

# Fourth Quarter Report

## 2025



Deputy Chief Todd  
December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **Quartermaster:**

As noted in the third quarter report, the Turnout Gear Committee made the decision to reevaluate Lion turnout gear. While DTFR purchased Lion gear in the past, the overall feedback at that time was unfavorable, the committee felt it was appropriate to reassess the product based on changes the manufacturer has implemented. After multiple meetings with representatives from Lion, the company addressed prior concerns and outlined improvements to both the materials and manufacturing processes now being used. Lion also detailed enhancements to quality control measures, fit, and overall durability of the gear. Based on these discussions and the information provided, the committee determined that Lion warranted another evaluation moving forward. Five total sets of Lion gear were purchased in the fourth quarter.



(DTFR Live Fire Training Joint Training Tower)

## **Fire Equipment:**

The new Drager confined space escape bottles are scheduled to be placed into service at the end of January. Confined space training is currently scheduled for January 27–29, which will allow members the opportunity to become familiar with the new equipment prior to going in service. Following completion of this training, the escape bottles will be placed in service on Rescue 57.

Regarding thermal imaging cameras, the officers' SCBA on all fire apparatus are currently equipped with MSA thermal cameras, with the exception of Engine 56, which utilizes a Seek thermal camera. Due to the weight and bulk of the existing MSA cameras, their age, and the fact that they are no longer under warranty, members evaluated alternative options. After reviewing several thermal imaging camera models, the department determined that transitioning all officers' SCBA thermal cameras to Seek units would best meet operational needs moving forward. The switchover will be taking place in the first quarter of 2026.



(Rescue and Boat 57 assisting West Chester at VOA park)

**Training:**

During the fourth quarter, DTFR companies completed their annual live-fire training evolutions at the Joint Training Tower. Moving the burns to November and using this as a way to conclude the training year has been very well received by the crews and has proven to be an effective method for reinforcing skills and concepts covered throughout the year.

Additionally, the Training Committee met in October and finalized the 2026 training calendar. The primary objectives for the upcoming year are to continue strengthening fundamental firefighting skills while also educating members on the evolving challenges of the modern fire service. As in 2025, the department plans to bring in outside subject-matter experts in specialized areas, including solar-related incidents, propane emergencies, and incidents involving compressed natural gas (CNG).

DTFR will also continue joint training initiatives with the City of Mason Fire Department and the Loveland Symmes Fire Department (LSFD). Several joint training sessions are scheduled throughout the year at Station 57, the LSFD burn tower, and the Mason Training Center. These sessions are designed to improve interoperability, reinforce consistent operational practices, and strengthen working relationships between departments.

Under my direction, Lt. McElroy established an EMS Training Committee made up of members from all three-unit days, ensuring broad representation across the department. This approach increases member buy in while providing opportunities for personnel to share their knowledge and actively participate in teaching and training. The committee will focus on scenario based training, regular protocol updates, and identifying EMS training needs, while developing relevant and realistic content that promotes consistency in EMS education across all shifts. The overall goal is to improve skill proficiency, encourage peer to peer instruction, and support ongoing professional development within the department while maintaining current, and best patient care practices.

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|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| <b>October</b>  | <b>(14-16)</b> | Pedi Medical emergencies | <b>(21-23)</b> | Multi-Company (TC) | <b>(28-30)</b> | Ropes II     |  |
|                 |                |                          |                |                    |                |              |  |
| <b>November</b> | <b>(4-6)</b>   | EPCR/Documentation       | <b>(18-20)</b> | Live Fire (T)      | <b>(25-27)</b> | Thanksgiving |  |
|                 |                |                          |                |                    |                |              |  |
| <b>December</b> | <b>(9-11)</b>  | Protocol Update          | <b>(16-18)</b> | Inspector CEU      | <b>(23-25)</b> | Christmas    |  |



Custom ▾ Oct 1, 2025 - Dec 31, 2025 ▾

**33%**

**FIRE**  
Percentage of Total Incidents

**67%**

**EMS**  
Percentage of Total Incidents

**1,416**

**INCIDENTS**  
In Selected Time Slice

**92**

**DAYS**  
In Selected Time Slice



|                 |            |            |            |              |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Fire Station 56 | 166        | 144        | 208        | 518          |
| Fire Station 57 | 167        | 208        | 242        | 617          |
| Fire Station 58 | 54         | 46         | 61         | 161          |
| Fire Station 59 | 29         | 45         | 46         | 120          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>416</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>557</b> | <b>1,416</b> |



|   | Oct '25 | Nov '25 | Dec '25 | Jan '26 | Feb '26 | Mar '26 | Apr '26 | May '26 | Jun '26 | Jul '26 | Aug '26 | Sep '26 | Oct '26 | Total |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| (51) Person in distress                                 | 2       | 1       | 3       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 6     |
| (52) Water problem                                      |         | 1       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 1     |
| (53) Smoke, odor problem                                | 1       | 1       | 3       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 5     |
| (55) Public service assistance                          | 21      | 27      | 33      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 81    |
| (57) Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up |         | 2       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 2     |
| (60) Good intent call, other                            | 10      | 4       | 9       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 23    |
| (61) Dispatched and canceled en route                   | 18      | 21      | 36      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 75    |
| (62) Wrong location, no emergency found                 | 2       | 3       | 3       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 8     |
| (63) Controlled burning                                 | 1       | 1       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 2     |
| (65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke                | 5       | 7       | 5       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 17    |
| (67) HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat           | 3       | 2       | 6       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 11    |
| (71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm                 | 1       | 2       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 3     |
| (73) System or detector malfunction                     | 18      | 10      | 16      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 44    |
| (74) Unintentional system/detect... operation (no fire) | 29      | 16      | 28      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 73    |

**FIRE: 469**

**EMS: 947**

**TOAL: 1,416**

**YEAR END TOAL: 5,664**