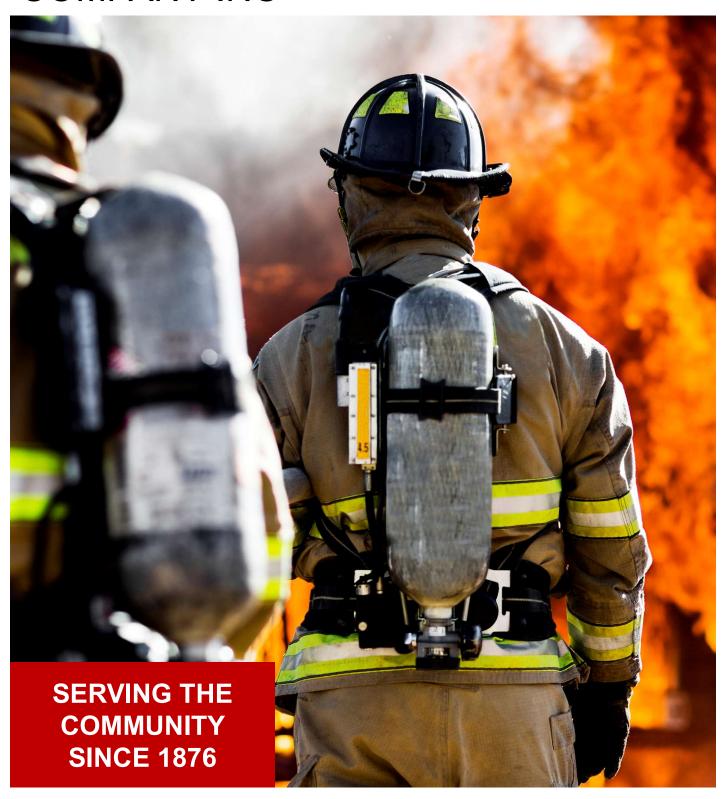
# **COCHRAN HOSE**

### **COMPANY INC**



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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Jan 1, 2023

2022 was another busy and productive year for Cochran Hose Company. This year brought changes and growth within the department. We had members pass National Registry Certifications, members become fire service instructors and certified instructors on other public safety avenues.

Volunteer fire company membership is down across the United States including a nearly 80% drop in Pennsylvania over the last 40 years. Recent statistics estimate there are only 38,000 remaining active volunteers in the state. It takes a special person to do what these men and women do, and we feel fortunate to have been blessed with new members this year.

We took delivery of a 2022 Pierce Enforcer Pumper, which has the new paint scheme for Cochran Hose Company apparatus. This purchase could not have happened without the support of the four boroughs we protect: Edgeworth, Glen Osborne, Haysville, and Sewickley Borough.

2022 also brought us sadness and hurt and showed us the difficult side of the fire service. From responding to fatal accidents to losing two precious children in a house fire, we know it takes a special person to be a firefighter. It is not just a physically demanding job, but a mentally demanding job, too. It takes a toll on the men and women, and I am proud of their continued dedication to the community and each other.

Over the years, Cochran Hose Company has seen a steady increase in call volume. Total responses have gone up from 150 calls a year to 700 plus calls a year. I am very fortunate to have the group of men and woman that I get to work next to. Without them the success of this department would not be what it is today.

The challenges of asking members to take more time away from their family and maintain training and attendance is probably one of the most difficult parts of being Fire Chief. Without the members and the dedication they put forth, the department would not succeed. I can't wait to see what the future holds for Cochran Hose Company and Sewickley Borough.

I cannot thank the membership and the boroughs that we protect enough for all their continued support, and I look forward to what 2023 brings.

Thank you for your time and supporting Cochran Hose Company.

