



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report February 16, 2021

Prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to tcrawford@a2gov.org, ifournier@a2gov.org, or shiggins@a2gov.org.

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! Coronavirus (COVID-19) update. The City of Ann Arbor continues to experience the effects of the pandemic both internally and throughout the community. Despite the promise of a vaccine in the near future, it's not anticipated broad availability will be available for months. It remains vitally important for everyone to follow the latest public health guidelines – both inside and outside of the workplace.

As the City navigates through these challenging times, it will continue to share the latest information on city operations via the city's website at www.a2gov.org/covid19 as well as its [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [NextDoor](#) pages.

Continuing efforts to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and remain in compliance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) most recent order (https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-545136--,00.html), Ann Arbor Larcom City Hall are closed to the public Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020 – Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Per the MDHHS order, the city will conduct all non-essential operations remotely.

<https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=747>

For the latest COVID-19 health information, please visit www.washtenaw.org/COVID19 or the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/>. Individual safety reminders include:

- Please check the [city's meeting calendar](#) for the most up-to-date information on public meetings.
- To pay parking tickets, water bills, property taxes, apply for permits as well as other customer service options, residents and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of online services by visiting www.a2gov.org/services.
- **Vaccine Update:** Essential service distribution has started. Group 1A is close to being completed. Group 1B (many essential service employees) is in process. The quantity of available vaccine is much lower than originally anticipated by the State, so distribution will take quite some time to roll-out. The city will keep you informed in the weeks/months ahead as distribution continues its ramp-up.

A2 Be Safe! Be safe, be well, be six feet apart!

Success Stories

Success. Thank you to staff throughout the organization who have worked and continue to work tirelessly, and those who have gone above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. You are appreciated!

Stormwater Planning Heroes. Thank you to Public Services Chief of Staff Marti Praschan, Water Quality Manager Jennifer Lawson, and Public Services staff, who are our stormwater planning heroes. <https://youtu.be/y09haTlfZss> <https://youtu.be/mUpamX2OIF8>

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

- **A²ZERO** — Our carbon neutrality work is continuing to move swiftly, so to stay up to date, check out our website: www.a2zero.org.
- **Energy Criteria and Principles:** OSI has been working on a draft set of Energy Criteria Principles to help guide energy-related investments necessary to meet A²ZERO. These principles were discussed at a working session in January, adopted by the Energy Commission, and will be presented to the Environmental Commissions in January. OSI plans to bring the final set of principles to City Council for formal adoption in early 2021 as they will be instrumental when seeking solutions to achieve some of the goals identified in A²ZERO. You can learn review the draft principles [here](#).
- **Energy Benchmarking** – Public comment is being sought on the proposed Commercial and Multifamily Benchmarking and Transparency ordinance, an initiative of A²ZERO. Developed in partnership with the City’s Office of Sustainability & Innovations (OSI) and a community Task Force, the draft ordinance seeks to provide insight into the energy and water usage of commercial and multifamily buildings in the community. Interested stakeholders can learn more, read the draft ordinance, and submit comments at www.a2gov.org/benchmarking.
- **Solar** — Individuals interested in learning more about solar are invited to check out our A²Solarize program which helps reduce the upfront cost of solar by 5%–15% through a coordinated bulk buy. The program is available to all Washtenaw County residents. Learn more [here](#). You can join one of our live events and bulk buys by contacting Julie Roth (juliekayeroth111@gmail.com). And stay tuned for some potential new solar opportunities for City facilities and commercial entities.
- Join us for **Climate, Coffee, and Conversations** at 8am the second Thursday of every month. This informal conversation provides an opportunity for members of the public to share their ideas and concerns, to learn more about A²ZERO, and to find ways to get engaged in local sustainability activities.
- Do you know community-based organizations that could help distribute **energy savings kits** or **emergency preparedness kits**? OSI is looking for partners to help provide these kits to residents in need. If you know of an organization we could partner with to get these kits into our community, please let OSI know.
- **Aging in Place Efficiently Program:** In summer of 2020, the City of Ann Arbor, along with Meals on Wheels, Program for Multi-Cultural Health, Habitat for Humanity, Washtenaw

County, Michigan Saves, and the Housing Bureau for Seniors won a grant to support low-income seniors with aging in place for longer through a combination of social services and physical improvements to their residence. The program is currently in the design phase, but if you know any organizations we should be partnering with, please let OSI know.

- **Climate, Coffee and Conversation** — Join us the second Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. for an open community chat about anything and everything A2ZERO and sustainability in Ann Arbor, in Michigan and abroad. Attendance is online and free, but Zoom registration is required at https://a2gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsf-igqj0oEtdo_gc_7sYUDACgGBTmR2Qj.
- **Upcoming events**
Join us at one of the following upcoming events (register and see more events, which are being added weekly, on the city's public calendar at <https://calendar.a2gov.org/CalendarNOW.aspx?fromdate=10/1/2020&todate=10/31/2020&display=Month&more=1/1/0001>):
- **2021 Sustainability Forum Series**
The OSI is proud to announce the return of the annual Sustainability Forum Series for 2021! This year's series will be held virtually via Zoom. Attendance is free but [registration is required](#). See the series schedule below for more information
 - February 24, 2021 at 6:00-8:00pm - "**Urban Forestry & Green Infrastructure.**"
 - March 24, 2021 [TENTATIVE] - "**Waste Reduction & Circular Economy**"
 - April - Stay tuned for more!
 - May - Stay tuned for more!
- **City Seeks Public Comment on Multifamily Energy and Water Use Reporting Ordinance.** The City of Ann Arbor is seeking community feedback on policies outlined in the Commercial and Multifamily Benchmarking and Transparency draft ordinance. This initiative is part of the city's A2ZERO Carbon Neutrality Plan. Please see the news release, below and online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=762>, for details.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

2020 Annual Fire Report. This annual report outlines many of the accomplishments that occurred during the challenging year.

Updated Sidewalk Gaps Web Page. The update includes information on the New Sidewalk Millage, staff contact information, and a link to the Sidewalk Gap Dashboard that was presented to Council at the January 11 Work Session.

The web page can be found here:

<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/engineering/Pages/New-Sidewalks-FAQ.aspx>

Police Monthly Report. The January 2021 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report is attached.

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The February 2021 Transportation Commission Project Report is attached.

Council Resolution Reporting. Staff reported on the following items pursuant to Council direction:

ITEM	TITLE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-20-285	Resolution to Implement a ‘Rooney Rule’ for Executive and Management Level Hires in the City of Ann Arbor	September 1, 2020	Research ongoing.

Previews

The **February 16 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda. There are (22) items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings. There are (2) public hearings which are listed below.

- A public hearing and Resolution to Approve St. Francis of Assisi Site Plan, 2150 Frieze Avenue (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for the construction of a two-story, 14,570-square foot parish addition. The Site Plan proposes to construct a 2-story, 14,570 sq. ft parish addition on this 10.6-acre site. The site is zoned R1B, Single-Family Residential, and church uses, and expansion requires Special Exception Use approval in a residential district. A landscape modification from installing the required parking lot bioretention is also requested. A variance from planting street trees along E. Stadium Blvd. is requested from the Zoning Board of Appeals as the width to plant within the public right-of-way is too narrow. Street trees are proposed to be planted on private property instead. The petitioner addressed issues raised by Planning Commission by agreeing construction hours will be on weekdays during daylight hours. The City Planning Commission, at its meeting of 12/15/20, recommended approval of this request.
- A public hearing and Resolution to Approve 907 & 913 S. Main Street Site Plan and Development Agreement, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 6 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for demolition of the two existing houses and combining both lots to construct a 6-unit, 36-bedroom rental complex. The Site Plan proposes to combine 907 & 913 S. Main street, demolish the existing structures and propose a 6-unit, 36-bedroom total complex for rent on this 0.32-acre site. A variance from planting street trees along S. Main is required from the Zoning Board of Appeals. A development agreement has been prepared to upgrade the water main leading to this site. The petitioner addressed issues raised by Planning Commission by agreeing to add bicycle parking spaces to address parking concerns. This proposal meets minimum parking requirements of 1.5 spaces/unit. An AAATA bus stop is close to this site. The City Planning Commission, at its meeting of 12/1/20, recommended approval of this request.

Ordinances –Second Readings - none

Ordinances– First Readings (1)

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 1.3 Acres from TWP (Township District) to R1A (Single-Family District), Talpos-Knight Property, 2731 Newport (CPC Recommendation: Approval – 8 Yeas and 0 Nays).** This ordinance will zone this property R1A (Single-Family District) now that the property has been officially annexed into the City.

Other

February Water Quality Matters. The February issue of Quality Water Matters includes answers to questions about hard water in the winter, an update on the Gelman litigation and the January water quality dashboard report. The issue is available [online](#).

Ann Arbor Community Academy Launches Interest Signup Form Ahead of March 10 Kickoff. The Ann Arbor Community Academy (A2CA) is returning for a fourth year to provide a broad view of local government for community members 18 years of age and older. During a series of weekly sessions, from Wednesday, March 10, to Wednesday, April 28, 6:30–8:30 p.m., participants will connect with city staff and officials and learn more about long-term city planning efforts, day-to-day operations and the importance of civic involvement. The program, formerly named Ann Arbor Citizens Academy, is free to participants. The academy will not meet March 31, to coincide with Ann Arbor Public Schools spring break.

A form for those interested in participating in A2CA is currently online at <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/city-clerk/A2CA/Pages/Ann-Arbor-Community-Academy.aspx>. The deadline to submit the interest form is Friday, Feb. 19, 2021. Those who submit the form will be contacted with more information about the program and next steps once planning is complete.

After participating in A2CA tours, presentations and activities designed to deepen the understanding of governmental functions and services, city leadership hopes participants will be motivated to play a more active role in shaping the future of Ann Arbor. Graduates from past academies have served on the City Council, Planning Commission, Public Art Commission, Water System Advisory Board and have participated in other city projects and programs.

A2CA is designed to give an overview of city government for adult residents of the city of Ann Arbor. Based on program capacity, preference will be given to residents of the city of Ann Arbor over nonresidents.

For more information, visit www.a2gov.org/A2CA or contact the A2CA coordinator, Robert Mulcihy, at rmulcihy@a2gov.org.

Natural Area Preservation (NAP) Spring Controlled Ecological Burn Season to Begin Feb. 19. City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) will be conducting controlled ecological burns in local natural areas between Feb. 19 and May 29. Burns are conducted on weekdays between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., weather permitting. On the day of a controlled burn, signs will be posted around the park, and staff will be available onsite for questions. The fire will be under control at

all times. NAP asks that anyone with health concerns related to potential exposure to smoke from controlled burning to contact their office before Feb. 18 so necessary steps can be taken to minimize risks.

An online public meeting and Q & A on controlled burns will be held Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7–8:30 p.m., on Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/BurnMeeting021721>. Passcode: 296115

To join by telephone: US: +1 206 337 9723 or +1 213 338 8477 or 877 853 5247 (Toll Free) or 888 788 0099 (Toll Free) Webinar ID: 935 6427 1984. International numbers available: <https://a2gov.zoom.us/j/93564271984>. Those unable to attend who would like to learn more can contact NAP at 734.794.6627, email NAP@a2gov.org or visit a2gov.org/NAPburn.

March Events with NAP. City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) works to protect and restore Ann Arbor’s natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic among its community. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor’s parks. NAP is releasing its schedule for March with such events as salamander, frog and toad surveying kickoffs and trainings. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP.

Golden Paintbrush Awards Now Accepting Nominations. Nominations are now being accepted for the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Golden Paintbrush Awards. This award recognizes adults, children and organizations who have encouraged creativity in Ann Arbor's publicly visible spaces. Nomination forms are online and must be submitted by April 30, 2021. Please see the news release, below and at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=761>, for details.

Free sand/salt for residents. The city provides up to 5 gallons of a sand/salt mixture, per visit, at various locations around Ann Arbor. Residents must bring their own shovel and bucket as well as load material themselves from the marked piles. Material is available now; however, note that sand/salt mixture is not provided for contractors or landscapers. Locations for pick up include: **721 N. Main St. | Almendinger Park | Buhr Park | Burns Park | Gallup Park | Leslie Park | Veterans Memorial Park.** For maps and more snow information, please visit www.a2gov.org/snow.

Shelter from the Cold. The Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development and the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC) are again providing information regarding emergency warming centers for those experiencing homelessness during severe, cold temperatures. Due to the need to maintain proper distancing, the winter capacity for the Delonis Center has been reduced; however, to help fill the gap, six congregations have partnered with SAWC to provide rotating overnight shelter (and, in some cases, daytime shelter), for an entire month each through March. Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Meri Lou Murray Recreational Center may also serve as an overnight shelter overflow as needed throughout the winter.

The Washtenaw County Health Department recognizes the safety measures that are/will be in place at congregate sites. The Delonis Center, for example, is conducting weekly COVID testing for clients and staff, as well as temperature screenings, and also requires mask wearing and proper distancing. The health department will also provide ongoing oversight to ensure a healthy environment is maintained, including CDC cleaning standards and COVID-19 screenings prior to entry to facilities. Those exhibiting symptoms will be immediately transported to Michigan Medical for evaluation.

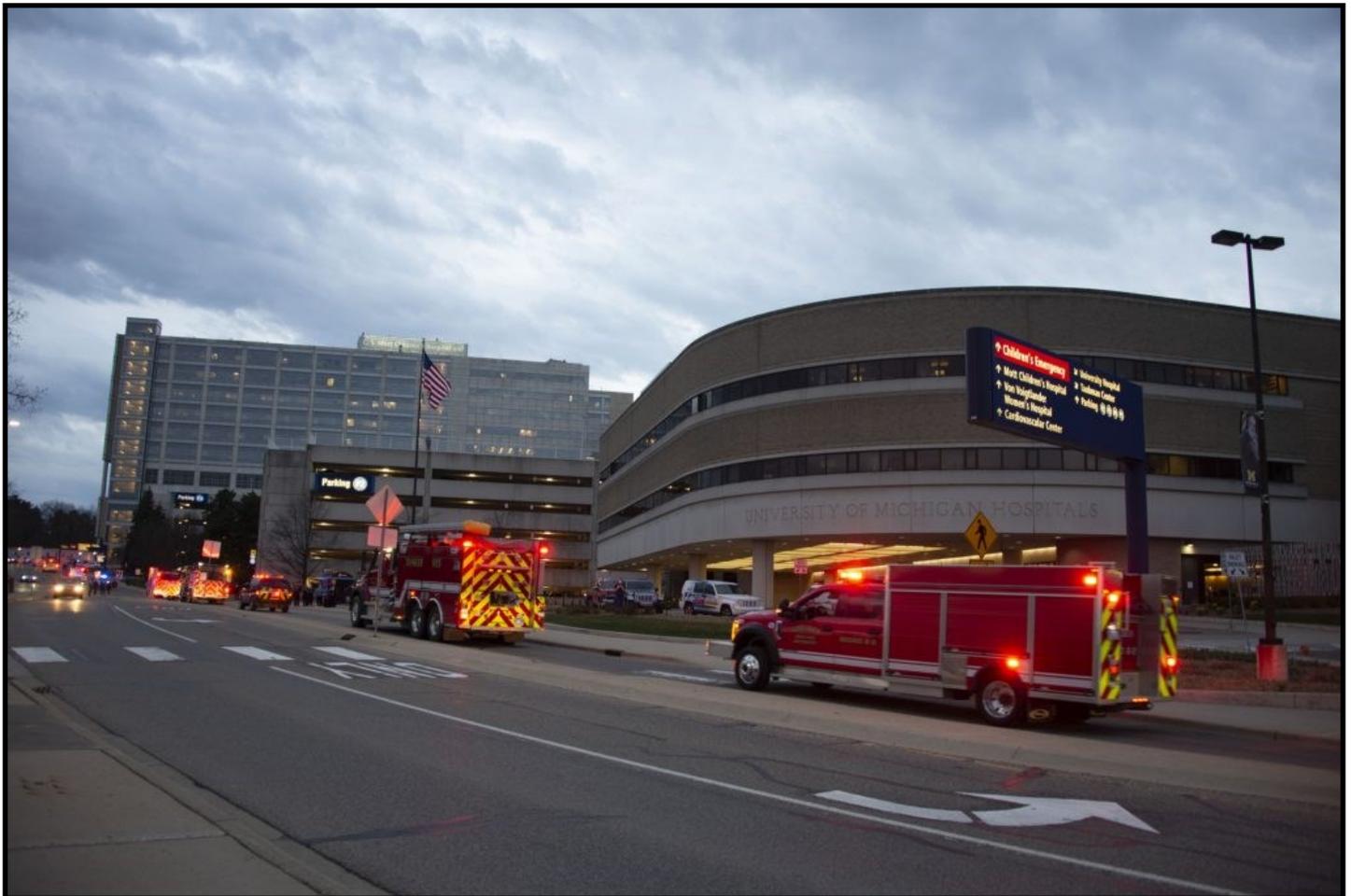
Anyone who is homeless or experiencing a housing crisis should contact Housing Access of Washtenaw County 734.961.1999.

Learn more! A recent episode of CTN's FYI features the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County Executive Director Daniel Kelly discussing the winter warming shelters and keeping those who are vulnerable safe amid COVID-19. Watch FYI at <https://youtu.be/FesNqP-w0xk>.

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This 2020 Annual Report is dedicated in honor of

TRAINING OFFICER CRAIG SIDELINGER



Lived: July 3, 1975 to January 4, 2021

Served: March 13, 2000 to November 23, 2020

Craig Sidelinger served as our training officer for over a decade, which is the longest anyone held that role at AAFD. Craig's influence was significant both internally and externally. He was key in our upgrade to basic life support status along with being the department liaison for numerous EMS pilots with both the Washtenaw / Livingston Medical Control Authority and Michigan Medicine. He also helped teach public outreach such as Safety Town, Ann Arbor Ready, and the City Community Academy. Craig ensured all firefighters maintained their EMT certification along with the department's State licensure. For many years, Craig was our representative in the University of Michigan Emergency Operations Center for football games, where he worked with agencies across Washtenaw County. Craig fought a fierce battle with colon cancer that was recognized as occupationally related under the State of Michigan Public Act 515 of 2014, the First Responder Presumed Coverage Fund.

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Message from the Fire Chief



On behalf of the Ann Arbor Fire Department, it is my privilege to present our 2020 Annual Report. The last twelve months have been challenging and chaotic. We have navigated unprecedented challenges while continuing to serve the residents of the City of Ann Arbor. Despite significant stress, there were numerous positives. The success of 2020 would not have been possible without the support and assistance from the City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, Mayor, City Council, City staff, and other City Service Area Administrators, along with that of the fire officers, firefighters, and staff. The following report outlines many of the accomplishments that occurred during 2020. It is an honor to serve as your fire chief, and I look forward to leading the Ann Arbor Fire Department in further progress.

Mike Kennedy, Fire Chief

2020 Highlights

- 👤 All employees who contracted COVID-19 recovered without hospitalization.
- 👤 Ratification of five-year IAFF contract. First contract ratified prior to expiration of previous contract in 25-years.
- 👤 Return of Firefighter Ronald Robbins to active duty following significant injuries sustained at a residential structure fire in January 2019.
- 👤 Review team selection of A3C/TCA for Station 4 architectural services.
- 👤 Everbridge mass notification system implemented.
- 👤 Completion of outdoor warning siren capital improvement project.
- 👤 Completion of interior dormitory renovations to Station 6.
- 👤 Completion of fire evidence room and transfer of evidence.
- 👤 Repainting and lighting enhancements at Station 3.
- 👤 Three employees hired.
- 👤 Twenty employees were promoted.



(above) June 3, 2020, second-alarm apartment fire at Homestead Commons on Eisenhower Parkway.

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(above) June 3, 2020, second-alarm apartment fire at Homestead Commons on Eisenhower Parkway.

(Picture on cover) On April 8, 2020, AAFD organized and led a procession to show support to healthcare workers battling COVID-19 at the University of Michigan Hospital, Veterans Affairs Hospital, and Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital. Twenty-eight public safety agencies participated.

STATISTICS

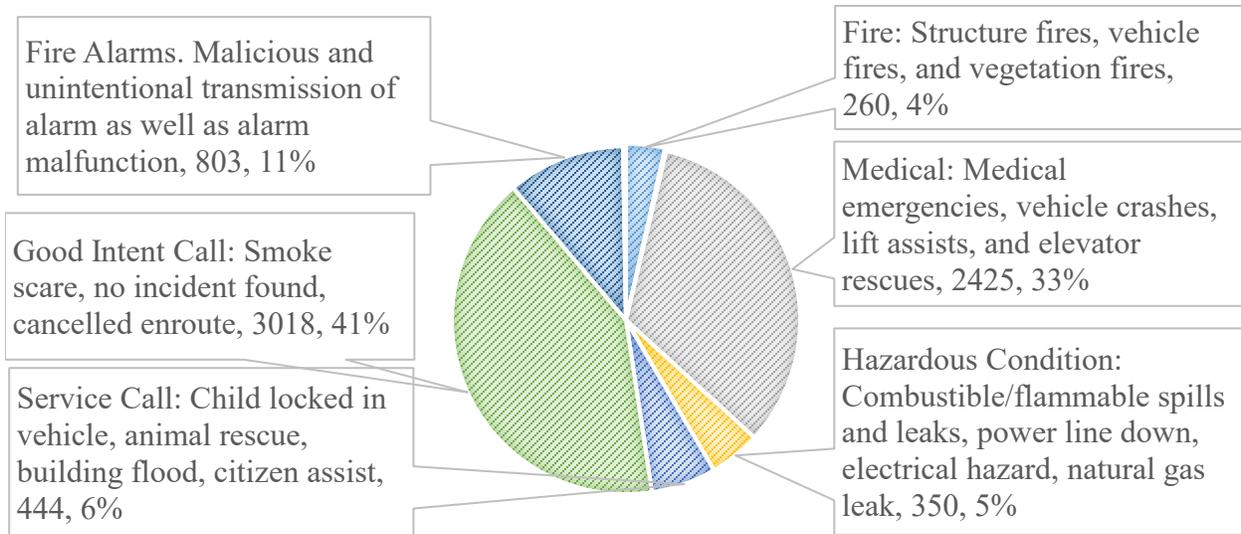
By the Numbers

\$17,693,601 - FY21 Budget
87 - Employees
5 - Fire Stations
120,495¹ - Resident Population

27.6 square miles - Geographic Area
7,318 - Calls for Service
0 - Civilian Fire Fatalities
40 - Structure Fires

2020 was an outlier year for statistics. During the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, AAFD reduced our medical response level due to personal protective equipment shortages and unknown etiology of the virus. Medical responses were again reduced in November and December due to staffing impacts from COVID-19. Incident responses were also impacted by closure of businesses; remote learning by the University of Michigan; cancellation of major events such as the Art Fair; and the reduced attendance at University of Michigan football games. Nothing about 2020 was standard or normal, and extreme caution needs to be applied attempting to use 2020 metrics as a basis for trend data.

2020 Incident Breakdown



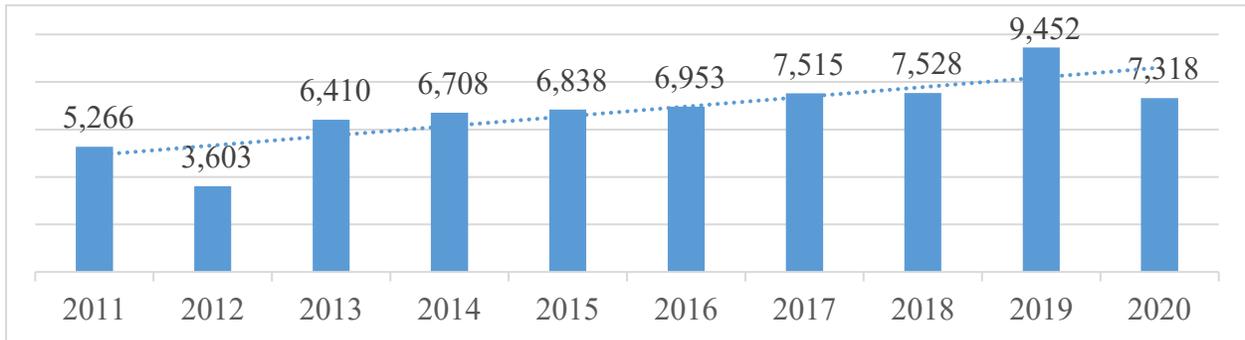
6,131 emergency incidents
40 structure fires
87 cooking fires (confined to container)
19 vehicle fires
127 power line down incidents
61 patients in cardiac arrest

4 vehicle extrications
24 vehicle/pedestrian crashes
46 elevator rescues
14 animal rescues
31 pipe breaks or water in building incidents
34 carbon monoxide incidents (with CO)

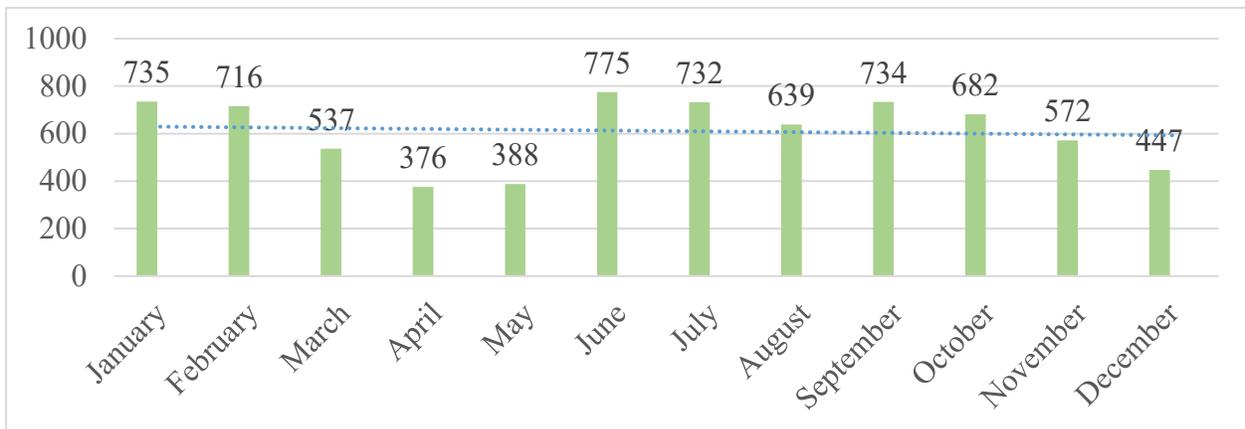
¹ July 2020 City of Ann Arbor SEMCOG population estimate

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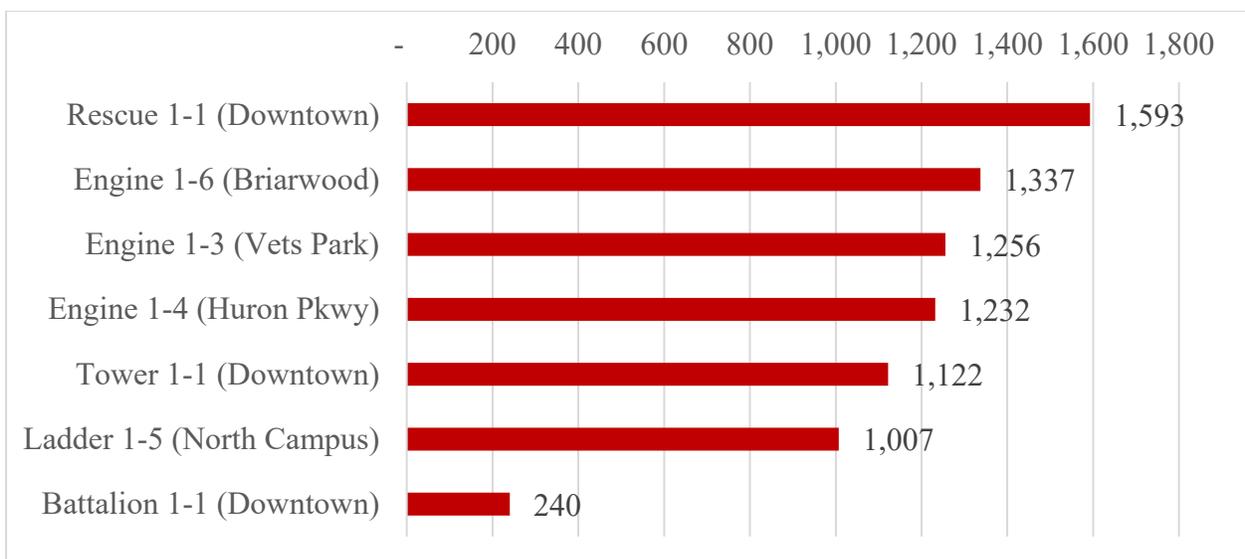
Annual Incidents



Incidents by Month

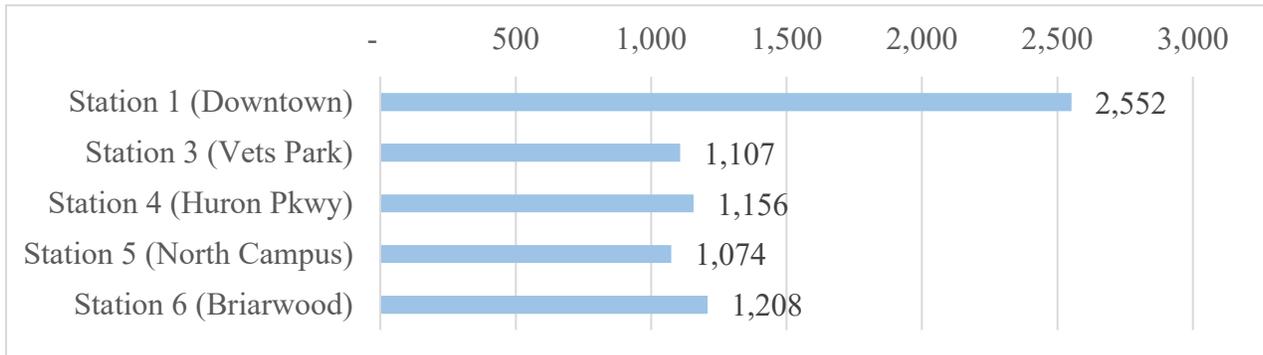


Incidents by Unit

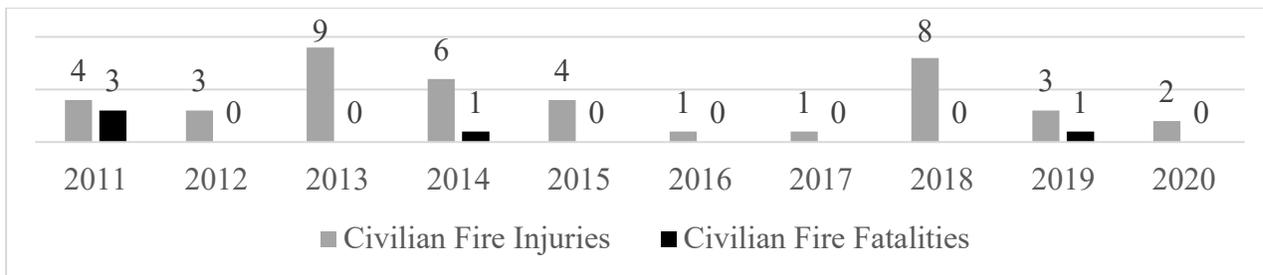


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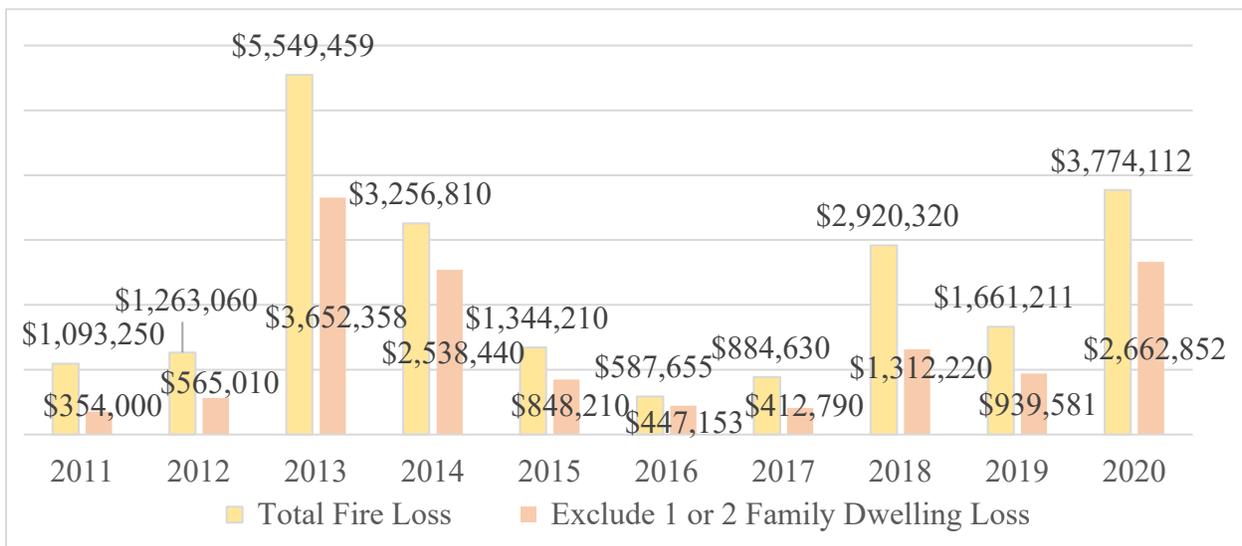
Incidents by District



Civilian Fire Injuries and Fatalities

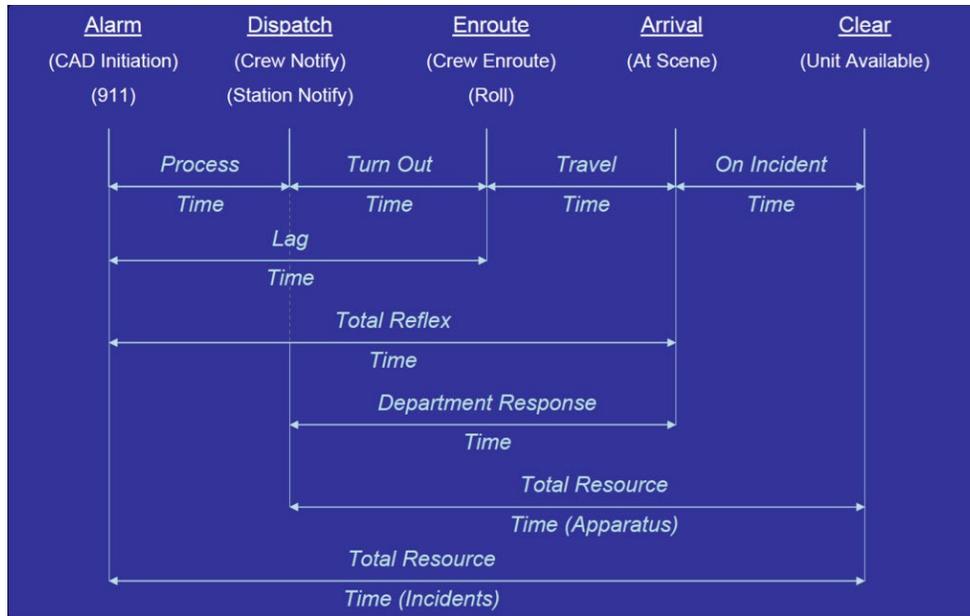


²Fire Loss (Property and Contents)



² In 2020, \$374,652,356 worth of property was saved with loss limited to .95% of total assessed property value.

STATISTICS



Citywide Incident Response: Turn Out Time³

Number of Incidents	Average Time (MM:SS)	Median Time (MM:SS)	90th Percentile (MM:SS)
3,563	1:55	1:57	3:03

Citywide Incident Response: Travel Time⁴

Number of Incidents	Average Time (MM:SS)	Median Time (MM:SS)	90th Percentile (MM:SS)
3,501	3:45	3:19	6:31

Citywide Incident Response: Department Response⁵

Number of Incidents	Average Time (MM:SS)	Median Time (MM:SS)	90th Percentile (MM:SS)
3,570	5:40	5:21	8:43

³ Filtered for emergency incidents, non-mutual aid, first apparatus arrival.

⁴ Filtered for emergency incidents, non-mutual aid, first apparatus arrival.

⁵ Filtered for emergency incidents, non-mutual aid, first apparatus arrival.

PERSONNEL

Lynda Rathburn serves as the office manager and is critical to numerous administrative and personnel functions including accounts payable, payroll, and contract administration.

Promotions

- 👤 Fire Marshal Michael Reddmann
- 👤 Master Mechanic Allen Bruck
- 👤 Training Officer Brian Schotthoefer
- 👤 Captain Scott Peterson
- 👤 Captain Brent Kostanko
- 👤 Lieutenant Kristopher Lussenden
- 👤 Lieutenant Benjamin Zahn
- 👤 Lieutenant David Cue
- 👤 Lieutenant Stephen Potbury
- 👤 Lieutenant Robert Porter
- 👤 Lieutenant Mark Hanselman
- 👤 D/O Christopher Nielsen
- 👤 D/O Ronald Robbins
- 👤 D/O Christopher Taylor
- 👤 D/O Shane Doyon
- 👤 D/O Clifford Blackford
- 👤 D/O Julian Gross
- 👤 Firefighter Jared Zygmontowicz
- 👤 Firefighter Brittany Hoak



(above) September 18, Firefighter Jared Zygmontowicz has his badge pinned by his wife and daughter during the promotional ceremony.

New Hires

- 👤 Probationary FF Taylor Buchanan
- 👤 Probationary FF Jason Miller
- 👤 Probationary FF Marc Bandy



Retirements

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| 👤 Fire Marshal Kathleen Summersgill | 👤 Lieutenant Brad Tanner |
| 👤 Battalion Chief Mark Edman | 👤 Lieutenant Craig Ferris |
| 👤 Training Officer Craig Sidelinger | 👤 Lieutenant William Gamble |
| 👤 Captain Steve Kreger | 👤 Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator Rick Norman |

OPERATIONS



The operations division is led by Assistant Chief Andrew Box. Operations is organized into three shifts comprised of twenty-four firefighters, who work a 54-hour work week. Firefighters work a one day on and two days off (24/48) schedule. The department deploys three engine companies, two ladder companies, one light-rescue company, and one battalion chief operating out of five fire stations. AAFD also provides fire service protection to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor campus. There are 72 budgeted suppression positions, with 24 on each shift. Minimum daily staffing is 18 personnel.



Battalion Chiefs

-  Chris Buscemi
-  Derek Wiseley
-  Mark Luick



Tower 1-1 Rescue 1-1

-  Captains: Christopher Matthew Hughes, Scott Peterson, Brent Kostanko
-  Lieutenants: Danielle Lalonde, James Tiernan, Mark Hanselman
-  Driver / Operators: Pablo Ramirez, William Gaken, Cliff Blackford, Jason Gravelle, Shane Doyon, Jonathan Lukosavich, Christopher McGlothin, Robert Vanderkarr, Julian Gross
-  Firefighters: Nicholas Kaczor, Neil Boes, Christopher Warden, Zane Kingsbury



OPERATIONS



Engine 1-3

- 👤 Lieutenants: Kristopher Lussenden, Stephen Potbury, Robert Porter
- 👤 Driver / Operators: Daniel Campbell, Tilvis Bolen, Matthew Francis
- 👤 Firefighters: John Crowell, Nicholas Foren, Visar Gjetaj, Michael Rudolph



Engine 1-4

- 👤 Lieutenants: Jason Corrado, Timothy Karolak, John Maguire
- 👤 Driver / Operators: Christopher Leadbetter, Ernie Close, Christopher Taylor
- 👤 Firefighters: Christopher Brown, Matthew Barbarich, Kenneth Richmond, Christopher Roy, Tracy Youell



Ladder 1-5

- 👤 Lieutenants: Andrew Boonstra, Robert Tudor, Benjamin Zahn
- 👤 Driver / Operators: Michael Pratt, Christopher Nielsen, Ronald Robbins
- 👤 Firefighters: George Allard, Leo Susick, Kenway Hensley, Andrew Gignac



Engine 1-6

- 👤 Lieutenants: Kirk Hedding, Jeremy Flack, David Cue
- 👤 Driver / Operators: Timothy Rugg, Jeremy Torres, Bryce McAllister
- 👤 Firefighters: John Fotopoulos, Cody Eddington, Jacob Wing

Unassigned Firefighters: Brittany Tooman, Jared Zygmuntowicz, Taylor Buchanan, Marc Bandy, Jason Miller

TRAINING AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



The Training Division is led by Training Officer Brian Schotthoefer and Assistant Training Officer Bryce McAllister (acting). It facilitates ongoing training, drills, and exercises that reflect the real-life experiences encountered in the field by firefighting crews. The overall mission is to prepare employees to be successful in their careers by providing the tools and blueprint to succeed at emergency incidents through the administration of training exercises incorporating the best, most current practices of existing policies and industry best practices. This division ensures compliance with all federal, state, and local mandated training; new hire orientation; fire officer training; and driver / operator

certification program.

The Training Division also maintains the department's basic life support, non-transport emergency medical services licensure through the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. As part of this medical licensure, the Training Division maintains compliance with education, quality improvement, and system requirements set forth by Washtenaw / Livingston Medical Control Authority. Additionally, this group is responsible for ordering and inventory of all medical equipment, supplies, and personnel protective equipment.

By the Numbers

5,348.5 total training hours

1,351.5 emergency medical services training hours

3,997 fire, hazardous materials, technical rescue, human resources, and safety training hours

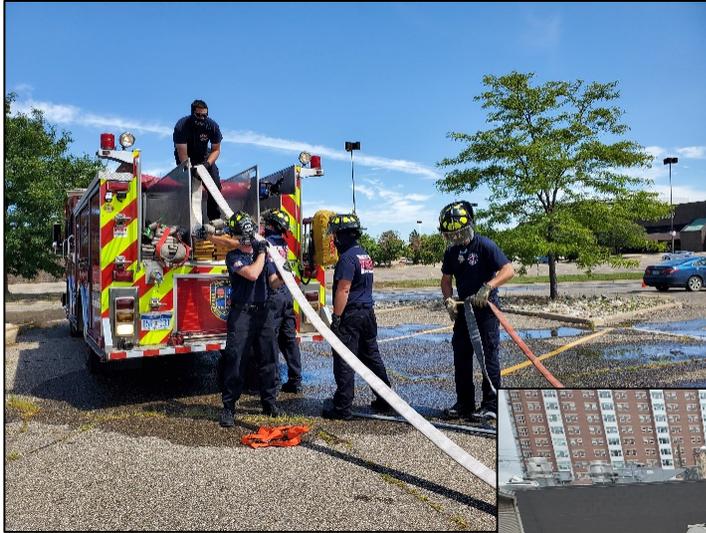
Top Employee Training Hours

1. Probationary Firefighter Marc Bandy: 176.5 hours
2. Lieutenant Kris Lussenden: 176 hours
3. Probationary Firefighter Jason Miller: 153.4 hours

Major Projects

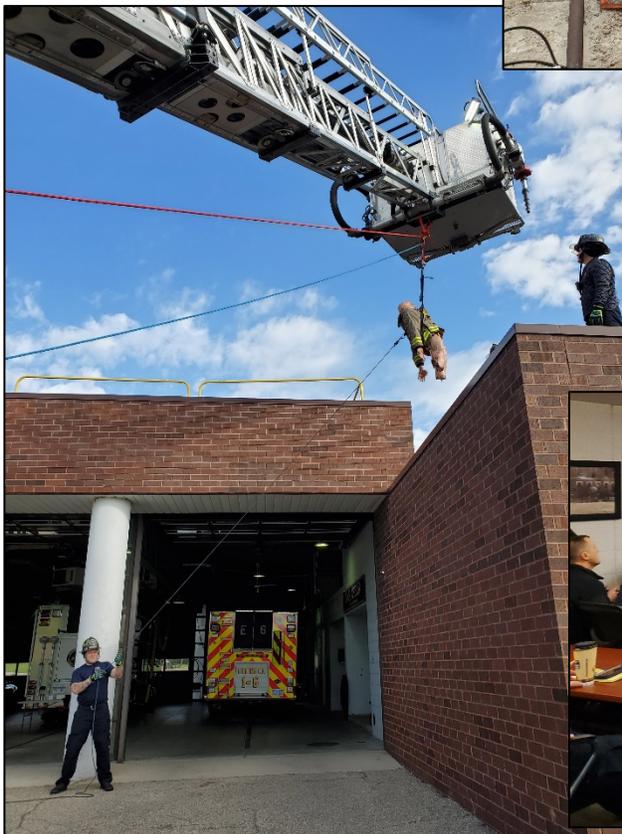
- 👤 Placed inservice four LifePak1000 AEDs and ten glucometers.
- 👤 Conducted orientation for three new firefighters.
- 👤 Assisted in drafting COVID-19 policies along with acquiring and tracking of personal protective equipment.
- 👤 Renewed 90 CPR certifications.
- 👤 Reconfigured, standardized, and transitioned apparatus cross-lays to the triple-layer hose load. All suppression personnel were trained on new hose load.
- 👤 Implemented City of Ann Arbor Safety Unit and Michigan Occupational Health and Safety Administration mandatory training in an online format via FireRescue1.
- 👤 Revised driver certification manual for all apparatus.
- 👤 Certified three engine driver / operators, three Ladder 1-5 driver / operators, and five Tower 1-1 driver / operators.
- 👤 Four employees obtained initial Blue Card Incident Command certification with four additional employees recertifying.

TRAINING AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



(left) AAFD conducted a joint 40-hour Pump Apparatus Operator course with the Brighton Area Fire Authority. This course teaches fire ground hydraulics and operation of fire apparatus.

(right) Due to work by Assistant Chief Box, the City Attorney's Office, and Hughes Properties, firefighters were able to have rare access to a group of six commercial buildings on South University. Six evolutions were covered including: ventilation; search and rescue; hose line advancement, and forcible entry. A total of 361 total training hours were logged.



(left) Firefighters perform rope rescue evolutions using updated technical rescue equipment placed in-service on Tower 1-1 and Ladder 1-5.

(below) Just prior to COVID-19, two Fire Department of New York firefighters were contracted via P.L. Vulcan Fire Training Concepts to conduct elevator rescue training.



COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION



Assistant Chief Marc Tyler supervises fire prevention and logistics. Additionally, he coordinates the department’s Community Risk Reduction (CRR) efforts. CRR is a doorway to the renovation of the fire service culture, utilizing a data-driven process to transform the delivery of services. CRR utilizes non-traditional fire service partnerships to address community needs. This community-based approach utilizes partnerships to understand, assess, and provide inclusive solutions to community safety issues. Unfortunately, all public outreach activities were halted this year due to COVID-19 concerns.

LOGISTICS



Allen Bruck has the title of master mechanic. This position title has its origins to when AAFD had five mechanics, who maintained the fire apparatus fleet. Today, City Fleet Services performs annual DOT inspections, routine maintenance, and repair services. The “master mechanic” has evolved to a logistics coordinator. This position is the AAFD liaison with Fleet Services and coordinates repair and maintenance of fire facilities. This position also works with vendors for a large assortment of equipment maintenance and testing including: ground and aerial ladders, fire apparatus pumps, fire hose, and fire extinguishers.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Rick Norman served as the emergency management coordinator from January 2012 and retired in January 2021. Emergency management coordinates all City of Ann Arbor emergency planning for weather-related and other disasters, maintains an emergency operations center, conducts emergency preparedness training and operates a citywide outdoor warning siren system. Emergency management worked throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to coordinate City of Ann Arbor needs with the State of Michigan Emergency Operations Center. The City of Ann Arbor twice declared a local state of emergency, which was coordinated and filed through emergency management. In addition to

COVID-19 work, a new mass notification system was launched in coordination with Washtenaw County. The new mass notification system allows for a unified, county-wide system. Previously, the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County had standalone systems. Another large project was the completion of a multi-year capital improvement program to upgrade all outdoor warning sirens.

FIRE PREVENTION



The Fire Prevention Bureau is led by Fire Marshal Michael Reddmann. This bureau maintains a robust fire prevention program that includes the elements of fire code enforcement, fire plan review, fire cause and origin investigation, and community risk reduction. Fire inspectors are responsible for conducting fire safety inspections of new and existing buildings, reviewing plans for fire code compliance, conducting fire and arson investigations, and coordinating a variety of community risk reduction education programs. The bureau also manages Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) fire-related requests.

Deputy Fire Marshal Jeffrey Pelzel
Fire Inspectors Gianna Bommarito, Ryan Newkirk
Management Assistant Leslie Herter

By the Numbers

Due to COVID-19 all fire inspections were suspended for approximately 90-days between March and June.

- 977** - Building or complex inspections (an entire mall may be one single inspection)
- 29** - Fire watch orders mitigated due to fire alarm or suppression system impairment.
- 12** - Fires investigated for cause and origin.
- 20** - Hydrant flow tests for suppression system water flow calculations.

Fire Marshal Reviews

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| 56 - Site plans | 5 - Land divisions |
| 2 - Zoning variances | 119 - Sidewalk occupancy compliance |
| 4 - Annexation parcels | 6 - Tent permits |
| 37 - Site compliance plans | 16 - Prescription burn permits |
| 31 - Knox Box installations | |

Major Projects

-  A new scheduling spreadsheet was created and linked to ImageTrend to assist with scheduling inspections.
-  A new inspection procedure was implemented utilizing the management assistant.
-  A new evidence room was completed at Station 6 and all evidence in AAFD custody was properly transferred.
-  Coordinated with other City departments to help businesses to remain open during COVID-19, including road closures and outdoor dining alternative arrangements.
-  First review and approval of an emergency responder radio coverage system.

Administrative Assistant Herter

-  Responded to 166 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.
-  Invoiced approximately \$118,635 for false alarms.
-  Invoiced \$245,886 for fire inspection cost recovery.

YEAR IN REVIEW



(left) August 6, 2020, second-alarm fire at 1200 Broadway. This building was under construction at the time.

(right) November 7, 2020, second-alarm structure fire on Miller Avenue. The structure sustained significant damage with fire traveling throughout multiple void spaces.



(left) May 21, 2020, firefighters performed a technical rescue of a patient from a tree. The patient was injured by a limb and could not climb down from the tree. The patient was elevated approximately 25'. Fortunately, several on-duty firefighters day were also members of the Washtenaw County Technical Rescue Team.

YEAR IN REVIEW



(left) November 17, 2020, a high-wind event caused significant wires down incidents along with damage from numerous downed trees. On Montgomery Ave, live power lines fell onto a garage setting it on fire. Firefighters were able to keep the fire under control until DTE shut off the power. Two vehicles in the garage were also saved.



(above left and right, bottom left and right) Interior renovations were completed at Fire Station 6. Upgrades were made to the training room and exercise room. The bathrooms and dormitory are now gender inclusive.



YEAR IN REVIEW



(left) June 26, 2020, Lt Jim Tiernan being pinned by his daughter during the promotional ceremony.



(right) A new turnout gear dryer was placed in-service at Fire Station 3. This dryer allows for faster drying of turnout gear and can accommodate two sets.



(left) September 19, 2020, Firefighter Brittany Hoak being sworn-in during the promotional ceremony.

(right) D/O Jonathan Lukosavich, Battalion Chief Mark Edman, Lt Kirk Hedding, Lt Tim Karolak, Firefighter Christopher Warden, Lt Brad Tanner, and Firefighter Jonathan Fotopoulos participated in “Skate with a Hero” at Vets Park ice rink with the Ann Arbor Police Dept. This event occurred the weekend before COVID-19 changed our world.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Crawford, City Administrator
FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: February 11, 2021

AAPD ARM Monthly Comparison Report (preliminary and advisory) – January 2021

Part A Crimes

Crime Category	Jan-2021	Dec-2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	0	0	0	2	-100.0%
ARSON	0	0	0	0	No Change
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	16	16	16	14	14.3%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	32	25	32	55	-41.8%
BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	4	4	4	4	0.0%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	5	9	5	5	0.0%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	18	25	18	25	-28.0%
DRUG OFFENSES	2	1	2	5	-60.0%
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	0	2	0	0	No Change
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	4	1	4	6	-33.3%
FRAUD	27	22	27	62	-56.5%
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	0	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	10	3	10	5	100.0%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	0	0	0	0	No Change
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	44	39	44	54	-18.5%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	13	38	13	35	-62.9%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	16	19	16	31	-48.4%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	2	7	2	10	-80.0%
OBSCENITY	0	0	0	0	No Change
ROBBERY	1	2	1	5	-80.0%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	2	3	2	8	-75.0%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	0	0	0	0	No Change
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	0	0	0	0	No Change
STOLEN PROPERTY	0	1	0	6	-100.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	5	0	5	6	-16.7%
Total	201	217	201	340	-40.9%

Part B Crimes

Crime Category	Jan-2021	Dec-2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	% Change
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	0	1	0	1	-100.0%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	6	5	6	8	-25.0%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	1	1	1	1	0.0%
DISORDERLY	0	0	0	0	No Change
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	1	0	1	0	N/C
FAMILY OFFENSE	1	1	1	1	0.0%
FRAUD	3	0	3	0	N/C
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	1	0	2	-100.0%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	2	1	2	1	100.0%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	1	1	1	4	-75.0%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	6	14	6	32	-81.3%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	2	5	2	10	-80.0%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	3	4	3	10	-70.0%
PUBLIC PEACE	5	4	5	16	-68.8%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	1	1	1	1	0.0%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	5	6	5	8	-37.5%
VAGRANCY	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
Total	37	45	37	96	-61.5%

*N/C represents an increase of "0" which is mathematically "Not-Calculable"
 ARM Monthly Comparison Report ran 0830hrs, on 2/9/2021, using CrimeView
 Advanced Reporting Module.

COVID-19 restrictions went into effect on 3/13/2020

*There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports
 at the time report was run. This report does not include "Locked" cases.

**Please note that reports are run for calendar month and that the months being compared
 may have different number of days.

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – January 2021

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Injury Category
21000946	S. State St. and Madison St.	1/12/2021	6:05 AM	Turning left	Yes	C
210001624	Jackson Rd. and Highlake Ave.	1/18/2021	7:03 PM	Going straight	No	K
210002451	S. State St and E. Liberty St.	1/27/2021	7:40 PM	Going straight	No	B
210002541	590 Ellsworth	1/28/2021	6:30 PM	Slowing/Stopping	No	B

Injury Legend:
K - Fatal Injury (any injury which results in death)
A - Suspected Serious Injury (Any injury other than fatal which prevents normal activities and generally requires hospitalization)
B - Suspected Minor Injury (Any minor injury that is evident to others at the scene)
C - Possible Injury (Any possible injury that is reported or claimed)
O - No Injury (No indication of injury)



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2021 Construction Projects

South Industrial Concrete Pavement Repairs

This project consists of spot repairs of the concrete pavement. The project will include the addition of bike lanes. The work is anticipated to begin in April or May.

Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh)

The project includes watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the project [website](#). City Council approved removal of on-street parking in favor of buffered bike lane installation at their November 16 meeting. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2021.

Sidewalk Gaps

On the November 3 ballot, voters approved the New Sidewalk Millage, which will be the primary funding source for sidewalk gap filling projects going forward. While funding from the new millage will not be available until after July 1, 2021, there are several sidewalk gap projects that are proposed to advance to construction at some point in 2021. These tentatively include:

- Barton Dr. (Brede to Pontiac)
- Boardwalk (east side from end of sidewalk to Oakbrook)
- Jackson Ave. (Wagner to Park Lake)
- ~~Manchester Dr. (near Washtenaw)~~ – removed from 2021 list due to park frontage & associated funding issue. Will be reprogrammed for a later year
- Scio Church (Landmark to Seventh; as part of the project listed above)
- Stimson (State to end of gaps)
- Yost/Eli (2609 frontage)

Ellsworth/Research Park Drive Intersection

Directional boring for underground utilities and signal connections occurred the week of November 9, 2020. The steel poles and mast arms are on order and are expected to be delivered in the coming months. The work is expected to be completed in the spring.

Lane Reconfiguration

Staff evaluated the feasibility of lane conversions of several segments of roadway and presented the findings to the Transportation Commission in February 2019. Among those up for consideration (in addition to those already voted on by Council) were:



- South Industrial (Stimson to 800 feet south of Stimson) – a lane reconfiguration is being considered as part of the S. Industrial concrete repair project identified above. Public engagement is expected to occur in March

At their January 19, 2021 meeting, City Council passed [Resolution R-21-022](#) which rescinded previous Resolution R-19-139. This action removes the requirement that City Council approve road reconfigurations (aka road diets). A notification requirement of 15 days prior to implementation was included in the new action.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

People Friendly Streets Initiative

First Street construction wrapped up for the season, with final construction and restoration to two-way traffic in summer 2021. The First Street Bikeway is substantially complete from Huron Street to William Street. The bikeway north of Huron Street will be complete this coming construction season, including a dedicated bikeway signal at Huron Street. Final pavement markings will also be installed summer 2021. People for Bikes ranked the First Street Bikeway as one of [America's Best New Bikeways of 2020](#). Ashley Street is scheduled to begin late February 2021.

People-Friendly Streets Part 2

Public engagement is planned for March 9, 10, and 11; participation details will be provided when available. On Monday, July 6, City Council approved [Healthy Streets Pilot Projects Downtown](#), a summary and detailed technical report can be found on the [project website](#).

Other Updates and Information

“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

City Council approved a resolution to fund the design of a 2021 Healthy Streets program at their January 19, 2021 meeting. Staff has been working on three elements the Healthy Streets 2021 program. For the Neighborhood Healthy Streets program, staff has developed an updated mapping tool and language to communicate the 2021 program to interested citizens.

For the arterial streets, outside of downtown, staff has drafted a request for a work plan from Hubbell Roth & Clark (HRC) consulting. HRC is reviewing staff input and feedback from last year's program to include as they draft a proposal to design the 2021 Healthy Streets Arterial program.

Lastly, working with DDA staff, two primary corridors, Division and Miller/Catherine are under consideration of amended street designs in accordance with the DDA's People Friendly Streets program. Recognizing these streets are undergoing design in the spring for possible construction latter in 2021, it was agreed to not invest short term healthy streets resources that would be supplanted by improvements to be installed in the summer/fall season.

**EV Readiness Ordinance**

The Transportation Electrification subcommittee of the Energy Commission have worked for over a year to develop an EV Readiness Ordinance for Ann Arbor. The ordinance requires new buildings and major building retrofits to provide varying levels of EV charging infrastructure in parking spaces. The ordinance requires certain spots to be either EV-Capable, EV-Ready, or EV-installed. The ordinance passed unanimously on January 19, 2021.

Smart Growth America's COVID and Curb Report

Ann Arbor, alongside 16 other communities, was chosen by Smart Growth America's Transportation for America's (T4A) to participate in the [Smart Cities Collaborative](#). The project changed significantly in scope due to the pandemic and the final report is available [online](#).