



City of Akron
FIRE DEPARTMENT

2007 ANNUAL REPORT



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AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

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



Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor



George Romanoski
Deputy Mayor



Larry A. Bunner
Chief



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 this 2007 Annual Report to Mayor Donald Plusquellic and his cabinet, members of Akron City Council, and the citizens of Akron.

As the latest Chief in a long and distinguished line, I wish to assure all that our department will continue to deliver high quality emergency services that our citizens deserve and expect. While we constantly strive to improve our level of service to the community we also must operate in a manner which is fiscally responsible. The balancing act of providing high quality services while containing costs and expenses would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of the members of our department.

In 2007, I was able to fill two vacancies at the Deputy Chief rank. Filling the vacancies at this level of our department provides an element of supervision and oversight necessary to operate effectively and efficiently. There was one lieutenant promoted to captain and two firefighter/medics promoted to lieutenant. The filling of these vacancies is essential to maintaining command and control of our work force. In 2007, we replaced two well-used Advanced Life Support ambulances with new ones (for Stations 3 and 13), we placed in service a new pumper engine for Station 10 and a new ladder truck for Station 9, plus several other support vehicles. Also, for the first time in several years, we were able to give an entrance level exam for new firefighters.

Worldwide, firefighters today are skilled, well-educated, highly trained professionals, more valuable and versatile than ever before in the history of the fire service. As technology moves ahead, we continue to research innovative methods to safeguard those who live, work and visit in our city. While Homeland Security and Domestic Preparedness responsibilities place additional burdens upon all first-responders, they also present new opportunities to serve. Rest assured that the Akron Fire Department will rise to meet all challenges and the opportunities they present to us.

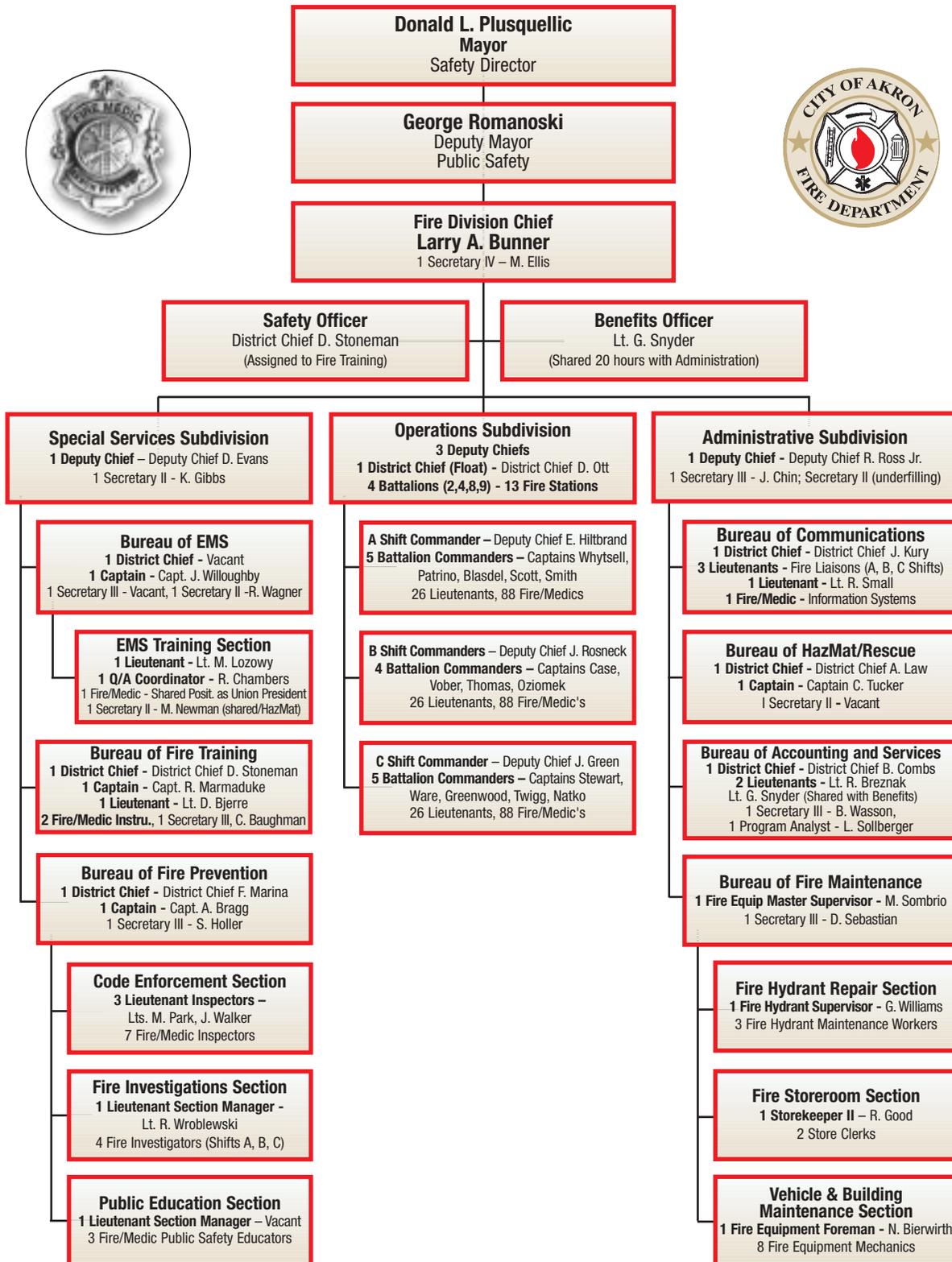
With extreme gratitude to Mayor Donald Plusquellic and his cabinet, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety George Romanoski, the City Administration, City Council, and the citizens of Akron for their support and assistance, I pledge that the committed men and women of the Akron Fire Department will be prepared for any emergency whenever and wherever duty calls.

Sincerely

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

Fire Chief

ORGANIZATION OF THE AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT



2007 DEPUTY CHIEFS



Edward Hiltbrand
Deputy Chief



James Green
Deputy Chief



Dale Evans
Deputy Chief



Robert Ross Jr.
Deputy Chief



John Rosneck
Deputy Chief

2007 DISTRICT CHIEFS



Dennis Stoneman
District Chief



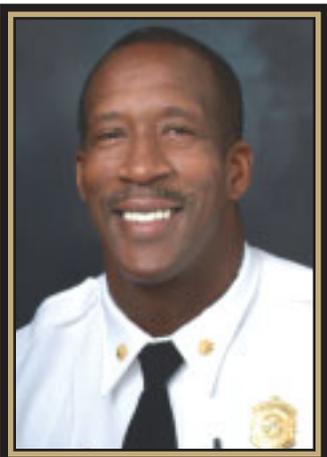
Douglas Ott
District Chief



Brent Combs
District Chief



Frank Marina
District Chief



Anthony Law
District Chief

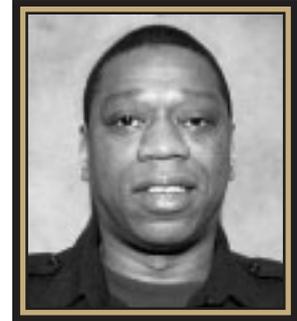


Joseph Kury
District Chief

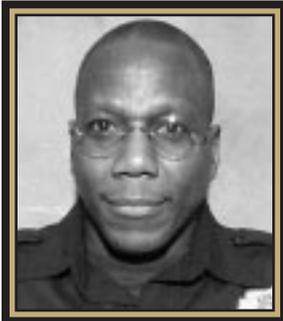
2007 RETIREES



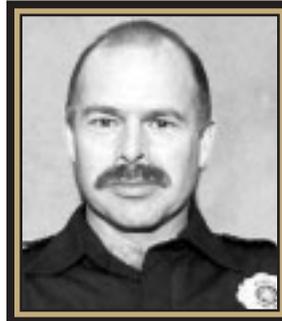
Charles R. Gladman Jr.
Retired 03-03-07



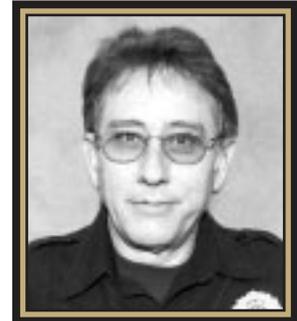
James Johnson
Retired 04-01-07



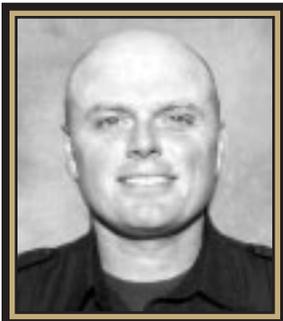
Jesse Thornton
Retired 06-29-07



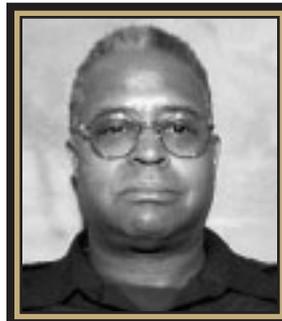
Bruce Fisher
Retired 06-08-07



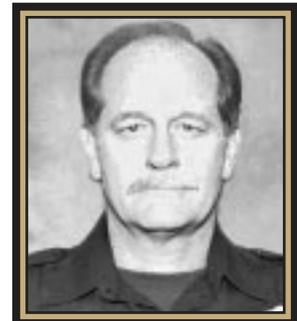
James McCombs
Retired 05-31-07



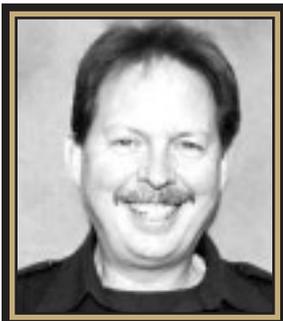
William Knotts
Retired 07-27-07



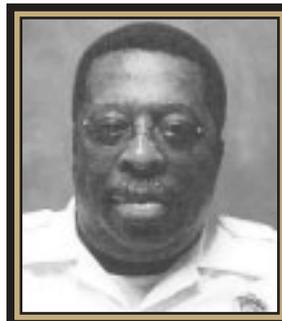
Ronald Mitchell
Retired 01-31-07



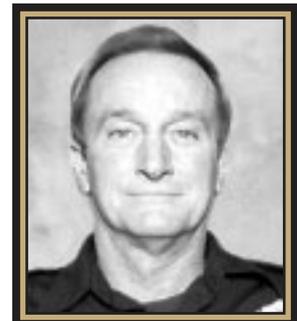
David Davis
Retired 09-14-07



Dennis Hubele
Retired 05-03-07



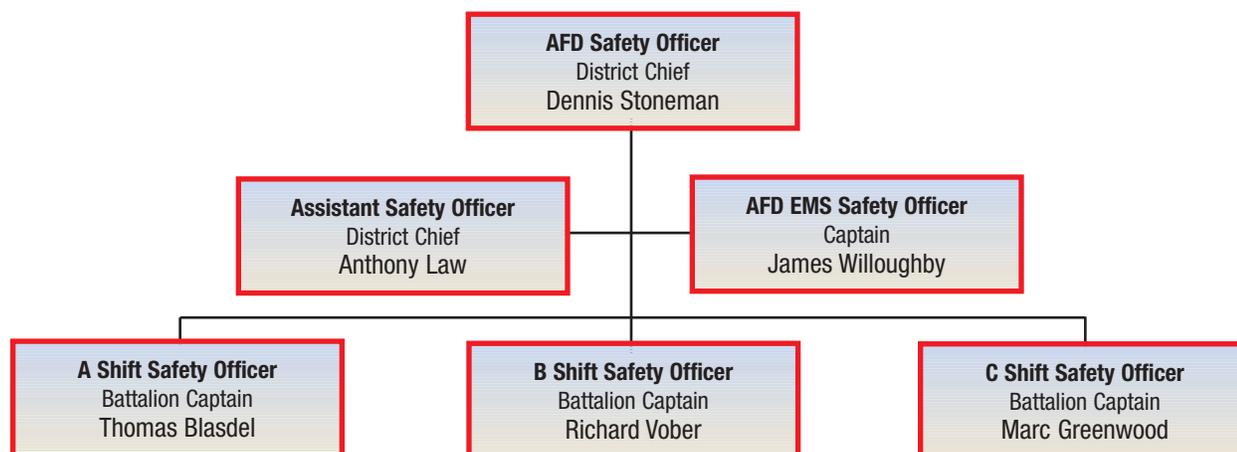
Ossie Blocker
Retired 01-30-07



John Ziga
Retired 06-02-07

SAFETY OFFICER

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



In 2007, the Akron Fire Department administered TB testing to all personnel and flu shots were made available to the Akron Police Department, Communication Center and the Akron Fire Department. Although the total number of injuries/exposures remained relatively constant, there was a significant reduction in exposures to hazardous materials and infectious diseases.

The Fit for Fire performance evaluations were administered by the Akron Fire Training Bureau with 342 Akron firefighters participating. There were 235 who performed the Drill Field Test, 105 who chose the In-House evaluation, and two who participated in the OPOTA testing.

COMPARISON OF INJURIES FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS

TYPE OF DATA	2005	2006	2007
Back Injuries	27	21	25
Burns	5	6	5
Days lost/Injuries	50	28	151
Exposures to Hazardous Material	86	209	186
Exposures to Infectious Disease	29	58	27
Fractures	1	2	1
Injuries sustained at EMS Incidents	35	5	33
Injuries sustained at structural Fires	33	26	38
Respond/Return Fire & EMS	10	4	4
Sprain/Strains	61	45	55
Total Number of Injuries/Exposures	241	376	374

OPERATIONS SUBDIVISION



Edward Hiltbrand
Deputy Chief – A Shift



John Rosneck
Deputy Chief – B Shift



James Green
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.

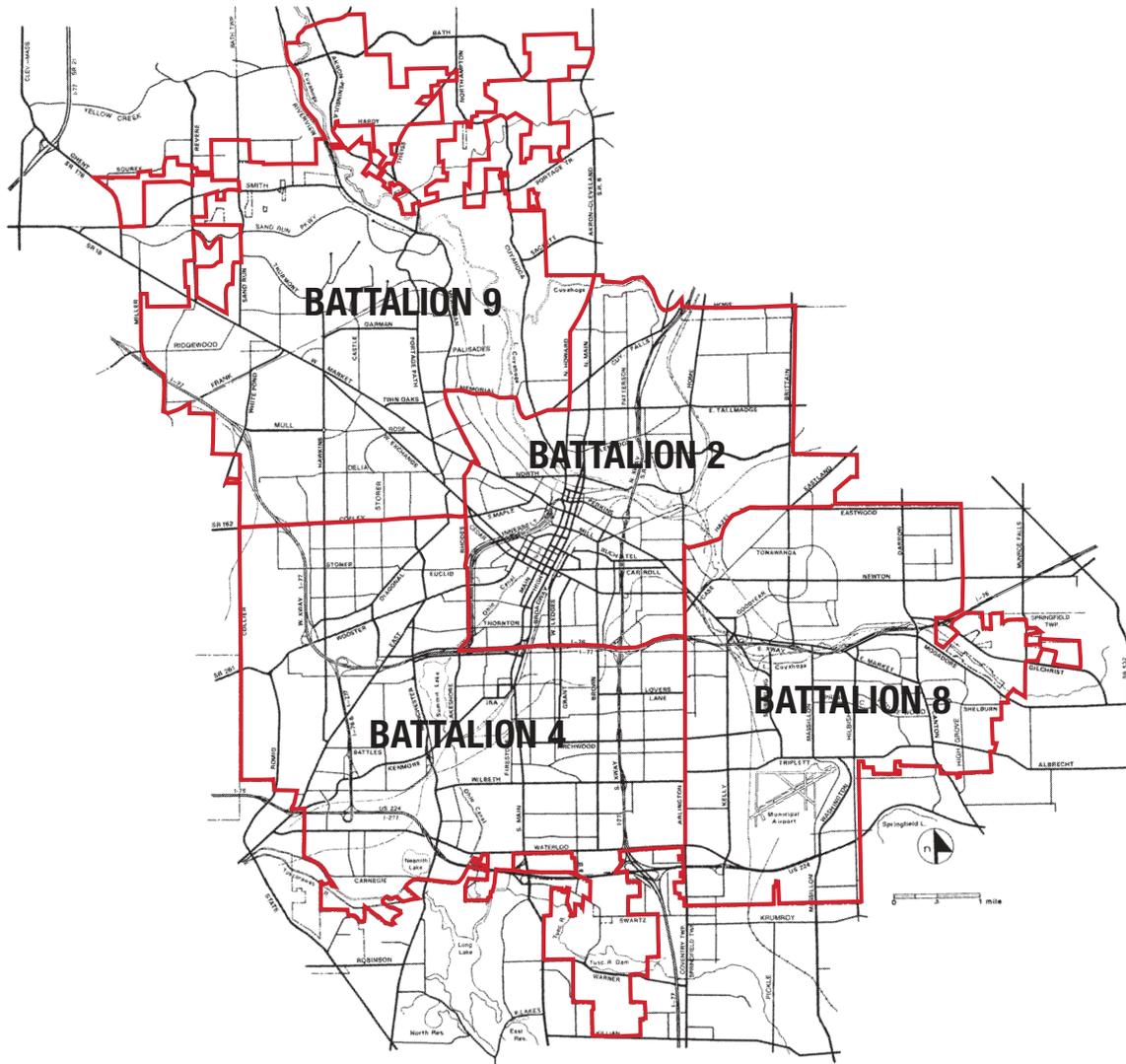
The City of Akron is geographically divided into four sections, known as Battalions. Each Battalion has several stations within its boundaries. Each shift has four Battalion Commanders (Battalions 2, 4, 8, and 9) that are responsible for command and control of most

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	BATTALION 4	BATTALION 8	BATTALION 9
A-Captain Whytsell	A-Captain Patrino	A-Captain Smith	A-Captain Blasdel
B-Captain Case	B-Captain Vober	B-Captain Thomas	B-Captain Oziomek
C-Captain Stewart	C-Captain Ware	C-Captain Greenwood	C-Captain Twigg



FIRE STATISTICS

FIRE ALARM RESPONSE GRAND TOTAL – 18,182



Engines	
Engine 2	1086
Engine 3	970
Engine 4	1185
Engine 5	414
Engine 6	528
Engine 7	832
Engine 8	602
Engine 9	833
Engine 10	677
Engine 11	201
Engine 12	390
Engine 13	505
Engine 14	379
Total	8602

Ladders	
Ladder 4	899
Ladder 7	574
Ladder 8	742
Ladder 9	909
Ladder 10	286
Total	3410

Battalions	
Battalion 2	1434
Battalion 4	1735
Battalion 8	760
Battalion 9	1349
Total	5278

HazMat, Rescue	
HazMat 4	136
Rescue 4	140
Total	276



Other Fire Units	
Total	616

Alarms	
Times	A.M.
A.M.	2816
P.M.	5114
Total	7930

Causes For	
Fire	1177
False	706
Accidental	608
Other Emergencies	1737
Miscellaneous	3702
Total	7930

Types of Fires	
Buildings	617
Motor Vehicles	254
Grass, Rubbish & Dumps	288
Miscellaneous	18
Total	1177

Occupancy of Building Fires	
Public Assemblies	13
Educational	6
Institutional	6
Residential	509
Store & Office	13
Basic Industries	5
Manufacturing	9
Storage	35
Special	21
Total	617

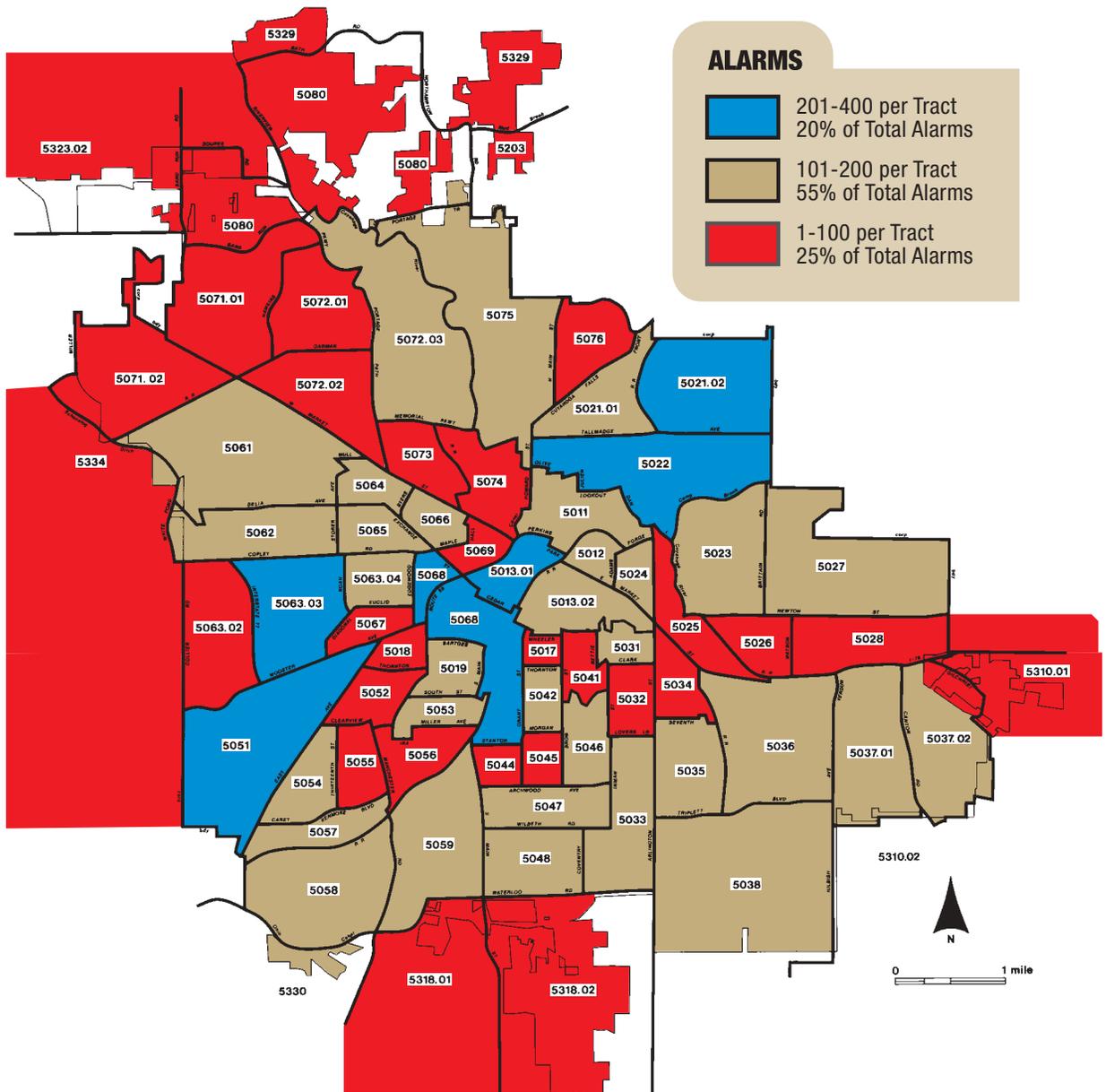
Casualties to Citizens	
Injuries	49
Fatalities	2

Casualties to Firefighters	
Injuries	374
Fatalities	0

In Services	
Engine Companies	13
Ladder Companies	5
Medics & Medic Combos	13
Personnel	352
Alarm Boxes	215

RESPONSES TO ALARMS BY AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT PER CENSUS TRACT

TOTAL ALARMS – 7,930



BUILDING FIRES

	Public Assembly Property	Educational Property	Institutional Property	Residential Property	Store & Office Property	Basic Industry, Utility, Defense	Manufacturing Property	Storage Property	Special Property	Total
Careless Smoking	2		2	39			3	2		48
Children Playing with Matches/Lighters				12			1	5		18
Unattended/ Overheated Food on Stove	7			198	2					207
Defective Wiring, Transformers/Short Circuit	1			33	2	3		2	1	42
Defective Electrical Appliances/ Overheated			1	13	2		1			17
Open Flames, Lights, Candles, Matches				17		1		1		19
Design/Construction				39			2	9	7	57
Overheated Furnaces, Stoves & Heaters	2			4						6
Combustibles near Heaters, Stoves, Furnaces			1	28				2		31
Incendiary & Set		2		42	3			9		56
Careless Use of Flammable Liquids				2				1		3
Defective Heating & Cooling							2			2
Leaking Gas Pipes and Appliances				3						3
Automotive Fires in Buildings				3				1	1	5
Lightning				1						1
Spontaneous Ignition		1		2						3
Sparks from Welding, Cutting Torches				5	1			1		7
Hot Ashes near Combustibles				6					1	7
Overheated Clothing/Lint in Dryer			1	12						13
Sparks from Chimneys, Incinerators				5			1			6
Static or Friction Sparks				1			1			2
Mental/Physical Impairment										0
Fireworks/Sparklers				1					1	2
Kerosene Heater Fires				1				1		2
Miscellaneous			1	19	1		1	1		23
Undetermined & Suspicious	1	3		23	2	1	1	3	3	37
TOTAL	13	6	6	509	13	5	9	35	21	617

FIRE LOSSES AT \$50,000 AND OVER

DATE	ADDRESS	FIXED PROPERTY USE	BUILDING	CONTENTS	TOTAL
1/22/07	591 Morgan Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$60,000	\$5,000	\$65,000
1/29/07	1023 Hartford Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$45,000	\$10,000	\$55,000
1/30/07	506 Beacon Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$90,000
1/31/07	1165 Clifton Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$80,000	\$30,000	\$110,000
2/18/07	1474 Englewood Avenue	Professional Supplies, Services	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$95,000
2/22/07	795 Kenmore Boulevard	Multifamily Dwelling	\$60,000	\$25,000	\$85,000
2/23/07	1881 Manchester Road	Multifamily Dwelling	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$75,000
3/3/07	927 Baughman Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$48,000	\$24,000	\$72,000
3/13/07	643 Euclid Avenue	Multifamily Dwelling	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$450,000
4/10/07	924 Amelia Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$55,000
4/15/07	511 Beacon Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$45,000	\$15,000	\$60,000
5/4/07	975 Johnston Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$70,000
5/25/07	594 Hollibaugh Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$100,000
5/25/07	349 W. Market Street	Food & Bev. Sales, Grocery Store	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$75,000
5/25/07	131 Conger Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$50,000
6/4/07	2236 4th Street S.W.	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
6/9/07	1907 Cherrywood Lane	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
6/28/07	441 Weeks Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$75,000
7/3/07	741 Stonecliff Drive	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$250,000	\$75,000	\$325,000
7/3/07	853 Sumner Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$70,000	\$20,000	\$90,000

FIRE LOSSES AT \$50,000 AND OVER

DATE	ADDRESS	FIXED PROPERTY USE	BUILDING	CONTENTS	TOTAL
7/10/07	1342 Weathervane Lane	Multifamily Dwelling	\$500,000	\$200,000	\$700,00
7/10/07	1342 Weathervane Lane	Multifamily Dwelling	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$50,000
7/17/07	336 Hillwood Drive	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$55,000
8/25/07	691 Copley Road	Multifamily Dwelling	\$50,000	\$5,000	\$55,000
9/9/07	1860 E. Market Street	Household Goods, Sales, Repairs	\$350,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,600,000
9/29/07	776 Garfield Street	Multifamily Dwelling	\$60,000	\$24,000	\$84,000
9/30/07	451 W. Thornton Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$36,000	\$18,000	\$54,000
10/9/07	1364 Bluestone Avenue	Multifamily Dwelling	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$55,000
10/27/07	110 N. College Street	Multifamily Dwelling	\$150,000	\$30,000	\$180,000
10/28/07	2556 Albrecht Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$70,000
10/28/07	647 Mineola Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$60,000	\$500	\$60,500
11/1/07	574 Madison Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$36,000	\$15,000	\$51,000
11/5/07	6 Botnick Plaza	Multifamily Dwelling	\$70,000	\$15,000	\$85,000
11/22/07	140 W. Long Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$75,000	\$100	\$75,100
12/5/07	210 Aqueduct Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$50,000
12/8/07	61 Eastholm Drive	Residential Garage	\$20,000	\$70,000	\$90,000
12/22/07	660 Mull Avenue	Multifamily Dwelling	\$250,000	\$15,000	\$265,000
12/25/07	361 S. Firestone Boulevard	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$60,000	\$18,000	\$78,000
12/26/07	1338 Riverside Drive	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$45,000	\$15,000	\$60,000
12/28/07	1330 7th Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$45,000	\$10,000	\$55,000

LOSS CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDING FIRES

	Number of Fires	Percentage of Fires	Estimated Loss	Percentage of Loss
Under \$5000	416	67.42	\$271,192	2.97
\$5000-9999	49	7.94	\$304,248	3.34
\$10000-19999	41	6.65	\$545,400	5.98
\$20000-29999	29	4.7	\$635,000	6.96
\$30000-39999	31	5.03	\$986,050	10.81
\$40000-49999	11	1.78	\$458,700	5.03
\$50000+	40	6.48	\$5,919,600	64.91
Total	617		\$9,120,190	



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Following is a summary of the activities of the Division of Fire for the year 2007 including a comparison with the activities of the year 2006.

	2007	2006	Up	Down
Total Response	18,182	16,668	1,514	
Alarm Total	7,930	7,358	572	
Types of Incidents:				
Building Fires	617	520	97	
Vehicles Fires	254	204	50	
Grass, Rubbish Fires	288	289		1
Miscellaneous Fires	18	19		1
False Alarms	706	719		13
Accidental Alarms	608	561	47	
Emergency Alarms	1,737	1,563	174	
Misc. Calls (No fires involved)	3,702	3,483	219	
Fire Loss:				
Total	9,120,190	9,454,299		
Per Capita	43.02	44.60		
Population of Akron	212,000	212,000		

FIRE STATISTICS

Building	Valuation	Loss
Public Assembly	\$3,985,000	\$39,500
Educational	\$51,250,000	\$1,037
Institutional	\$161,260,000	\$15,350
Residential	\$159,644,160	\$6,958,912
Store and Office	\$28,685,000	\$1,775,660
Basic Industry	\$104,500	\$7,500
Manufacturing	\$20,537,500	\$37,200
Storage	\$537,199	\$262,251
Special	\$20,106,410	\$22,780
Building & Contents Total	\$446,109,769	\$9,120,190
Motor Vehicles	\$1,974,880	\$1,028,037
Miscellaneous	\$12,155	\$4,084
Grand Total	\$448,096,804	\$10,152,311

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)	5
Explosion (no fire)	3
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	13
Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incident	
Medical Assist	1670
Lock-in	18
Search for lost person	0
Extrication, rescue	47
Water and ice-related rescue	2
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	
Combustible/flammable spills and leaks	230
Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition	108
Radioactive condition	0
Electrical wiring/equipment problem	605
Biological hazard	1
Accident, potential accident	44
Explosive, bomb removal	7
Attempted burning, illegal action	2
Hazardous condition (no fire), other	2
Service Call	
Person in distress	61
Water problem	138
Smoke, odor problem	136
Animal problem or rescue	185
Public service assistance	315
Unauthorized burning	409
Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up	2
Service call, other	2
Good Intent Call	
Dispatched and cancelled en route	380
Wrong location, no emergency found	334
Controlled burning	134
Vicinity alarm	4
Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	299
EMS call where party has been transported	6
HazMat release investigation with no HazMat found	157
Good intent call, other	1
False Alarm and False Call	
Malicious, mischievous false alarm	177
Bomb scare (no bomb)	29
System or detector malfunction	499
Unintentional system or detector operation (no fire)	608
False alarm and false call, other	1
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	118
Special Incident Type	
Citizen Complaint	0
Special type of incident, other	0
TOTAL	6753

SPECIAL SERVICES SUBDIVISION



Dale Evans
Deputy Chief

The Special Operations Subdivision 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.

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 Captain James Willoughby. The EMS Bureau telephone number is (330)375-2071.

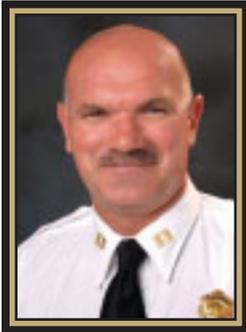
The **HazMat-Rescue Bureau supervises** the specialized teams which provide emergency services outside of the realm of "normal" fire or emergency medical incidents. These teams are the Dive Rescue Team, the Technical Rescue Operations Team (TROT) and the Hazardous Materials-Rescue Team (HazMat-Rescue). 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 Anthony Law. 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 Dennis Stoneman. The Fire Training Bureau telephone number is (330) 375-2635.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU



James Willoughby
Captain

On behalf of the Akron Fire Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Bureau, I am pleased to present a summary of activities for 2007. The goal of Akron Fire EMS is to bring professional, compassionate, and efficient emergency medical care to our community. In order to accomplish our goals, our paramedics are provided with the highest quality of vehicles, equipment and training that our budget permits. Our performance is continually reviewed with a comprehensive quality assurance program.

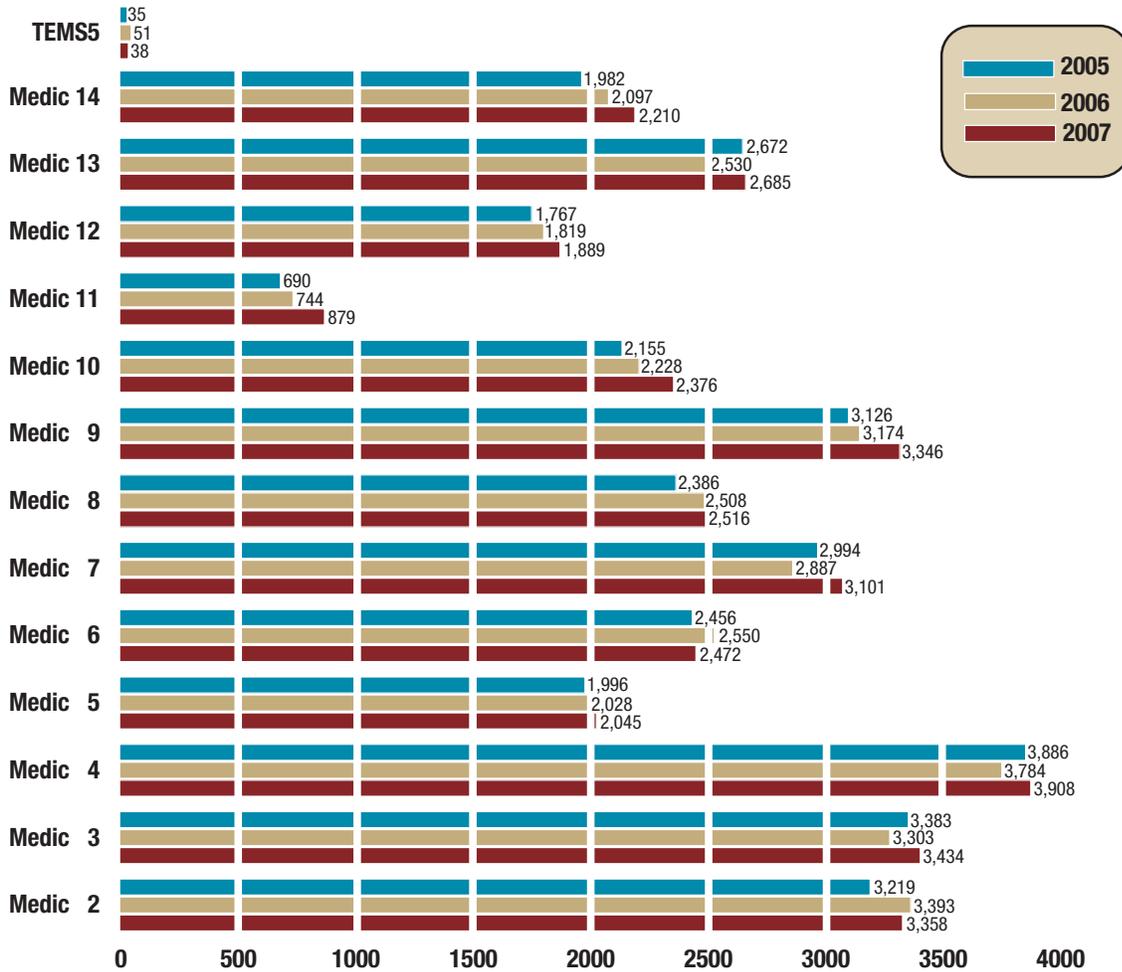
We experienced another busy year in

2007. Our units responded to 32,421 requests for emergency medical service. We transported 6,845 patients to area emergency departments. In addition, our Tactical EMS Team responded with the Akron Police Department 45 times. We also provided EMS service to the many special events that took place in 2007.

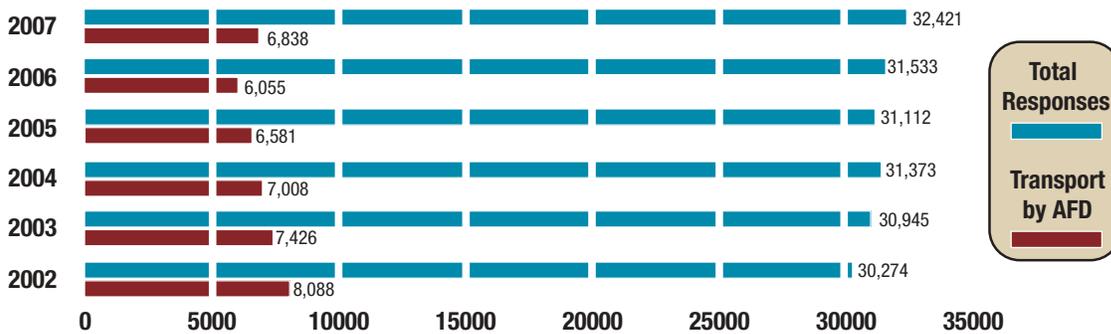
The EMS Bureau would like to gratefully acknowledge the support we receive from the Mayor, City Council, the EMS Advisory Board chaired by Dr. Michael Moser, and to Dr. Richard Gradisek who serves as our medical advisor. Finally, I would like to thank the men and women of the Akron Fire Department. The dedication and professionalism of these individuals continue to be the key to our successful delivery of emergency medical services in the City of Akron.



TOTAL RESPONSES BY MEDICAL UNIT



TOTAL SYSTEM REVIEW



EMS TRAINING & QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICE



Michael Lozowy
Lieutenant

EMS Training and Quality Assurance (QA) 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 and various cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes for healthcare providers and the lay public. Many other city departments rely upon EMS Training to provide them with their ongoing CPR and automatic external defibrillator (AED) training, as there are AEDs located in every city-owned building.

Emergency medical care at special events in the City is coordinated with the EMS Bureau, and EMS Training has a very active role. Some of the Bureau's activities include scheduling staff to cover the events, procuring equipment, and on-site supervision and coordination with event staff. Examples of events where coverage is provided are the Road Runner Marathon, M.A.P.S. Air Show, PGA golf tournament, and the July 4th downtown festival.

Under the guidance of Rita Chambers, our QA Coordinator, the continuing education (CE) of all AFD paramedics is administrated. This includes monthly run reviews, optional CE classes, and specialty certification classes such as Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), International Trauma Life Support (ITLS), 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 Basic Life Support under the American Heart Association, and is a State of Ohio CE site. Maintaining our training site status allows us to provide on-site training for all state-required certifications necessary for paramedics to fulfill their CE requirements. All of the training could not be accomplished were it not for the many paramedics who have taken on the added responsibility of becoming instructors in the various specialties. The knowledge and experience of the AFD instructors maintains and enhances the high standards of the quality educational programs offered.

In addition to being a State of Ohio CE site, AFD EMS is an accredited EMT-Basic education program that can initially educate EMT-Basics without having to utilize an outside agency for certification purposes. The High School Scholarship program is now administered under this accreditation.

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

EMS TRAINING & QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICE

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 of excellent patient care by providing personnel the opportunity to work with the best equipment available.

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

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



2007 EMS Training Statistics

Emergency Medical Technician-Basic		Pediatric ITLS	
Refresher.....	111	Providers Certified	53
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation		Geriatric Education for EMS	
CPR	481	GEMS	40
Advanced Cardiac Life Support		Run Reviews	
Instructors Updated	34	4-hour sessions.....	25
Basic Life Support		Optional Continuing Education	
Providers Recertified.....	38	4-hour sessions.....	20
Pediatric Advanced Life Support		8-hour sessions.....	7
Providers Recertified.....	69	Paramedic Apprenticeship Program	
Instructors Recertified.....	4	Initial	16
International Trauma Life Support		EMS Instructor Certification	
Providers Recertified.....	44	EMS.....	9
Instructors Recertified.....	27		
Instructors Certified	11		

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Frank Marina
District Chief

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

The Akron Fire Department works hard to keep fires from occurring by providing code enforcement, fire safety public education, and fire investigation.



Fire Safety Inspector **Lieutenants D. Carter** and **J. Walker** inspect the fire pump in a downtown Akron high-rise building.

We accomplish this by using the 3 Es (Education, Engineering, and Enforcement);

-  Educating the public on ways to prevent fires.
-  Engineering practices that enhance fire safety in our homes and workplace are pursued in our codes and standards.
-  Enforce existing regulations which embrace our overall fire safety mission.

CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

The purpose of the code enforcement section is to provide fire safety inspection in the City of Akron to guard against:

-  The hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling or use of structures, materials or devices;
-  Conditions hazardous to life, property or public welfare in the occupancy of structures or premises;
-  Fire hazards from occupancy or operation in the structure or on the premises;
-  Matters related to the construction, extension, repair, alteration or removal of fire suppression or alarm systems



Fire Safety Inspector **Lieutenant M. Park** reviews plans on-site of the Akron Bar Association, formerly the home of AFD Station 1.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

In 2007, the Code Enforcement section performed plans reviews of 916 sets of building plans. These plans were reviewed for egress, fire suppression, and fire alarm systems. A few examples of some of the larger buildings that plan reviews were performed on in 2007 were the Akron Urban League, Helen Arnold and David Hill Mission Statement.

The Akron Fire Department works hard to keep fires from occurring by providing code enforcement, fire safety public education, and fire investigation.



*Fire Safety Inspector **L. Weir** inspects a cooking-hood suppression system at a local restaurant.*

In 2007, fire companies performed over 500 inspections on small mercantile and business occupancies, freeing up fire safety inspectors for inspections on more complex and larger occupancies.

All inspectors attended a fireworks update given by the State Fire Marshal's office and we monitored twenty-eight firework displays, as required by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

We performed fire safety evacuation drills on all 58 Akron Public Schools and thirty private schools located in Akron, as required by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The bureau issued ten Tent Permits and six Open Burning Permits to community groups and for special events.

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



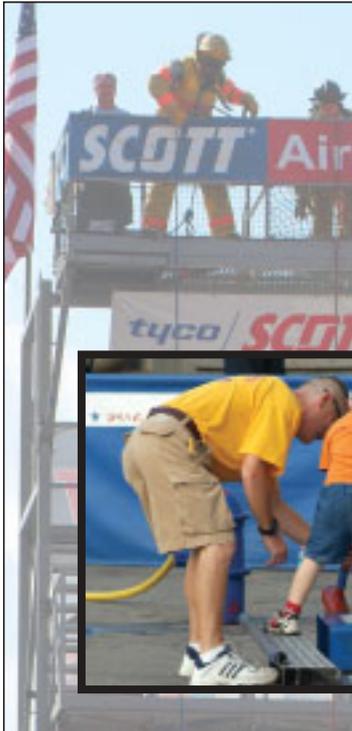
*Fire Safety Inspector **D. Clopton** and Building Inspector **M. Fritz** conduct a joint inspection.*

The bureau worked with nine interns from the University of Akron's Fire Science Program, in an effort to allow the students to gain first-hand knowledge of the different functions of the fire service.

In 2007, every lieutenant was assigned a high-rise as their own, for collecting building information. The information gathered on 95 high-rises was put into book form and then placed in each of the battalion vehicles. Thanks are due to Captain Rick Vober for spearheading this effort.



*Fire Safety Inspector **M. Mara** inspects a fire alarm panel at a local business.*



AKRON FIRE & CITY OF AKRON HOSTS FIRE FIGHTER COMBAT

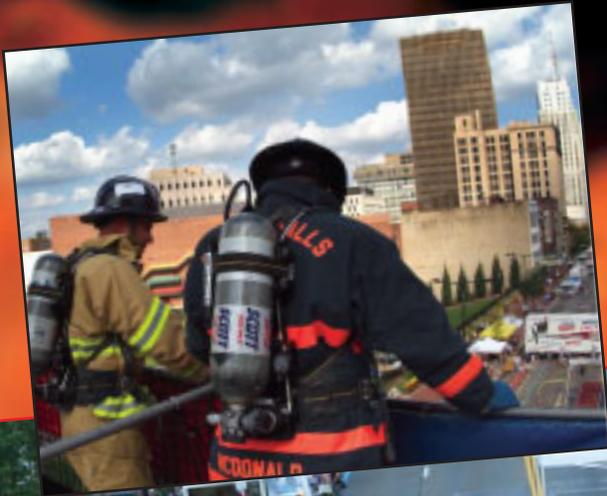
CHALLENGE

In the Fall of 2007, for the first time ever in Ohio, the Akron Fire Department and the City of Akron hosted a national qualifying Fire Fighter Combat Challenge tournament at Lock III in downtown Akron. Hundreds of firefighters from as far away as California competed here in Akron for an opportunity to advance to the National Championship held in Las Vegas. Considered "the toughest two minutes in sport", the Challenge seeks to encourage firefighter fitness and demonstrate the profession's rigors to the public. Wearing "full bunker gear" and the SCOTT Air-Pak breathing apparatus, pairs of competitors raced head-to-head as they simulate the physical demands of real-life firefighting by performing a linked series of five tasks including climbing the 5-story tower, hoisting, chopping, dragging hoses and rescuing a life-sized, 175 lb. "victim" as they race against themselves, their opponent and the clock.

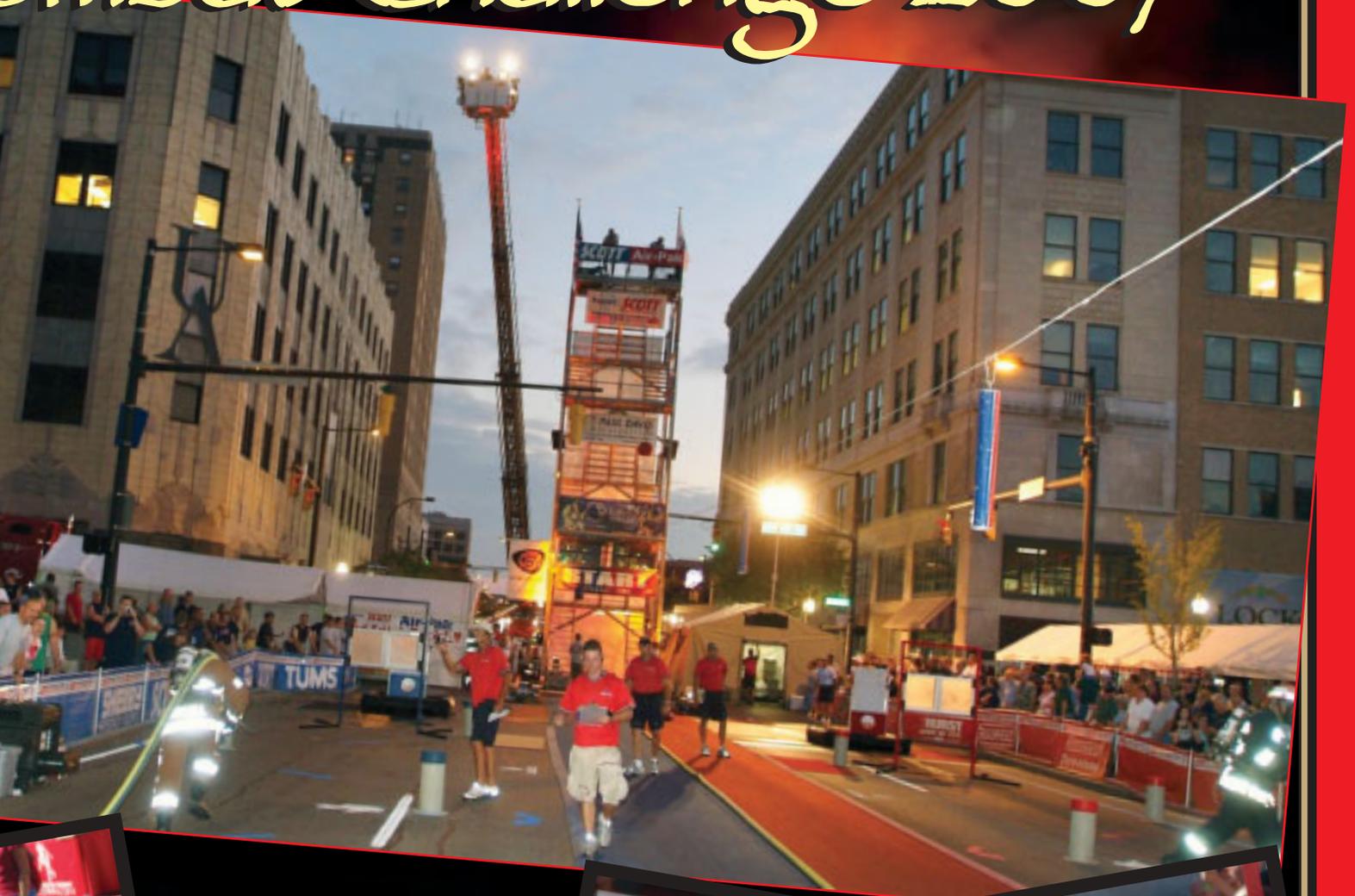
Akron Fire entered numerous competitors, tandem teams, and relays teams, and even had a Kids Challenge for community involvement. The event was a great success and Akron has been given the opportunity to host the occasion again in the Fall of 2008 with the top 3 winners of each event qualifying for the National Championships.



Akron Fire Fighter Co



Combat Challenge 2007



CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

ASSEMBLIES	INSPECTIONS	REINSPECTIONS	VIOLATIONS
Church	44	17	135
Night Clubs/ Bars	104	30	156
Restaurants	236	136	544
Recreation Centers	31	15	119
Miscellaneous Assemblies	63	28	143
BUSINESS			
Professional Offices	478	130	672
Medical Offices	200	27	97
Barber / Beauty Shop	0	0	0
Banks	62	13	61
Miscellaneous Business	295	77	389
EDUCATIONAL			
Daycare	120	21	140
School Elementary	121	11	43
School Jr. High	23	3	6
School High	24	4	17
Miscellaneous Educational	14	0	1
FACTORY / INDUSTRIAL			
Plastic Manufacture	14	2	17
Dry Cleaning	17	5	36
Machine Shop	39	14	97
Print Commercial	30	3	29
Miscellaneous Factory / Industrial	92	20	120
HAZARDOUS			
Miscellaneous Hazardous	0	0	0
INSTITUTIONAL			
Hospitals	49	4	46
Jails	3	0	0
Miscellaneous Institutional	12	4	9
MERCANTILE			
Department Stores	55	10	67
Grocery Store	80	20	169
Furniture Store	21	2	28
Miscellaneous Mercantile	435	118	647
RESIDENTIAL			
Foster Homes	131	17	98
Apartments	121	29	266
Hotel / Motel	4	2	3
Boarding House	16	1	4
Miscellaneous Residential	10	2	3
STORAGE			
Auto Repair	122	32	186
Miscellaneous Storage	98	15	114
UTILITY			
Miscellaneous Utility	63	12	84
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vacant / Secure	842	25	126
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
TOTAL	4069	849	4672
OTHER ACTIVITIES			
Plans Review	802	0	0
Site Visits	135	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	5006	849	4672

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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.

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".
-  Develop, present, and review life safety and injury prevention education programs.



*Public Safety Educators **J. Gordon** and **J. Gardner** participating at the Red Cross Safety Fair*

In 2007, 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 Akron Health Department's Safety Seekers Program, 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/or property due to the ravages of fire in the City of Akron.



*Public Safety Educator **M. Harper** teaching fire safety to young children.*

The following is an example of the services and programs we provide:

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION SECTION

The Public Information Officer (PIO) develops, prepares, and coordinates distribution of news releases and public information relevant to Akron Fire Department issues. Special efforts are made to enhance citizen awareness and understanding of the Fire Department services, programs, and policies.

The PIO is responsible for providing timely, accurate information to the news media at the scene of emergencies. The PIO is also responsible for news releases distributed to the media concerning special events, such as Fire Prevention Week.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2007

In 2007 the Public Information Officers worked with the local media to provide up-to-date information to the public.



*Fire Safety Inspector/Public Information Officer **E. Sturkey** interviewed by media at an incident.*



*Public Information Officer **J. Player** interviewed by media at a building fire incident.*

Duties and Responsibilities

-  Assist news personnel at the scene of incidents.
-  Assist the news media on an on-call basis.
-  Prepare and distribute news releases.
-  Arrange news conferences.
-  Coordinate the release of authorized information.



*Public Safety Educator/Public Information Officer **J. Gordon** interviewed by media at house fire incident.*

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.

In 2007, the Honor Guard participated in various events, including funerals, parades (Kenmore, Firestone, West Akron, Christmas, Super Kids at Derby Downs) and a ceremony at the Federal Building honoring John F. Seiberling.



Members Pictured (L to R): **Marcellus Johnson, John Gordon, Kenneth Meyn, Jerry Elie, Mark Harper, Jason Hudgens, David DiLauro, Andrew Tomcsak, Albert Bragg, William Horner.**
Members Not Pictured: **Leon Henderson, William Romano, Brian Weaver, Christopher Boccia.**

BENEFITS OFFICER



Gregory Snyder
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, injured, or contemplating retirement, or in any other matter relating to employee benefits.

The Benefits Officer assists members in matters concerning claims filed with the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation. Members of the Akron Fire Department generated 104 Supervisor's Reports of Injury in 2007 resulting in 75 claims being processed through the Bureau

of Worker's Compensation. All injured personnel missed a combined total of 362 workdays.

The Benefits Officer assists members of the department in obtaining the health care and employee benefits to which they and their family members are entitled. The Benefits Officer serves as a liaison with Employee Benefits, Medical Mutual of Ohio, Ohio Deferred Compensation, the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, and the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. There were more than 700 such encounters in 2007 serving the families of active and retired firefighters.

Members of the Akron Fire Department desiring a Service or Disability retirement can receive assistance from the Benefits Officer. All inquiries with the Benefits Officer are considered confidential.

The Following Eight Members of the Akron Fire Department Retired in 2007

Firefighter Ossie L. Blocker	Retired 01-30-07
Firefighter Ronald E. Mitchell	Retired 01-31-07
Chief Charles R. Gladman	Retired 03-03-07
Firefighter James H. Johnson	Retired 04-01-07
Lieutenant Dennis L. Hubele	Retired 05-03-07
Firefighter James A. McCombs	Retired 05-31-07
Lieutenant John S. Ziga	Retired 06-02-07
Lieutenant Bruce E. Fisher	Retired 06-08-07
Firefighter Jesse T. Thornton	Retired 06-29-07
Firefighter William F. Knotts	Retired 07-27-07
Firefighter David L. Davis	Retired 09-14-07

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 (set) 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 the Fire Chief, 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. The Fire Investigation Unit added an additional Fire Investigator in 2007, and two members completed Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training at the Akron Police Academy. They were then commissioned and sworn in as Reserve Akron Police Officers on August 24, 2007, thus making all five unit members sworn Law Enforcement Officers.

In 2007, the Fire Investigation Unit received 339 referrals, of which 243 were structure fires, 82 were vehicle fires, and 14 were other miscellaneous incidents. Of these 339 referrals there were 128 incendiary fires, 68 residential structure fires, five commercial structure fires, 48 vehicle fires, and seven other miscellaneous incidents.

Incident investigations resulted in seven arrests, with six convictions and one case pending. The Fire Investigation Unit also conducted two investigations involving civilian fire fatalities during 2007. Both fatal fires were determined to be accidental.

The Fire Investigation Unit continued to be the regional reporting location for fire and burn injuries during 2007. As required by law, information regarding suspicious fire or burn injuries is forwarded from area hospitals to our office where it is retained for potential investigative purposes.

The Fire Investigation Unit also provided assistance, when requested, to other local communities and law enforcement agencies 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 throughout the year.

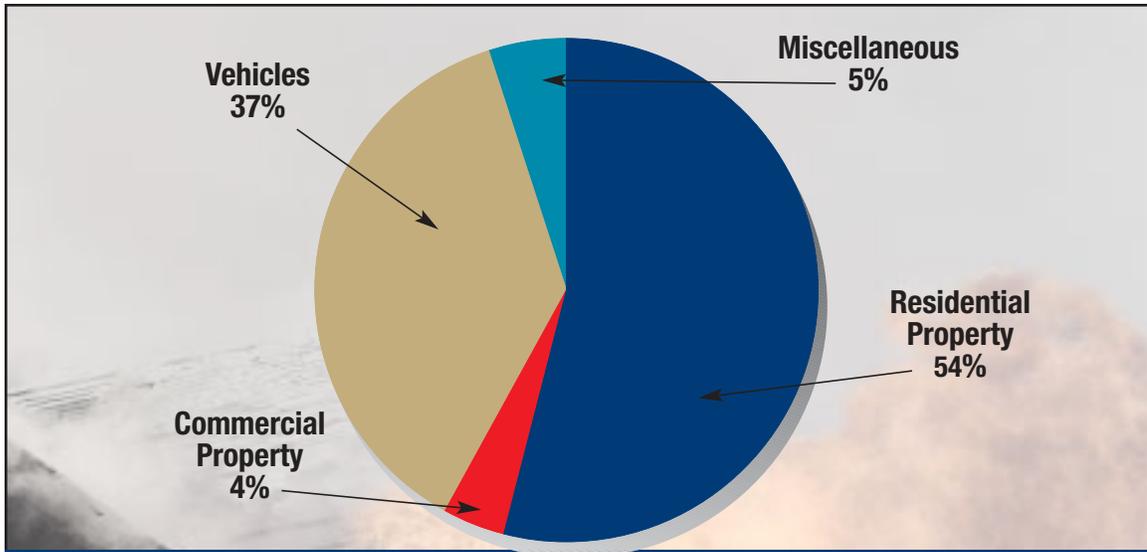
FIRE INVESTIGATORS

Robert Wroblewski, Lieutenant
Bradley McKittrick, Lieutenant

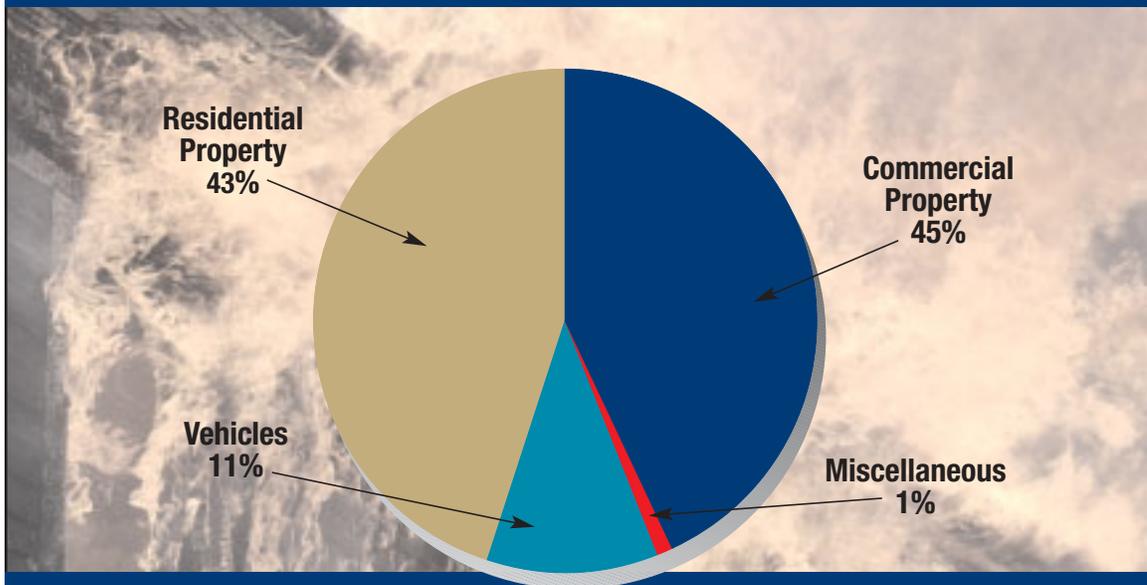
Matt D'Avello, Investigator
Ellis Polk, Investigator

Todd Webb, Investigator

FIRE INVESTIGATION SECTION



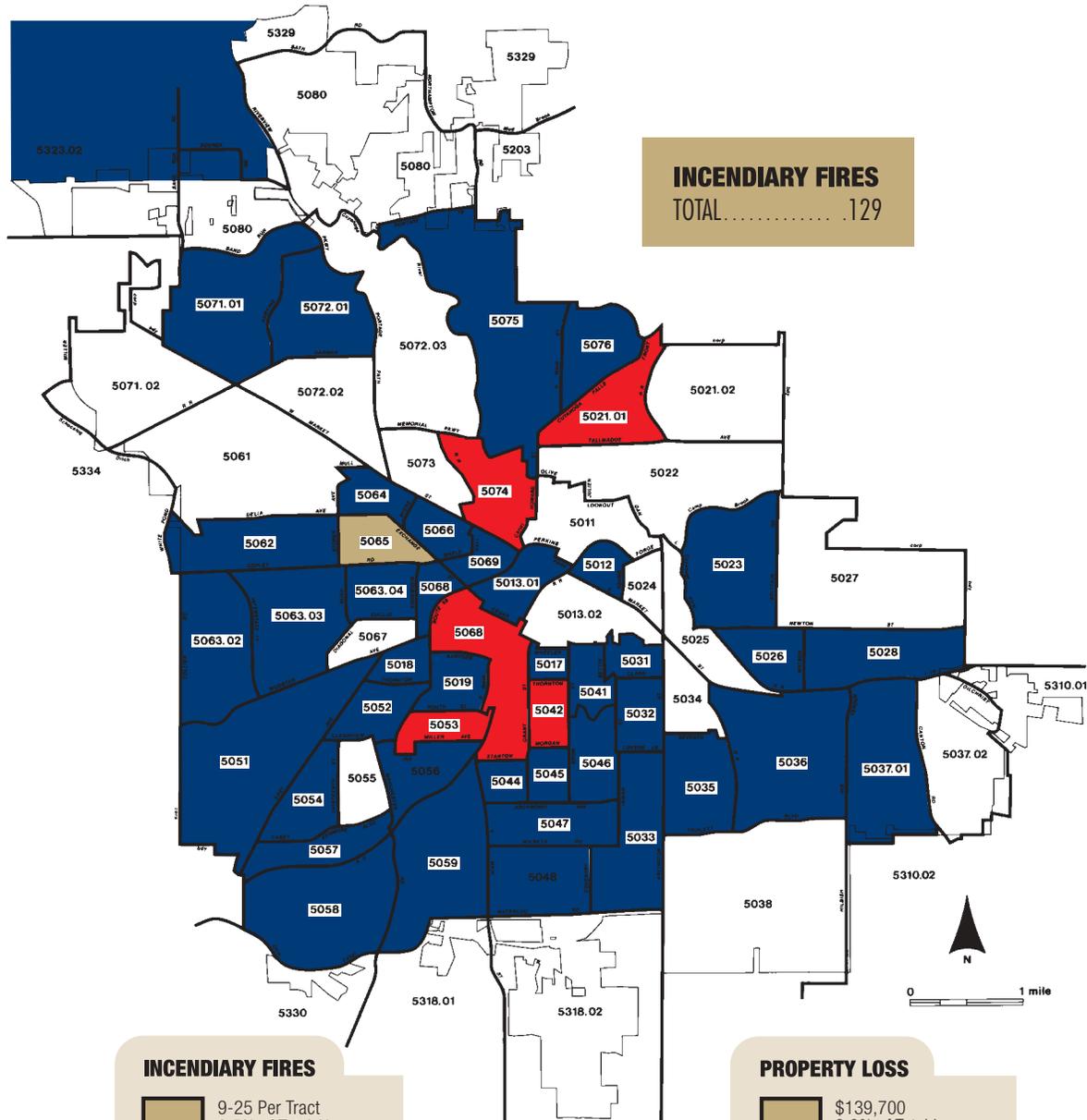
2007 INCENDIARY INCIDENTS



2007 INCENDIARY DOLLAR LOSS – \$3,546,565

INCENDIARY FIRES PER CENSUS TRACT

AKRON, OHIO



INCENDIARY FIRES
TOTAL 129

INCENDIARY FIRES

- 9-25 Per Tract
8.5% of Total Alarms
- 5-8 Per Tract
23.3% of Total Alarms
- 1-4 Per Tract
68.2% of Total Alarms

PROPERTY LOSS

- \$139,700
3.9% of Total Loss
- \$375,665 Per Tract
10.6% of Total Loss
- \$3,031,200 Per Tract
85.5% of Total Loss

BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING



Dennis Stoneman
District Chief

The primary responsibility of the Training Bureau is to organize, develop, and schedule training for all department members in compliance with federal, state and local requirements. The goal of the Training Bureau is to maintain a highly trained work force by utilizing the latest and most progressive training technology available. The most important non-emergency function on any fire department, including the Akron Fire Department, is that of training. The Training Bureau constantly strives to enhance the ability of Akron Fire personnel to handle any type of emergency in the safest and most efficient manner possible for the citizens of Akron.

The Training Bureau continuously works from time of recruitment until time of retirement to make our Akron Firefighters the best trained firefighters in the State of Ohio. In 2007, some type of training was held daily on the Akron Fire Department, with the exception of Sundays and Holidays.

This was a busy year for training and many new changes were instituted. Literally, hundreds of drills and training sessions were held throughout the year. Just a few of accomplishments and special training sessions during 2007 are as follows:

TV Channel Akron Fire 911

The Training Bureau puts much effort into developing programs and producing videos for broadcast on Akron Fire Channel 911 which runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Training Bureau broadcasts training tapes, critiques of fires, PowerPoint training shows, and numerous programs from the Training Academy located at Station #14. AFD Channel 911 is transmitted via Warner Cable to all 13 Akron Fire stations, Safety Communications Center, Fire Maintenance Facility and Fire

Administration downtown. The Training productions are repeated several times daily to allow firefighters to view training videos. Akron Fire Department Photographer Mike McDonald films many Akron Fire emergency incidents and training sessions, and most working fires, which are later shown on AFD Channel 911.

Several Akron Firefighters worked very hard to make Akron Fire Channel 911 successful, including Don McFadden and Lt. Peter Marinos. The Training Bureau would like to thank Warner Cable for providing this important training tool at no charge to the City of Akron. In 2008, Warner Cable will change from Channel 911 to Channel 1911.

“Calling the Mayday” Training

In 2007, the Training Bureau conducted “Mayday” training for the entire Fire Department to prepare them on how to react when placed in life threatening situations. The National Fire Academy course was used as a model and Akron Fire Training came up with a course relevant to Akron Fire. Training articles on “Calling the Mayday”, Akron SOPs, and radio procedures were placed on the Akron Fire Intranet to study prior to completing the hands-on exercises. The hands-on exercises consisted of four props built to simulate life threatening situations in which a firefighter should call for Mayday. The four simulated exercises that each firefighter was placed in were as follows: falling through a floor, ceiling collapse, entanglement, and becoming trapped or lost.

The Mayday training took several weeks and 90% of the Akron Fire Department completed the training along with many firefighters from the Tallmadge Fire Department. The Training Bureau would like to thank the many firefighters at Akron Station #2 who assisted in this training. The Mayday Training has already paid off and since the 2007 training a few Akron Firefighters have successfully used the training in real life situations.

BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING

LIVE BURNS

During 2007, the Training Bureau conducted several live burns at multifamily apartment buildings and various acquired structures giving many newly promoted officers a chance to improve their skills. The Training Bureau strictly follows the rules of NFPA 1403, making Live Burn training very difficult to accomplish and requiring a great amount of work to safely complete start to finish. The Training Bureau would like to thank Kevin Willis of the Planning Dept. for providing the many vacant properties that we use daily for our training drills.

In 2007, Akron Fire Training reached out to several of the county fire departments by allowing them to participate in several Live Burn exercises conducted in Akron. Live Burn exercises conducted with multiple agencies allow for interaction and familiarity of personnel, equipment, radio communications, and procedures.

Live Burns conducted with the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department concentrated on attacking residential fires with mixed interdepartmental fire companies in areas of high water pressure. Live Burn exercises conducted with the Springfield Fire Department concentrated on firefighting involving non-hydrant areas and tanker supply in which Akron has little experience. Live Burn Exercises conducted with Goodyear Fire Department involved the use of AFFF (Aqueous film-forming foam) and Goodyear Fire's foam truck, extinguishing airplanes, cars and mobile homes. Akron Fire Training thanks Chief Moorhead at Goodyear Fire for the donation of the AFFF Foam that is not normally available in Akron for training.

AFD HOSTS BOMB SCHOOL

In the Fall of 2006, Akron Fire teamed up with the University of Akron to bring in bomb experts from New Mexico Tech for a 3 day seminar. The event was a great success with over 600 firefighters, law enforcement officials

and private industry people attending. As a follow up to the training, in 2007, Akron Fire sent more than two dozen firefighters to New Mexico Tech, in New Mexico, for further training funded by Homeland Security.

Many of those who have attended the training in New Mexico have brought this information back to teach dozens of Akron firefighters and civilians what they learned. Training School would like to especially thank Captain James Case and Captain Larry Whystell who have put much effort into teaching the Bomb Training throughout the City of Akron. Captain Case has expanded his teaching efforts and has given the Bomb Training to numerous surrounding Fire Departments throughout Summit County.

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Brenda Chapman has worked hard at the Training Bureau providing Monthly Apprenticeship updates for the company officers to use with their training. During the year there were 23 firefighters working to complete their apprenticeship. An entrance exam for a new Akron Firefighter Class was held in December of 2007. The Training Bureau is looking forward to the hiring and training of at least 40 new Firefighter Recruits in the summer of 2008.

FIT FOR FIRE PROGRAM

Captain Robert Marmaduke, assigned to the Training Bureau, along with his other responsibilities, manages and coordinates the Fit-For-Fire Program. The program has two phases. The first stage is the health screening of all Akron Firefighters through the District Chief level. These include all line firefighters and staff firefighters assigned to the various Bureaus. The second stage consists of the actual physical testing of the previously screened firefighters. The department has ten certified fitness coordinators that are utilized in the annual fitness screening and testing.

BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING

In 2007, the Akron Fire Training Bureau hosted a state wide fitness seminar, The Certified Fitness Coordinator Workshop, to train new fitness coordinators and recertify existing fitness coordinators. Health Metrics, Inc., out of Richland, Washington came to Akron to give the week-long seminar for Akron's fitness coordinators and other firefighters from around the state.

Akron's Fitness Coordinators are available to assist those in need of individual training and advice in maintaining proper fitness. The Training Bureau would like to thank the Akron fitness coordinators for the extra work they do to make the program a success. Akron Fire's certified and trained fitness coordinators for 2007 were:

Captain Robert Marmauke	D Shift
Lt. Joe Gentile	A Shift
Frank LaRock	A Shift
Russell Gross	A Shift
Lt. Brad Ager	B Shift
James Yannock	B Shift
Mike Brooks	B Shift
Lt. Robert Herb	C Shift
Doston Jones	C Shift
Doug Price	C Shift

MANDATORY TRAINING:

The Training Bureau spends a great deal of time providing training that is mandated by federal, state and local agencies. In 2007, Akron Fire completed training the entire department in NIMS 100 and taught many others in NIMS 200 and 300. The department will strive to train the entire department in NIMS 200 by the fall of 2008.

In 2007, below are a few examples the mandatory training conducted by the Training Bureau:

-  Sexual Harassment Training
-  HIPAA Training
-  Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
-  Drug Testing Policy Review

-  Yearly SCBA Training
-  Dreager yearly fit facepiece testing
-  NIMS training
-  Safety Officer training
-  New company officer training

EQUIPMENT TESTING:

In conjunction with Fire Maintenance, Fire Training personnel performed pump tests on all first-line and spare pumpers. Johnnie Player, assigned to the Training Bureau, has primary responsibility for all pump testing and hose testing. Hose tests were scheduled by training instructors and the companies tested the entire inventory of hose including all hose on spare apparatus. Training would like to thank Dave Davis from Fire Prevention who assisted in pump testing many of Akron Fire's vehicles.

AKRON FIRE VIDEOGRAPHER:

Mike McDonald works as an independent contractor for the City of Akron and reports to the Training Bureau. Mike videotapes most fires in houses, buildings, cars, garages, and various emergency runs. He responds and videotapes multiple vehicle accidents, TROT rescues, HazMat runs, dive rescues, and mutual aid incidents with the surrounding county communities.



Mike McDonald
Videographer

In addition to videotaping emergency incidents, Mike records other events and activities such as new equipment training, foam truck training, LVI, and Mass Casualty training. In 2007, Mike videotaped hundreds of hours of emergency incidents and many were later shown on AFD Channel 911.

Mike is very active in community functions involving fire department members, such as Fill-the-Boot, tree delivery at Christmas and Akron Cancer Society Relay for Life.

AKRON FIRE TRAINING SECRETARY



Judi Evans
Secretary

Gelia (Judi) Evans retired as Secretary of the Bureau of Training in 2007 and will be greatly missed by the entire fire department.

Judi served the City of Akron for 15 years as a friendly, helpful and efficient worker. She was selected as Employee of the Month in April 2005 through the Outstanding Employee Recognition Program. Judi began her career with the City and the Fire Training Bureau as a Secretary II in June 1992. She was promoted to Secretary III in October 1996.

Judi was very instrumental in the original writing and development of the Akron Fire Department Operations Manual. Her organization of the numerous training files and records will be appreciated for many years to come. Judi was the person whom you could go to for all the answers and was a very valuable resource for the entire department, not just the Fire Training Bureau.

As the secretary in the Training Bureau she proved to be invaluable. She efficiently managed all clerical aspects of the bureau, including training records, certifications, and revisions and updates to the Operations Manual.

Judi assisted fire instructors with several recruit training classes, including preparing training documents, forms, and correspondence. She organized recruit class graduations speaker requests, invitations, site selection, and the graduation brochure. She handled travel arrangements and reservations as well.

Judi prepared annual report information and reports for department personnel.

Judi has one daughter, Melissa, son-in-law Glenn, and four wonderful grandchildren, Elissa, Chloey, Tyler, and Logan. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and family, sightseeing trips, and family dinners. Her hobbies include her grandchildren, auctions, shopping and selling on eBay, family genealogy, and the Cleveland Browns.

The Akron Fire Department thanks Judi for 15 years of dedication and hard work.



District Chief D. Stoneman, B. Chapman, J. Evans, and J. Player, at Judi's retirement dinner 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION



Robert C. Ross Jr.
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 need 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 2007.

-  Administrative & Clerical Staff
-  Fire Investigation Section
-  Fire Prevention Bureau
-  Code Enforcement Section
-  Public Education Section
-  Accounting and Services Bureau
-  Fire Maintenance Bureau
-  Hydrant Maintenance Section
-  Fire and EMS Storeroom Section
-  All non-administration offices & 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 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 and the Hydrant Maintenance Section, 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 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. The Public Education Section provides the community with aggressive and innovative programs designed to instruct our adult citizens and our children about fire safety.

ACCOUNTING AND SERVICES BUREAU



Brent Combs
District Chief

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. In addition to our downtown offices, the Bureau encompasses several other separate sections responsible for their particular specialties, including Fire Maintenance, Hydrant Maintenance, and the Fire Storeroom, 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 2007, the combined budgets totaled about \$38 million, although more than 90% of the expenditures were for personnel costs (salaries and benefits).

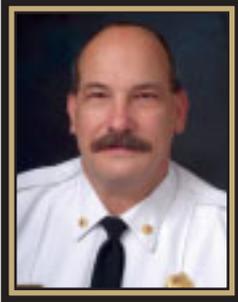
The remainder of the budget funded the day-to-day operations of the Fire Division.

Maintaining the City's investment in our facilities continues to be another responsibility of the Bureau, including items such as fire station roofs, HVAC systems, electrical systems and our information technology infrastructure.

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 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.



SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS



Joseph J. Kury
District Chief

The Safety Communications Division is responsible for transmitting the emergency needs of the public to emergency responders. Calls are received from the public via 9-1-1 phone lines, alarm boxes, TDD (communication for the deaf), referrals from police, walk-ins at fire stations, and other means. Calltakers (Tech 1s) enter information for incidents and code the call. Computer software determines who will be sent, based on location and specialized need. The dispatchers (Tech 2s) alert the responding units, confirm their response, and document their arrival and in-service times. Fire lieutenants, Police sergeants and civilian supervisors (Tech 3s) monitor the process. The supervisors assure proper response - adjusting when appropriate, providing for the needs of responders, and notifying the proper authority of significant incidents.

The Communications division has experienced many exciting changes in the past year. The installation of the Plant/CML 9-1-1 equipment was first and foremost. This new equipment with the VESTA and MaGIC software, allows us to get Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Location Information (ALI) from wired, wireless and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones. This combination of equipment and software put us into total E 9-1-1 wireless Phase 2 compliance. This cutting edge technology allows the plotting of the caller's location and displays it on a map to provide first responders a location whether the caller knows where they are or not. This installation demanded much hard work from our IT staff and the vendors. The new software had to integrate with our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, mapping program, and Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD) software. The telephone techs had to synchronize the cutover from our existing equipment to the new equipment and quickly

troubleshoot any problems that arose. Our training officers trained all 9-1-1 Techs in the use of the new software driven equipment.

Several improvements have occurred in our current radio system. The addition of a new controller for our data frequencies minimizes transmission delays to and from Mobile Data Browsers (MDB) and Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVL) in the field. Current radio talk groups were evaluated and new talk groups (which allow for enhanced interoperability with police, public service, and other emergency responders) were developed. All the fire radios (mobile and portable) and consoles were reprogrammed and procedures were implemented to allow seamless communication between all users of the Akron/ Summit County radio system. A new mutual aid agreement was signed with Tallmadge and dispatch programming was coded into our CAD.

The Communications training officer was active, training new employees and ensuring that all required certifications were maintained. Four new employees were hired and trained in CPR, EMD, and call-taking procedures. In addition, current CPR and EMD certifications were renewed and dispatchers were trained in new radio procedures.

Information Systems personnel continue working tirelessly, integrating the new Vesta 9-1-1 software with the CAD. They continue to evaluate and adjust the interface to achieve better user control and NFIRS 5 reporting compliance while exploring options in the development of our own reporting system. They maintain the Fire Department's web site and have increased its capabilities for training, information, and resource sharing.

The conscientious and professional efforts of our personnel ensure that the emergency needs of the City of Akron are correctly recognized and appropriately addressed in an efficient manner.

MONTHLY ALARM DATA 2007

Month	FIRES				NON-FIRES				Total Alarms
	Buildings	Grass/ Rubbish	Motor Vehicles	Misc	False	Accidental	Emergency First Aid	Misc	
January	55	6	18	0	55	43	149	251	577
February	29	3	35	2	56	40	145	290	600
March	49	24	20	0	67	42	139	294	635
April	61	34	15	1	54	42	156	273	636
May	61	38	28	0	39	51	157	344	718
June	53	29	21	5	55	51	135	352	701
July	62	67	25	3	43	39	182	352	773
August	53	18	14	2	95	78	151	423	834
September	42	30	21	3	49	57	136	288	626
October	53	17	18	2	70	53	150	318	681
November	42	12	18	0	69	66	115	248	570
December	57	10	21	0	54	46	122	269	579
TOTAL	617	288	254	18	706	608	1737	3702	7930

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/RESCUE BUREAU



Anthony R. Law
District Chief

The Hazardous Materials/Rescue Bureau oversees the activities of the HazMat, Technical, and Water Rescue Teams. Also, the bureau is responsible for all annual site inspections, risk and hazard analysis, and

SARA Title III files for all Extremely Hazardous Substances facilities in the City of Akron.

We achieved a number of goals in 2007. The entire department received a refresher Awareness to HazMat/WMD class. We plan to expand on the course in the coming year. The HazMat team remains proficient by training on and off duty. We continue to send members to special classes around the country. We have team members from each

discipline that are Summit County Zone Coordinators, as well as members on the Special Operations Response Team, Local Emergency Preparedness Committee, and Domestic Preparedness Task Force. The hazmat team participated in a state-graded, hands-on drill at Conway Trucking and performed very well. The State of Ohio is in the process of typing all special operations teams in the state and we continue to pursue the highest level of certification for each team.

Special equipment received in 2007 included the most modern Photo-Ionization Detector. This valuable detector can monitor volatile organic compounds, in real time, in amounts as minute as parts-per-billion.

The Bureau wishes to offer thanks to all former and current team members, and is especially appreciative to Dr. Jo McMullen and MedGroup for their dedication and professionalism.



WATER RESCUE TEAM

In 2007, the Water Rescue unit began its move toward becoming a FEMA Type-2 response team within the City, and a Type-1 team (in association with the County) within Ohio Region 5. This move required an increased emphasis on swift water rescue and rope rescue techniques. Team members completed rope-rescue technician training under the instruction of Akron's Technical Rescue team. Soon afterwards, these newly developed skills were put to use when the team was called to respond to springtime flooding in Barberton. Team members safely completed 10 emergency dives over 200 training dives, amounting to more than 83

hours spent underwater. The training dives included 2 exercises involving dive teams and members from fire departments in several surrounding counties.

Four members of the team were selected to begin training as a Dive Master, and 16 new candidates were recruited for the team. The 11 new candidates who passed the swim qualification test were entered into an introductory Public Safety Diver certification course. The Dive Master trainees will assist in instructing the Public Safety Diver class. All team members and candidates are eager to utilize their new skills and abilities while serving the citizens of the city, county, and the state.



TECHNICAL RESCUE OPERATIONS TEAM



Over the past year the Technical Rescue Operations Team (TROT) continued to advance the level of its training through rigorous training scenarios designed to challenge the individual team members. The Team also trained quarterly with the Summit County TROT, furthering our commitment to the Region 5 deployment team.

The Technical Rescue team roster currently consists of 41 trained members. Of that number, 34 are trained to the Technician level in all of our disciplines. We continue working towards bringing the remaining team members up to that same level.

As always, the strength of this team lies in the individual team members and their willingness to go beyond what is expected of them. Our knowledge, skill, and capabilities continue to be at the forefront of Northeast Ohio.



PERSONNEL

Number of Employees for each Classified Position

TITLE	Actual	Authorized
Uniform		
Fire Chief	1	1
Fire Deputy Chief	5	5
Fire District Chief	6	7
Fire Captain	18	17
Fire Lieutenant	87	90
Firefighter	235	281
Total Uniformed Personnel	352	401
Support		
Fire Equipment Supervisor	1	1
Fire Equipment Foreman	1	1
Fire Equipment Mechanic	8	9
Fire Hydrant Repair Supervisor	1	1
Fire Hydrant Maintenance Worker	3	3
Secretary IV	1	1
Secretary III	4	6
Secretary II	4	3
Secretary II (Temp)	0	1
Secretary I	1	0
Storekeeper II	1	1
Stores Clerk	2	2
Programmer Analyst I	1	1
Quality Assurance Coordinator	1	1
Total Support	29	31
Total Division	381	432

Personnel Data For	
Appointments.....4	Separated (Temporary - COE).....0
Retirements.....13	Demotions.....1
Resignations.....0	Promotions.....7
Reinstated.....0	Positions not filled.....51
Dismissal.....0	Deceased (Active).....0
Transfers to other Departments.....0	Deceased (Retired).....5

FIRE MAINTENANCE BUREAU



Michael Sombrio
*Fire Equipment
 Supervisor*

The Equipment Maintenance Bureau is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Fire Department vehicles and equipment as well as the maintenance of our 13 fire stations. Following is a summary of the activity of this Division for the year ending December 31, 2007.

JOBS

VEHICLE REPAIRS - MAJOR	297
Includes engines, drive trains, fire pumps, transmissions, clutches, collisions and rust damage, etc.	
VEHICLE REPAIRS - MINOR	9,291
Includes tune-up, ignition and wiring, lights, brakes, steering, etc.	
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	404
Includes general inspection, lubrication and road tests.	
BUILDING REPAIRS	11,977
Includes heating & cooling, plumbing, elevators, gas pumps, electrical, structural, appliances, and lawn & garden equipment.	
SCBA REPAIR - MAJOR	72
Includes complete overhaul of breathing air equipment.	
SCBA REPAIR - MINOR	2,155
Includes maintenance and repair of all self-contained breathing apparatus and medical equipment	
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE	736
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 2007, Fire Maintenance placed the following vehicles into service

- 2007** One Pierce 2000 GPM pumper assigned to E-10.
- 2007** One Pierce 75' aerial assigned to L-9.
- 2007** Two Ford E-450 HD chassis fitted with modular ambulance bodies assigned to Med-3 and Med-13.
- 2007** One Ford Expedition assigned to B-4.
- 2007** Three Chevrolet Malibu assigned to Fire Administration.
- 2008** One 3/4-ton Ford 4WD pickup truck (with plow) assigned as Maint-4.

The following vehicles were reassigned within the Department:

- 067600** Reassigned as a spare med unit.
- 062306** Reassigned as a spare ladder truck.
- 062000** Reassigned as a spare pumper.
- 065803** Reassigned to the HazMat Bureau.

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

060507	063808	066302
062705	064000	0696A5
063306	064808	069704



FIRE STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT



Station No. 2 - 952 E. Exchange St.

2000 GPM pumper, 2001 Sutphen
Emergency Medical vehicle, 2006 Ford
Battalion Commander vehicle, 2003 Ford

Station No. 3 - 59 S. Maple St.

2000 GPM pumper, 2003 Pierce
Emergency Medical vehicle, 2007 Ford
Shift Commander vehicle, 2003 Ford

Station No. 4 - 25 E. Thornton St.

2000 GPM pumper, 2005 Sutphen
2500 GPM quint ladder, 2001 Sutphen
Emergency Medical vehicle, 2006 Ford
HazMat/Heavy Rescue, 1993 Pemfab
Battalion Commander vehicle, 2007 Ford

Station No. 5 - 2460 E. Market St.

1500 GPM pumper/Mini-Tower, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical vehicle, 2006 Ford
Foam Truck, 1996 Pierce

Station No. 6 - 1685 S. Hawkins Ave.

1500 GPM pumper/Mini-Tower, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical vehicle, 2006 Ford
Air Source Truck, 1995 Chevrolet

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, 2006 United
Technical Rescue Gator®, and Trailer
2004 John Deere - 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
HazMat Decon Trailer, 1989 Haulmark

Station No. 9 - 98 Dodge Ave.

1500 GPM pumper, 1991 Pierce
75' aerial, 2007 Pierce
Emergency Medical vehicle, 2004 Ford
Battalion Commander vehicle, 2006 Ford

Station No. 10 - 2225 4th St. SW

2000 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, 1998 International

Station No. 11 - 1688 Akron Peninsula Rd.

11500 GPM pumper, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical vehicle, 2000 Ford

Station No. 12 - 1852 W. Market St.

1500 GPM pumper, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical vehicle, 2006 Ford

Station No. 13 - 1544 Brown St.

1500 GPM pumper, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical vehicle, 2007 Ford

Station No. 14 - 766 Brittain Rd

1500 GPM pumper/Mini-Tower, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical vehicle, 2000 Ford

HYDRANT MAINTENANCE SECTION



Gailon Williams
Fire Hydrant Repair
Supervisor



The following is a summary of activities of Hydrant Maintenance for the year ending December 31, 2007:

Hydrants Inspected.....	5,800
Follow-up Inspections after Use by Fire Companies	360
Alarms Responded to	7
Additional Hydrants installed	8
New Hydrants Turned.....	75
Hydrants Rebuilt	225
Hydrants Winterized	0
Hydrants Repacked	200
Hydrants Serviced	5,500
Hydrants Painted	2,596
Flow Tests Conducted by Fire Underwriters ...	0
Hydrants Broken	500
Hydrants Flushed	12,332
Hydrants Elevated Above Grade	45

Hydrant coding specifications:

<input type="checkbox"/>	White:	1,500 gallons per minute and above
<input type="checkbox"/>	Green:	1,000 – 1,499 gallons per minute
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange:	500 – 999 gallons per minute
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red:	Less than 500 gallons per minute

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

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 2007 for selfless dedication and service.

The Optimist Club of Akron **Fire/Medic of the Year** **Bruce Clough**

The American College of Emergency Physicians **Star of Life Award** *For providing rapid trauma assessment and patient care to a victim of a motor vehicle accident*

**Jerome Crawford, Christopher Dilworth, Kevin Eberle, Jerry Elie, Greg Galehouse,
Danielle Michel, Robert Oldaker, Frank Poletta, Jeff Schueller, John Sullivan.**



(Left-to-right) Lt. Jeff Schueller, Lt. John Sullivan, F/F Medic Greg Galehouse, F/F Medic Christopher Dilworth, Heather Ratcliff, F/F Medic Jerry Elie (not picture: Lt. Jerome Crawford, Kevin Eberle, Danielle Michel, Robert Oldaker, Frank Poletta)

IN RECOGNITION

The Following Individuals Were Promoted During 2007

Promoted from Fire Deputy Chief to Fire Chief on March 30th, 2007
Fire Chief Larry A. Bunner

Promoted from Fire District Chief to Fire Deputy Chief on August 31, 2007
Deputy Chief James E. Green Deputy Chief Dale K. Evans II

Promoted from Fire Lieutenant to Fire Captain on April 6, 2007
Captain James Willoughby

Promoted from Firefighter/Medic to Fire Lieutenant
Lieutenant Paul Kittle Lieutenant Brian Weaver
January 31, 2007 April 6, 2007



Left to Right: Mayor Don Plusquellic, Chief Larry Bunner



Left to Right: Mayor Don Plusquellic, Dep. Chief James Green, Dep. Chief Dale Evans



Left to Right: Mayor Don Plusquellic, Capt. James Willoughby, Lt. Brian Weaver, Chief Larry A. Bunner



Left to Right: Mayor Don Plusquellic, Lt. Paul Kittle, Chief Charles Gladman

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 20 years of collecting, from soot-stained uniforms and a safety net to old hose equipment and ancient metal fire helmets. Framed old newspaper clipping 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



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

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. The following firefighters are members of the Local Chapter 7 Firefighters Hall of Fame.

DANIEL HUTH

BORN.....4/16/1941
APPOINTED8/18/1966
RETIRED.....9/10/1991
DIED.....4/15/2007

PHILIP GLASGOW

BORN.....8/2/1927
APPOINTED11/29/1954
RETIRED.....7/31/1980
DIED.....1/10/2007

DONALD THOMAS-MOORE

BORN.....2/21/1927
APPOINTED5/18/1950
RETIRED.....4/21/1979
DIED.....1/1/2007

LARRY HARRIS

BORN.....8/23/1938
APPOINTED3/16/1961
RETIRED.....11/1/1977
DIED.....7/3/2007

RICHARD NELSON

BORN.....5/23/1928
APPOINTED1/3/1957
RETIRED.....5/6/1985
DIED.....3/12/2007

IN MEMORIAM



Chief Charles R. Gladman, Jr.

BORN 1/06/1948
APPOINTED 7/05/1973
RETIRED 3/03/2007
DIED 1/26/2008



Spanky's Carpet Outlet, 1860 East Market, Akron September 9, 2007



Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor

