

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2022

The Safety Committee meeting was held on January 18, 2022 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Mike Vos, Vice Chair Jeremy Dietrich, Dawn Carbone-McDonald; **Council:** Paul Marnecheck, Joanne Krejci, John Nickell, Linda Barath; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Fire Chief Robert Chegan, Police Chief Keith Tarase, Law Director Thomas Kelly; **Other:** Michael McDonald, Jessica Fenos, Vincent Weimer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of November 16, 2021 Safety Committee minutes. Moved by Mr. Vos, seconded by Mr. Dietrich. Minutes were accepted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. COVID-19 Local Response

Chief Chegan reported that there are still a lot of Covid patients. After meeting with the Board of Health and medical directors within the last week, there has been a small decrease. There are still many patients being transported. We have worked a great deal with the hospitals and have been very fortunate with our relationship with Parma; with less waiting times in bringing in patients.

Chief Chegan has been seeing the Omicron variant; however, that does not mean there are not still other types of cases. He went on to say that we have adjusted our policy with the City, as does the guidance with the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) in the State of Ohio and the Cuyahoga Board of Health. We still remain very active in obtaining PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and cleaning supplies for all of the departments. We work with the County every time there is an opportunity; we obtain our share of PPE. We still meet weekly with the medical directors to stay updated. The run volume continues to rise, however many of them are not Covid. One thing that we are seeing more of is the flu. We have great relationship with the County, the local medical directors, as well as our regional partners with protocols. We have been assisting with additional cleaning of buildings, including City Hall.

2. Police & Safety Report

Chief Tarase reported the Decembers stats, which included the following: no fatal accidents, 1 deer accident, 9 hit skips, 30 non-injury accidents, 5 private properties, 52 arrests, 31 speeding tickets, and 10 theft complaints. Pertaining to deer hunting, they harvested 110 deer for 2021; which included 88 doe and 22 bucks. He has noticed a lot less people hunting over the last couple of weeks.

Regarding hiring and testing, there were a couple of laterals transfers brought in. After psychological testing, one was turned away, while another declined an offer and decided to stay at his agency. The Civil Service testing ended yesterday, which was done through the national testing company. Previously, testing was done in town; national testing allowed a much higher number in tests being taken. We are working with Civil Service so that we can begin interviewing and start the hiring process.

Mr. Marnecheck wanted to know how many positions were expected to be filled. Chief Tarase indicated that he is trying to fill two, which retired last year. Two more are expecting to leave by the end of March; totaling four.

3. Traffic Lights Discussion

- **Strongsville/North Royalton border – W. 130th Street**

Chief Tarase spoke about the construction traffic on Albion Road. Last meeting, he advised that the timing was changed on York and Albion Road. There were also traffic counters to see what kind of increase there was due to construction. In March of last year, while measuring east bound traffic on Albion Road, there were 12,660 cars over a 7-day period; that was prior to construction starting on Sprague Road. In November for 7 days, measuring the same direction, there were a total of 17,566 cars. Therefore, Sprague Road construction is increasing traffic by 5000 cars per week. We met with the signal service and changed timing of the lights, also at the location of West 130th Street and Albion, allowing more time for north and south bound traffic; to hopefully alleviate some of the congestion. When this was done for York and Albion Road, there have not been any backups since the time being changed.

Mr. Nickell inquired about who controls the West 130th and Albion traffic light. Chief Tarase clarified that is the City's; which the timing was changed, giving north and south traffic more time because of the left turns going onto Albion Road.

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4. Flock Safety

Chief Tarase explained that he and Mayor Antoskiewicz have not met to discuss how to move forward with Flock Safety. However, the Mayor has talked with other mayors who have added the cameras to their cities, for example, Broadview Heights. Chief Tarase indicated that most cities in the area are going toward Flock cameras.

Ms. Krejci noted that most of the feedback in her ward has been negative. This was due to people being concerned about potentially violating privacy. She felt that in moving forward, a campaign would be a good suggestion in spreading word that it is merely for law enforcement; ensure residents of their privacy. Mr. Wos expressed the same concerns. He brought up perhaps legislating some restrictions around such use. Also, he wanted to explore things pertaining to security, as to whether they have ever been hacked; from a data perspective. He wanted to be careful and ensure that privacy is taken into consideration. He mentioned the benefit of the cameras helping with hit skips that have not been solved, as well as some vandalism.

Mr. Nickell felt it would be helpful pertaining to license plates, especially when you are short of officers. Mayor Antoskiewicz shared that the Mayor of Broadview Heights is expecting to get a few of the cameras, whom also conveyed to Mayor Antoskiewicz that the cameras had been responsible for apprehending the killer of the woman on Royalwood Road; that was tracked because Independence has the cameras. The Independence Mayor had communicated that they were able to catch someone that robbed a gas station; all credited to Flock Safety. Mayor Antoskiewicz understood the concerns however, he felt there are more cities in this area that are implementing it, which is what we were questioning when discussing this. Mr. Dietrich asked about feedback from the Mayor of Strongsville. Chief Tarase indicated that the mayor of that city was not interested.

