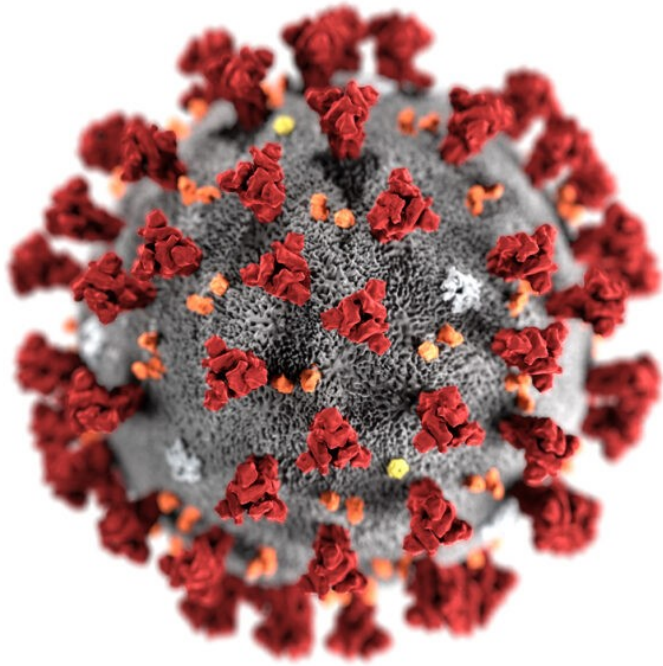
RESPONSE TIME 6 MINUTES OR LESS TARGET ACHIEVED

5 MINUTES 18 SECONDS

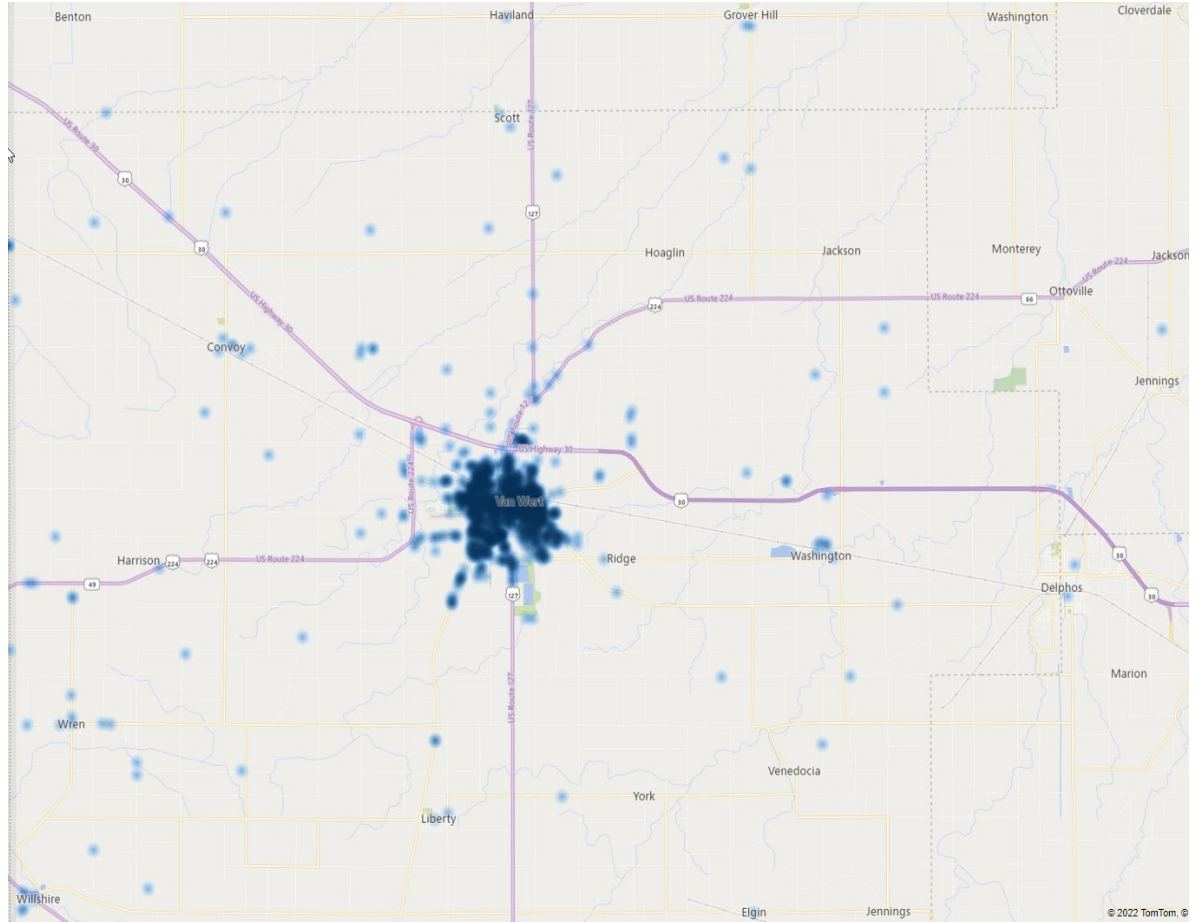
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME TO SCENE

# COVID

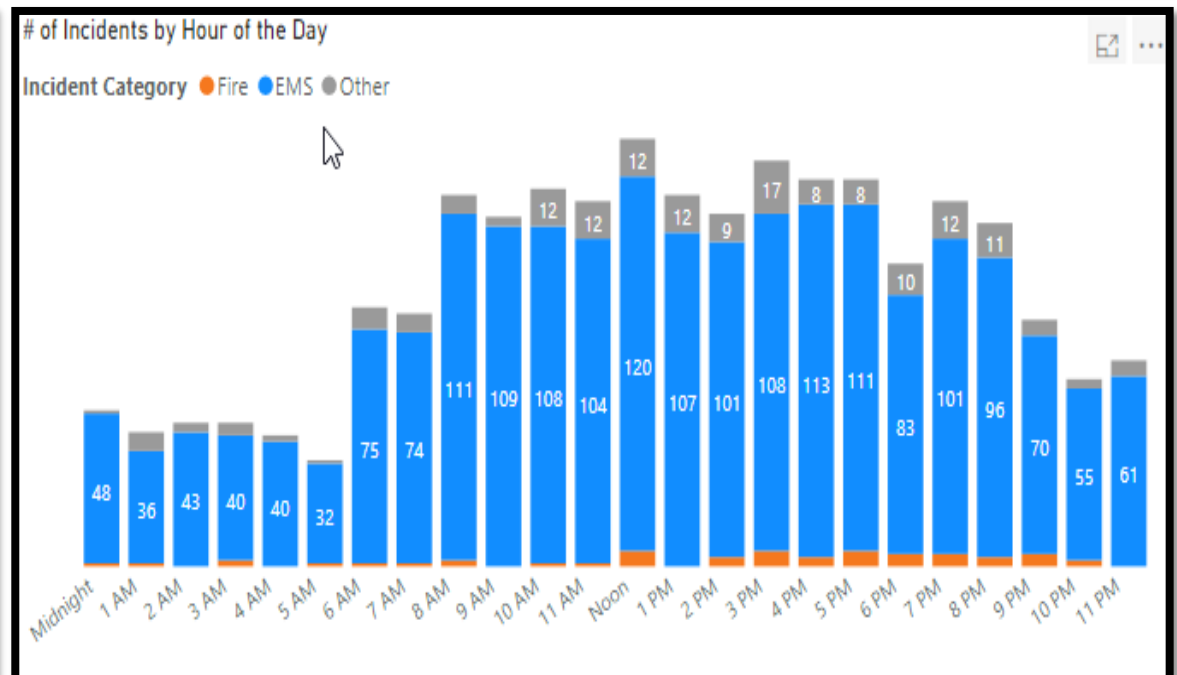
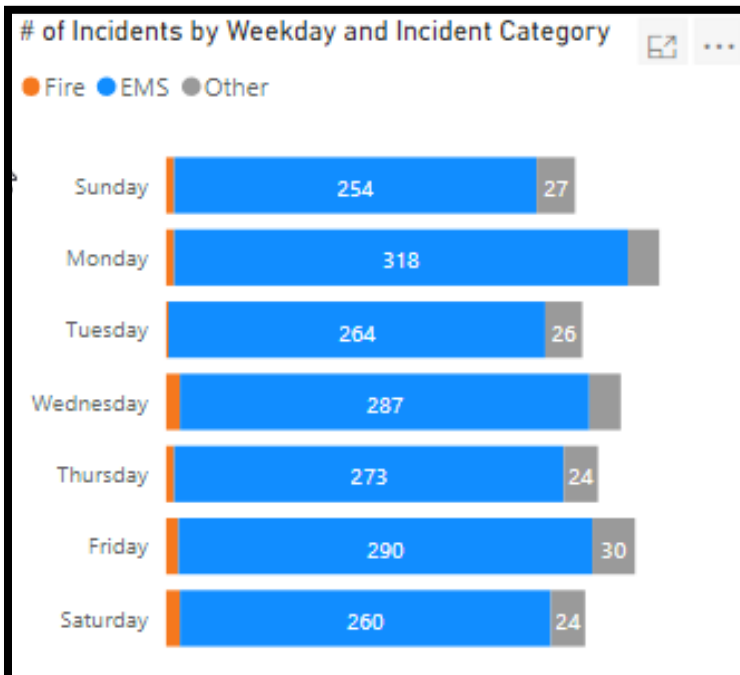
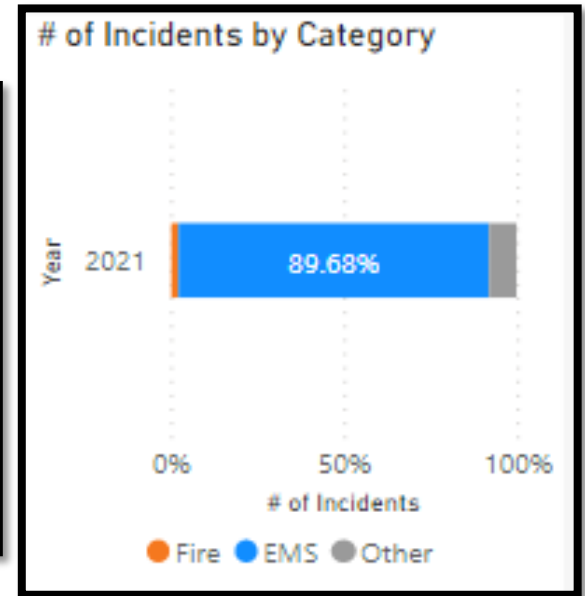
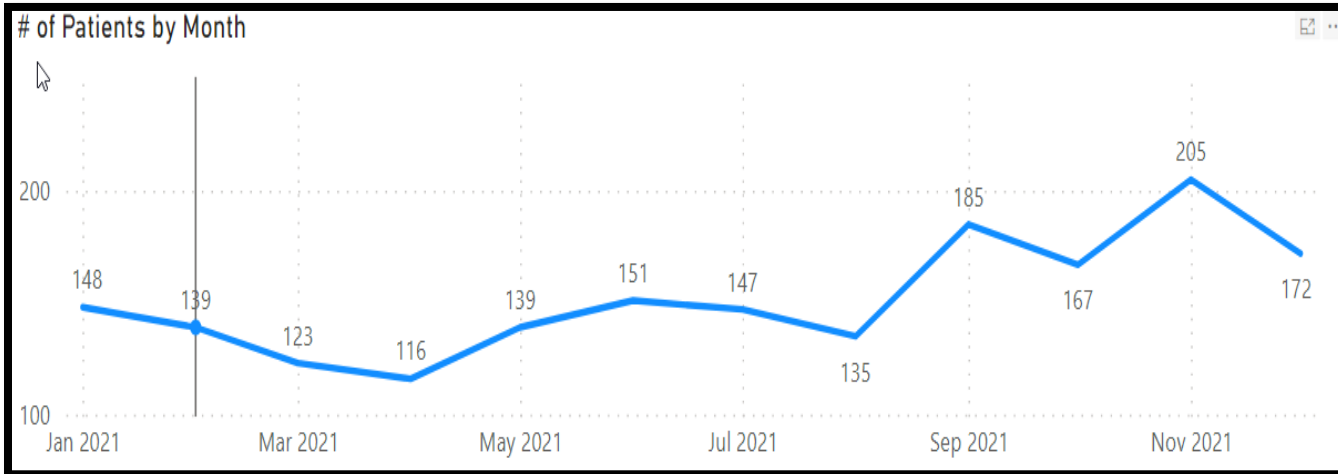
2021 was the year of COVID. The department adapted and overcame the additional complications of responding to COVID patients. The department spent an additional \$70,848 for COVID equipment and supplies.



