



## Trafford Emergency Services

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02/02/2021

Trafford Borough Officials,

The following is a brief summary of Trafford Fire Departments activities for **January 2021**. Projected activity for next month, Public Safety concerns, and other information you should be aware of is also included.

**Fire Department:** Responded to **14** alarms; attached you will find a complete breakdown of the incidents and activity for this period included with this letter.

**EMS Division:** Provided **156** Non-Emergency Medical Transports throughout the greater Pittsburgh area. The proceeds from these transports are used to support the Fire, Medical, and other essential services we provide to Trafford; this is your Fire Department's PRIMARY source of income.

**Training:** Members participated or completed training last month for the following:

- International Association of Fire Chiefs symposium for Volunteer Chief Officers
- Civil Unrest Related Emergencies presented by the National Fire Academy
- Drill; "Legacy vs Modern" construction, fire behavior, and suppression tactics review

**Fundraising:**

- No Fund Raising scheduled other than the Medical Transport Division.

**General:**

- Grant Application submitted to PA Office of the State Fire Commissioner for firefighting equipment and vehicle warning devices (copy provided)
- Grant Application submitted to FEMA for new pumper
- Letter expressing concerns regarding the proposed amusement tax (copy provided)
- Letter of explanation regarding the Sewage Bill for 401 Brinton Ave (copy provided)
- Fire Dept Crews continue to respond to Medical Emergencies using PA Department of Health and UPMC established COVID-19 precautions and guidelines.
- All Non-emergency events are postponed until further notice.

**Next month(s)**

- The Coronavirus will obviously impact **Fire/EMS Operations** for the next several months. We have purchased sufficient N95 masks and personal protective equipment for the next several months.

**Fire & Life Safety Concerns:**

- For more than a year, I have reported to Council and the Mayor that vacant or dangerous structures continue to present a hazard to neighboring properties and the general public. Fighting Fires is inherently dangerous in any structure. These dangers are significantly increased when dealing with structures that have sat vacant for several years and have weakened structural components. I realize that Borough Council is taking action towards mitigating some of these issues; however, I continue to offer to work with Council and Code Enforcement to identify and placard these structures to warn Firefighters and the general public. I am again requesting a meeting with the Borough Council decision makers as soon as possible to expedite this process.
- The fence erected over a year ago (September 2019) on the corner of Third Street & Cavitt Ave is still blocking fire department access to the fire hydrant located in front of this structure.
- International Fire Code: The purpose of building and fire codes is to ensure the quality and safety of commercial and residential building structures. These codes set the minimum requirements to safeguard the occupants of a building, and to protect the building structure from various threats and exposures. Trafford has numerous buildings and groups of buildings that are uninspected or under inspected and operate virtually unregulated. Many of the processes and products used are hazardous to life and the environment. The International Fire Code (IFC) and Life Safety Code (NFPA 101) offer guidance and regulations authored by industry experts; if adopted and enforced, these tools can help create a safer workplace and protect our citizen and our environment. The revenue related to the Permits and Processes included with these texts can offset the costs associated with inspections and enforcement. May I remind you that I included several pages with my July 2020 report regarding the Operational Permits available to us should we adopt the International Fire Code. While Trafford does not have every one of these types of activity in progress today... you would be shocked to know just how many of these potentially hazardous processes are already happening in our Borough. The fee's associated with these permits and inspection could generate thousands in revenue for the Borough; however, the increased level of protection and overall safety of our citizens and first responders would be our first priority. I continue to offer my assistance and to present these Codes and Programs to Council as they apply to specific hazards in several occupancies in Trafford TODAY, and urge we move swiftly to mitigate some of these hazards.

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## COVID-19 Situation Report (SITREP) for: January 2021

The COVID-19 “State of Emergency” is likely to continue throughout 2021. The anticipated “operations tempo” is considered manageable for our current level of staffing and funding.

We have identified our long range Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements for the department and we continue to work with FEMA, PEMA, and other sources to acquire these items.

### Personnel Status:

One Firefighter was confirmed positive for Covid-19 in December; He/she was quarantined at home; symptoms were not life threatening, and he/she has since fully recovered. 9 other members of his/her family were also confirmed positive, the ill effects varied from minor to serious; however, none of the family members required hospitalization. We are happy to report that ALL have recovered.

**VACCINE:** 5 of 8 Emergency Medical Service Providers have already completed the vaccination process (2 rounds) with only minor side effects (general malaise, headache, soreness at the injection site).

Trafford’s participation in the “Mass Vaccination process for the general public” is yet to be determined.

The Department still has 2 bunkrooms with 4 Beds prepared and ready in the Fire Station Residence for staff quarantine; we also have the ability to flex up to 7 beds with the use of cots if needed: None of these beds are in use at this time.

- **COVID-19 Exclusion Area status continues for all Fire Department areas of the first and third floors – the “NO VISITOR” policy remains in effect. Advance notice is requested should Public Works require access to these areas. DPW personnel should be made aware that the personnel working inside these areas may have been exposed to the corona virus – contact tracing is required by PADOH. We also need to sanitize after DPW departs, as we cannot confirm their status prior to their visit.**

### Operations:

EMS Units transported 156 patients in January, 11 of these patients were confirmed to be Positive for COVID-19 prior to transport.

Breakdown of the total confirmed positive COVID-19 patients transported:

April 2020 - 4 of 148	October 2020 – 1 of 164	
May 2020 - 16 of 166	November 2020 – 4 of 145	
June 2020 - 6 of 173	December – 14 of 159	
July 2020 - 7 of 192	January 2021 – 11 of 156	
August 2020 – 1 of 141		
September 2020 – 1 of 188		

### Vehicles / Apparatus:

2 Ambulances are in service (primarily in use for UPMC Transports) – Both ambulances are available to surge into local emergency use if requested by Penn Township EMS – No flex to emergency service is expected in next operational period (**February 2021**).

1 Advanced Life Support Quick Response Unit (ASL-QRS) is in service and available **24/7 for 911 Dispatch Emergencies**. This unit routinely responds to serious medical emergencies and vehicle accidents in support of Penn Township EMS Transport Units.

3 other Fire Department Vehicles are in service and available.

**Logistics:**

Total TFC1 funds related to COVID-19 expended this period: **\$150.00**

Total funds expended to date for COVID-19 PPE to protect our First Responders: **\$8,330.28**

**Critical Needs:**

None expected in the next operational period.

**Other Needs:**

None

**Statistics:**

Source: CDC & PA Dept. of Health

	January 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2021		February 1st, 2021		Trending (last 27 days)	
	Cases*	Cases*	Cases*	Deaths	New Cases*	Deaths
World	86,093,941	1,860,190	103,090,224	2,230,829	<b>16,996,283</b>	<b>370,639</b>
United States	20,865,626	354,778	26,194,662	441,409	<b>5,329,036</b>	<b>86,631</b>
Pennsylvania	602,875	16,546	736,236	21,687	<b>133,361</b>	<b>5,141</b>
Allegheny Co.	46,265	1,070	55,192	1,521	<b>8,927</b>	<b>451</b>
Westmoreland Co.	15,247	443	17,875	606	<b>2,628</b>	<b>163</b>
15085	314	NR	387	NR	<b>73</b>	<b>NR</b>

\*=Confirmed

NR=Not Reported

The CDC Reports almost 17 million NEW Covid-19 “confirmed” cases, and 370,639 people DIED from Covid-19 related illnesses in January. The “Rate of Infection” is down by nearly 24% over last month; however, the “rate of death” is only down by 4% over last month.

Please take all precautions to keep you and your family safe.

**Brian Lindbloom – Fire Chief**  
**Trafford Emergency Services**  
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# Trafford Fire Co. No. 1

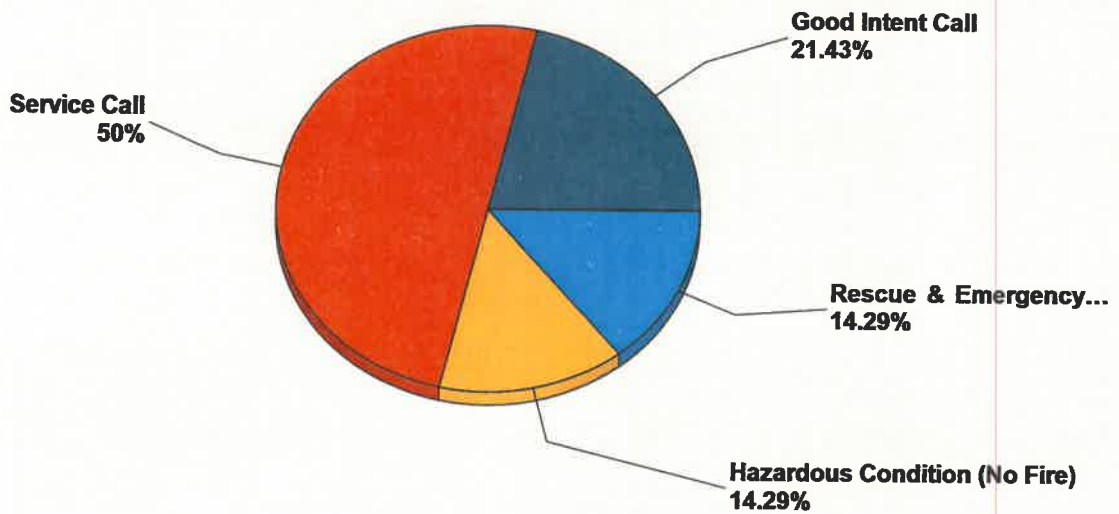
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## Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2021 | End Date: 01/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	2	14.29%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	14.29%
Service Call	7	50%
Good Intent Call	3	21.43%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>100%</b>

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.



Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	14.29%
444 - Power line down	2	14.29%
520 - Water problem, other	4	28.57%
521 - Water evacuation	1	7.14%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	7.14%
553 - Public service	1	7.14%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	3	21.43%
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>100%</b>

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# OSFC Online Grant Application

## Trafford Fire Company No 1 (Fire Company)

### Final Application Review

### 2020/2021

**Please scroll down and review all the information in your application for accuracy and completeness. When you are satisfied that your application is complete and correct, you must click the "Submit to OSFC" button at the bottom of this page in order for it to be processed.**

#### Department Information

1. **Trafford Fire Company No 1**  
Federal I.D. Number: 237037925  
SAP #: 140030  
Department Type: Fire Company
2. **Mailing Address of the Department:**  
Address Line 1: PO Box 86  
Address Line 2:  
City: Trafford, PA 15085-0086
- 2a. **Site location address (if different than mailing address):**  
Address Line 1: 412 Brinton Ave  
Address Line 2:  
City: Trafford, PA 15085
3. **County: WESTMORELAND**
4. **Local Government Unit: Trafford**      **Type: Borough**
5. **Is Primary Fire/Rescue Service -- YES**  
Provider:
6. **Name of Local Government Primary Borough of Trafford**  
Response Area:
7. **Name of State Representative: George**  
**Dunbar**  
**Name of State Senator: Kim Ward**
8. **City, Township or Borough EMA Charles Miller**  
Coordinator:
9. **Has this company existed under a different name? -- NO**
10. **Is this company the result of the consolidation or merger of 2 or more companies that took place within ten years preceding the date of the current application submission deadline?-- NO**
11. **Amount of Requested Grant: \$15000.00**
12. **Application Preparer:**  
Lindbloom, Brian M  
**Day Phone: (412)372-5662**  
**Evening Phone: (412)491-1153**  
**Email Address: [tfc1@comcast.net](mailto:tfc1@comcast.net)**

#### Department Characteristics

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| 1. <b>Type of Personnel:</b>   | All Volunteer |
| 2. <b>Number of active volunteer personnel:</b>  | 12            |
| 3. <b>Number of career personnel:</b>  | 0             |
| 4. <b>Number of stations in the department:</b>  | 1             |
| 5. <b>Square mileage of primary response area:</b>   | 4             |
| 6. <b>Percentage of response area protected by hydrants:</b>   | 95%           |
| 7. <b>Percentage of response area zoned for residential:</b>   | 65%           |
| 8. <b>Percentage of response area zoned for agriculture:</b>   | 0%            |
| 9. <b>Percentage of response area zoned commercial or industrial:</b>  | 35%           |
| 10. <b>Number of structures in response area more than 4 stories tall:</b>   | 6             |
| 11. <b>Permanent population of the response area:</b>  | 3157          |
| 12. <b>Do you currently report to the PA Fire Information Reporting System (PennFIRS) -- YES</b><br>PennFIRS/NFIRS FDID: | 650086        |

What software do you use?

Emergency Reporting  
Systems  
Online

What version of the selected software do you use?

**13. Type(s) of services provided:**

- Structural Fire Suppression-- YES
- Wildfire Suppression-- YES
- Hazmat Operational Level-- YES
- Rescue Operational Level-- YES

**14. Total number of fire-related firefighter fatalities in primary response area over the last 3 years:**

0

**15. Total number of fire-related civilian fatalities in primary response area over the last 3 years:**

0

**16. Total number of fire-related firefighter injuries in primary response area over the last 3 years:**

0

**17. Average number of times department receives mutual/automatic aid in the last year:**

27

**18. Average number of times department provides mutual/automatic aid in the last year:**

18

**19. What was department's average annual operational budget over the last 3 years:**

\$53804.00

**20. What percentage of annual operational budget is devoted to personnel costs (salary, overtime, fringe benefits, etc.):**

0%

**21. What percentage of annual operational budget is derived from:**

- Taxes: 0%
- Grants: 23%
- Donations: 10%
- Fund Drives: 35%
- Fund Raising Events: 12%
- Other: 20%

**22. How many vehicles (First Line vs. Reserve) does department have in each category:**

<u>Vehicle Type</u>	<u>First Line</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
Engines/Pumpers:	1	1
Aerial Apparatus:	0	0
Tankers:	0	0
Rescue Vehicles:	0	0
Brush/Quick Attack:	1	0
Other:	1	0

**23. Average number of responses per year by category:**

- Structure Fires: 9
- Vehicle Fires: 1
- Vegetation Fires: 2
- EMS: 40
- Rescue: 2
- Hazardous Condition/Material Calls: 26
- Service Calls: 19
- Good Intent/False Alarms: 31
- Other Calls and Incidents: 36

### Valid Application Preparers

<u>User ID</u>	<u>Editor Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Primary Preparer?</u>
TraffordFire21	Lindbloom, Brian M	Chief	tfc1@comcast.net	Yes

<b>Qty</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Lender</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>Ext. Cost</b>
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### Certified Personnel

<u>Certified Personnel Name</u>	<u>Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number</u>	<u>Verified</u>
Lindbloom, Brian	2327	Yes
Park, Lucas	3751	Yes
Boonie, Mathew	0859	Yes
Batzel, Justin	9761	Yes

### Projects

Fire & Rescue and Vehicle Equipment

B. Repair of firefighting, ambulance, or rescue equipment OR purchase thereof.



**Grant Funds Expended:** \$13580.00

**Problem(s) And/Or Need(s):**

**Description of Project:** This portion of our Grant Application is for Rope Rescue related tools and equipment, forcible entry tools, and emergency vehicle warning devices. We are asking for grant funds to purchase: Hydra-Ram forcible entry tool for accessing metal and reinforced residential and commercial doors. Emergency vehicle warning lights and communication system for use on the fire department ALS squad. Life Saving Ropes, Harnesses, devices, and other tools related to Rope and High Angle Rescue.

**Benefits to be Realized:** 100% of our current rope rescue equipment is out of compliance and is no longer in service for "life safety or rescue duties". The rope rescue tools and related items listed will enable us to deploy our personnel in fully compliant rescue gear should a rope rescue situation occur. This equipment will be stored in a "ready" condition on our engine and attack vehicles and is available for our department and those departments and agencies that respond as mutual aid. The Hydra-Ram will replace the departments 22 year old ram which failed during a recent medical emergency; repair parts for this model are no longer available. We use this tool regularly during medical emergencies in our 10 story residential building. The vehicle warning devices will enable this vehicle to meet or exceed NFPA Standards along with federal, state, and local requirements for vehicle warning lights, which enhance responder safety while operating on an emergency scene.

**Itemized List of Items to be Purchased:**

<b>Qty</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>Ext. Cost</b>
1	Hydra-Ram Forcible Entry System	\$2,128.00	\$2,128.00
1	Rope & High Angle Rescue Kit	\$6,539.00	\$6,539.00
1	Emergency Vehicle warning & communication system	\$4,913.00	\$4,913.00

**Total: \$13,580.00**

Back Up Power for Computers

A. Construction and renovation of facilities and purchase or repair of fixtures and furnishings, office equipment, and support services necessary to maintain or improve the capability of the company to provide fire, ambulance, or rescue services OR debt reduction associated with project type A.

**Grant Funds Expended:** \$1420.00

**Problem(s) And/Or Need(s):**

**Description of Project:** This separate portion of our application is for the purchase of back-up battery power supplies for department computers and critical communication systems.

**Benefits to be Realized:** The Departments computers currently use power connections that offer "surge protection" only. The systems we intend to purchase with your generous support will offer improved surge and overvoltage protection along with a back-up battery. This will provide consistent power and protection for our computers and other vital electrical systems we use for station alerting and radio communications.

**Itemized List of Items to be Purchased:**

<b>Qty</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>Ext. Cost</b>
4	Surge protection with battery back up system	\$355.00	\$1,420.00

**Total: \$1,420.00**

Is this for debt reduction? No

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**Submit to OSFC**

**Cancel**

**Other Options:**

**Application Help**

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1/29/2021

Trafford Borough Officials,

I am writing you today in regards to the proposed Amusement Tax Ordinance, and to bring to your attention to the potential impact this Ordinance could have on your Volunteer Emergency and other Essential Community Services. Though we do not have figures of how the proposed ordinance will affect Fraternal Order of Police, Public Library, or Food Bank Fundraising Events, we can relate to you the specific impact it will have on your Fire Department.

We usually conduct two specific types of fundraisers that support our ability to deliver emergency and non-emergency essential services to the Borough of Trafford, they are selling hoagies and our 200 Club Dinner. Though the Covid-19 Pandemic has quelled any attempt to conduct in person fundraisers recently, in years past these events generated \$6,000 to \$8,000 in Net Profits.

Our average hoagie sale of 30 dozen hoagies would net \$2,160 (30 dozen sold at \$6 each); however, after expenses, we would net approximately \$810 (\$2.25 each). It takes about 6 hours for our volunteers, our families, and friends of the department to make the hoagies, and around 6 hours to sell them all (approximately 12-16 people = 168 man-hours avg.). With the proposed 10% tax on "Gross" proceeds, the new tax would cost the Department \$216.00 or 26.6% of the net profit, leaving just \$594 towards operating costs.

The annual 200 Club Dinner is significantly more labor intensive. Preparations start 4-5 months in advance, with multiple planning & progress meetings, soliciting of donations for the auctions and sponsors for door prizes, preparing and selling the tickets, arranging the catering and beverage service... the list goes on and on. Though I've never counted every single man-hour... we can easily account for over 500 without difficulty. The evening event generated nearly \$10,000 worth of gross receipts in November 2019 (this was our best year ever); however, after paying for the cash prizes, catering, beverages, room rental, and other expenses, our Net Profit was approximately \$4,000. The proposed ordinance would Tax the Department \$1,000, taking 25% of the net profit.

When you read "10% Tax on Amusement Events", it may seem like a small insignificant amount of money. We are hopeful you will realize just how significant this proposed Ordinance as written is, and the financial impact it could have on those non-profits that provide essential services to our town.

We propose an exemption for "those non-profits that specifically perform an essential service on behalf of Trafford Borough". We are confident the taxes lost by exempting the Police, Fire, and EMS Departments, along with the Library and Food Bank would be more than offset by the essential services they provide to the citizens of Trafford.

We appreciate your consideration,

Trafford Fire Co. No. 1



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1/15/2021

Trafford Borough Sewage Department  
Re: 401 Brinton Ave – Sewage Billing

Dear Trafford Officials,

Please find the enclosed payment in the amount of \$1,671.88; this amount includes \$351.06 listed as a “previous balance” from the previous owner, and approximately \$247.41 in late fees and penalties.

A brief history of this building and how the Fire Department came to own this property; this building and associated businesses were owned by Mr. John F. Walko Jr. up until December of 2017. It was at this time the Fire Department entered into an agreement to purchase the property and the building. The business itself was closed due to a significant fire on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Though Mr. Walko did repair the structural damage after the fire, the business remained closed and the building has sat vacant since the fire. It is our desire to rehabilitate this building and return it to a safe and habitable condition, and eventually a revenue producing occupancy that financially supports the volunteer fire departments operations. According the Mr. Walko, the water has been shut off and the water meter removed for several years. The bills we have received indicate the last payment on this property was in July of 2014. When we purchased this property in December of 2017, there was no water service, no water meter, and no account open with Wilksburg Penn Joint Water Authority. We have not initiated Water Service for this property.

Please correct the service address to reflect: **401 Brinton Ave** (see enclosed tax map information). Please also change the billing address to: Trafford Fire Co. No. 1 at **PO Box 86** – Trafford PA 15085. The Sewage Bills currently indicate 401 Westmoreland Road (the post office does not deliver to the fire station, and we do not receive mail at the 401 Brinton Ave location).

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our ability to conduct fundraising events has been significantly impacted, as I’m sure you are intimately aware. Every dollar counts; we appreciate any consideration regarding the previous balance and current penalties.

I am hopeful this letter resolves any confusion or conflict in this matter.

Cordially,

Thomas J. Dobrinick – Treasurer  
Trafford Fire Co. No. 1