Fire Chief: Shayne Quinn

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# 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

1,413 training hours

1,024 incident hours

**850** combined years of service

629 emergency calls

**37** active members

1 cat saved from a tree

### **COCHRAN HOSE COMPANY MISSION**

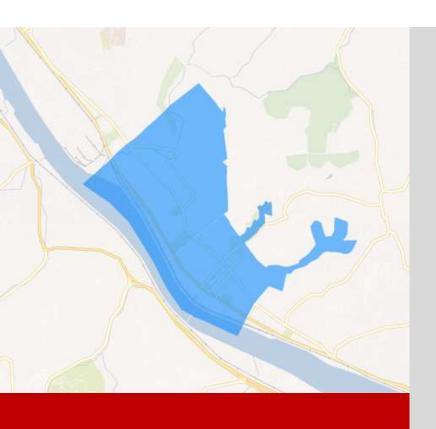
Protect the lives and property of the residents of the Quaker Valley region, or any person within its boundaries from fire or other hazards, and to assist any emergency services calling upon our service for mutual aid.



The Cochran Hose Company was organized April 6, 1876. It was named after Captain George W. Cochran who was apparently the first to raise concerns about the lack of fire protection in the Borough of Sewickley. He is generally credited with arranging for the purchase of a hose cart and one-thousand feet of hose.

The company originally had twelve men on its roster and received \$150.00 per year from the borough.

Today, the company consists of over 30 volunteer men and women. We serve the boroughs of Sewickley, Edgeworth, Glen Osborne, and Hayesville with round the clock, 24/7/365 fire protection. We are proud of our history, heritage, and dedication to community.



The Cochran Hose Company coverage area is approximately 3.5 square miles.

#### **TRUCK**

1997 Pierce Lance (7-man cab, 105 HD Ladder, 1250 gpm pump)

### **RESCUE**

2005 Pierce Saber (8-man cab)

### RESCUE/ENGINE

2008 Pierce Quantum (6-man cab, 1500 gpm pump)

### SQ1

2020 Chevy Tahoe (QRS/command vehicle)

#### SQ2

2010 Ford Expedition (personnel carrier)

### **2022 COMPANY ROSTER**

Name	Years of Service	Rank
David Aloe - 29	11	Firefighter 2/BVR/First Responder/Asst Relief Secretary
Sam Bruno - LT1	43	Lieutenant/Firefighter 2/BVR
Jonathan Caton - 23	8	Firefighter 1
Alex Dietz - 32	2	Firefighter 2/BVR/EMT
Sarah Dietz - 26	15	Firefighter 1/BVR/EMT
Ben Eichenlaub - 14	5	Firefighter 1/BVR
Jack Farnan - 22	8	Firefighter 1/BVR/EMT
Ben Fichtl - 27	6	Firefighter/EMT
Brian Gebhart - 48	22	Firefighter/Engineer
Justin Gilmore - 12	1	Firefighter/BVR
Byron Harriger III - C5	46	Captain/Firefighter 2/BVR/EMT/Secretary/Treasure
Eric Jarvie - 20	1	Firefighter
Robert Jolly - 35	1	Firefighter
Tanner Joyce - 24	1	Firefighter
Dominic Killian - 43	1	Junior Firefighter
Ben Koeper - 17	9	Firefighter/EMT
Sean Mariner - 31	6	Firefighter
Lynn Mills - 11	15	Firefighter/BVR/Engineer/Trustee
James Mohan - 19	8	Firefighter 1/BVR
David Muders - 18	48	Firefighter/Engineer
Jeff Neff - 13	31	Firefighter 2/BVR
Ed O'Donnell - 16	6	Firefighter 2/BVR
Mark Quinn – 15	20	Firefighter
Shayne Quinn - C1	20	Chief/Firefighter 2/BVR/First Responder
Victoria Rogansky - 25	1	Firefighter
Anthony Sanvito - 28	5	Firefighter 2/BVR/Paramedic
Andrew Scalercio - LT3	15	Lieutenant/Firefighter 2/BVR/Paramedic
Bill Scalercio - 34	32	Firefighter 1/BVR
T.J. Smith - LT2	16	Lieutenant/BVR/Trustee
Tom Smith - C2	32	Assistant Chief/Firefighter 2/BVR
Mitch Soman - 21	1	Firefighter
Derrick Tetlow - LT4	8	Lieutenant/Firefighter1/BVR/Trustee
Jan Von Hofen - C4	56	Safety Chief/Firefighter 2/BVR/Vice-President
Jed Von Hofen - C3	44	Assistant Chief/Firefighter 2/BVR/President
Grant Webb - 42	4	Junior Firefighter/BVR/EMR
Mark Kozlowski	1	EMT
Madison Tate	1	EMT
George Edel	37	Past Chief
Allan Herbst	29	Past Firefighter
Jim Herbst	44	Past Firefighter
Jim Jackson	29	Past Firefighter
Howard Miller	25	Past Firefighter
Jeff Neff	31	Past Chief
Jim Savage	21	Past Firefighter
David Thomas	25	Past Firefighter
John Trapizona	21	Past Firefighter
Louie Trapizona	29	Past Firefighter
Tony Verbene	21	Past Firefighter