Mr. Kelly explained that the Law Department would be pleased to look into the questions that are being expressed with the issue of privacy. He noted that the United States Supreme Court and the Ohio Supreme Court have ruled in other cases involving people operating automobiles on the public roadways; your right to privacy is nearly non-existent. He would be happy to look into it as it relates to this particular technology. He reiterated that when you drive an automobile on the public highways, you have almost no right of privacy.

As discussion ensued, Mr. Dietrich recapped that Mayor Antoskiewicz had conveyed that some of the crimes were solved because some of the neighboring cities have this. Mr. Dietrich felt that Flock was more relevant, verses Motorola company. He felt that this is to help law enforcement. Being understaffed with police, based on the City's size, he felt that it is cheaper to buy a few cameras than to add some officers to full time salaries,

benefits, etc. If it is going to help the Police Department that much more, he was highly in favor of it and would push for Flock.

Pertaining to cost comparisons, Mr. Marnecheck asked if Motorola lowered the camera resolution to match Flock's. Chief Tarase clarified that they originally tried to sell him the top of the line cameras, therefore they came down to roughly where Flock stands. Mr. Marnecheck wanted to know if we went with a non-Flock system, whether there would be a way to integrate Flock so that we are able to get the data or share the data with other communities that are on Flock. Chief Tarase believed that the representative had indicated that we can have access to their system as far as searching. We may be able to search what other cities are recording, however, the two systems would be different. As discussion ensued about both systems, Chief Tarase indicated they are not compatible. Mr. Marnecheck felt that as we evaluate options, it is a benefit that Flock is already being used by the surrounding communities.

North Royalton resident, Mr. Vincent Weimer of 19190 Tanglewood Drive, commented that one of the things he heard from a few people was not necessarily about the privacy issue. He noted that in reading the headlines, since Parma has added the Flock cameras, the number of high-speed chases has gone up. Mr. Weimer felt that it would be prudent to look at the data from Parma, because that may be something we may want to legislate here; how and when high speed chases are allowed to happen as a result as these cameras. The last thing that anyone would want is high speed chases going through neighborhoods because we added Flock cameras. He expressed that this would be important to look in to before a final decision is made.

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5. House Bill 172

Mr. Wos summarized that the State of Ohio opened this up, open season for several holidays, where before and after people can purchase and use fireworks. His concern was this could really affect law enforcement.

Mayor Antoskiewicz wanted to convey that he would likely lean towards leaving things as is. He talked about the makeup of the City, whereas you may not be able to have the same rule for every person. For example, there are parcels on the southern end with a lot of acreage, and you have many developments. He went on to question, how would you tell certain people in a development that you cannot do it, and others that they can do it. He did not feel supportive and that this would be a nightmare for law enforcement. The Police have their hands full as is. Mr. Wos wanted to clarify that the recommendation would be to keep things on the books as they are. Mayor Antoskiewicz concurred; that we do not allow the shooting of fireworks. Ms. Krejci talked about the law in other states. The Mayor stated that we already have a law that one cannot shoot fireworks.

Mr. Kelly commented that everyone had a reasonable approach to this. However, our current ordinances prohibit the use of fireworks, which obviously was consistent with the State of Ohio statutes until recently. House Bill 172, the applicable provisions that are relevant to our discussion here do not take effect until July 1, 2022. Certain provisions are effective February 1st, however the ones that have meaning for us are not effective until July 1st. That provides some time to consider things. He thinks that with the findings of Ms. Schroeder for your consideration, Broadview Heights recently enacted a complete ban on the use of fireworks; they opted to take it upon themselves the enforcement of a complete ban. Personally, he felt this would be very troublesome. Mr. Kelly went over possible choices; completely ban them, the adoption of the State provisions, which allows them on the multiple holidays that are specified, or three, pick and choose. He would be cautious if choosing the third option, not to pick one holiday over another. He went on to say that we expose ourselves to a certain level of criticism, if not more, if you do so. His recommendation to Council was to either go one way or the other; ban them completely or adopt the State's statutes so that we have a consistent path to follow.

As discussion ensued, Mr. Nickell agreed that it would be an enforcement nightmare. Ms. Krejci concurred. Mr. Kelly helped clarify that the legislature built into the House Bill 172, has a provision that allows for municipal cooperation's of all stripes to make choices about which of these provisions they will adopt and

which they will not adopt. Mr. Kelly believed that the more reasonable course of action would be to pick one or another; ban them as we did in the past or allow them according to State statute. That way police do not have to worry about problems arising with people being allowed to on one street, and not the other. Mr. Kelly went on to say that we still have the right to enforce our noise ordinances. He made mention that our officers generally handle this with a very light touch by trying to get people to cooperate and do what's right. Often times, this brings the right result. Mr. Wos agreed with some points made about pets, how fireworks can really disturb them, as Ms. Krejci had mentioned. Ms. Carbone-McDonald suggested doing an online survey to get some feedback about it and see how the residents feel.

Mayor Antoskiewicz asked if our current ordinance covers this or whether we would have to adopt a new one or update the present one. Mr. Kelly clarified that we have to adopt a new ordinance; we have to do something and cannot sit on the existing ordinance.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Hydrant Painting and Maintenance

Chief Chegan recapped that we began this project in 2014 with the hydrant kids; which was not his own recommendation. He reviewed the cost benefit. He indicated that we are going to be paying a little more in cost. However, if you look overall, the hydrants done last year are still in better condition than the other ones on the main roads that were done first. Looking at the three-year process, he discussed streets that would get hit in the next three years, in which the developments will follow.

When Chief Chegan researched this in 2013, Strongsville went ahead with it and they have had no issues. Basically, they got into the developments, but keep going back to the main roads every five years roughly. Therefore, Chief Chegan could not provide an estimate; we will have to see what this winter does. In order to get it down to bear metal and use the high-quality primer and paint, it would hold up at least three years. The last time it was done, it only held up for one year. Once the developments start, there is certainly a difference in the City; making it look much better. Those are the plans.

Mr. Dietrich raised question about cost. Chief Chegan indicated it was the same as last year. He is still waiting for the proposal, however last year it was \$91 per hydrant. He believed it is going to be about the same. He clarified that when done internally, it was \$33 per hydrate sometimes, or as high as \$60; which included everything. This depended on which types of young people were going out; high school and college age. Some can do awesome jobs, which this is a difficult task. Mr. Dietrich asked if we are doing it in stages because of cost or time. Chief Chegan clarified that it was the budget. Mayor Antoskiewicz explained that this would cost roughly \$22,000-23,000 to do what he has proposed. Last year it was approximately \$20,000. He is trying to stay in range of \$20,000 – \$25,000 on getting hydrants prepared. Mr. Dietrich suggested to consider, if there is the time to be able to do it, then to do so.

Mr. Wos made mention that we have a contract with them year to year on this. Chief Chegan explained that the company is out of Illinois and are very impressive; which there is not a local company available at this price. He noted that Twinsburg just started last year as well; that is three cities. Mr. Dietrich asked about the possibility of any discounts. Chief Chegan was uncertain if bundling or adding more would allow for any discount; all of the cities are at the \$91 cost per hydrant. Chief Chegan does inquire about it, however there is nothing that would bring a significant discount.

Mr. Marnecheck made a point about these being spread out and not doing too many more hydrants, because then in ten years, we would have to do them all at the same time again. Chief Chegan commented that once we start getting through this and then the developments, we are going to get to the point that we are. We are just going to be focused on the main roads, because we are not going to be going back to the developments. Once we get there, you are looking at ten years for that; therefore, you are just going to be going back on the

main roads. Question was raised about the number of years anticipated for the main roads. Chief Chegan felt that it would be a four- or five-year mark. Mr. Nickell agreed that the program made sense to him; a two-year deal.

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2. Safety Town

Chief Chegan explained that during his thirty plus years, the department prides themselves on public education. They do a lot with the schools which involves many people; for example, the Safety Fair and Fire Prevention Month. One of the biggest events is that of Safety Town, which is a collaboration between our schools and our Police Department. The Chief gave examples of other cities that have used facilities for their educational events. He has always wanted to do a motto. He would rather do the preventative maintenance education process rather than doing the opposite. Everyone is on board with this. What this project will do is provide us with the Safety Town. This is going to take work and a lot of effort. As he demonstrated photographs, he indicated that Brecksville had completely redid their design; in 2018. Independence has a facility, as well as Strongsville. That is the goal, which is to provide that at a location where we can do the educational component and then move outside. This is in the beginning stage. He spoke with the Superintendent of the schools. We are still looking at the site location at the new board office, which would be Royal View Elementary. They are still working out things with remodeling and where classrooms would be; that is the tentative goal as far as location.

Ms. Carbone-McDonald commented on having this in her newsletter and getting such positive responses from the residents in Ward 5. Chief Chegan noted that this is a great way to reinvent our whole program, we need to look at the curriculum again, and make sure we are teaching the best Safety Town. He indicated the goals are to have sound, complete with streets, buildings, traffic signs, crosswalks, and lights; again, to augment the educational component that is done in the classroom. The Fire, Police, and schools all instruct in this. They come to the Fire Station for a tour, as well as the Police Department.

Pertaining to the site and time line, Chief Chegan explained this would be a three-year project; roughly. The scope of work and design is actually what we are focusing on. The Browns Backers are working with him and wanting to start now. The new Finance Director has already been of some assistance, along with the committee we have put together to make some decisions. There are a lot of ideas, including fund raising. We are starting with the current fundraiser, which is the raffle; available on the Facebook page. This will be our starting point with multiple fundraisers moving forward. The ultimate goal is to have a facility. Mr. Nickell spoke about Safety Towns years ago that had buildings. Chief Chegan shared that this is just the introduction. He would report on this as we move forward. There are many people that get involved to help make this happen.

3. EMS Levy

Chief Chegan provided a thorough and wonderful presentation explaining the reasoning of this, as well as the history of the service and the levy. He provided valuable and detailed information. Chief Chegan explained that we need to increase the manpower. It is his request that we need to get the minimum up to nine men. He encouraged that future planning needs to be reviewed now; not in five years. The goal was presented to the Mayor, in which he has been very supportive and knows what we need to do in order to provide the service.

SEE ATTACHED REPORT

Mr. Wos brought up his thoughts about the Senior Centers. He wanted to know if legally, there was any responsibility that we can put on these facilities to handle and manage some of their medical runs. He wanted to know why we are allowing these facilities to stress our departments; why these facilities do not have a cost. Chief Chegan does not believe there is anything in the statute or a law that they have to do this. Nor is there anything that says anything has to be done by a private ambulance. As discussion ensued, the Chief indicated

that the leadership turns over a lot in these facilities. Mr. Wos was concerned about the department having enough cover.

Chief Chegan went over three goals during his presentation. He talked about needing more services when more is being done in the City, which is something that is not taken into consideration right away, as the City grows. One thing that matters most to the Chief, is how fast can we respond. He expressed how time is the essence; showing our current response times and what they should be.

Mr. Dietrich made mention of the property already owned on Royalwood and State Road, whether it is still the location in mind; when getting to that point. Chief Chegan clarified that he would have to look at some other options; we are not at that point. One thing he does not have in the building that they have now is storage.

Ms. Carbone-McDonald stated that when people think of levies, they think of their taxes being raised. She felt that more information needs to be put out there to the residents to become more familiar when they vote. Chief understood, stating that we have that information available. Mr. Nickell questioned what the residents would see if the levy passes and they vote for it. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that we will get the staffing levels up to nine instead of eight; with hiring of three more medics; which he believes is necessary for the way the City has grown. Chief Chegan explained that with the high call volume that we have, this is the start. We have been staffing the Fire Department with over time. The requests that he is making is to get to the safety and well-being of residents. We would have fully staffed ambulances; three. There are times we are at two ambulances. He has statistics, however, him and the other Chief are going out more often than Chiefs usually go out.

Pertaining to the levy, Ms. Esarey explained that the General Fund does transfer for the 2022 Budget, \$480,000 in the Fire Pension Fund. There is a transfer put in the General Fund in the Fire Pension Fund to cover pensions; she sent an e-mail. We are looking to do an EMS Levy replacement and the first item that is needed from Council is to pass this ordinance so that the levy can be certified. Once the levy is certified by the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer, it will come back to us. Then there will be legislation that would need to be passed for the February 1st meeting to then put the legislation on the actual ballot. There is a two-step process, in which this is the first step.

Ms. Esarey explained that the EMS Levy replacement would generate about \$339 additional tax dollars for the EMS Fund. The top part deals with the residential, that is the biggest amount of the additional revenue that we would see with the replacement; at \$293,000. And if the resident has \$100,000 home, it would be \$11.90 per year increase. A \$200,000 home would be \$23.80 per year increase. For commercial, it would be an additional \$46,000, and for the property owner of \$100,000 property, that would be \$8.75 per year increase. For a \$200,000 property, it would be \$17.50. Currently, we are roughly \$1.4m in collections and with the EMS Levy replacement, that would be roughly \$1.7m.; which is where the \$339,000 increase is calculated from. This would be five-year levy, beginning in tax year 2022; collection year of 2023.

Mayor Antoskiewicz understands people do not want to see taxes go up. He expressed that what we are asking for is what the voters have been voting on since 1993; \$1.7m. All we are asking for is to replace that to today's value, which gets us back to the \$1.7m collection that everyone has agreed upon. This makes a lot of sense because people ask for more EMS, and that is exactly what we are going to use it for. We will be doing so by hiring three additional fire paramedics, getting us back up to nine minimal; which is a safety issue to Mayor Antoskiewicz. The City needs this, especially with the way it has grown. We would like to do this as a replacement as we did five years ago, that is generally what it will generate for us in income. It would have to be renewed again in five years. This law has to be voted on by the residents and is very important.

Mr. Nickell moved the EMS Levy to the Council meeting tonight to vote. Mr. Dietrich seconded. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Carbone-McDonald wanted to know if there was a reason that we cannot place it on the November ballot in order to be able to inform the residents more. Her concern was rushing into it. She asked if there is a way

to get it out there to the residents more effectively. Mayor Antoskiewicz explained that we have three months to get all of the information out, he believed. He pointed out two things; if we do it in May as we are proposing, he reminded that it has to be passed by a 60% level of the people and not 50%. We typically do it in the Spring. If for some reason it did not pass in May, it gives a change to reassess what we want to do in November; doing it as a replacement or continue as a renewal. The Mayor expressed he is concerned about the residents too, as well as Chief Chegan, which is the reason he brought this to our attention. That is why we believe that we need three more paramedics, "safety". There are a lot of reasons for this need. He went on to say that we are not asking for anything more than what the residents in the City have passed before. We are keeping that number exactly the same. All we are conveying is, that has been reduced over the years; all we want to do it get back to that. We can do a lot more for the residents and for their safety, which is the primary goal. The Mayor commented that it is up to Council to see if we put it out for May or not. Mr. Dietrich supports it. Ms. Carbone-McDonald concurred as well.

Mr. Wos made compliment to the really good presentation made by Chief Chegan. Chief Chegan understands it is ultimately the voter's decision, he stated. He must tell what he thinks is best and safe. Ms. Barath felt that the residents would support this. Chief Chegan pointed out that we have not increased, as far as the substance of the levy. Ms. Barath reiterated that she supports it. Chief Chegan noted that he has 32 good Paramedic and Firemen; you are going to get the best that we have. He understood that it is more cost. Mayor Antoskiewicz reiterated that we do have the residents' best interests at heart in bringing this to Council. We are always conscientious about how many taxes are being paid and where that money is going. He felt this was the practical and most effective way of doing it. He is not going to minimize any increase, and conveyed that this is a minimum way of getting something that we greatly need.

4. Street Lights for York Road

Mr. Jordan indicated that there are two issues with the LED lights. One, whether they finished them all, and two, have we been properly credited back to November of 2020 for the conversion. An e-mail this afternoon indicated that the company believes that we are credited back, however, the Finance Director would still need to review the billing. We certainly have received recent credits on our bill for the conversion. Mr. Jordan clarified that the lights are all done. He had specifically asked about York Road, whereas they indicated that they are all finished. It would not surprise him that there are lights that are overlooked, due to this being the second time they indicated that they were complete; 40 had not been done. There could still be a hand full out there; it is possible. If anyone has any residents, we just need a near by address to the light in order to turn it in. He would go out and check an area that came up as questioned tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Wos seconded by Ms. Carbone-McDonald **to adjourn the January 18, 2022 meeting.** Yeas: 3
Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

City of North Royalton

EMS Levy Replacement - 5 Year - Beginning Tax Year 2022 (Collected in 2023)

Residential					
	Current EMS Levy		EMS Replacement Levy		
Assessed Value	\$	882,736,450	\$	882,736,450	
Millage Assessed		0.00136		0.00170	
Total Annual Revenue	\$	1,200,521.57	\$	1,500,651.97	
County's Projected Collection Rate		97.86%		97.86%	
Total Estimated Revenue	\$	1,174,830	\$	1,468,538	\$ 293,708 Estimated Annual Increase for EMS Levy
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Market Value of Resident Home	\$	100,000.00	\$	100,000.00	
Adjustment for Assessed Value		35%		35%	
Assessed Value of Resident Home	\$	35,000.00	\$	35,000.00	
Millage Assessed		0.00136		0.00170	
Annual Amount Paid by Resident	\$	47.60	\$	59.50	\$ 11.90 Annual Increase to Resident Per Year (For Resident with \$100,000 Home Value)
Market Value of Resident Home	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	
Adjustment for Assessed Value		35%		35%	
Assessed Value of Resident Home	\$	70,000.00	\$	70,000.00	
Millage Assessed		0.00136		0.00170	
Annual Amount Paid by Resident	\$	95.20	\$	119.00	\$ 23.80 Annual Increase to Resident Per Year (For Resident with \$200,000 Home Value)

Commercial					
	Current EMS Levy		EMS Replacement Levy		
Assessed Value	\$	189,024,950.00	\$	189,024,950.00	
Millage Assessed		0.00145		0.0017	
Total Annual Revenue	\$	274,086.18	\$	321,342.42	
County's Projected Collection Rate		97.86%		97.86%	
Total Estimated Revenue	\$	268,221	\$	314,466	\$ 46,245 Estimated Annual Increase for EMS Levy
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Market Value of Commercial Property	\$	100,000.00	\$	100,000.00	
Adjustment for Assessed Value		35%		35%	
Assessed Value of Commercial Property	\$	35,000.00	\$	35,000.00	
Millage Assessed		0.00145		0.00170	
Annual Amount Paid by Property Owner	\$	50.75	\$	59.50	\$ 8.75 Annual Increase to Property Owner Per Year (For Property Owner with \$100,000 Property Value)
Market Value of Commercial Property	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00	
Adjustment for Assessed Value		35%		35%	
Assessed Value of Commercial Property	\$	70,000.00	\$	70,000.00	
Millage Assessed		0.00145		0.00170	
Annual Amount Paid by Property Owner	\$	101.50	\$	119.00	\$ 17.50 Annual Increase to Property Owner Per Year (For Property Owner with \$200,000 Property Value)

Total Estimated To Be Collected \$ 1,443,051 \$ 1,783,004

Estimated Annual Increase \$ 339,953

01-14-2022

December 2021 Stats

ACCIDENTS:

FATAL	0
DEER	1
HIT SKIP	9
INJURY	0
NON INJURY	30
PRIVATE PROPERTY	5
PHYSICAL ARRESTS:	52
SPEEDING TICKETS:	31
THEFT COMPLAINTS: (includes attempts)	10



NRFD Master Plan

January 2022

City of North Royalton - Demographics

- Third largest city in Cuyahoga County – 21.8 square miles
 - Population 32,500
 - 20% population over 65 years of age
 - Over 12,000 residential units
 - Over 1300 business/commercial/industrial units
 - 2 Fire Stations
 - Comparable
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History of the North Royalton Fire Department

- Established as a township department in 1942
- First Full Time Firefighter hired 1966
- Only 3 members staffing FD per shift in 1989
- Established Paramedic Service with the Hiring of 9 new personnel bring staffing to 5 members per shift (first EMS Levy)
- Increased to 6 members per shift mid/late 1990's
- Increased to 8 members per shift in 2006 with the opening of Station 2

(2304 runs)

History of the North Royalton Fire Department

- 2008-2018
 - Decreased manpower unitizing overtime as staffing model (3 positions eliminated)
 - Elimination of Fire Prevention position
 - 2019-2021
 - Shift Staffing levels restored to 2008 levels (2022)
 - Fire Prevention received part-time
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History of the EMS Levy

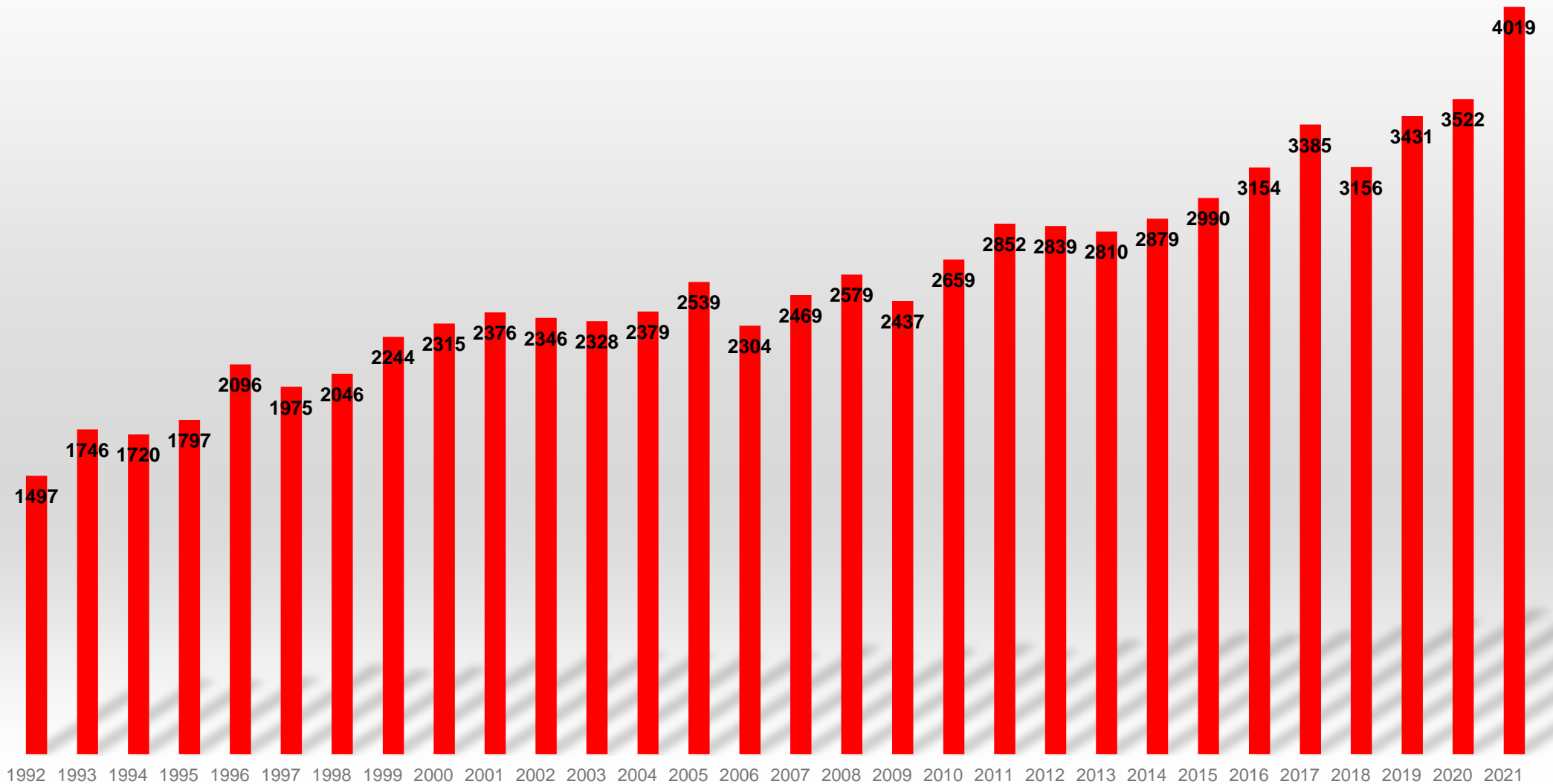
- EMS Levy established initially in 1989 to provide Paramedic Level Service to the residents of North Royalton
 - Initial Levy was 1.2 Mils
 - A new 1.7 Mil Levy passed in 1993
 - Renewed every 5 years until 2017 in which it was replaced
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North Royalton Fire Department Master Plan - 2001

- 5 Year Plan

1. Decrease response time (4 minutes)*
 2. Increase manning to 8/11
 2. Open Station 2 – June of 2006
 3. Start planning Stations 3 & 4
 4. Increase manpower
 5. Increase equipment
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NORTH ROYALTON FIRE/EMS TOTAL CALLS



North Royalton Fire Department Run Volume

- 13 % increase over past year
 - 22 % increase over past 3 years
 - 16 % increase over past 5 years
 - 29 % increase over past 10 years
 - 63 % increase over past 20 years
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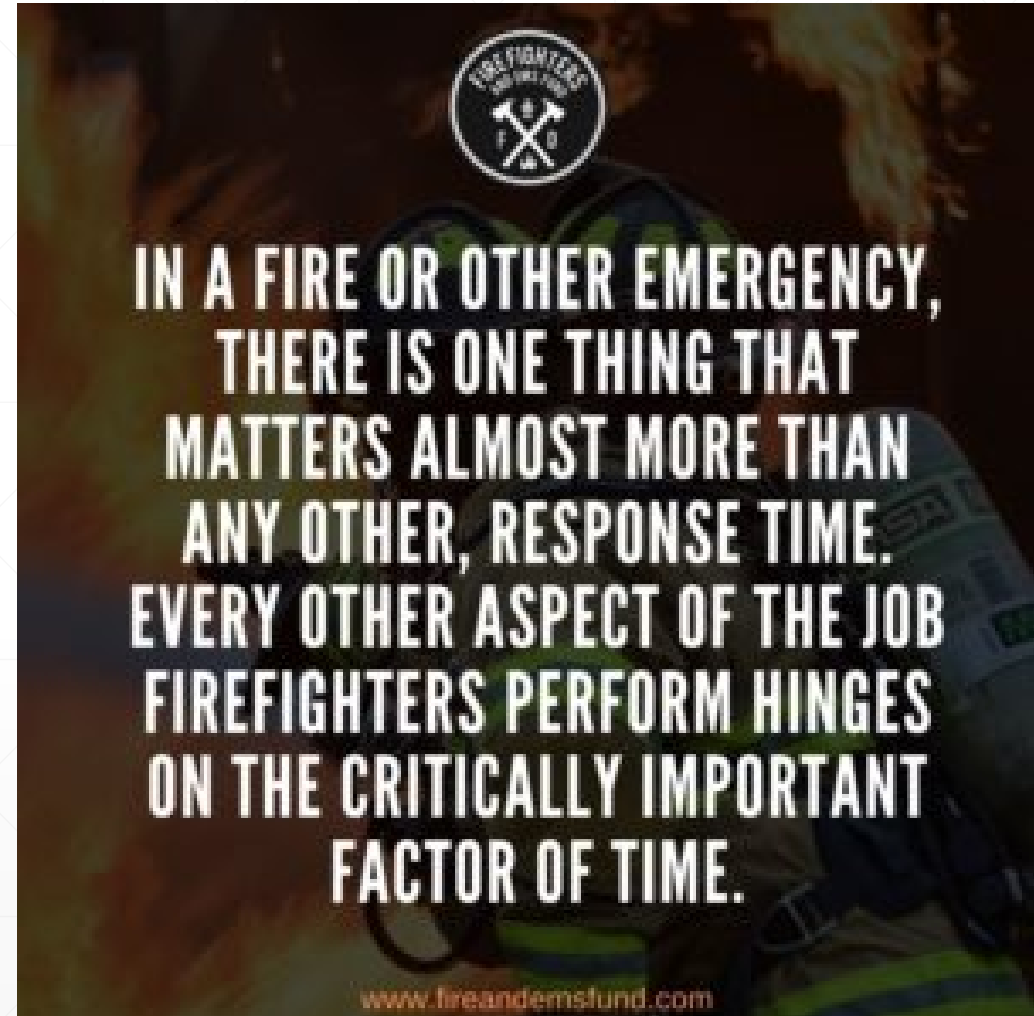
North Royalton Fire Department Master Plan - 2001

- 5 Year Plan
 1. Increase manning to 8/11
 2. Open Station 2
 3. Start planning Stations $\frac{3}{4}$
 4. Increase manpower
 5. Increase equipment
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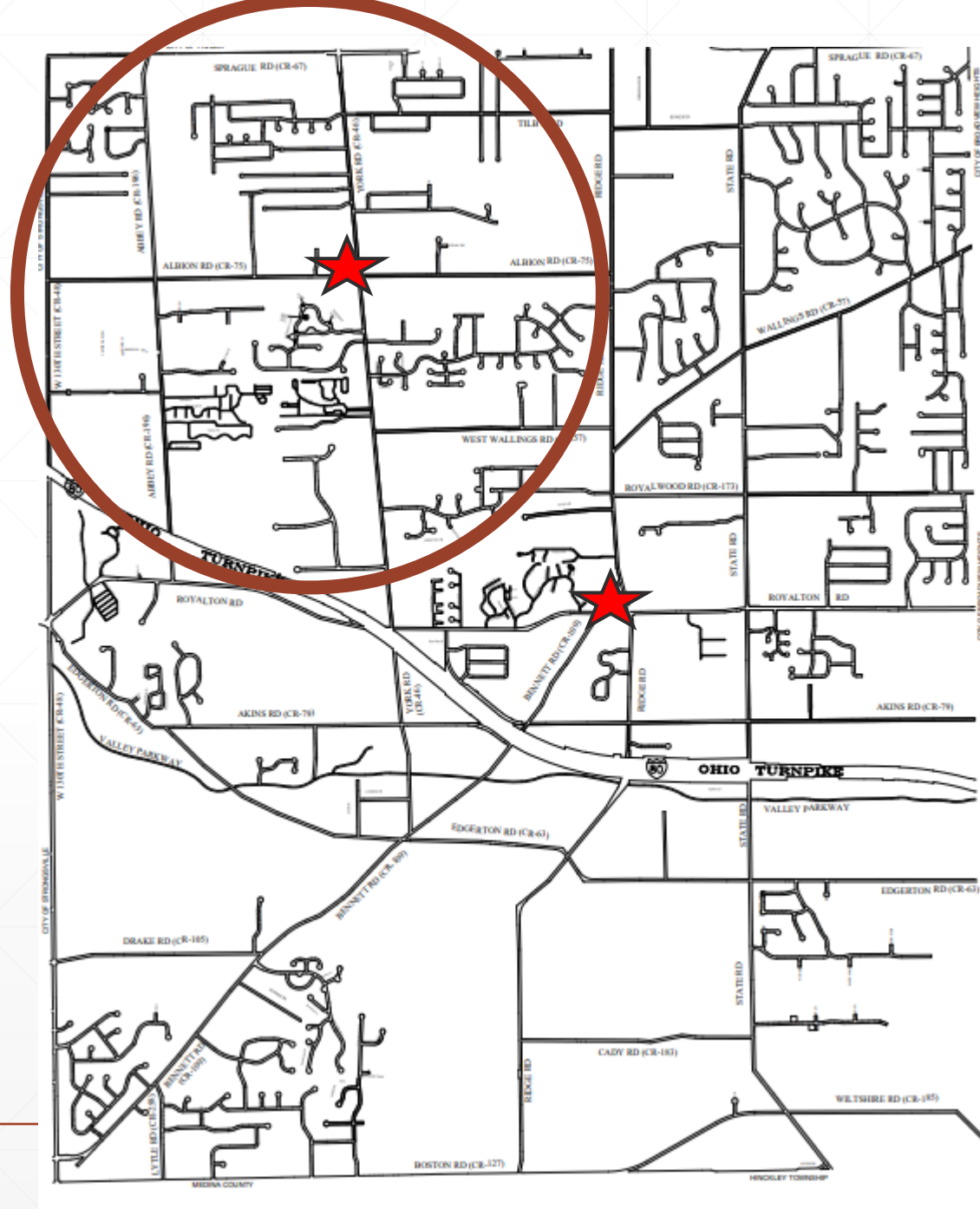
North Royalton Fire Department – New Master Plan



- NFPA 1710
- Very Difficult to meet
- Cardiac Arrest
- Other Medical issues
- Structure Fire



NRFD Current Response



NRFD Master Plan SAMPLE Response



NRFD Master Plan Response (short term goals)

- Hiring of 7.5 personnel
 - Increase the minimum to 9 / 13
 - Reduce OT with proper staffing model
 - Allows Medic 3 / Engine crew to be fully staffed
 - Adding additional staff Officer position
 - Adding additional Fire Prevention position
 - Addition or Station Planning – We have no room at the inn!
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NRFD Master Plan Response (long term goals)

- Station Planning
 - Station Financing
 - Station Construction
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Alternative Suggestions Reviewed/Researched

- Better use of existing resources

Automatic Aid

- Community Risk Reduction

Combines traditional fire prevention activities – plan review, fire inspection and public education

Requirements for automatic suppression exceeding the building and fire codes

Home Safety Inspections

- Risk Management – Reduce the Risk

Safety Messages/Public Education

- Conduct Study
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