



# Milford Fire Department & Ambulance Service, Inc.

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To: Borough Council

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Re: Milford Fire Department 2023 First Quarter Fire Report

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**Andy Fortuin**  
Captain

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Lieutenant

**Dillan Miller**  
Ambulance Captain

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## 1. Officer Lines

**Aaron May**  
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### Operations Officers

Michael Bello – Chief of Department  
Jeffery Christensen – 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief  
Eric Passaro – 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief  
Andrew Fortuin – Fire Captain  
Eric Langberg - Fire Lieutenant  
Dillan Miller – EMS Captain

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## 2. Membership and Recruitment.

After a very successful 2023, wherein we added 14 new members. The Milford Fire Department continues to recruit new members regularly and has added two new members this first quarter. This active recruitment allowed staffing to continue to be one of our department's strengths. This brings our total number of active department members to 45, the highest this total has been in many years. The Milford Fire Department continues to recruit at both in person events as well as online through social media outlets.

### Summary

- 2 new members added in 2023 so far.
- Total staff of 45 active Firefighting Volunteers

## 3. Training

The Milford Fire Department has continued its commitment to training into the first months of 2023. To date, we have conducted 18 department level drills. These have covered topics such as: search and victim rescue, downed firefighter removal, hose line advancement, water supply, forcible entry, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, carbon monoxide response, technical rescue disciplines and many other topics. These drills are task oriented and always directed towards the improvement of the services provide. Additionally, 7 members are currently attending Pike County Firefighting Essentials. Members have also taken multiple county level courses including CO Emergency Response and Thermal Imaging Camera Operations. In total the members of the Milford Fire Department have logged in excess of 500 man hours of training so far in 2023, following up on a very active training year in 2022; where members achieved over 4000 hours of training.

### Summary

- Members of the Milford Fire Department in 2023 participated in over 500-man hours of training so far.
- 7 Milford Fire Department members are currently enrolled in the entry level fire training program.
- 13 Members Trained in Emergency use of Milford Fire Department's UTV.



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## 4. Call Totals.

The Milford Fire Department remained very busy to open the 2023 calendar year with 121 responses of the writing of this report. This follows our busiest year to date in 2022 with 452 responses. Every non-canceled dispatch resulted in an adequate response of apparatus. In many cases the membership was able to staff more units than originally requested.

### Summary

- 121 total responses for the first quarter of 2023.
- 0 (Zero) failures to crew or scratched responses.

## 5. Response Times and Staffing.

During the first quarter of 2023 The Milford Fire Department has continued to see an improvement in both our response times and staffing totals. We pride ourselves on being the fastest responding fire agency in the county as well as being able to provide an unmatched total of trained responders.

In our first quarter of 2023, the response time of The Milford Fire Department has decreased to an average of just 5 ½ minutes from dispatch. Due to our decreased response times, on multiple occasions the Milford Fire Department has been the first fire unit on scene to an incident multiple agencies away. This level of staffing has also allowed us to respond to multiple incidents in the surrounding area while also being able to staff additional units for any emergencies in Milford. Additionally, not only does the apparatus respond quickly, but on average they are responding fully staffed with an average of 9 emergency responders at any time of day.

### Summary

- The Milford Fire Department averages over 9 members responding per call. (These numbers average lower due to the seating restrictions of apparatus.)
- The Milford Fire Department averages a response time of approx. 5 ½ minutes from time of dispatch.



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## 5. Community Involvement

The Milford Fire Department prides itself on being an active part of the community. Already this year we have hosted multiple community days and have plans of being even more active as the year progresses. Some of these events are:

- Fireworks displays in Milford, Westfall and Dingman Townships.
- Easter Open House
- Rev-It-Up car show
- Log Tavern Oktoberfest
- Hosting musical acts for The Milford Music Festival

We are happy to pursue any opportunity that allows the public to know how accessible and involved we are. These types of events allow us to demonstrate our mission to contribute to the community even in the absence of an emergency.

### Summary

- The Milford Fire Department has plans to attend more than a dozen community events in 2023.

## 6. Fundraising

In addition to the hours of training required of our members and the time spent responding to emergencies, the membership of the department continues to participate in fundraising activities throughout the year in order to limit the reliance on local tax payers whenever possible.

Members participated in the following fundraising activities during the first quarter of the 2023 financial year:

- Coin Drop
- Pool Fills
- Calendar Sales
- T-Shirt and Merchandise Sales
- Fund Drives
- Federal and State grant submissions



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## 7. Enhancing our Capabilities

The Milford Fire Department remains committed to enhancing the capabilities of our department to better serve our community.

In early 2023 The Milford Fire Department placed 33 UTV into service. The new vehicle is set up with fire suppression and patient removal equipment. This vehicle will allow us quickly deliver rescue and suppression services to the remote areas of our communities; as well as allow us to navigate congested urban conditions such as Music Festival crowds to deliver EMS services.

### Summary

- The Milford Fire Department has added a UTV to our fleet of emergency apparatus.

For questions or clarifications on the content of this report. Please contact the Chief of the Department at [chief@milfordfire33.com](mailto:chief@milfordfire33.com)