### **Shayne Quinn**

CHIEF (C1)

**Tom Smith** 

**ASSISTANT CHIEF (C2)** 

Jan VonHofen

**SAFETY CHIEF (C4)** 

Sam Bruno

**LIEUTENANT (L1)** 

**Andrew Scalercio** 

**LIEUTENANT (L3)** 

**Jed VonHofen** 

**ASSISTANT CHIEF (C3)** 

**Byron Harriger III** 

**CAPTAIN (C5)** 

**TJ Smith** 

**LIEUTENANT (L2)** 

**Derrick Tetlow** 

**LIEUTENANT (L4)** 

Jed VonHofen

**PRESIDENT** 

Jan VonHofen

VICE PRESIDENT

**Byron Harriger III** 

SECRETARY/TREASURER

**Dave Aloe** 

**ASST SECRETARY/TREASURER** 

**TJ Smith** 

TRUSTEE

**Lynn Mills** 

TRUSTEE

**Derrick Tetlow** 

TRUSTEE

### **WHAT HAPPENED IN 2022**



In 2022, Cochran Hose Company, in partnership with Sewickley borough council set out to give the fire department a makeover.

Several new monitors were placed throughout the station displaying vital information for firefighters. When normal status, the monitors display the company calendar, upcoming events and trainings, and vital news and information for members. When in response mode, the monitors display call details, call routes, and give numbers on fire fighters responding. As Cochran Hose Company is an all-volunteer organization, it is important to know how many firefighters are responding and their response times. Cochran Hose Company utilizes First Arriving for this service.

In addition to tech upgrades, our station was repainted, and our floors were leveled and repainted to fix serious cracking issues.

Our vehicles were recertified by the department of health and all apparatus were QRS certified.

Our department received a grant to begin the process of upgrading our radios. A fire fighter's radio is a critical piece of gear. It can save lives, but it is expensive. Each radio costs approximately \$6,000. As Allegheny County Emergency Management services moves towards a standard radio approach, all companies in the county are upgrading devices. Cochran Hose Company is working to meet those requirements.

Lastly, Cochran Hose Company swore in three new active members in 2022: Ben Fitchl, Sean Mariner, Mitch Soman.

If you would like to become a part of something special, please come visit us!



In November of 2020, Cochran Hose Company embarked on a journey with the assistance of Glick Fire Equipment to design and build a new engine. Partnering with Pierce Manufacturing, out of Appleton, Wisconsin, Cochran Hose designed the new 2022 Enforcer. The entire process took 24 months with Cochran Hose Company accepting final delivery in September of 2022.

### **Highlights**

- 750-gallon tank
- Six-man cab
- 2000 gpm pump
- Husky 12 foam system
- 450 hp Cummins motor
- 1000 ft 5in
- 2x400ft 1 3/4 crosslays
- · Crosslays off rear

- Low hose bed
- 2x200ft 1 3/4 crosslays
- 100ft trash line
- 100ft booster reel
- 1x100ft 1 3/4 high-rise
- 1x100ft 2 ½ high-rise
- 1x600ft 3 in
- Smooth bore nozzles

### Size

- Length 29'9"
- **Height** 9'10"
- Width 8'

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Have you ever wondered what it takes to outfit a firefighter?

Cairns Helmet: \$300

**SCBA Face Piece:** \$500

Nomex Hood: \$100

**Radio:** \$3,000

SCBA Pack & Cylinder: \$6,000

**Gloves:** \$125

**Bunker Pants & Jacket:** \$3,800

**Boots:** \$500



**TOTAL: \$14,325** 

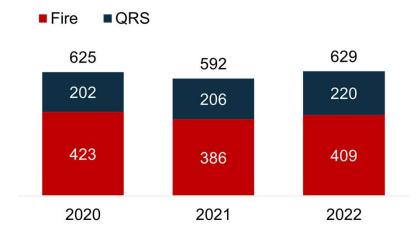
### **2022 METRICS**

Call volume decreased from 2020 to 2021, but as you see, Cochran Hose Company is back over 600 calls for 2022, breaking another call volume record.

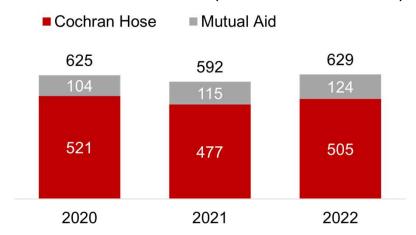
Cochran Hose Company continues to support our brothers and sisters in the area on 124 mutual aid calls in 2022.

Cochran Hose Company responds to a wide range of calls. QRS calls are our single biggest category, but we attend house fires, motor vehicle accidents, carbon monoxide leaks, and a wide range of other call types

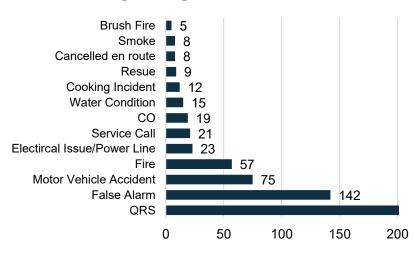
### **CALLS BY YEAR** (Fire vs QRS)



### **CALLS BY YEAR** (CHC vs Mutual Aid)



#### **CALLS BY TYPE**



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### **2022 METRICS**

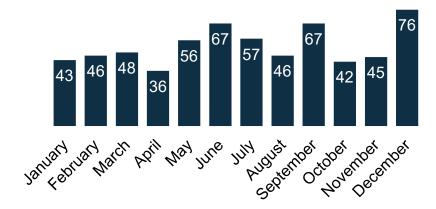
As expected, our call volume increased over the summer months and reduced in the fall.

December was especially busy for us.

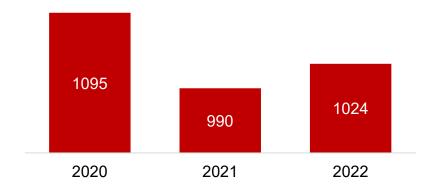
A decrease in incidents in 2021 led to a decline in the number of hours spent on scene. 2022 saw a rebound in both call volume and hours.

Training hours have steadily increased over the last three years. COVID was a large factor in why training hours were down in 2020.

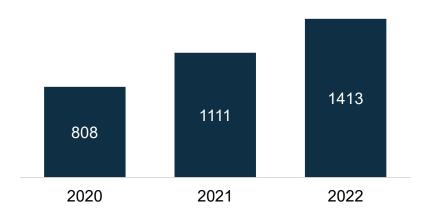
#### **CALLS BY MONTH**



#### **INCIDENT HOURS BY YEAR**



### **TRAINING HOURS BY YEAR**



### FIRE PREVENTION & OUTREACH

Our members were very busy throughout 2022 with multiple fire prevention and public outreach events. We feel very fortunate to be a part of such a special community and consider it a privilege to have so many opportunities to get to know the residents that we serve. As a group, we are particularly passionate about educating children on fire safety. Our educational program covers topics such as the importance of smoke detectors, stop drop and roll, getting out and staying out if there is a fire, and creating home escape plans.







