



City of Akron **FIRE DEPARTMENT**



2005 ANNUAL REPORT

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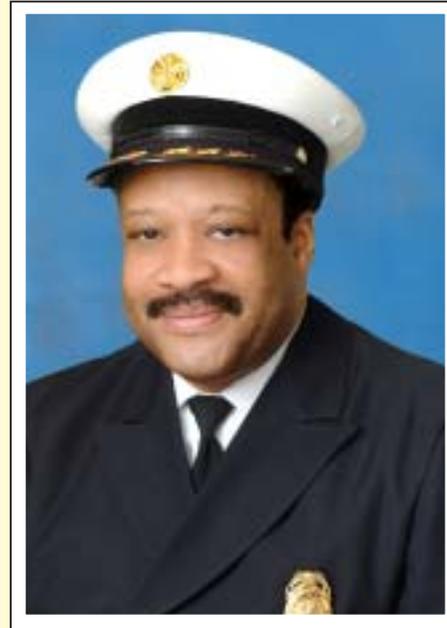
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AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT **MISSION STATEMENT**

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.

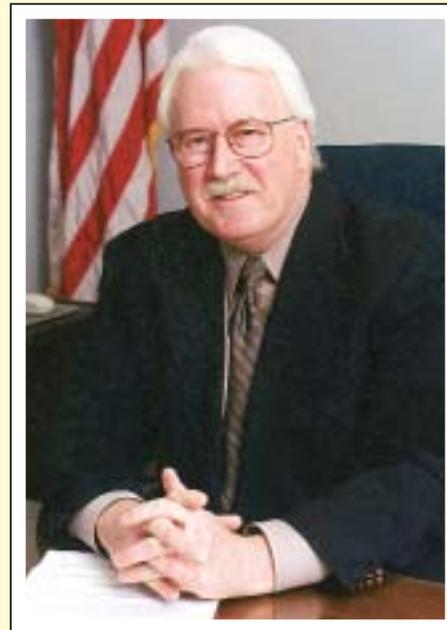
We will accomplish this mission while maintaining a high regard for the safety and health of our personnel. We will maintain a high standard of training, a quality occupational and health program, and a superior communication system. We will receive superb backing from our fire and hydrant maintenance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



Charles R. Gladman
Chief



Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor



George Romanoski
Deputy Mayor



AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT **A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF**

On behalf of the men and women of the Akron Fire Department, I am pleased to present the 2005 annual report to Mayor Donald Plusquellic and his cabinet, members of Akron City Council, and the citizens of Akron.

In the ninth year under my leadership as Fire Chief, our department continues to deliver high quality emergency services that our citizens deserve and expect. At the same time, we are constantly seeking to improve our level of service to the community while operating in a fiscally responsible manner. The balancing act of providing high quality services while striving to contain costs and expenses would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of the members of our department.

In 2005, I was able to fill dozens of vacancies in our supervisory ranks, all except two of them at our firefighting operational level. There were nine lieutenants promoted to captain and 20 firefighter/medic's promoted to lieutenant. The filling of these vacancies will provide leadership, guidance, and control on our fire and EMS companies and will enhance firefighter safety. Also in 2005, we graduated 25 cadets from our Fire Training Academy, further strengthening firefighting force. Additionally, we placed into service a new pumper for Station 4 (Opportunity Park/Downtown area) and an advanced life support (ALS) ambulance for Station 9 (Highland Square/west side area). We signed a construction contract for four new ALS ambulances and expect delivery in the first quarter of 2006.

Locally and nationwide, today's firefighters are skilled, well-educated, highly trained professionals, more valuable and versatile than ever before in the history of the fire service. As technology races ahead, we continue to research new and innovative methods to safeguard those who live, work and visit in our City. The newest responsibilities for the fire service are Homeland Security and Domestic Preparedness. Homeland Security places an additional burden upon all first-responders, but rest assured that the Akron Fire Department will rise to meet the challenges and opportunities presented to us.

With gratitude and thanks to Mayor Donald Plusquellic and his cabinet, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety George Romanoski, the City Administration, City Council, and the citizens of Akron for their support and understanding, I offer assurance that the committed men and women of the Akron Fire Department will be prepared whenever, wherever, they may be needed.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Gladman
Fire Chief

ORGANIZATION OF THE AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT



Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor
Safety Director

George Romanoski
Deputy Mayor for
Public Safety

Fire Division Chief
Charles R. Gladman
1 Secretary IV – M. Ellis

Safety Officer
District Chief J. Kury
Benefits Officer
Lt. R. Marmaduke (Share 20 hours with Fire Prevention)

Administrative Officer
1 District Chief
District Chief B. Combs

Special Services Subdivision
1 Deputy Chief – Deputy Chief C. Strum
1 Secretary II - M. Newman

Operations Subdivision
3 Deputy Chiefs
1 District Chief (Float) – District Chief D. Ott
4 Battalions (2,4,8,9) - 13 Fire Stations

Administrative Subdivision
1 Deputy Chief - Deputy Chief R. Ross Jr.
1 Secretary III - J. Wise

Bureau of EMS
1 District Chief – District Chief D. Evans
1 Lieutenant - (EMS Training) - Lt. M. Lozowy
1 Secretary III-C. Baughman, 1 Secretary II-C.Neel, 1 Secretary I - J. Chin

Bureau of Fire Training
1 District Chief - District Chief D. Stoneman
1 Captain - Capt. J. Natko 2 Fire/Medic Instructors
1 Secretary III, G. Evans

Bureau of Fire Prevention
1 District Chief - District Chief F. Marina
1 Secretary III - S. Holler

Code Enforcement Section
3 Lieutenant Inspectors – Lts. Park,
Walker, Marmaduke
7 Fire/Medic Public Safety Inspectors

Fire Investigations Section
1 Lieutenant Section Manager - Lt.
Wroblewski
3 Fire Investigators (Shifts A, B, C)

Public Education Section
1 Lieutenant Section Manager – Vacant
3 Fire/Medic Public Safety Educators

A Shift Commander – Deputy Chief E. Hiltbrand
5 Battalion Commanders – Captains Whytself, Patrino,
Blasdel, Scott, 1 - vacant
26 Lieutenants, 88 Fire/Medics

B Shift Commanders – Deputy Chief J. Rosneck
5 Battalion Commanders – Captains Case, Vober,
Thomas, Bragg, Oziomek
26 Lieutenants, 88 Fire/Medic's

C Shift Commander – Deputy Chief L. Bunner
5 Battalion Commanders – Captains Stewart, Ware
Greedwood, Twigg, 1-Vacant.
26 Lieutenants, 88 Fire/Medic's

Bureau of Communications
1 District Chief – District Chief J. Kury
3 Lieutenants - Fire Liaisons
1 Lieutenant-1 Fire/Medic – Information Systems

Bureau of HazMat-Rescue
1 District Chief - District Chief J. Green
1 Captain - Captain C. Tucker
1 Lieutenants - Lt. P. Gauer

Bureau of Accounting and Services
1 Lieutenant - Lt. R. Breznak
1 Secretary III – B. Wasson

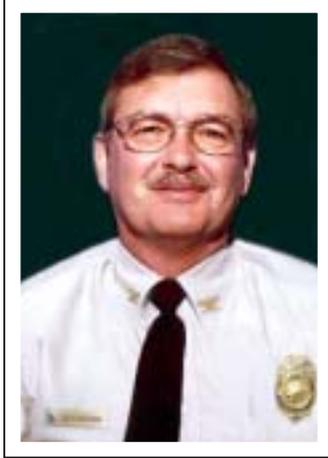
Bureau of Fire Maintenance
1 Fire Equip Master Supervisor – M. Sombrio
1 Secretary III – D. Sebastian

Fire Hydrant Repair Section
1 Fire Hydrant Supervisor – G. Williams
3 Fire Hydrant Workers

Fire Storeroom Section
1 Storekeeper II – R. Good
2 Store Clerks

Vehicle and Building Maintenance Section
1 Fire Equipment Master Foreman – N. Bierwirth
8 Fire Equipment Master mechanics

**2005
DEPUTY CHIEFS**



Dep. Chief Charles Strum



Dep. Chief Larry Bunner



Dep. Chief Edward Hiltbrand



Dep. Chief Robert Ross



Dep. Chief John Rosneck

**2005
DISTRICT CHIEFS**



D/C James Green



D/C Douglas Ott



D/C Brent E. Combs



D/C Frank Marina

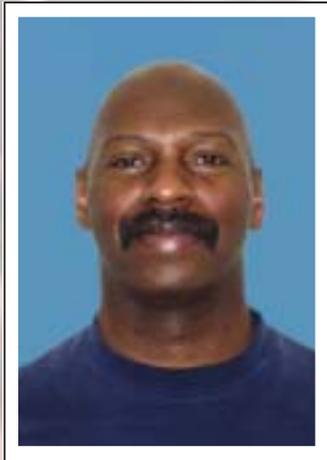


D/C Dale Evans



D/C Joseph Kury

**2005
RETIREES**



FF VERNON DOTSON



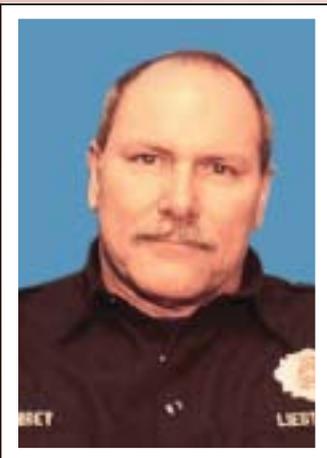
DEP. CHIEF DANIEL ELETICH



FF DENNIS GAFFNEY



FF MICHAEL HARVEY



LT. BRUCE SHIREY



LT. THOMAS VAN NOSTRAN

SAFETY OFFICER



Joseph J. Kury
District Chief

In 2005, The Akron Fire Department saw the total number of injuries and exposures decrease.

The Annual TB testing was administered to all personnel. Flu shots were made available to the Akron Police Department, Communication Center and the Akron Fire Department.

COMPARISON OF INJURIES FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS

Type of Data	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Number of Injuries/Exposures	262	285	318	292	278	241
Injuries Sustained at Structural Fires	26	34	39	46	38	33
Injuries Sustained at EMS Incidents	24	25	62	45	28	35
Respond/Return Fire & EMS	6	9	7	10	5	10
Burns	6	10	3	6	4	5
Fractures	3	3	0	1	1	2
Sprain/Strains	36	66	80	72	52	61
Back Injuries	20	22	34	32	23	27
Exposures to Infectious Disease	25	49	66	54	64	29
Exposures to Hazardous Material	132	30	124	88	103	86
Days Lost/Injuries	285	82	88	143	64	50

FIT FOR FIRE

This year three hundred and fifty-one firefighters participated the **Fit for Fire** performance evaluations. Two hundred and twenty-three personnel performed the Drill Field test, and all achieved a passing score. One hundred and twenty-eight chose the in-house evaluation. The following chart reflects the AFD's in-house testing performance.



OPERATIONS SUBDIVISION



Daniel Eletich
Deputy Chief - A Shift



Robert Ross
Deputy Chief - B Shift



Edward Hiltbrand
Deputy Chief - B Shift



Larry Bunner
Deputy Chief - C Shift

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

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

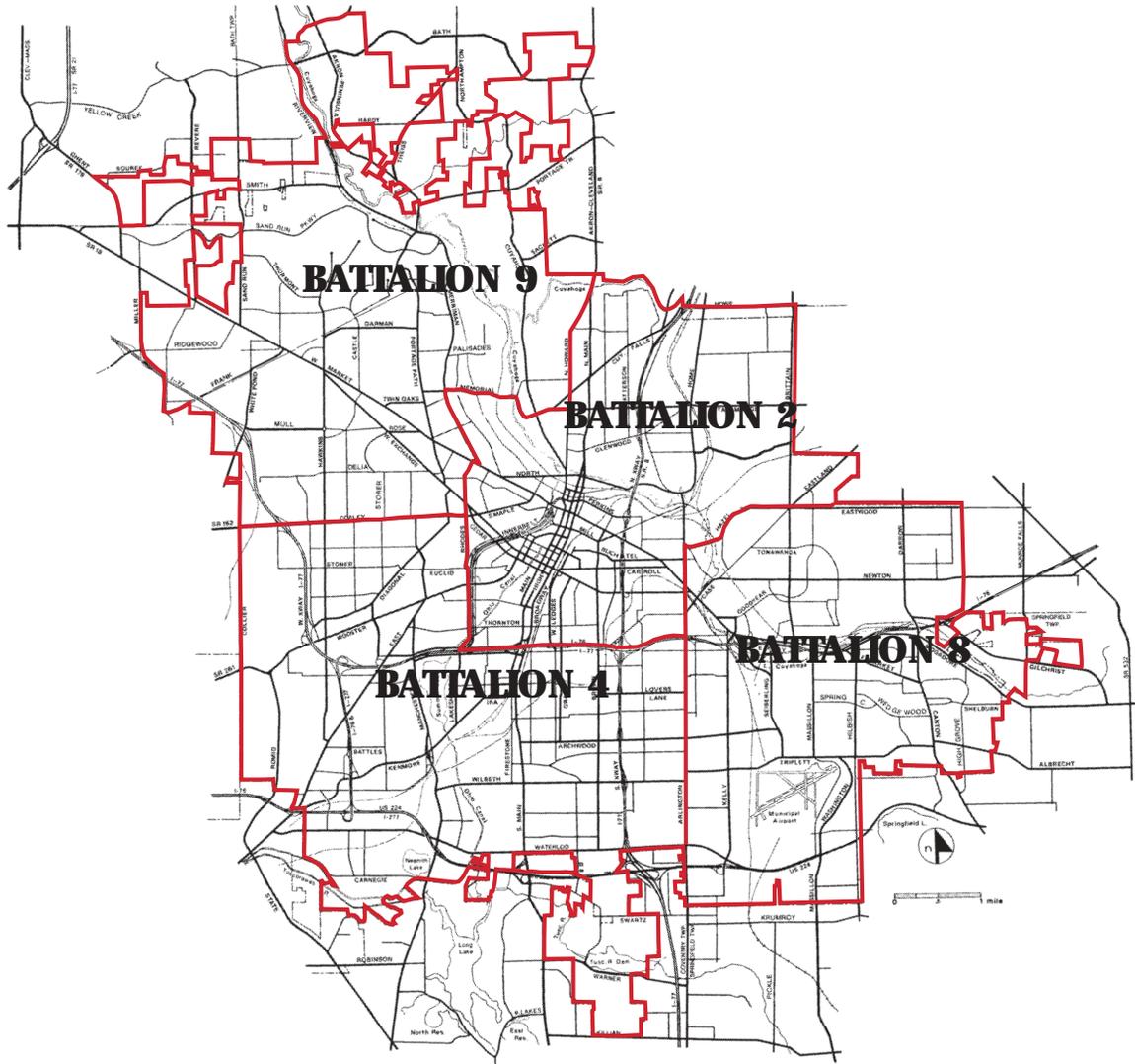
The City of Akron is geographically divided into four sections, known as Battalions. Each Battalion has several stations within its boundaries. Each shift has four Battalion Commanders

(Battalions 2, 4, 8, and 9) that are responsible for command and control of most emergency incidents in the City. The Battalion Commanders supervise the individual companies in their respective Battalions.

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

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

BATTALION DISTRICTS



BATTALION 2

A-Capt. Whytsell
 B-Capt. Case
 C-Capt. Stoneman

BATTALION 4

A-Capt. Patrino
 B-Capt. Vober
 C-Capt. Ware

BATTALION 8

A-Capt. Scott
 B-Capt. Thomas
 C-Capt. Greenwood

BATTALION 9

A-Capt. Blasdel
 B-Capt. Law
 C-Capt. Twigg



FIRE STATISTICS

FIRE ALARM RESPONSE GRAND TOTAL – 17,865



Engines

Engine 2	1,113
Engine 3	952
Engine 4	1,177
Engine 5	427
Engine 6	625
Engine 7	814
Engine 8	509
Engine 9	877
Engine 10	616
Engine 11	223
Engine 12	511
Engine 13	432
Engine 14	383

Battalions

Battalion 2	1,464
Battalion 4	1,626
Battalion 8	609
Battalion 9	1,317

Haz Mat, Rescue

Haz Mat 4	111
Rescue 4	108

Ladders

Ladder 4	960
Ladder 7	540
Ladder 8	678
Ladder 9	1,015
Ladder 10	241

Total Engine 8,659

Total Ladder 3,434

Total Battalion 5,016

Total Rescue 219

Other Fire Units 537

Alarms

Times	A.M.
A.M.	3,030
P.M.	4,855

Causes for:

Fire	1,192
False	932
Accidental	512
Other Emergencies	1,623
Miscellaneous	3,626

Types of Fires:

Buildings	529
Motor Vehicles	259
Grass, Rubbish & Dumps	381
Misc.	23

Occupancy of Building Fires:

Public Assemblies	10
Educational	3
Institutional	4
Residential	447
Store & Office	10
Basic Industries	8
Manufacturing	12
Storage	27
Special	8

Casualties to Citizens:

Injuries	50
Fatalities	5

Casualties to Firefighters:

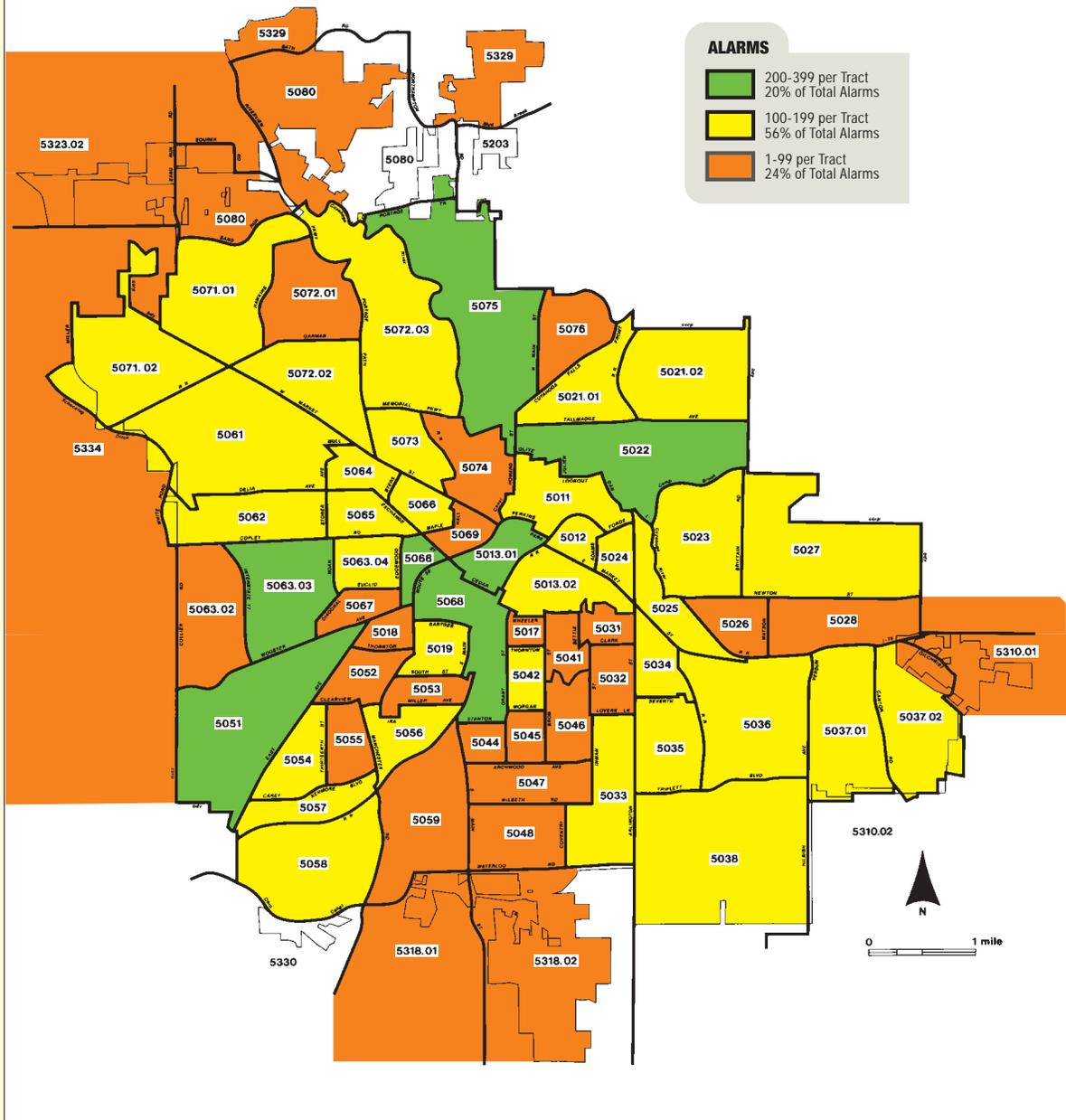
Injuries	278
Fatalities	0

In Services:

Engine Companies	13
Ladder Companies	5
Medics & Medic Combos	13
Personnel	376
Alarm Boxes	215

RESPONSES TO ALARMS BY AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT PER CENSUS TRACT

TOTAL ALARMS - 7,885



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>Total</i>
Careless Smoking				27	2		1			30
Children Playing with Matches/Lighters				16						16
Unattended/ Overheated Food on Stove	3	1		180	1			1		186
Defective Wiring, Transformers/Short Circuit			1	24	1	2		1		29
Defective Electrical Appliances/ Overheated	1			6		1	2			10
Open Flames, Lights, Candles, Matches				15						15
Design/Construction	1			16	1			9	3	30
Overheated Furnaces, Stoves & Heaters				8			1			9
Combustibles near heaters, Stoves, Furnaces			1	23	2	1	1	2		30
Incendiary & Set				53				5	1	59
Careless Use of Flammable Liquids				1						1
Defective Heating & Cooling										0
Leaking Gas Pipes and Appliances				3						3
Automotive Fires in Buildings								1		1
Lightning				2					1	3
Spontaneous Ignition							2	1		3
Sparks from Welding, Cutting Torches				1	1	2	3			7
Hot Ashes near Combustibles								1		1
Overheated Clothing/Lint in Dryer	1			12						13
Sparks from Chimneys, Incinerators				10	1		1	1		13
Static or Friction Sparks										0
Mental/Physical Impairment										0
Fireworks/Sparklers								1		1
Kerosene Heater Fires				1						1
Miscellaneous	4	2	2	28	1	1	1	5		44
Undetermined & Suspicious				21		1			2	24
TOTAL	10	3	4	447	10	8	12	27	8	529

LOSS CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDING FIRES

	Number of Fires	Percentage of Fires	Estimated Loss	Percentage of Loss
Under \$5000	368	69.57	\$258,596	5.2
5000-9999	36	6.81	\$246,650	4.96
10000-19999	40	7.56	\$539,300	10.85
20000-29999	29	5.48	\$679,500	13.67
30000-39999	18	3.4	\$583,000	11.73
40000-49999	12	2.27	\$512,500	10.31
50000+	26	4.91	\$2,152,000	43.28
Total	529		\$4,971,546	



FIRE LOSSES AT \$50,000 AND OVER

Date	Address Fixed and Property Use	Building	Contents	Total
1/12/05	1229 Andrus Street Boarding/Rooming	\$100,000	25,000	125,000
1/24/05	48 Cicero Plaza Multifamily Dwelling	\$50,000	\$1,000	\$51,000
3/11/05	1357 Doty Drive Multifamily Dwelling	\$100,000	\$20,000	\$120,000
4/16/05	1780 Sycamore Street One or Two Family Dwelling	\$125,000	\$25,000	\$150,000
4/22/05	95 Canton Road Manufacturing	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
4/24/05	1055 Jason Avenue One or Two Family Dwelling	\$54,000	\$27,000	\$81,000
5/28/05	2307 11th Street SW Multifamily Dwelling	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$75,000
6/12/05	191 East Miller Avenue Warehouse	\$250,000	\$1,000	\$251,000
7/02/05	2629 Albrecht Avenue One or Two Family Dwelling	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
7/04/05	813 Elmore Avenue One or Two Family Dwelling	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$50,000
7/12/05	622 Cora Avenue One or Two Family Dwelling	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
7/18/05	952 Barbara Avenue Multifamily Dwelling	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
7/23/05	680 Stevenson Avenue One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
8/04/05	1132 Tonawanda Avenue One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
8/12/05	86 Broad Street Multifamily Dwelling	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
9/04/05	1353 Moore Street One or Two Family Dwelling	\$36,000	\$15,000	\$51,000
9/05/05	48 East Mapledale Avenue One or Two Family Dwelling	\$100,000	\$30,000	\$130,000
10/04/05	585 Talbot Avenue One or Two Family Dwelling	\$60,000	\$10,000	\$70,000

FIRE LOSSES AT \$50,000 AND OVER (Continued)

Date	Address and Fixed Property Use	Building	Contents	Total
10/26/05	1250 Weathervane Lane Multifamily Dwelling	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
10/27/05	708 Allyn Street One or Two Family Dwelling	\$36,000	\$24,000	\$60,000
11/09/05	1131 Princeton Street One or Two Family Dwelling	\$70,000	\$2,000	\$72,000
11/15/05	400 West Bartges Street One or Two Family Dwelling	\$75,000	\$20,000	\$95,000
11/18/05	48 South Walnut Street Multifamily Dwelling	\$60,000	\$25,000	\$85,000
11/29/05	2083 20th Street SW One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Following is a summary of the activities of the Division of Fire for the year 2005 including a comparison with the activities of the year 2004.

	2005	2004	Up	Down
Total Response	17,883	17,351	532	
Alarm Total <i>(Skipping Types of Alarms for 2004)</i>	7,885	7,601	284	
Types of Incidents:				
Building Fires	529	525	4	
Vehicles Fires	259	266		7
Grass, Rubbish & Dump Fires	381	265	116	
Miscellaneous Fires	23	118		95
False Alarms	932	354	578	
Accidental Alarms	512	957		445
Emergency Alarms	1,623	1,238	385	
Misc. Calls (No fires involved)	3,626	4,047		421
Fire Loss:				
Total	5,889,940	8,841,591		
Per Capita	27.78	41.71		
Population of Akron	212,000	212,000		

FIRE STATISTICS

Building	Valuation	Loss
Public Assembly	\$13,550,000	\$45,010
Educational	\$13,000,000	\$0
Institutional	\$33,330,000	\$1,250
Residential	\$285,539,645	\$4,272,120
Store and Office	\$5,921,500	\$12,100
Basic Industry	\$107,363,000	\$51,850
Manufacturing	\$27,050,000	\$98,850
Storage	\$7,407,795	\$486,416
Special	\$106,950	\$3,950
Building & Contents Total	\$493,268,890	\$4,971,546
Motor Vehicles	\$1,609,570	\$814,837
Miscellaneous	\$14,051,997	\$103,557
Grand Total	\$508,930,457	\$5,889,940

ALARMS WHERE NO FIRE WAS INVOLVED

Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	
Overpressure rupture from steam (no ensuing fire)	16
Overpressure rupture from air or gas (no ensuing fire)	21
Explosion (no fire)	0
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	40
Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incident	
Medical Assist	1532
Lock-in	4
Search for lost person	2
Extrication, rescue	85
Water and ice-related rescue	0
Electrical Rescue	0
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	
Combustible/flammable spills and leaks	181
Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition	100
Radioactive condition	0
Electrical wiring/equipment problem	611
Biological hazard	4
Accident, potential accident	26
Explosive, bomb removal	2
Attempted burning, illegal action	5
Hazardous condition (no fire), other	19
Service Call	
Person in distress	70
Water problem	118
Smoke, odor problem	242
Animal problem or rescue	240
Public service assistance	256
Unauthorized burning	227
Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up	4
Service call, other	199

ALARMS WHERE NO FIRE WAS INVOLVED (Continued)

Good Intent Call	
Dispatched and cancelled en route	324
Wrong location, no emergency found	252
Controlled burning	93
Vicinity alarm	7
Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	207
EMS call where party has been transported	5
HazMat release investigation with no HazMat found	58
Good intent call, other	168
False Alarm and False Call	
Malicious, mischievous false alarm	248
Bomb scare (no bomb)	29
System or detector malfunction	510
Unintentional system or detector operation (no fire)	512
False alarm and false call, other	145
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	121
Special Incident Type	
Citizen Complaint	11
Special type of incident, other	3
TOTAL	6693



SPECIAL OPERATIONS SUBDIVISION

The Special Operations Subdivision is overseen by the Special Operations Subdivision Deputy Chief and is made up of the Emergency Medical Services Bureau, the Fire Training Bureau, and the HazMat-Rescue Bureau.

The **Emergency Medical Services Bureau** is probably the most visible component of the Akron Fire Department today. The largest percentages 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. Our EMS system is regarded as one of the finest in the country and our goal is to continue the tradition of excellent service we provide to the citizens of the City of Akron. The Emergency Medical Services Bureau offices are located at Fire Administration and the Bureau currently is managed by District Chief Dale Evans. The EMS Bureau telephone number is (330) 375-2071.

The **HazMat-Rescue Bureau** supervises the specialized teams 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 (HazMat-Rescue). The Dive Rescue Team based at Station 10 in Kenmore 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 in North Hill 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 the growing problem of emergencies involving hazardous chemicals 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 of these team members have received considerable training in their specific disciplines and attend continuing education on a regular basis to ensure their skills are kept top-notch. The HazMat-Rescue Bureau offices are located at 25 E. Thorton St. (Fire Station 4) and the Bureau is currently managed by District Chief James Green. The HazMat-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, delivers and tests on the wide variety of topics that the Fire/Medics of today's ever-changing world need to be skilled. 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 the Fire Department's services in a safe, efficient manner. The Fire Training Bureau offices are located at 766 Brittain Rd. (Fire Station 14) and the Bureau is currently managed by District Chief Douglas Ott. The Fire Training Bureau telephone number is (330) 375-2635.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU



Dale Evans
District Chief

On behalf of the Akron Fire Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Bureau it is my pleasure to present this summary activities for the year 2005. One of our many objectives

within the Akron Fire Department is to improve the quality of life within the community by providing a high quality emergency medical service. It is our priority in the EMS Bureau to provide this service in a competent, efficient and professional manner. In order to accomplish this we provide our paramedics with the highest quality vehicles, equipment and training that our budget permits. Additionally we review our performance with a comprehensive quality assurance program.

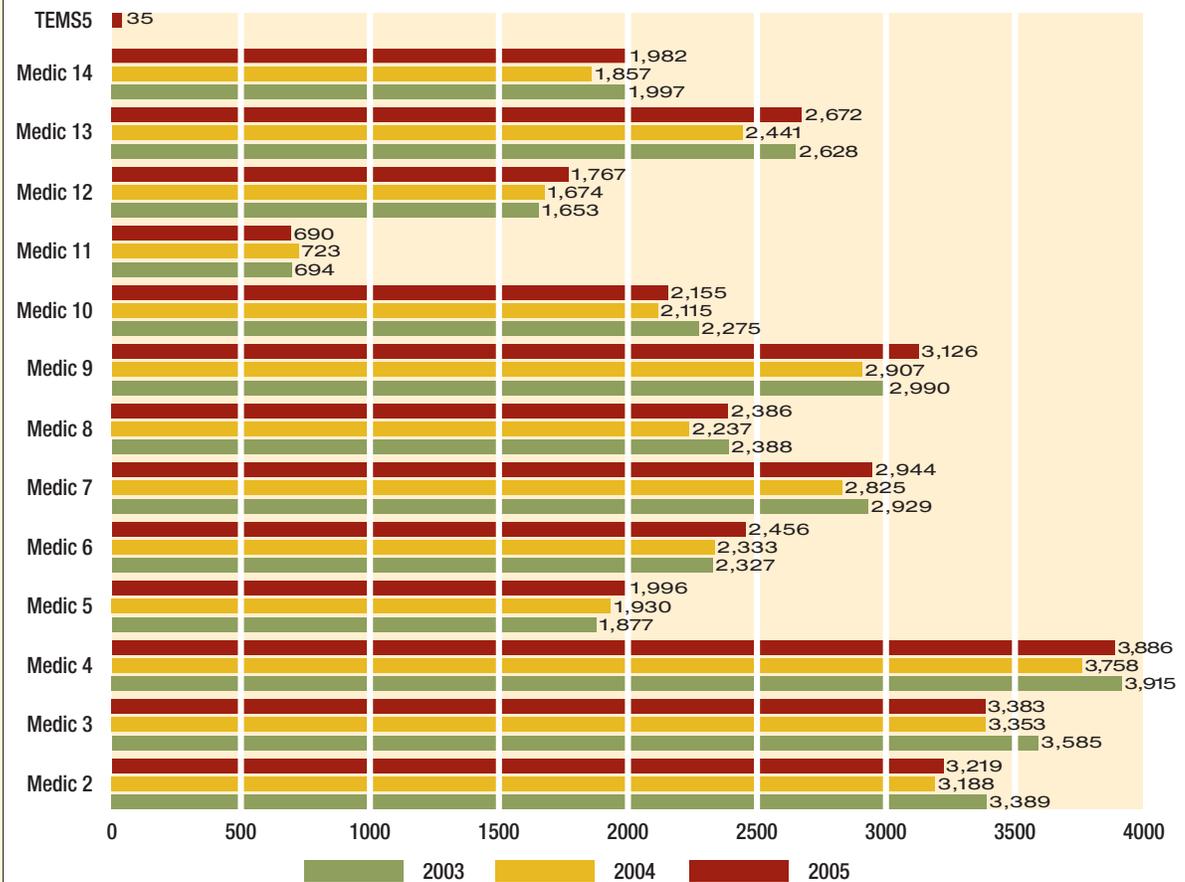
We experienced another busy year in 2005. Our units responded to 31,112 request for emergency medical service. We transported 6581 patients to the area Emergency Departments. In addition our Tactical EMS team responded with the Akron Police Department 35 times. We also provided EMS service to the many special events that took place in 2005.

The EMS Bureau would also like to gratefully acknowledge the support we receive from the Mayor, City Council, the EMS advisory board chaired by Dr. Michael Moser, and Dr. Richard Gradisek who serves as our medical advisor.

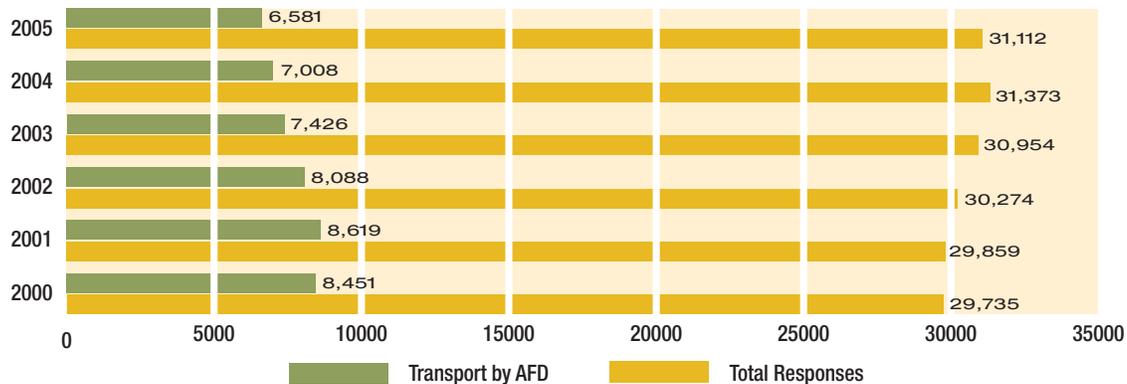
Finally I would like to thank the men and women of the Akron Fire Department. The dedication and professionalism of these individuals continues to be the key to our successful delivery of emergency medical services within the City of Akron.



TOTAL RESPONSES BY MEDICAL UNIT

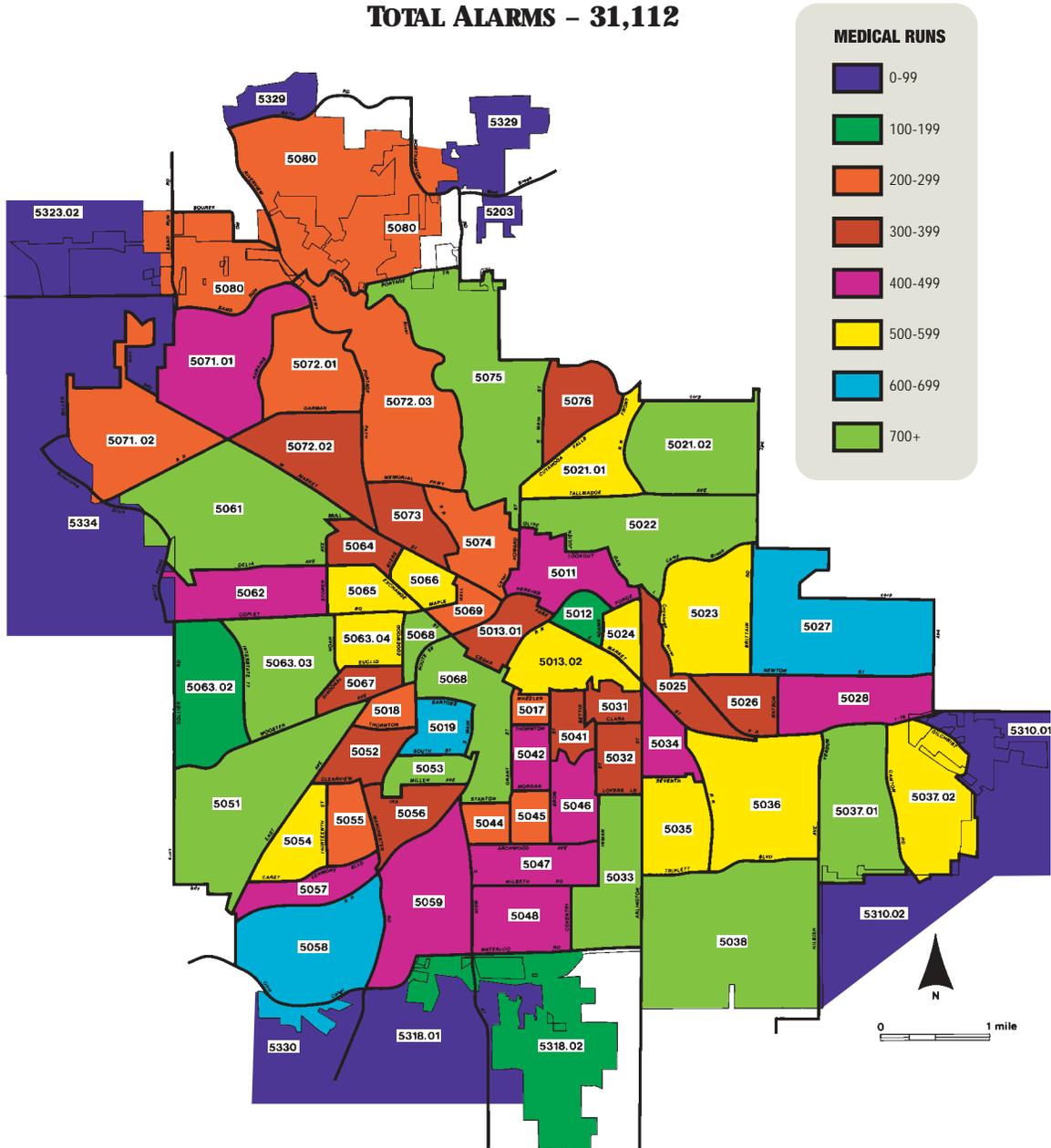


TOTAL SYSTEM REVIEW



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

TOTAL ALARMS - 31,112



EMS TRAINING AND QUALITY INSURANCE OFFICE



Michael Lozowy
Lieutenant

EMS Training and Quality Assurance are two interrelated positions that are an integral part of the EMS Bureau. Under the guidance of Lt. Michael Lozowy, Assistant EMS Bureau Manager, the basic EMS training needs of the Fire

Department are met. This includes Emergency Medical Technician-Basic initial and refresher training, various cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes for healthcare providers and the lay public, and the High School Scholarship program. Many city departments turn to EMS training to provide them with ongoing CPR and AED (automatic external defibrillator) training as there are AED's located in every city building.

Emergency medical care for special events held in the City are coordinated under the EMS Bureau and EMS Training has a very active role. Activities include but are not limited to scheduling of staff to cover the events, equipment procurement and on site supervision and coordination with event staff. Some of the events that coverage is provided for include the Road Runner Marathon, MAPS Air Show, PGA Golf Tournament and the 4th of July downtown festival.

Under the guidance of Rita Chambers, Quality Assurance Coordinator, the continuing education of all AFD paramedics is administered. This includes monthly run reviews, optional continuing education classes and specialty certification classes such as Advanced Cardiac Life Support, International Trauma Life Support, Pediatric

Advanced Life Support, Geriatric Education for EMS, Special Children's Outreach for Prehospital Education and Pediatric International Life Support. Akron Fire EMS is a Community Training Center for ACLS and BLS under the American Heart Association and a State of Ohio Continuing Education Site. Maintenance of those training sites allows AFD EMS to provide on site training for all certifications necessary for paramedics to fulfill their continuing education requirements for the State. All of the training could not be accomplished if it were not for the numerous paramedics who have taken on the added responsibility of becoming instructors in the various specialties. The knowledge and experience of the AFD instructors greatly enhances and maintains the high standards of the quality educational programs that are offered.

The paramedic apprenticeship program is administered through the EMS office. New paramedics complete a six-month training program, which orients them to the AFD protocol and EMS system. After completion of the didactic portion they are tested with written and skills exams and, finally, evaluated in the field. The apprenticeship program was developed in conjunction with the EMS Committee from Local #330 and has proven to be extremely beneficial to entry level paramedics.

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

EMS TRAINING STATISTICS

As with any large organization involved with EMS, committee work is an integral part of our community involvement. Some of the committees that we are involved with are the Regional Physician's Advisory Board, Domestic Preparedness Task Force, SUMMA EMS, Adult Vocational School EMT advisory, EMS Advisor Board to the Mayor, and Ohio ITLS Advisory Board.

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



2005 EMS Training Statistics

Emergency Medical Technician-Basic

Initial Certification19
 Recertification44

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Healthcare Provider340
 Heartsaver AED.....432
 First Aid32

Advanced Cardiac Life Support

Providers Recertified.....167
 Instructors Recertified37

Advanced Cardiac Life Support

Providers Recertified.....167
 Instructors Recertified37

Basic Life Support

Providers Recertified.....135

Pediatric Advanced Life Support

Providers Recertified.....70
 Instructors Recertified19

Basic Trauma Life Support

Providers Recertified.....86

Run Reviews

4 hour sessions26

Optional continuing education

4 hour sessions28
 8 hour sessions2

Paramedic Apprenticeship Program

Initial.....16





FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Frank Marina
District Chief

The Akron Fire Department understands that the best way to reduce the amount of damage done by fires in a community is to prevent the fires from occurring. That is why the Akron Fire Department has vowed to conduct regular fire inspections on as many of its businesses, on a yearly basis, as possible. The partnership between the fire prevention bureau and the fire companies has again allowed the department to have another successful year of fire inspections in the City of Akron.

A principal responsibility of the Fire Prevention Bureau is to enforce local, state and national fire codes that are adopted by the City of Akron. This is

done through a system of permits and inspections. The codes apply to residential and commercial construction, places of assembly, special events (gatherings), fireworks displays, and the proper handling, storage, and use of hazardous substances.

In partnership with the Building Department, the Fire Prevention Bureau Office provides inspection and fire system testing services on new construction projects. While the City's Building Department staff examines plans and inspects structures for compliance with the local and State Building Codes, the Fire Prevention Bureau ensures that construction complies with Fire Code requirements for water supply, apparatus access and maneuvering room, and fire protection systems (sprinklers, fire extinguishers, alarms, exits, etc.).



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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The goal of the Fire Prevention Bureau is to safeguard the community from fire and environmental hazards through programs, providing for adherence to fire regulations and hazard mitigation. To meet this goal, the Fire Prevention Bureau performs the following services:

- Enforces all state and local codes involving fire safety and prevention
- Reviews all plans, performs inspections for all new construction and remodeling of buildings, except one- three family dwellings
- Conducts annual inspection of existing public, commercial, and residential buildings (four or more units)
- Performs one- and two-family dwellings upon request
- Inspects new and existing above ground storage tanks
- Inspects the installation and removal of underground storage tanks
- Monitors indoor and outdoor fireworks displays
- Monitors special events for cooking, tents and large public gatherings
- Inspects foster homes and homes where children are being placed for adoption



The office telephone number is **330-375-2211**. The Fire Prevention office consists of the following sections: Code Enforcement section, Public Education section, and Arson section.

CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

ASSEMBLIES	INSECTIONS	REINSECTIONS	VIOLATIONS
Church	41	15	66
Night Clubs/ Bars	98	91	586
Restaurants	229	146	745
Recreation Centers	19	12	79
Misc. Assemblies	79	34	157
BUSINESS			
Professional Offices	481	226	471
Medical Offices	182	57	216
Barber / Beauty Shop	0	0	0
Banks	52	19	79
Misc. Business	216	119	516
EDUCATIONAL			
Daycare	122	27	164
School Elementary	188	43	298
School Jr. High	34	6	54
School High	42	6	59
Misc. Educational	18	2	6
FACTORY / INDUSTRIAL			
Plastic Manufacture	15	6	27
Dry Cleaning	13	5	19
Machine Shop	37	16	73
Print Commercial	36	13	91
Misc. Factory / Industrial	122	54	326
HAZARDOUS			
Misc. Hazardous	0	0	0
INSTITUTIONAL			
Hospitals	77	12	83
Jails	7	2	36
Misc. Institutional	24	3	52
MERCANTILE			
Department Stores	84	74	422
Grocery Store	69	43	194
Furniture Store	18	12	55
Misc. Mercantile	492	331	1399
RESIDENTIAL			
Foster Homes	185	31	123
Apartments	243	102	248
Hotel / Motel	10	2	16
Boarding House	29	2	23
Misc. Residential	22	3	18
STORAGE			
Auto Repair	101	50	310
Misc. Storage	128	78	489
UTILITY			
Misc. Utility	24	17	62
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vacant / Secure	501	52	189
Misc.	0	0	0
TOTAL	4038	1711	7751
OTHER ACTIVITIES			
Plans Review	515	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	4553	1711	7751

PUBLIC EDUCATION SECTION



Frank Marina
District Chief

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. The job of promoting community safety is both vitally important and a monumental task. No one organization has the resources to accomplish this mission alone, thusly, in the world of public/community safety education the terms collaborative and coalition are essential.

We continue to have a collaborative relationship with NEOUCOM (North Eastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine) and assisted with their student projects dealing with novelty lighters and older adult safety. In conjunction with Akron Children's Hospital, Summit County Safe Kids Coalition and a funding from The Assistance To Fire Prevention And Safety Grant we provided safety baskets to every baby born at SUMMA and AGMC during "Fire Prevention Week". The baskets contain items such as flashlights, fire extinguishers, stove and cabinet locks, smoke alarms and many other

safety items to protect babies and toddlers in the home. Additionally, we helped coordinate the American Cancer Society Relay for Life walkathon and helped organize, along with "Brother To Brother Project", the screening of firefighters in Summit County for prostate cancer.

The following is an example of services we provide.

- Home inspection services.
- General fire safety classes
- Portable fire extinguisher training
- Juvenile Firestoppers program.
- Smoke alarm awareness, distribution and installation.
- Weekly radio safety tips (WAKR).
- Child car seat check ups.
- Emergency Preparedness plans for businesses.
- Fire Safety House visits to festivals and schools.
- Station open houses.

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PUBLIC EDUCATION SECTION

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This list, while not complete, serves as an example of what our office accomplishes on a daily basis.

PUBLIC EDUCATION STATISTICS

■ CHILDREN ATTENDING/COMPLETING THE JUVENILE FIRE STOPPERS PROGRAM	243
■ COMMUNITY GROUPS	85
■ BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY	66
■ SCHOOL VISITS	120
■ FIRE SAFETY HOUSE	65
■ GROUP HOMES	21
■ DETENTION CENTERS	12
■ SENIOR CITIZEN GROUPS	15
■ INSTALLATION OF SMOKE ALARMS	234
■ DISTRIBUTION OF SMOKE ALARMS	420



BENEFITS OFFICER



Robert G. Marmaduke II
Lieutenant

The responsibilities of the Benefits Officer include assisting members of the Akron Fire Department in obtaining and submitting the necessary forms to obtain benefits when ill or injured, when contemplating retirement or in matters relating to any other employee benefits. The Benefits Officer can also act as the Employee representative in matters concerning claims filed with the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation. In 2005, members of the Akron Fire Department generated 119 Supervisor's Reports of Injury resulting in 62 claims being processed through the Bureau of

Worker's Compensation. All injured personnel combined missed a total of 469 workdays.

The Benefits Officer assists members of the department in obtaining the health care benefits to which they and their family members are entitled. The Benefits Officer also serves as a liaison with Employee Benefits, Medical Mutual of Ohio, the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, and all entities involved in Worker's Compensation cases. There were such 590 encounters in 2005 serving the families of 184 active and retired firefighters.

Members of the Akron Fire Department desiring Service or Disability retirement may use the Benefits Officer as their representative. This representation is confidential.

The following were the 6 members of the Akron Fire Department who retired in 2005:

Firefighter Vernon Dotson	Retired on 2-28-05
Deputy Chief Daniel Eletich	Retired on 6-30-05
Firefighter Dennis Gaffney	Retired on 8-28-05
Firefighter Michael Harvey	Retired on 9-17-05
Lieutenant Bruce Shirey	Retired on 4-20-05
Lieutenant Thomas Van Nostran	Retired on 3-05-05

FIRE INVESTIGATION SECTION



Dennis Nelson
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. Other investigations include internal investigations of Akron Fire personnel and pre-employment background investigations of all potential fire recruit candidates. The Akron Police Department provides additional assistance in these investigations when requested.

In 2005, the Fire Investigation Unit received 230 referrals, of which 183 were structure fires, 38 were vehicle fires, and 9 were other miscellaneous incidents. Of these 230 referrals, 88 were determined to be incendiary fires: 56 residential structure

fires, 2 commercial building fires, 22 vehicle fires, and 6 other miscellaneous incidents.

Incident investigations resulted in 15 arrests with 13 convictions, 2 cases are pending. The Fire Investigation Unit also conducted 3 investigations involving 4 civilian fire fatalities during 2005.

The Fire Investigation Unit continued to be the regional reporting location for burn injuries during 2005. As required by law, this information is forwarded to our office and kept on a database for possible investigative purposes.

The Fire Investigation Unit also provided assistance to other local communities and law enforcement agencies when requested throughout the year. We would like to thank the Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office, their forensic laboratory, and other county, state, and federal agencies, with special thanks to the Akron Police Department for their continued assistance and support in 2005.

FIRE INVESTIGATORS

Dennis Nelson, Lieutenant

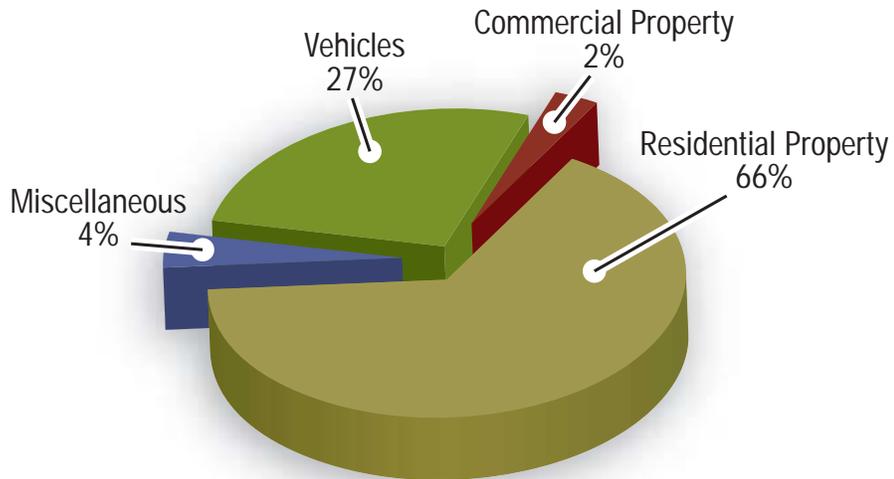
Bradley McKittrick, Lieutenant

Robert Wroblewski, Lieutenant

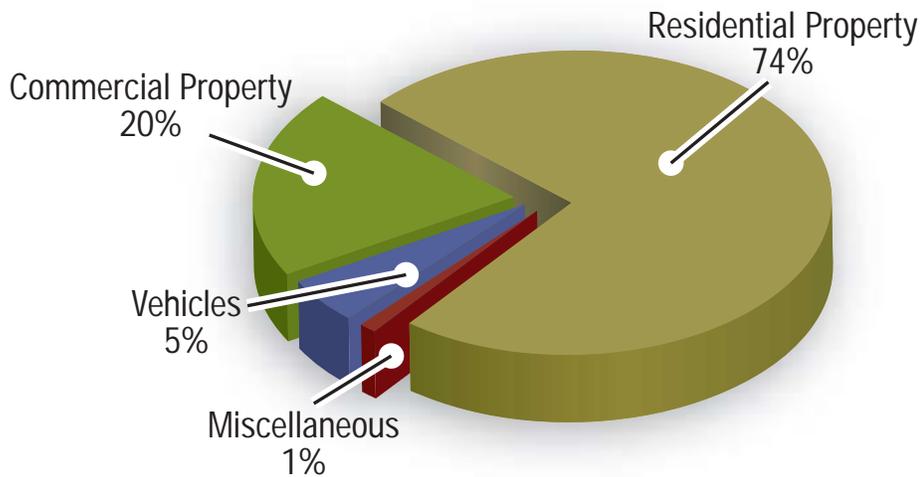
Todd Webb

INVESTIGATION SECTION

2005 INCENDIARY INCIDENTS TOTAL - 88

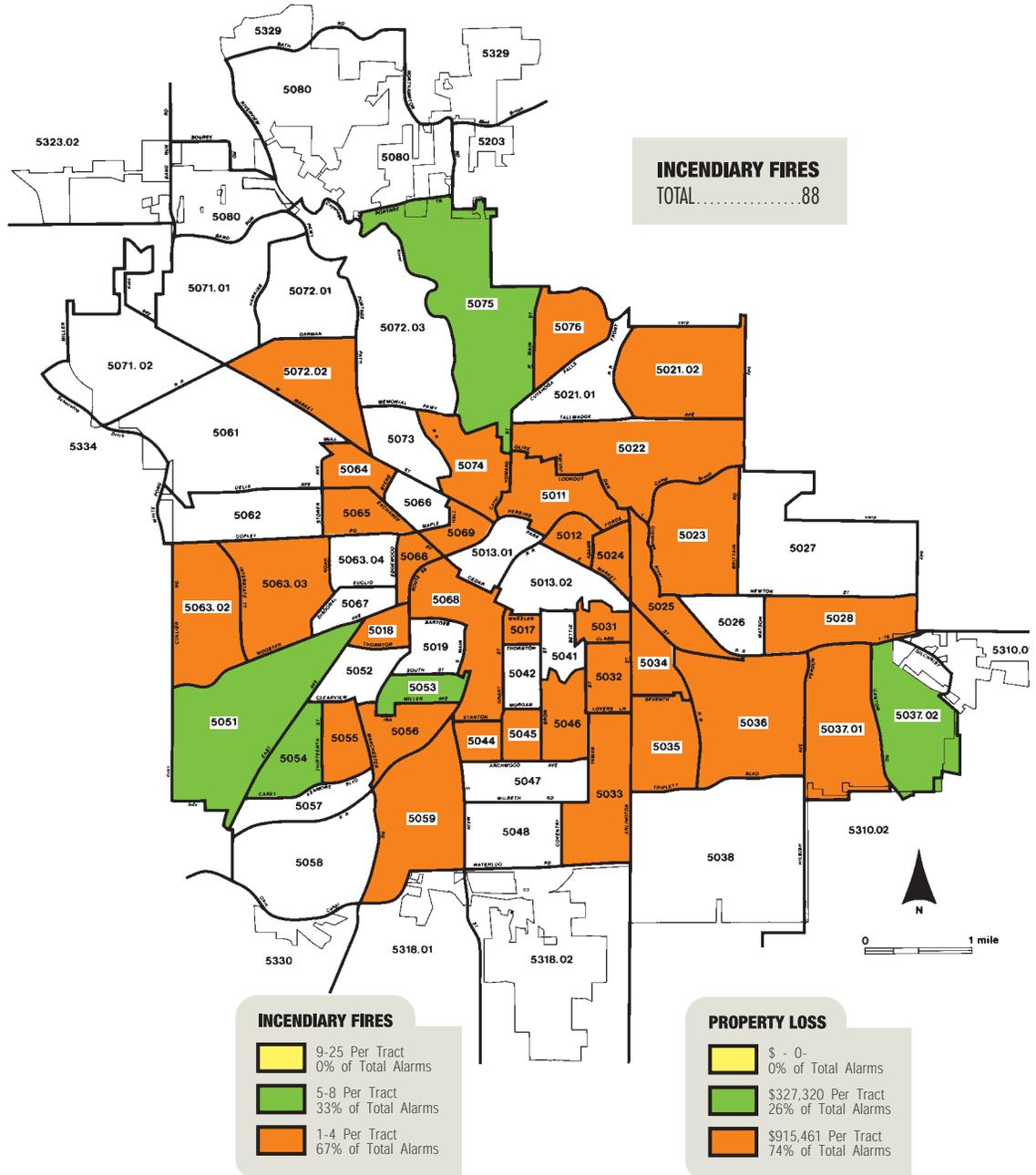


2005 INCENDIARY DOLLAR LOSS - \$1,242,781



INCENDIARY FIRES PER CENSUS TRACT

AKRON, OHIO



BUREAU OF TRAINING



Douglas Ott
District Chief

The responsibilities of the Training Bureau cover a wide spectrum. Initially we take untrained recruits and turn them into entry-level firefighters. The job of the Training Bureau does not end there. We continue to develop and coach the firefighters through their entire career. This is accomplished through some of the following means:

SPECIAL LEVEL TRAINING:

Training for all uniformed members of the department.

- **A.M. Training:** Training Instructors developed 40 morning training subjects for delivery in modules throughout the 2005 year.

- **Live Burns:** In 2005, we conducted four live burns, one per quarter. Each burn was conducted over several weeks rotating companies so all could participate. These burns gave new and seasoned officers the chance to evaluate their companies. Incident command and standard operating procedures were examined, refined, and adhered to during the burn evolutions.

- **RIT Training:** Rapid Intervention using aerial apparatus was practiced. This was an evolution that had not been routinely done before. This type of training helped all to understand the capabilities and limitations of some of our equipment.

- **High-Rise Procedure:** During the last quarter of the year, an opportunity to train in a vacant high rise was presented to us. A variety of training was completed, including practicing our multiple company high-rise procedure, ventilation techniques, forcible entry, elevator operations, standpipe operations, and breaching of wall and floors.

- **NIMS:** The entire department was trained to the IS700 level. This was accomplished by having all levels of supervision initially trained. Those supervisors then instructed and tested the personnel for which they were responsible. This process was continued until completion. This was a truly monumental task made easier by all officers involved.

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BUREAU OF TRAINING

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SPECIALTY TRAINING:

Training classes made available and attended by a variety of personnel.

Many of these classes were hosted by outside organizations, lending us different perspectives on multiple topics. The following agencies provided a majority of this training:

- Bowling Green State Fire School
- City of Akron Personnel Department
- Fire Department Instructor's Conference
- National Fire Academy
- Ohio Department of Public Safety
- Ohio Fire Academy
- Summit County Emergency Management
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Cleveland State University
- Summit County Sheriff

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Events coordinated by the Training Bureau during the past year.

- **Recruit Class:** A 12-week firefighter recruit class was held at the Training Academy in 2005. The class began February 14, 2005 and graduated in May 2005. The class covered the 240-hour Firefighter Standard plus items particular to Akron Fire.

- **Apprenticeship Program:** In 2005, the Training Bureau administered the apprenticeship program to 48 fire/medics. The 48 apprentices are categorized as follows:

- 23 in the second year of the apprenticeship program – class of December 2003.
- 25 in the first year of the apprenticeship program – class of February 2005.

- **Fit-for-Fire:** Coordinated and managed by the Fire Training Captain. The program has two phases: The first stage is the health screening of all firefighters through the District Chief level. The second stage consists of the actual physical testing of those previously screened firefighters. The department has 12 certified fitness coordinators that are utilized in the annual screening and testing process.

EQUIPMENT TESTING: In conjunction with Fire Maintenance, the Training Bureau performed pump tests on 14 fire apparatus vehicles.

BUREAU OF TRAINING (Continued)

In conjunction with Fire Maintenance, Fire Training personnel performed pump tests on 16 fire department vehicles. Hose tests were scheduled by training

instructors and companies tested the entire complement of first line hose, including the following:

Description	Hose Tested	Defective
3/4 and 1" hose	30 section/2,475	
1 3/4" hose	657 section/31,056	800 ft.
2 1/2" hose	623 section/31,650	1,200 ft.
4" hose (LDH)	57 section/5,500	700 ft.
5" hose (LDH)	191 section/17,195	900 ft.
Rubber chemical Hose	16 section/800	525 ft.



ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION



Robert C. Ross
Deputy Chief

Through the combined cooperation and effort of the many employees that make up the Akron Fire Department, the Administrative Subdivision was able to provide our firefighters and paramedics with the equipment, tools and support they needed to protect our citizens from the ravages of fire, illness and injury. I wish to show appreciation to the following bureaus or divisions for their efforts in helping the Administrative Subdivision operate smoothly in 2005.

- Administrative and Clerical Staff
- Fire Investigation Section
- Fire Prevention Bureau
- Code Enforcement Section
- Public Education Section
- Accounting and Services Bureau
- Fire Maintenance
- Hydrant Maintenance
- Fire and EMS Storeroom
- All non-administration Offices and Bureaus

The Accounting and Services Bureau is responsible for providing the administrative support, equipment, and facilities

required to operate a first class organization such as the City of Akron Fire Department. They are responsible for the long and short term strategic planning for the department's future while managing the various funds, grants and budgets that finance the daily operations of the Akron Fire Department. They maintain all records and incident reporting. They produce or manage the production and design of all specifications for our facilities, vehicle purchases, equipment and supplies. They supervise the Fire Maintenance Bureau, the Hydrant Maintenance Bureau and our department storeroom who repair and maintain all of our safety equipment, vehicles, hydrants and facilities as well as providing the stock the department requires for uninterrupted operations. The Public Education Section provides the community with aggressive and innovative programs designed to instruct our adult citizens and our children about fire safety. The Fire Prevention Bureau combines residential and commercial property inspections with code enforcement to reduce or eliminate fire damage while ensuring the highest quality of occupant safety. The Fire Investigation Section consists of investigators that are both trained police officers as well as professional firefighters. They conduct fire investigations throughout the city while being responsible for internal affairs investigations and background checks.

SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS



Joseph J. Kury
District Chief

Safety Communications Division is responsible for transmitting the emergency needs of the public to emergency responders. Calls are received from the public via 911 phone lines, alarm boxes, TDD (Communication for the deaf), referrals from

police, walk-ins at fire stations and other means. Calltakers enter information for incidents and code the call. Computer software determines who the dispatcher will send, based on location and specialized need. The dispatcher alerts the responding units, confirms their response and documents the arrival and in service times. Fire Lieutenants, Police Sergeants and Civilian Supervisors monitor the process. Their duties include assuring proper response - adjusting when appropriate, providing for the needs of responders, and notification to proper authority of significant incidents.

This past year there were several upgrades and innovations involving the Communications Center. Mobile Data Browsers (MDBs) were installed on all fire and EMS apparatus. These supply the units with up-to-date information about the nature of the call, units responding and any caution notes that may impact the responders. It also allows units to acknowledge their response, arrival, command status and in service times with a touch of a button, which reduces radio traffic. A new recording system was installed replacing the one that has been in use since 1995. This system stores the phone calls and radio transmissions on digital media permitting the calls to be reviewed as WAV,

WMA or MP3 files. A new back-up 911 center was established and tested. This back up center would be used in the case of evacuation of the primary center.

In 2005, Phase 2 of the joint City and County Communications initiative providing a countywide 800 MHz radio system was implemented. Phase 2 increased all five current sites from 16 to 28-frequency capability, which includes both digital and analog signals. This provides the spectrum resources necessary to allow all public safety and public service agencies within Summit County to use the system for day-to-day operations. It creates one seamless, single system design for the entire county and allow communication between talk groups common to AFD, APD, Summit County law enforcement agencies, Ohio law enforcement agencies, Summit County Special Operations Response Teams as well as City and County Public Works. As surrounding communities continue to join the new system, seamless mutual aid interoperability will be achieved.

Our Information Systems personnel worked tirelessly to integrate the new Fire and EMS reporting system with our Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) . They continue to evaluate and adjust the interface to achieve better user control and NFIRS 5 reporting compliance. They organized the installation of the MDBs and software in our fire and EMS apparatus.

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

MONTHLY ALARM DATA 2005

Month	FIRES				NON-FIRES				Total Alarms
	Buildings	Grass/ Rubbish	Motor Vehicles	Misc	False	Accidental	Emergency First Aid	Misc	
January	39	8	13	1	79	52	129	420	741
February	31	9	17	0	53	27	112	207	456
March	40	27	19	0	57	30	134	210	517
April	56	54	21	3	71	35	136	328	704
May	49	42	24	3	75	38	132	293	656
June	42	41	26	6	81	46	142	315	699
July	52	71	39	1	129	54	147	322	815
August	57	35	15	0	108	56	142	393	806
September	36	38	19	4	75	45	116	313	646
October	53	25	21	1	64	40	149	294	647
November	37	24	31	2	74	36	132	286	622
December	37	7	14	2	66	53	152	245	576
TOTAL	529	381	259	23	932	512	1623	3626	7,885

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/RESCUE BUREAU



James E. Green
District Chief

The Hazardous Materials/Rescue Bureau Manager is District Chief James E. Green, telephone 375-2164.

The Hazardous Materials/Rescue Bureau oversees the activities of the HazMat Team, TROT Team, and Dive Team. The Bureau responded to 183 emergency calls in 2005. This year we conducted site visits and completed Risk and Hazard Analysis for 32 Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) facilities in the City of Akron. We also keep files on the 139 SARA Title III (Superfund Amendment & Reauthorization Act) facilities that are in the City of Akron. This year, decontamination equipment and responsibilities were assigned to Station 8 and Internet capabilities were added to HazMat Rescue-4 for the first time. Under the Department of Homeland Security, we have members participate on State of Ohio TACs (Technical Assistance Committees) for the HazMat, TROT and Dive specialties.

This year training continues to be of major importance for

this bureau. Akron Fire Department hosted Ohio Region 5 Conference on Radiation at the Akron Public Library. We also hosted a Radiation Class for HazMat Technicians at the Akron Fire Department Union Hall. We sent technicians to the Baltimore HazMat Conference, the Midwest HazMat Conference in Chicago and the HazMat Continuing Challenge held in Sacramento, California. We also participated in the Summit County HazMat Team trainings.

We currently have technicians who participate on the Summit County Zone Coordinators, Summit County SORT (Special Operations Response Team) Executive Board, The Summit County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) and The Summit County Domestic Preparedness Task Force. Thanks to all of our members for their dedication and professionalism.



WATER RESCUE UNIT

The Water Rescue Team experienced some changes in 2005 that impacted the day-to-day operations of the team. One of the biggest changes was brought about by the promotion of several team members. Personnel who staffed diving positions became supervisors, while team and/or shift supervisors moved into administrative roles. This resulted in Akron's Water Rescue Unit becoming more involved on a state level, in addition to the existing commitments to the city and the county. Younger and less experienced members became the primary hands-on staff. The inexperience did not last long, as the 25 active team members made a total of 202 dives throughout the year.

In addition to providing assistance to other Summit County rescuers, the Unit assisted the Akron Police department in a weapon search, and helped retrieve a vehicle from the Ohio Canal. And most dramatically, at least from a public relations standpoint, the team raced against time to rescue a dog that had fallen through the ice into the frigid waters of Summit Lake. This heavily reported event generated much attention and appreciation for the Unit's efforts, more than any other event during the year.



TECHNICAL RESCUE OPERATIONS TEAM

Akron Fire's Technical Rescue Operations Team (TROT) specializes in trench collapse, building collapse, confined space, and high angle/low angle rope rescue situations. During the year, the TROT team responded to rescue calls that required the use of each of their technical disciplines.



Training, for all types of emergencies, accounts for a large portion of the TROT team's activities. The team continues to grow by expanding their knowledge base through vigorous training. The team trains as an Akron unit monthly, and drills as part of the Summit County TROT team quarterly. As part of the county team, we are Ohio's Region 5 Strike Team. Several members of Akron's team were promoted during the past year, which led to openings for ten new members. Much time and effort has been expended bringing the new members' skill level up to that of the rest of the team. During the year, the team spent 288 hours in specialty training.

Grant awards have allowed the team to purchase much-needed equipment. We added a 60-pound jackhammer and special bits, concrete heavy-lift jacks, and an exothermic torch kit. This new equipment expands our building-collapse rescue capabilities.

THE ACCOUNTING AND SERVICES BUREAU



Brent Combs
District Chief

The Accounting and Services Bureau, located downtown at 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 benefit of our Bureau.

In addition to our downtown offices, the Bureau encompasses several other separate sections responsible for their particular specialties. Our Fire Maintenance section maintains and repairs our entire extensive fleet of vehicles, everything from our Gator ATV to the most complex ambulances and fire apparatus, a total of over 100 pieces of equipment. They maintain and repair our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs) and all of our stations and facilities. Our Hydrant Maintenance section maintains and repairs all of the fire hydrants in Akron and some adjoining jurisdictions, including J.E.D.D. areas. Our Fire Storeroom orders, stores and distributes all of the supplies required to keep the Fire Department operating - everything from office supplies and dish soap to helmets, boots, gloves and protective apparel for structural

firefighting. These sections are all located within our Triplett Blvd. Facility.

The primary mission of the Accounting and Services Bureau is to support the efforts of all of the other components of the Fire Department. Our main goal is to efficiently utilize the generous funding provided to us by the citizens of Akron, Akron City Council and the City Administration. Our focus is to operate in a fiscally responsible manner in all matters, while at the same time provide for high quality service delivery to every person that lives, works, or visits in our city. Obviously, the safety and security of the public and our personnel is always the top priority.

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 2005, the combined expenditures of the various budgets were more than \$36 million. Approximately 93% of the expenditures were for personnel costs, items such as salaries and fringe benefits. Much of the remainder of the budget is dedicated to vehicle purchases and major station repairs. The remainder of the budget funds the everyday operations of the Fire Division, such items as the purchase of necessary parts and supplies, contractual services provided to us by other agencies and vendors, and our facility's utility bills.

THE ACCOUNTING AND SERVICES BUREAU

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In 2005, the Bureau submitted an application and was awarded another Assistance to Firefighters Grant application. The award amount was over \$125,000 and will be used to upgrade the data transmission capability of the City/County radio system. Two new emergency vehicles were placed in service, an ALS ambulance for Station 9 (Highland Square area) and a new pumper for Station 4 (Opportunity Park/Downtown area). The plans and drawings for four new ALS ambulances were finalized and the manufacturer began construction of these vehicles. A successful application for a Bureau of Worker's Compensation Safety Grant allowed us to replace and upgrade the stair chairs on all first-line and spare ambulances. A new HVAC system replaced the old system at Station 9, and the Fire Maintenance Facility had a new boiler installed. Progress has been slow and fraught with obstacles, but work is inching ahead on a new HVAC system for Station 12 (Wallhaven/west Akron). The Fire Department was able to hire and equip 25 new recruits in 2005, bringing our operational firefighting force up to a strength we had not experienced in approximately five years.

The Bureau is also responsible for most of the record keeping required of the Fire Division, and Lt. Ron Breznak

continued to expend much time and effort in training members on the NFIRS 5.0 fire reporting system. He also has been instrumental in the training as we continue to integrate the National Incident Management System (NIMS) into our daily operations. The adoption and integration of NIMS was federally mandated by a Homeland Security Presidential Directive.

We continue to update our information technology infrastructure, supplying Mobile Data Terminals for our response vehicles and network-compliant computers in our ambulances. Akron Fire, in cooperation with the Akron Police Department, purchased a Safety Forces server for the computer network. We also replaced outdated computers, monitors, and printers as needed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the personnel assigned to the Accounting and Services Bureau for their dedication, hard work, and cooperative effort, without which we would be unable to accomplish our mission. I also would like to thank City Council and the City Administration for their support throughout the year. Most importantly, I would like to thank the citizens of Akron for the opportunity to serve and help safeguard them and all that they hold dear – it is truly a privilege.

FIRE MAINTENANCE FACILITY



Michael Sombrio
Fire Equipment
Supervisor

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

Following is a summary of the activity of this Division for the year ending December 31, 2005:

VEHICLE REPAIRS - MAJOR	227
Includes engines, drive train, fire pumps, transmission, clutches, collisions and rust damage, etc.	
VEHICLE REPAIRS - MINOR	8,421
Includes tune-up, ignition and wiring, lights, brakes, steering, etc.	
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	383
Includes general inspection, lubrication and road tests.	
BUILDING REPAIRS	2522
Includes heating & cooling, plumbing, elevators, gas pumps, electrical, structural, appliances, and lawn & garden equipment.	
SCBA REPAIR - MAJOR	28
Includes complete overhaul of breathing air equipment.	
SCBA REPAIR - MINOR	2,117
Includes maintenance and repair of all self-contained breathing apparatus and medical equipment.	
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE	833
Includes driver training, Underwriter tests (pump, hose and aerial), response to multiple alarms and support services pertinent to the Fire Department.	

FIRE MAINTENANCE FACILITY

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In 2005 Fire Maintenance placed the following vehicles into service:

One 2004 Ford E-450 Chassis fitted with an ambulance body assigned to Med 9.

One 2005 Sutphen 2000 GPM Pumper assigned to Engine 4.

One 2006 Ford Expedition assigned to Battalion 9.

Four 2006 Chrysler Sebring's assigned one each to:

Fire Maintenance

Accounts and Services Lieutenant

Public Education

Fire Prevention Bureau

The following vehicles were reassigned within the Department:

061608 was reassigned to the Haz Mat Bureau.

069704 was reassigned to the Training Bureau.

0678A0 was reassigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau.

0682A0 was reassigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau.

061403 was reassigned as a spare pumper.

063808 was reassigned as a spare med unit.

061103 was reassigned as a spare command vehicle.

The following vehicle was removed from service and turned in to Motor Equipment for auction or reassignment:

062805

066205

066606

0674A3

068204

0695A4

069804



HYDRANT MAINTENANCE



Gailon Williams
*Fire Hydrant Repair
 Supervisor*



The following is a summary of activities of Hydrant Maintenance for the year ending December 31, 2005:

Hydrants inspected	5,340
Follow up inspections after use by fire companies	310
Alarms responded to	2
Additional hydrants installed . . .	120
New hydrants turned	75
Hydrants rebuilt	180
Hydrants winterized.	290
Hydrants repacked.	250
Hydrants serviced	5,340
Hydrants painted	3,000
Flow tests conducted by fire underwriters.	0
Hydrants broken	500
Hydrants flushed	11,880
Hydrants elevated above grade . . .	53

Hydrant coding specifications:

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

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

FIRE STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

Station No. 2 - 952 E. Exchange St.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2001 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 1998 Ford
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2003 Ford

Station No. 3 - 59 S. Maple St.

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

Station No. 4 - 25 E. Thornton St.

1500 GPM HazMat Pumper, 1993 Pierce
2500 GPM Quint Ladder, 2001 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 1998 Ford
HazMat/Heavy Rescue, 1993 Pemfab
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2003 Ford

Station No. 5 - 2460 E. Market St.

1500 GPM Mini-Tower, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 1998 Chevrolet
1996 Pierce Foam Truck

Station No. 6 - 1685 S. Hawkins Ave.

1500 GPM Mini-Tower, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2000 Ford
Air Source Truck, 1995 Chevrolet Kodiak

Station No. 7 - 541 E. Tallmadge Ave.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1994 Sutphen
75' Aerial, 1997 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2002 Ford
Technical Rescue Truck, 1992 Chevrolet
Technical Rescue Trailer, 1989 Haulmark
Technical Rescue Gator and Trailer,
2004 John Derre – 2004 Triton Trailer

Station No. 8 - 1277 E. Archwood Ave.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Pierce
75' Aerial, 1995 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2003 Ford
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2003 Ford

Station No. 9 - 98 Dodge Ave.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Pierce
75' Aerial, 1996 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 1998 Chevrolet
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2003 Ford

Station No. 10 - 2225 4th St. SW

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Pierce
75' Aerial, 2003 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2002 Ford
Boat Trailer, 1984 B & M
14' Boat, 1980 Myers
Dive Team Truck, 1989 International

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, 1998 Ford

Station No. 13 - 1544 Brown St.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2000 Ford

Station No. 14 - 766 Brittain Rd.

1500 GPM Pumper Mini-Tower, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2000 Ford

PERSONNEL

Number of employees for each classified position

TITLE	ACTUAL	AUTHORIZED
UNIFORM:		
Fire Chief	1	1
Fire Deputy Chief	5	6
Fire District Chief	6	6
Fire Captain	17	17
Fire Lieutenant	80	90
Firefighter	257	281
Total Uniformed Personnel	376	401
SUPPORT:		
Fire Equipment Supervisor	1	1
Fire Equipment Foreman	1	1
Fire Equipment Mechanic	8	8
Fire Hydrant Repair Supervisor	1	1
Fire Hydrant Maintenance Worker	2	3
Secretary IV	1	1
Secretary III	6	6
Secretary II	2	3
Secretary I	1	0
Storekeeper II	1	1
Stores Clerk	2	2
Programmer Analyst I	1	1
Quality Assurance Coordinator	1	1
Videographer	1	1
Total Support	29	30
Total Division	405	431

PERSONNEL DATA FOR:

Appointments	25	Separated (Temporary – COE).....	0
Retirement.....	6	Demotions.....	0
Disability Separation	1	Promotions.....	29
Reinstated.....	0	Positions not filled	26
Dismissal.....	0	Deceased (Active)	0
Transfers to other Departments	0	Deceased (Retired).....	5

IN RECOGNITION

While every man and woman of the Akron Fire Department deserves recognition for their service to the community, the following individuals were singled out during 2005 for selfless dedication and service.

The Optimist Club of Akron Fire/Medic of the Year

Lt. Timothy Hinman

The American College of Emergency Physicians Star of Life Award and The American Red Cross Acts of Courage Award

*For the rescue of a man, who lost the lower half of his body,
from an industrial shredder:*

Lt. Jerome Crawford
Lt. Michael Hausch
Lt. James Feeman
William Johnston
David Ewers

Todd Tompkins
Michael Vegh
Brian Santee
Michael DePaul
Eric Parker

Andrew Seal
Robert Donel
Richard Chiancone
Keith Forfia

The American Red Cross Acts of Courage Award

*For providing medical care to wounded
Akron Police Department officers, amid gunfire:*

Steve Owen

Douglas Price

The following individuals were promoted during 2005

Promoted from Fire Lieutenant to Fire Captain on May 17, 2005:

Lt. Albert Bragg
Lt. Mark Oziomek
Lt. Clarence Tucker

Lt. Marc Greenwood
Lt. Michael Scott
Lt. Charles Twigg

Lt. Joseph Natko
Lt. Rodney Stewart
Lt. Richard Vober

Promoted from Firefighter/Medic to Fire Lieutenant on May 17, 2005:

FF/M Brad Ager
FF/M Russell Brode
FF/M Floyd Easley
FF/M William Johnston
FF/M William Lower
FF/M Kent Schaus
FF/M Joseph Shumaker

FF/M Michael Alexander
FF/M Michael Deihl
FF/M William Hailey
FF/M Robert Keener
FF/M Scott Pascu
FF/M John Shepherd
FF/M Michael Steele

FF/M Michael Angerstien
FF/M Arthur Dobbins
FF/M Leon Henderson
FF/M Todd Kelly
FF/M Rod Poor
FF/M Dennis Shumaker

IN MEMORIAM



To those faithful firemen 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.

RICHARD ARCHER

BORN3/27/1929
APPOINTED11/29/1954
RETIRED4/25/1986
DIED1/7/2005

RICHARD CARLSON

BORN10/26/1948
APPOINTED4/3/1978
RETIRED.....8/31/1987
DIED4/10/2005

CLIFTON RENEAU

BORN8/5/1915
APPOINTED1/1/1944
RETIRED1/11/1973
DIED3/26/2005

DANIEL SCHUBERT

BORN10/22/1919
APPOINTED4/1/1946
RETIRED4/6/1976
DIED11/13/2005

MICHAEL WYCKOFF

BORN9/12/1927
APPOINTED6/19/1958
RETIRED4/2/1985
DIED7/1/2005





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**



Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor