

2021 Earlham Rescue Report

After what we experienced in 2020, 2021 should have been a breeze right? While we worked towards getting back to some sense of normal in 2021, it still presented its own challenges. With COVID-19 still very present in our lives, we did manage to enjoy some of the things that we all missed out on in 2020. Rescue was able to once again have a presence at football games, the 4th of July, speak to community groups, go back to in person trainings and conferences, and have in person meetings. We were still challenged by the different variants of the virus, ever changing mask and vaccine rules, supply chain issues, and the soaring cost of supplies. Many people, but especially Healthcare workers struggled with “COVID Fatigue” as cases surged, people were tired of masking up, and hospitals were full to capacity with long wait times in the ER. As always through it all, Earlham Rescue members endeavored to provide the best level of care possible to Earlham Residents and those who passed through our community.

This year, Earlham Rescue responded to 213 calls and stand by events, up 17 from last year. The total member response to these calls was 768 for an average of 3.6 providers per response, down 1 from last year. 186 of the calls had at least 1 advanced level provider and 25 had EMT level providers. Our average response time is 5.63 minutes from page to en route, goal is under 5 daytime and 6 nighttime, and our average time from page to on scene is 9.59 minutes, which is in line with the national goal of 8-10 minutes. We currently are comprised of 15 members on the squad and 1 driver. The members meet every second and fourth Thursday of the month for business meetings and training. Rescue members accumulated a total of 491.5 hours of continuing education, not including Garrett Boyle finishing Paramedic School which is equivalent to approximately 1520 hours.

Cardiac arrest saves are few and far between. In fact, the national percentage of adults who suffer a cardiac arrest and are discharged from the hospital with fully mental function is only 8.4% according to the American Heart Association. In 2021 Rescue members we able to be a part of not 1, but 2 different life saves! In the first save, RN Royster, PM Horner, and EMT Mudge responded to a call for a woman having chest pain and difficulty breathing. As they arrived the patient went into cardiac arrest in front of them. They immediately began CPR, applied and AED, and successfully defibrillated the patient back into a stable heart rhythm. The patient was discharged home just 4 days later. On the second save, PM Royster and PM Boyle responded for a male who went into cardiac arrest on the side of the road. His friends are the true heroes for immediately recognizing the severity of the situation and starting CPR on the side of the road. Multiple law enforcement officers arrived as well as Dallas County Ambulance and our Rescue. Together we continued CPR, got the patient in the ambulance, defibrillated him several times, and provided other life saving measures while transporting the patient to the hospital. After a little over a week, that patient was also able to be discharged to home and is making a full recovery. In both cases, early immediate CPR and AED use were the critical factors that led to the patient’s favorable outcomes.

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In November we completed the recertification process with the Iowa Department of Health Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services. We passed our onsite inspection with no issues and were recertified as a conditional Advanced EMT (AEMT) Service for another 3 years. We currently serve the community with 6 EMTs, 4 RNs, 5 Paramedics and 1 Driver. The RNs and Paramedics can function at an AEMT level. Dr. Jon Suddarth remains our medical director. Blake Boyle was reelected as the membership's nomination for Captain. Tabitha Royster and Don Mudge were reelected as the 1st and 2nd Lieutenant respectively.

The members of the Rescue would like to take this opportunity to thank the council for their continued support of the Earlham Rescue Unit, the community for their support to the Rescue Association, and the Earlham Fire and Police Departments whose assistance allows us to provide quality care to patients in a safe environment. We would like to thank the Madison and Dallas County Sheriff's Offices Dispatchers and Deputies for their work behind the scenes and at incidents with us. Finally, we thank the County Emergency Management and Public Health Departments for their partnership through the pandemic.

I am proud of our members' commitment to maintaining this high level of care for our community on a volunteer service. We look forward to continuing to serve the community. Please contact myself or anyone of the members with question, needs or concerns.

Please see attached member roster, call data and a list of Rescue Association purchases donated to the rescue and community.

Sincerely,



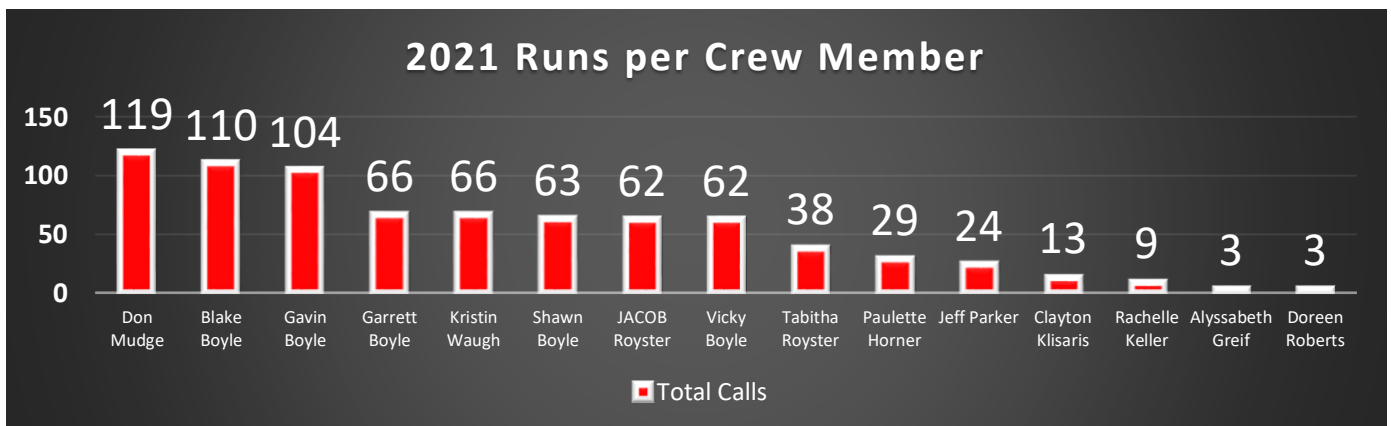
Blake R Boyle

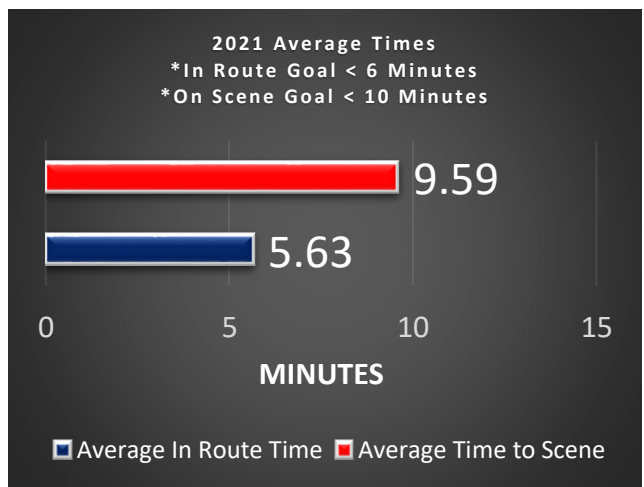
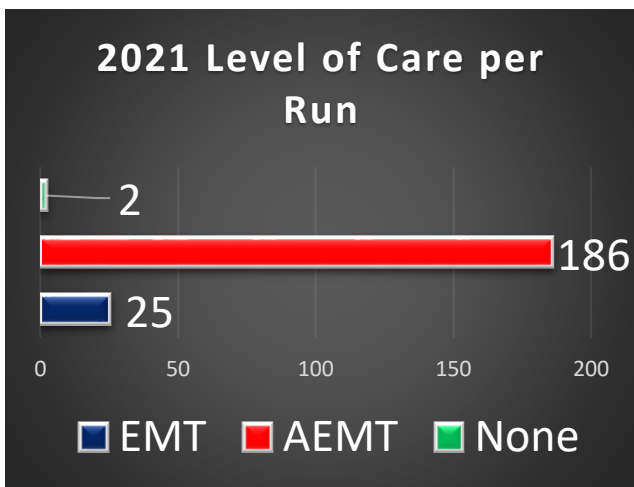
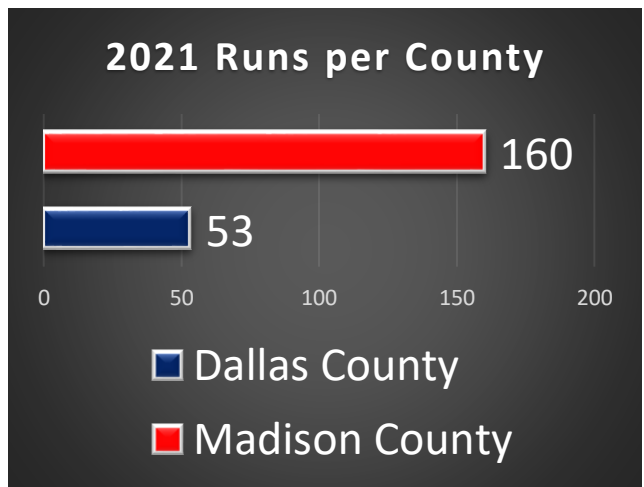
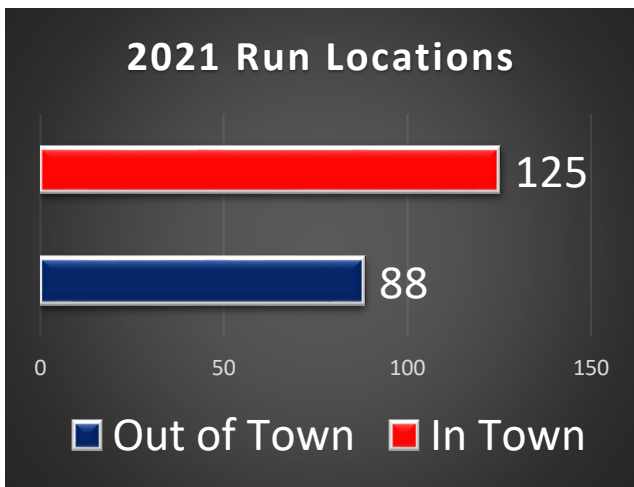
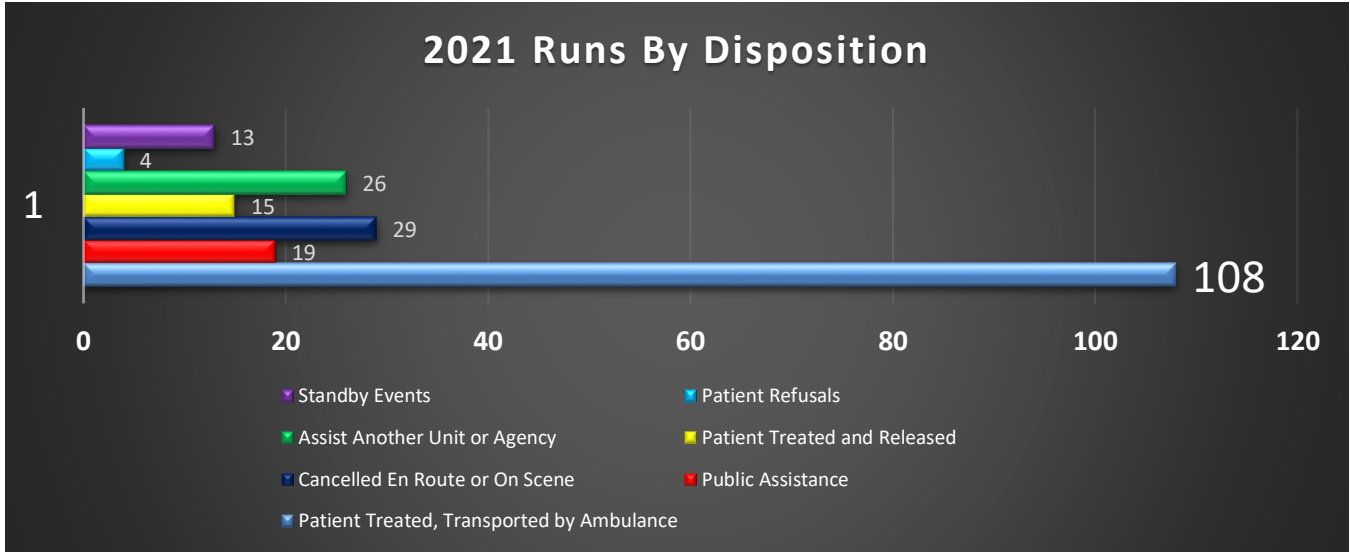
Earlham Rescue Captain

Cell # 515-480-3025

Rescue Member List

Blake Boyle	Paramedic	Captain
Tabitha Royster	RN	1 st Lieutenant /Training Officer
Don Mudge	EMT	2 nd Lieutenant /Training Officer
Jake Royster	Paramedic	Secretary
Gavin Boyle	EMT	Treasurer
Garrett Boyle	Paramedic	Finished Paramedic School
Vicky Boyle	EMT	29 Year Member
David Hopp	RN, EMT	27 Year Member
Paulette Horner	Paramedic	
Rachelle Keller	Paramedic	
Clayton Klisaris	EMT	
Jeff Parker	EMT	15+ Year Member
Doreen Roberts	EMT	
Kris Waugh	RN	21 Year Member
Ali Grief	RN	New Member
Shawn Boyle	Fire Chief	Driver





2021 Rescue Association Purchases

-\$86.82 Masks

-\$160.39 Zoom Business Membership

-\$523.50 New Office Chairs

-\$505.84 Parade Supplies

-\$1520 New Pagers

-\$525 EMS Week Gifts

-\$546 Rescue Pants

-\$1498.73 Department Shirts

-\$731.39 T Shirts

-\$2718 New Rescue AED

Total \$8,815.67 Savings to the city budget