

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

LINDSEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT





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As we move into 2012 the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department remains driven by our mission to, "...*protect the lives and property of the citizens of our district, and all those who may pass through, from fire and other emergencies*".

Our 2011 Annual Report is a reflection of that commitment to the community we serve. It is filled with statistics and information that identifies ways in which we continue to successfully meet our mission. A few of the highlights from 2011 were:

- Grant funds from the 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program to purchase a new brush truck
- Dedication of the Life Ring and Signs in Shorewood Village
- Purchased new turnout gear for 6 firefighters
- Welcomed 2 new firefighters to our department

Our successes are due to the dedication of all the members of the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department and the support we receive from our citizens, the Lindsey Village Council, Washington Township Trustees, and Rice Township Trustees. We couldn't meet our mission without this dedication and support.

It is my pleasure to serve this community as fire chief. If you have any questions regarding your fire department, please contact me at (419) 680-2714 or via email at Chief@LindseyFire.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Zimmerman
Fire Chief

Mission, Vision, & Values

OUR MISSION

The Mission of the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department is to protect the lives and property of the citizens of our district, and all those who may pass through, from fire and other emergencies.

OUR VISION

By utilizing the talents of diverse and dedicated volunteers, the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department will be recognized as a leader acclaimed for our progressive nature and service attentiveness as we strive to improve the quality of life for the citizens and visitors of our district. We will consistently plan and make use of ever changing technology and state-of-the art equipment to be an organization to which all others will benchmark their efforts.

OUR VALUES

Family

Our family and yours

Community

Where we live and to those we serve

Dedication

To the Village, Townships, Department and one another

Compassion

For our families and the families we serve

Professionalism

Through competence, education and experience



Community

Shorewood Village



- Purchased a water and ice rescue ring for the Shorewood Community.
- Built and installed a protective box so that the rescue ring would be visible and available to area residents.

Ice Rescue Class



- Hosted an Ice rescue class that was instructed by the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Invited other area fire departments to attend the training so that in the case of another rescue operation, departments will have better interoperability.

Fire Prevention For Students

- Participated in the "Fireman Fred" program at Lindsey Elementary School to teach students about fire prevention and what to do in case of a fire.