COVID19	# of Incidents
Suspected	45
Confirmed	84
Not a Factor	835
Unknown	1,206
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,170</b>



# INCIDENT STATISTICS



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## Detailed Losses For Date Range

Start Date: 01/01/2021 | End Date: 12/31/2021

# INCIDENTS	TOTAL PRE-INCIDENT PROP. VAL.	TOTAL PRE-INCIDENT CONT. VAL.	TOTAL PRE-INCIDENT VAL.	AVG. VAL.	TOTAL PROP. LOSS	TOTAL CONT. LOSS	TOTAL LOSSES	AVERAGE LOSS
10	\$2,116,990.00	\$1,091,500.00	\$3,208,490.00	\$320,849.00	\$130,950.00	\$37,000.00	\$167,950.00	\$16,795.00

## MUTUAL AID

Aid Given-103

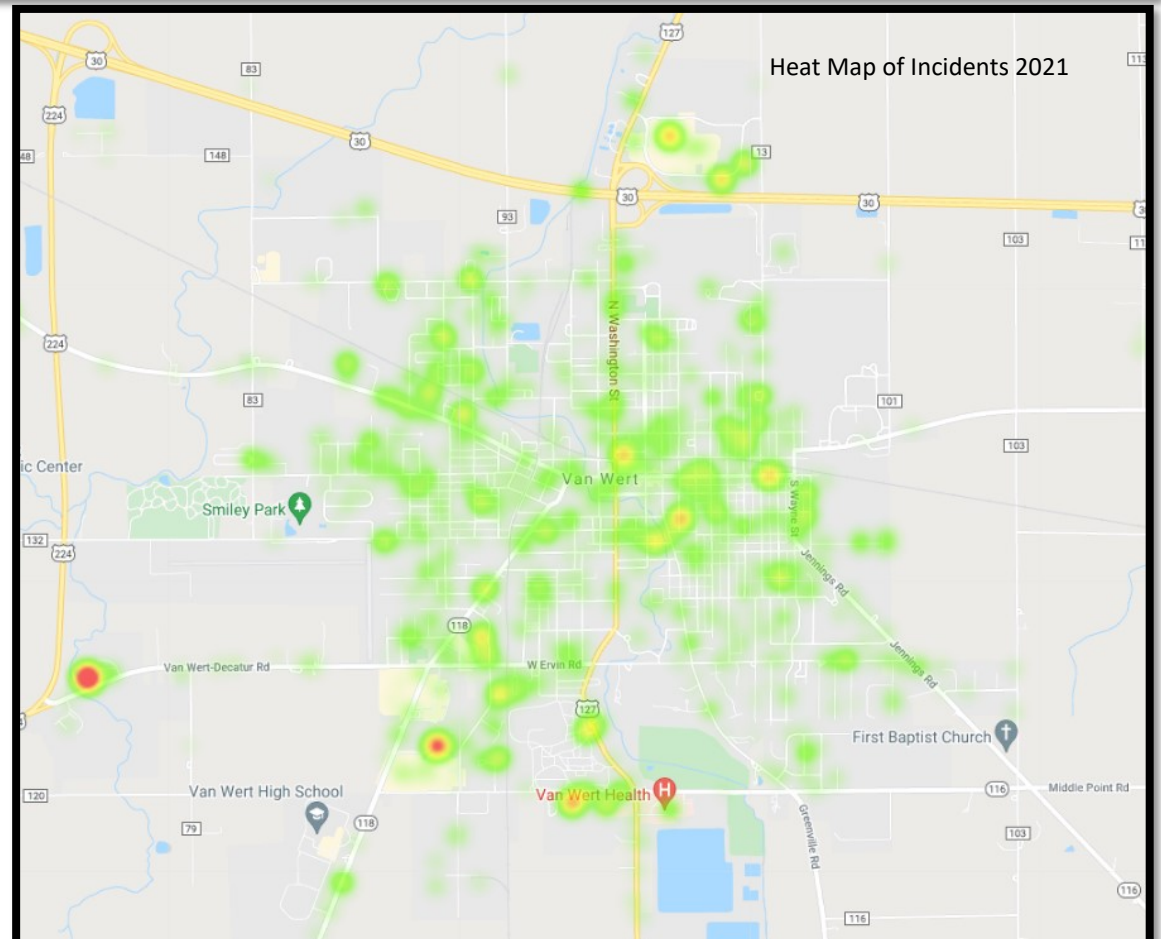
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## OVERLAPPING CALLS

(Two or more incidents simultaneously)

316 incidents

14.56%



# 2021 OUTLOOK



The department is looking forward to another year of serving our community. Our community will always come first, in serving our residents and the people visiting our community. Quick response, training and, our departments health will continue to be our focus for 2022.

For 2022 we have specifically set our objectives.

- Stay healthy physically and mentally
- 90% efficiency on leaving the station under 2 minutes
- Explore and develop strategic plan
- Plan & spec new apparatus to replace our 2001 Engine 4
- Training
  - Plan & conduct 6 departmental trainings
  - One hour of training daily
  - All member meet 100 hours minimum physical training