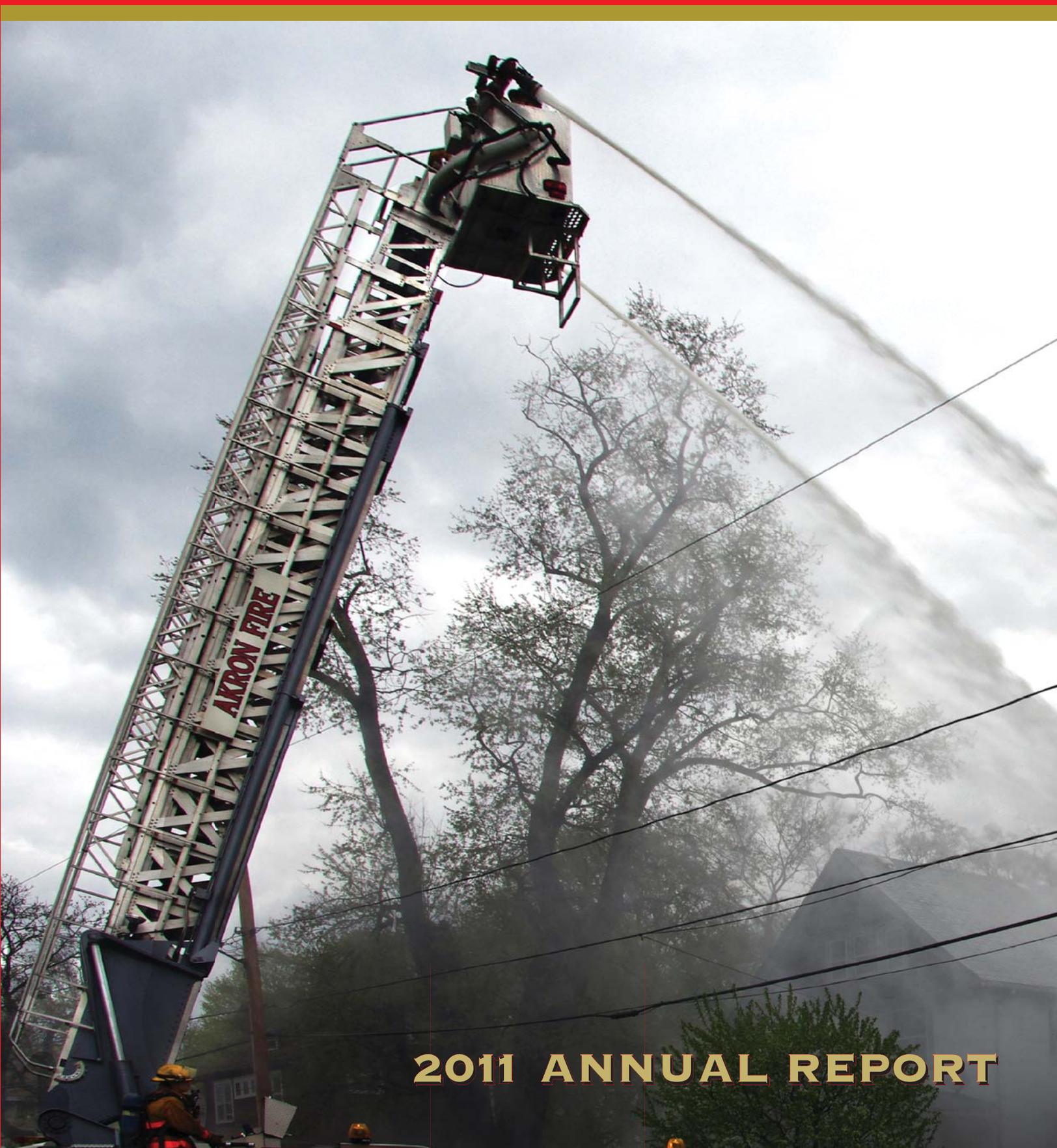




City of Akron
FIRE DEPARTMENT



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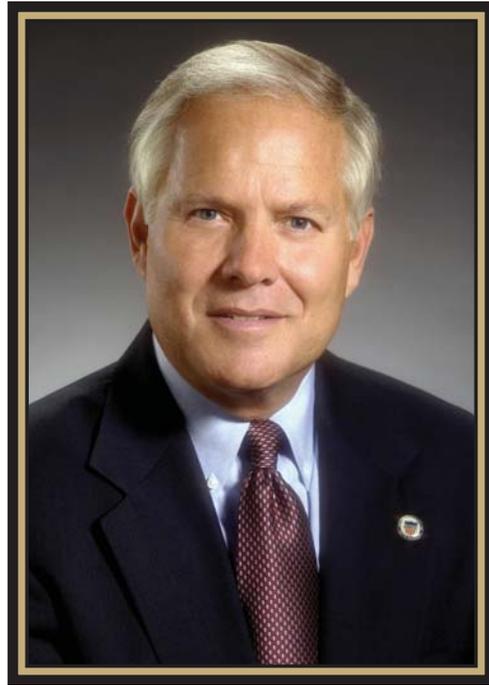


AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT **MISSION STATEMENT**



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.
Interim 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 2011 Akron Fire Department Annual Report.

In 2011, the Akron Fire Department continued to pursue creative solutions to overcome the financial strains that were, and still, are being experienced due to the worldwide economic struggles. I am pleased to say that we managed to deliver a consistent level of excellent emergency services throughout the year. Additional successes in 2011 include the procurement of one new ambulance for Station 4 on Thornton St. and one new pumper at Station 6 on S. Hawkins Ave. We were also fortunate enough to receive a Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant that allowed us to purchase firefighting protective clothing, carbon monoxide blood gas monitors, communications equipment, and exercise equipment. I'm also very pleased to share the good news that we were able to add 14 new Fire/Medics to the ranks of the department.

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

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

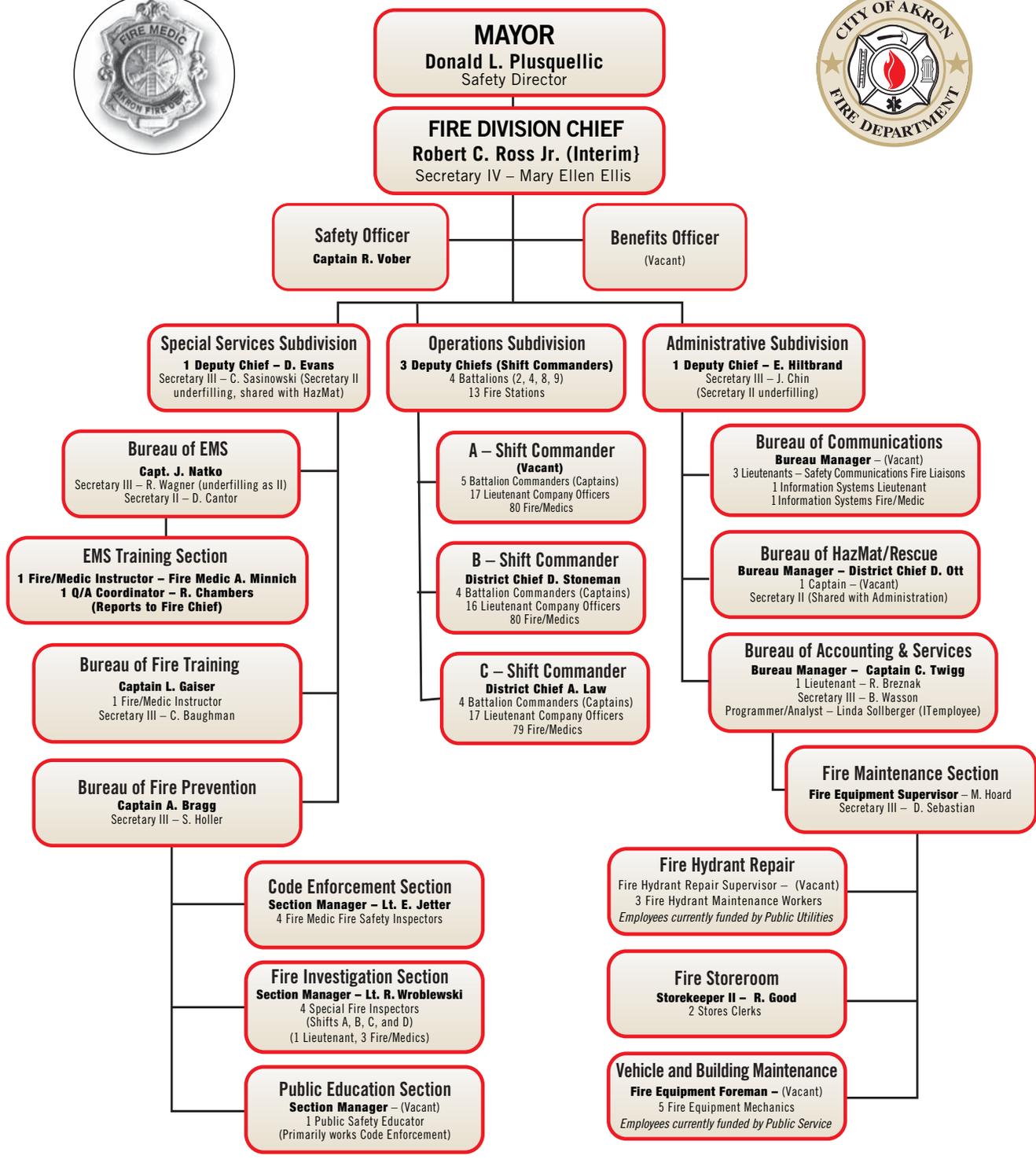
Sincerely

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Interim Fire Chief

SAFETY DEPARTMENT/DIVISION OF FIRE ORGANIZATION CHART

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011



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**DEPUTY AND
DISTRICT CHIEFS**



