



City of Akron
FIRE DEPARTMENT



2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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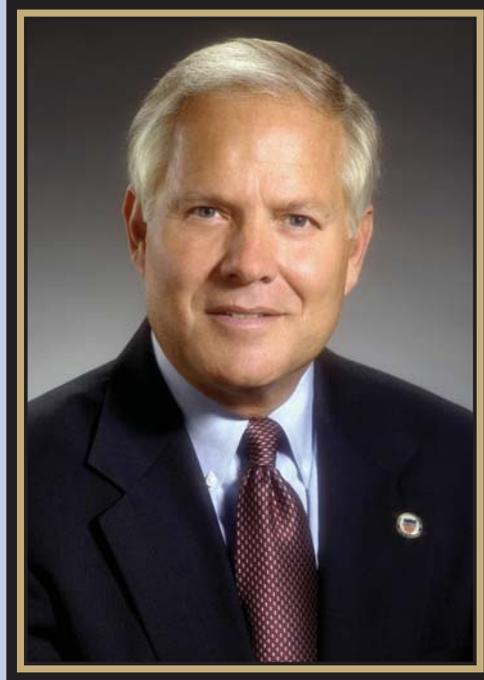
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AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT **MISSION STATEMENT**

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



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 2012 Akron Fire Department Annual Report.

The Akron Fire Department delivered a consistent level of excellent emergency services throughout the year. Specific successes in 2012 include the procurement of two new ambulances, which were assigned to Station 2 and Station 5. We were also fortunate enough to receive a federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant that allowed us to purchase new heart monitors, hydraulic extrication equipment and most importantly, a new "Quint" fire truck that combines the qualities of an Engine and a Ladder Truck. I am also very pleased to share that the Akron Fire Department was fortunate enough to receive a federal SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant that will allow us to hire an additional 38 firefighters!

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.

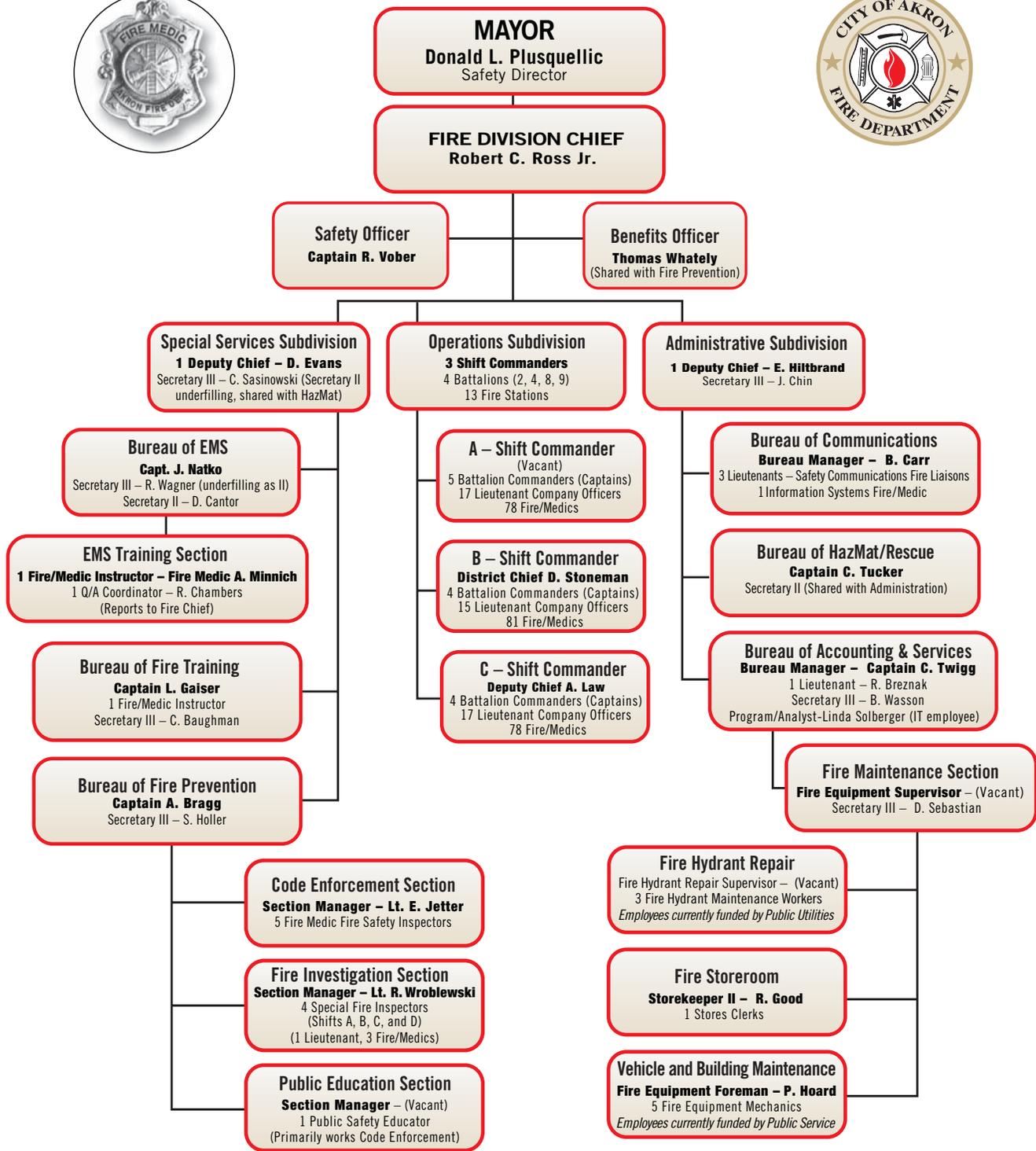
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob C. Plusquellic".

Fire Chief,

SAFETY DEPARTMENT/DIVISION OF FIRE ORGANIZATION CHART

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012



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DEPUTY AND DISTRICT CHIEFS



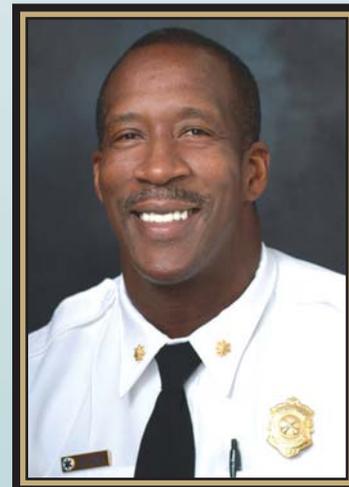
Edward Hiltbrand
Deputy Chief



Dale Evans
Deputy Chief



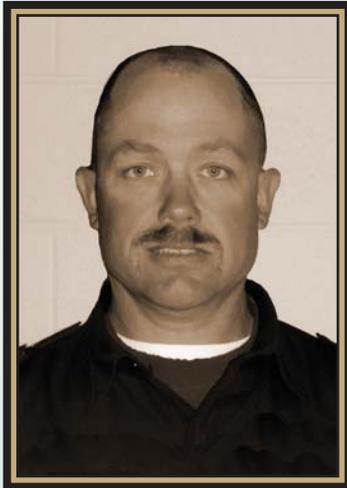
Dennis Stoneman
District Chief



Anthony Law
District Chief

2012

RETIREMENTS

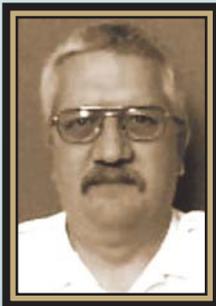


Douglas Fela
Firefighter
Retired 8/25/12



Peter Marinos
Lieutenant
Retired 3/22/12

RESIGNATIONS



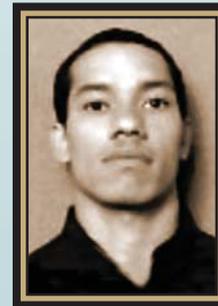
John Gardner
Firefighter/Medic
Resigned 12/21/12



Quentin Guinn
Firefighter/Medic
Resigned 01/20/12



Matthew McAveniew
Firefighter/Medic
Resigned 03/27/12



Marcus Patterson
Firefighter/Medic
Resigned 01/27/12

SAFETY OFFICER



Captain R. Vober
Safety Officer

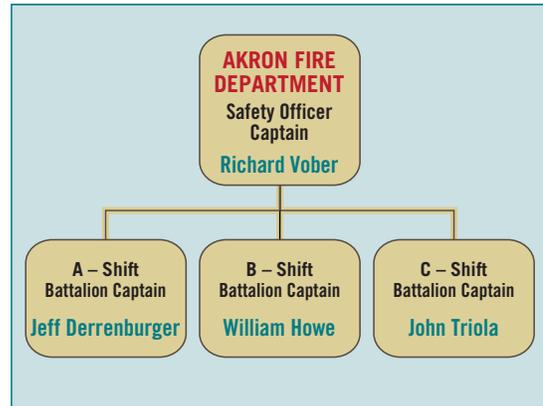
The duties of the Akron Fire Department's Health and Safety Bureau continue to be fulfilled by Captain Richard Vober. As Safety Officer, I am proud to share the following report. One Battalion Commander

has been assigned per shift to ensure documentation and a better flow of information.

Since becoming the safety officer I continue 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 2012 and looking at the national statistics and comparing them with the statistics for Akron.

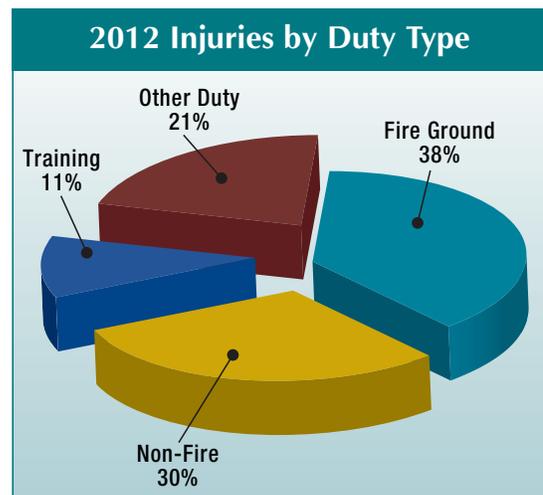
For 2012 the Safety bureau, with the assistance of the Training bureau, administered the Fit For Fire program in which 290 members completed the drill field and 22 brave individuals completed the in station portion. With the use of the EMS bureau we were able to administer TB tests as well as to give flu shots to all members. In 2012 the Akron Fire Department continued the Walking program to improve the overall health of all members. In 2012 we also gained an additional 86 walkers to the program! In 2012 through the assistance



of the AFG grant the Akron Fire Department was able to add new technology in the form of a RAD 57 which measures the amount of CO in the bloodstream. This technology will assist in determining the types of exposures Firefighters face.

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

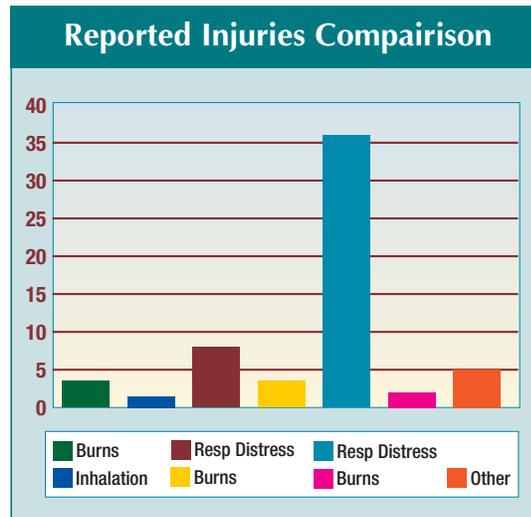
For 2012 we had a total of 57 on the job injuries and 106 exposures. As you can see in figure one: 38% of those occurred on the fire ground. When it is broken down further the information shows that the 63 % of the injuries that we are seeing are caused by sprains and strains. When compared over the last couple of years our injury rate appears to be climbing. Conversely our number of days lost has come down dramatically from as high as 434 days in 2009 to 60 days in 2012.



Comparing to the National average:

When comparing Akron Fire to similar sized departments across the midwest, we can see that the number of fires we respond to is significantly less. However the number of injuries per one hundred fires is much higher than the national average; nationally there are 2.7 injuries per 100 fires. In Akron that number is 5.5 per 100 fires.

For 2012 the Safety bureau, through increased training and education, is looking to



reduce the number of on the job sprains and strains. We are also looking at how we track exposures and injuries, and are looking to improve our Fit for Fire program.

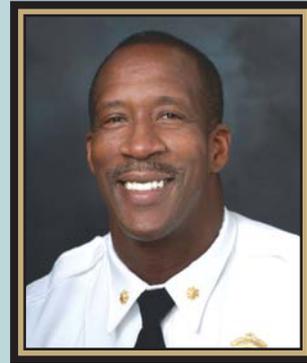
The fire department will continue a more aggressive station inspection process to help ensure the safety of all members.



OPERATIONS SUBDIVISION



Dennis Stoneman
Deputy Chief – B Shift



Anthony Law
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.

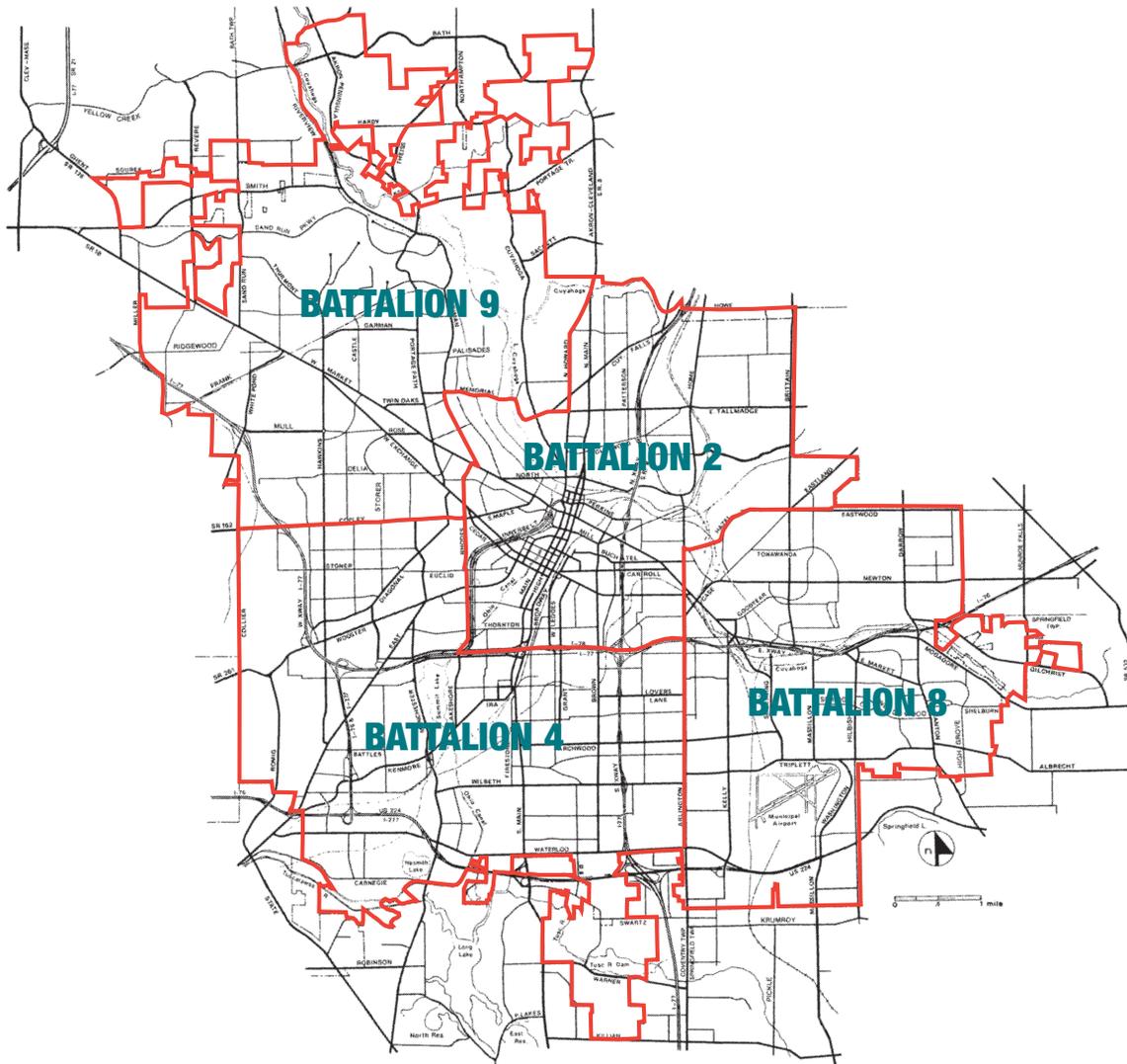
The City of Akron is geographically divided into four sections, known as Battalions. Each Battalion has several stations within its boundaries. Each shift has four Battalion Commanders (Battalions 2, 4, and 9) that are

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	BATTALION 4	BATTALION 8	BATTALION 9
A-Captain Stewart	A-Captain Ware	A-Vacant	A-Captain A. Smith
B-Captain Scott	B-Captain Howe	B-Vacant	B-Captain Oziomek
C-Captain Willoughby	C-Captain Feeman	C-Vacant	C-Captain Triola

FIRE STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL FIRE UNIT RESPONSES & GRAND TOTAL – 15,283



Engines	
Engine 2	1076
Engine 3	965
Engine 4	1006
Engine 5	332
Engine 6	401
Engine 7	799
Engine 8	470
Engine 9	620
Engine 10	643
Engine 11	169
Engine 12	338
Engine 13	367
Engine 14	297
Total	7483

Ladders	
Ladder 4	754
Ladder 7	340
Ladder 8	667
Ladder 9	943
Ladder 10	174
Total	2878

Battalions	
Battalion 2	1142
Battalion 4	1426
Battalion 8	0
Battalion 9	1020
Total	3588

HazMat, Rescue	
HazMat 4	25
Rescue 4	100
Total	125

Other Fire Units	
Total	1075

Grand Totals	
Total Engine	7483
Total Ladder	2878
Total Battalion	3588
Total Rescue	125
Other Fire Units	1209
Grand Total	15,283

Alarms	
Times	
A.M.	2470
P.M.	4835
Total	7305

Causes For	
Fire	880
False	567
Accidental	457
Other Emergencies	1890
Miscellaneous	3511
Total	7305

Types of Fires	
Buildings	403
Motor Vehicles	190
Grass, Rubbish & Dumps	274
Miscellaneous	13
Total	880

Occupancy of Building Fires	
Public Assemblies	8
Educational	4
Institutional	3
Residential	334
Store & Office	11
Basic Industries	1
Manufacturing	4
Storage	16
Special	12
Mutual Aid/Unkown	10
Total	403

Casualties to Citizens	
Injuries	30
Fatalities	0

Casualties to Firefighters	
Injuries	57
Fatalities	0

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

BUILDING FIRES

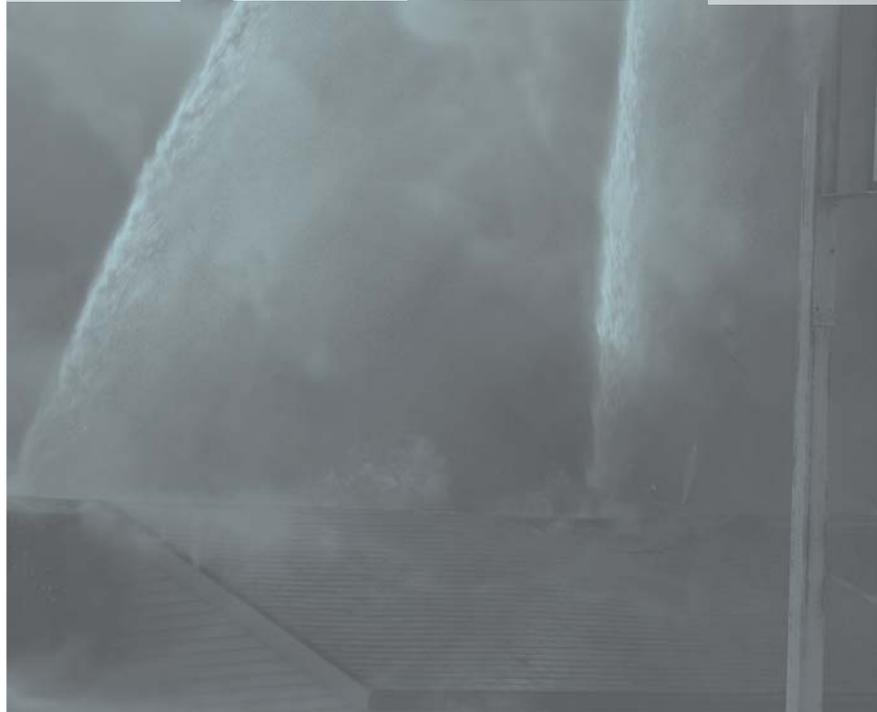
	<i>Public Assembly Property</i>	<i>Educational Property</i>	<i>Institutional Property</i>	<i>Residential Property</i>	<i>Store & Office Property</i>	<i>Basic Industry, Utility, Defense</i>	<i>Manufacturing Property</i>	<i>Storage Property</i>	<i>Special Property</i>	<i>Unknown-Mutual Aid</i>	<i>Total</i>
Incendiary/Suspicious	2	2		33	1		2	1	1		42
Children Playing				8							8
Careless Smoking	1			29					1		31
Heating-Furnace, Chimney, Water Heater				19	1						20
Cooking	5	1	2	132	1						141
Electrical Distribution-Wiring, Light Ballast		1		15					1		17
Appliances-Air Conditioning, Tools, Refrigerator			1	19	1						21
Open Flames				17	1	1			1		20
Other Heat: Fireworks,Explosives,Friction,Hot Material				7	2					1	10
Other Equipment-Commercial, Medical, Electronic				5				1	1	1	8
Natural-Lightning, Chemical Reaction				1							1
Exposures				30	1	1		9	6		46
Unknown				19	3		2	5	1	8	38
TOTAL	8	4	3	334	11	1	4	16	12	10	403

FIRE LOSSES AT \$50,000 AND OVER

DATE	ADDRESS	FIXED PROPERTY USE	BUILDING	CONTENTS	TOTAL
1/9/12	757 Independence Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	65,000.00	40,000.00	105,000.00
1/20/12	947 Morningstone Dr.	One or Two Family Dwelling	95,000.00	15,000.00	110,000.00
3/16/12	554 Douglas St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	65,000.00	15,000.00	80,000.00
3/17/12	435 Reed Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	80,000.00	30,000.00	110,000.00
3/18/12	1728 Sheffield Dr.	One or Two Family Dwelling	40,000.00	25,000.00	65,000.00
3/26/12	766 Abington Rd.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000.00	20,000.00	70,000.00
4/1/12	415 Black St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000.00	1,500.00	51,500.00
4/7/12	515 Anderson Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	60,000.00	30,000.00	90,000.00
4/15/12	254 Storer Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	80,000.00	25,000.00	105,000.00
5/22/12	1551 Treetop Tr.	Business Office	650,000.00	80,000.00	730,000.00
6/5/12	947 Bloomfield Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000.00	15,000.00	65,000.00
7/7/12	275 Ellen Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000.00	20,000.00	70,000.00
7/14/12	366 Beaver St.	Elementary School	50,000.00	2,000.00	52,000.00
7/14/12	643 S. Hawkins Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000.00	10,000.00	60,000.00
8/23/12	730 Carroll St.	Warehouse	50,000.00	200.00	50,200.00
9/11/12	369 S. Arlington St.	Multifamily Dwelling	30,000.00	20,000.00	50,000.00
10/8/12	2100 22 St. SW.	One or Two Family Dwelling	40,000.00	10,000.00	50,000.00
10/15/12	863 Chalker St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	40,000.00	10,000.00	50,000.00
10/27/12	68 Clemmer Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	200,000.00	100,000.00	300,000.00
11/7/12	377 W. Thornton St.	Automobile Services	80,000.00	20,000.00	100,000.00
11/17/12	131 N. Summit St.	Warehouse	100,000.00	10,000.00	110,000.00
12/15/12	1765 Zimil Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	35,000.00	15,000.00	50,000.00
12/30/12	718 Crestview Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000.00	10,000.00	60,000.00

LOSS CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDING FIRES

	Number of Fires	Percentage of Fires	Estimated Loss	Percentage of Loss
Under \$5000	252	63	\$199,177.00	4
5000-9999	34	8	\$218,405.00	4
10000-19999	41	10	\$546,920.00	11
20000-29999	25	6	\$575,000.00	11
30000-39999	16	4	\$562,900.00	11
40000-49999	11	3	\$486,000.00	9
50000+	24	6	\$2,633,700.00	50
Total	403		\$5,222,102.00	



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the activities of the Division of Fire from the year 2012 including a comparison with the activities from the year 2011.

	2012	2011	Up	Down
Total Response	15,283	15,357		74
Alarm Total	7305	6830	475	
Types of Incidents:				
Building Fires	403	487		84
Vehicles Fires	190	182	8	
Grass, Rubbish Fires	274	156	156	
Miscellaneous Fires	13	12	1	
False Alarms	567	533	34	
Accidental Alarms	457	514		57
Emergency Alarms	1,890	1,440	450	
Misc. Calls (No fires involved)	3,511	3,506	5	
Fire Loss:				
Total	\$6,517,960	\$6,809,028		
Per Capita	\$30.75	\$32.11		
Population of Akron	212,000	212,000		
	or	or		
Per Capita	\$32.75	\$34.21		
Population of Akron (2010 census)	199,000	199,000		

FIRE STATISTICS

Building	Valuation	Loss
Public Assembly	\$3,141,550.00	\$78,160.00
Educational	\$44,455,000.00	\$53,011.00
Institutional	\$44,775,000.00	\$150.00
Residential	\$96,271,565.00	\$3,940,531.00
Store & Office	\$10,346,000.00	\$888,550.00
Basic Industry	\$5,800,000.00	\$300.00
Manufacturing	\$45,600,000.00	\$42,220.00
Storage	\$4,600,100.00	\$202,050.00
Special	\$30,289,550.00	\$17,130.00
Building & Contents Total		
Motor Vehicles	\$2,015,243.00	\$1,166,248.00
Miscellaneous	\$668,310.00	\$129,610.00
Grand Total	\$287,962,318	\$6,517,960.00

ALARMS WHERE NO FIRE WAS INVOLVED

Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	
Overpressure rupture from steam (no ensuing fire)	0
Overpressure rupture from air or gas (no ensuing fire)	2
Explosion (no fire)	8
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	4
Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incident	
Medical Assist	1769
Lock-in	14
Search for lost person	1
Extrication, rescue	105
Water and ice-related rescue	0
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	
Combustible/flammable spills and leaks	144
Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition	74
Radioactive condition	0
Electrical wiring/equipment problem	556
Biological hazard	0
Accident, potential accident	15
Explosive, bomb removal	0
Attempted burning, illegal action	5
Hazardous condition (no fire), other	1
Service Call	
Person in distress	50
Water problem	70
Smoke, odor problem	223
Animal problem or rescue	143
Public service assistance	261
Unauthorized burning	438
Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up	0
Service call, other	1
Good Intent Call	
Dispatched and cancelled en route	322
Wrong location, no emergency found	385
Controlled burning	74
Vicinity alarm	4
Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	338
EMS call where party has been transported	0
HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat found	134
Good intent call, other	25
False Alarm and False Call	
Malicious, mischievous false alarm	184
Bomb scare (no bomb)	8
System or detector malfunction	374
Unintentional system or detector operation (no fire)	457
False alarm and false call, other	1
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	233
Special Incident Type	
Citizen Complaint	2
Special type of incident, other	0
TOTAL	6425

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 2012 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 2012 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

The Akron Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services Bureau presents the following summary of the 2012 year:

Akron Fire Department provides Advanced Life Support to the City of Akron with 13 medical units that

are available 365 days per year. These units are staffed with a minimum of two paramedics under the supervision of a medical control physician. Two refurbished medical units were put in-service during the year.

During the past year Akron Fire responded to 34,294 emergency medical runs, a 7 % increase from the previous year. Of those runs, 20,294 ended up as patients who were transported to area hospitals.

Akron Fire also supported many special events with medical units on standby. The following are a few of those events: The OHSAA softball tournament; The Rib, White, and Blue Festival and fireworks display; The Italian Fest; The Soap Box Derby; The Hardesty Park Expo; The Bridgestone Golf Tournament; and The Time Warner Akron Marathon.

In August the re-accreditation document for the AFD EMT program was submitted to the State EMS Board and a site visit was held in October 2012. Re-accreditation by the State was granted by the Ohio EMS Board for five years and there were no deficiencies noted in our programs. Interdepartmental EMT training As well as EMS continuing education is administered under this accreditation.

The Quality Assurance (QA) program for Akron Fire's Emergency Medical Service is coordinated by Rita Chambers in conjunction

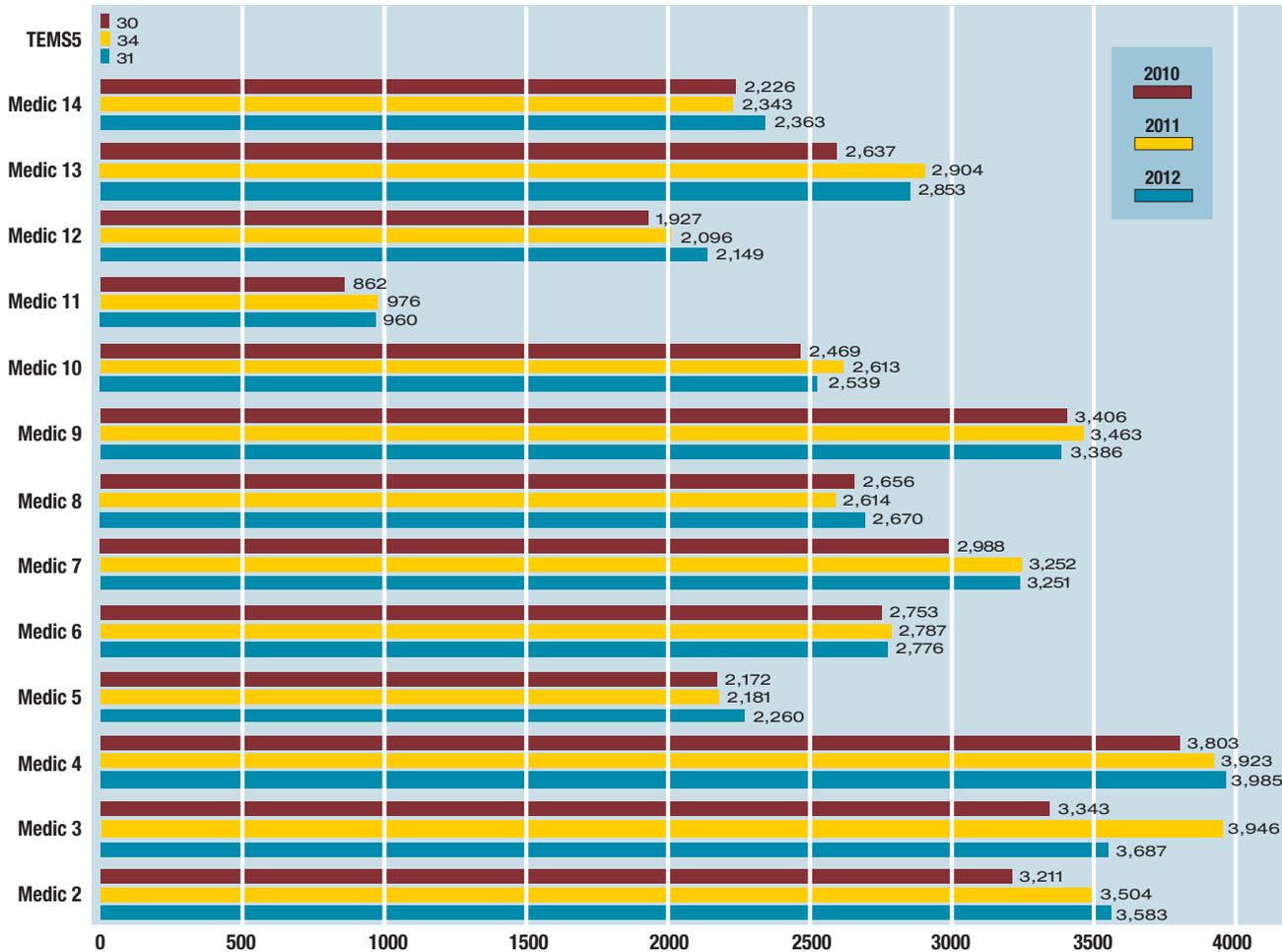
with the AFD Medical Advisor, Dr. Richard Gradisek. The QA program not only handles dealing with professional complaints and report reviews, it also encompasses initial EMS training and continuing education for Akron Fire EMS. Monthly run reviews and optional CE classes were coordinated to keep medics up to date with the latest information in EMS. A total of 15 paramedics graduated from paramedic school and entered the AFD paramedic apprenticeship program after an in depth review of the AFD protocol and EMS equipment. In August 11 more students started paramedic school with an anticipated graduation date of June 2013. We continue to work with area hospitals and agencies to insure that Akron has one of the best educated EMS systems in the country.

The AFD Tactical EMS Team currently consists of 14 tactical paramedics specially trained to treat wounded officers and civilians in austere environments such as drug interdiction, hostage negotiations and barricaded subjects. The team supports the Akron Police Department SWAT team and the Summit County Bomb Squad. The TEMS medic role is to provide immediate treatment to injured persons during high-risk law enforcement operations, provide the scene commander with a medical threat assessment, and promote the safety and health of law enforcement personnel.

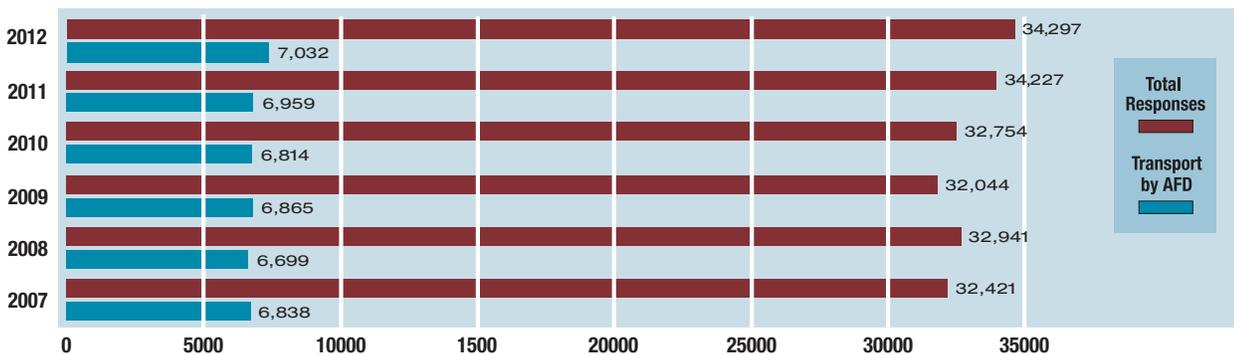
EMS is a vital component and integral part of the Akron Fire Department and continues to evolve and provide outstanding services to the citizens of Akron. This has been accomplished by dedicated, well trained personnel, who are committed to maintaining the highest standard of care the citizens of Akron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

Additionally the Emergency Medical Services Bureau would also like to recognize the following individuals for their support of Bureau functions: Captain Leslie Gaiser and Ray Minnich of EMS Training.

TOTAL RESPONSES BY MEDICAL UNIT

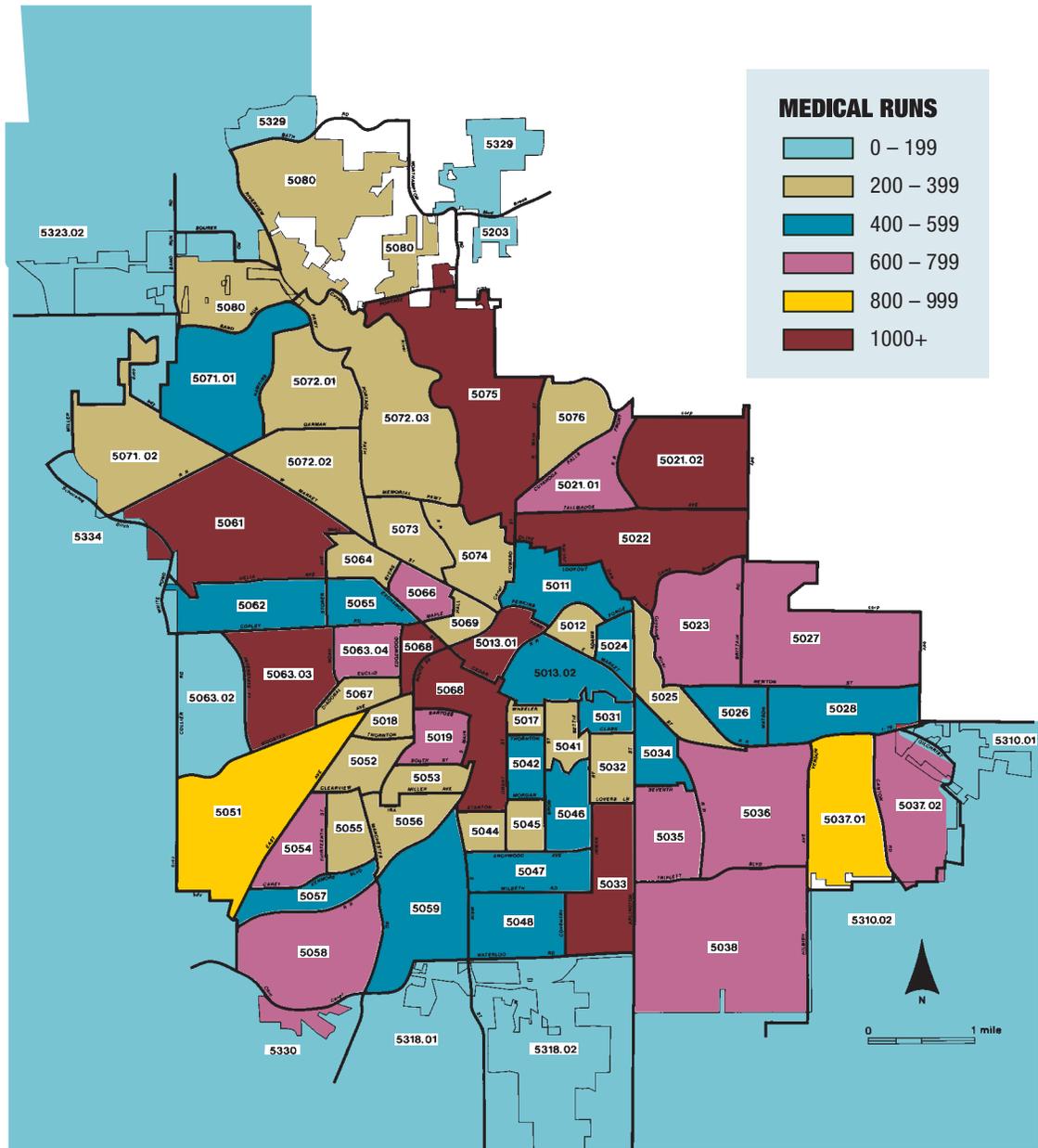


TOTAL SYSTEM REVIEW



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

Total Alarms – 34,294



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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

The new Ohio Fire Code (OFC), which went into effect November 1st of 2011, was the basis for all of our 2012 inspections. The Code Enforcement Section of the Akron Fire Department is tasked with inspecting commercial and residential occupancies within the City of Akron. While normally exempt from routine Code Enforcement inspections, our inspectors are often required to inspect the homes of citizens seeking to adopt children or serve as Foster Parents. In addition to enforcing the current version of the OFC, our inspectors enforce Title 93, which is Akron's local fire prevention code. Title 93 was adopted by the city's legislature to provide an even higher level of Life Safety for its citizens.

Working in conjunction with the City of Akron's Plans and Permits section and the Summit County Building Standards department, AFD's Code Enforcement Section is responsible for performing plans review and acceptance tests of Fire Protection Systems. This includes new systems and/or modifications to existing systems. Fire protection systems include, but are not limited to, sprinkler systems, standpipe systems and commercial kitchen hood suppression systems.

In 2012 all inspectors attended a fireworks update given by the State Fire Marshal's office and monitored 32 fireworks displays.

In 2012, the Code Enforcement section performed plans review of 371 sets of building plans. Our plans reviewers are responsible for insuring that architects and contractor's are adhering to the minimum requirements of the Ohio Basic



Building Code and the OFC. Two of the largest plans review projects were the Bridgestone Firestone and Goodyear Technical Centers.

In 2012, fire companies performed over 2,238 inspections on small businesses and mercantile occupancies, which allowed our Bureau inspectors to concentrate on larger buildings and more complex inspections. Bureau inspectors performed more than 2,137 inspections, in 2012.

Additionally, we performed, OFC required, fire safety evacuation drills at every school, both public and private, in the city of Akron.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Prevention Bureau provides site reviews and environmental information, which may be requested by city departments (Zoning, Health, and Building) and other private or public agencies. This information is often used to identify abandoned underground storage tanks and other outstanding Fire Code violations before a property is bought or sold.

In 2012, the Bureau worked with 12 interns from the University of Akron's Fire Protection Program, this venture gives the students an, up close and personal, view of what a Fire Prevention Bureau does on a daily basis, while at the same time affording our Inspectors the opportunity to impart their knowledge to the next generation of Firefighters!

The Bureau welcomed Certified Fire Safety Inspectors Thomas Whatley and Sierjie Lash to our ranks as replacements for our 2011 retirees. Each of the new members are extremely motivated employees and we are fortunate to have each of them as members of our team.

PUBLIC EDUCATION SECTION

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 educational 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 incidence of injuries, death, and property loss as a result of avoidable behavior.



2012 Accomplishments

The Akron Fire Department Public Education Section partnered with several community organizations (Akron Children's Hospital, Summit County Safe Kids Coalition, the American Red Cross, the Partners 4 Safety coalition, and the American Cancer Society) to provide comprehensive public safety education and fire prevention programs. These programs provide the knowledge, skills, and education necessary to prevent the loss of life and property due to the ravages of fire and other avoidable injury or death causing incidents.

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, distribution and installation
- Fire preparedness plans for businesses
- Fire Safety House visits to festivals and schools



Operation Warm





CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

ASSEMBLIES	INSPECTIONS	RECALL REINSPECTIONS	VIOLATIONS
Church	28	17	206
Night Clubs/ Bars	65	45	321
Restaurants	171	124	857
Recreation Centers	19	13	164
Miscellaneous Assemblies	34	10	179
BUSINESS			
Professional Offices	295	97	568
Medical Offices	120	44	213
Barber / Beauty Shop	0	0	0
Banks	33	9	59
Miscellaneous Business	246	188	1271
EDUCATIONAL			
Daycare	108	42	312
School Elementary	48	24	235
School Jr. High	8	3	64
School High	24	8	109
Miscellaneous Educational	11	12	79
FACTORY / INDUSTRIAL			
Plastic Manufacture	9	9	184
Dry Cleaning	11	9	45
Machine Shop	30	11	159
Print Commercial	21	7	39
Miscellaneous Factory / Industrial	88	42	414
HAZARDOUS			
Miscellaneous Hazardous	0	0	0
INSTITUTIONAL			
Hospitals	33	8	34
Jails	4	2	10
Miscellaneous Institutional	19	9	32
MERCANTILE			
Department Stores	36	32	119
Grocery Store	83	53	329
Furniture Store	25	14	72
Miscellaneous Mercantile	412	214	1164
RESIDENTIAL			
Foster Homes	76	26	230
Apartments	218	108	405
Hotel / Motel	4	3	12
Boarding House	39	18	113
Miscellaneous Residential	37	2	11
STORAGE			
Auto Repair	90	44	241
Miscellaneous Storage	56	46	412
UTILITY			
Miscellaneous Utility	24	14	175
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vacant / Secure	288	29	201
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
TOTAL	2813	1336	9038
OTHER ACTIVITIES			
Plans Review	371	0	0
Site Visits	141	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	3325	1336	9038

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, 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 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.

In 2012 the Fire Investigation Unit conducted 288 fire investigations: 166 residential structure fires, including 37 vacant structures, 21

exposures to other fires, and 12 residential garages. Also investigated were 13 commercial structure fires, 3 of which were vacant, 58 vehicle fires, and 18 other miscellaneous fire incidents. Of these 288 fire investigations, 102 were determined to be Incendiary fires: 50 were residential structure fires, including 24 vacant structures, and 9 were exposures to other set fires. 4 were commercial structure fires, including 2 vacant commercial structures, 39 were vehicle fires, 26 of which were stolen autos, and 7 other miscellaneous fire incidents. In addition, in 2012 the Fire Investigation Unit handled 423 service calls: 278 Carbon Monoxide detector checks, and 145 Open Burning complaints.

In 2012 Fire Investigation Unit criminal investigations resulted in 12 arrests with 10 convictions, 1 deemed incompetent to stand trial, and 1 case scheduled to go to trial in early 2013. The Fire Investigation Unit investigated no civilian fire fatalities during 2012.

The Fire Investigation Unit conducted several Internal Investigations for Fire Administration, and several Fire Investigation Unit members also attended several training conferences in 2012.

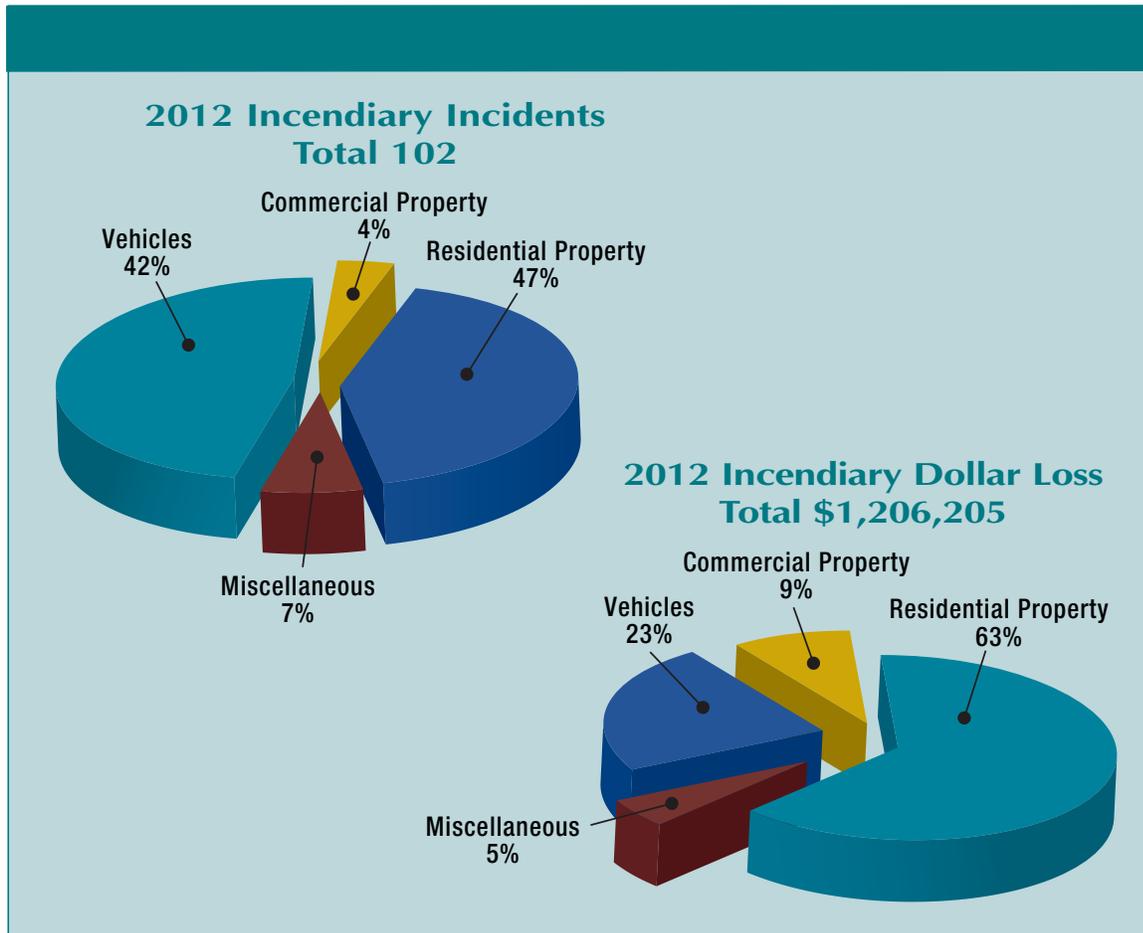
FIRE INVESTIGATORS

Robert Wroblewski, Lieutenant
Bradley McKittrick, Lieutenant

Matt D'avello, Investigator
Ellis Polk, Investigator

Todd Webb, Investigator

FIRE INVESTIGATION SECTION



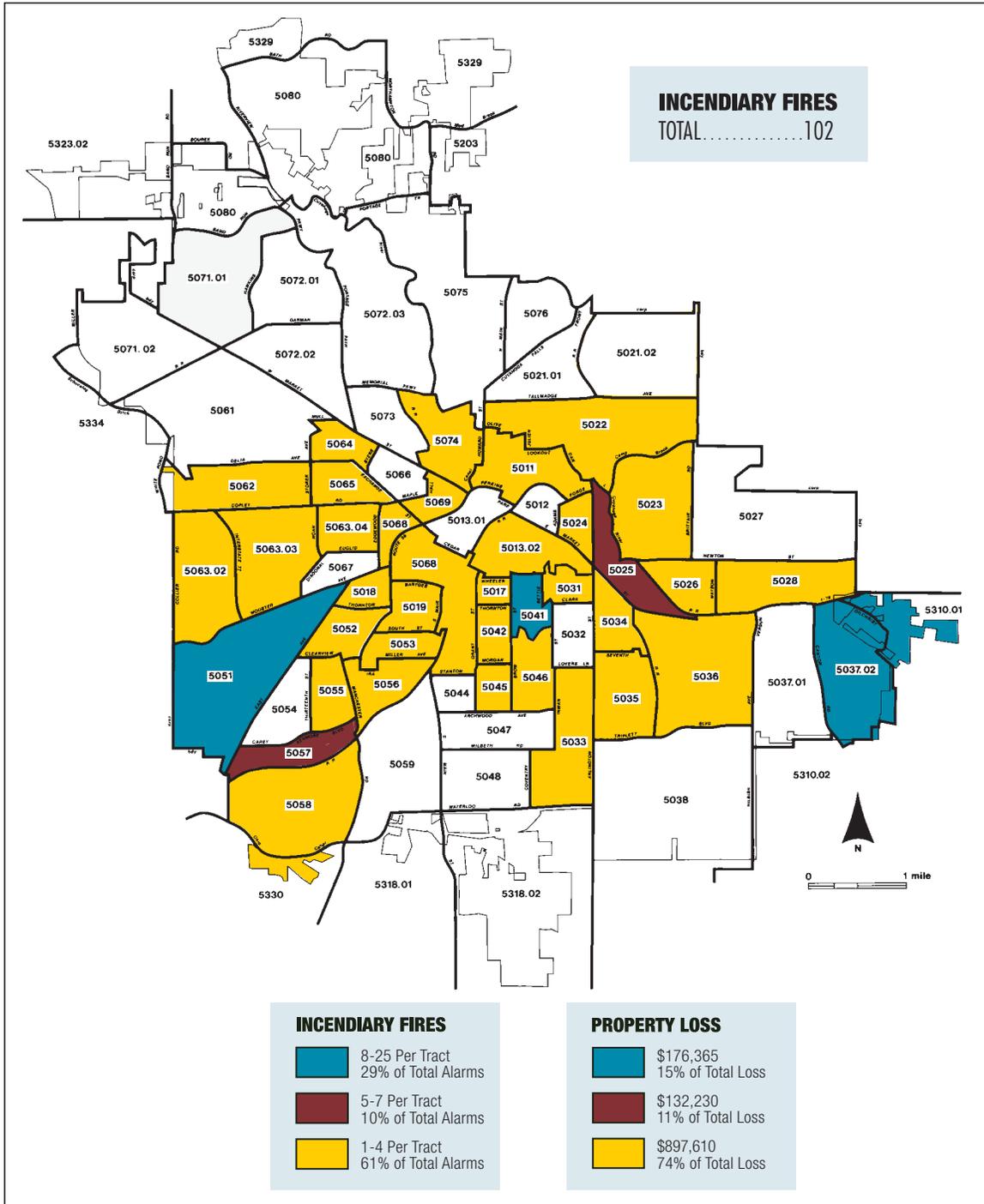
The Fire Investigation Unit continued to be the regional reporting location for fire/burn injuries during 2012. As required by Ohio law, information re: suspicious fire/burn injuries is forwarded from area hospitals to our office where it is retained for potential investigative purposes.

In 2012 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 2012. 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 2013.

INCENDIARY FIRES PER CENSUS TRACT

AKRON, OHIO



BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING



Captain R. 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. In 2012, AFD received its own Training Charter. Thanks to all the staff whose hard work and effort made this happen. 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 department 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 second year of the Apprentiship. Several members of this class started 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 the University of Akron program, the nine fire-fighters began a one month introduction into AFD beginning May 2, 2011. They are closing in on completing their 2nd year of the Fire Apprentiship. Part of this class has attended and completed Paramedic training at Summa and the rest are in the AGMC class.

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 are attending AGMC Paramedic class.

BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING

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. EMT training as part of the Akron Schools Scholarship program is conducted here as well. Other departments including Tallmadge and Springfield have begun using the facility for Drivers training as well as for Mayday 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.

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.



BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING

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 Capt. 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 Web site, have become crucial for those individuals responsible for scheduling or requesting use of the Training Facility and almost eliminated conflicts.

AFD Operations Manual

In 2011 we began the process of reviewing the Operations Manual. As we continue through 2012 we plan to have a full revision using all the Captains.

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 2012

- The International Association of Fire Fighters online course for fire ground survival.
- 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
- 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 2013

2013 promises to be busy with many classes including:

- Fire Officer
- Incident Safety Officer
- EMT Refresher
- 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 receive the help of Mark Harper Sr., the EMS staff and Carol Baughman again many thanks for a job well done!

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 2012 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 2012, the combined budgets totaled approximately 38.3 million dollars, of which 93% was earmarked for salaries and benefits with the remaining 7% being utilized for operating costs such as building maintenance, vehicle maintenance, vehicle refurbishment, station supplies, EMS supplies, and station utilities.

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 the public's first line of contact with public safety authorities in an emergency. Calls are received from the public via 911 phone lines, alarm boxes, TDD (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf), referrals from police, walk-ins at fire stations and other means. In 2012, Safety Communications received 181,252 911 calls and 152,524 non-emergency calls. Calltakers enter information for incidents and code the call using the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatching). The CAD determines whom the dispatcher will send, based on location and specialized needs. The dispatchers 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.

The Safety Communications Center had two employees recognized for their outstanding work in 2012. They were Safety Communications Technician II Dion Browder and Safety Communications Technician I Meg Hammil. Safety Communications Technician I Rosemary Jones and Safety Communications Technician II Gloria McHargh-Beard retired from Safety Communications in 2012 and will be greatly missed. The Safety Communications Technician III's worked year round training the new hires and ensuring that all required certifications were maintained for Safety Communications employees.

Our Information Systems personnel create, update, maintain and support all of the Safety Communications computer software and hardware and is staffed by police, fire and civilian employees. In 2012, Mike Carillon, Jamie Bowen and Mark Whitmire were promoted to Database Administrators (DBAs). Through the conscientious and professional efforts of our secretaries, safety communications technicians, information systems personnel, fire and police personnel, the emergency needs of the City of Akron are recognized and appropriately addressed in an efficient manner.

2012 Calls Received	Individual Categories	Total Numbers
Wireless 9-1-1 calls received	147,019	
Landline 9-1-1 calls received	34,233	
Total 9-1-1 calls received		181,252
Non-Emergency line calls Police (2181)	141,66	
Non-Emergency line calls Fire (2101)	10,856	
Total Non-Emergency calls received		152,524
Total calls received		333,776

MONTHLY ALARM DATA 2012

FIRES					NON-FIRES				
Month	Buildings	Grass/ Rubbish	Motor Vehicles	Misc	False	Accidental	Emergency First Aid	Misc	Total Alarms
January	28	2	16	0	58	29	124	250	507
February	27	11	10	0	30	36	159	190	463
March	43	20	20	1	43	47	163	287	624
April	36	29	15	2	46	40	155	353	676
May	37	36	8	1	56	41	158	306	643
June	52	57	23	4	43	35	183	335	732
July	22	52	23	1	50	46	195	416	805
August	34	16	28	2	34	44	134	364	656
September	22	12	13	0	48	38	167	263	563
October	41	13	14	1	69	37	161	334	670
November	29	17	7	1	44	35	129	205	467
December	32	9	13	0	46	29	162	208	499
Total	403	274	190	13	567	457	1890	3511	7305

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/RESCUE BUREAU



Clarence Tucker
Captain

The Hazardous Materials/Rescue Bureau Manager is Captain Clarence Tucker; telephone (330)375-2164. The bureau consists of the Hazardous Materials Team located at Fire Station #4 (75 technicians), the Technical Response Operations

Team (TROT) located at Fire Station #7 (30 technicians), and the Dive/Swift Water Team located at Fire Station #10 (22 technicians).

The Hazmat/Rescue Bureau responded to 118 emergency calls in 2012. That is an increase from our previous year. We conducted site visits and Risk and Hazard Analysis on twenty-eight Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) facilities in the City of Akron and submitted all EHS information to the Ohio State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). The bureau also maintains information on 144 Superfund Amendment Reauthorization Act (SARA Title III) facilities that are in the City of Akron.

Training continues to be a high priority for all of our teams. All teams have monthly training that is scheduled in advance. We have continued our effort to participate and integrate training with the Summit County Special Operations Response Teams (SORT). All teams routinely train with their county counterparts and we all function within one set of standard

operating guidelines (SOG). We recertified all 340 firefighters to the Hazmat Operations level and trained all of our dispatchers to the Hazmat Awareness level. Thanks to all team members for their continued dedication and professionalism.

In keeping with our commitment to maintain a high level of training and knowledge we completed 36 Hazmat trainings with the Summit County Team. We also hosted a Radiation Class for HazMat Technicians at the Akron Fire Department Training Center. The HazMat and Decon teams participated in a full-scale multi agency drill at The University of Akron. Numerous organizations participated in the drill including: Akron Hospitals, Akron Police SWAT Team, Summit County Haz-Mat Team, Summit County Bomb Squad, and the University of Akron. Our team members played key positions in the drill from its design to monitors and evaluators.

Hazardous Materials Rescue Team ***Captain Jim Freeman, Team Leader***

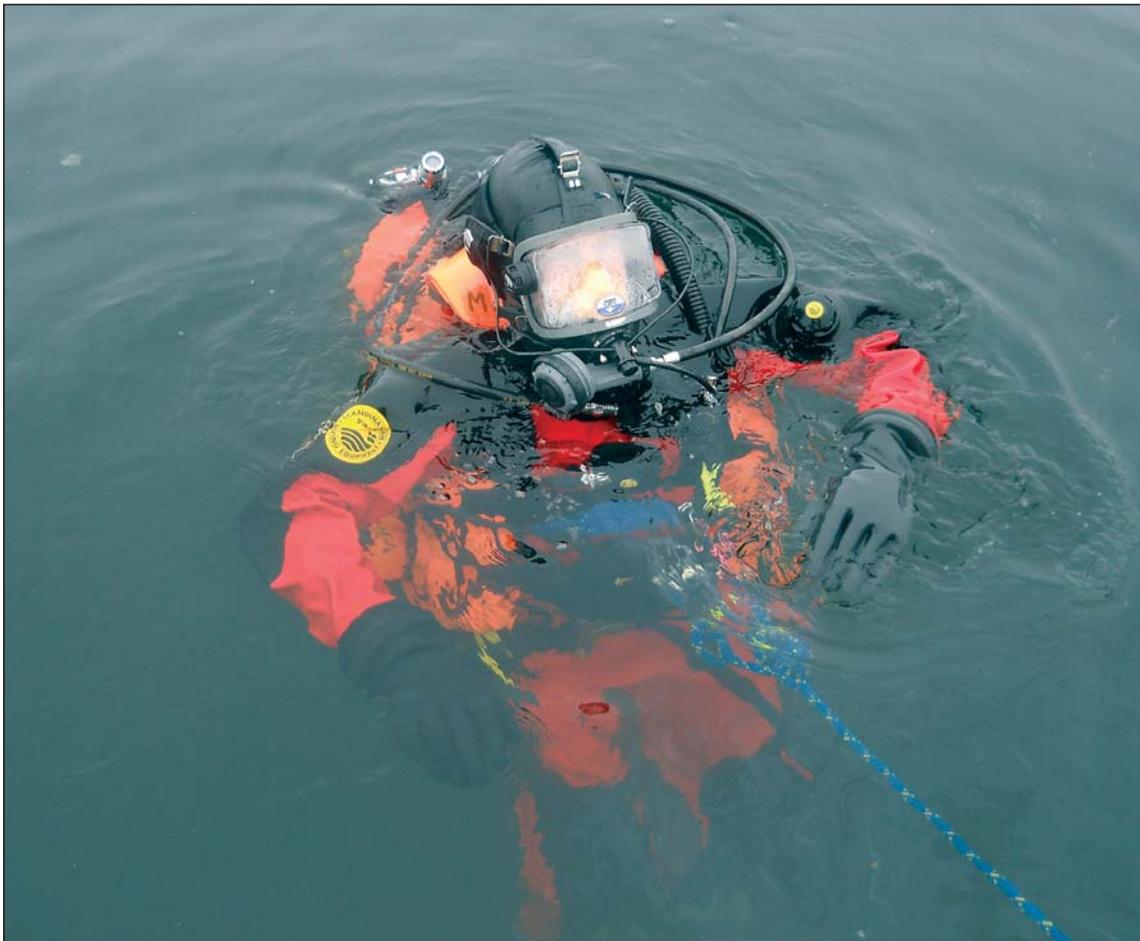
The HazMat Team would like to offer a special thank you to Dr. Mary Jo McMullen for her service as Medical Advisor since the creation of the Akron Hazmat Team. We wish her well in retirement. She has donated endless hours toward helping us become a better and safer team and her efforts are greatly appreciated. I would like to thank all of the team members for the hard work they put into making 2012 a safe and educational year.

DIVE/SWIFT WATER RESCUE TEAM

Captain Mark Oziomek, Team Leader

This year the Water Rescue Team had a diverse year with almost as many out-of-county responses as responses within the City of Akron. We conducted rescues, searches, body and evidence recoveries, covering all types of jurisdictions. The Marine Sonic side scan sonar has become a great tool within the region. The use of this equipment was utilized in half of our out-of-county responses.

This year we sent two members (Lieutenant Scott Duber and Firefighter Mike Flesser) to the International Association of Dive Rescue Specialist Conference in New Mexico. The information that they brought back is being incorporated into the team. We also had a busy training schedule consisting of rope, swift water, and diving, to maintain, and enhance our skills. This year Scott Kenepp, Dave Tenney, and Lieutenant Scott Duber started training for the Dive Master certification.



TECHNICAL RESCUE OPERATIONS TEAM

Captain Michael Hausch, Team Leader

The TROT team consists of thirty individuals who are trained to the technician level. The team continues to train in the areas of High Angle Rope rescue, Confined Space rescue, Trench rescue, and Structural Collapse.

The Akron Fire team also continues to be an integral part of the Summit County Team and the Ohio Region Five team, hosting two yearly trainings for Summit County and one for Ohio Region Five



PERSONNEL

Number of Employees for each Classified Position

TITLE	2012	2011
Uniform		
Fire Chief	1	1
Fire Deputy Chief	2	2
Fire District Chief	2	2
Fire Captain	20	20
Fire Lieutenant	53	54
Firefighter	246	250
Total Uniformed Personnel	324	329
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	4
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	20
Total Division	345	349

Personnel Data For	
Appointments 1	Separated (Temporary - COE) 0
Retirements 2	Demotions 1
Resignations 4	Promotions 1
Reinstated (Safer Grant) 1	
Dismissal 0	Deceased (Active) 0
Lay Offs 0	Deceased (Retired) 8

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, 2012:

JOBS	
VEHICLE REPAIRS - MAJOR Includes engines, drive train, fire pumps, transmission, clutches, collisions and rust damage, etc.	290
VEHICLE REPAIRS - MINOR Includes tune-up, ignition and wiring, lights, brakes, steering, etc.	8,956
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE Includes general inspection, lubrication and road tests.	336
BUILDING REPAIRS Includes heating & cooling, plumbing, elevators, gas pumps, electrical, structural, appliances, and lawn & garden equipment.	1,847
SCBA REPAIR - MAJOR Includes complete overhaul of breathing air equipment.	184
SCBA REPAIR - MINOR Includes maintenance and repair of all self-contained breathing apparatus and medical equipment	2,218
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE Includes driver training, Underwriter tests (pump, hose, and aerial), response to multiple alarms and support services pertinent to the Fire Department.	284

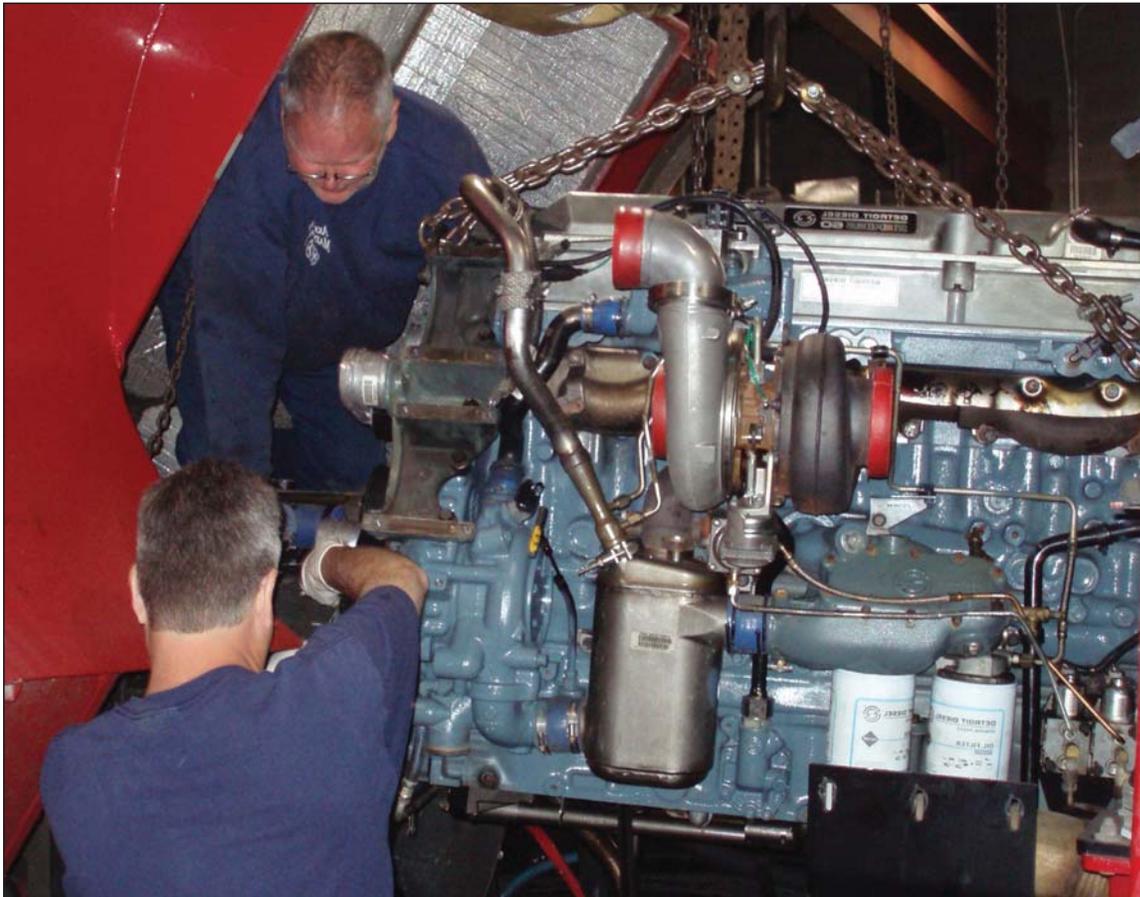
FIRE MAINTENANCE BUREAU

In 2012, Fire Maintenance placed the following vehicles into service:

- 2012 Ford Expedition as Battalion 2
- 2012 Chevrolet 4500 Series van with refurbished box as Medic 5
- 2012 Chevrolet 4500 Series van with refurbished box as Medic 6

The following vehicles were reassigned within the Department:

- Med units 63206 and 63406 were removed from service to be refurbished
- 2003 Ford Expedition 69203 turned in to Motor Equipment
- 1988 Sutphen Pumper 61708 also turned in to Motor Equipment



FIRE STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT



Station No. 2 - 952 E. Exchange St.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2001 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2006 Ford
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2012 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, 2011 Chevy
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, 2012 Chevy
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, 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

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, 2000 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, 2012

Hydrants Inspected	1,093
Follow-up Inspections after Use by Fire Companies	78
Alarms Responded to	16
Additional Hydrants installed	0
New Hydrants Turned	3
Hydrants Rebuilt	50
Hydrants Winterized	364
Hydrants Repacked	4
Hydrants Serviced	492
Hydrants Painted	9
Flow Tests Conducted by Fire Underwriters	49
Hydrants Hit by Vehicles	73
Hydrants Broken	109
Hydrants Flushed	13,155
Hydrants Elevated Above Grade	6

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 Sierjie Lash 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

Firefighter/Paramedic **Sierjie Lash**

The Akron Fire Department has employed Sierjie M. Lash since December 2003; she graduated from the Fire Academy in March of 2004 and Sierjie became a Nationally Registered paramedic in June 2005. Subsequently, Fire/Medic Lash has been certified as a Fire Safety Inspector, Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks inspector and a Hazardous Materials Technician.

Sierjie is the second daughter of six, and very family oriented. She enjoys spending time with her three nieces, and five nephews; she frequently has all eight on any given weekend. Sierjie also spends a great deal of time with her grandparents whenever possible. Fire/Medic Lash is both a foster and adoptive parent; she has fostered 18 children over the years, and her adopted daughter is now 27 year old.

Ms Lash enjoys working with children; she is a Youth Leader at Stones Deliverance Temple, a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters, volunteers with the Boys' and Girls' Club and the Akron Summit Community Action Agency. In addition to her work with youth, at her church, Sierjie is also a missionary and Pastor's Aide.

Sierjie developed a passion for fire safety through her work installing smoke detectors with the United Black Firefighters of Akron. She has been able to further embrace her passion for fire safety and community involvement through her relatively new assignment as a member of the Fire Prevention Bureau's Public Education section.

Fire/Medic Lash is a travel enthusiast, with many of her travels being related to her work with the North Central Region of the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters, where she was recently appointed to the Executive Board.

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.

RICHARD SMALL

BORN 1/15/1952
 APPOINTED 6/8/1978
 RETIRED 7/4/2009
 DIED 3/20/2012

MARC FINNEY

BORN 9/29/1954
 APPOINTED 10/30/1981
 RETIRED 6/11/2002
 DIED 3/24/2012

DANIEL WILLIAMS

BORN 7/5/1956
 APPOINTED 10/9/1980
 RETIRED 10/29/2011
 DIED 5/15/2012

MICHAEL MERLE

BORN 6/11/1927
 APPOINTED 9/3/1953
 RETIRED 4/8/1989
 DIED 7/8/2012

HARLEY EZELL

BORN 7/13/1929
 APPOINTED 1/1/1952
 RETIRED 2/15/1986
 DIED 7/10/2012

ROBERT McDONALD

BORN 12/29/1924
 APPOINTED 11/29/1954
 RETIRED 5/1/1977
 DIED 8/14/2012

RAYMOND BECKWITH

BORN 11/27/1928
 APPOINTED 12/23/1954
 RETIRED 1/7/1984
 DIED 8/27/2012

WILLIAM BOSS

BORN 2/26/1928
 APPOINTED 9/3/1953
 RETIRED 4/6/1981
 DIED 10/12/2012

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 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 24 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



Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor

