

# LIGHTS & SIRENS

KEEPING YOU SAFE AND UP TO DATE

## 2008 Year in Review

### By Fire Chief, D. Scott Baldwin

I am privileged and honored to serve as your Fire Chief. Cedarville Township is a great place to live and work. I am thankful that God has given me the ability and the opportunity. It has been another interesting and busy year with many positive and challenging events. Our goal is to provide you and the citizens of Cedarville Township, the Village of Cedarville, and Ross Township the best service possible at an affordable price. Thank you for your support and dedication this past year. I am looking forward to working with you as we face the challenges of 2009.

#### DEPARTMENT PROFILE

**Coverage** area consists of approximately 55 square miles

**Population** is approximately 6,500

**Cedarville University** has approximately 3,600 students, faculty, and staff.

#### Equipment:

1999 Engine 11 with Compressed Air Foam System

1997 Ambulance 13 Advanced Life Support (ALS)

1992 Ambulance 11 ALS

1994 Heavy Rescue 11

2004 Command 11 Ford Excursion

2004 Ford F-450 Brush 11

2008 Ford F-150 4X4 Truck, Command 13

1982/2001 Engine/Tanker 11

1978 Pierce Tanker 13

1985/2006 Aerial Platform 95'

2003 Fire Simulator Burn Trailer

2001 Mass Casualty Trailer MC-1

2001 Underwater Recovery Trailer Water 11

**Personnel:** Total members 40

#### MEMBERS

During the past year our members have spent over 4,500 hours in training to acquire certifications and to meet continuing education requirements. This is an average of over 12 hours per day, every day of the year. With required Federal, State, and Department training, along with the number of calls, it has been very challenging for our volunteers. With full-time jobs and families, the availability of time to volunteer has become more difficult. For those currently serving, I cannot express the gratitude I have for the commitment and dedication that you give to the department and community. The sacrifices you and your families make do not go unnoticed. The job would not get done without dedicated professionals as yourselves. Nineteen (19) of our members are students at Cedarville University (CU). Along with getting an education at CU, they have a passion to serve in our community. To all past and present members, THANK YOU!

WEB: [www.ctvfd.org](http://www.ctvfd.org)

We have had over 1,290 different people access our web site this past year. We have had over 3,400 hits from 47 states and 24 different countries viewing our web site. Please visit our website to obtain information on the Department and other interesting news and links. Thanks to Eric Bell for keeping our web site current.

#### Total EMS Personnel: 30 Emergency Medical Technicians

Level:	Members:	Required classroom hours:
Basic	16	130 hours
Intermediate	4	260 hours
Paramedic	10	930 hours

#### Total Firefighters: 26

Basic	13	36 hours
Level I	4	120 hours
Level I1	9	240 hours

18 members are crossed trained and have certification in both fire and EMS.

#### CALLS FOR 2008

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
<b>Fire Calls:</b>	<b>256</b>	228	241	232	195	240
<b>EMS:</b>	<b>344</b>	363	349	363	359	356
<b>Public Service:</b>	<b>121</b>	90	92	77	113	125
<b>Total Calls:</b>	<b>721</b>	681	682	672	667	721

#### Ross Township Calls

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
<b>Fire Calls:</b>	<b>9</b>	12	11	9	18	11
<b>EMS Calls:</b>	<b>17</b>	24	23	27	28	40
<b>Public Service:</b>	<b>4</b>	1	4	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Calls:</b>	<b>30</b>	37	38	36	46	51

#### ROSS TOWNSHIP

Trustees: Mike Brown, Steve Hart, and Jim Spahr, Fiscal Officer: Lee Snell

Cedarville Township has a contract to provide Emergency Services to the northern half of Ross Township. The annual contract fee is \$12,500.00. In addition, we also do EMS billing for ambulance services, just as we do in our own jurisdiction.

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#### YEAR TO DATE CALL COUNT

As of Feb. 25, 2009

- EMS - 56
- FIRE - 39
- PUBLIC SERVICE - 8

The Cedarville Township Volunteer Fire Department exists to provide EMS, Fire and other services to our community. Among these services we ensure compliance with the fire code among local businesses. We are also available to do home safety inspections upon request, simply to make safety suggestions for your home. If you have an emergency please dial 911.

During this past year, Ross Township provided additional funding, which allowed us to repair the pump on Tanker 11. The repair cost was \$5,100.00. Their generosity helped ease the strain on our budget. Thank you to the Ross Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer, and the residents of Ross Township. It is always a pleasure to work with you and I appreciate your support.

**FIRE PREVENTION**

Kyle Miller, Assistant Chief, is a full-time employee hired to help ease the burden of our volunteers. One of his many duties includes fire inspections which are instrumental to fire prevention. These inspections are performed annually on all businesses. In fact, Kyle made 266 inspections in 2008.

We review blue prints for new construction and upgrades to existing structures; i.e., multifamily homes, industrial, and commercial facilities. Inspections are done on new construction to ensure the most current safety standards are in place. In older buildings, we look for fire and life safety hazards. To Kyle and other members who have assisted with inspections, thanks. The cost of prevention comes with a price and at times may seem to be an inconvenience to the owners. To the owners of the buildings that are being inspected, THANK YOU! Your concern for safety and your cooperation are appreciated.

**INSPECTIONS IN 2008**

Annual inspections: 128  
 Re-inspections: 138

**I receive several calls per year in reference to insurance ratings. Here's information regarding our ISO inspection from 2006.**

**ISO INSPECTION 2006**

In May of 2006, the Insurance Services Office (ISO) performed a Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey. The areas involved in the survey were the Village of Cedarville, Cedarville Township, and Ross Township. Each area is graded independently and a number from 1-10 is assigned to that area. In some cases, usually outside a municipality, areas may be assigned multiple numbers.

**THE RESULTS**

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>
Village of Cedarville	57.43 of 100	Class 5
Cedarville Township	75.00 of 100	Class 3/8B
Ross Township	>5 mile road distance	Class 8B/10

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

The lower your Classification number is the better rate for your insurance premium. The Village remained the same, a Class 5. We are only lacking 2.57 points to get to a Class 4. Once the 12-inch water main loop is completed to the north end of town, our water flows should improve. We may request a re-grade to see if we can improve our classification, depending on the hydrant flows.

Cedarville Township was a 5/8/9 and is now a 3/8B. The 3 is for homes outside the Village limits and within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant and less than 1.5 miles from the fire station. The 8B is for homes greater than 1,000 feet from a hydrant and less than 5 miles from the fire station. The classification change is a result of the ability to carry 4,000 gallons or more of water on our initial response. This contributes to the decrease from a rating of 9 to 8B, which should provide a small savings in your insurance premiums.

Ross Township received a classification of 8B/10. The 8B is for the amount of water, the 10 is for homes with a travel distance greater than 5 miles from the fire station.

**HOW DOES THIS COMPARE?**

This chart shows how the classifications compared across the nation:

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>PERCENT NATIONWIDE</u>	<u>JURISDICTIONS</u>
1	<0.1%	47
2	1.0%	419
<b>3</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>1594</b>
4	5.2%	2189
<b>5</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>5044</b>
6	20.3%	8578
7	15.2%	6412
8	6.5%	2727
<b>8B</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>330</b>
9	32.3%	13631
<b>10</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>1272</b>

**CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

This ambulance service assists us with coverage to Cedarville University. They also provide us with back-up services when needed. It is operated by state certified EMS personnel that are students at the University and volunteer their time. During this past year, the University students responded to nearly 100 calls for help. Thanks to CU EMS Chief Jeff Whitacre, your dedicated staff, and Cedarville University for the service you provide.

**ASSISTANT CHIEF KYLE MILLER & CHIEF SCOTT BALDWIN**

As the two-full time employees for the fire department, I thought I would share our man hours for 2008. Kyle Miller worked 314 days and a total of 2,458 hours. I worked 335 days and 2,946 hours. Thanks to Kyle and his family, for your commitment, leadership, and dedication to Cedarville Township and the Cedarville Township Fire Department.

**COMMAND 13**

In 2008 we replaced a 1983 Chevy pickup truck with a new 2008 Ford F-150 pickup truck. Cost for the entire project including emergency equipment was \$19,978.00.

**NEW MEETING ROOM AND KITCHEN**

Our meeting room and kitchen were remodeled with new carpet, paint, floor tile, audiovisual equipment, cabinets, lighting, ceiling grid, and appliances. The total cost of the project was a little over \$42,000.00. This was a cooperative effort between the Township and the Cedarville Firemen's Association. Brentwood Builders of Cedarville was contracted to do the work and did an outstanding job.

The Association provided new appliances, audiovisual equipment, window blinds, and funds for the project, totaling \$12,966.60.

**CEDARVILLE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Along with the nearly \$13,000.00 for the meeting room and kitchen remodel, the Association made many other purchases to help the fire department. The fire department budget could not afford these projects so the Association was gracious enough to make some much needed purchases. Some of the items were: (2) new chainsaws, \$2,948.00; (2) new circular saws, \$2,747.80; A new sign in front of the firehouse, \$2,920.26; Computer equipment, \$548.99; Rescue helmets, \$289.74; CPR manikins, \$1,291.88; Stryker ambulance cots, \$7,709.44; Public relations, \$138.43; and Awards Banquet and personnel recognition, \$2,770.73. These purchases totaled \$34,449.44. Purchases for office supplies, cleaning equipment, food for meetings and trainings, and other odds and ends were not included in the purchases made by the Association. Thanks to the Association and its members for their great financial support!

**WINDSTORM OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2008**

By 1pm in the afternoon the calls started coming in: power lines down, trees into houses, roads blocked by falling debris, arcing power lines, residents without power needing medical attention, some patients transported to hospitals, the next 24 hours were almost nonstop.

Our equipment and personnel were dispatched to calls in all areas of our jurisdiction. We received help from lots of people, helping with debris removal, cutting fallen trees and brush, and opening up roadways for emergency equipment access.

Our fire station was open as our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and in contact with the County EOC. We dispatched for the eastern part of Greene County due to problems with the Communications Center and the Greene County radio system.

We responded to over 70 calls in 24 hours. In the days that followed, water was distributed at the fire station, as well as water to livestock. Generators were in use and many areas and residents received help to fulfill some of their needs. We were in contact with DP&L and continued to request their assistance to restore power to our area.

The affects of this storm will be felt for a long time, but the first 7 days were the worst. The cost as a result of the storm to a budget that was already stressed has created a major challenge with our funds. We have made application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help recoup some of our costs. With former President George W. Bush declaring our area as a Federal Disaster Area, we should be able to recoup approximately \$12,000.00.

As in the past, I have seen the people of Cedarville and Cedarville Township join together to address these difficult situations. The tornado of 1974 and others over the years, like the blizzards in 1977, 1978, ice storms in the 1980's, fires, neighbors with medical problems and just about any other problem you can imagine, the people in our area are heroes. Neighbors helping neighbors, bannning together to make things better than before: I for one am proud to call Cedarville home.

**2009 OUTLOOK**

As we move into 2009, there are several projects underway. We are continually working on staffing issues. As mandatory training requirements continue to increase and with our call load, it is becoming more difficult to recruit volunteers. As our membership continues to decrease, more is required from our members. When the University is in session, we can always count on our student members to help out. During holidays and when the University is out of session, staffing becomes a critical issue. During this time, our membership is reduced to 21. Of those 21, some are working while others are on vacation, which limits their availability. This requires us to depend on automatic mutual aid from other departments that surround our jurisdiction. I am grateful for good neighbors. Thanks to those Chiefs and their staffs for responding to assist us.

The Firemen's Association is actively seeking new members. A recruit committee has been established and seeking new members to volunteer and help our community. Application for membership is obtained through the Firemen's Association, while appointment to the Fire Department is by the Chief.

The increased cost of operations is always a concern. Fortunately by being good stewards of your tax dollars, we are able to manage those costs. However, sometime in the near future, regardless of how frugal we are with managing costs and purchases, we may need to go to the taxpayers and ask for help. This will only be done as a last resort.

Our goal is to maintain the level of service which you deserve.

Our 1992 ambulance has been replaced with a new Ford/Horton Ambulance and was delivered February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The cost for the new ambulance is \$160,514.62. It will be

purchased through a lease purchase agreement over the next 5 years.

**A QUICK LOOK AT BUDGET INCOME**

Property tax, 5.4 mils:	\$225,000.00 per year
EMS & Crash billing:	75,000.00 per year
Contract Services:	15,000.00 per year
Grants and Gifts:	<u>10,000.00 per year</u>
Approximate Total:	\$325,000.00 per year

A copy of our budget and appropriations may be obtained by contacting the Township Fiscal Officer, Mr. Bob Ankeney at 937-766-1851.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

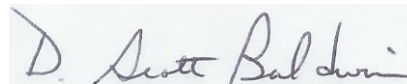
In summary, I would like to recognize the Cedarville Township Trustees, Kent Campbell, Jeff Ewry, and Wayne Maxie. I appreciate the job they do and their service to the residents of Cedarville Township and the fire department. I also appreciate the Township Fiscal Officer, Bob Ankeney, for his accurate accounting of taxpayer's money. In addition, I want to thank Township Road Superintendent, Ron Ankeney and his staff for their assistance throughout the year.

I would like to thank our members and their families for all they do and the sacrifices they make to provide such great service. I would also like to thank Kevin Dougherty, President, and the Executive Officers of the Cedarville Firemen's Association. It was an honor and pleasure to work with you.

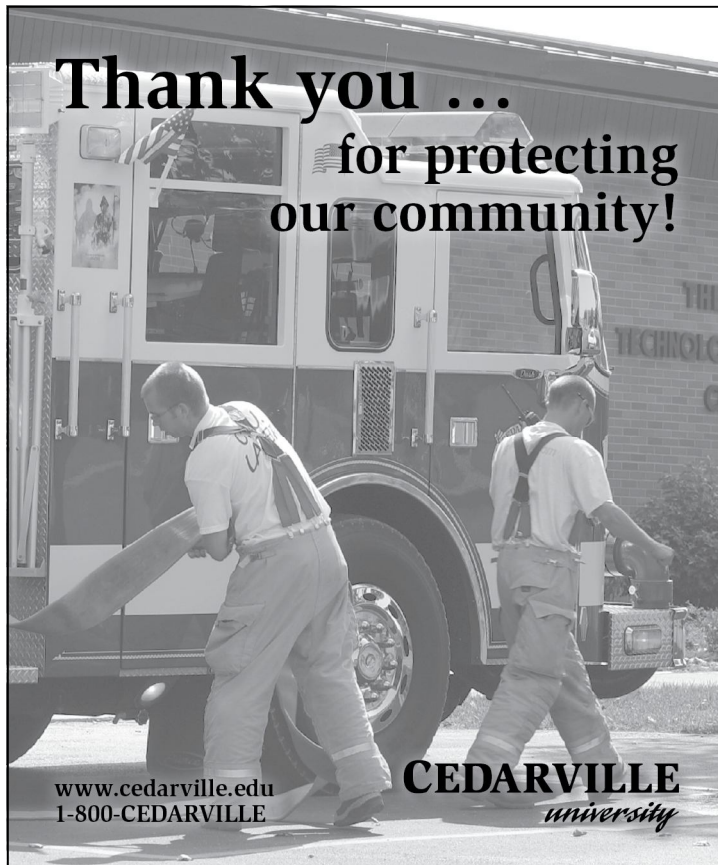
A special thanks to Dr. Lynn Bailey and Dr. Steve Dixon, our Medical Directors. As EMS providers, they allow us to operate under their license for pre-hospital protocols. Also, I would like to thank the staffs of the area hospitals for their quick response and care of our patients and our EMS crews.

In conclusion, to the residents of Cedarville and Cedarville Township, thanks for your help and support. It is a great honor to serve as your Fire Chief in this wonderful community. Without your support, we could not deliver the level of service that you deserve. If you ever need anything or have any concerns, please contact me at 766-5851.

Respectfully submitted,



D. Scott Baldwin  
Fire Chief  
Cedarville Township



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Thank you for your help!



## Lights and Sirens

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## Cedarville Township

### Fire Department

## Call for Volunteers!

Cedarville Township Volunteer Fire Department is devoted to serving and protecting our community. We protect the community from devastating fire damages, respond in cases of medical emergencies, provide medical services to those involved in car accidents, teach the children in our community fire safety, and so much more. And...we need your help!

We are asking you, as a member of Cedarville, to make a difference in your community. Come and join the Cedarville Fire Department. You *do not* need to have fire or EMS certification or experience. We will help you find the classes and experience that you will need to be prepared for the emergencies that you will face. We are looking for individuals who are interested in serving as a EMS provider, a firefighter, or both. Even if you do not feel ready to join the department give us a call, we can use help around the station and would love to plug you in somewhere. Cooking, cleaning, answering phones, washing trucks... if you are willing please let us know!

The Cedarville Fire Department is dependent on volunteers! We have 2 full-time paid employees: Chief Scott Baldwin and Assistant Chief Kyle Miller. The rest of the department is made up of volunteers. Our current members are doing a great job at covering calls, but as our community continues to grow and change there is greater need for fire and EMS services. We need people like YOU to answer the call, to be apart of something bigger than yourself and to join your local fire department.

**Who:** You

**How:** Fill out an application located on our website ([www.ctvfd.org](http://www.ctvfd.org)), pick one up at the fire department or call 766-5851

**When:** Today

**Questions:** Please call today, we look forward to hearing from YOU

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