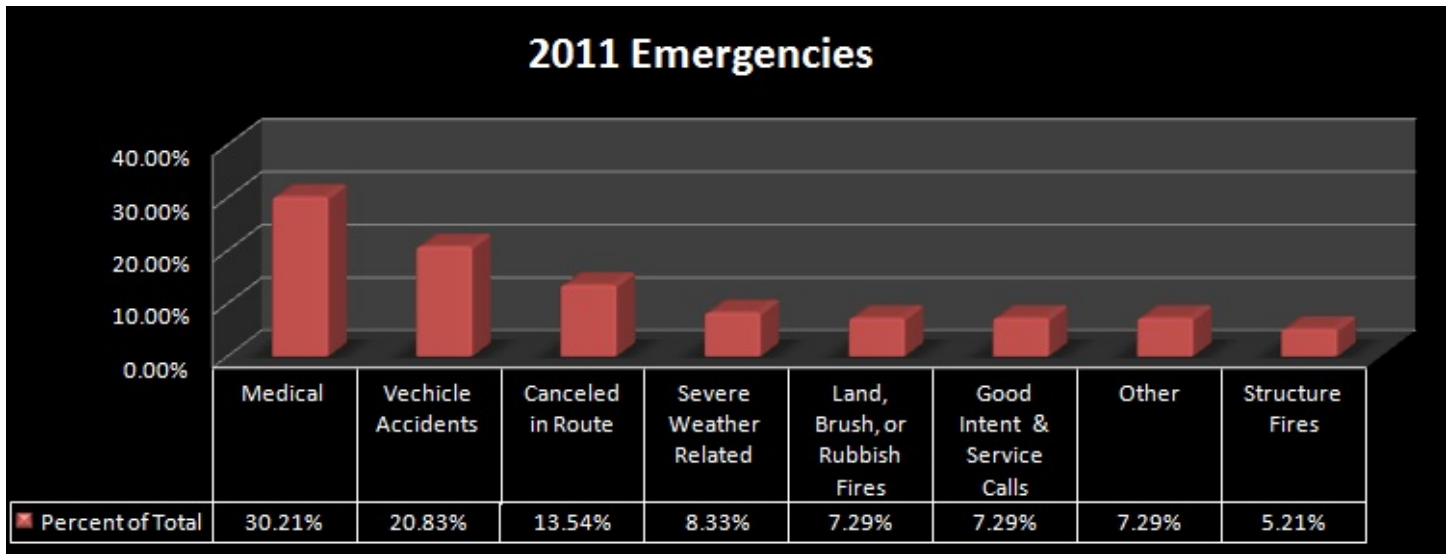
Good Of The Community



- Presented citizenship award to two area youth for their part in reporting a structure fire, reducing property loss.
- Took fire trucks to Washington Elementary School, acquainting the students with our firemen and equipment, making them more comfortable if they are ever involved in an incident.
- Took pumper to Grace Lutheran's "Things That Move".
- Took our rescue boat to Memorial Hospital's "Wellness and Family Day".

Operations

In 2011 the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 96 emergencies between Rice Township, Washington Township and the Village of Lindsey. As in past years, Medical Responses were the most common type of call for help accounting for 30.21% of total runs, followed by Vehicle Accidents at 20.83%. Below is a chart showing the breakdown of emergencies by type.



Driven by our mission to protect the lives and property of the citizens of our district the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department is extremely proud to say that the average response time, in minutes, from notice of alarm to on scene arrive averages 9 minutes 6 seconds, with 13 responders. According to NFPA 1720, a guideline that defines a standard for staffing and response time for the volunteer fire service, states for an area with fewer than 500 people per square mile, the standard requires that 6 responders should arrive on scene within 14 minutes at least 80% of the time. Not only are we exceeding this standard, but more importantly, increasing the chances of a positive outcome by decreasing the time it takes before life saving techniques can be administered to those we serve.



2011 Emergency Responses				
	Rice Twp		Washington Twp	
	Avg Resp Time	# Runs	Avg Resp Time	# Runs
Medical	0:11:16	12	0:06:34	17
Vehicle Accidents	0:12:42	10	0:10:07	10
Severe Weather Related	0:11:22	2	0:02:32	6
Land, Brush, or Rubbish Fires	0:11:44	4	0:13:03	3
Good Intent & Service Calls	0:00:54	1	0:02:26	6
Structure Fires	0:08:51	1	0:12:38	4
Carbon monoxide incident	0:15:26	2		
Motor Vehicle Fires	0:14:41	1		
Haz-Mat			0:10:01	1
Smoke or odor removal	0:15:33	1		
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	0:13:44	1		
Other Miscellaneous	0:09:33	1		
Canceled in Route	N/A	10	N/A	3
Grand Total	0:11:26	46	0:08:12	50

Personnel & Training

The Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department has 35 dedicated members striving to protect our district to the best of their abilities and training. Each member donates hundreds of hours each year to maintain training on the newest fire and rescue techniques, provide safety related training programs to the public, and maintain the station and apparatus.

Each emergency response our firefighters respond to is potentially hazardous and they risk injury or death if not properly equipped. Within the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department we are 100% committed to the safety of not only those we serve, but our own firefighters. Safety in everything we do is always top priority.

The first piece of safety equipment for each of our firefighters is their turnout gear. Each firefighter is issued a helmet, fire resistant hood, coat, pants, boots, fire resistant gloves, rescue operation gloves, and a reflective safety vest. All of these items are required by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and can not be used more than 10 years. The cost to equip one firefighter with this gear costs approximately \$3,000.

In 2011 the department purchased new turnout gear, replacing outdated and damaged gear, for six fire fighters.

Today the fire service is regarded as the first line of defense in not only fires but natural disasters, hazardous material incidents, terrorist threats, and a list of many others. For this reason our firefighters strive to maintain training in various types of emergencies. The community in which we live is constantly changing. As one can see from the Operations Section of this report, the fire department is not limited in size, scope, or nature of what we are called on for help. Below is a partial list of response capabilities and certifications that are held by our firefighters.

Response Capabilities:

Medical First Responder	Fire Suppression	Hazardous Material Operations	Ice Rescue
CPR Certified	Railcar Emergency Response Certified	Incident Command	CPR Instructor
Confined Space Entry & Rescue	Skywarn (weather spotter) Certified	Swift Water Rescue Technician	Fire Safety Inspector
Vehicle Extraction			



Planning

The importance of planning for the future was, is, and will continue to be critical to being able to provide our communities with the proper protection from an ever increasing list of threats. For the past two years the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department Budget & Planning Committee has researched and analyzed vast amounts of information in order to better understand the needs of our community. In addition, the committee has prepared and evaluated the costs associated with properly funding the equipment and training needed to fill this need. This section of the report will highlight some of the mission critical steps that must be taken to ensure that we are maximizing our resources.

Key Influencing Factors to Maximizing Resources:

- Assess effectiveness and efficiency of services delivered
- Prepare and maintain 5 year plan
- Create and fund allocations for equipment replacement
- Evaluate new and changing risks to the community
- Increase communication with all stakeholders
- Actively seek grant and other funding opportunities

2010 - 2011 Financial Review

Each year the Budget & Planning Committee, as a part of preparing the current year budget, reviews the prior two years of financial information. Presented in the 2010 - 2011 Financial Review section is the Income and Expenses for the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years. As shown by the report, the amount of funds remaining after expenses, NOT including allocations was \$22,673.59 and \$28,462.42. The allocations are a calculated amount of money that is needed to be set aside for the replacement of equipment in future years. A detailed explanation of allocations can be found in the 2012 Budget Overview Section of the report.

The Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department has been extremely fortunate to receive a significant amount of grant dollars from the Assistant to Firefighter's Grant (AFG) Program through the Department of Homeland Security in both 2009 and 2010. However, it is important to understand that although these grants have helped to reduce the funding gap for the purchase of new equipment, we must maintain our current allocation schedule for future expenditures.

In 2009 the department was awarded \$47,975 to purchase 5 new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus units, a bottle refill station, and air compressor. The required match for this grant was 5% which equated to \$2,525.

The 2010 grant award for the purchase of a new brush truck. AFG awarded the department \$79,500 and the department required match was \$4,184 for a total amount of \$83,684. When planning for the new truck careful consideration was taken to ensure that it was equipped to fill needs addressed in the annual needs assessment. A few additional features were added to fully utilize the capabilities of this apparatus such as; a 9,000 pound winch for vehicle extraction stabilization, high intensity LED scene lighting, and secured walkway to protect firefighters from being injured during brush fire operations. The total cost of the new truck was \$94,328. After subtracting \$79,500 grant funds, \$6,525 selling old truck and \$962 selling old pump unit out of truck, the total amount paid by the fire fund was \$7,341.



Planning

2012 Budget Overview

As of December 31, 2011 the fire fund balance was \$301,300.35. As mentioned in the previous 2010 - 2011 Financial Review section \$285,860.10 has been allocated for future replacement of equipment and apparatus. This leaves only \$15,440.25 remaining for general operating expenses until the first contract payments are due in April.

Village Fire Fund Balance (as of 12/31/11)	301,300.35
Allocation-Pumper Replacement	200,000.00
Allocation-Other Rolling Stock Replacement	29,672.00
Allocation-Turnout Gear Replacement	43,913.10
Allocation-Fire Equipment	8,000.00
Allocation- Radio Replacement	1,500.00
Allocation-SCBA Bottle Replacement	1,200.00
Allocation-Hose Replacement	825.00
Allocation-SCBA Unit Replacement	750.00
Total Allocations	285,860.10
Operating Revenue until April 2012	<u>15,440.25</u>

The Budget & Planning Committee has prepared the 2012 Fiscal Year Budget. Fiscal year 2010 was the first year for the increased contract amount of \$94,600. The current contracts are set to expire in 2015. Total 2012 estimated expenses are \$52,888, leaving Income Before Allocations of \$41,712.

After conducting our annual Needs Assessment and considering the current condition and/or NFPA Standard for the useful life of certain equipment, the committee has calculated annual allocations to equal \$107,275 beginning in 2011. Since 2001 the only allocation that has been made, \$15,000 annually, was to replace the front line pumper on a 20 year cycle. These allocations are critical to maintaining the current level of response capabilities of the department. To fully fund all of the allocations funding must increase by a minimum of \$65,563.

Not fully funding these allocations could result in increased response times, greater risk for firefighter injury or death from malfunctioning or outdated equipment, and limited response capabilities. Many pieces of equipment and apparatus used to serve our communities must meet specific mandated standards of performance and have defined life expectancy, according to the NFPA. When one or both of these conditions can not be met, the equipment and/or apparatus must be taken out of service.

The Budget & Planning Committee continues to work diligently to use existing funds to maintain the highest quality of service to our communities.

2010 - 2011 Financial Review

	Jan - Dec 10	Jan - Dec 11	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Direct Public Support			
Corporate Contributions	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total Direct Public Support	0.00	100.00	100.00
 Fire Levy Income	75,000.00	94,595.00	169,595.00
Grant Income			
2010 AFG	0.00	79,500.00	79,500.00
2009 AFG	47,974.00	0.00	47,974.00
Total Grant Income	47,974.00	79,500.00	127,474.00
 Total Income	122,974.00	174,195.00	297,169.00
 Expense			
Recruitment & Retention			
Physical Exam	0.00	35.00	35.00
Total Recruitment & Retention	0.00	35.00	35.00
 Payroll Expense			
PERS	1,056.00	1,056.00	2,112.00
Payroll Taxes	225.36	203.98	429.34
Salaries	3,798.44	3,798.44	7,596.88
Total Payroll Expense	5,079.80	5,058.42	10,138.22
 Apparatus			
Apparatus Pump Test	493.20	0.00	493.20
Apparatus Maint/Repair	5,443.60	3,220.23	8,663.83
Apparatus Purchase	0.00	94,328.00	94,328.00
Total Apparatus	5,936.80	97,548.23	103,485.03
 BWC Payment	2,082.72	1,235.95	3,318.67
Communication Equipment			
Purchase	0.00	275.80	275.80
Maintenance/Repair	390.44	114.93	505.37
Total Communication Equipment	390.44	390.73	781.17
 Contract Services	1,031.30	0.00	1,031.30
Dues/Subscriptions			
NFPA	1,200.00	832.50	2,032.50
Total Dues/Subscriptions	1,200.00	832.50	2,032.50

2010 - 2011 Financial Review

Fire Equipment			
Hose	0.00	778.27	778.27
Ladder Test	142.35	136.35	278.70
Maintenance/Repair	53.10	152.21	205.31
Purchase	59,393.51	1,456.22	60,849.73
Total Fire Equipment	59,588.96	2,523.05	62,112.01
Fire Pagers			
Pager Maintenance	395.88	855.89	1,251.77
Pager Replacement	4,922.00	2,216.22	7,138.22
Total Fire Pagers	5,317.88	3,072.11	8,389.99
Frequency/Channel Lease	726.00	798.00	1,524.00
Fuel	1,587.72	1,862.19	3,449.91
Insurance	6,446.00	6,399.00	12,845.00
LVFD Quarterly Payment	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,400.00
Medical Equipment	429.39	169.34	598.73
SCBA Expense			
Static/Bench test	682.00	773.00	1,455.00
Total SCBA Expense	682.00	773.00	1,455.00
Station Expense			
Maintenance/Repair	157.40	2,038.09	2,195.49
Total Station Expense	157.40	2,038.09	2,195.49
Training	0.00	1,420.00	1,420.00
Turnout Gear-Repair	1,894.30	13,627.19	15,521.49
Utilities			
Electric	1,140.82	1,135.19	2,276.01
Gas	1,896.41	1,900.12	3,796.53
Phone	2,836.37	3,069.09	5,905.46
Water & Sewer	376.10	361.50	737.60
Total Utilities	6,249.70	6,465.90	12,715.60
Volunteer FF Dependant Fund	300.00	283.88	583.88
Total Expense	100,300.41	145,732.58	246,032.99
Net Ordinary Income	22,673.59	28,462.42	51,136.01
Net Income	22,673.59	28,462.42	51,136.01

2012 Budget Overview

Jan - Dec 12

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Fire Levy Income	94,600.00
Total Income	94,600.00

Expense

Recruitment & Retention

Physical Exam	200.00
Total Recruitment & Retention	200.00

State Audit 2,000.00

Payroll Expense

PERS	1,056.00
Payroll Taxes	232.00
Salaries	3,800.00
Total Payroll Expense	5,088.00

Apparatus

Apparatus Pump Test	500.00
Apparatus Maint/Repair	4,000.00
Total Apparatus	4,500.00

BWC Payment 1,300.00

Communication Equipment

Purchase	3,500.00
Maintenance/Repair	1,200.00
Total Communication Equipment	4,700.00

Contract Services 1,100.00

Dues/Subscriptions

Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association	75.00
Pharmacy License	115.00
Sandusky County Fireman's Assoc	50.00
FireHouse Software	900.00
NFPA	855.00
NWO Volunteer Firemen's Assoc.	40.00
Total Dues/Subscriptions	2,035.00

Fire Equipment

Hose	800.00
Ladder Test	140.00
Maintenance/Repair	200.00
Purchase	1,500.00
Total Fire Equipment	2,640.00

2012 Budget Overview

Fire Pagers	Jan - Dec 12
Pager Maintenance	1,000.00
Pager Replacement	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Fire Pagers	3,500.00
Frequency/Channel Lease	840.00
Fuel	2,015.00
Insurance	6,500.00
LVFD Quarterly Payment	1,200.00
Medical Equipment	300.00
SCBA Expense	
Static/Bench test	<u>800.00</u>
Total SCBA Expense	800.00
Station Expense	
Maintenance/Repair	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Station Expense	2,000.00
Training	1,500.00
Turnout Gear-Repair	3,000.00
Utilities	
Electric	1,200.00
Gas	2,030.00
Internet	600.00
Phone	3,120.00
Water & Sewer	<u>420.00</u>
Total Utilities	7,370.00
Volunteer FF Dependant Fund	<u>300.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>52,888.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	41,712.00
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Allocations	
Pumper Replacement	50,000.00
Other Rolling Stock Replacement	30,000.00
Turnout Gear Replacement	15,000.00
Fire Equipment Replacement	8,000.00
Communications Replacement	1,500.00
SCBA Bottle Replacement	1,200.00
Hose Replacement	825.00
SCBA Unit Replacement	<u>750.00</u>
Total Allocations	<u>107,275.00</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>107,275.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-107,275.00</u>
Net Income	<u>-65,563.00</u>

Membership



Dave Zimmerman
Asst. Chief

John Zimmerman
Chief

Officers

Joe	Zimmerman	1st Caption	Nathan	Fought	1st Lieutenant
Jim	Seibert	2nd Caption	Ryan	Zimmerman	2nd Lieutenant
Matt	Damschroeder	3rd Caption	Jay	Ernsberger	3rd Lieutenant
Seth	Parkhurst	Safety Officer	Jason	Conklin	Fiscal Officer

Membership

Adam	Shearn	Jacob	Parkhurst
AJ	Green	Jeff	Kleinschmidt
Bob	Krumnow	Josh	Root
Bob	Lagrou	Lewis	Branson
Chad	Overmyer	Matt	Overmyer
Chris	Kayser	Matt	Gilson
Dallas	Barnard	Mike	Roach
Dan	Hineline	Mike	Sauber
Darin	Draeger	Ron	Berger
Dave	Shaffer	Russ	Zimmerman
Dave	Wagner	Steve	Reineck
Ed	Schneider	Terry	Fought
Herman	Mies		

Thank you for your support!

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