

Fire/EMS History

On January 1, 1999, the Trotwood Fire Department joined forces with Trotwood Rescue Inc., which for many years has provided emergency medical services (EMS) to the community. As one team they work together to provide the excellence in fire and rescue services the community has come to expect.

1898 - Trotwood's first fire department is formed, later followed by Village of Trotwood and Madison Township Fire Departments (which included Drexel Volunteers and Ft. McKinley Fire Department).

April 1953 - Following an accident on the South Broadway Bridge Madison Township Fire Department volunteers determine the need for organized rescue services, and Trotwood Rescue Inc. is born.

December 24, 1953 - Trotwood Rescue Inc. declares itself ready to serve the community with American Red Cross-certified emergency-trained volunteers, 2-way radio communications, emergency telephone service and a truck converted into a rescue vehicle, much of which is donated or paid by the organization's volunteers.

Early 1960s - The community's various fire departments merge to become the Madison Township Fire Department, beginning the transition to paid-on-call staff operating from 3 fire stations.

1963 - Trotwood Rescue Inc., by this time including several emergency vehicles and water rescue boats celebrates its 10-year anniversary.

1971 - Madison Township Fire Department builds Station 71 on Olive Road.

June 1981 - Madison Township Fire Department hires 6 full-time personnel who join the full-time fire chief and fire inspector already in place.

1982 - Station 73 is built on Salem Avenue and replaces former temporary station.

May 1987 - Trotwood Rescue Inc. hires 6 part-time employees working 12-hour shifts, beginning its transition from relying solely on volunteers.

June 1989 - Trotwood Rescue Inc. hires 6 full-time personnel working 10-hour shifts.

1991 - Madison Township Fire Department begins 24-hour service from Station 74.

1993 - Trotwood Rescue Inc. celebrates 40 years of service to the community

April 1994 - Trotwood Rescue Inc. opens its south station on Olive Road.

January 1, 1996 - The City of Trotwood and Madison Township merge and the Madison Township Fire Department becomes the Trotwood Fire Department.

August 1996 - Trotwood Rescue Inc. begins offering round the clock service operations.

1997 - Trotwood Fire Department's Station 73 begins offering 24-hour service operations.

1998 - Trotwood Fire Department hires 3 full-time firefighters to work a standard 24/48-hour shift rotation.

January 1, 1999 - City of Trotwood assumes all responsibilities of Trotwood Rescue Inc., and hires 6 additional full-time firefighter/paramedics to provide continued 24-hour coverage in standard 24/48-hour shift rotations.

2000 - City of Trotwood hires 3 additional full-time firefighter/paramedics.

2002 - Station 72 is closed in preparation for total renovation and crews are moved to other stations, but due to high renovation bids station is reopened.

2003 - New AEV Medic Unit is purchased.

June 2004 - As first new fire engine since 1994, a Rosenbauer 2000 is purchased and former Station 75 on North Broadway is sold to J.W. Devers & Sons.

July 2005 - New fire engine arrives, complete with a built in CAF system and gpm top mount pump built on a Spartan chassis.