



City of Akron
FIRE DEPARTMENT



2013 ANNUAL REPORT



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AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

The Akron Fire Department exists to protect the lives, property, and environment within our community by minimizing the impact of fire, medical emergencies, and hazardous conditions.

We will accomplish this mission by providing:

- *Fire suppression forces capable of mitigating all fire events*
- *An Emergency Medical System designed to provide excellent prehospital care*
- *Enforcement of fire codes, investigation of fire cause, and public education*
- *Special operation teams trained for hazardous material response, technical rescues, water emergencies, and tactical EMS*

Our members are committed to the following values:

- *For our citizens - We will provide the highest quality of service possible and treat all with compassion, respect, and dignity*
- *For our profession - We will maintain the highest level of readiness through training, education, fitness, safety awareness, and responsible utilization of resources*
- *For our organization - We will foster a culture of enthusiasm, diversity, mutual respect, and teamwork*

*Our Motto
"Dedicated to Service"*



Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor



Robert Ross Jr.
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 2013 Akron Fire Department Annual Report.

The Akron Fire Department delivered a consistent level of excellent emergency services throughout the year. Specific successes in 2013 include the procurement of two new ambulances for Station 11 and Station 13. We were also fortunate enough to receive a federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant that allowed us to initiate a smoke alarm and home safety program that will target our most at risk population. Additionally, we were awarded a Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant that will assist in upgrading the county wide radio system. Finally, I am very pleased to share that the Akron Fire Department graduated 42 new firefighters from our training academy in 2013!

The members of the Akron Fire Department remain committed to the goal of providing our community with excellent, compassionate, emergency services. As 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, and the citizens of Akron for their assistance and support.

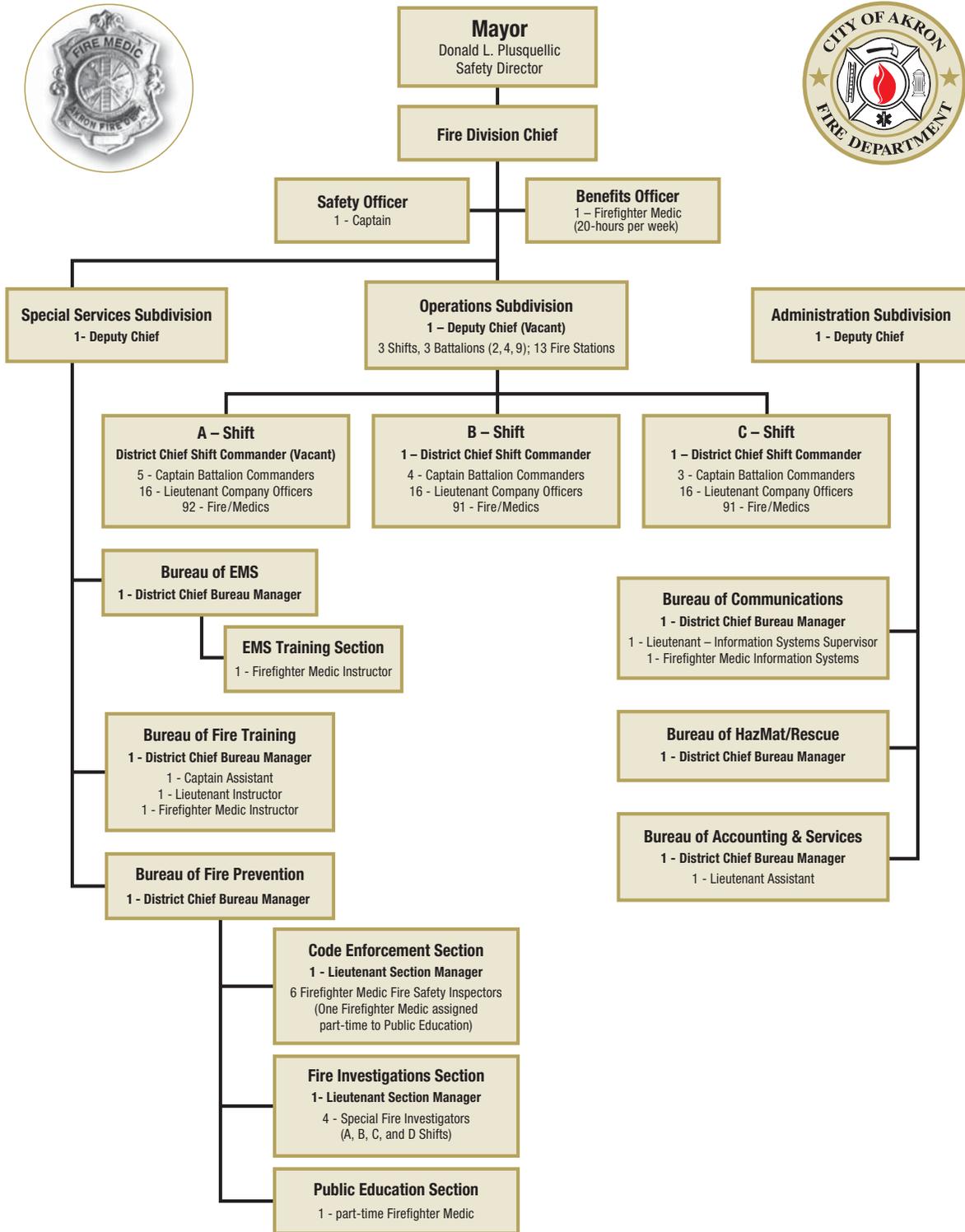
Sincerely,

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Fire Chief

SAFETY DEPARTMENT/DIVISION OF FIRE ORGANIZATION CHART

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013



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DEPUTY AND DISTRICT CHIEFS



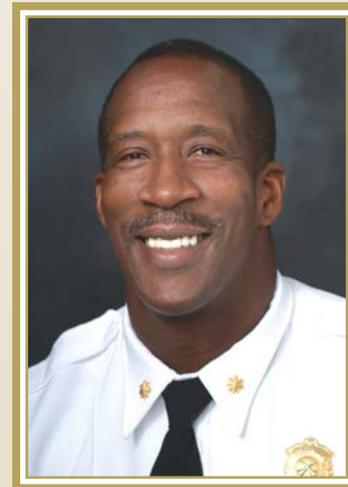
Edward Hiltbrand
Deputy Chief



Dale Evans
Deputy Chief



Dennis Stoneman
District Chief



Anthony Law
District Chief

2013

RETIREMENTS

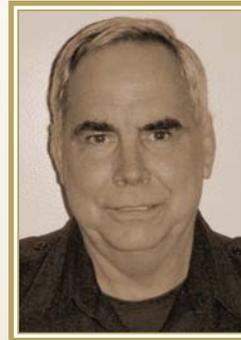
Uniform Retirements



John Triola
Fire Captain
Retired 3/11/13



James Weiser
Firefighter/Medic
Retired 3/30/13

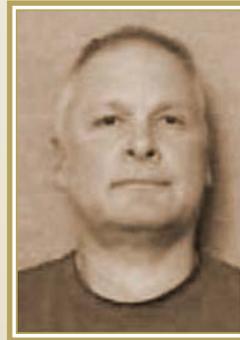


James Gill
Firefighter/Medic
Retired 7/1/13



James Timoch
Firefighter/Medic
Retired 12/7/13

Civilian Retirements



Douglas Carpenter
Master Fire
Equipment Mech
Retired 1/1/13

SAFETY OFFICER



Captain Richard Vober
Safety Officer

The duties of the Akron Fire Department's Health and Safety Bureau continue to be fulfilled by Captain Richard Vober. As Safety Officer, I am proud to share the following report.

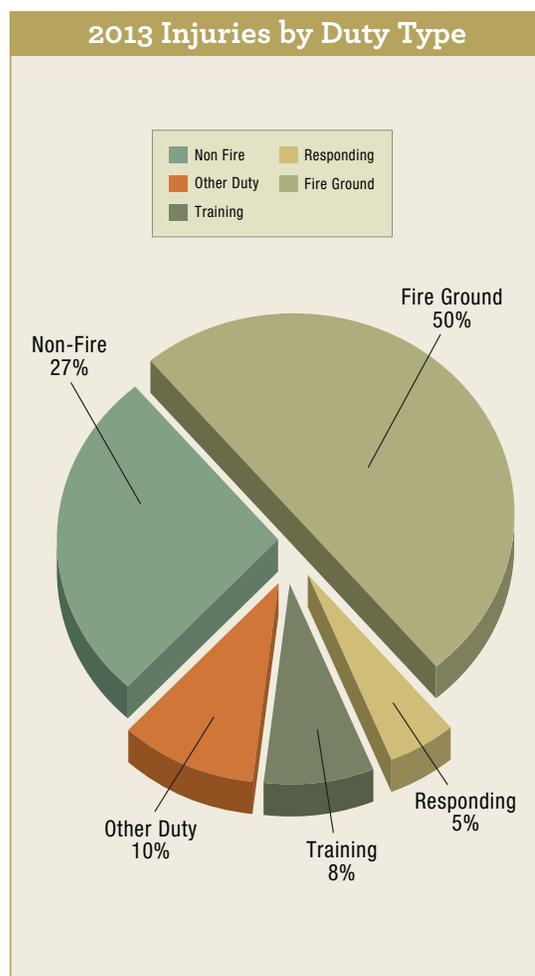
The Akron Fire Department continues to look at the trends for injuries and exposures as well as looking at compliance with the regulations set by the state and Federal government.

I am pleased to report that we had no significant injuries or fatalities, and most of the on duty injuries did not require any loss of time. For the annual report I will be discussing the goals of the bureau, analyzing the information for 2013 and looking at the national statistics as compared with the statistics for Akron.

For 2013 the Safety bureau, with the assistance of the Training bureau, administered the Fit For Fire program in which 125 members completed the drill field and 25 brave individuals completed the in station portion. In 2013, the Akron Fire Department continued the Walking program to improve the overall health of all members. In 2013 The Safety bureau introduced The Federal Highway Safety Administrations Program on Highway safety, with a Standard operating procedure and training to keep City of Akron employees safer on the highways. In 2013, through the assistance of the Akron Firefighters Grant (AFG) the Akron Fire Department was able to add new extrication equipment to all ladder trucks to improve the safety of all members and citizens of Akron.

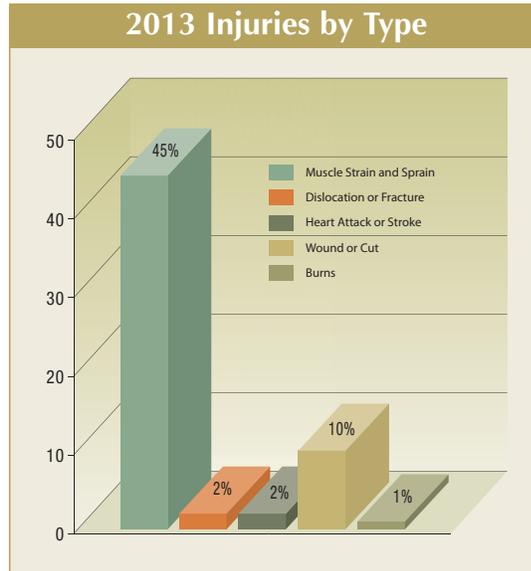
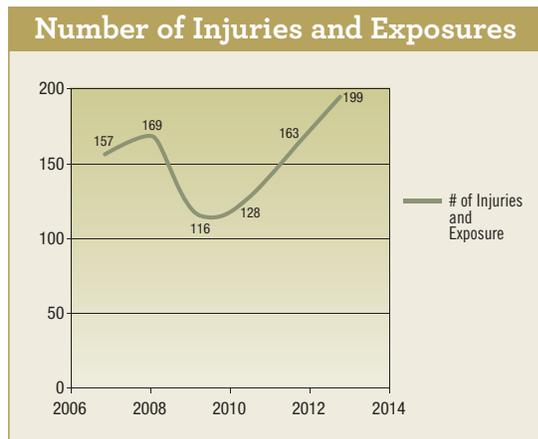
Goal:

The goal of the Safety bureau is to reduce the number and severity of the on the job injuries. At the same time, the bureau intends to improve the overall health and wellness of all members.



SAFETY OFFICER

For 2013 we had total of 62 on the job injuries and 137 exposures. As you can see in figure one: 38% of those occurred on the fire ground. When it is broken down further the information shows that the 74 % of the injuries that we are seeing are caused by sprains and strains. When compared over the last couple of years our injury rate continues to climb.

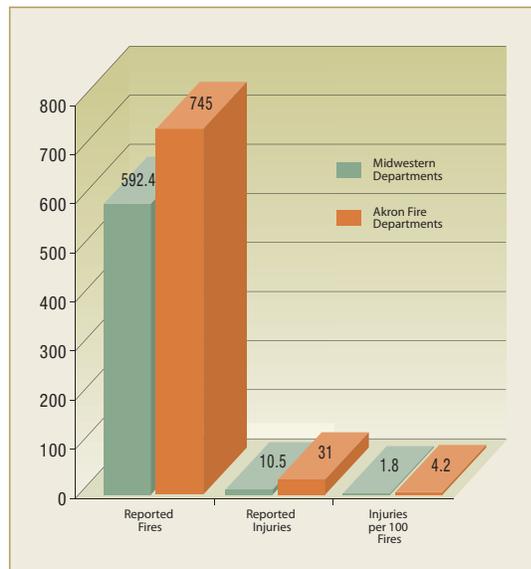


injuries. The fire department will continue a more aggressive station inspection process to help ensure the safety of all members.

Comparing to the National average:

In comparing Akron fire across the Midwest to similar sized departments we can see that the number of fires we respond to is higher than the average. Moreover, the number of injuries per one hundred fires is much higher than the national average; nationally there are 1.8 injuries per 100 fires. In Akron that number is 4.2 per 100 fires.

For 2014 the Safety bureau, through increased training and education, is attempting to reduce the number of on the job sprains and strains. We are also considering how we track exposures and



OPERATIONS SUBDIVISION



Dennis Stoneman
District Chief - B Shift



Anthony Law
District 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 three sections, known as Battalions. Each Battalion has several stations within its boundaries. Each shift has three Battalion

Commanders (Battalions 2, 4, 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.

FIRE STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL FIRE UNIT RESPONSES & GRAND TOTAL – 15,513



ENGINES		
Engine 2	1,079	
Engine 3	933	
Engine 4	930	
Engine 5	305	
Engine 6	442	
Engine 7	759	
Engine 8	469	
Engine 9	633	
Engine 10	712	
Engine 11	174	
Engine 12	371	
Engine 13	356	
Engine 14	316	
Total	7,479	

LADDERS		
Ladder 4	821	
Ladder 7	389	
Ladder 8	680	
Ladder 9	1,060	
Ladder 10	236	
Total	3,186	

BATTALIONS		
Battalion 2	1,209	
Battalion 4	1,440	
Battalion 9	1,071	
Total	3,720	

HAZMAT, RESCUE		
HazMat 4	18	
Rescue 4	89	
Total	107	

OTHER FIRE UNITS		
Total	1,021	

GRAND TOTALS		
Total Engine	7,479	
Total Ladder	3,186	
Total Battalion	3,720	
Total Rescue	107	
Other Fire Units	1,021	
Total	15,513	

ALARMS	
<i>Times</i>	
A.M.	2,612
P.M.	4,649
Total	7,261
Causes For	
Fire	745
False	671
Accidental	428
Other Emergencies	2,103
Miscellaneous	3,314
Total	7,261
Types of Fires	
Buildings	392
Motor Vehicles	157
Grass, Rubbish & Dumps	188
Miscellaneous	8
Total	745
Occupancy of Building Fires	
Public Assemblies	2
Educational	1
Institutional	4
Residential	337
Store & Office	13
Basic Industries	2
Manufacturing	6
Storage	22
Special	5
Total	389
Casualties to Citizens	
Injuries	39
Fatalities	4
Casualties to Firefighters	
Injuries	62
Fatalities	0
In Services	
Engine Companies	13
Ladder Companies	5
Medics & Medic Combos	13
Personnel	373
Alarm Boxes	215

BUILDING FIRES

	<i>Public Assembly Property</i>	<i>Educational Property</i>	<i>Institutional Property</i>	<i>Residential Property</i>	<i>Store & Office Property</i>	<i>Basic Industry, Utility, Defense</i>	<i>Manufacturing Property</i>	<i>Storage Property</i>	<i>Special Property</i>	<i>Unknown-Mutual Aid</i>	<i>Total</i>
Incendiary/Suspicious			53	2							55
Children Playing			3								3
Careless Smoking			15				1	1			17
Heating-Furnace, Chimney, Water Heater			16			1	1				18
Cooking	2	1	125		1						129
Electrical Distribution-Wiring, Light Ballast			25				1				26
Appliances-Air Conditioning, Tools, Refrigerator			11	1		1					13
Open Flames			13				1				14
Other Heat: Fireworks, Explosives, Friction, Hot Material			3	1							4
Other Equipment-Commercial, Medical, Electronic			4	2		2	3				11
Natural-Lightning, Chemical Reaction			2				1				3
Exposures		1	26	2			7	4			40
Unknown		1	41	4	1	2	8				59
TOTAL	2	1	4	337	12	2	6	23	5	0	392

FIRE LOSSES AT \$50,000 AND OVER

DATE	ADDRESS	FIXED PROPERTY USE	BUILDING	CONTENTS	TOTAL
1/2/13	175 Beck Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000.00	20,000.00	70,000.00
1/10/13	507 Oxford Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	40,000.00	10,000.00	50,000.00
1/22/13	201 Lake St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	60,000.00	20,000.00	80,000.00
1/24/13	400 Wabash Ave. Suite B411	Hospital	1,000.00	100,000.00	101,000.00
2/21/13	25 Green St.	Auto Repair	50,000.00	50,000.00	100,000.00
2/21/13	25 Green St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	40,000.00	10,000.00	50,000.00
2/25/13	665 Wyandot Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	35,000.00	20,000.00	55,000.00
2/28/13	926 Chester Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	40,000.00	15,000.00	55,000.00
3/22/13	1331 Kelly Ave.	Manufacturer	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
3/30/13	1143 6th Ave.	Multifamily Dwelling	87,140.00	0.00	87,140.00
4/5/13	951 Snowfall Spur Suite B	Multifamily Dwelling	90,000.00	60,000.00	150,000.00
4/19/13	900 Flora Ave.	Manufacturer	350,000.00	300,000.00	650,000.00
5/3/13	2757 Gilchrist Rd.	Manufacturer	500,000.00	250,000.00	750,000.00
6/7/13	1216 Moore St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	35,000.00	20,000.00	55,000.00
6/14/13	170 University Ave., Suite 510	Chemical Laboratory	50,000.00	50,000.00	100,000.00
6/19/13	40 E. Archwood Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	56,000.00	3,000.00	59,000.00
6/19/13	1220 Cordova Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	45,000.00	15,000.00	60,000.00
6/29/13	1808 Amber Hills Dr.	Multifamily Dwelling	50,000.00	5,000.00	55,000.00
7/18/13	1595 Creighton Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000.00	15,000.00	65,000.00
7/28/13	149 Ruckel Rd.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
9/16/13	301 E. Glenwood Ave.	Multifamily Dwelling	50,000.00	15,000.00	65,000.00
9/24/13	627 Baldwin Rd.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000.00	25,000.00	75,000.00
10/2/13	95 Middlebury Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000.00	10,000.00	60,000.00
10/18/13	1387 Moore St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	226,000.00	500.00	226,500.00
11/7/13	2222 9th St. SW.	One or Two Family Dwelling	80,000.00	20,000.00	100,000.00
11/29/13	1163 Chester Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000.00	20,000.00	70,000.00
12/17/13	767 N. Main St.	Multifamily Dwelling	54,000.00	1,000.00	55,000.00

LOSS CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDING FIRES

	NUMBER OF FIRES	PERCENTAGE OF FIRES	ESTIMATED LOSS	PERCENTAGE OF LOSS
Under \$5000	239	61	\$188,762	3
5000-9999	26	7	\$158,900	3
10000-19999	40	10	\$528,800	9
20000-29999	30	7	\$692,381	11
30000-39999	20	5	\$693,510	12
40000-49999	10	3	\$425,000	7
50000+	27	7	\$3,343,640	55
Total	392	100	\$6,030,993	100



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the activities of the Division of Fire from the year 2013 including a comparison with the activities from the year 2012.

	2013	2012	Up	Down
Total Response	15,513	15,283	230	
Alarm Total	7,261	7,305		44
Types of Incidents:				
Building Fires	392	403		11
Vehicles Fires	157	190		33
Grass, Rubbish Fires	188	274		86
Miscellaneous Fires	8	13		5
False Alarms	671	567	104	
Accidental Alarms	428	457		29
Emergency Alarms	2,103	1,890	213	
Misc. Calls (No fires involved)	3,314	3,511		197
Fire Loss:				
Total	\$6,931,837	\$6,517,960		
Per Capita	\$35	\$32.75		
Population of Akron (2010 census)	199,000	199,000		

FIRE STATISTICS

BUILDING	VALUATION	LOSS
Public Assembly	\$229,320	\$2,200
Educational	\$25,000,000	\$0
Institutional	\$119,647,720	\$103,010
Residential	\$118,252,142	\$4,029,583
Store & Office	\$1,519,500	\$199,700
Basic Industry	\$67,000,000	\$100,000
Manufacturing	\$16,867,500	\$1,471,000
Storage	\$642,600	\$122,500
Special	\$5,700	\$3,000
Building & Contents Total	\$349,164,482	6,030,993
Motor Vehicles	\$1,749,910	\$870,265
Miscellaneous	\$812,668	\$30,579
Grand Total	\$351,727,060	\$6,931,837

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)	2	
Explosion (no fire)	9	
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1	
Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incident		
Medical Assist	2,018	
Lock-in	5	
Search for lost person	3	
Extrication, rescue	77	
Water and ice-related rescue	3	
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)		
Combustible/flammable spills and leaks	133	
Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition	64	
Radioactive condition	0	
Electrical wiring/equipment problem	491	
Biological hazard	2	
Accident, potential accident	15	
Explosive, bomb removal	2	
Attempted burning, illegal action	4	
Hazardous condition (no fire), other	0	
Service Call		
Person in distress	54	
Water problem	74	
Smoke, odor problem	216	
Animal problem or rescue	106	
Public service assistance	230	
Unauthorized burning	371	
Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up	0	
Service call, other	11	
Good Intent Call		
Dispatched and cancelled en route	342	
Wrong location, no emergency found	362	
Controlled burning	47	
Vicinity alarm	6	
Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	337	
EMS call where party has been transported	0	
HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat found	130	
Good intent call, other	30	
False Alarm and False Call		
Malicious, mischievous false alarm	174	
Bomb scare (no bomb)	11	
System or detector malfunction	484	
Unintentional system or detector operation (no fire)	428	
False alarm and false call, other	2	
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster		
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	269	
Special Incident Type		
Citizen Complaint	1	
Special type of incident, other	0	
TOTAL	6,516	

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 2013 by Captain Joseph Natko. 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 2013 by Captain Clarence Tucker. 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 Captain Richard Vober. The Fire Training Bureau telephone number is (330) 375-2635.

EMS BUREAU



Joseph Natko
Captain

I am pleased on behalf of the Akron Fire Department Emergency Medical Service's (EMS) Bureau to present a summary of the activities for 2013. The Akron Fire Department is a team of dedicated, professional men and women who provide continuous, compassionate, emergency medical care to our community. I would like to thank Mayor Plusquellic, City Council, and Fire Administration for supporting our paramedics with quality equipment, training, and staffing in order to provide service our community during our daily operations, as well as preparation with multiple agencies in order to protect our community in the event of a natural or man made disaster.

I would also like to thank our medical advisor, Dr. Richard Gradisek, for his continued leadership and support of our paramedics. He reviews and updates our protocol, provides

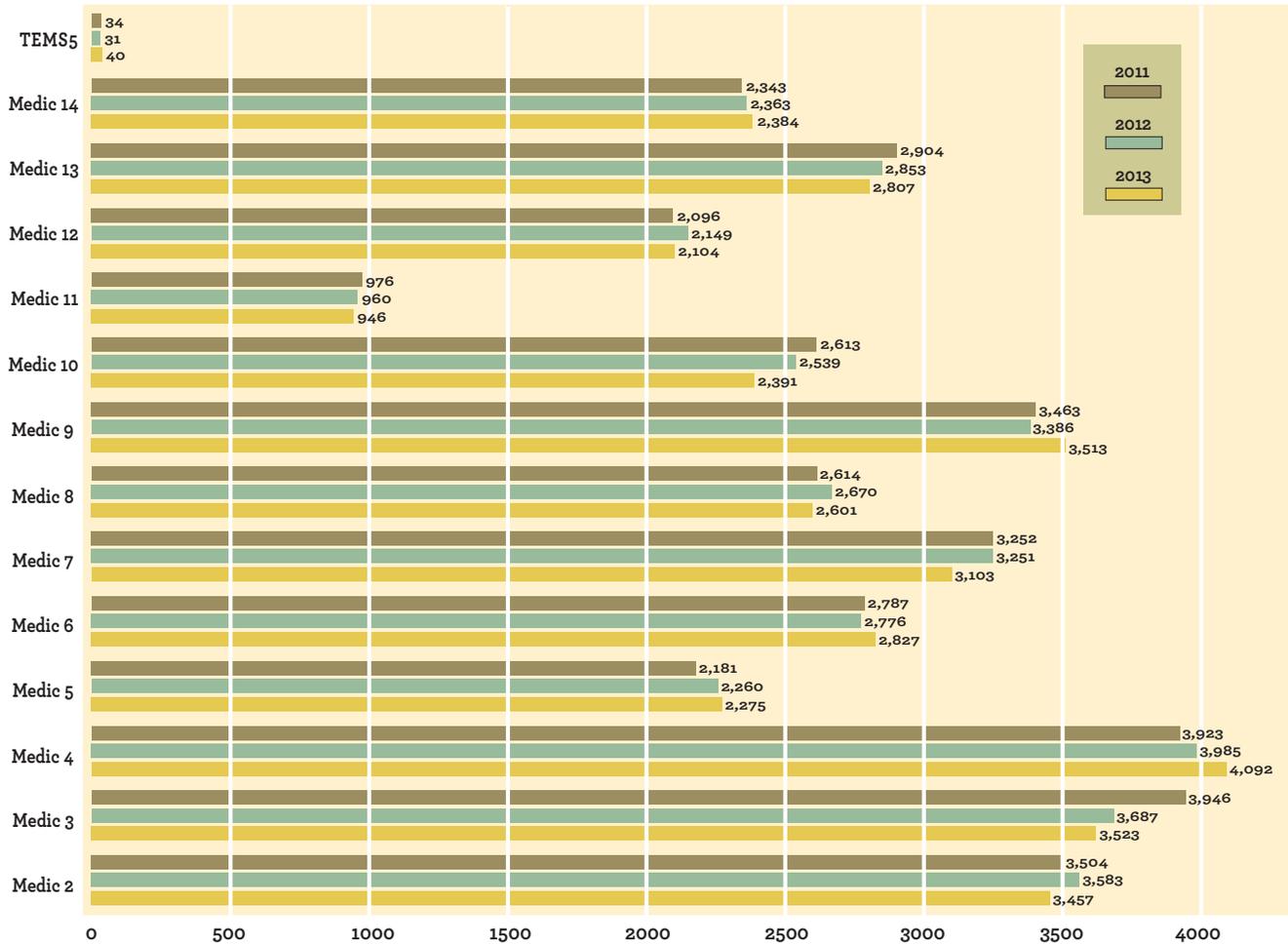
guidance, approves continuing education, and is instrumental in the development and constant improvement of our program. The performance of our service is under constant review through our quality assurance program administered by Rita Chambers. Rita is instrumental in setting up our continuing education trainings, certifications, quality improvement, EMS accreditation, and administration of our paramedic apprenticeship program. I also want to thank Captain Les Gaiser and Ray Minnich with their support of training and recertification of our EMT-Basic Fire/Medics.

The Akron Fire Department responded to 34,022 calls for emergency medical service. Akron Fire, in conjunction with Summa Health System and Akron General Medical Center, provided medical coverage for many of the city sponsored events; such as: The Akron Marathon, OHSAA state softball tournament, The All American Soap Box Derby, The Bridgestone Invitational, Hardesty Park Expo, The Hamburger Festival, and numerous Lock 3 events through the year. Our Tactical EMS (TEMS) assisted Akron Police SWAT on 31 incidents in 2013.

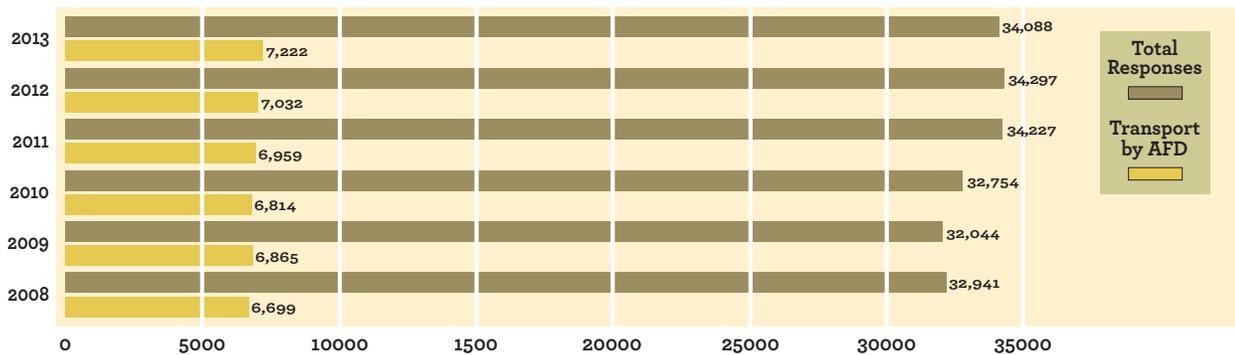
The Akron Fire Department EMS Bureau would also like to gratefully acknowledge the support we receive from City Administration, Mayor Donald Plusquellic, Akron City Council, EMS Mayor's Advisory Committee (chaired by John Frank), Dr. Richard Gradisek (Medical Director), and to the people of Akron who we so proudly serve. I would also like to thank the dedicated men and women (uniform and non-uniform) of The Akron Fire Department which I proudly serve.



TOTAL RESPONSES BY MEDICAL UNIT

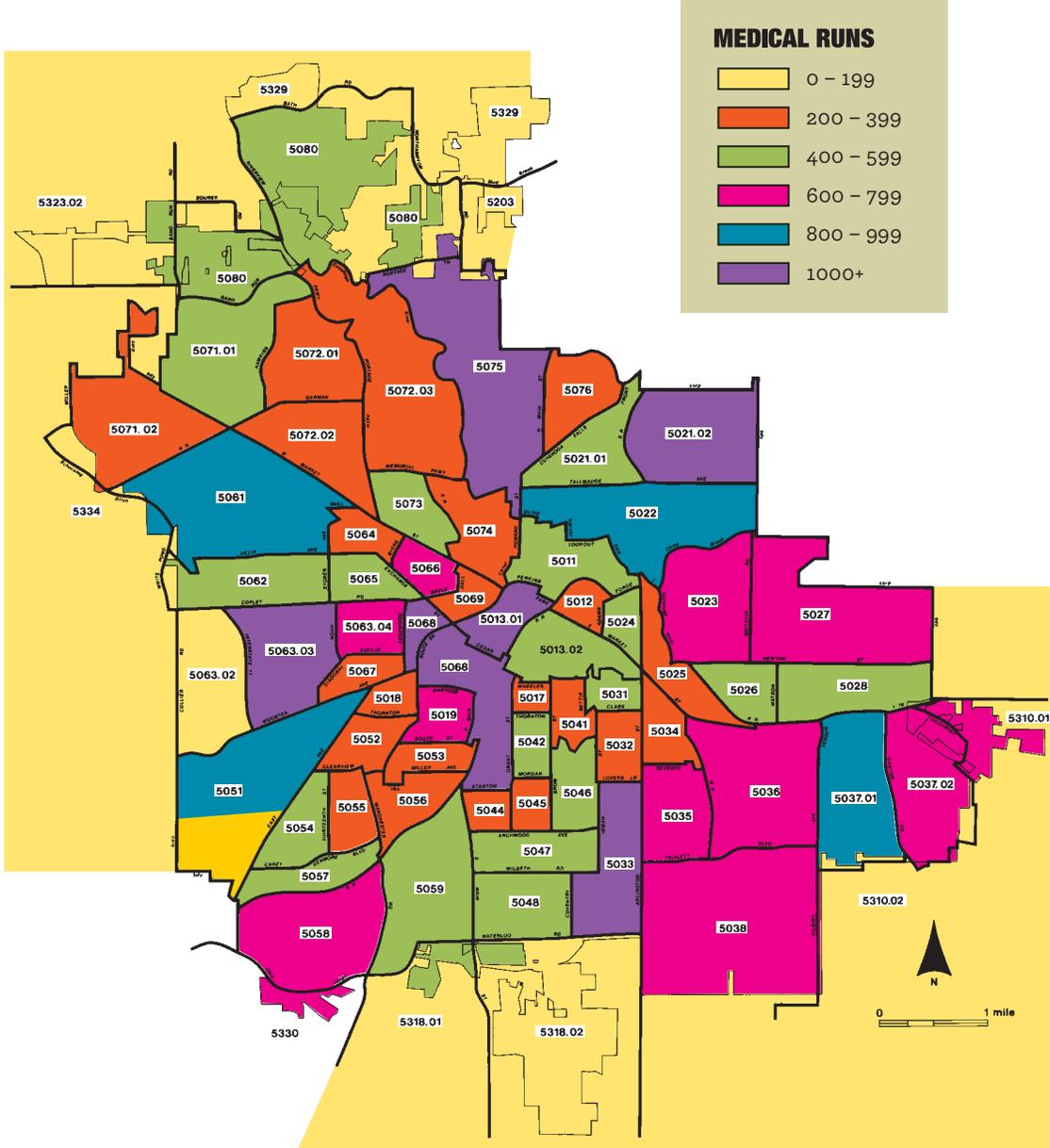


TOTAL SYSTEM REVIEW



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

Total Alarms – 34,088



TACTICAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (TEMS)

The Fire Department TEMS team is comprised of fifteen specially trained and equipped paramedics dedicated to provide emergency medical support for the Akron Police Department SWAT team during tactical missions and training. The team acts as a liaison between the fire and

police department during tactical operations and provides emergency medical care to sick or injured civilians and police officers in situations where standard medical personnel are not equipped to operate.



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Albert Bragg, Jr.
Captain

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 premises.

The Akron Fire Department (AFD) 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 in spite of our reduction in manpower.

Goal

The Akron Fire Department understands that the ways to best reduce the damage and loss as a result of a fire is to prevent fires from occurring. This is why the Akron Fire Department has committed its Prevention Bureau to conduct as many regular inspections, on a yearly basis, as possible. The Prevention Bureau has also called upon the fire companies around the city to help with completing this task. Several of the firefighters around the city are also certified Fire Inspectors. Our goal is to maintain the safety of the community from fire and environmental hazards through programs, adherence to fire regulations, and hazard mitigation. To meet this goal, the Fire Prevention Bureau performs the following services:

- Enforcing all local and state codes involving fire safety and prevention
- Reviewing all plans, performs inspections for all new construction and remodeling of commercial buildings
- Conducting annual inspections of existing public, commercial and residential buildings (four or more units.)
- Performing one or two family dwelling inspections upon request
- Inspecting new and existing above ground storage tanks
- Observing the installation and removal of underground storage tanks

- Monitoring indoor and outdoor fireworks displays
- Inspecting foster homes, group homes, and homes where children are being placed for adoption



Duties

The principle responsibilities of the Fire Prevention Bureau are to enforce the local, state and national Fire Codes that have been adopted by the City of Akron. This is done through a system of permits and inspections. The codes apply to residential and commercial construction, along with the storing and handling of hazardous materials and fireworks displays. During the summer months the City of Akron hosts several festivals around the city that our inspectors also are responsible in inspecting to maintain the safety of the citizens of Akron.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Prevention Bureau works in conjunction with Summit County Building Department in the review of building plans to insure that the codes are followed during the installation of sprinkler systems, alarm systems, extinguishers, exits, ect...

Goals

Enhance public safety and reduce property loss through education and public awareness. Provide clear and consistent information to the public and business community. Prevent injury and loss of life through changing behavior. Identify segments of the community whose lives are at risk. To develop, present and review life safety and injury prevention education programs.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Public education section is to create a positive change in the life safety behaviors of the Citizens of Akron through various educational strategies, thus reducing the incident of injuries, death and property loss as a result of avoidable behavior.

The following are some examples of the services and programs we provide:

- Home inspection service
- General fire safety classes
- Portable fire extinguisher training
- Juvenile fire stoppers program
- Smoke alarm awareness
- Fire preparedness plans for businesses
- Fire safety house visits to festivals and schools



Akron Fire Department Graduation Ceremony November 15, 2013



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Congratulations
to the
2013
Graduates!

CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

	INSPECTIONS	RECALL REINSPECTIONS	VIOLATIONS
Church	56	21	207
Night Clubs/ Bars	43	25	220
Restaurants	146	91	518
Recreation Centers	12	14	162
Miscellaneous Assemblies	50	17	129
Business			
Professional Offices	257	85	383
Medical Offices	132	44	143
Barber / Beauty Shop	0	0	0
Banks	34	4	10
Miscellaneous Business	192	104	644
Educational			
Daycare	94	39	271
School Elementary	62	21	256
School Jr. High	11	9	86
School High	17	13	158
Miscellaneous Educational	10	6	35
Factory / Industrial			
Plastic Manufacture	8	3	16
Dry Cleaning	13	5	28
Machine Shop	22	9	89
Print Commercial	19	12	42
Miscellaneous Factory / Industrial	74	48	405
Hazardous			
Miscellaneous Hazardous	0	0	0
Institutional			
Hospitals	30	12	27
Jails	7	0	48
Miscellaneous Institutional	19	13	69
Mercantile			
Department Stores	43	45	253
Grocery Store	58	37	194
Furniture Store	24	15	59
Miscellaneous Mercantile	381	211	971
Residential			
Foster Homes	70	26	182
Apartments	129	34	179
Hotel / Motel	0	0	0
Boarding House	42	11	121
Miscellaneous Residential	39	1	16
Storage			
Auto Repair	89	49	314
Miscellaneous Storage	68	37	287
Utility			
Miscellaneous Utility	23	4	29
Miscellaneous			
Vacant / Secure	258	20	79
Miscellaneous	3	0	0
Total	2535	1085	6630
Other Activities			
Plans Review	473		
Site Visits	97		
GRAND TOTAL	3105	1085	6630

AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD



Firefighter Memorial Service assisted by the Cleveland Pipe and Drum Corps.

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, off-duty, and retired.



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 Incendiary are then investigated as crimes, with identification, apprehension, and successful prosecution of the responsible person(s) as the goal. Other unit responsibilities include internal investigations of Akron Fire personnel at the direction of Fire Administration, and comprehensive pre-employment background investigations of all potential fire recruit candidates. The Akron Police Department also provides additional assistance in any of the above investigations when requested.

In 2013, the Fire Investigation Unit conducted 212 fire investigations: 154 residential structure fires, including 45 vacant structures, 30 exposures to other fires, and 14 residential garages. Also investigated were 13 commercial structure fires, 5 of which were vacant, 36 vehicle fires, and 13 other miscellaneous fire incidents. Of these 212 fire investigations, 95 were determined to be Incendiary fires: 60 were residential structure fires, including 38 vacant structures, and 2 were exposures to other set fires. There were 3 commercial structure fires, which included 1 vacant commercial structure. Also investigated

were 23 were vehicle fires, 8 of which were stolen autos, and 7 other miscellaneous fire incidents. In addition, in 2013 the Fire Investigation Unit handled 290 service calls: 278 Carbon Monoxide detector checks, and 72 Open Burning complaints.

Fire Investigation Unit criminal investigations resulted in 11 arrests with 11 convictions in 2013. The Fire Investigation Unit investigated 3 fires in 2013 that resulted in 4 civilian fire fatalities. All 3 of the fatal fires were determined to be unintentional.

In 2013, the Fire Investigation Unit, assisted by personnel from both the Fire Prevention Bureau and the Akron Police Department conducted 80 comprehensive pre-employment background investigations prior to the selection of a new class of Firefighter/Paramedic recruits. A class of 42 new recruits began the Fire Training Academy in August and were assigned to fire companies in November 2013. In anticipation of hiring additional Akron Fire personnel to fill numerous vacancies that are occurring and are expected to continue to occur throughout 2014 and into 2015, Fire Administration authorized an additional 20 pre-employment background investigations to continue into 2014, with a 2nd class of new recruits to begin their Fire Training in the Spring. The Akron Fire Department is extremely fortunate to be able to continue with these hires and maintain safe, adequate staffing levels due to the City of Akron applying for and being awarded a Federal SAFER Grant which provides the funding for these additional positions. In addition, the Fire Investigation Unit conducted several internal investigations for Fire

FIRE INVESTIGATORS

Robert Wroblewski, Lieutenant

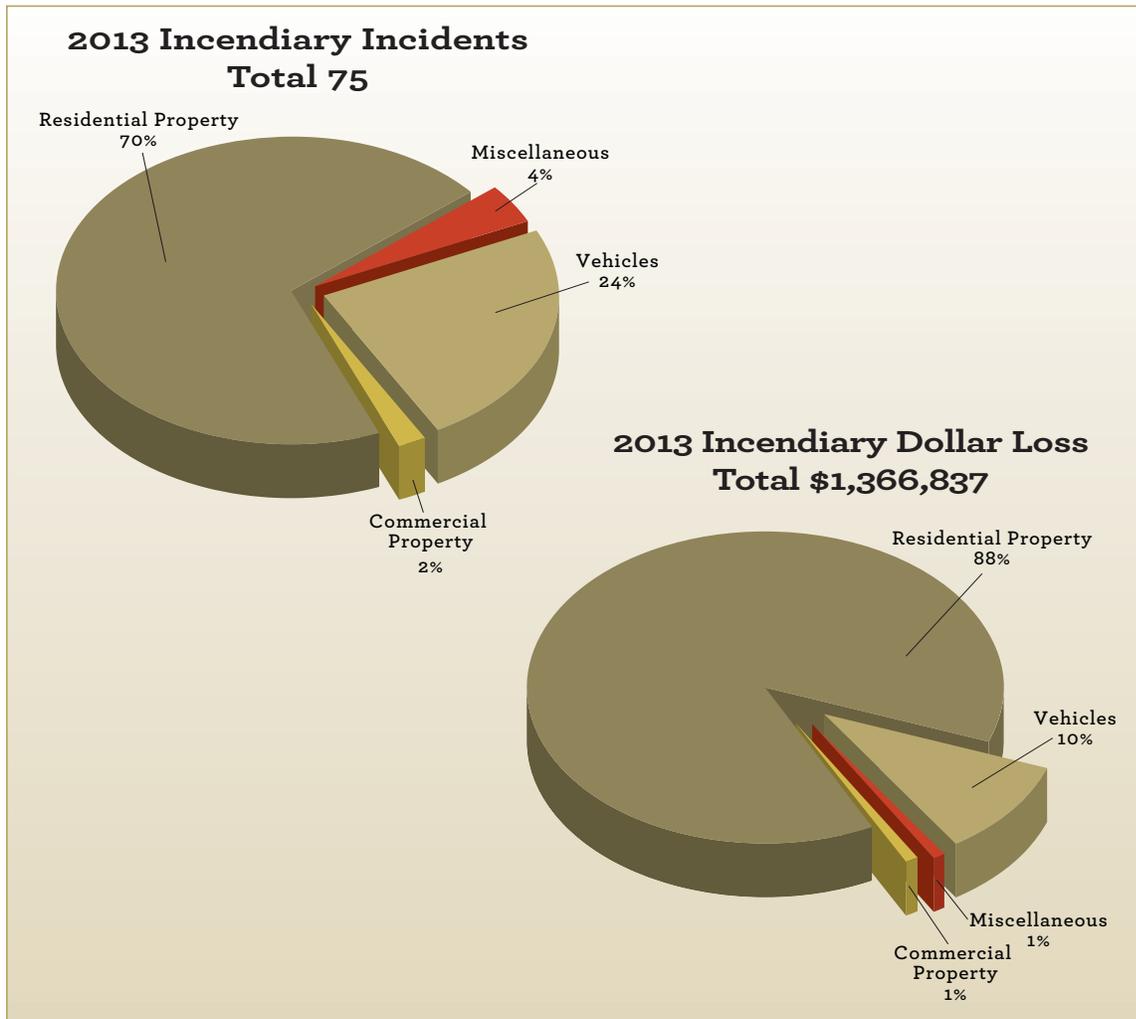
Bradley McKittrick, Lieutenant

Todd Webb, Investigator

Matt D'Avello, Investigator

Ellis Polk, Investigator

FIRE INVESTIGATION SECTION



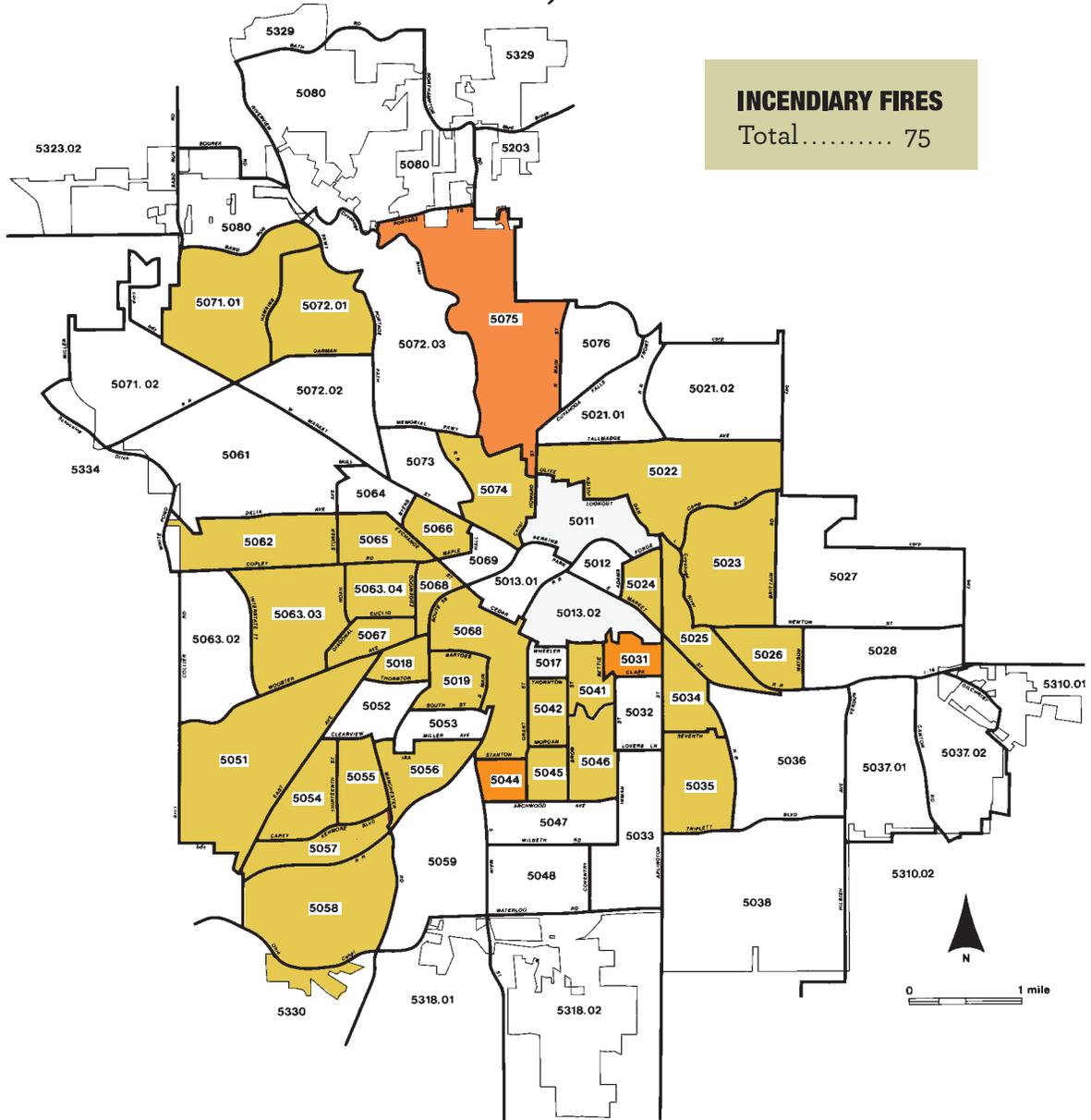
Administration, and several Fire Investigation Unit members were able to attend several training seminars in 2013.

The Fire Investigation Unit continued to be the regional reporting location for fire/burn injuries during 2013. 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 2013, 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 2013. 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 2014.

INCENDIARY FIRES PER CENSUS TRACT AKRON, OHIO



INCENDIARY FIRES

- 1-4 Per Tract
75% of Total Alarms
- 5-7 Per Tract
25% of Total Alarms
- 8-25 Per Tract
0 of Total Alarms

PROPERTY LOSS

- \$799,397
58% of Total Loss
- \$567,440
42% of Total Loss
- 0
0 of Total Loss

BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING



Richard Vober
Captain



Leslie Gaiser
Captain

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 the State of Ohio, our own city and Fire Administration. AFD has its own Training Charter. The addition of the Charter will streamline continuing education requirements as well as the further development of all our employees.

Goals for the Bureau of Training

Our goal is to provide the tools to make all members of the Akron Fire Department the best trained and safest fire departments anywhere.

Apprenticeship

Recruit Class #1

On November 14, 2010 eight new fire fighters were hired and began their training. This class was sworn in on March 4, 2011. They continue to work hard and with the help of all members they have made it through the third year of the apprenticeship. Several members of this class have completed paramedic training at AGMC.

Recruit Class #2

Class two was the first of 2 classes in 2011 to go through a new process where the University of Akron conducts a 256 hour course for the Akron Fire



Department. After graduating from the University of Akron program the nine firefighters began a one month introduction into AFD beginning May 2, 2011. They are now in their 3rd year of the Fire Apprenticeship.

Recruit Class #3

Class three attended the University of Akron and also began a one month introduction into AFD. They were sworn in with class two, November 3, 2011. They were also well received as new members of the greatest fire department in the world. Three have completed Paramedic class at AGMC.

Recruit Class #4

The City of Akron again received the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (S.A.F.E.R.) for 2013 and we added 42 new recruits 25 of which also have military service. The recruits started their Fire Training at our Training

BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING

facility on August 12th. All cadets graduated the State of Ohio Fire Fighter II course and took the oath of office on November 15th, 2013. Thanks to all the instructors and personnel for helping teach the class. This class also went to the Wayne County Fire Training for their live burn. A Basic EMT course will be held here starting early next year for 22 of the recruits.

Apprenticeship Program / Company Level Monthly Training

The Company Level Monthly Training program is up and running. This program provides training materials, tests and answer keys, reference materials, and parallels the apprenticeship program in content. Its design goal was to provide consistency in training across the department, meet re-certification requirements and to provide a method for introduction and review of materials as needed. It is one stop shopping when looking for monthly training. The bureau has begun to have training for all disciplines listed on this page.

Emmitt Road Facility

The Emmitt Road facility better known as the Howard E. Woodford facility continues to grow. 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 has continued to be used extensively. 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. Other departments including Tallmadge and Springfield have begun using the facility for drivers training as well as for May Day training.

The facility continues to store spare apparatus and unused vehicles. The additional space the facility affords has been extended to the Summit County Sheriff's Department for housing equipment here.



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. We continue to track certification and Continuing Education to ensure compliance with the State standards.

Electronic Training Documentation & Resources

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 Captain Brad Carr continue to work with the Bureau to improve access to reference materials, monthly training information, and the latest revision of the Operations manual. The Training page continues to change almost daily, thanks to the hard work of Tim Smith our web page guru.

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 almost eliminated conflicts.

On Going Training

The Training Bureau was able to continue its focus to ongoing and mandatory training for all members. Shown here is the list of some of the activities undergone by the training center in 2013

- Hazmat operations refresher
 - Incident investigations
 - EMT Scope of Practice
 - Hose Testing
 - Pump testing
 - Accountability
 - Pre-incident Planning
 - Channel 1911 video production
 - Video production by Mike McDonald (Video One).
- ### **Upcoming events for 2014**
- 2014 promises to be busy with many classes including:
- Incident Safety Officer
 - Fire Officer I
 - EMT Refresher
 - EMT Basic
 - Inspector
 - Fire Safety Instructor
- The fire department will be conducting a full scale mayday drill in May, as well as doing full scale high rise drills in the spring. FTA will continue to introduce new training methods and materials as well as assist in all levels of training.
- ### **Personnel**
- The Training Bureau was fortunate to have Lt. John Shepard, Mark Harper Sr., the EMS staff and Carol Baughman, again many thanks for a job well done!
- Fit for Fire Testing – with the help of the Fitness Coordinators and the Shift Commanders.
 - Review of AFD Drug Policy.
 - Review of HIPAA Policy.
 - Officer development
 - High rise training

ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION



Edward Hiltbrand
Deputy Chief

Through the diligent efforts of the many employees that comprise the Administrative Subdivision, I am pleased to report that in 2013 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 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



Charles Twigg
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 2013, the combined budgets totaled approximately 46.3 million dollars. Over 90% was earmarked for salaries and benefits with the remainder being utilized for operating costs such as building maintenance, vehicle maintenance, vehicle refurbishment, station supplies, EMS supplies, and station utilities. It is worth noting that AFD was the fortunate recipient of 5.2 million dollars of federal grant money in 2013. Those federal dollars were

used for funding of designated employees' salaries and benefits, new heart monitors, new hydraulic extrication equipment, and additional firefighting equipment.

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.



SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS



The Safety Communications Center employees continue to provide outstanding service to the citizens of Akron. Lynette Slack was recognized for her outstanding service by being awarded the Tom

Schumaker award, which is given annually to the Safety Communications dispatcher of the year. Genau Nousse received the City of Akron Employee of the Month in January of 2013. Safety Communication Technicians Debbie Fast,

Tracie Respress, and Eileen Titus all retired in 2013 after many years of dedicated service. The Safety Communications Technician III's worked year round training many new hires and ensuring that all required certifications were maintained for all Safety Communication employees.

In 2013 our Information Systems personnel continued their excellent maintenance and support of all the Safety Communications computer software and hardware. Information Systems continue to look for new and innovative ways to make our system more efficient and easy to use. Their efforts along with the dedicated service of all the Safety Communications secretaries, technicians, fire, and police supervisors, the emergency needs of the City of Akron are recognized and addressed in an efficient manner.

2013 Calls Received	Individual Categories	Total Numbers
Wireless 9-1-1 calls received	126,927	
Landline 9-1-1 calls received	30,097	
Total 9-1-1 calls received		157,024
Non-Emergency line calls Police (2181)	158,288	
Non-Emergency line calls Fire (2101)	11,941	
Total Non-Emergency calls received		170,229
Total calls received		327,253

MONTHLY ALARM DATA 2013

FIRES					NON-FIRES				
Month	Buildings	Grass/ Rubbish	Motor Vehicles	Misc	False	Accidental	Emergency First Aid	Misc	Total Alarms
January	40	5	10	0	68	40	173	228	564
February	28	2	9	2	45	25	163	175	449
March	36	11	14	0	61	25	167	215	529
April	43	30	11	0	48	34	191	271	628
May	47	48	12	1	62	39	159	275	643
June	27	12	17	1	42	35	163	349	646
July	34	12	19	1	72	41	190	458	827
August	23	22	17	0	52	32	191	327	664
September	24	17	13	0	56	37	166	246	559
October	33	9	13	2	54	44	177	258	590
November	30	9	13	1	57	39	159	288	596
December	27	11	9	0	54	37	204	224	566
Total	392	188	157	8	671	428	2103	3314	7261

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/RESCUE BUREAU



Clarence Tucker
Captain

The Hazardous Materials/Rescue Bureau is managed by Captain Clarence Tucker telephone (330) 375-2164. The bureau oversees the activities of the Hazmat, Technical Rescue, and Water Rescue Teams. The bureau is responsible for all annual site inspections of Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) facilities in Akron, and develops risk and hazard analysis of those facilities for submission to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) of Ohio.

All AFD Specialty teams are a part of the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SORT) and train monthly to maintain their skills. We have team members who participate on the following state and local committees: SORT Zone Coordinators, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Domestic Preparedness Steering Committee, and multiple State of Ohio Technical Advisory Committees. The bureau would like to thank all team members for their hard work and commitment to excellence.

Hazardous Materials Rescue Team

Captain Jim Feeman, Team Leader

In 2013, the HazMat team responded to 91 calls for hazardous material incidents and rescue calls involving the need for extrication. In November, Emerald Performance Materials was one of the most challenging incidents for the HazMat team.

One of the accomplishments for the HazMat and Decon Teams included WMD security and support for the Akron Road Runner Marathon.

Special equipment received in 2013 includes a new HazMat Team

Kenworth T-800 series Truck and two new Area RAE's used for remote atmospheric monitoring.

In keeping with our commitment to maintain a high level of training and knowledge. We completed 36 monthly HazMat trainings with the Summit County Team. We also hosted a HazMat IQ & HazMat Tox-Med at the Akron Fire Department Training Center. The HazMat and Decon teams participated in multi agency drill at Albemarle



Corporation. Numerous organizations participated in the drill including: Summit County HazMat Team, Twinsburg Police & Fire. The team members also

played key positions in the drill.

The team performed 32 Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) site inspections and then completed the risk-hazard analysis for those facilities.

I would like to thank all of the team members for the hard work they put into making 2013 a safe and educational year.



DIVE/SWIFT WATER RESCUE TEAM

Captain Mark Oziomek, Team Leader

In 2013 the Water Rescue Team had its busiest year to date. The year consisted of evidence searches, recoveries, deployments, and the biggest multi-day, multi-jurisdiction, multi-discipline event in Summit County.

Training for the year consisted of two team members becoming Dive Rescue International Instructors (Lt. Duber, and Firefighter Tenney), beginning a State of Ohio Swift Water Technician Class that will be finished in 2014, and

department, and county water rescue classes (monthly training). The department began transitioning from Life Guard Systems to Dive Rescue International. We would like to say thank you to Life Guard Systems for 20 years of safe diving and education, and look forward to a great relationship with Dive Rescue International. We would also like to announce a new team leader Lt. John Duber. The team is planning a Public Safety Diver course, to be put on in 2014.



TECHNICAL RESCUE OPERATIONS TEAM

Captain Michael Hausch, Team Leader

The Akron Fire Dept. Technical Rescue Operations Team (TROT) specializes in the areas of High Angle Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Trench and Structural Collapse Rescue. The Akron team also has a large membership in

the Summit County Technical Rescue Team as well as the State of Ohio region 5 team. We continue to host training scenarios for both the county and regional teams



PERSONNEL

Number of Employees for each Classified Position

TITLE	2013	2012
UNIFORM		
Fire Chief	1	1
Fire Deputy Chief	2	2
Fire District Chief	2	2
Fire Captain	19	20
Fire Lieutenant	53	53
Firefighter	283	246
Total Uniformed Personnel	360	324
SUPPORT		
Fire Equipment Supervisor	0	0
Fire Equipment Foreman	1	1
Fire Equipment Mechanic	5	5
Fire Hydrant Repair Supervisor	0	0
Fire Hydrant Maintenance Worker	3	3
Secretary IV	0	0
Secretary III	5	5
Secretary II	3	3
Secretary II (Temp)	0	0
Secretary I	0	0
Storekeeper II	1	1
Stores Clerk	1	1
Programmer Analyst I	1	1
Quality Assurance Coordinator	1	1
Total Support	21	21
Total Division	376	345

PERSONNEL DATA FOR

Appointments	40	Separated (Temporary - COE)	0
Retirements	4	Demotions	0
Resignations	1	Promotions	0
Reinstated (Safer Grant)	0		
Dismissal	0	Deceased (Active)	0
Lay Offs	0	Deceased (Retired)	3

FIRE MAINTENANCE BUREAU



Michael Hoard
*Fire Equipment
 Foreman*

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.

Following is a summary of the activity of this Division for the year ending December 31, 2013:

JOBS

VEHICLE REPAIRS - MAJOR	268
Includes engines, drive train, fire pumps, transmission, clutches, collisions and rust damage, etc.	
VEHICLE REPAIRS - MINOR	8,683
Includes tune-up, ignition and wiring, lights, brakes, steering, etc.	
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	387
Includes general inspection, lubrication and road tests.	
BUILDING REPAIRS	2,126
Includes heating & cooling, plumbing, elevators, gas pumps, electrical, structural, appliances, and lawn & garden equipment.	
SCBA REPAIR - MAJOR	203
Includes complete overhaul of breathing air equipment.	
SCBA REPAIR - MINOR	2,234
Includes maintenance and repair of all self-contained breathing apparatus and medical equipment	
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE	267
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 2013, Fire Maintenance placed two refurbished ambulance boxes on new GM chassis in service as new Med 2 and Med 3

63201 was assigned as new Medical Unit at Station 2

63401 was assigned as new Medical Unit at Station 3

Medical Units 64400 and 62806 were removed from service to be refurbished



FIRE STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT



Station No. 2 - 952 E. Exchange St.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2001 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2011 GMC
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2012 Ford Expedition

Station No. 3 - 59 S. Maple St.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2003 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2011 GMC
Shift Commander Vehicle, 2010 Ford Expedition

Station No. 4 - 25 E. Thornton St.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2005 Sutphen
2500 GPM Quint Ladder, 2001 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2011 Chevrolet
Heavy Rescue, 1993 Pemfab
Haz-Mat 3826 County Owned 2012 Kenworth
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2009 Ford Expedition

Station No. 5 - 2460 E. Market St.

1500 GPM Mini Tower, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2012 Chevrolet
Foam Truck, 1996 Pierce

Station No. 6 - 1685 S. Hawkins Ave.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2011 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2012 Chevrolet
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, 2003 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2009 Ford
Haz-Mat Decon, 2011 Kenworth

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

1500 GPM 75', 2014 Pierce Mini-Tower
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2009 Ford
Dive Truck, 1998 Chevrolet
14' Boat, 1980 Myers
Boat Trailer, 1984 B&M

Station No. 11 - 1688 Akron Peninsula Rd.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2014 Chevrolet

Station No. 12 - 1852 W. Market St.

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

Station No. 13 - 1544 Brown St.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2007 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2013 GMC

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, 2013:

Hydrants Inspected	1,084
Follow-up Inspections after Use by Fire Companies	61
Alarms Responded to	22
New Hydrants Turned	12
Hydrants Rebuilt	61
Hydrants Winterized	403
Hydrants Repacked	3
Hydrants Serviced	458
Hydrants Painted	14
Flow Tests Conducted for/by Fire Underwriters	19
Hydrants Hit by Vehicles	68
Hydrants Broken	156
Hydrants Flushed	13,684
Hydrants Raised to Grade	4

Hydrant coding specifications:

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

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



IN RECOGNITION

Glad to include Firefighter/Paramedic Mark Harper in a group of past recipients who continue to proudly serve the Citizens of Akron in a way that distinguishes them as individuals worthy of recognition.

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



IN RECOGNITION

Mark Harper/Firefighter

Mark came on the department on March 11, 1985. He came on with a class that started with 24 candidates. We currently have 15 still working.

Mark was assigned to station one right after fire training where he went on to become a paramedic.

Mark worked on the line as a Firefighter/paramedic for approximately 7 years before being transferred to the public education bureau where he worked for the next 16 years.

He then transferred to fire training bureau and continues to work there. His duties there include managing the firefighter apprenticeship program, firefighter training and the Veteran's Administration Benefit Program.

He currently holds certifications as a Firefighter II, EMT, Inspector, Inspector Instructor, Firefighter Instructor, and Public Information Officer.

He has worked with Children's Hospital and the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children for the past 20 years. In 2005 he was awarded "The National Burn Prevention Award" from Aluminum Cans for Burned Children Organization. He now serves on the National Burn Survivor Committee.

His hobbies are Roller Skating and Old cars. He currently owns a 1961 Lincoln Continental.

Mark is 51 years old and is here today with his wife of 29 years Theresa, his son Mark Jr., Mark Jr's girlfriend Sherry and Mark's Sister Yvette. Mark has a daughter Charice who lives in North Carolina and two grandchildren named Cohen and Carmen.

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.

ANDREW KLEIN

BORN..... 2/1/1938
APPOINTED..... 3/25/1968
RETIRED 8/10/1991
DIED 7/25/2013

MICHAEL PODROSKY

BORN..... 4/30/1921
APPOINTED 1/1/1952
RETIRED 4/20/1980
DIED 1/17/2013

JESS SNIDER

BORN..... 2/2/1931
APPOINTED..... 2/5/1957
RETIRED..... 1/20/1984
DIED 1/13/2013

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 ...*

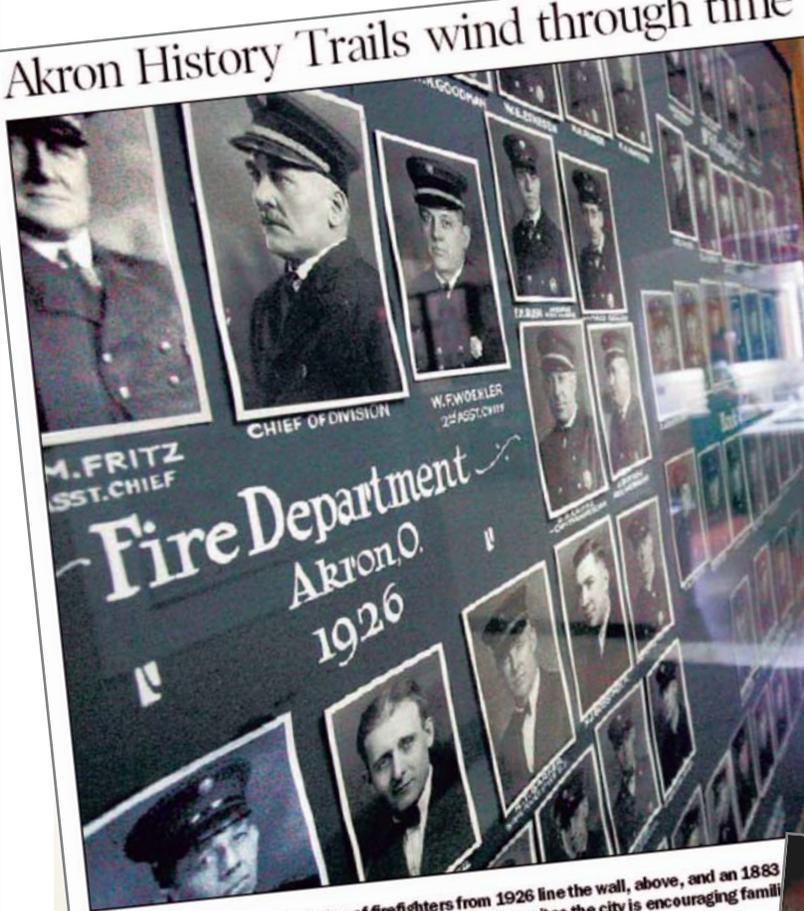
GIVE ME WISDOM TO LEAD

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

AND PLEASE, THROUGH IT ALL, BE AT MY SIDE

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 something of a firefighter museum, is among central Akron sites the city is encouraging family

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 25 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:

Fire Training Academy
1309 Emmit Road
Akron, Ohio 44306
Hours: Daily 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.



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



Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor