

CITY OF CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Activity & Operations Report

June 2026

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Chief's Leadership Note

June demonstrated that the Cleveland Fire Department continues moving in the right direction. While emergency response remains our primary mission, our success is equally measured by prevention, firefighter safety, professional development, and the relationships we continue building throughout our community and across North Georgia.

This month, our personnel responded to emergencies, completed more than **1,070 hours of training**, expanded our Fire Marshal Division through nationally certified Fire Inspectors, hosted firefighters from across the region for specialized training, completed annual hydrant maintenance throughout the city, and ensured every emergency response vehicle was maintained and ready for service.

Every accomplishment contained in this report belongs to the men and women of this department. Their professionalism, work ethic, and commitment to serving our community continue to raise the standard of what this department can achieve. I am incredibly proud of each of them and grateful for the pride they take in serving the City of Cleveland.

I would also like to thank our Mayor, City Council, and City Administration for your continued support. Your investment in this department allows our personnel to continue growing, improving, and providing the highest level of service possible to our community.

Executive Summary

The Cleveland Fire Department responded to **125 emergency incidents** during June, bringing the **year-to-date total to 802 incidents**, the highest total during the past five years.

Beyond emergency response, June was highlighted by hosting multiple regional training programs, completing **1,070 documented training hours**, expanding the department's Fire Marshal Division through nationally certified Fire Inspectors, completing annual citywide hydrant maintenance, and continuing proactive fleet maintenance.

The department also hosted a regional **Reefer Container Awareness** class led by **Chief Rodney Wiggins** of Greene County Fire Rescue. Developed following the tragic line-of-duty death of **Battalion Chief Chris Eddy**, the course focused on educating firefighters about the hidden dangers associated with refrigerated cargo trailers. Approximately **40 firefighters representing departments from Cherokee County through Union County** attended this important training, further establishing Cleveland Fire Department as a regional leader in firefighter education and responder safety.

Personnel also **successfully completed the department's annual hydrant inspection and maintenance program**, ensuring every hydrant within the City of Cleveland was inspected, serviced, and verified for operational readiness. This annual effort strengthens emergency response capabilities, supports the department's Class 3 ISO rating, and helps ensure a reliable water supply for fire suppression throughout the community.

Key Accomplishments

- Responded to **125 emergency incidents**
- Completed **1,070 documented training hours**
- Hosted the **Georgia NPQ Fire Inspector I Certification Course**
- Cleveland Fire Department now has **10 nationally certified Fire Inspectors**
- Hosted the **Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Regional Representative** for Fire Inspector certification
- Hosted a **regional Reefer Container Awareness** course following the Greene County line-of-duty death
- Hosted **two regional training programs** attended by firefighters from agencies throughout North Georgia
- Completed the **annual citywide hydrant inspection and maintenance program**
- Completed scheduled preventive maintenance on **all City emergency response vehicles**
- **Completed all warranty repairs on Truck 21**, placing the apparatus into full operational service
- Continued development of the Fire Marshal Division
- Strengthened regional partnerships while improving firefighter safety across North Georgia

1. Emergency Response

Incident Summary

- **125 Total Incidents**
- EMS – **68.0%**
- Fire – **3.2%**
- Hazardous Materials – **6.4%**
- Other – **20.8%**
- Technical Rescue – **1.6%**

Emergency response demand remains strong, with EMS responses continuing to account for the majority of requests for service.

Automatic Aid

- **68 incidents (54.4%)** occurred within the City of Cleveland.
- **46.8% of emergency responses occurred outside the City through the Automatic Aid Agreement.**

While this represents an improvement over previous months, nearly half of the department's emergency responses continue to occur outside city limits. The department will continue working with regional partners to evaluate response patterns while ensuring Cleveland residents receive the highest level of protection possible.

2. Five-Year Service Demand

Emergency response demand continues to increase.

Year Year-to-Date Calls

2022 512

2023 675

2024 763

2025 798

2026 802

This represents approximately a **57% increase in emergency responses since 2022**, demonstrating continued growth in service demand.

3. Fleet & Operational Readiness

Operational readiness remained a major focus throughout June.

Apparatus Status

- **Engine 21:** Fully operational
- **Truck 21:** All warranty repairs have been completed and the apparatus is now fully operational.
- **Rescue 21:** Remains out of service awaiting repairs
- **Utility 21:** Fully operational

In addition, all City emergency response vehicles completed their scheduled preventive maintenance, establishing a consistent maintenance cycle that improves reliability, reduces unexpected downtime, and ensures every emergency vehicle is ready when called upon.

Fire Protection Infrastructure

Department personnel successfully completed the annual hydrant inspection and maintenance program throughout the City of Cleveland.

Every hydrant was inspected, serviced, and verified for operational readiness. This proactive effort strengthens emergency response capabilities, supports the department's Class 3 ISO rating, and helps ensure dependable water supplies during emergency incidents.

4. Regional Training, Professional Development & Firefighter Safety

June represented one of the strongest training months in department history.

Training Highlights

- **1,070 documented training hours**
- Hosted the **Georgia NPQ Fire Inspector I Certification Course**
- Fifteen firefighters from departments throughout North Georgia attended.
- Cleveland Fire Department now has **10 nationally certified Fire Inspectors**, significantly expanding the department's Fire Prevention and Community Risk Reduction capabilities.

The course also welcomed the **Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Regional Representative**, who attended to obtain his Fire Inspector certification alongside the other students. His participation reflects the quality of instruction and professionalism demonstrated by the Cleveland Fire Department training staff.

Company training also included:

- Wildland Firefighter
- Vehicle Extrication
- Fire Inspections
- Building Construction
- Forcible Entry
- Territory Studies
- Public Relations
- Aerial Apparatus Operations

NPQ Fire Inspector Program

The success of the NPQ Fire Inspector I course was the direct result of an outstanding instructional team.

Special thanks to:

- **Captain Stephen Sears**
- **Lieutenant Jared Joiner**
- **Brad Alexander**
- **Jody Holland**

for the tremendous amount of work invested in planning, organizing, and teaching this course. Their professionalism and commitment provided exceptional instruction not only to Cleveland Fire Department personnel but also to firefighters from departments throughout North Georgia.

Because of their efforts, Cleveland Fire Department now has **10 nationally certified Fire Inspectors**, while also helping strengthen fire prevention programs throughout the region.

Specialized Regional Training

One of the most significant training events during June was hosting the **Reefer Container Awareness** program taught by **Chief Rodney Wiggins** of Greene County Fire Rescue.

The class was developed following the tragic line-of-duty death of **Battalion Chief Chris Eddy**, who lost his life while operating at a commercial vehicle fire involving a refrigerated cargo trailer when the refrigeration unit unexpectedly exploded. His sacrifice brought national attention to a hidden hazard that many firefighters had never encountered.

The training focused on:

- Hidden hazards associated with refrigerated cargo trailers
- Improved scene size-up and risk assessment
- Tactical decision-making
- Lessons learned from the Greene County incident

- Firefighter survival and responder safety

Approximately **40 firefighters representing departments from Cherokee County through Union County** attended the training.

By hosting this course, Cleveland Fire Department helped share critical lessons learned that have the potential to prevent similar tragedies while continuing to strengthen firefighter safety throughout North Georgia.

5. Fire Marshal Division

Captain **Stephen Sears** continues leading development of the Fire Marshal Division.

Major accomplishments include:

- Successfully hosting the NPQ Fire Inspector I program.
- Expanding Cleveland Fire Department to **10 nationally certified Fire Inspectors**.
- Continuing development of inspection procedures.
- Strengthening fire prevention and community risk reduction capabilities.

The continued growth of this division represents one of the department's most significant long-term investments in protecting life and property before emergencies occur.

6. Personnel Recognition

The accomplishments outlined in this report belong to every member of the Cleveland Fire Department.

Special appreciation is extended to:

- Captain Stephen Sears
- Lieutenant Michael Armour
- Lieutenant Jared Joiner
- Lieutenant Chris Morris
- Lieutenant Jarvis
- Interim Lieutenant Johnson
- Brad Alexander
- Jody Holland

for their continued leadership, professionalism, commitment to training, and dedication to serving both this department and the citizens of Cleveland.

Whether responding to emergencies, maintaining apparatus, conducting inspections, teaching regional training programs, mentoring firefighters, or serving the public, every member of this department contributes to our success.

This report reflects their work, their commitment, and their dedication.

Closing Statement

The Cleveland Fire Department continues to grow stronger because of the commitment of its people.

Every emergency response, every training hour, every inspection completed, every hydrant serviced, every firefighter trained, every class hosted, and every citizen served reflects the pride our personnel take in protecting this community.

This month demonstrated that Cleveland Fire Department is not only meeting the increasing demands of emergency response but is also becoming a regional leader in firefighter training, fire prevention, and public safety. Those accomplishments are only possible because of the outstanding men and women who serve this department every day.

The Cleveland Fire Department's greatest asset is not its apparatus or equipment—it is the dedicated men and women who answer the call every day. This report reflects their hard work, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to serving our community with honor.

Thank you to our Mayor, City Council, and City Administration for your continued support of these outstanding men and women as they serve the City of Cleveland.

Serving Our Community with Honor Since 1942

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Jason Bryant

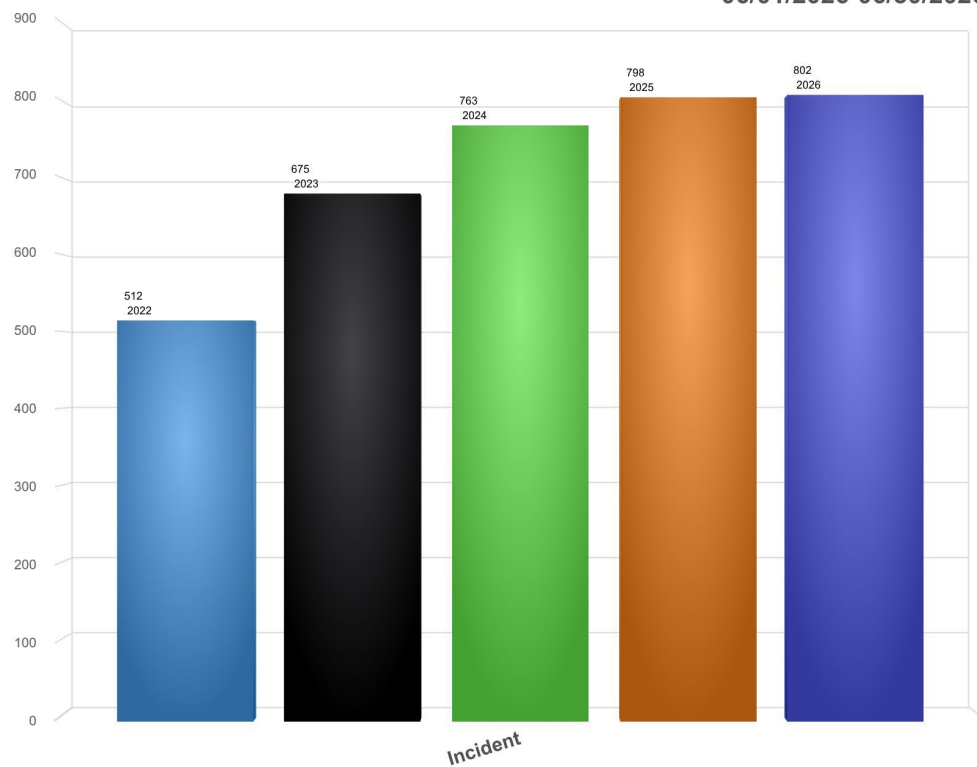
Fire Chief

Cleveland Fire Department



Year to Year Comparison (Until Current Day of Year) - 5 Years

06/01/2026-06/30/2026

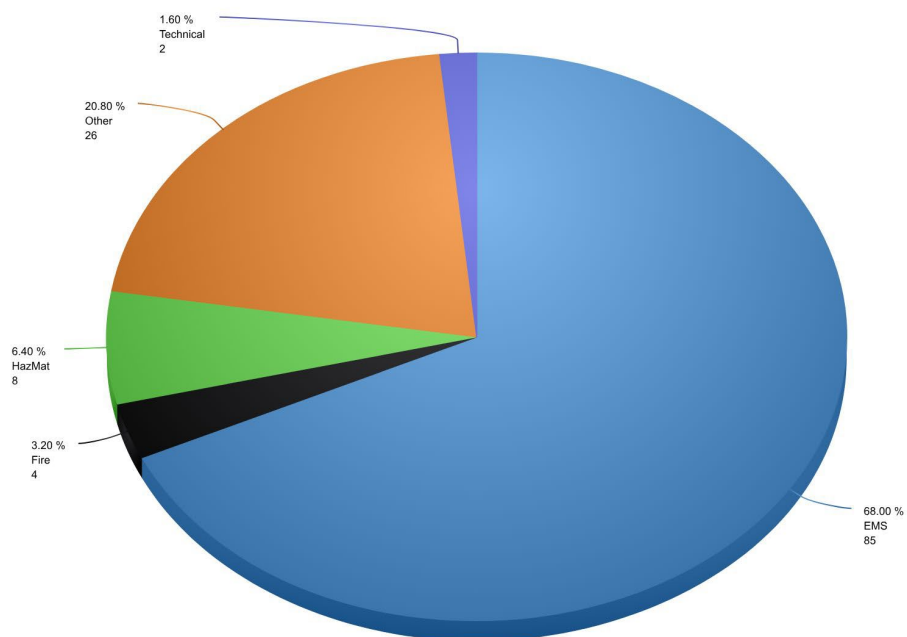


Total of Year: 3,550

EMS
Fire
HazMat
Other
Technical

Analysis by Response Class

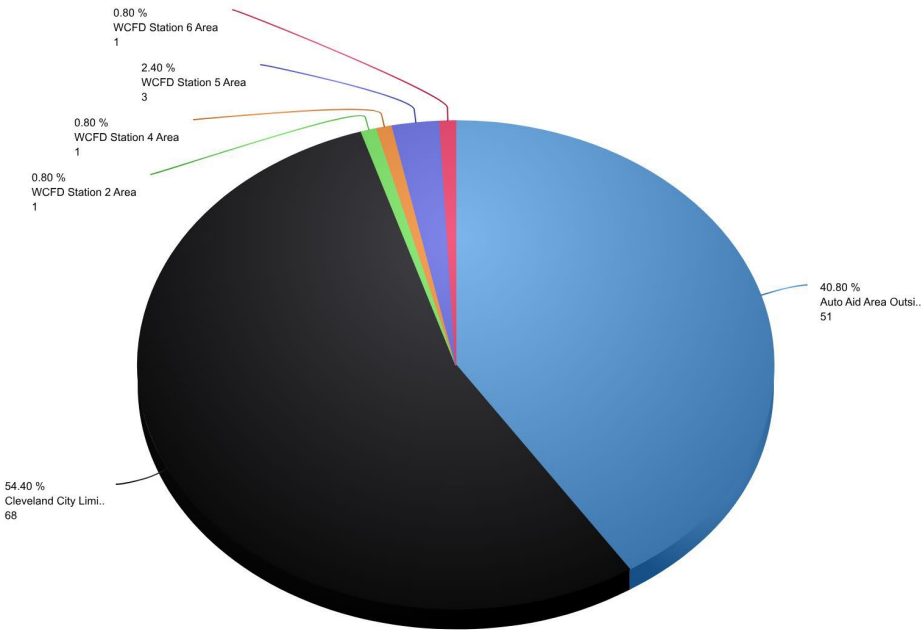
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Total of Response Class: 125

Incidents by District
06/01/2026-06/30/2026

- Auto Aid Area Outside City Limits
- Cleveland City Limits
- WCFD Station 2 Area
- WCFD Station 4 Area
- WCFD Station 5 Area
- WCFD Station 6 Area

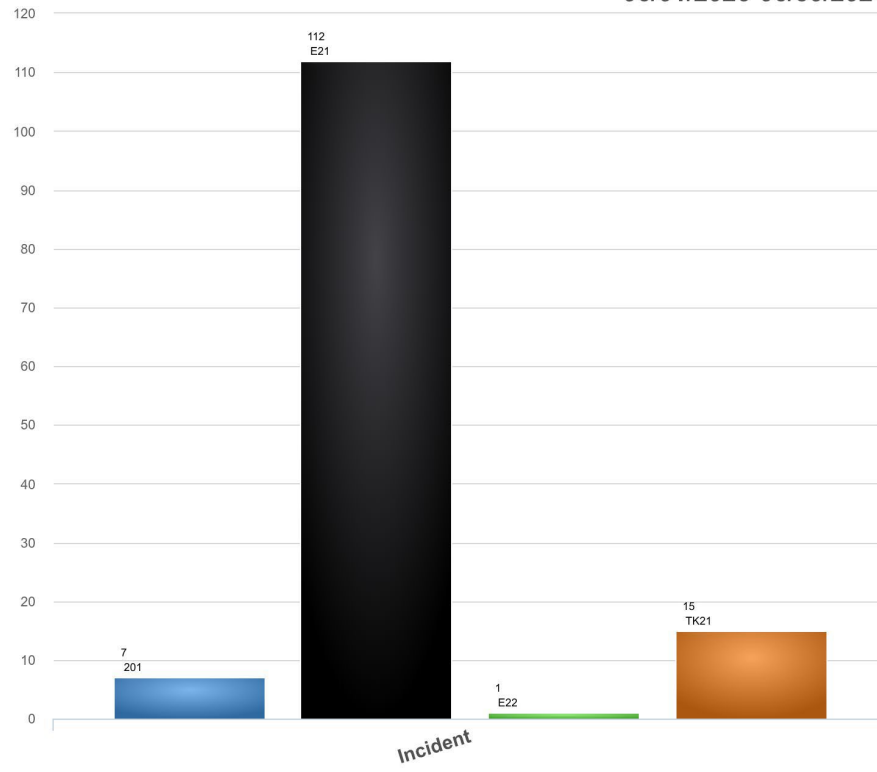


Total of District: 125

201
E21
E22
TK21

Incidents by Apparatus (by Month)

06/01/2026-06/30/2026



Total of Apparatus: 135