### **2022 SNAPSHOT:**

- Attended the Sewickley YMCA's Healthy Kids Day
- Participated in the annual Sewickley Memorial Day parade
- Blocked traffic for bike riders of all ages during the Edgeworth Bike Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Hosted an open house at our station during the Sewickley Harvest Festival
- Welcomed many preschool groups into our station to learn fire safety
- Visited all the Quaker Valley schools, Montessori Children's Community, St. James, and Sewickley Academy with our mutual aid departments during fire prevention week.
- Partnered with our mutual aid departments on the Quaker Valley Fire Safety Committee to hold the first ever Quaker Valley Fire Safety Fair
- Handed out Halloween candy at our station, Osborne school, and Edgeworth school.
- Worked with neighboring departments to decorate the Osborne tree for the holidays
- Hosted our annual Santa at the Station event
- Coordinated a Toys for Tots drive throughout Sewickley

### **TRAINING**

When a member of the community chooses to be a volunteer firefighter with the Cochran Hose Company, they are required to complete the Essentials of Firefighting course. This course, consisting of 188 hours of training, is the minimum requirement for all members. Cochran Hose Company prides itself on professionalism and dedication.

Our members train to meet the highest standards so we are prepared for whatever comes our way. Here are some highlights of trainings for the 2022 calendar year.

- Aerial Operations
- Pump Operations
- EVOC





2022 was a year for focusing on driver operations. Cochran Hose Company hosted classes in Aerial Ops, EVOC, and Pump Operations. Our goal was to make our department compliant and ensure driver/operate coverage 24/7/365.

In addition to driver/operator training, Cochran Hose Company members also participated in our annual Hazmat Operations refresher.

### **LOOKING FORWARD TO 2023**

2022 was a big year for Cochran Hose Company. We hope for a great 2023. Here are some things we are looking forward to in the new year:



**SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM:** In response to recent tragic events in the county, Cochran Hose Company members are working with the community and local agencies to provide free smoke detectors for the Cochran Hose Company coverage area. Smoke detectors are a critical tool in fire prevention and can save lives. Through this program, we will be able to:

- Provide smoke detectors at no cost to residents who are in need
- Install some detectors for residents who need assistance
- Check smoke detectors or change batteries for residents who need assistance
- More details to follow as the company continues to develop the program.



**CERTIFICATION (VEHICLE RESCUE AND FF1):** Our members are always striving to be the best possible. This year, our department is hosting Fire Fighter I (FFI) and vehicle rescues certification classes and testing.



**DOORS:** To round out the station upgrades in 2022, Cochran Hose Company will be installing new doors for the station in early 2023. The new doors will replace the old doors that have been part of the station for over 40 years!



**NEW ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM:** Accountability on a fire scene is critical. Conditions can change in an instant. Having count of or PAR (personnel accountability report) for all fire fighters involved in an incident can be difficult. Cochran Hose Company is implementing a new, robust accountability system in 2023.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & THANKS**

We would like to start by thanking the boroughs we support: Edgeworth Borough, Glen Osborne Borough, Haysville Borough and Sewickley Borough. Without your cooperation and collaboration, none of what we do would be possible. Borough management and staff understand the valuable service we provided and have been nothing but extraordinary in their dedication and commitment to the safety and security of their respective boroughs.



Secondly, we would like to thank the residents and business of these communities. Your donations, monetary and otherwise, are greatly appreciated, as are the friendly waves and visits to our station.

We would like to thank our local police departments, Valley EMS, mutual aid fire companies, EMS agencies, Allegheny County Emergency Services, and Local and State Representatives for having our back in every fight.

Everyone listed above plays a role in how we can operate and the success of the department as a whole

Lastly, we cannot forget the most important people: the families of each one of these men and women that stop what they are doing when the department is called upon. If it wasn't for the families supporting these volunteers, we would not have a successful department. What they sacrifice to provide a service that saves taxpayers millions of dollars a year is something that a general thank you just isn't enough.

# THANK YOU!

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