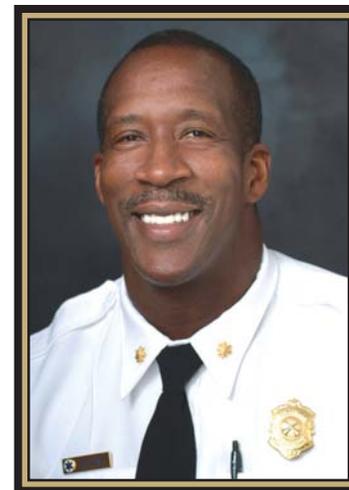
Edward Hiltbrand
Deputy Chief



Dale Evans
Deputy Chief



Dennis Stoneman
District Chief

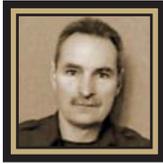


Anthony Law
District Chief

2011 RETIREMENTS



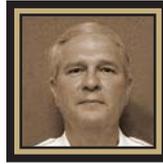
Michael Patrino
Captain
Retired 1/1/11



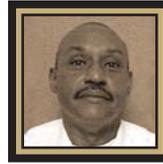
Larry Whysell
Captain
Retired 1/1/11



Jeffrey Thomas
Firefighter
Retired 1/2/11



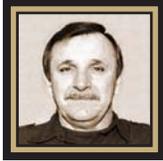
Larry Bunner
Fire Chief
Retired 1/8/11



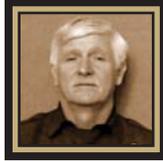
James Green
Deputy Chief
Retired 1/15/11



Glen Glass
Firefighter
Retired 1/20/11



Frank Bunn
Firefighter
Retired 1/28/11



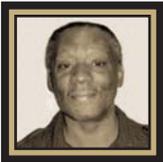
Thomas Blasdel
Captain
Retired 2/1/11



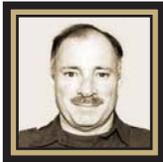
Ramsey Mitchell
Firefighter
Retired 3/19/11



Thomas Peddle
Lieutenant
Retired 4/1/11



Willie Gray
Firefighter
Retired 5/14/11



Robert Herb
Lieutenant
Retired 5/29/11



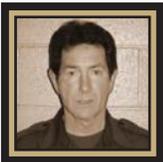
Richard Brncik
Lieutenant
Retired 6/1/11



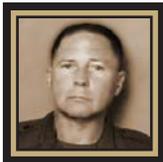
Jack Didado
Lieutenant
Retired 6/11/11



Kenneth Smith
Lieutenant
Retired 6/19/11



Guy Donatelli
Firefighter
Retired 7/31/11



Douglas Ott
District Chief
Retired 7/31/11



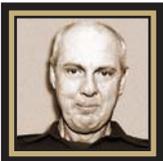
Timothy Hinman
Lieutenant
Retired 9/13/11



David Sims
Lieutenant
Retired 9/16/11



John Rosneck
Deputy Chief
Retired 10/2/11



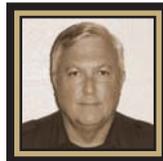
Dennis La Pointe
Firefighter
Retired 10/23/11



Phillip Gauer
Lieutenant
Retired 10/23/11



Thomas Mazzei
Firefighter
Retired 10/23/11



Bradley Robson
Captain
Retired 10/24/11



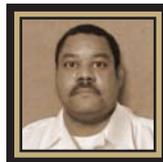
Michael Mara
Firefighter
Retired 10/30/11



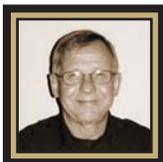
Dennis Ragins
Lieutenant
Retired 10/29/11



Daniel Williams
Lieutenant
Retired 10/29/11



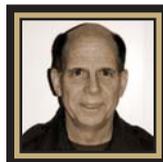
Johnnie Player
Firefighter
Retired 11/1/11



Robert Corall
Lieutenant
Retired 11/1/11



Robert Marmaduke
Captain
Retired 11/2/11



Gregory Santos
Firefighter
Retired 11/5/11

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CIVILIAN RETIREMENTS



Michael Sombrio
Supervisor, FMF
Retired 1/31/11

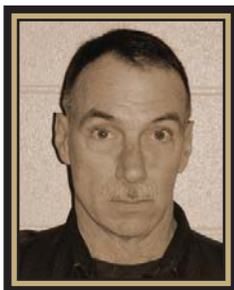


Mary Ellis
Secretary IV
Retired 6/30/11

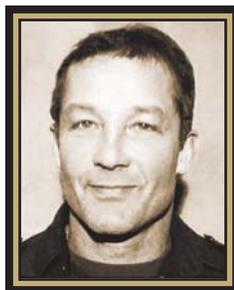


Janice McKinnie
Stores Clerk
Retired 10/31/11

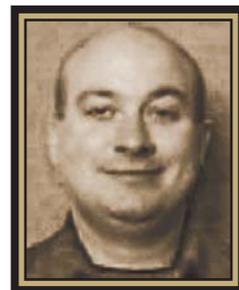
RESIGNATIONS



Keith Forfia
Firefighter
Resigned 1/1/11



George Spikerman
Firefighter
Resigned 7/15/11



Adam McGhee
Firefighter/Medic
Resigned 10/20/11

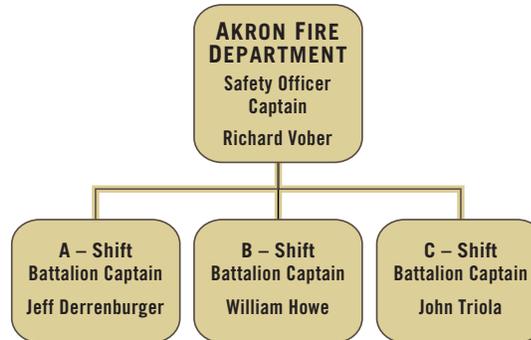
SAFETY OFFICER



Captain R. Vober
Safety Officer

The Duties of the Akron Fire Department's Health and Safety Bureau has been assumed 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 have been looking at the trends for injuries and exposures as well as looking at compliance with the regulations set by the State and Federal government. The Akron Fire Department had no significant injuries or fatalities, and most of the on duty injuries did not require any loss of time for 2011. For the annual report I will be discussing the goals of the bureau, analyzing the information for 2011 and looking at the national statistics and comparing those with the statistics for Akron. For 2011 the Safety Bureau, with the assistance of the Training Bureau, administered the Fit For Fire program in which 266 members completed the drill field and 17 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 the fall of 2011 the Akron Fire Department began a Walking program to improve the overall health of all members, with just 8 walkers we were able to walk over 400 miles! Another improvement was to improve the Safety report by updating it into a database which will assist in determining where we have safety risks.



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

For 2011 we had a total of 68 on the job injuries and 58 exposures. As you can see in figure 1: 31% of those occurred on the fire ground.

When it is broken down further the information shows that 36 % of the injuries 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 157 days in 2011.

2011 Injuries by Duty Type

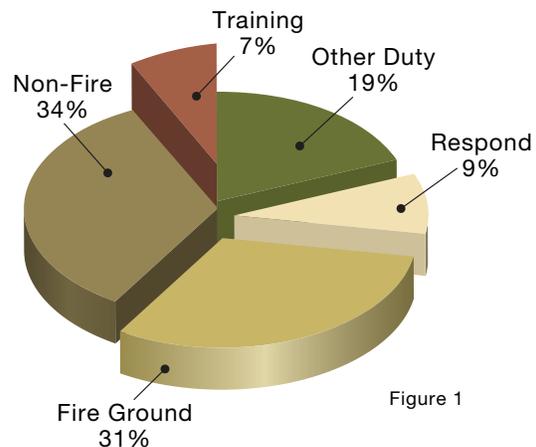


Figure 1

Reported Injuries

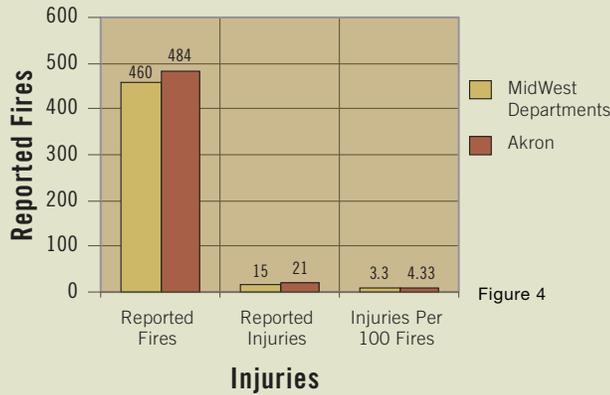


Figure 4

2011 Injury by Type

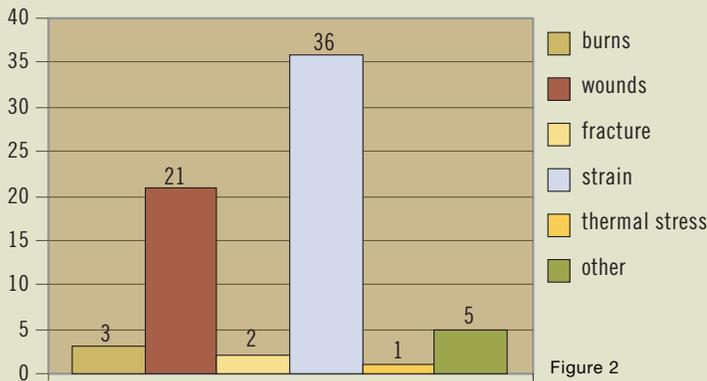


Figure 2

Injuries by Year

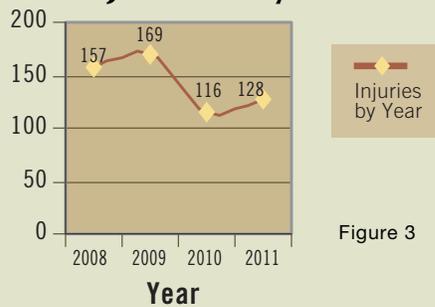


Figure 3

Compared to the national average: Comparing Akron Fire with other similar sized departments across the Midwest, we can see the numbers of fires we respond to is more than average. Additionally, the number of injuries per one hundred fires is also higher than the national average; this could be related to the fact that our department is ageing. The average age of an Akron fire fighter is 42 which is above the average nationally.

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 has also begun 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.

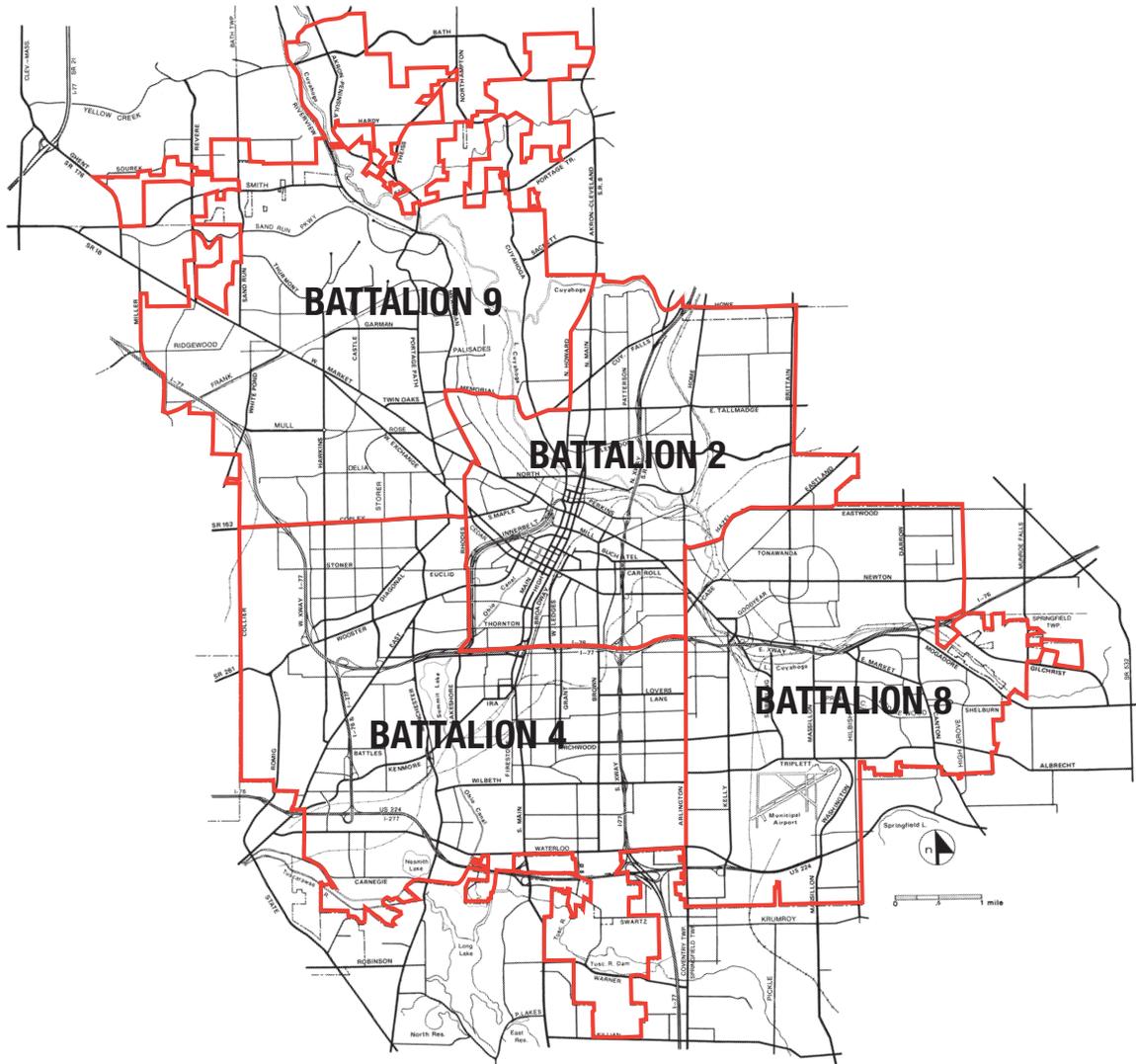
The City of Akron is geographically divided into four sections, known as Battalions. Each Battalion has several stations within its boundaries. Each shift has four Battalion Commanders (Battalions 2, 4, 8, and 9) that are

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

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

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

BATTALION DISTRICTS



BATTALION 2

A-Captain Stewart

B-Captain Scott

C-Captain Willoughby

BATTALION 4

A-Captain Ware

B-Captain Howe

C-Captain Feeman

BATTALION 8

A-Vacant

B-Vacant

C-Vacant

BATTALION 9

A-Captain A. Smith

B-Captain Oziomek

C-Captain Triola

FIRE STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL FIRE UNIT RESPONSES & GRAND TOTAL – 15,357



Engines	
Engine 2	972
Engine 3	908
Engine 4	918
Engine 5	315
Engine 6	452
Engine 7	699
Engine 8	390
Engine 9	693
Engine 10	615
Engine 11	187
Engine 12	387
Engine 13	381
Engine 14	291
Total	7208

Ladders	
Ladder 4	780
Ladder 7	372
Ladder 8	662
Ladder 9	1001
Ladder 10	205
Total	3020

Battalions	
Battalion 2	1254
Battalion 4	1525
Battalion 8	0
Battalion 9	1166
Total	3945



HazMat, Rescue	
HazMat 4	16
Rescue 4	93
Total	109

Other Fire Units	
Total	1075

Alarms	
Times	
A.M.	2509
P.M.	4321
Total	6830

Causes For	
Fire	837
False	533
Accidental	514
Other Emergencies	1440
Miscellaneous	3506
Total	6830

Types of Fires	
Buildings	487
Motor Vehicles	182
Grass, Rubbish & Dumps	156
Miscellaneous	12
Total	837

Occupancy of Building Fires	
Public Assemblies	11
Educational	8
Institutional	5
Residential	398
Store & Office	15
Basic Industries	2
Manufacturing	10
Storage	33
Special	5
Total	487

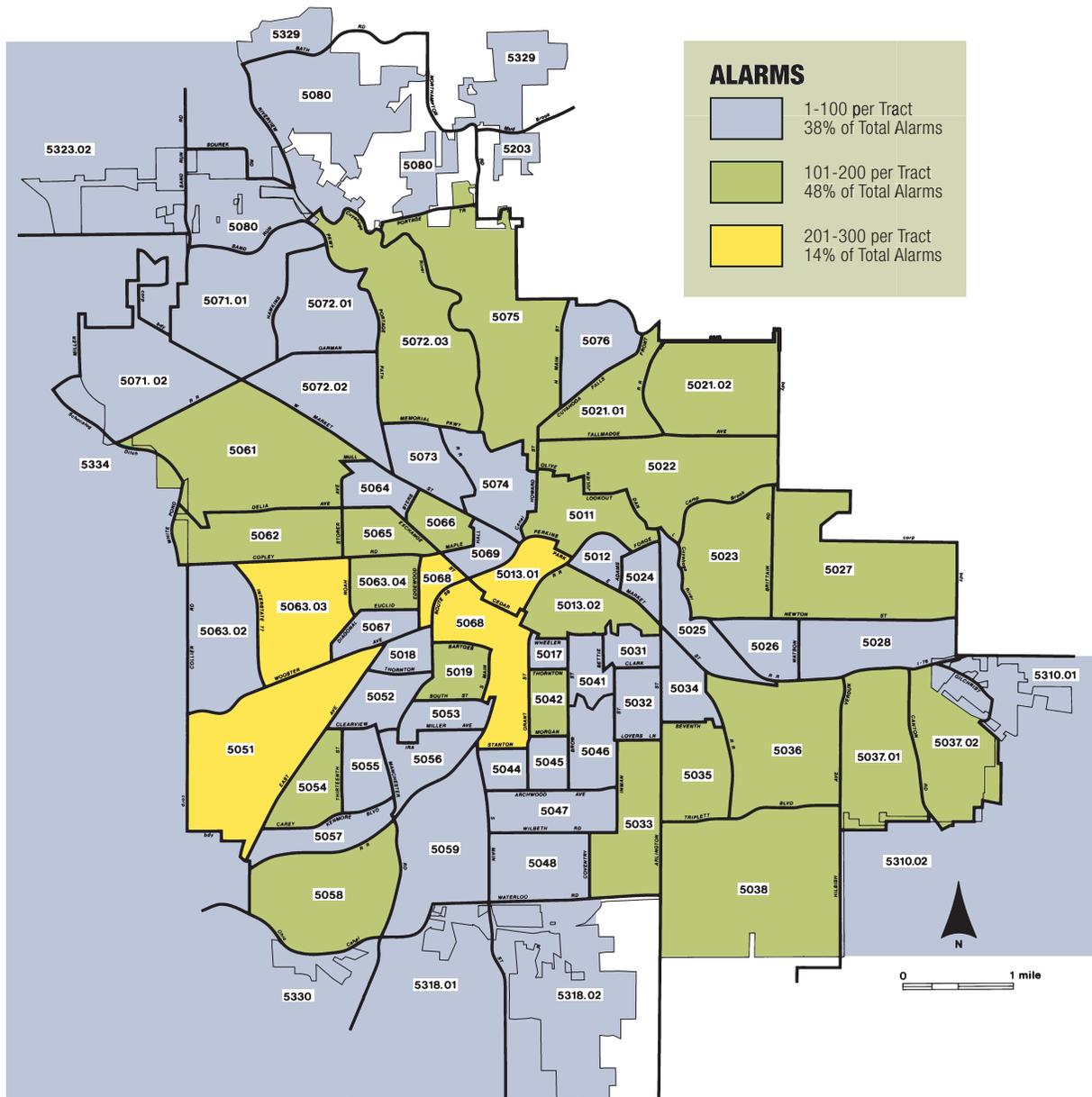
Casualties to Citizens	
Injuries	73
Fatalities	2

Casualties to Firefighters	
Injuries	68
Fatalities	0

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

ALARM RESPONSES BY THE AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT PER CENSUS TRACT

TOTAL ALARMS – 6,830



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		1		42	2		1	5			51
Children Playing				8				1			9
Careless Smoking				13	2		1	1			17
Heating-Furnace, Chimney, Water Heater	2			22	1			1			26
Cooking	6	2	3	158							169
Electrical Distribution-Wiring, Light Ballast	2		1	27	4		1	2			37
Appliances-Air Conditioning, Tools, Refrigerator			1	25	2			1			29
Open Flames		1		24	1	1	1	2	1		31
Other Heat: Fireworks,Explosives,Friction,Hot Material				8	1						9
Other Equipment-Commercial, Medical, Electronic	1			20	1	1	2	4	1		30
Natural-Lightning, Chemical Reaction				4							4
Exposures				20	1			9	1		31
Unknown		4		27			4	7	2		44
TOTAL	11	8	5	398	15	2	10	33	5		487

FIRE LOSSES AT \$50,000 AND OVER

DATE	ADDRESS	FIXED PROPERTY USE	BUILDING	CONTENTS	TOTAL
1/9/11	1461 Industrial Pkwy.	Manufacturer	100,000	100,000	200,000
1/18/11	103 S. Maple St.	Multifamily Dwelling	45,000	5,000	50,000
1/30/11	539H East Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	40,000	10,000	50,000
2/2/11	492 Donald Av.	Multifamily Dwelling	50,000	10,000	60,000
2/22/11	770 W. Exchange St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	75,000	10,000	85,000
2/24/11	912 Bloomfield Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	40,000	15,000	55,000
3/29/11	1590 W. Market St., Suite 6	Multifamily Dwelling	50,000	10,000	60,000
4/20/11	1459 Honodle Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	65,000	5,000	70,000
4/27/11	1085 Orlando Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	50,000	0	50,000
5/12/11	479 Woodland Ave.	Multifamily Dwelling	120,000	59,600	179,600
6/8/11	943 Hazel St.	Manufacturer	5,000	50,000	55,000
6/22/11	1678 Newton St.	Multifamily Dwelling	45,000	50,000	95,000
6/30/11	345 Frazier Ave.	One or Two Family Dwelling	45,000	20,000	65,000
8/12/11	1873 S. Main St.	One or Two Family Dwelling	125,000	80,000	205,000
8/23/11	2677 Riverview Rd.	Sanitation Utility	700,000	200,000	900,000
8/23/11	2677 Riverview Rd.	Sanitation Utility	250,000	150,000	400,000
9/1/11	9 Socrates Pl.	Multifamily Dwelling	50,000	10,000	60,000
9/24/11	566 Fernwood Dr.	One or Two Family Dwelling	45,000	12,000	57,000
10/9/11	206 Beck Ave.	Multifamily Dwelling	92,000	0	92,000
11/3/11	1924 Newton St.	Multifamily Dwelling	50,000	10,000	60,000
11/28/11	944 Copley Rd.	Laundry	276,000	200,000	476,000
12/11/11	1000 S. Broadway St.	Manufacturer	50,000	1,000	51,000



LOSS CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDING FIRES

	Number of Fires	Percentage of Fires	Estimated Loss	Percentage of Loss
Under \$5000	321	66	\$226,848	4
5000-9999	40	8	\$238,500	4
10000-19999	45	9	\$633,500	10
20000-29999	36	7	\$824,300	13
30000-39999	11	2	\$357,500	6
40000-49999	12	3	\$508,290	8
50000+	22	5	\$3,375,600	55
Total	487	100	\$6,164,538	100



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the activities of the Division of Fire for the year 2011 including a comparison with the activities of the year 2010.

	2011	2010	Up	Down
Total Response	15,357	14,027	1330	
Alarm Total	6,830	6,346	484	
Types of Incidents:				
Building Fires	487	427	60	
Vehicles Fires	182	186		4
Grass, Rubbish Fires	156	199		43
Miscellaneous Fires	12	13		1
False Alarms	533	460	73	
Accidental Alarms	514	480	34	
Emergency Alarms	1,440	1,287	153	
Misc. Calls (No fires involved)	3,506	3,294	212	
Fire Loss:				
Total	6,809,028	6,118,088		
Per Capita	32.11	28.86		
Population of Akron	212,000	212,000		
	or	or		
Per Capita	34.21	30.74		
Population of Akron (2010 census)	199,000	199,000		

FIRE STATISTICS

Building	Valuation	Loss
Public Assembly	\$3,281,662	\$61,750
Educational	\$11,460,000	\$22,250
Institutional	\$768,005,300	\$5,600
Residential	\$99,023,638	\$3,686,748
Store & Office	\$5,881,564	\$517,600
Basic Industry	\$34,000,000	\$1,300,000
Manufacturing	\$31,367,000	\$354,500
Storage	\$2,173,550	\$212,850
Special	\$126,650	\$3,240
Building & Contents Total	\$955,319,364	\$6,164,538
Motor Vehicles	\$1,230,636	\$628,755
Miscellaneous	\$50,625	\$15,735
Grand Total	\$956,600,625	\$6,809,028

ALARMS WHERE NO FIRE WAS INVOLVED

Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	
Overpressure rupture from steam (no ensuing fire)	1
Overpressure rupture from air or gas (no ensuing fire)	3
Explosion (no fire)	5
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	2
Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incident	
Medical Assist	1372
Lock-in	13
Search for lost person	3
Extrication, rescue	45
Water and ice-related rescue	7
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	
Combustible/flammable spills and leaks	181
Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition	45
Radioactive condition	0
Electrical wiring/equipment problem	554
Biological hazard	6
Accident, potential accident	23
Explosive, bomb removal	1
Attempted burning, illegal action	1
Hazardous condition (no fire), other	0
Service Call	
Person in distress	41
Water problem	91
Smoke, odor problem	159
Animal problem or rescue	113
Public service assistance	396
Unauthorized burning	399
Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up	1
Service call, other	0
Good Intent Call	
Dispatched and cancelled en route	379
Wrong location, no emergency found	291
Controlled burning	57
Vicinity alarm	2
Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	335
EMS call where party has been transported	0
HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat found	138
Good intent call, other	20
False Alarm and False Call	
Malicious, mischievous false alarm	195
Bomb scare (no bomb)	8
System or detector malfunction	330
Unintentional system or detector operation (no fire)	514
False alarm and false call, other	0
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	261
Special Incident Type	
Citizen Complaint	1
Special type of incident, other	0
TOTAL	5993

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 2011 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 2011 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 District Chief Dennis Stoneman. 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 for 2011: 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. One new medical unit was put in-service during the year. During the past year Akron Fire responded to 34,227 emergency medical runs, an 8% increase from the previous year. Of those runs, 6,957 were considered life threatening and transported by Akron Fire medical units 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 Fest and fireworks display, the Italian Fest, the Soap Box Derby, the Hardesty Park Expo, the Bridgestone Golf Tournament, the Lebron James Bike-a-Thon, and the Road Runner Marathon.

The Quality Assurance program for Akron Fire's Emergency Medical Service is coordinated by

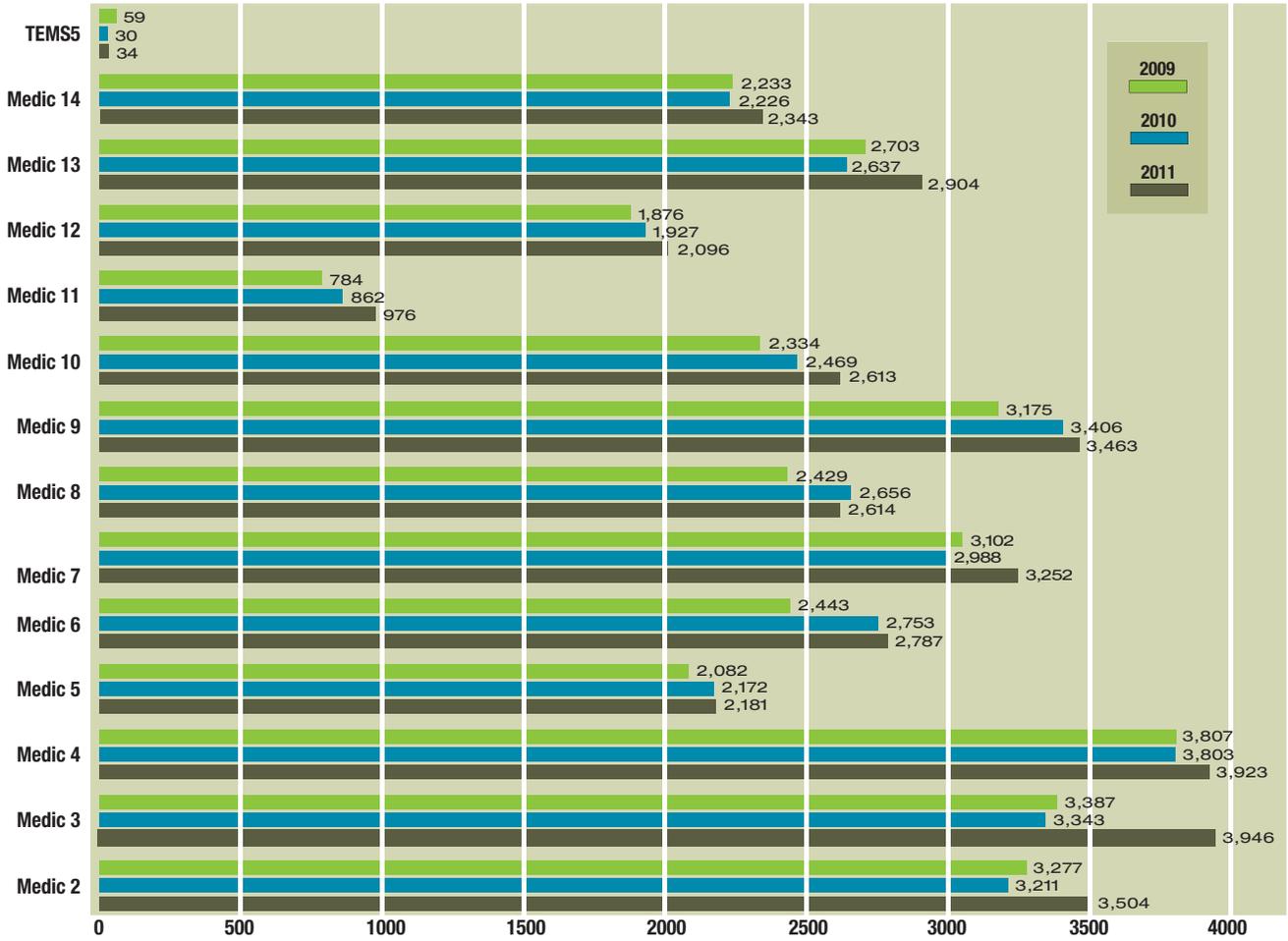
Rita Chambers in conjunction with the AFD Medical Advisor, Dr. Richard Gradisek. The QA program not only handles dealing with professional complaints and report reviews, it encompasses initial EMS training and all continuing education for Akron Fire EMS. In 2011, all AFD paramedics were recertified in BLS and ACLS. Recertification classes were also held for those needing to recertify their PALS or ITLS certifications. Monthly run reviews and optional CE classes were coordinated to keep medics up to date with the latest information in EMS. The AFD protocols were updated to reflect advances in EMS. Two EMT programs were initiated in 2011, one with employees and the other program for recent graduates of Akron Public Schools. Newly hired paramedics and those graduating from paramedic school began the paramedic apprenticeship after an in depth review of the AFD protocol and EMS equipment. We continue to work with area hospitals and agencies to insure that Akron has one of the best educated EMS systems in the country.

Additionally the Emergency Medical Services Bureau would also like to recognize the following individuals for their support

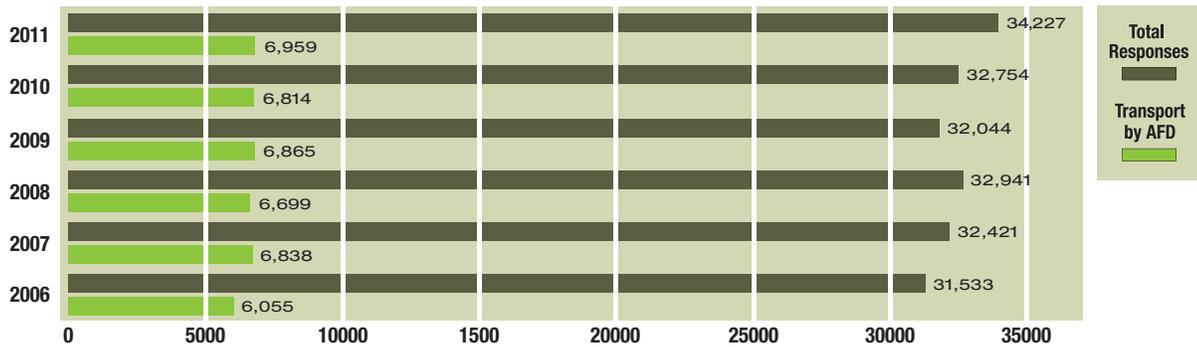
of Bureau functions: Dr. Mary Jo McMullen, Tactical Paramedic Medical Advisor; Captain Leslie Gaiser, EMS Training; and Ray Minnich, EMS Training.



TOTAL RESPONSES BY MEDICAL UNIT

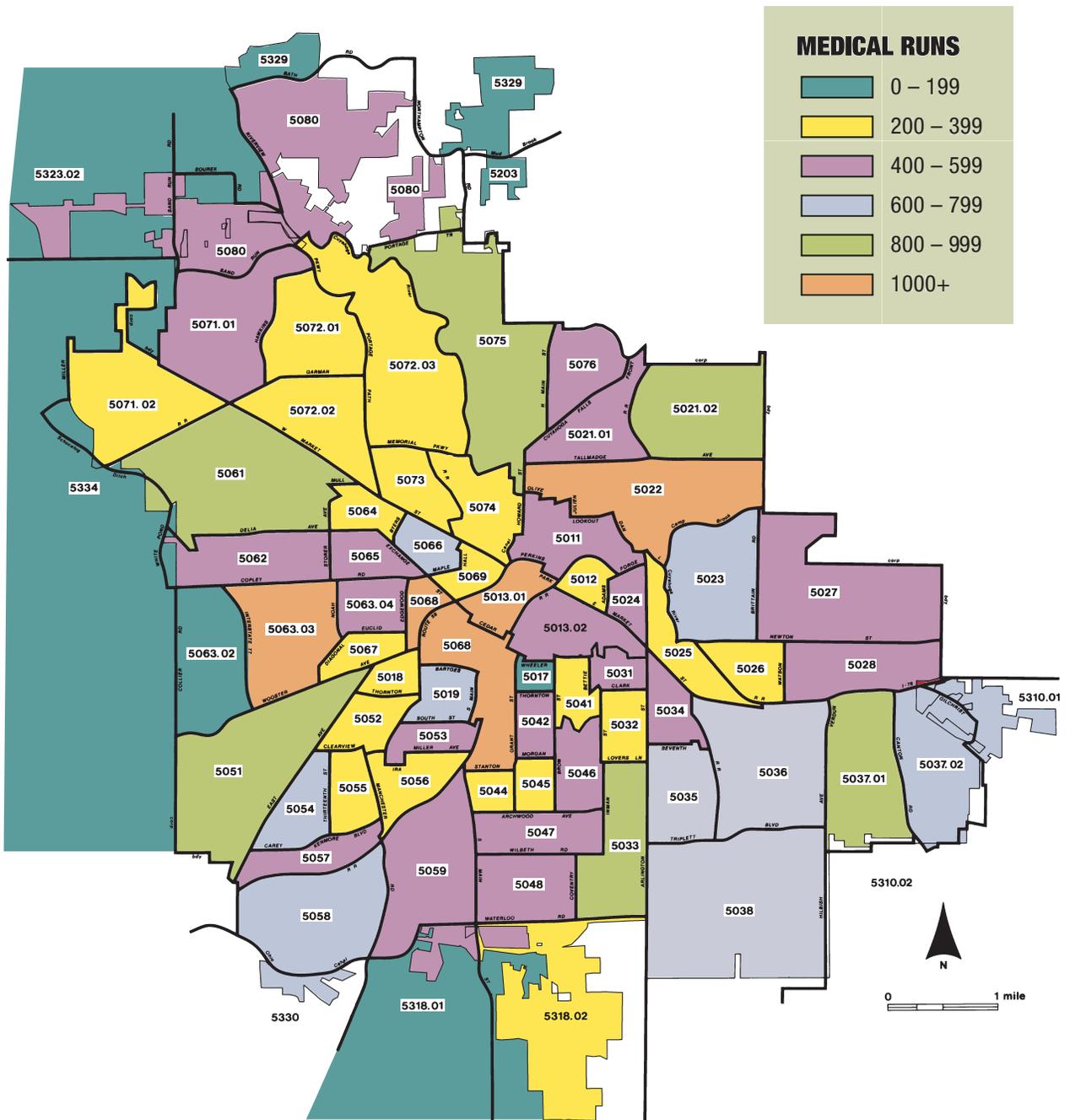


TOTAL SYSTEM REVIEW



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

Total Alarms – 34,227



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 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 reduced manpower.

CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

The Code Enforcement Section of the Akron Fire Department is tasked with inspecting commercial and residential occupancies within the City of Akron. While single family residences are normally exempt from routine Code Enforcement inspections, our inspectors are often required to inspect single family homes of those seeking to adopt children or serve as Foster Parents. For the majority of 2011 the Code Enforcement Section relied on the 2007 edition of the Ohio Fire Code (OFC); however, on November 1st of 2011 the new edition of the OFC went into effect. 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 protection for its citizens from the devastating effects of fire.

In conjunction with the city of Akron's Plans and Permits section and Summit County Building Standards, the Akron Fire Department'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, standpipes systems and commercial kitchen hood suppression systems.

In 2011, the Code Enforcement section performed plans review of 443 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 Building Code and the OFC. Two of the largest plans review projects were the Bridgestone Firestone and Goodyear Technical Centers.

In 2011, fire companies performed over 2238 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 2137 inspections, in 2011.

In 2011 all inspectors attended a fireworks update given by the State Fire Marshal's office and monitored 32 fireworks displays.



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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

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 2011, the Bureau worked with nine interns from the University of Akron's Fire Protection Program, in an effort to allow the students to learn the various functions of the fire service.

The Bureau also lost over 60 years of valuable fire service knowledge and experience, in 2011, due to the retirements of Inspectors Mike Mara and Johnnie Player. We would like to thank both of these gentlemen for their many years of dedicated service!

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

2011 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



ACQUISITION





CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

ASSEMBLIES	INSPECTIONS	RECALL REINSPECTIONS	VIOLATIONS
Church	34	32	260
Night Clubs/ Bars	45	38	251
Restaurants	125	99	505
Recreation Centers	15	9	118
Miscellaneous Assemblies	34	25	251
BUSINESS			
Professional Offices	285	119	523
Medical Offices	125	51	209
Barber / Beauty Shop	0	0	0
Banks	38	8	30
Miscellaneous Business	205	89	505
EDUCATIONAL			
Daycare	95	22	214
School Elementary	65	34	397
School Jr. High	26	15	198
School High	17	10	263
Miscellaneous Educational	17	5	37
FACTORY / INDUSTRIAL			
Plastic Manufacture	14	12	172
Dry Cleaning	9	4	28
Machine Shop	21	15	93
Print Commercial	18	10	54
Miscellaneous Factory / Industrial	74	35	362
HAZARDOUS			
Miscellaneous Hazardous	0	0	0
INSTITUTIONAL			
Hospitals	43	10	77
Jails	6	3	47
Miscellaneous Institutional	25	6	42
MERCANTILE			
Department Stores	33	21	167
Grocery Store	74	37	233
Furniture Store	19	17	57
Miscellaneous Mercantile	374	188	810
RESIDENTIAL			
Foster Homes	64	14	76
Apartments	145	86	486
Hotel / Motel	1	1	2
Boarding House	28	12	83
Miscellaneous Residential	14	2	18
STORAGE			
Auto Repair	87	43	212
Miscellaneous Storage	49	23	187
UTILITY			
Miscellaneous Utility	32	9	71
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vacant / Secure	262	22	145
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
TOTAL	2518	1126	7183
OTHER ACTIVITIES			
Plans Review	443	0	0
Site Visits	53	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	3014	1126	7183

AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD

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

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



The Akron Fire Department Honor Guard participates in one of Akron's Community Parades
2011 Members: Captain Albert Bragg, Christopher Boccia, David Dilauro, Jerry Elie, John Gordon, Lieutenant Leon Henderson, William Horner, Marcellus Johnson, Kenneth Meyn, William Romano, Andrew Tomcask

FIRE INVESTIGATION SECTION



Robert Wroblewski
Lieutenant

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

In 2011 the Fire Investigation Unit conducted 298 fire investigations: 200 residential structure fires, including 34 vacant structures, 16 exposures to other fires, and 19 residential garages. Also investigated were 15 commercial structure fires, 1 of which was vacant, 38 vehicle fires, and 10 other miscellaneous fire incidents. Of these 298 fire

investigations, 98 were determined to be Incendiary fires: 55 were residential structure fires, including 25 vacant structures, and 11 were exposures to other set fires. Seven were commercial structure fires, including 1 vacant commercial structure, 29 were vehicle fires, 13 of which were stolen autos, and 6 other miscellaneous fire incidents. In addition, in 2011 the Fire Investigation Unit handled 438 service calls: 301 Carbon Monoxide detector checks, and 137 Open Burning complaints.

In 2011 Fire Investigation Unit criminal investigations resulted in 12 arrests with 10 convictions, and 2 cases scheduled to go to trial in early 2012. The Fire Investigation Unit also conducted 2 investigations involving 2 civilian fire fatalities during 2011. Both of these fires were thoroughly investigated by the Akron Fire Investigation Unit, the Akron Police Detective Bureau, and the Summit County Medical Examiner's Office. Both of these investigations have been closed; one classified as Unintentional, involving a physically impaired person who had been smoking while using a home oxygen system. Sadly, Akron Fire had responded there twice earlier in the year for similar incidents, but both of those calls had more favorable outcomes. The other investigation has been classified as Undetermined After Investigation, but strongly believed to be

FIRE INVESTIGATORS

Robert Wroblewski, Lieutenant
Bradley McKittrick, Lieutenant

Matt D'Avello, Investigator
Ellis Polk, Investigator

Todd Webb, Investigator

FIRE INVESTIGATION SECTION

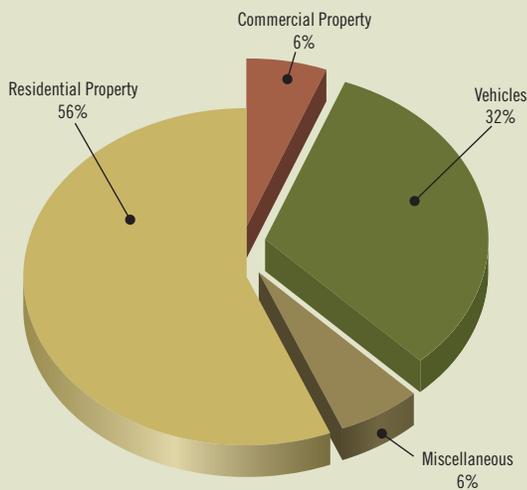
The Fire Investigation Unit conducted several Internal Investigations for Fire Administration, and several Fire Investigation Unit members also attended several training conferences in 2011.

The Fire Investigation Unit continued to be the regional reporting location for fire/burn injuries during 2011. 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.

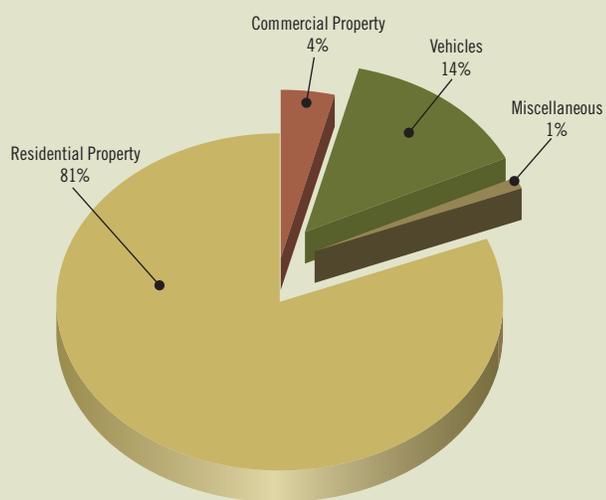
In 2011 the Fire Investigation Unit also provided assistance to other local

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 2011. 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 2012.

2011 Incendiary Incidents Total – 98

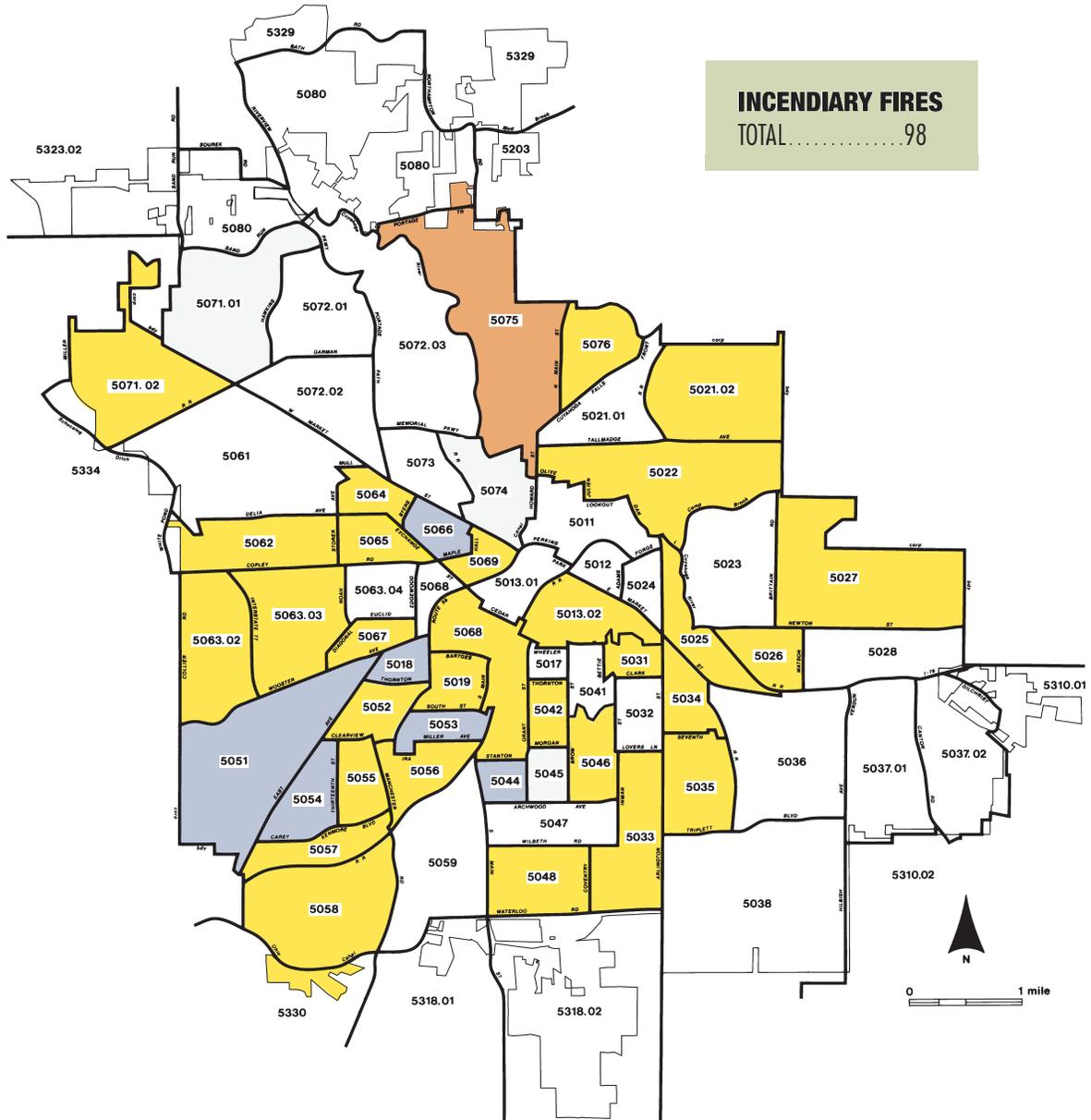


**2011 Incendiary Dollar Loss
\$1,236,552**



INCENDIARY FIRES PER CENSUS TRACT

AKRON, OHIO



INCENDIARY FIRES
TOTAL.....98

INCENDIARY FIRES	
	1-4 Per Tract 55% of Total Alarms
	5-7 Per Tract 37% of Total Alarms
	8-25 Per Tract 8% of Total Alarms

PROPERTY LOSS	
	\$722,650 58% of Total Loss
	\$456,902 37% of Total Loss
	\$57,000 5% of Total Loss



BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING



Dennis Stoneman
District Chief



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. The year 2011 has been a challenging year for the City and the Fire Department; despite limited resources the Training Bureau has managed to once again accomplish this mission.

Goals for the Bureau of Training

Our goal is to make the Akron Fire Department the best trained and safest fire department in the state of Ohio.

2011 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 first year with glowing recommendations.

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 Akron University program the nine firefighters began a one month

introduction into AFD beginning May 2, 2011. The class has fit in well and they have begun to work through their first year of apprenticeship.

Recruit Class # 3

Class three attended Akron University 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.

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 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.

BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING

Armory Road Facility

The Armory road facility better known as the Howard E Woodford facility continues to grow and in 2011 we had our first swearing in ceremony. 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 University of Akron and the Summit County Sheriff's Department, both are currently housing equipment here.

I would like to offer special thanks to Doug Fela and the hardworking staff at fire maintenance for helping to maintain this wonderful facility.

Firefighter Recertification and C.E.

The Training Bureau continues to monitor the process and provide assistance with respect to the recertification process. We continue to track certification and Continuing Education to ensure compliance with the State standards.

Electronic Training Documentation & Resources

The Training database used to document all levels of training activities has become a mainstay. In addition to significantly reducing the time needed to enter training data, and standardize entries. The data is now accessible to search queries.

Tim Smith and Capt. Brad Carr continue

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

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

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 a list of some of the activities undertaken by the training center in 2011.



BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING

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 9-1-1 video production
- Video production by Mike McDonald (Video One).

Upcoming events for 2012

2012 promises to be busy with many classes including:

- Fire Officer
- Incident Safety Officer
- EMT Refresher
- 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 Changes

2011 brought about many changes to the training bureau including the addition of Captain Les Gaiser to Fire/EMS training and Captain Richard Vober as Department Safety Officer/Fire Training.

The Training Bureau was fortunate to receive the help of Mark Harper Sr., Doug Fela, Robert Alestock, and Carol Baughman, again many thanks for a job well done!



ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION



Robert C. Ross Jr.
Deputy Chief

Through the diligent efforts of the many employees that comprise the Administrative Subdivision, I am pleased to report that in 2011 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

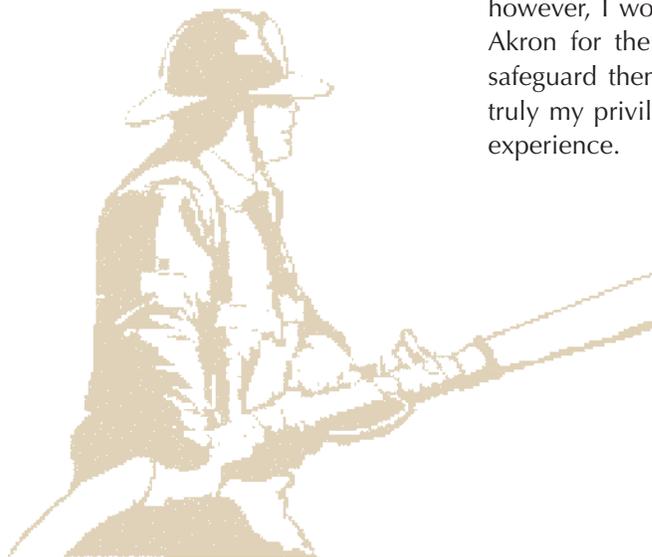
The Accounting and Services bureau, located within the Fire division's main administrative offices, provides a broad range of vital services to the Fire Department. While our work is largely behind the scenes, there is not an area of the Department that could function without the efforts of our Bureau. 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 2011, the combined budgets totaled approximately 39.7 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 responsible for transmitting the emergency needs of the public to emergency responders. Calls are received from the public via 9-1-1 phone lines, alarm boxes, TDD (Communication for the deaf), referrals from police, walk-ins at fire stations and other means. Call takers (Tech 1s) enter information for incidents and code the call using the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatching) and Plant /CML 911 equipment. This equipment with the VESTA and MaGIC software, allows us to get ANI (Automatic Number Identification) and ALI (Automatic Location Information) from wired, wireless and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones. This technology allows the plotting of the caller's location and displays it on a map to provide first responders the location of the emergency. Computer software determines whom the dispatcher will send, based on location and specialized need. The dispatchers (Tech 2s) alert the responding units, confirm their response and document the arrival and in-service times. Fire Lieutenants and Police Sergeants monitor the process. Their duties include

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

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

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



MONTHLY ALARM DATA 2011

Month	FIRES				NON-FIRES				Total Alarms
	Buildings	Grass/ Rubbish	Motor Vehicles	Misc	False	Accidental	Emergency First Aid	Misc	
January	39	5	14	1	29	37	100	188	413
February	45	4	26	1	28	38	117	245	504
March	30	11	13	0	37	44	108	212	455
April	41	16	13	0	37	39	102	355	603
May	37	13	17	1	41	49	119	309	586
June	33	16	14	2	56	45	123	331	620
July	46	27	18	1	51	55	144	440	782
August	48	23	20	1	52	68	108	333	653
September	42	7	11	1	49	39	106	285	540
October	40	10	11	1	52	33	121	282	550
November	50	19	9	3	51	32	153	277	594
December	36	5	16	0	50	35	139	249	530
TOTAL	487	156	182	12	533	514	1440	3506	6830

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/RESCUE BUREAU



Clarence Tucker
Captain

The Hazardous Materials/Rescue Bureau Manager is Captain Clarence Tucker; telephone 375-2164. The Hazardous Materials/Rescue Bureau oversees the activities of the Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Team, Technical Response Operations Team (TROT), and Dive Team. The Bureau responded to 122 emergency calls in 2011. This year we conducted site visits and completed Risk and Hazard Analysis for all 29 Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) facilities in the City of Akron. We also keep files on the 135 Superfund Amendment & Reauthorization Act (SARA Title III) facilities that are in the City of Akron.

This year training continues to be of major importance for this bureau. We sent technicians to monthly training with the Summit County Special Operations Response Teams (SORT) and one individual to the Nuclear Test Site in Nevada for radiation training. We



also trained 15 firefighters to the Hazmat Technician certification as well as 5 firefighters from around Summit County and two from the Summit County Bomb Squad. This brings our total numbers up to include: 75 Hazmat Technicians, 32 TROT Technicians, and 22 Divers.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

In 2011 we added to our capabilities with the Radiological Isotope Identifier and the Area Rae system with the help of grants. We also placed a new decon vehicle in service that will have primary response responsibilities in Akron and Summit County for Hazmat incidents. This vehicle was purchased by Summit County and the Domestic Preparedness Steering Committee with the help of state and federal grants.

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 Steering Committee. Thanks to all of our members for their dedication and professionalism.

WATER RESCUE TEAM

This was the busiest year the Water Rescue Team has ever had. We conducted rescues, searches, body and evidence recoveries, covering all types of jurisdictions. The team spent multiple days on the water in three of these events. Along with all the activities, the team is also responsible for housing a Marine Sonic side scan sonar belonging to the Summit County Water Rescue Team and the demanding training program that goes with it. This piece of equipment enables us to cover search areas with precision, very quickly.

This year we sent two members (Firefighters David Tenney and Travis Kernik) to the International Association of Dive Rescue Specialist Conference in Florida. 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 further our skills. We had one member, Thomas Mazzie, achieve Master Diver, two members David Tenney, and Lt. Scott Duber finished the Rescue Diver course.



TECHNICAL RESCUE OPERATIONS TEAM

In 2011, the Technical Rescue Operations Team continued to maintain their technician level in all four disciplines. These disciplines include high angle rope, trench, confined space, and structural collapse rescue.

Our team hosted multiple trainings for the Summit County Trot and regional teams in

trench and structural collapse scenarios during the past year.

In addition to providing our services to the City of Akron we are also part of the Summit County Special Operations Team and the State of Ohio Region 5 Special Operations Team.



PERSONNEL

Number of Employees for each Classified Position

TITLE	2011	2010
Uniform		
Fire Chief	1 (interim)	1
Fire Deputy Chief	2	5
Fire District Chief	2	3
Fire Captain	20	15
Fire Lieutenant	54	67
Firefighter	250	259
Total Uniformed Personnel	329	350
Support		
Fire Equipment Supervisor	0	1
Fire Equipment Foreman	1	0
Fire Equipment Mechanic	5	6
Fire Hydrant Repair Supervisor	0	0
Fire Hydrant Maintenance Worker	3	3
Secretary IV	0	1
Secretary III	4	4
Secretary II	3	3
Secretary II (Temp)	0	0
Secretary I	0	0
Storekeeper II	1	1
Stores Clerk	1	2
Programmer Analyst I	1	1
Quality Assurance Coordinator	1	1
Total Support	20	23
Total Division	349	373

Personnel Data For			
Appointments	13	Separated (Temporary - COE)	0
Retirements	34	Demotions	0
Resignations	3	Promotions	20
Reinstated (Safer Grant)	1		
Dismissal	0	Deceased (Active)	0
Lay Offs	0	Deceased (Retired)	7

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.

The following is a summary of the activity of this Division for the year ending December 31, 2011:

JOBS	
VEHICLE REPAIRS - MAJOR	282
Includes engines, drive train, fire pumps, transmission, clutches, collisions and rust damage, etc.	
VEHICLE REPAIRS - MINOR	9,050
Includes tune-up, ignition and wiring, lights, brakes, steering, etc.	
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	347
Includes general inspection, lubrication and road tests.	
BUILDING REPAIRS	1,712
Includes heating & cooling, plumbing, elevators, gas pumps, electrical, structural, appliances, and lawn & garden equipment.	
SCBA REPAIR - MAJOR	172
Includes complete overhaul of breathing air equipment.	
SCBA REPAIR - MINOR	2,102
Includes maintenance and repair of all self-contained breathing apparatus and medical equipment	
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE	272
Includes driver training, Underwriter tests (pump, hose, and aerial), response to multiple alarms and support services pertinent to the Fire Department.	

FIRE MAINTENANCE BUREAU

In 2011, Fire Maintenance placed the following vehicles into service

One 2011 Chevrolet 4500 HD chassis fitted with modular ambulance body assigned to Med-4.

One New 2011 Pierce 2000 GPM Pumper assigned as Engine 6.

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

Three Ford Fusions assigned to the Bureaus

The following vehicles were reassigned within the Department:

Med-4 was reassigned to Station #3 as a spare.

Tower-6 was reassigned to Station #6 as a spare (reserve).



FIRE STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT



Station No. 2 - 952 E. Exchange St.

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

Station No. 3 - 59 S. Maple St.

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

Station No. 4 - 25 E. Thornton St.

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

Station No. 5 - 2460 E. Market St.

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

Station No. 6 - 1685 S. Hawkins Ave.

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

Station No. 7 - 541 E. Tallmadge Ave.

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

Station No. 8 - 1277 E. Archwood Avenue

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

Station No. 9 - 98 Dodge Ave.

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

Station No. 10 - 2225 4th St. SW

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

Station No. 11 - 1688 Akron Peninsula Rd.

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

Station No. 12 - 1852 W. Market St.

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

Station No. 13 - 1544 Brown St.

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

Station No. 14 - 766 Brittain Road

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

HYDRANT MAINTENANCE SECTION

The following is a summary of activities of Hydrant Maintenance for the year ending December 31, 2011:

Hydrants Inspected	929
Follow-up Inspections after Use by Fire Companies	89
Alarms Responded to	8
Additional Hydrants installed	0
New Hydrants Turned	9
Hydrants Rebuilt	66
Hydrants Winterized	290
Hydrants Repacked	6
Hydrants Serviced	468
Hydrants Painted	10
Flow Tests Conducted by Fire Underwriters	161
Hydrants Hit by Vehicles	125
Hydrants Broken	188
Hydrants Flushed	14,672
Hydrants Elevated Above Grade	16

Hydrant coding specifications:

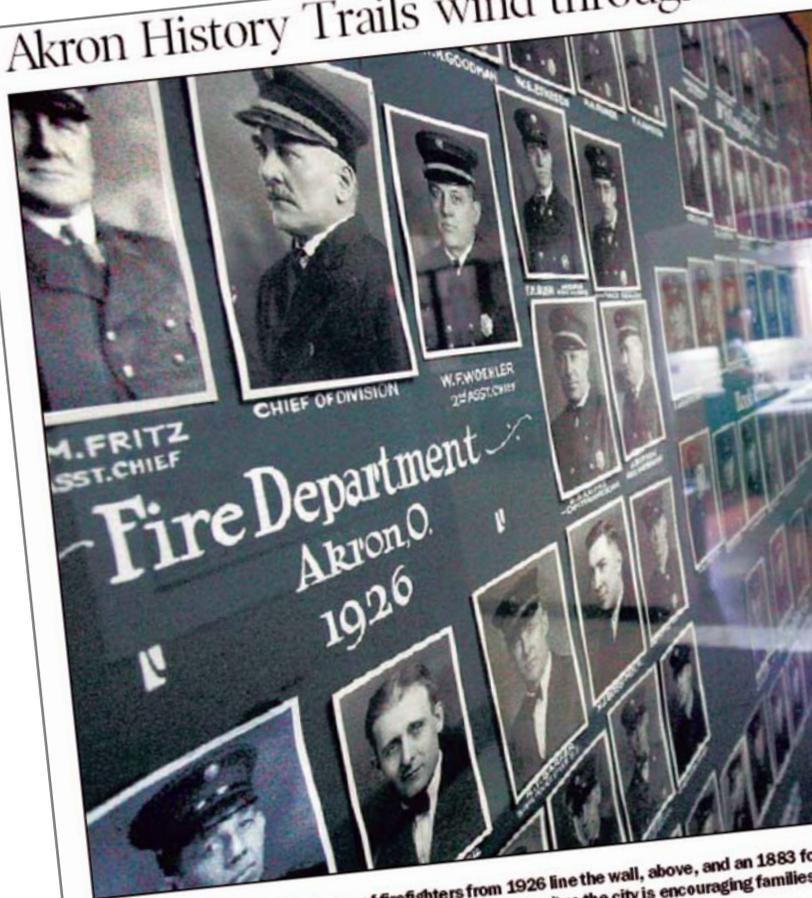
- Red:** Less than 500 gallons per minute
- Orange:** 500 – 999 gallons per minute
- Green:** 1,000 – 1,499 gallons per minute
- White:** 1,500 gallons per minute and above

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



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 23 years of collecting, from soot-stained uniforms and a safety net to old hose equipment and ancient metal fire helmets. Framed old newspaper clippings tell stories of past fires, alarms and emergencies.

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

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



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

IN RECOGNITION

Glad to include Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Simon 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 Brian Simon

Personal Information:

- Married to Lisa for 21 years, they attended Kent State together, married and have gone on to raise a beautiful family. If you listen to Brian for just a very short while it becomes apparent how important his family is to him and how proud he is of his wife and children.

Holden is 17, attends Firestone High School, and participates in cross country and coaches swimming at the JCC

Allison is 13, attends Miller South School for the performing arts and plays fast pitch softball.

Bowman is 9 and also attends Miller South and is interested in visual arts and drama.

Brian has participated over the years in his children's activities and has been involved with fast pitch softball where he currently serves as the head coach for an 11 to 13 years old girls team.

Brian enjoys spending time at home with Lisa working on their house and yard both of which always look great.

- Brian is a 1986 graduate of Kent State University
- Firefighting and EMS work was not Brian's first career. He spent a number of years in the transportation industry.
- Brian began his career with the Fire Department on June 5, 1995
- Brian graduated from AGMC's Paramedic education program in 1997 and continues to serve as both a FF and a Paramedic.
- Brian works at station #3 which is one of the departments most active stations for both fire and EMS calls.

Station #3 is one of the places we frequently send our newest members to be trained and Brian has a talent for instructing and sharing his knowledge and experience in a way that benefits the rookies.

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.

LEO MUELLER

BORN..... 2/13/1934
APPOINTED ... 10/15/1950
RETIRED 4/15/1978
DIED 3/19/2011

WILLIAM PENOTTE

BORN..... 2/28/1947
APPOINTED 8/1/1968
RETIRED 3/4/1995
DIED 7/14/2011

WILLIAM DUNLAP

BORN 11/5/1930
APPOINTED ... 11/29/1954
RETIRED 2/15/1986
DIED 6/14/2011

WILLIAM GLADMAN

BORN..... 5/5/1948
APPOINTED ... 11/16/1978
RETIRED 7/3/2008
DIED 6/8/2011

RAYMOND SPRENG

BORN..... 9/18/1924
APPOINTED ... 10/24/1951
RETIRED 4/19/1977
DIED 10/24/2011

JAMES B. THOMAS

BORN..... 12/12/1929
APPOINTED ... 2/28/1957
RETIRED 5/29/1983
DIED 9/9/2011

EUGENE AUBER

BORN..... 5/2/1925
APPOINTED ... 3/16/1949
RETIRED 1/2/1978
DIED 3/27/2011

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



Photos —

*Courtesy of the Akron Beacon Journal, Dennis Stoneman,
Tim Smith, Mike McDonald and Bruce Ford*



Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor