

# The 2021 Annual Report of Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue Company



Prepared by the Executive Board, Fire Officers and Membership

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# Our Year in Review

The Officers and members of the Gilbertsville Fire & Rescue Company are proud to present the following information of our activities in 2021.

We responded to 270 calls for service in 2021. This is a decrease from 284 calls for service in 2020. Members logged 772 hours and 48 minutes on emergency incidents.

This was our seventeenth full year of providing fire, rescue and emergency services to the residents, businesses and visitors of Douglass Township. We continue to have the responsibility of acquiring additional resources and updating equipment as needed. The fire department improved tactical and strategic operations with extensive training and planning. On the financial side, the fire department was able to maintain its level of service and started the construction of a new firehouse facility.

From its inception in 2005 to the present, the Gilbertsville Fire & Rescue Company has been and today remains a "family" comprised of 32 Volunteer Firefighters, 6 Fire Police Officers, 1 Junior Firefighter, 6 Explorer Firefighters and an additional 10 contributing members who dedicate themselves to protecting their fellow residents, neighbors, businesses and others needing emergency assistance.

For the volunteers who continue to provide the foundation of the department and its services, it is worthy to note that their personal and professional commitments and dedication continue to save the township and its taxpayers millions of dollars per year. They have responded to every call received for emergency assistance in Douglass Township and neighboring communities without being hindered by hazardous weather or time of day/night.

In a profession where volunteers place their lives and safety on the line each day, and on each emergency to which they respond, these factors each highlight the true value of the Volunteers of Gilbertsville Fire & Rescue Company.



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# MISSION STATEMENT

To save lives and protect property of the residents, businesses, and visitors of Douglass Township with quality fire protection and fire prevention services.



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*Douglass Township*



# Grants Received



*In 2021, we received the following grant funding sources to assist in supplementing our fire and rescue services:*

**Berks County Community Foundation Boyertown Fund - \$7,500.00**

*To fund the installation of a vehicle exhaust system in the new station.*

**Montgomery County Resiliency Grant - \$50,000.00**

*To reimburse for costs associated with the construction of our new firehouse.*

**PA State Fire Commissioners Grant - \$14,440.00**

*Purchase of firefighting equipment – Squad 67*

**FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program –**

**\$ 62,572.00** – *Regional grant to purchase 9 sets of firefighter turn out gear*

**\$ 95,453.00** – *Regional grant to purchase of new fire hose and appliances.*





# Special Recognition

Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue Company is proud to announce that we have obtained recognition from the Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner for 75% of our firefighting staff being certified at various levels in accordance with nationally recognized and sanctioned professional qualification standards.

With this recognition, our department has demonstrated that we are competent and capable of providing quality fire and rescue services to the residents and visitors of this Commonwealth.

The Participating Department Recognition Program is designed to recognize departments that support, promote and encourage their emergency response personnel to voluntarily certify in accordance with nationally recognized standards.

Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue Company is one of 67 participating departments in the State of Pennsylvania and 1 of 9 participating departments in Montgomery County to obtain a 75% certification recognition.

Congratulations to all of our hard working volunteers on obtaining this very important accomplishment.

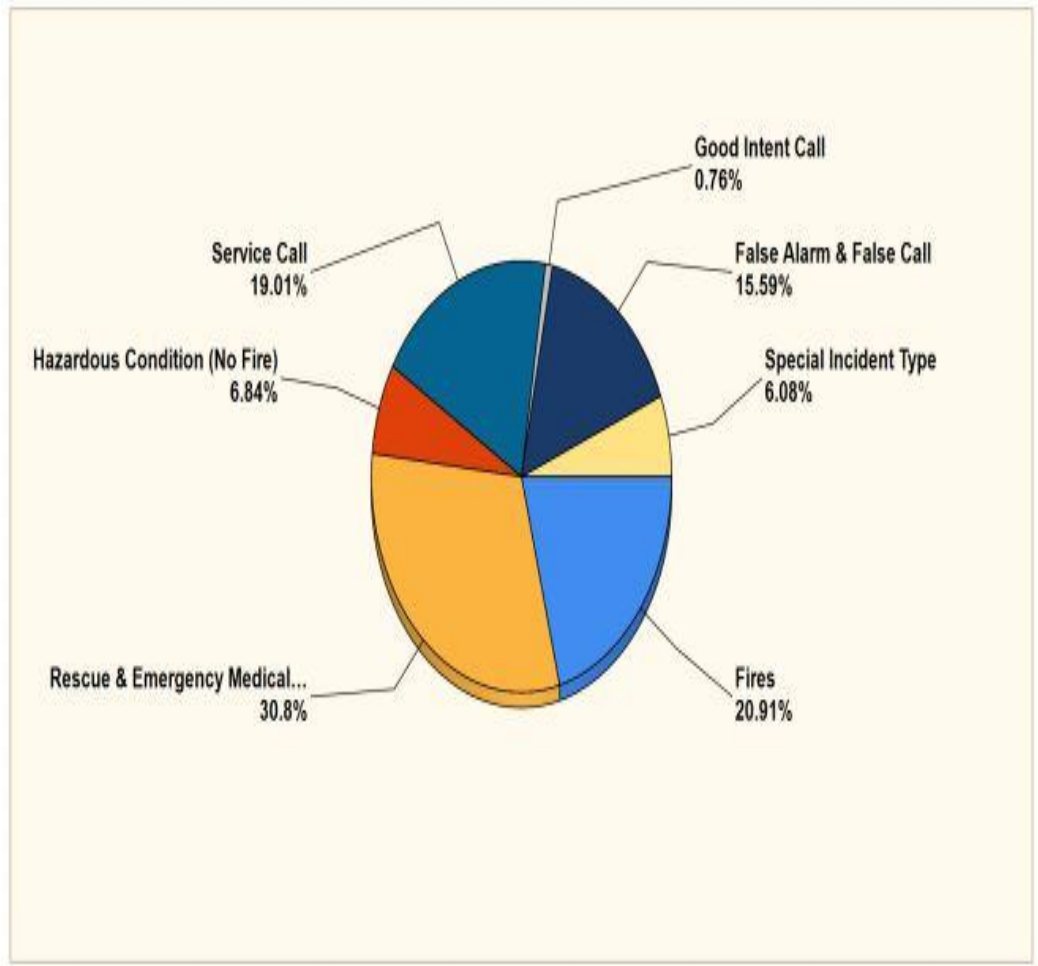


# In 2021 Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue:

Responded in the following Municipalities

- **Douglass Montgomery** 162
- **Upper Pottsgrove** 36
- **Boyertown Borough (Berks)** 15
- **Colebrookdale Township (Berks)** 14
- **New Hanover** 9
- **Pottstown** 6
- **Washington Township (Berks)** 6
- **Bechtelsville Borough (Berks)** 5
- **Lower Pottsgrove** 5
- **East Greenville** 2
- **Upper Frederick** 2
- **Lower Frederick** 2
- **Douglass Township (Berks)** 2
- **Pennsburg Borough** 2
- **Earl Township (Berks)** 1
- **Amity Township (Berks)** 1

**For a Total of 270 Calls**





# 2021 Incident Type:

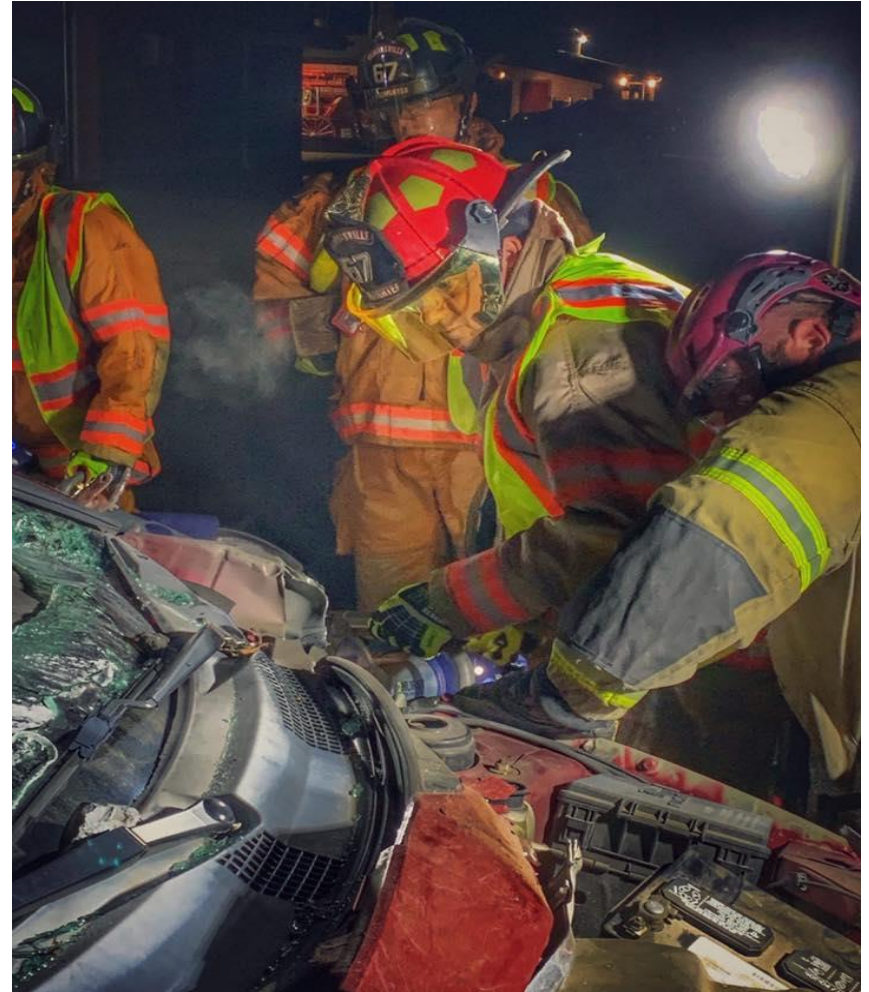
Fire police call, assist police	54	Vehicle fire	3
Fire alarm	39	Natural vegetation fire, other	3
Building fire	38	Standby, cover other department	3
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	36	Rescue, EMS incident, other	2
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	28	Trash or rubbish fire, contained	2
Carbon monoxide incident	10	Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2
Special type of incident, other	9	Power line down	2
Citizen Complaint, burn ordinance	7	Cooking fire, confined to container	2
Electrical fire outside	5	Fire in structure other than in a building	1
Vehicle rescue	5	Mobile Property Fire	1
Swift water rescue	5	Extrication, rescue, other	1
Motor vehicle accident, no injuries	4	Good intent call, other	1
Gas leak (natural gas or propane)	4	Authorized controlled burning	1
		False alarm or false call, other	1
		Motor vehicle accident, pedestrian struck	1

TOTAL INCIDENTS: 270





- Logged over 2,250 hours in training.
- Logged over 650 hours for meetings and administrative duties.
- Logged over 250 hours for public education.
- Logged 100 hours of fund raising.
- Logged over 100 hours of driver training.





# Certified Classes

Participated in certified classes and specialized training in:

- **Haz-Mat Recertification**
- **CPR / First Aide / AED**
- **Driver Training**
- **Basic Fire Police**
- **Firefighter I**
- **Firefighter II**
- **Rope Rescue Refresher**
- **Chief Officers Seminar**
- **Emergency Medical Technician**
- **Basement Fires**
- **Sprinkler and Standpipes**







# CONTINUED EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Members meet every Thursday evening



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# FIRE PREVENTION

- Gilbertsville Elementary School
- Willowdale Children's Academy
- Little Faces Childcare
- Shephard of the Hills Pre-School
- Boyertown YMCA – Growing Dreams
- Trinity Church – Cornerstone Pre-school
- Miss Doreen's Playmation Center
- Weis Markets Fire Prevention Extravaganza



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In 2021, the membership continues to grow our explorer and junior programs designed to attract the youth in our community. These programs are designed for retention and recruitment of new members for the future of our organization.

GILBERTSVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE

JOIN TODAY!

**JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM**  
MEETING EVERY THURSDAY EVENING  
7:00PM TO 9:00PM

1454 E. PHILADELPHIA AVENUE GILBERTSVILLE, PA.  
610-367-0277

EXPLORER PROGRAM

Youth Boys and Girls Age 15  
Meet First and Third Thursdays of Each Month

610-367-0277

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# PROGRESS ON THE NEW FACILITY TO BETTER SERVE OUR COMMUNITY



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# Fire Line and Administrative Officers

Andrew A. Duncan	Fire Chief
Eric Bauer	Deputy Chief
Nick Bardman	Assistant Chief
James Kokonos	Chief Engineer
E J Henninger	Captain
Rick Smith	Safety Officer
Don Frantz	Fire Police Captain
Matt Weller	Fire Police Lieutenant

Nick Bardman	President
Kris Hammill	Vice President
Eric Bauer	Treasurer
Bob Kelly	Secretary
Mckenna Powanda	Assistant Secretary



# Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue

## 2021 Volunteers

### FIREFIGHTERS

Tom Babbony

Tyler Bergstresser

Don Bergstresser

Kris Hammill

Bill Hardy II

Dan Mckenna

Michael Heydt

Tom Hunsicker

Evan Kelly

Vicente Ramirez

Robert Kelly

Jeremy Kokonos

Randy Miller

Zachary Moore

Chuck Patt

Mckenna Powanda

Tom West

Cory Sotanella

Josh Stouch

Tom West

Matt Swanson

Steve Volpi

Cody Whitfield

Alex Letting

Jason Gresh

Holly Becker

Keith Weller

Troy Yingling

Zachary Long

### CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

Jennifer Bardman

Katie Bauer

Megan Duncan

Lauren Powanda

Elaine Smith

Marissa Swanson

Ron Frederick

Debbie Hammill

Margie Albright



# Fire Police



Don Frantz  
Matt Weller  
Lawrence Bandura  
James Scott  
Brian Beaulac  
Rose Kehoe-Troilo  
Collin Monger

FP 67-1 Captain  
FP 67-2 Lieutenant



# GILBERTSVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE COMPANY



We would like to take this opportunity to thank our community and our elected officials for your continued support of our 100% Volunteer Fire Company.

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