



Chester Township Fire Rescue 2025 Annual Report

Dear Chester Township residents,

On behalf of Chester Township Fire Rescue, I am honored to present the 2025 Annual Report of department activity. This report summarizes operations in the three primary areas of the fire department: operations, training, and fire prevention.

In 2025, the department responded to 1,605 calls for assistance, representing a 4.92% decrease from 2024, when 1,689 calls were recorded. This decrease in call volume is largely attributed to the unusually high number of incidents related to the severe storm that struck the community on August 6, 2024. Although many storm-related calls from the day of the event and the following day were condensed to ensure consistent reporting and avoid skewing annual statistics, the department continued to respond to storm-related incidents for nearly two weeks afterward.

Of the 1,605 total calls for service, emergency medical service (EMS) incidents accounted for 1,125 responses, or 70% of all calls. Fire-related incidents totaled 480 responses, representing 30% of department activity.

Nationally, the fire service continues to face staffing challenges. Chester Township Fire Rescue utilizes a combination of full-time and part-time personnel to provide emergency services to the community. Like many Northeast Ohio combination departments, personnel changes occur throughout the year. In 2025, Chester Township Fire Rescue experienced less personnel turnover than in previous years. One full-time firefighter was hired in May 2025, bringing total full-time shift staffing to nine personnel, with three assigned to each shift (A, B, and C). Within the part-time ranks, there were seven resignations, all of which were offset by seven new hires, maintaining current part-time staffing at 24 personnel.

Emergency medical services continue to account for the majority of calls for service. As in prior years, most patients treated by the department were 65 years of age or older, female, and transported to Hillcrest Hospital. While EMS represents the bulk of responses, the department remains prepared to respond to fires, which pose a significant threat to both life and property. Unfortunately, in 2025, one member of our community experienced a major fire resulting in an estimated \$125,000 damage, with an estimated property value of \$325,000.

As the demands of the fire service continue to increase, so does the need for ongoing training to meet emerging challenges. In 2025, department members completed a total of 2,423 hours of training, the majority of which occurred while on duty and at no additional cost to the Township.

Modern fire departments are more than response agencies. While Chester Township Fire Rescue is well known for responding to emergencies, our primary focus on reducing risk is through prevention, education, and community engagement. In 2025, the department completed 122 fire safety inspections, certified 107 students in CPR, and provided fire safety education to 646 school students during Fire Prevention Week. In addition, members participated in 28 public outreach and community events and conducted 20 station tours, further strengthening connections with residents and promoting safety throughout the community.

It is my honor and privilege to have been appointed as your Fire Chief in March 2025 and to lead the dedicated members of Chester Township Fire Rescue. The professionalism, commitment, and pride demonstrated by our personnel are evident every day in the service they provide to our community. I am extremely proud of this organization and the trust placed in us by the residents we serve. Looking ahead, I am excited to continue working with our members, Township leadership, and community partners to strengthen our operations, enhance training, and expand prevention efforts. Together, we will continue to move the department forward, adapt to the evolving demands of the fire service, and ensure Chester Township Fire Rescue remains a progressive, professional, and dependable organization for years to come.

In safety, service, and community,

Andrew J. Nagy, Fire Chief

PERSONNEL

The strength of any emergency organization is the people that deliver the services and Chester Township Fire Rescue is no different. We are proud of the people who serve our community and provide the emergency services you rely on.

You are protected by a combination of full-time and part-time personnel. The full-time personnel work the traditional firefighter shift – 24 hours on duty followed by 48 hours off duty. Part-time personnel work as they are able on 12-hour work shifts. Many of our part-time personnel are full-time paramedic/firefighters with other communities in the area.

In March 2025, Assistant Chief Andy Nagy was promoted to Fire Chief. Chief Nagy began his career with Chester Township Fire Rescue as an Explorer and was hired in February 1999. He has served in many positions over his career and focused on fire prevention, training and department administration.

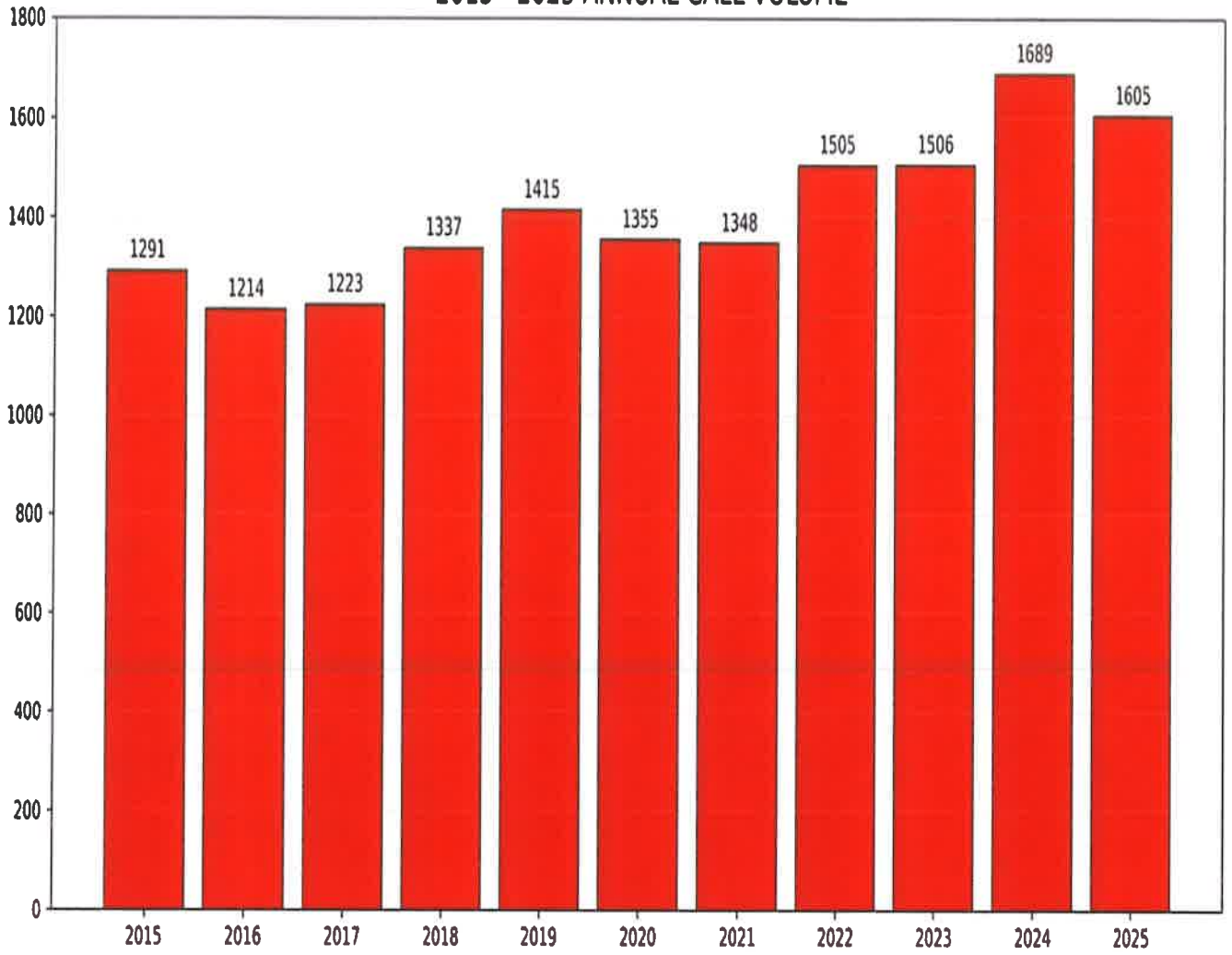
Just as important as having the proper staff available for incidents, training must be conducted to ensure the competency of those serving the community. While many of our part-time staff receive training at their full-time fire jobs, it is still important for all Chester Township Fire Rescue staff to train on our equipment, medical protocols, and operational policies so we achieve the safety and efficiency desired.

Our full-time staff logged 1,454 hours of training, much of which was to earn certifications. Part-time members logged 968 hours of training. Training highlights for 2025 include:

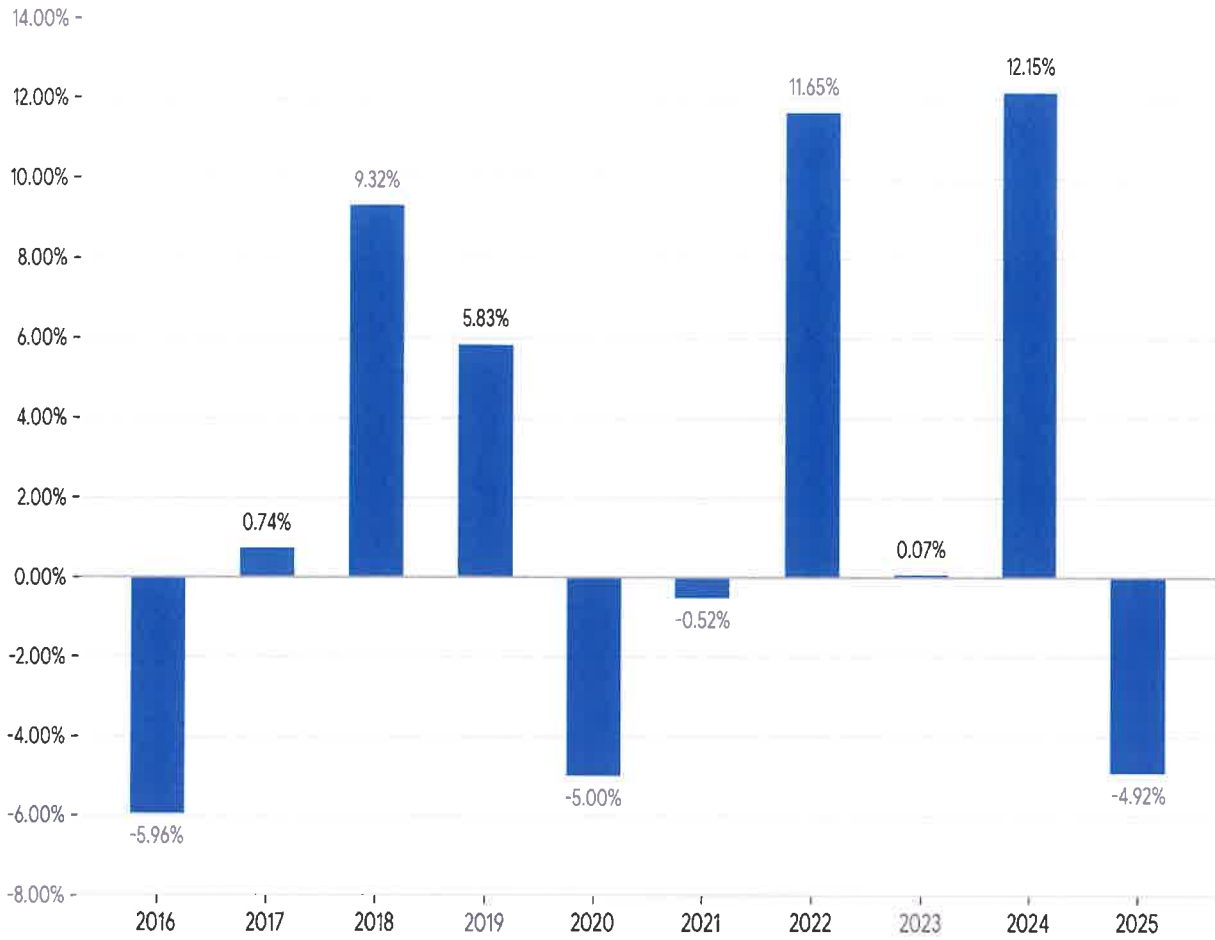
- ✘ Chief Nagy continued studies in the Ohio Fire Executive program offered by the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association. This is a 2 ½ year management focused program.
- ✘ Chief Nagy and Lt. Neary were certified by the International Association of Arson Investigators as Fire Investigation Technicians.
- ✘ PM/FF Way and PM/FF Valvoda completed Fire Officer 1 & 2.
- ✘ PM/FF Angie was certified as an Incident Safety Officer
- ✘ Lt. Osborn was certified as a Public Safety Diver through Dive Rescue One International.
- ✘ Lt. Scalese, Lt. Osborn, and PM/FF Angie all became state certified Public Safety Instructors.

