



City of Akron
FIRE DEPARTMENT



2010 ANNUAL REPORT



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AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT **MISSION STATEMENT**



Our mission is to improve the quality of life within the community by providing a high quality emergency medical service, by providing an excellent fire prevention program, including public education and arson investigation, by providing a firefighting force capable of handling emergencies, which may include structural firefighting, hazardous materials mitigation, all types of rescues and miscellaneous emergencies and catastrophes.

We will accomplish this mission while maintaining a high regard for the safety and health of our personnel. We will maintain a high standard of training, a quality occupational and health program, and a superior communication system. We will receive superb backing from our fire and hydrant maintenance programs.



Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor



Larry A. Bunner
Chief





Akron Fire Department

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

As Chief of the Akron Fire Department and on behalf of the men and women dedicated to protecting the lives and property within our city, I am pleased to present to the Honorable Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic, his cabinet, members of Akron City Council, and the citizens of our fine city, the 2010 Akron Fire Department's Annual Report.

In 2010, we in the Akron Fire Department, like so many other organizations across the country, were challenged to do "more with less". In the midst of the worst economic downturn in recent history, our department continued to successfully provide all services and coverage without shutting down a single rig. In July of 2010, the department received a Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant that allowed us to bring back thirty eight Fire/Medics that had been laid off. Additional successes include the procurement of one new ambulance, one new command vehicle, and the refurbishment of one pumper. Of particular note was the launching of the Akron Fire Incident Reporting System (AFIRS). This new program was designed specifically for Akron Fire Department and will be managed by Akron's Information Technologies Department.

The members of the Akron Fire Department remain committed to the goal of providing our community with excellent, compassionate, emergency services. As Interim Chief, I pledge to provide our organization with the training, equipment, and leadership needed to fulfill this goal.

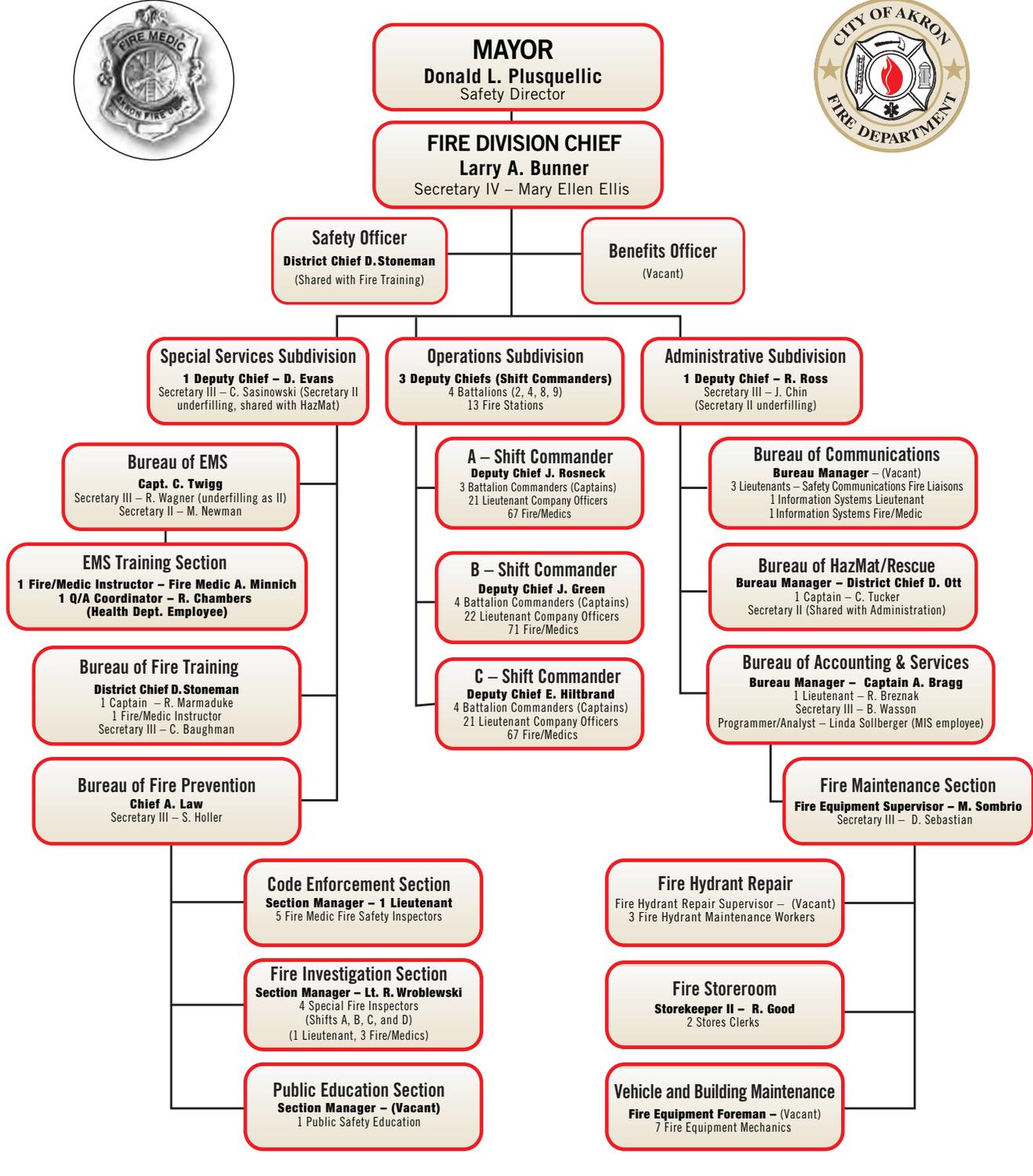
On behalf of the men and women of the Akron Fire Department, I would like to offer our sincere appreciation to Mayor Plusquellic, his cabinet, Akron City Council, Retiring Chief Larry Bunner, and the citizens of Akron for their assistance and support.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry A. Bunner".

Fire Chief

ORGANIZATION OF THE AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT



2010

DEPUTY AND DISTRICT CHIEFS



Edward Hiltbrand
Deputy Chief



James Green
Deputy Chief



Dale Evans
Deputy Chief



Robert Ross Jr.
Deputy Chief



John Rosneck
Deputy Chief



Dennis Stoneman
District Chief



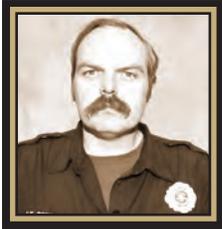
Douglas Ott
District Chief



Anthony Law
District Chief

2010 RETIREMENTS

RETIREMENTS



John Roth – Firefighter
Retired 1/14/10



John Blike – Firefighter
Retired 3/6/10



Patrick Blair – Firefighter
Retired 4/1/10



Brenda Chapman – Firefighter
Retired 8/1/10



Thomas Kerr – Lieutenant
Retired 8/1/10



David Cross – Lieutenant
Retired 8/4/10



Walter Hight – Firefighter
Retired 12/25/10

RETIREMENTS – CIVILIANS

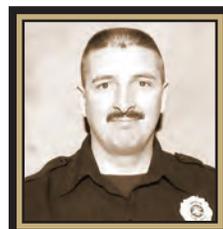


John Poulos – Fire Equipment Mechanic
Retired 8/31/10

2010 RESIGNATIONS



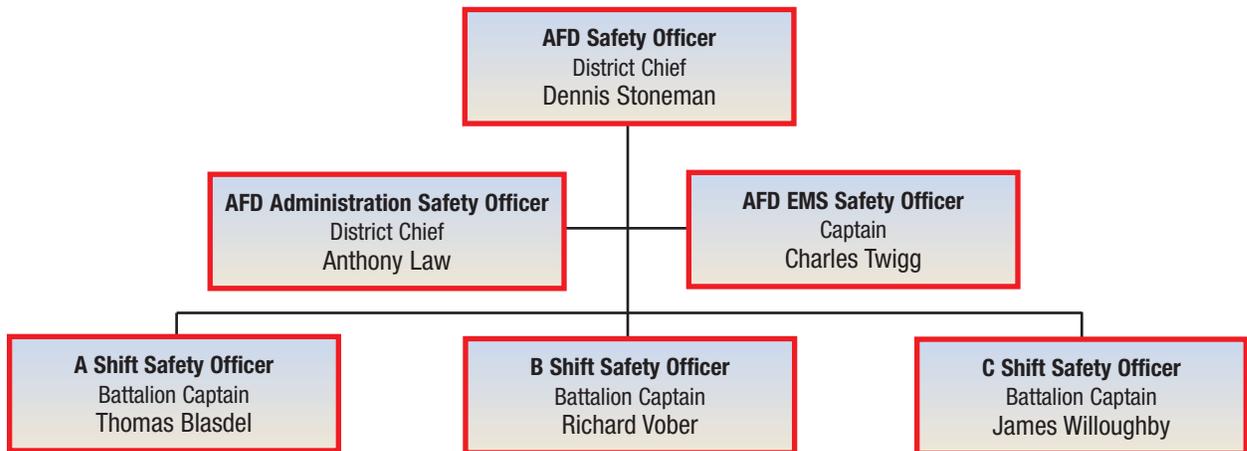
Joseph Gentile – Lieutenant
Retired 7/16/10



Larry Moore, Jr. – Lieutenant
Retired 7/17/10

SAFETY OFFICER

District Chief Dennis Stoneman, in addition to being the Chief of Fire Training, functions as the Akron Fire Department Safety Officer. Captain Charles Twigg handles most EMS safety issues including needle sticks, TB testing and exposure reports. A Battalion Captain on each of the 3 shifts has been assigned to serve as Akron Fire Department Shift Safety Officer to allow for better flow of information and documentation.



In 2010, the Akron Fire Department administered TB testing to all personnel and flu shots were made available to the Akron Police Department, Communications Center and the Akron Fire Department.

The Fit for Fire performance evaluations were administered by the Akron Fire Training Bureau with 343 Akron Firefighters participating. There were 242 who performed the Drill Field Test and 101 who chose the In-House evaluation.

COMPARISON OF INJURIES FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS

TYPE OF DATA	2008	2009	2010
Back Injuries	27	26	22
Burns	2	4	1
Days lost/Injuries	338	434	141
Exposures to Hazardous Material	24	47	24
Exposures to Infectious Disease	25	29	17
Fractures	2	3	1
Injuries sustained at EMS Incidents	33	34	25
Injuries sustained at structural Fires	30	30	23
Respond/Return Fire & EMS	3	2	7
Sprain/Strains	55	40	34
Total Number of Injuries/Exposures	157	169	116

OPERATIONS SUBDIVISION



John Rosneck
Deputy Chief – A Shift



James Green
Deputy Chief – B Shift



Edward Hiltbrand
Deputy Chief – C Shift

The majority of the personnel who work in the Fire Division are assigned to the Operations Subdivision. Operations is where the Fire Division organization is broken down into the individual firefighting and EMS companies which perform the day-to-day public safety activities of the Akron Fire Department.

Operations is divided into three shifts (the A, B, and C shifts), which work a 24-hour on / 48-hour off shift. A Deputy or District Chief fulfills the role of Shift Commander and supervises each shift. The Shift Commanders handle the daily staffing issues and the scheduling of training and other activities for their shift. They also act as the interface between their shift and Fire Administration. The Shift Commanders will assume command of larger (second-alarm or greater) incidents that occur on their shift. The Shift Commander's office is located at Station 3. The telephone number is (330) 375-2219.

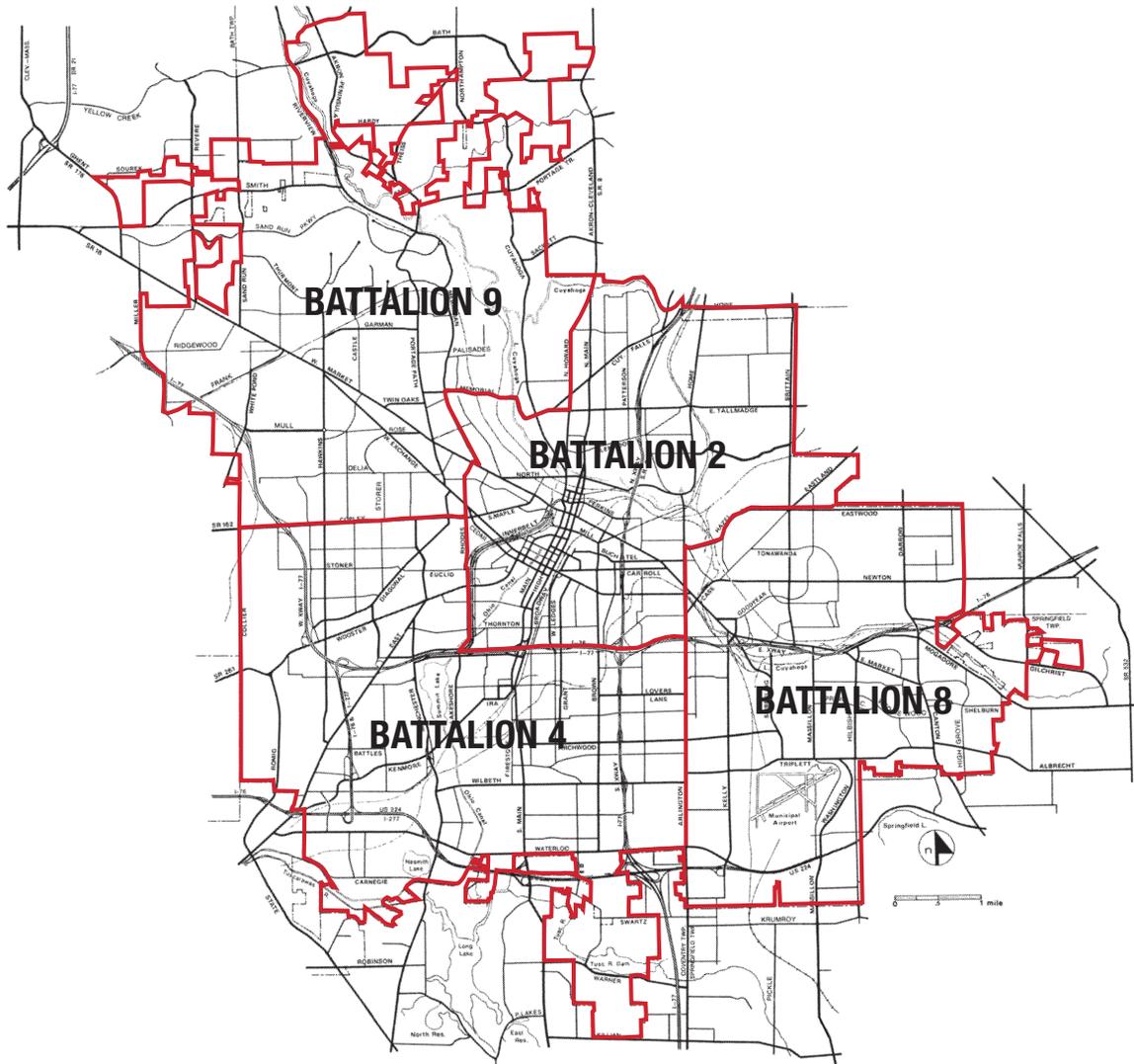
The City of Akron is geographically divided into four sections, known as Battalions. Each Battalion has several stations within its boundaries. Each shift has four Battalion Commanders (Battalions 2, 4, 8, and 9) that are

responsible for command and control of most emergency incidents in the City. The Battalion Commanders supervise the individual companies in their respective Battalions.

Each individual fire company is made up of a Company Officer (usually a Lieutenant) who supervises two to three Firefighter/Medics. The Company Officer is responsible for the supervision and safety of the company members assigned to him or her at all times. The Company Officer is responsible for all reports and communications relating to the operation of their company.

Akron Fire EMS units may be staffed in one of two ways. EMS units may be combined with a fire unit and therefore have a four-person crew. These "Combo" companies respond with their entire crew to either fire or EMS incidents with the appropriate vehicle. In addition, other EMS units are staffed with a two-person crew, supervised by the fire officer in the station where they are housed. All Akron Fire paramedics are also firefighters and rotate duty assignments between fire and EMS companies on a regular basis.

BATTALION DISTRICTS



BATTALION 2

A-Captain Whytsell

B-Captain Smith

C-Captain Willoughby

BATTALION 4

A-Captain Scott

B-Captain Vober

C-Captain Ware

BATTALION 8

A-Vacant

B-Vacant

C-Vacant

BATTALION 9

A-Captain Blasdel

B-Captain Oziomek

C-Captain Natko

FIRE STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL FIRE UNIT RESPONSES & GRAND TOTAL – 14,027



Engines	
Engine 2	946
Engine 3	808
Engine 4	792
Engine 5	273
Engine 6	457
Engine 7	622
Engine 8	382
Engine 9	555
Engine 10	659
Engine 11	167
Engine 12	327
Engine 13	381
Engine 14	283
Total	6652

Ladders	
Ladder 4	691
Ladder 7	338
Ladder 8	616
Ladder 9	825
Ladder 10	223
Total	2693

Battalions	
Battalion 2	1049
Battalion 4	1436
Battalion 8	15
Battalion 9	1099
Total	3599

HazMat, Rescue	
HazMat	4
Rescue	4
Total	111

Other Fire Units	
Total	972



Alarms	
Times	
A.M.	2221
P.M.	4125
Total	6346

Causes For	
Fire	825
False	460
Accidental	480
Other Emergencies	1287
Miscellaneous	3294
Total	6346

Types of Fires	
Buildings	427
Motor Vehicles	186
Grass, Rubbish & Dumps	199
Miscellaneous	13
Total	825

Occupancy of Building Fires	
Public Assemblies	14
Educational	1
Institutional	4
Residential	358
Store & Office	16
Basic Industries	1
Manufacturing	4
Storage	17
Special	12
Total	427

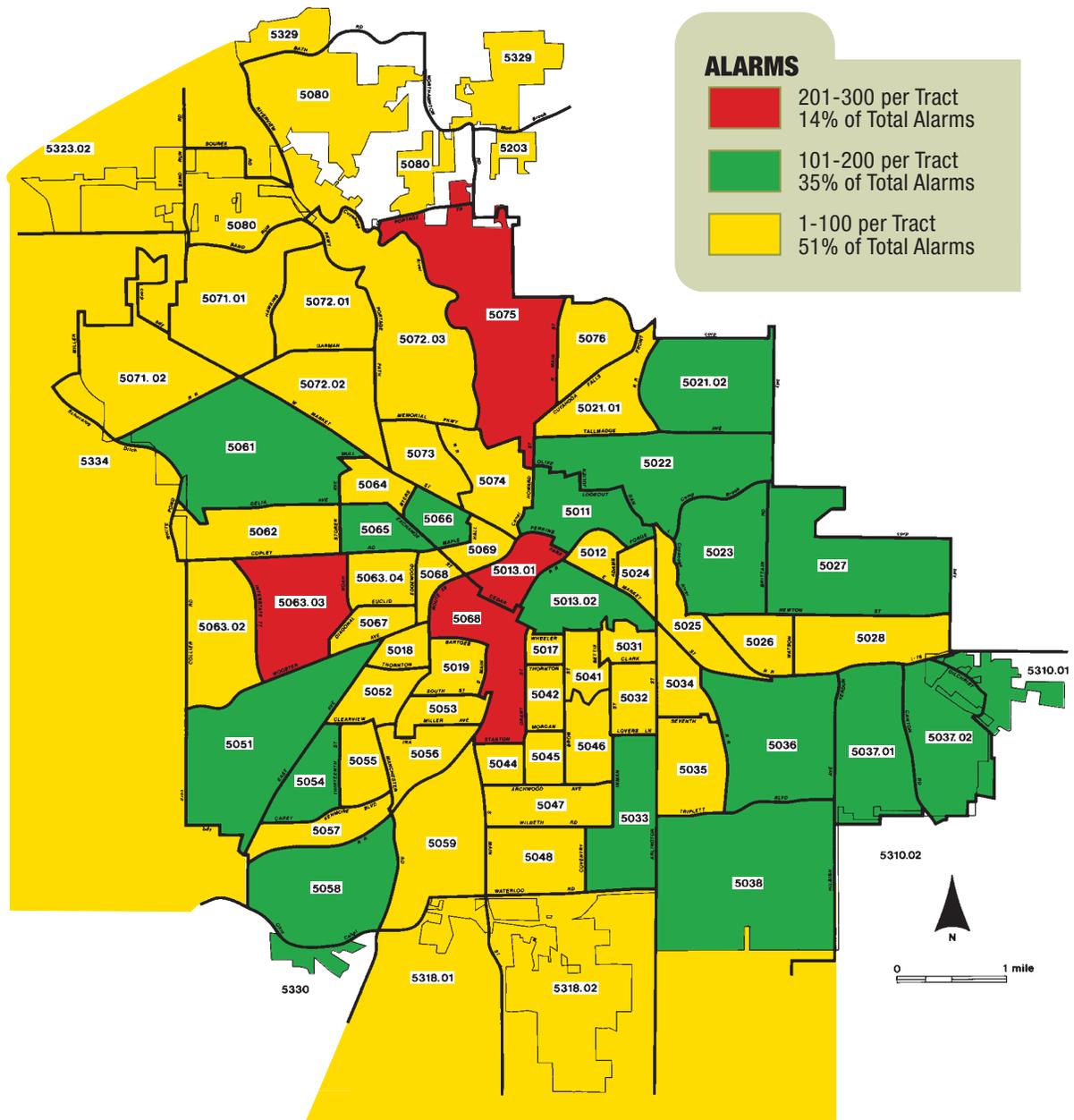
Casualties to Citizens	
Injuries	65
Fatalities	3

Casualties to Firefighters	
Injuries	116
Fatalities	0

In Services	
Engine Companies	13
Ladder Companies	5
Medics & Medic Combos	13
Personnel	373
Alarm Boxes	215

ALARM RESPONSES BY THE AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT PER CENSUS TRACT

TOTAL ALARMS – 6,346



BUILDING FIRES

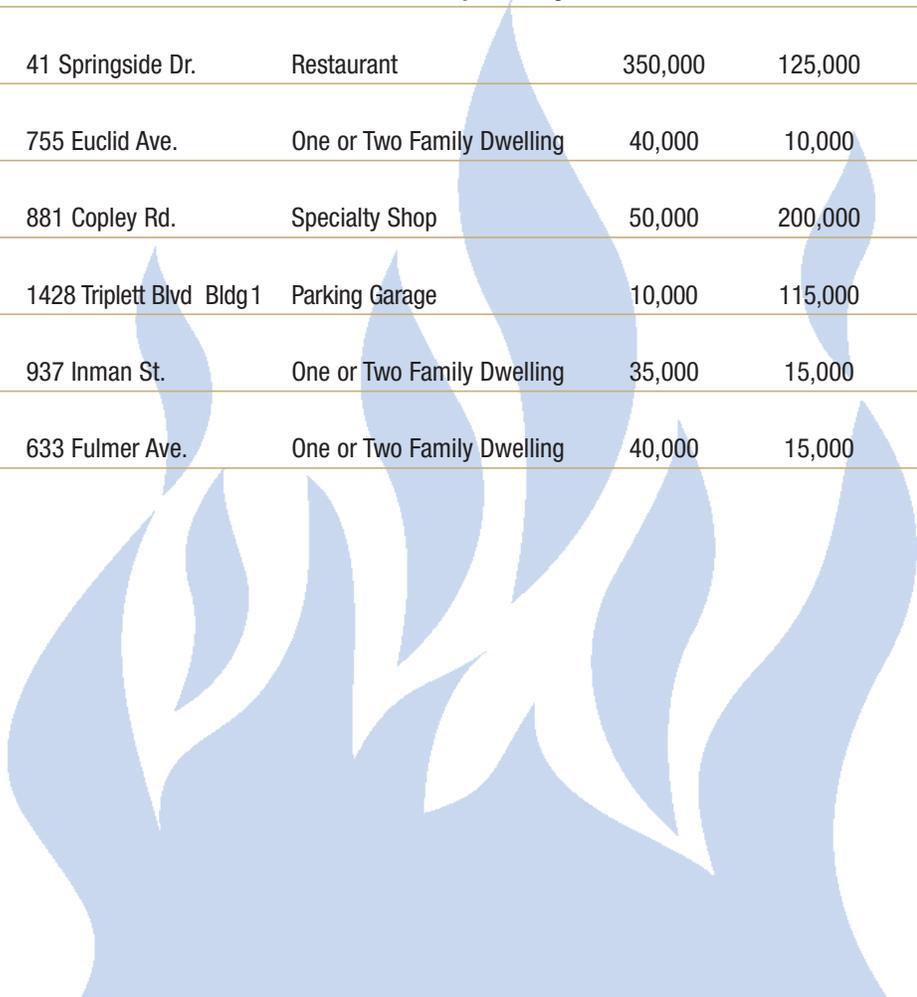
	Public Assembly Property	Educational Property	Institutional Property	Residential Property	Store & Office Property	Basic Industry, Utility, Defense	Manufacturing Property	Storage Property	Special Property	Unknown-Mutual Aid	Total
Incendiary/Suspicious	1		51	2		1	4	3			62
Children Playing			5								5
Careless Smoking			14	1							15
Heating-Furnace, Chimney, Water Heater	1		21								22
Cooking	8	4	150	1			1	1			165
Electrical Distribution-Wiring, Light Ballast	1		20	1	1			2			25
Appliances-Air Conditioning, Tools, Refrigerator	2		17	5		1	2				27
Open Flames			24	1		1	3				29
Other Heat: Fireworks,Explosives,Friction,Hot Material			5	1							6
Other Equipment-Commercial, Medical, Electronic			9	1		1	2				13
Natural-Lightning, Chemical Reaction			1								1
Exposures			22				2	1	1		26
Unknown	2		19	3			3	1	3		31
TOTAL	14	1	4	358	16	1	4	17	8	4	427

FIRE LOSSES AT \$50,000 AND OVER

DATE	ADDRESS	FIXED PROPERTY USE	BUILDING	CONTENTS	TOTAL
1/14/10	1100 W Market St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	60,000	20,000	80,000
1/30/10	1460 White Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	51,000	10,000	61,000
2/5/10	200 S Martha Ave.	Transformer	100,000	0	100,000
2/14/10	660 Corley St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000	15,000	65,000
2/24/10	1628 Woods Rd.	Parking garage	35,000	18,000	53,000
3/25/10	1509 Exeter Rd.	Manufacturer	100,000	5,000	105,000
4/4/10	831 Princeton St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000	10,000	60,000
4/11/10	935 Mull Ave., PH12	Multifamily Dwelling	225,000	25,000	250,000
4/15/10	988 Moeller Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	36,000	18,000	54,000
5/5/10	2708 High Hampton Trail	One or Two Family Dwelling	25,000	75,000	100,000
6/4/10	336 Morgan Ave.	Manufacturer	10,000	200,000	210,000
6/20/10	1045 S Broadway St.	Manufacturer	100,000	20,000	120,000

FIRE LOSSES AT \$50,000 AND OVER

DATE	ADDRESS	FIXED PROPERTY USE	BUILDING	CONTENTS	TOTAL
7/12/10	1083 Harpster Ave.	Multifamily Dwelling	65,000	15,000	80,000
7/18/10	45 E Emerling Ave.	Multifamily Dwelling	400,000	1,000	401,000
8/16/10	679 Sherman St.	Multifamily Dwelling	50,000	5,000	55,000
9/13/10	937 Dayton St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	35,000	15,000	50,000
9/17/10	2221 E Market St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	75,000	75,000	150,000
11/14/10	41 Springside Dr.	Restaurant	350,000	125,000	475,000
12/4/10	755 Euclid Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	40,000	10,000	50,000
12/5/10	881 Copley Rd.	Specialty Shop	50,000	200,000	250,000
12/10/10	1428 Triplett Blvd Bldg 1	Parking Garage	10,000	115,000	125,000
12/12/10	937 Inman St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	35,000	15,000	50,000
12/29/10	633 Fulmer Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	40,000	15,000	55,000



LOSS CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDING FIRES

	Number of Fires	Percentage of Fires	Estimated Loss	Percentage of Loss
Under \$5000	278	65	\$208,525	4
5000-9999	38	9	\$234,651	4
10000-19999	39	9	\$561,550	11
20000-29999	26	6	\$598,000	11
30000-39999	14	3	\$449,500	8
40000-49999	8	2	\$333,500	6
50000+	24	6	\$2,999,000	56
Total	427		\$5,384,726	



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the activities of the Division of Fire for the year 2010 including a comparison with the activities of the year 2009.

	2010	2009	Up	Down
Total Response	14,027	15,319		1,290
Alarm Total	6,346	6,912		566
Types of Incidents:				
Building Fires	427	505		78
Vehicles Fires	186	185	1	
Grass, Rubbish Fires	199	253		54
Miscellaneous Fires	13	13		
False Alarms	460	529		69
Accidental Alarms	480	456	24	
Emergency Alarms	1,287	1,438		151
Misc. Calls (No fires involved)	3,294	3,533		239
Fire Loss:				
Total	6,118,088	7,667,915		
Per Capita	28.86	36.17		
Population of Akron	212,000	212,000		

FIRE STATISTICS

Building	Valuation	Loss
Public Assembly	\$5,488,500	\$490,900
Educational	\$60,000	\$21,000
Institutional	\$25,000,000	\$50
Residential	\$178,793,922	\$3,844,971
Store & Office	\$4,358,935	\$316,985
Basic Industry	\$2,000	\$2,000
Manufacturing	\$2,650,000	\$330,000
Storage	\$10,650,640	\$274,970
Special	\$107,700	\$103,850
Building & Contents Total	\$227,111,697	\$5,384,726
Motor Vehicles	\$1,416,061	\$650,407
Miscellaneous	\$22,263,522	\$82,955
Grand Total	\$250,791,310	\$6,118,088

ALARMS WHERE NO FIRE WAS INVOLVED

Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	
Overpressure rupture from steam (no ensuing fire)	2
Overpressure rupture from air or gas (no ensuing fire)	6
Explosion (no fire)	1
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	3
Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incident	
Medical Assist	1232
Lock-in	2
Search for lost person	0
Extrication, rescue	51
Water and ice-related rescue	2
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	
Combustible/flammable spills and leaks	180
Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition	35
Radioactive condition	0
Electrical wiring/equipment problem	488
Biological hazard	1
Accident, potential accident	23
Explosive, bomb removal	1
Attempted burning, illegal action	5
Hazardous condition (no fire), other	1
Service Call	
Person in distress	46
Water problem	86
Smoke, odor problem	169
Animal problem or rescue	119
Public service assistance	411
Unauthorized burning	413
Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up	2
Service call, other	12
Good Intent Call	
Dispatched and cancelled en route	328
Wrong location, no emergency found	275
Controlled burning	73
Vicinity alarm	1
Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	287
EMS call where party has been transported	1
HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat found	123
Good intent call, other	23
False Alarm and False Call	
Malicious, mischievous false alarm	128
Bomb scare (no bomb)	10
System or detector malfunction	322
Unintentional system or detector operation (no fire)	480
False alarm and false call, other	0
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	178
Special Incident Type	
Citizen Complaint	1
Special type of incident, other	0
TOTAL	5521

SPECIAL SERVICES SUBDIVISION



Dale Evans
Deputy Chief

The Special Services Subdivision is made up of the Emergency Medical Services Bureau, and the Fire Training Bureau. The Fire Prevention Bureau and the Haz-Mat/Rescue Bureau are jointly administered by the Special Services and the Administrative Subdivisions.

The **Emergency Medical Services Bureau** is the most visible component of the Akron Fire Department. The largest percentage of all calls to the Fire Department today are EMS calls. The Akron Fire Department initiated a municipal emergency medical system in 1978 with just 3 ambulances and a handful of paramedics. We now serve the community with 13 ambulances and over 150 paramedics. The goal of our EMS system is to continue the tradition of competent, compassionate and timely service to those individuals who live in, work in and visit the City of Akron. The Emergency Medical Services Bureau offices are located at Fire Administration and was managed in 2010 by Captain Charles Twigg. The EMS Bureau telephone number is (330) 375-2071.

The **Haz-Mat/Rescue Bureau** supervises the specialized teams of the Akron Fire Department which provide emergency services outside of the realm of "normal" fire or emergency medical incidents. These teams are the Dive Rescue Team, the Technical Rescue Operations Team (TROT), and the Hazardous Materials/Rescue Team (Haz-Mat/Rescue). The Dive Rescue Team based at Station 10 responds to all water related situations in the city, including swift-water rescue, ice diving and evidence recovery diving. The Technical Rescue Operations Team based at Station 7 mitigates emergencies requiring

expertise in high-angle and rope rescue, trench rescue and confined space entry. The Hazardous Materials-Rescue Team based at Station 4 handles emergencies involving hazardous chemicals and materials and also deals with rescue situations requiring vehicular extrication and heavy rescue incidents. All of these groups supplement the county teams when necessary due to large incidents that occur outside of the City of Akron. All team members have received considerable training in their specific disciplines and attend continuing education on a regular basis in order to provide the highest level of service. The Haz-Mat/Rescue Bureau office is located at 25 E. Thornton St. (Fire Station 4) and was managed in 2010 by District Chief Douglas Ott. The Haz-Mat / Rescue Bureau telephone number is (330) 375-2164.

The **Fire Training Bureau** has responsibility for the oversight and coordination of all training conducted by the Department. Instruction begins on a Fire/Medic's first day as a member of the Akron Fire Department and continues until that person retires from the fire service. Fire Training researches, develops, implements and tests on the wide variety of knowledge and skill based topics in which expertise is essential in today's fire service. Fire Training also administers the Apprenticeship program that assists in developing new recruits into Journeyman Fire/Medics. The goal of all of our training is to further develop our personnel and deliver excellent emergency services in a safe, efficient manner. The Fire Training Bureau offices are located at the Akron Fire Department Training Center located at 1636 Armory Road and the bureau is managed by District Chief Dennis Stoneman. The Fire Training Bureau telephone number is (330) 375-2635.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU



Charles Twigg
Captain

It is a pleasure to offer the following summary for the Akron Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services Bureau.

The Akron Fire Department provides 13 Advanced Life Support medical units that are in service 365 days per year. The units are staffed by a minimum of two paramedics under the direct supervision of a med control physician.

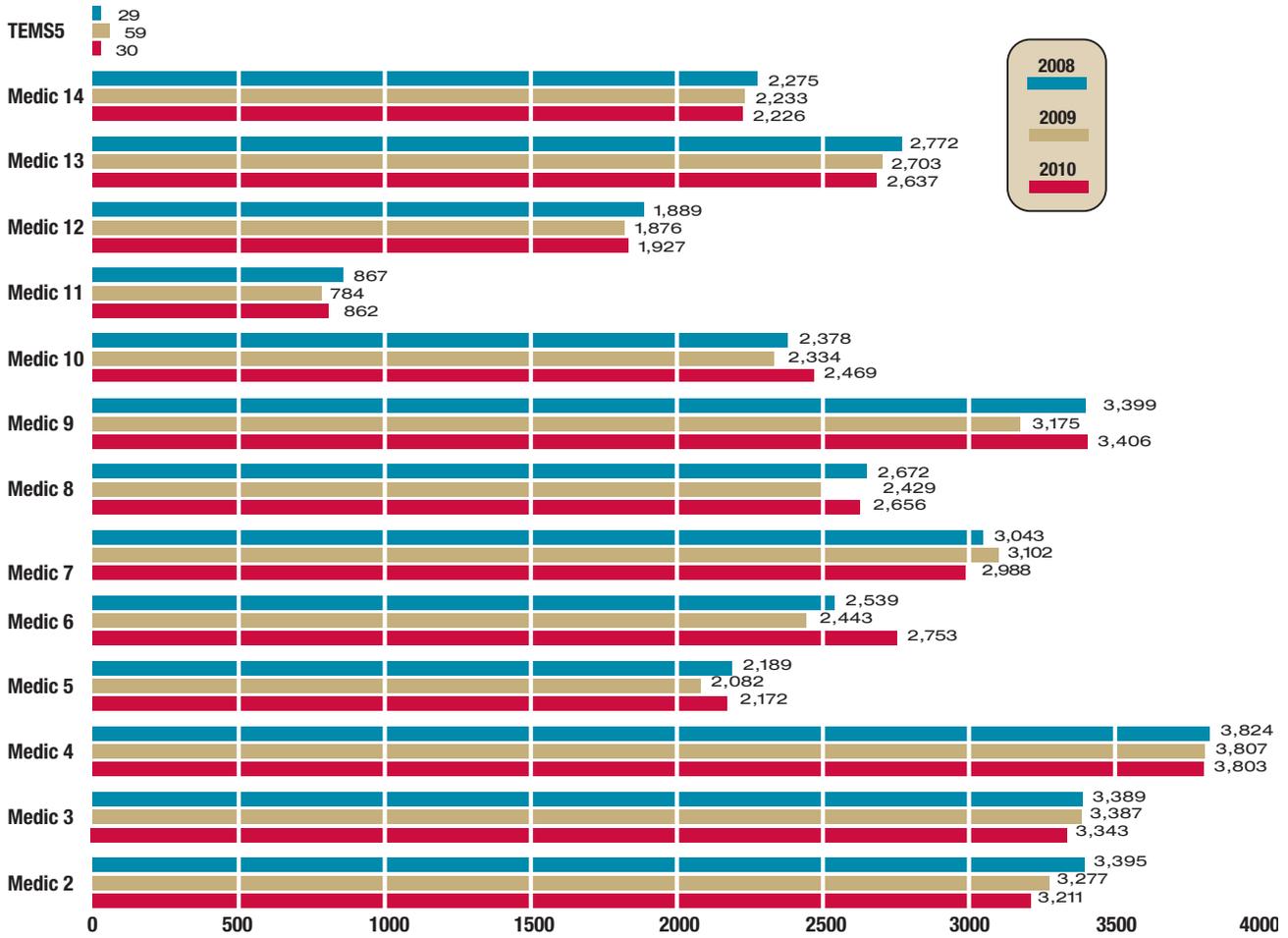
For the year of 2010, AFD responded to 32,754 EMS runs. Of those, 6,848 were transported by AFD. The Tactical Paramedic Unit responded with APD on 32 occasions. AFD's Bariatric Unit, put in service in 2008, responded to 31 runs in 2010.

AFD supported several special events in 2010. These events received EMS coverage in conjunction with our fellow healthcare professionals from Summa, AGMC, and AMR. The special events include Senior Olympics, Lebron James Bike-a-thon, Bridgestone's Golf, Rib, White, and Blue Festival, OSHAA softball Tournament, Soap Box Derby, Italian American Festival, and the Roadrunner Marathon.

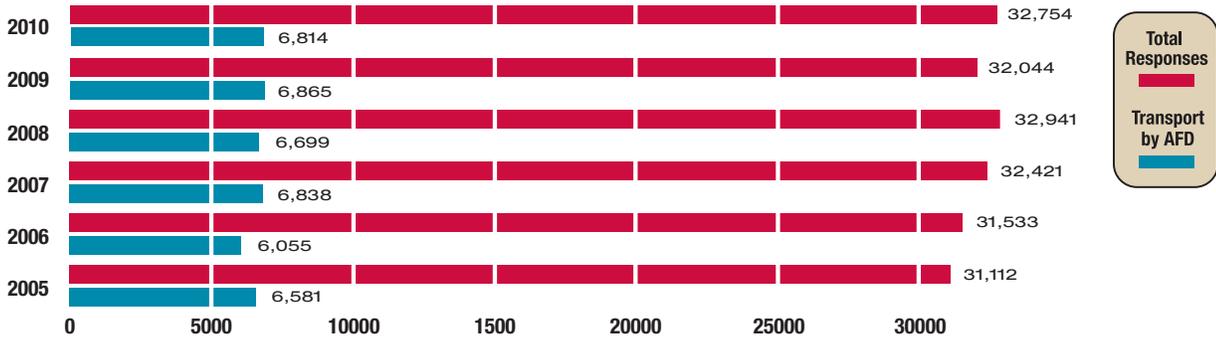
The following individuals are deserving of recognition for their support of the EMS Bureau: Dr. Richard Gradisek, AFD Medical Director; Dr. Mary Jo McMullen, Tactical Paramedic Medical Director; Rita Chambers, Quality Assurance Coordinator; Lieutenant Les Gaiser, Assistant EMS Bureau Manager; and Fire / Medic Ray Minnich, EMS Training.



TOTAL RESPONSES BY MEDICAL UNIT

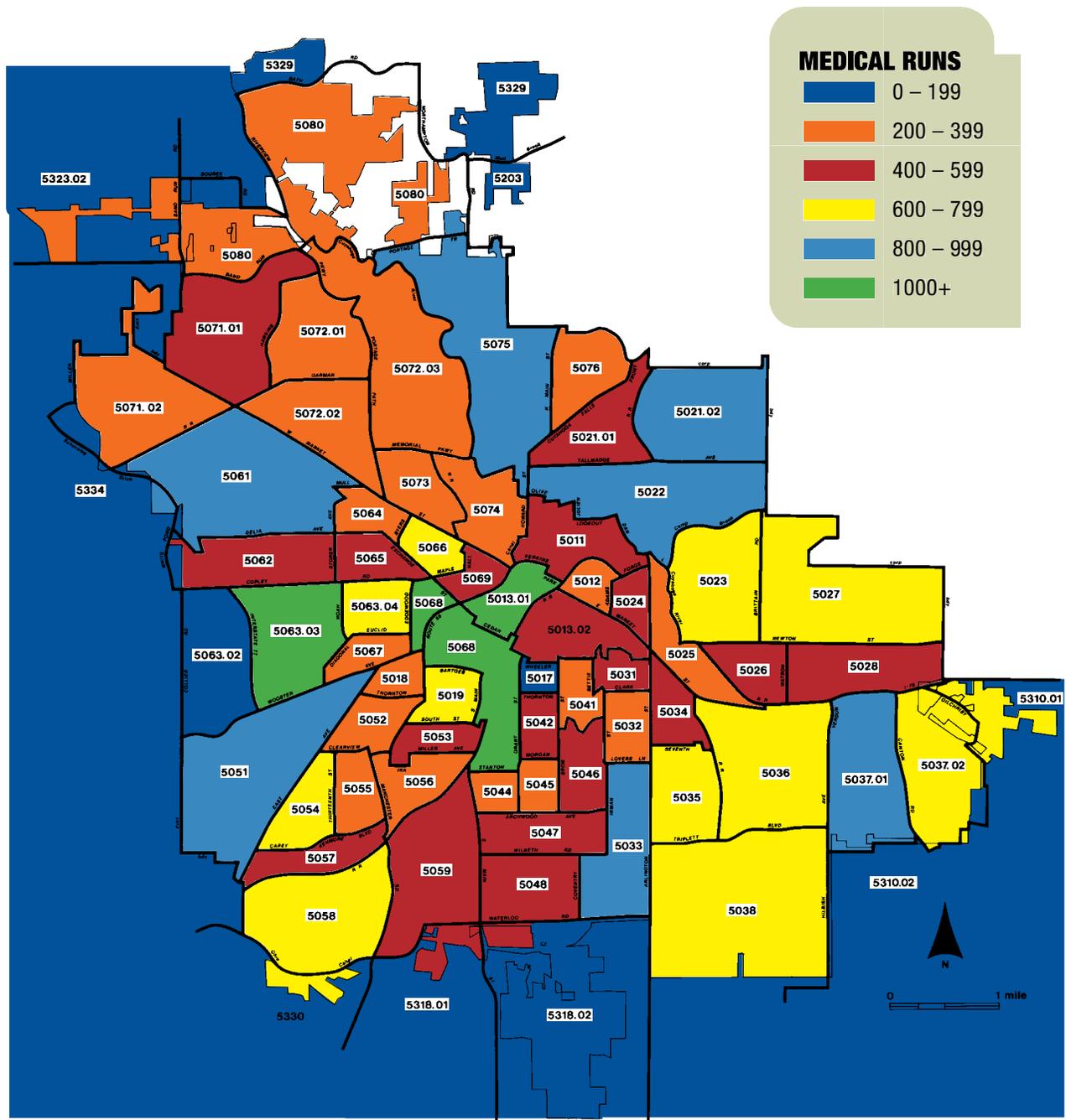


TOTAL SYSTEM REVIEW



MEDICAL RUNS BY THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) PER CENSUS TRACT

Total Alarms – 32,754



EMS TRAINING & QUALITY ASSURANCE

EMS Training and Quality Assurance are two interrelated positions that are an integral part of the EMS Bureau. Under the guidance of Rita Chambers and Ray Minnich the basic EMS training needs of the Fire Department are met. This includes Emergency Medical Technician initial and refresher training, various cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes for healthcare providers and the lay public. Many city departments turn to EMS training to provide them with ongoing CPR and AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) training as there are AED's located in every city building.

Emergency medical care for special events held in the City are coordinated under the EMS Bureau and EMS Training has a very active role. Activities include, but are not limited to, scheduling of staff to cover the events, equipment procurement and on site supervision and coordination with event staff. Some of the events that coverage is provided for include the Road Runner Marathon, Women's State Softball Tournament, Bridgestone Invitational Golf Tournament, Lebron James Bike-a-Thon, All-American Soap Box Derby and the 4th of July downtown festival.

Under the guidance of the Quality Assurance Coordinator, the continuing education of all AFD paramedics is administrated. This includes monthly run reviews, optional continuing education classes and specialty certification classes such as Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), International Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Geriatric Education for EMS, Special Children's Outreach for Prehospital Education and Pediatric International Life Support. Akron Fire EMS is a Community Training Center for ACLS and BLS under the American Heart Association and a State of Ohio Continuing Education Site.

Maintenance of those training sites allows AFD EMS to provide on site training for all certifications necessary for paramedics to fulfill their continuing education requirements for the State. All of the training could not be accomplished if it were not for the numerous paramedics who have taken on the added responsibility of becoming instructors in the various specialties. The knowledge and experience of the AFD instructors greatly enhances and maintains the high standards of the quality educational programs that are offered.

In 2006, initial accreditation for an EMT education program was applied for and granted by the Ohio EMS Board. This process involved a self study document which was completed during the summer of 2006. A site review was completed in October by a representative from the state EMS office and approval was granted by the Ohio EMS Board in November 2006. In September 2009 the reaccreditation document for the EMT program was submitted to the State EMS Board and a site visit was scheduled for early 2010. Currently, the pass rate for the EMT program is 100% and many of the graduates have gone on to paramedic education. The High School Scholarship and inter-departmental initial EMT training program is administered under this accreditation. In 2008 First Responder accreditation was applied for and granted by the Ohio EMS Board. The First Responder program is offered in conjunction with the University of Akron at Buchtel High School.

The paramedic apprenticeship program is administered by the Quality Assurance Coordinator. New paramedics complete a six-month training program, which orients them to the AFD protocol and EMS system. After completion of the didactic portion they are tested with written and skills exam and finally,

EMS TRAINING & QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICE

evaluated in the field. The apprenticeship program was developed in conjunction with the EMS Committee from Local #330 and has proven to be extremely beneficial to entry level paramedics.

Additionally, everyone involved with EMS training evaluates equipment with input from field personnel. As technology continues to evolve we strive to stay on the "cutting edge" by providing personnel with the opportunity to work with the best equipment to provide excellent patient care.

As with any large organization involved with EMS, committee work is an integral part of our community involvement. Some of the

committees that we are involved with are the Regional Physician's Advisory Board, Domestic Preparedness Task Force, SUMMA EMS, Akron General Medical Center Chest Pain, Tuf-Stuff, EMS Advisory Board to the Mayor, and Ohio ITLS Advisory Board.

EMS is a vital component and integral part of the Akron Fire Department and continues to evolve and provide outstanding services to the citizens of Akron. This has been accomplished by dedicated well-trained personnel who are committed to maintaining the highest standard of care the citizens of Akron have come to expect.



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Anthony Law
District Chief

The mission of the Akron Fire Prevention Bureau is to safeguard life, property and public welfare from the hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling, or use of substances, materials, or devices and from conditions hazardous to life, property, or public welfare in the use or occupancy of buildings, structures, sheds, tents, lots, or remises.

The Akron Fire Department works diligently to keep fires from occurring by providing code enforcement, fire safety public education, and fire investigation. The bureau continues to perform at a high level with half the inspectors than a year ago

CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

The Akron Fire Prevention Bureau performs annual inspections on businesses and multi-family dwellings in the city of Akron. The Akron Fire Prevention Bureau uses the Ohio Fire Code 2007 edition (OFC) adopted by the State of Ohio and the City of Akron Municipal Code Chapter 93 adopted

by the city as law to protect the community from the dangers of fire. Businesses and multi-family dwellings are inspected to ensure these codes and regulations are being followed. Performing these inspections minimizes the chance of the loss of life in the city of Akron due to fires.



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

In the City of Akron, the Akron Fire Department shares the responsibility for plans review and acceptance test of Fire Protection Systems with Summit County Building Standards. This includes new systems and/or modifications and alterations to existing systems. Fire protection systems include but are not limited to sprinkler systems, dry pipe systems, standpipes systems and Ansul systems etc.

In 2010, the Code Enforcement section performed plans reviews of 500 sets of building plans. These plans were reviewed for egress, fire suppression, and fire alarm systems. A few examples of some of the larger buildings that plan reviews were performed on in 2010 were several new Akron Community Learning Centers..

In 2010, fire companies performed over 1500 inspections on small mercantile and business

occupancies, freeing up fire safety inspectors for inspections on more complex and larger occupancies. Bureau inspectors performed more than 4000 inspections.

In 2010 all inspectors attended a fireworks update given by the State Fire Marshal's office and monitored twenty firework displays, as required by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The bureau provided site reviews and environmental information requested by city departments (Zoning, Health, and Building) and other private or public agencies, to check for fire safety violations and other issues that may affect the Fire Department

In 2010, the bureau worked with twelve interns from the University of Akron's Fire Science Program, in an effort to allow the students to learn the various functions of the service.



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

We performed fire safety evacuation drills on all sixty-one Akron Public Schools and twenty-four private schools located in Akron, as required by the State Fire Marshal's Office. The bureau issued twenty Tent Permits to community groups and special events.

The bureau provided site reviews and environmental information requested by city departments (Zoning, Health, and Building)

and other private or public agencies, to check for fire safety violations and other issues that may affect the Fire Department.

In 2010, the bureau worked with thirteen interns from the University of Akron's Fire Science Program, in an effort to allow the students to gain firsthand knowledge of the different functions of the fire service.



Captain Albert Bragg, Ken Meyn, Charles Walker, Lowell Weir.



“Boy and Girl Under Umbrella” Fountain at Fire Station 2 Restored.

Published: Monday, June 20, 2011

Akron firefighters have spent countless hours restoring the historic “Boy and Girl Under Umbrella” fountain located at Fire Station 2 on E. Exchange Street. The fountain is fondly referred to as “the babies” by East Akron residents. The babies were originally donated to the City in the 1880’s, by prominent sewer pipe manufacturer David E. Hill.

“In my opinion it has never looked better,” said Fire Chief Rob Ross. “The babies are an East Akron icon and a great source of pride for members of the fire department who have overseen its care for many, many years.”

Those involved with the restoration include Lt. Shepherd, Firefighter Dustin Sands, Station 2 personnel, and volunteers from Newsome Metal refinishing.

The cleaning and painting of the pool was accomplished by Station 2 personnel across all shifts. The figurines were sand and bead blasted by Newsome Metal refinishing, and stripped of all old paint. Once stripped, it was discovered that the original figures were fabricated with as many as 20 cast pieces. Fire Lt. Shepherd, with the help of Firefighter Sands, worked on the statue for over a month. The paint work and finishing was accomplished primarily with automotive products. The umbrella is made of copper and had to be stripped by hand. Upon doing so, it was discovered that some of the finer details had been hidden under layers of paint.



CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

ASSEMBLIES	INSPECTIONS	RECALL REINSPECTIONS	VIOLATIONS
Church	58	34	278
Night Clubs/ Bars	70	68	523
Restaurants	242	224	1213
Recreation Centers	19	9	91
Miscellaneous Assemblies	57	43	267
BUSINESS			
Professional Offices	269	163	628
Medical Offices	175	75	339
Barber / Beauty Shop	0	0	0
Banks	45	18	46
Miscellaneous Business	212	123	576
EDUCATIONAL			
Daycare	102	34	206
School Elementary	70	17	259
School Jr. High	12	7	81
School High	34	3	112
Miscellaneous Educational	25	5	62
FACTORY / INDUSTRIAL			
Plastic Manufacture	7	8	64
Dry Cleaning	11	11	60
Machine Shop	21	13	111
Print Commercial	17	15	42
Miscellaneous Factory / Industrial	69	43	213
HAZARDOUS			
Miscellaneous Hazardous	0	0	0
INSTITUTIONAL			
Hospitals	28	8	76
Jails	4	3	12
Miscellaneous Institutional	20	11	65
MERCANTILE			
Department Stores	27	24	81
Grocery Store	89	78	318
Furniture Store	24	23	103
Miscellaneous Mercantile	417	291	1191
RESIDENTIAL			
Foster Homes	97	25	122
Apartments	298	310	1829
Hotel / Motel	0	1	16
Boarding House	42	12	56
Miscellaneous Residential	11	4	23
STORAGE			
Auto Repair	90	63	206
Miscellaneous Storage	38	19	114
UTILITY			
Miscellaneous Utility	34	11	68
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vacant / Secure	283	0	177
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
TOTAL	3017	1796	9628
OTHER ACTIVITIES			
Plans Review	525	0	0
Site Visits	61	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	3603	1796	9628

AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard's primary responsibility is to represent the Akron Fire Department at funerals of both active and retired members. This includes offering any assistance needed to the family of the deceased, providing pallbearers, standing Honor Guard watch at the casket, posting colors, and coordinating

any logistical plans with the funeral home. The Honor Guard also participates in various civic functions when requested, such as flag raising ceremonies, Firefighter Memorial service, and community parades. Participation in the Honor Guard is voluntary and we utilize personnel both on-duty and off-duty.



The Akron Fire Department Honor Guard participates in one of Akron's Community Parades
2010 Members: Albert Bragg, Christopher Boccia, David Dilauro, Jerry Elie, John Gordon, Leon Henderson, William Horner, Jason Hudgens, Marcellus Johnson, Kenneth Meyn, William Romano, Andrew Tomcask

FIRE INVESTIGATION SECTION



Robert Wroblewski
Lieutenant

The Fire Investigation Unit conducts several types of investigations for the Akron Fire Department. The primary responsibility is to assist fire officers and commanders make an accurate fire cause determination of fires occurring within the City of Akron. Fires determined to be of Incendiary Cause are then investigated as crimes, with identification, apprehension, and successful prosecution of the responsible person(s) as the goal. Other responsibilities include Internal Investigations of Akron Fire personnel at the direction of Fire Administration, and Pre-Employment Background Investigations of all potential fire recruit candidates. The Akron Police Department provides additional assistance in any of the above investigations when requested.

As the City's difficult financial situation and the reduced staffing levels continued to present a significant challenge for the Akron Fire Department in 2010, Fire Companies, Fire Commanders, and other Bureaus within the department had all been required to make numerous adjustments and changes in order to continue to provide the citizens of Akron with the prompt, professional service they have come to expect. The Fire Investigation Unit was

no exception, and in 2010 we made several changes to the daily operations of the unit. Several personnel were re-assigned to other shifts, and a new work schedule was implemented for the 2 Lieutenants assigned to the unit. This new schedule allowed for more flexibility in staffing the unit and produced a significant benefit for Fire Administration in that it reduced the number of On-Call days previously utilized by the unit to cover all open 24 hour shifts due to Comp. Days, Vacations, and Holidays from 55 On-Calls in 2009 to only 10 On-Calls in 2010. The most visible change in the Fire Investigation Unit was that the investigators assigned to work the 24 hour shifts no longer wear plainclothes or drive a plain, unmarked vehicle, but have been returned to Class B uniforms and are now driving a marked Battalion vehicle during their shift, as do the Battalion and Shift Commanders. This change was implemented to enable the investigators assigned to the 24 hour shift to respond to service calls such as Carbon Monoxide detector checks, and Open Burning complaints that had previously been handled by the Battalion Commanders, thereby freeing them up to remain in service for other, higher priority calls. This change produced a significant benefit for the Shift Commanders in Fire Operations through the more efficient use and increased availability of the Battalion Commanders.

In 2010 the Fire Investigation Unit

FIRE INVESTIGATORS

Robert Wroblewski, Lieutenant

Bradley McKittrick, Lieutenant

Todd Webb, Investigator

Matt D'avello, Investigator

Ellis Polk, Investigator

FIRE INVESTIGATION SECTION

conducted 241 fire investigations: 144 residential structure fires, including 35 vacant structures, 28 exposures to other fires, and 15 residential garages. Also investigated were 9 commercial structure fires, 2 of which were vacant, 63 vehicle fires, and 13 miscellaneous fire incidents. Of these 241 fire investigations, 102 were determined to be Incendiary fires: 47 were residential structure fires, including 28 vacant structures, and 7 were exposures to other set fires. 5 were commercial structure fires, including 2 vacant commercial structures, 18 were vehicle fires, 12 of which were stolen autos, and 9 other miscellaneous fire incidents. In addition, in 2010 the Fire Investigation Unit handled 458 service calls: 295 Carbon Monoxide detector checks, and 163 Open Burning complaints, to include 3 Summons to Court for City of Akron burning ordinance violations.

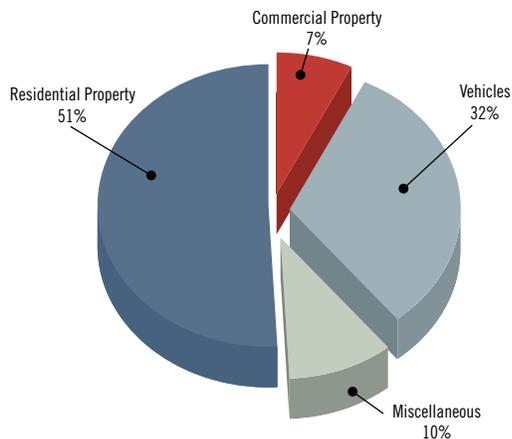
In 2010 Fire Investigation Unit criminal investigations resulted in 12 arrests with 12 convictions. The Fire Investigation Unit also conducted 3 investigations involving 3 civilian fire fatalities during 2010. These 3 fires were thoroughly investigated by Akron Fire

Investigation Unit, Akron Police Detective Bureau, and Summit County Medical Examiner's Office. Two of these investigations have been closed; and are classified as Undetermined After Investigation. The third investigation remains open at time of this report.

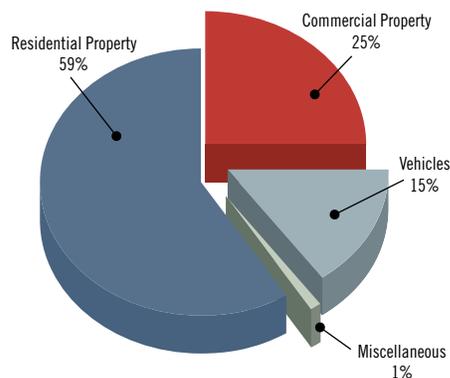
The Fire Investigation Unit continued to be the regional reporting location for fire/burn injuries during 2010. As required by Ohio law, information re: suspicious fire/burn injuries is forwarded from area hospitals to our office where it is retained for potential investigative purposes.

In 2010 the Fire Investigation Unit also provided assistance to other local communities and law enforcement agencies when requested throughout the year. We would also like to thank the Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office, their Forensic Laboratory, as well as other County, State, and Federal agencies, with a special thanks to the Akron Police Department for their continued assistance and support throughout 2010. The Fire Investigation Unit is looking forward to continuing to provide dedicated service to the Akron Fire Department and to the citizens of Akron in 2011.

2010 Incendiary Incidents Total – 107



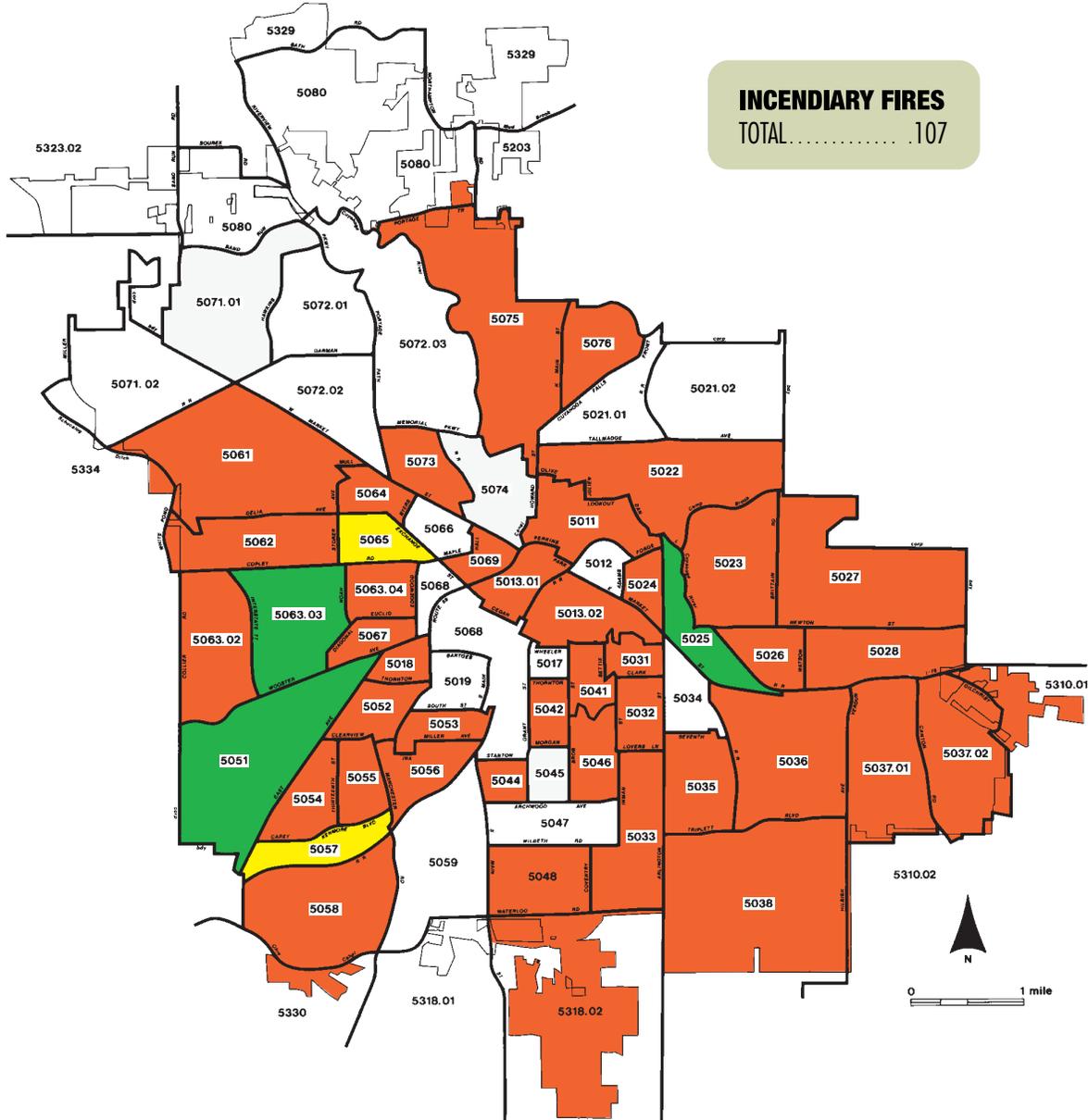
2010 Incendiary Dollar Loss \$1,088,690





INCENDIARY FIRES PER CENSUS TRACT

AKRON, OHIO



INCENDIARY FIRES
TOTAL.....107

INCENDIARY FIRES

- 8-25 Per Tract
19% Per Tract
- 5-7 Per Tract
16% Per Tract
- 1-4 Per Tract
65% Per Tract

PROPERTY LOSS

- \$254,500
23% of Total Loss
- \$116,110
11% of Total Loss
- \$718,080
66% of Total Loss

BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING



Dennis Stoneman
District Chief

The Akron Fire Department Training Bureau's mission is to provide and maintain a highly trained and competent department. The bureau has worked diligently to achieve and maintain the high standards required by both the State of Ohio and our own City and Fire Administrations. This has been a challenging year for the City and the Fire Department; despite limited resources the Training Bureau has managed to once again accomplish this mission.

2008 Class Returned; 2009 Recruit Class Apprenticeship Program / Company Level Monthly Training

On July 19, 2010, 37 firefighters returned to work, thanks to federal funds the Akron Fire Fighter's Local #330 and City of Akron leaders lobbied for. The Federal Program is commonly known as the SAFER Act.

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program was created to provide funding to fire departments to hire additional fire fighters to help ensure compliance with staffing, response and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Although the class began their careers and completed the requirements of their first year of apprenticeship training, returning them to service and continuing to complete their training would be a challenge. The Training Bureau as well as the Department as a whole would have to work diligently to ensure their successful transition.

2009 Recruit Class

On November 14, 2010 eight new fire fighters were hired and began their training. While their

training is progressing they still have a ways to go. They are a welcome addition to the Department and a continued infusion of vigor and youth.

Apprenticeship Program / Company Level Monthly Training

The Company Level Monthly Training program is up and running. This program provides training materials, tests, answer keys, reference materials and parallels the apprenticeship program in content. Its design goal was to provide consistency in training across the department and to provide a method for introduction and review of materials as needed. Apprenticeship Training, the introduction of the new training manual and the revised Operations Manual are examples of training conducted through this program

Armory Road Facility

The Armory road facility is really starting to take shape. Significant strides have been made in improving both habitability and function. The facility though well suited to the needs of the Bureau and the Department has been a challenge to maintain within the constraints of budget and limited availability of staff.

The facility use has become extensive. Including classes held by EMS, Haz Mat, Summit County Haz Mat, Akron Police Department, the Explorers, the University of Akron and the City Personnel Department for training classes. EMT training as part of the Akron Schools Scholarship program is conducted here as well.

The facility has allowed the consolidation of training materials and equipment to one location.

The facility is used to store spare apparatus and unused vehicles. The additional space, the facility affords, has been extended to The University of Akron and the Summit County Sheriff's Department and both are currently housing equipment here.

Special thanks to Doug Fela, Mike Sombrio, Steve Wallace and others for their efforts in keeping the facility up and running.

BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING

Firefighter Recertification and C.E.

The Training Bureau continues to monitor the process and provide assistance with respect to the recertification process. On going tracking of certification and Continuing Education to ensure compliance with the State standards. A tutorial is located on the Akron Fire website to provide direction for those individuals needing to check their certification status or renew their certifications.

Electronic Training Documentation & Resources

The process to improve record keeping is continuing. The Training database used to document all levels of training activities has become a mainstay. In addition to significantly reducing the time needed to enter training data, and standardize entries, the data

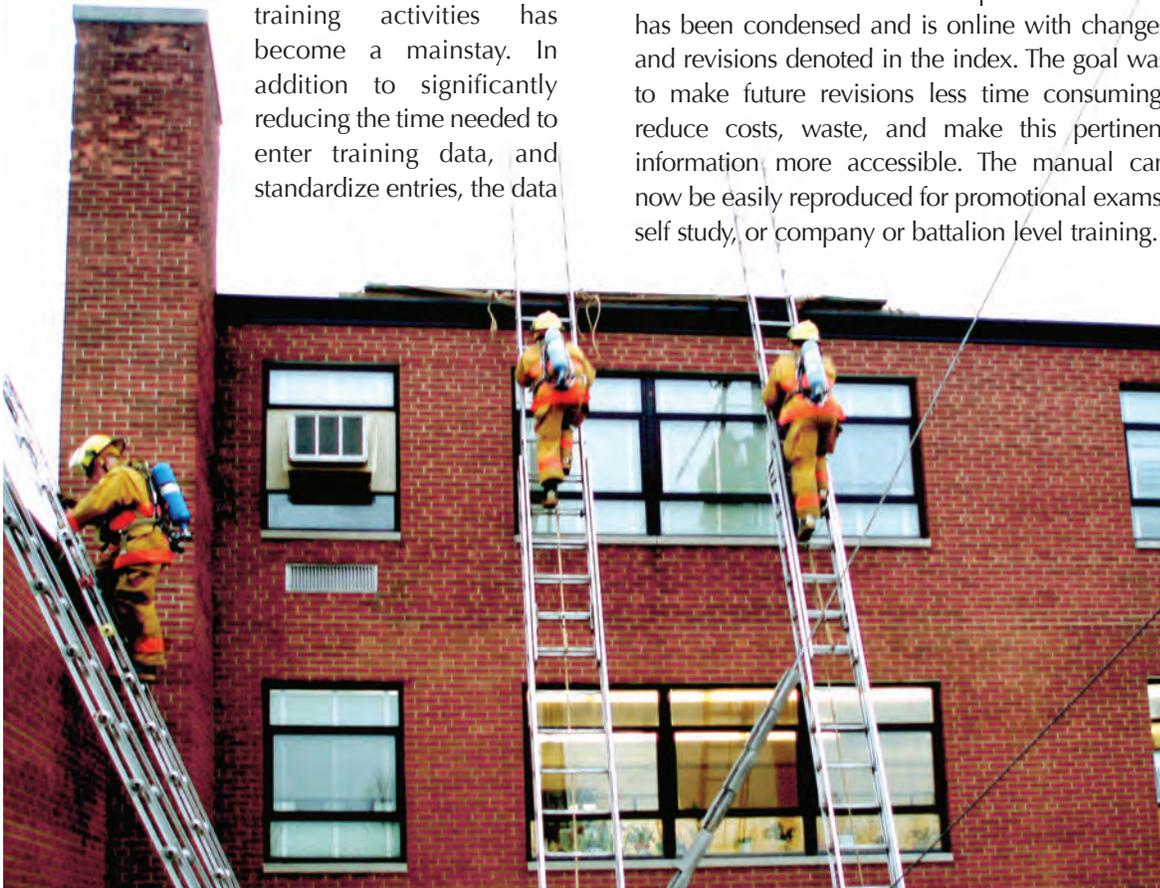
is now accessible to search queries.

Tim Smith and Lt. Brad Carr are working with the Bureau to improve access to reference materials, monthly training information, and the latest revision of the OPS manual. The Training page on the Akron Fire Web contains a great deal of information thanks to Tim and Brad's hard work.

The training and classroom calendars, located on the Akron Fire website, have become crucial for those individuals responsible for scheduling or requesting use of the Training Facility and has almost eliminated conflicts.

AFD Operations Manual

The current version of the Operations Manual has been condensed and is online with changes and revisions denoted in the index. The goal was to make future revisions less time consuming, reduce costs, waste, and make this pertinent information more accessible. The manual can now be easily reproduced for promotional exams, self study, or company or battalion level training.



BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING

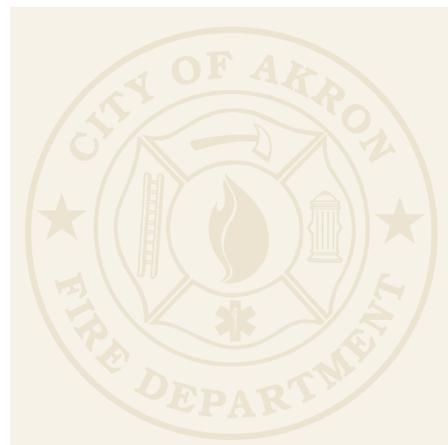
AFD Operations Manual

-  Fit for Fire Testing – with the help of the Fitness Coordinators and the Shift Commanders
-  Training Record Database
-  Review of AFD Drug Policy
-  Review of HIPPA Policy
-  Strip Mall Fire Operations
-  Company Level Inspections
-  IED Operations
-  Hazmat Refresher Diking, Diverting and Retaining Spills
-  Incident investigations
-  EMT Scope of Practice
-  Hose Testing
-  Driver's Testing Part III (Road Component)
-  Means of Egress
-  Hybrid Bus Emergency Shut Down Procedure

-  Accountability
-  Pre-incident Planning
-  Channel 1911 video production
-  Video production by Mike McDonald (Video One)

Personnel Changes

In July of 2010, Firefighter/Medic Brenda Chapman retired. The Training Bureau was fortunate to receive the help of Mark Harper Sr. and several well qualified light duty personnel; many thanks again to Robert Alestock, Doug Fela and Adam Mcghee.



ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION



Robert C. Ross Jr.
Deputy Chief

Through the diligent efforts of the many employees that comprise the Administrative Subdivision, I am pleased to report that in 2010 we continued to fulfill our mission of providing the equipment, tools, supplies, and support necessary for the smooth operation of the

Division of Fire. I also wish to thank all of the employees of the subdivision for their individual and collective contributions in support of the ongoing mission to protect the lives and property of the citizens and visitors here in the City of Akron. The Administrative Subdivision oversees the day-to-day activities of the administrative and clerical staff, the Accounting and Services Bureau, the Communications Bureau, and (in conjunction with the Special Services Subdivision) the Fire Prevention Bureau and Haz-Mat/Rescue Bureau. The **Administrative and Clerical Staff** provide the essential services necessary to allow our division to operate continuously and smoothly. Purchasing, payroll, incident record management, personnel records, public reception/inquiries, and injury/exposure tracking are just some of the many duties carried out by the administrative and clerical staff.

The **Accounting and Services Bureau** is responsible for many "behind-the-scenes" activities necessary for the continued operation of the division. These include the preparation and oversight of the annual budgets utilized by the Akron Fire Department; the development of specifications used to purchase vehicles, tools, equipment, and supplies; the maintenance of buildings, vehicles, and equipment; and the acquisition, storage and distribution of materials and supplies necessary for operations. The Fire

Maintenance Section, Hydrant Maintenance Section, and the Fire and EMS Storeroom Section report to the Accounting and Services Bureau and work diligently to ensure the needs of the firefighting and EMS companies are met on a continuous basis.

The **Communications Bureau** provides the important task of providing fire and EMS supervision at the City's Safety Communications Division (9-1-1 center). They also work closely with the Akron Communications Division to insure all means of communication used by our division remain functional and reliable. It also provides oversight to the Fire employees assigned to the Safety Forces Information Technology Section, which is a joint operation between police and fire providing support for various Information Technology systems such as our computer-aided dispatching system, SafetyNet network, and records management systems.

The **Fire Prevention Bureau** (co-managed by the Special Services Subdivision) provides critical safety support services on a daily basis. The Code Enforcement Section provides plans review and fire inspections which help to reduce fire loss and insure the safety of both the citizens and the firefighters. Our code enforcement inspections are conducted by certified inspectors assigned to the both the section itself and also assigned to firefighting companies. The Public Education Section provides important life safety education to a wide cross-section of the community including schools, businesses, senior residences, government agencies, and other entities as required. The Fire Investigation Section provides cause and origin determinations for all fire incidents, along with internal and new-hire background investigations as required. All personnel assigned to the Fire Investigations Section are not only experienced firefighters but also hold Ohio Peace Officer commissions and are Akron Police Department reserve officers.

ACCOUNTING AND SERVICES BUREAU



Albert Bragg, Jr.
Captain

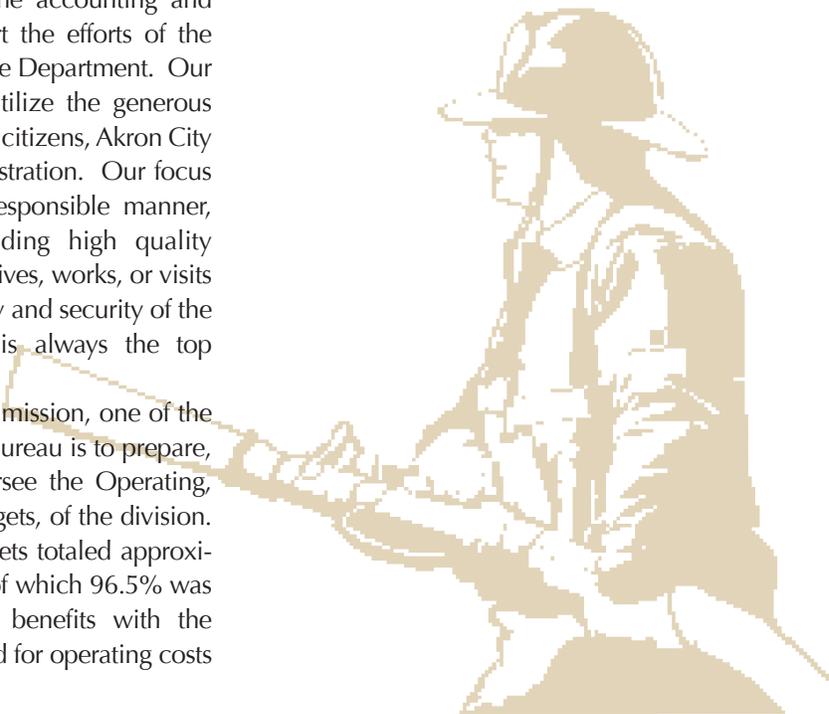
The Accounting and Services bureau, located within the Fire division's main administrative offices, provides a broad range of vital services to the Fire Department. While our work is largely behind the scenes, there is not an area of the Department that could function without the efforts of our Bureau. Along with our downtown offices, the bureau encompasses several other separate sections, each responsible for their own particular specialty, including Fire Maintenance, Hydrant Maintenance, and the Fire Storeroom. Each of the aforementioned sections is located within our Triplett blvd. facility.

The primary mission of the accounting and services bureau is to support the efforts of the various components of the Fire Department. Our main goal is to efficiently utilize the generous funding provided to us by our citizens, Akron City Council, and the city Administration. Our focus is to operate in a fiscally responsible manner, while simultaneously providing high quality services to every person that lives, works, or visits our city. Obviously, the safety and security of the public and our personnel is always the top priority.

In addition to our primary mission, one of the major responsibilities of the Bureau is to prepare, submit, administer, and oversee the Operating, Capital, and Grant Fund budgets, of the division. In 2010, the combined budgets totaled approximately 38.6 million dollars, of which 96.5% was earmarked for salaries and benefits with the remaining 3.5% being utilized for operating costs

such as building maintenance, roof repair, a new records management system and vehicle refurbishment, in addition to station supplies, station utilities and vehicle maintenance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the personnel of the Accounting and Services Bureau for their dedication, hard work, and cooperative effort, without which we would not be unable to accomplish our vitally important mission. I would like to also thank city Council and the City Administration for their continued support; most importantly however, I would like to thank the citizens of Akron for the opportunity to serve and help safeguard them and all they hold dear – it is truly my privilege and an extremely humbling experience.



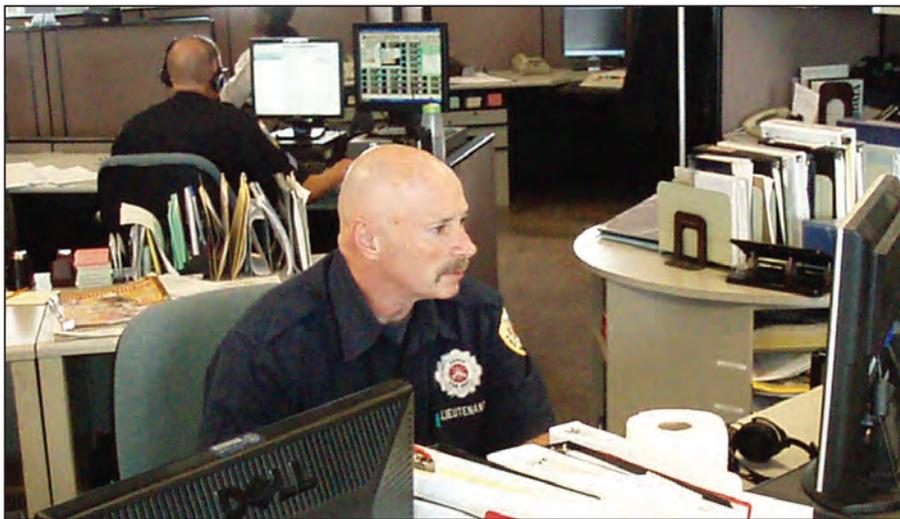
SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

The Safety Communications Division is responsible for transmitting the emergency needs of the public to emergency responders. Calls are received from the public via 9-1-1 phone lines, alarm boxes, TDD (Communication for the deaf), referrals from police, walk-ins at fire stations and other means. Calltakers (Tech 1s) enter information for incidents and code the call using the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatching) and Plant /CML 911 equipment. This equipment with the VESTA and MaGIC software, allows us to get ANI (Automatic Number Identification) and ALI (Automatic Location Information) from wired, wireless and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones. This technology allows the plotting of the caller's location and displays it on a map to provide first responders the location of the emergency. Computer software determines whom the dispatcher will send, based on location and specialized need. The dispatchers (Tech 2s) alert the responding units, confirm their response and document the arrival and in-service times. Fire Lieutenants and Police Sergeants monitor the process. Their duties include assuring proper

response and adjusting it when appropriate, providing for the needs of responders, and notification to proper authority of significant incidents.

Our Information Systems (IS) personnel continue to work tirelessly to integrate the new Vesta 911 software with our CAD by evaluating and adjusting the interface to achieve better user control and NFIRS 5 reporting compliance. The (IS) specialists have been active in the process of the development of our own Fire reporting system. During the year, all the Fire Department response codes were evaluated and changes were made to make more efficient use of Department resources. They continue to update the Fire Department website with increased capabilities for training, information and resource sharing.

Through the conscientious, professional efforts of our secretaries, call takers, dispatchers, tech 3s, police sergeants, fire officers, and information systems personnel, the emergency needs of the City of Akron are recognized and efficiently addressed.



MONTHLY ALARM DATA 2010

Month	FIRES				NON-FIRES				Total Alarms
	Buildings	Grass/ Rubbish	Motor Vehicles	Misc	False	Accidental	Emergency First Aid	Misc	
January	42	2	15	0	50	33	77	203	422
February	33	0	18	0	33	36	117	223	460
March	34	9	8	0	28	38	115	216	448
April	39	41	14	3	27	45	116	279	564
May	37	21	15	2	38	39	121	315	588
June	37	21	11	2	46	40	149	415	721
July	33	25	14	3	43	51	128	302	599
August	27	20	19	0	45	43	95	296	545
September	27	24	16	1	37	45	101	310	561
October	39	15	23	1	32	33	91	275	509
November	37	17	14	1	40	38	83	260	490
December	42	4	19	0	41	39	94	200	439
TOTAL	427	199	186	13	460	480	1287	3294	6346

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/RESCUE BUREAU



Douglas Ott
District Chief

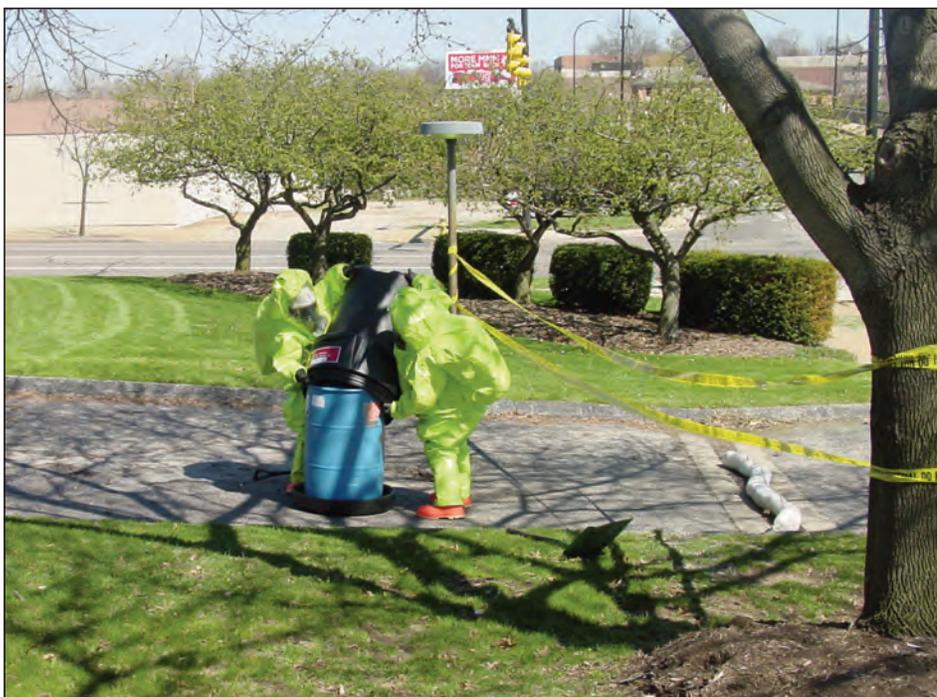
In 2010, The Akron Fire Department Hazardous Material Team responded to 104 calls for hazardous material incidents and rescue calls involving the need for extrication.

This past November both the Akron and County teams were evaluated by the State of Ohio for Team Typing. After the January 2011 State meeting Summit County including Akron Fire will become only the second team in the state to become a Type One Team. The team's commitment will involve responding to any location in the State of Ohio as a Type One WMD team. As of this

evaluation the Akron Hazmat Team has 64 certified technicians.

Training continues to be a major priority of the team. This is essential to maintain our Type One standing. New equipment received in 2010 includes the Area Rae system, HGVI detection Identifier and updated Haz-Kat system. In cooperation of Safety Services at Akron University the new Area Rae system was utilized at Infocision stadium and at downtown City of Akron events.

Goals for 2011, include using the Area Rae system at all major events in the city, and continued training to maintain team proficiency in all equipment and operation. Special thanks to Captain Mike Patrino and Lieutenant Howard Watson for their tireless effort and dedication towards making our Type 1 Hazmat team status a reality.



WATER RESCUE TEAM

It has been a very busy year for our water rescue team, from administration to personnel. In 2010, we secured our goal initiated in 2007 and became a FEMA Type 2 response team in Akron, and a FEMA Type 1 team in Summit County. This classification makes us a large contingency within the State of Ohio Region 5 Water Rescue Team. This status requires that the members of the team continually train and hone their skills in dive and swift water rescue. Training consists of practice dives, swift water exercises and interdepartmental training within the Region. The team has also become more involved with the Akron Police department by assisting them with underwater evidence recovery. In all, the water rescue team has been involved in eight (8) rescue runs in

Akron and deployed twice this year, once in Summit County and once outside the County. It has assisted the Akron Police on two criminal cases. This year we had three (3) members (Lt. William Lower, Lt. Jeffery Schueller, and Fire/Medic Frank Poletta) achieve their Dive Master Certifications with one other member still in training. This certification is readying them for their Instructors Certification. Additionally, we have had several members achieve certification, Ice Diving we had eight (8) members, Rescue diving we had nine (9) members, and Advance Diving we had nine (9) members. All the training accomplished this year encompassed 247 dives.

We are looking forward to 2011 to further our training and abilities.



TECHNICAL RESCUE OPERATIONS TEAM

The team currently consists of 30 individuals trained to technician level. Their specialties include trench rescue, building collapse rescue, confined space rescue, and high-angle rope rescue.

The team continues to practice their monthly training drills covering the three shifts. In addition

the team will conduct a Summit County training drill twice a year. These drills bring the county equipment and team members into the city of Akron to train with our team members on larger and more complicated scenarios.

The team continues its commitment to the State of Ohio Region 5 deployment concept.



PERSONNEL

Number of Employees for each Classified Position

TITLE	Actual	Authorized
Uniform		
Fire Chief	1	1
Fire Deputy Chief	5	5
Fire District Chief	3	7
Fire Captain	15	17
Fire Lieutenant	67	90
Firefighter	259	281
Total Uniformed Personnel	350	401
Support		
Fire Equipment Supervisor	1	1
Fire Equipment Foreman	0	1
Fire Equipment Mechanic	6	9
Fire Hydrant Repair Supervisor	0	1
Fire Hydrant Maintenance Worker	3	3
Secretary IV	1	1
Secretary III	4	6
Secretary II	3	3
Secretary II (Temp)	0	2
Secretary I	0	0
Storekeeper II	1	1
Stores Clerk	2	2
Programmer Analyst I	1	1
Quality Assurance Coordinator	1	1
Total Support	23	32
Total Division	373	433

Personnel Data For

Appointments	8	Separated (Temporary - COE)	0
Retirements	8	Demotions	0
Resignations	3	Promotions	0
Reinstated (Safer Grant)	37	Positions not filled	60
Dismissal	0	Deceased (Active)	0
Refusal of Job	1	Deceased (Retired)	6
Lay Offs	0		

FIRE MAINTENANCE BUREAU



Michael Sombrio
*Fire Equipment
 Supervisor*

The Equipment Maintenance Division is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Fire Department vehicles and equipment as well as the maintenance of thirteen Fire Stations and the Fire Training Academy.

The following is a summary of the activity of this Division for the year ending December 31, 2010:

JOBS	
VEHICLE REPAIRS - MAJOR	267
Includes engines, drive trains, fire pumps, transmissions, clutches, collisions and rust damage, etc.	
VEHICLE REPAIRS - MINOR	8,729
Includes tune-up, ignition and wiring, lights, brakes, steering, etc.	
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	257
Includes general inspection, lubrication and road tests.	
BUILDING REPAIRS	1,643
Includes heating & cooling, plumbing, elevators, gas pumps, electrical, structural, appliances, and lawn & garden equipment.	
SCBA REPAIR - MAJOR	158
Includes complete overhaul of breathing air equipment.	
SCBA REPAIR - MINOR	2,429
Includes maintenance and repair of all self-contained breathing apparatus and medical equipment	
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE	348
Includes driver training, Underwriter tests (pump, hose, and aerial), response to multiple alarms and support services pertinent to the Fire Department.	

FIRE MAINTENANCE BUREAU

In 2010, Fire Maintenance placed the following vehicles into service

Two 2009 Ford E-450 HD chassis fitted with modular ambulance bodies assigned to Med-8 and Med-10

One New 2010 Pierce 2000 GPM Pumper assigned as Engine 7

Three New Expeditions Assigned as S/C-1, B-4, B-9

Three Ford Fusions assigned to the Bureaus

The following vehicles were removed from service and turned in to Motor Equipment for auction or reassignment

60207

67101

65609

65707

64702

69106

63902

67600



FIRE STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT



Station No. 2 - 952 E. Exchange St.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2001 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2006 Ford
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2008 Ford

Station No. 3 - 59 S. Maple St.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2003 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2007 Ford
Shift Commander Vehicle, 2010 Ford

Station No. 4 - 25 E. Thornton St.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2005 Sutphen
2500 GPM Quint Ladder, 2001 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2006 Ford
Haz-Mat/Heavy Rescue, 1993 Pemfab
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2009 Ford

Station No. 5 - 2460 E. Market St.

1500 GPM Mini Tower, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2006 Ford
Foam Truck, 1996 Pierce

Station No. 6 - 1685 S. Hawkins Ave.

1500 GPM Mini Tower, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2006 Ford
Air Source Truck, 1995 Chevrolet

Station No. 7 - 541 E. Tallmadge Ave.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2010 Pierce
75' Aerial, 1997 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2009 Ford
Technical Rescue Truck, 1992 Chevrolet
Technical Rescue Trailer, 2006 United
Technical Rescue Gator and trailer,
2004 John Deere – 2004 Triton Trailer

Station No. 8 - 1277 E. Archwood Avenue

2000 GPM Pumper, 2009 Pierce
75' Aerial, 1995 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2009 Ford
Haz-Mat Decon Trailer, 1989 Haulmark

Station No. 9 - 98 Dodge Ave.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2008 Pierce
75' Aerial, 2007 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2009 Ford
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2009 Ford

Station No. 10 - 2225 4th St. SW

2000 GPM Pumper, 2007 Pierce
75' Aerial, 2003 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2009 Ford
Boat Trailer, 1984 B & M
14' Boat, 1980 Myers
Dive Team Truck, 1998 Chevrolet

Station No. 11 - 1688 Akron Peninsula Rd.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2006 Ford

Station No. 12 - 1852 W. Market St.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2006 Ford

Station No. 13 - 1544 Brown St.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2007 Ford

Station No. 14 - 766 Brittain Road

1500 GPM Pumper Mini-Tower, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2009 Ford

HYDRANT MAINTENANCE SECTION

The following is a summary of activities of Hydrant Maintenance for the year ending December 31, 2010:

Hydrants Inspected	705
Inspections after Use by Fire Companies	103
Alarms Responded to.	12
Additional Hydrants installed.	0
New Hydrants Turned	32
Hydrants Rebuilt	49
Hydrants Winterized	161
Hydrants Repacked	0
Hydrants Serviced	434
Hydrants Painted	2
Flow Test for Insurance Companies	82
Hydrants Hit by Vehicles	67
Hydrants Broken	149
Hydrants Flushed	13,122
Hydrants Raised to Grade	9

Hydrant coding specifications:

- White:** 1,500 gallons per minute and above
- Green:** 1,000 – 1,499 gallons per minute
- Orange:** 500 – 999 gallons per minute
- Red:** Less than 500 gallons per minute

Matching color on steamer cap and dome indicates last hydrant on the main.



HISTORICAL STOP

Akron History Trails wind through time



At Akron Fire Station No. 2, photos of firefighters from 1926 line the wall, above, and an 1883 fountain stands outside. The station, which is something of a firefighter museum, is among central Akron sites the city is encouraging families to visit this summer.

PROGRAM STARTED IN 2006

Established the Akron Station No. 2 Fire Museum which became the number one stop on the Historic Downtown Akron Passport Program in 2006. Station No. 2 is now an official stop of the City of Akron History Trails Program (2007)

Dennis Stoneman's love for the history of the Akron Fire department has turned into 22 years of collecting, from soot-stained uniforms and a safety net to old hose equipment and ancient metal fire helmets. Framed old newspaper clippings tell stories of past fires, alarms and emergencies.

Now, District Chief Dennis Stoneman's hobby can be viewed by the public at:

Akron Fire Station #2
952 East Exchange Street
Akron, Ohio 44302
Hours: Daily 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Akron Fire History Exhibit:
The fountain at Akron Fire Station #2

IN RECOGNITION

While every man and woman of the Akron Fire Department deserves recognition for their service to the community, the following individual was singled out during 2010.

The Optimist Club of Akron **FIRE/MEDIC OF THE YEAR**



IN RECOGNITION

Firefighter Gregory Santos

Personal Information:

- Greg is extremely proud of his family and that is quite evident when ever he speaks of them.
- Married to Lorrie for 37 years.
- 2 children:
 - Son – Ryan age 28 graduated from The University of Cincinnati with a degree in Graphic Design, and is an accomplished Chef. Greg and Ryan have a great time cooking together.
 - Daughter – Beth age 25 graduated from Philadelphia University with a degree in Fashion Design and is a self employed designer

Greg himself is an accomplished professional photographer and has been involved in the community in that capacity for many years.

He has been involved with Northwest High School and youth sports teams for 20+ years in different capacities including, coach, photographer and sponsor.

He is also active with the Manchester, Doylestown, and Tuslaw youth teams and West Akron Baseball League.(WABL) He was recognized by WABL this year for his years of involvement with the league.

Because sports were such an important part of his youth Greg has always believed in the benefits sports have in life.

Greg has been involved in fund raisers for MDA, Children's Hospital, and has been the Akron Fire Departments Chili Cook for our annual FF Chili Challenge which benefits the burn unit at Akron Children's Hospital, and of course the most dear to his heart Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

- Began career with City of Akron September 20, 1976
- Became FF on May 17th 1979
- Paramedic from 1981 to 1991
- Continues to function as Emergency Medical Technician
- Recipient of two commendations for actions as part of a response to major incidents in 1992 and 2003

Greg has worked at several stations over the years but has spent most of his time at station three where he currently serves as the senior Firefighter and is instrumental in the training of many of our new recruits.

He is also quite the accomplished "Firehouse Cook" and his fellow FF very much appreciate his talents

Greg has also taken his profession on the road. As Lorrie noted he has been warmly known as "Fireman Greg" teaching fire safety to hundreds of preschoolers at Little People and Discovery Time Preschools. Of course their favorite part other than trying on his fire coat and boots were the doughnuts he'd bring along.

Hallmark of Greg's career has been consistent performance at a high level. He was chosen as this years recipient in consideration of a 31+ year to date career in which he has consistently demonstrated a dedication to service, an exemplary work ethic, a competent professionalism, and a strength of character that uniquely qualifies him as a leader and a mentor. He is someone I often turn to for help and in 30 + years he has never declined.

IN MEMORIAM



To those faithful firefighters who have answered their last alarm, but whose loyalty and devotion to duty will ever remain paramount in the annals of the City of Akron and its Fire Department. The following firefighters are members of the Local Chapter 7 Firefighters Hall of Fame.

RAYMOND A. SHARP

BORN..... 4/1/1923
APPOINTED 4/9/1952
RETIRED 7/31/1980
DIED 3/5/2010

KENNETH J. SMITH

BORN..... 11/18/1928
APPOINTED ... 10/15/1953
RETIRED 1/1/1983
DIED 9/9/2010

BRUNO J. NIEWIEROWSKI

BORN 8/8/1947
APPOINTED ... 12/18/1972
RETIRED 4/5/1998
DIED 8/22/2010

RALPH H. SPECK

BORN..... 3/26/1940
APPOINTED 6/20/1968
RETIRED 5/16/1992
DIED 8/11/2010

JOHN R. CORALL

BORN..... 3/8/1928
APPOINTED ... 10/24/1951
RETIRED 4/30/1985
DIED 6/28/2010

DAVID W. THORNTON

BORN..... 11/3/1939
APPOINTED ... 10/14/1963
RETIRED 4/26/1986
DIED 10/10/2010



A FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER

GIVE ME CONCERN FOR OTHERS

A willingness to seek out those in need ...

GIVE ME COURAGE

*The boldness of spirit to face
and conquer fear,
to share and endure the ordeal
of one who needs me ...*

GIVE ME STRENGTH

*Strength of heart to bear whatever
burden might be placed upon me ...
and strength of body to deliver to safety
all those placed within my care ...*

GIVE ME WISDOM TO LEAD

*the compassion to comfort, and the love
to serve unselfishly wherever
You take me ...*

AND PLEASE, THROUGH IT ALL, BE AT MY SIDE



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Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor



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