

Fact Sheet: FIRE CHIEF



Introducing the new Fire Chief . . .

On May 14th, 2019, the Trustees hired Mr. Jesse A. Sopko as the new Kingsville Township Fire Chief. Mr. Sopko is a certified Firefighter II and EMT-Paramedic.

Mr. Sopko currently works for the City of Mentor Fire-Rescue Division and the Madison Fire District. Starting June 3rd, he will be the full-time chief for Kingsville working 40 hours a week and continue to work a shift for Mentor.

In his short career, he has attained many skills including Haz-Mat training, reviewing fire department policies, procedures, and regulations and assisting with budgets for fire department services, equipment, and apparatus.

The Numbers . . .

Mr. Sopko is only **21** years old but has gained extensive experience working for busy departments like Mentor and Madison. Last year he went on **1,015** EMS calls. That is **320** more than the entire Kingsville department went on in 2018 (**695** EMS calls). He responded to **11** structure fires versus Kingsville's **3**. He also has experience dealing with incidents along major interstates like I-90, responding to **42** calls along I-90 and State Route 2 in 2018 versus Kingsville's **28** calls to I-90.



Thank you, Chief Stewart!

The Board of Trustees on behalf of ourselves and all Kingsville Township residents extend our sincere respect and appreciation to Mr. Neal Stewart for his 11 years of dedicated service as the Kingsville Township Fire Department's Fire Chief. Mr. Stewart selflessly gave his time and energy to ensure the Fire Department facilities and equipment were well maintained and in working order. He also was able to create a paid part-time department that offers 16-hour, 7-day service providing residents fast response times and excellent care.