INCIDENTS

2015 - 2025 ANNUAL CALL VOLUME



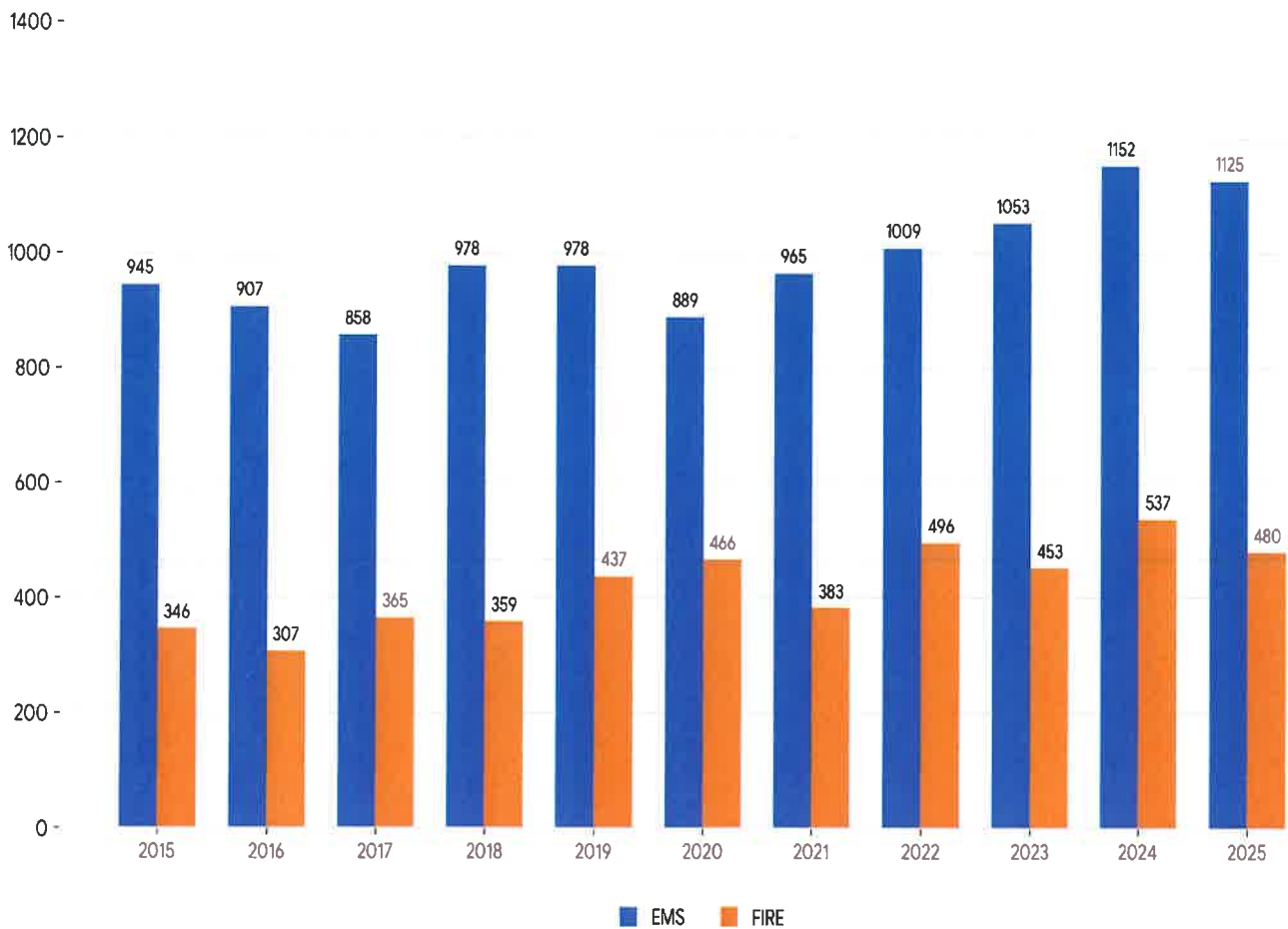
10 YR. INCIDENT INCREASE/DECREASE %



FIRE/EMS INCIDENT COMPARISON

As in years past, the calls for paramedic EMS service make up most of our incidents. Even though fires make up a smaller amount of our call volume, fire remains a concern due to the potential loss of life and property.

2015 - 2025 EMS/FIRE INCIDENTS



PROPERTY LOSS FROM FIRE

Property loss from fire is one of the most devastating events that can happen to a family. While fires are not a common occurrence in Chester Twp., there was one significant fire in a residential building this year. The Fire Department recommends installing a smoke detector in your garage as well as strategic locations in the house. This simple device will provide early warning which allows a faster response, thus reducing damage.

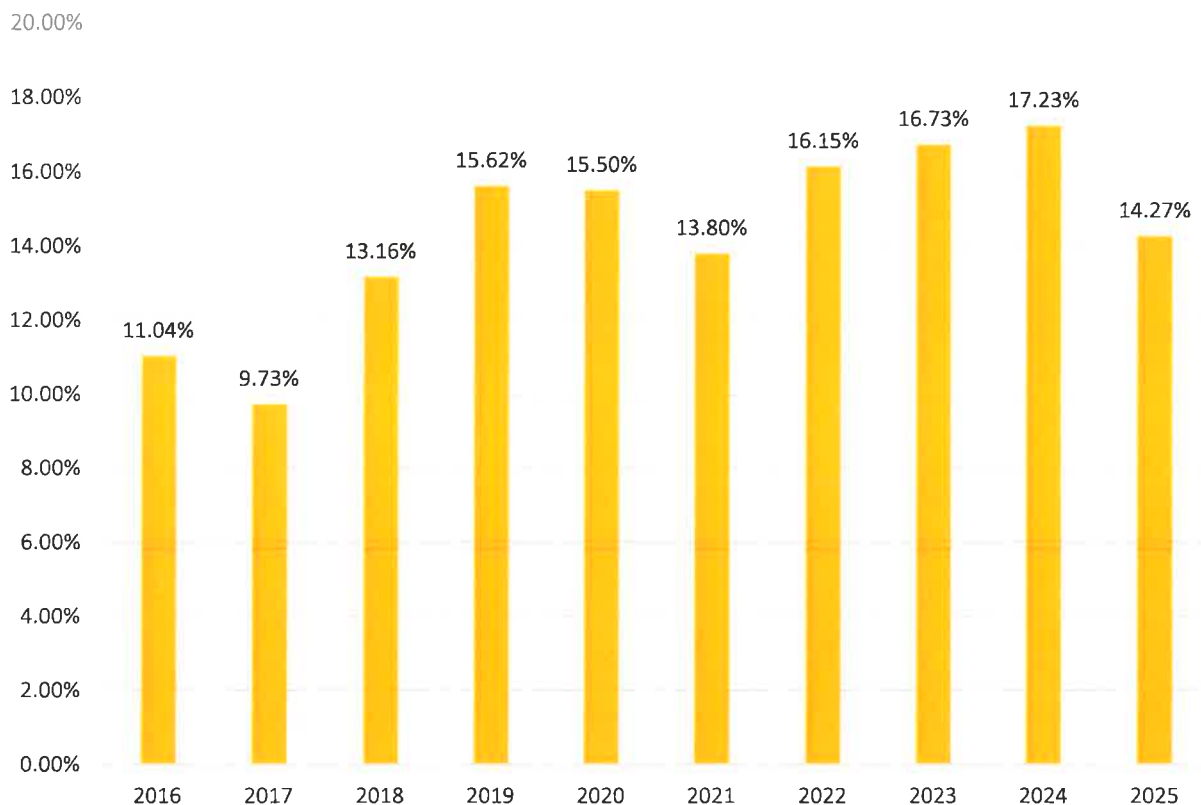
2025 PROPERTY VALUE SAVED vs. LOST



MULTIPLE INCIDENTS

Emergency services would be much more manageable if the incidents were scheduled. Unfortunately, life does not work that way. This graph shows the percentage of incidents that occurred simultaneously with others. Multiple calls may range from 2 at the same time up to as many as 5 or 6 at the same time. Most frequently it is 2 at the same time. With our staffing levels, 2 simultaneous incidents sometimes challenge our on-duty personnel to provide service.

2015 - 2025 PERCENTAGE OF MULTIPLE INCIDENTS



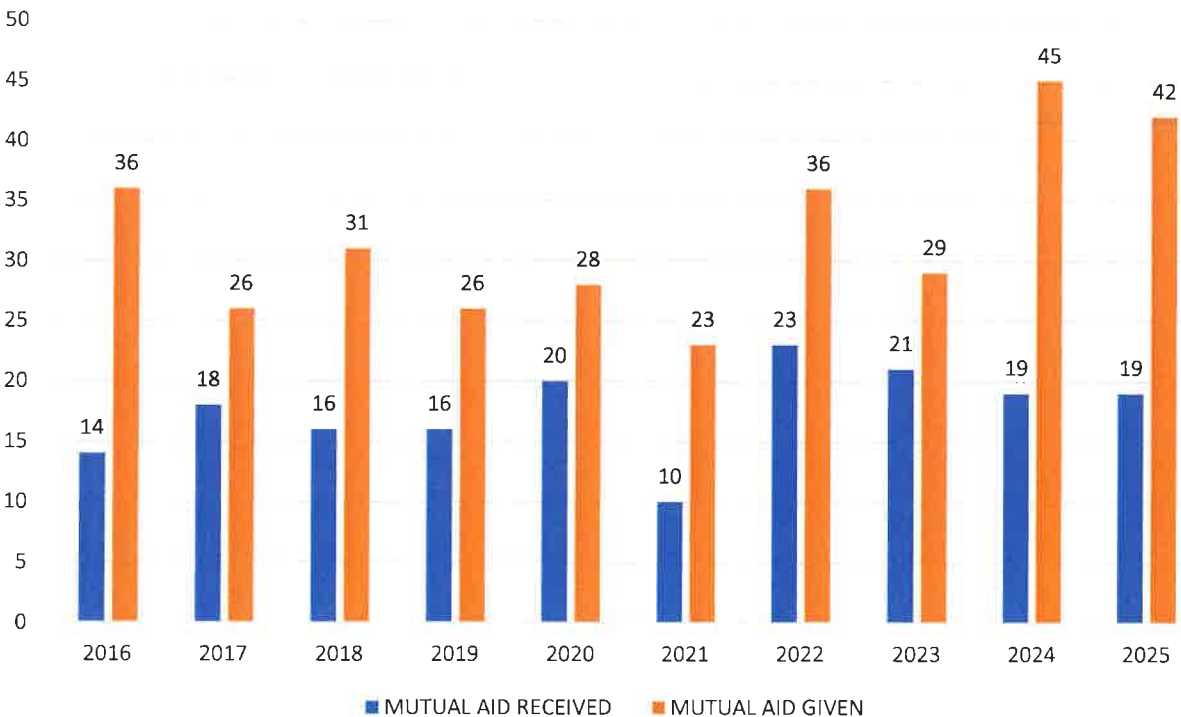
MUTUAL AID

It is not financially possible for a community to protect 100% of the residents 100% of the time from 100% of emergency situations. Occasionally, assistance is required from other surrounding communities. We are thankful for the strong working relationships with our neighbors.

The graphs below show the number of incidents Chester Township Fire Rescue provided to and/or received mutual aid from other fire departments. Because of our location, we can be called upon to assist departments in Geauga, Lake, or Cuyahoga counties. The need for mutual aid is determined by the Incident Commander usually after arriving at the scene and determined by what is actually occurring.

The number of incidents that Chester Township Fire Rescue provided mutual aid to neighboring departments accounted for approximately 3.11% of our total calls. The number of incidents that Chester Township Fire Rescue received mutual aid from neighboring departments was 1.31% of our total calls.

2016 - 2025 MUTUAL AID GIVEN AND RECEIVED

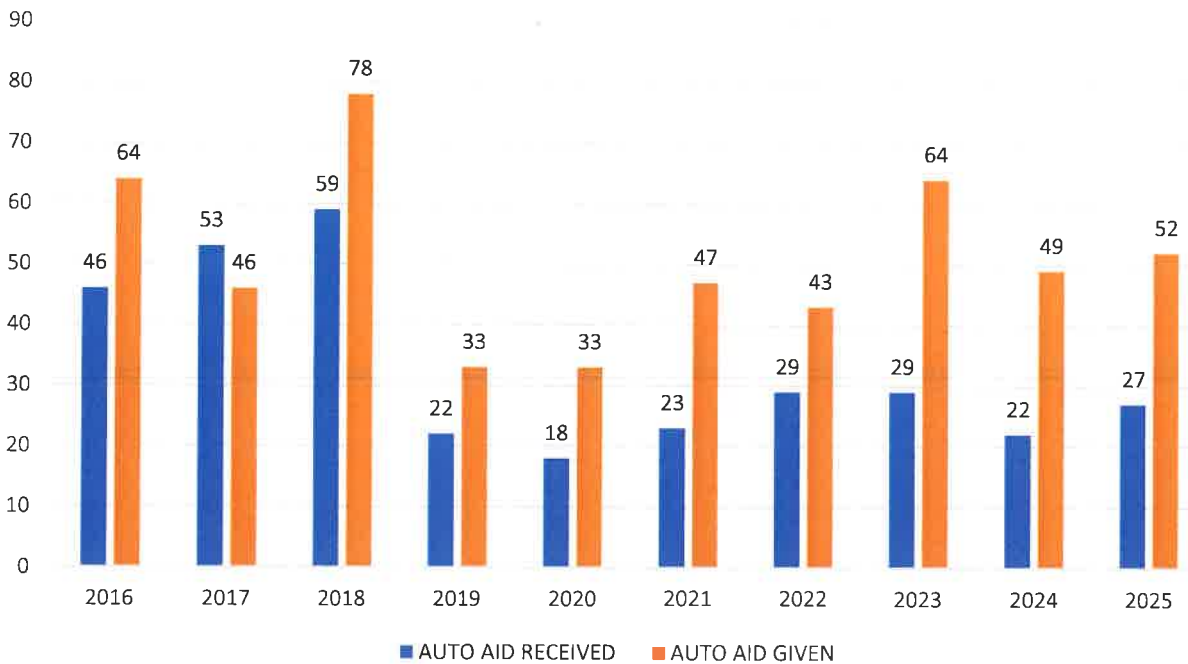


AUTO AID

The difference between mutual aid and auto aid is that auto aid units are dispatched simultaneously prior to the arrival of any emergency responders. This is used for incidents that have the potential for high severity such as nursing homes and large commercial buildings.

The number of incidents that Chester Township Fire Rescue provided auto aid to neighboring departments accounted for approximately 3.05% of our total calls. The number of incidents where Chester Township Fire Rescue received auto aid from neighboring departments was 1.68% of our total calls.

2016 - 2025 AUTO AID GIVEN AND RECEIVED



Chester Township Fire Rescue is proud to provide you, our residents, with a safe community in which to live. We hope 2026 is healthy and safe for you and your family, but if not, we will be ready to help you.