

# Olmsted Township Fire Department



## 2018 Annual Report

## The Core Values of the Olmsted Township Fire Department

Our core values center around the protection of lives, property and the environment through prevention, public education, preparedness and emergency response; we place an emphasis on quality services delivered efficiently, effectively and safely and we will do our utmost to provide these services with the dignity and respect our residents deserve.

### A Firefighters Pledge

I promise concern for others. A willingness to help those in need.

I promise courage – Courage to face and conquer my fears. Courage to share and endure the ordeal of those who need me.

I promise strength – Strength of heart to bear whatever burdens might be placed upon me. Strength of body to deliver to safety all those placed within my care.

I promise integrity - Integrity to always conduct myself, both on and off duty, in a manner that reflects positively on myself and my fire department.

I promise the wisdom to lead, the compassion to comfort and the love to serve unselfishly whenever I am called to duty; this is my pledge...

## Opening from Chief Kelly

As the Chief of the Olmsted Township Fire Department, I am both humbled and proud to present to you our annual report for the year of 2018. The Olmsted Township Fire Department (OTFD) strives to provide nothing less than outstanding Emergency Medical, Fire and Rescue Services to the residents of Olmsted Township; we are dedicated to serving the businesses, residents and visitors in the Olmsted Community with integrity.

The OTFD provides fire suppression services along with emergency medical and rescue service delivery to the Olmsted Township community and our surrounding communities through our Automatic and/or Mutual-Aid agreements. We utilize the MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) for additional emergency resources as needed. This is an organized plan that is used when requesting greater resources (emergency apparatus) from other neighboring municipalities' for incidents in our township. This is a reciprocal agreement meaning that we also provide our resources to them when they ask.

The OTFD also responds to other rescue and emergency incidents including hazardous material emergencies, water rescue (i.e. surface, dive, ice and swift water), rope rescue, extrication activities (i.e. vehicle and machinery), confined space and trench excavation rescue incidents; the Southwest Emergency Response Team (SERT) provides assistance to the OTFD in these very dangerous hi-risk, low frequency specialty incidents through a contracted service agreement.

The OTFD continues to operate as a combination fire department currently staffed with 14 full-time members and 8 part-time members who supplement our staffing. We operate out of our one fire station, located on Fitch Road just north of Cook Road. We currently operate from two different funding/revenue sources; an Ambulance Fund (revenue we receive from patient billing for emergency medical transports from insurance claims) and a Fire Levy Fund (a continuous fire levy voted for by the residents in 2010). We thank you for your support!

The OTFD operates three (3) 24 hour shifts with an intended staffing level of four (4) firefighter/paramedics on-duty each shift. All of the personnel assigned to a 24 hour shift are trained in both disciplines. This staffing level allows us to provide a greater level of service to this growing community by enabling the OTFD to handle the day to day workload in a more efficient and effective manner.

In 2018, the Olmsted Township Fire Department responded to 2,010 emergency calls for service, and 3,221 total vehicle responses. Of those emergency incidents, 1,712 were emergency medical incidents, 265 were fire and/or rescue incidents and 33 were service related incidents such as lock outs, water leaks, animal calls, smoke removal, etc. In addition to these emergency incidents, the OTFD had 186 smoke alarm installations and/or battery changes 18 residential lock box installations, and 26 car seat installations. The members of the OTFD also pressure tested over 6,000 feet of fire hose, flowed and maintained almost 950 fire hydrants and received numerous hours of fire, rescue and emergency medical care training.

The OTFD maintains two advanced life support rescue squads in our apparatus fleet. In addition, one frontline fire engine with rescue/extrication equipment and one fire ladder truck with a 75 foot aerial ladder, capable of handling many different types of fire incidents. The OTFD also has a rescue/utility vehicle that is used as a chase on medical calls, a utility trailer used to support extended incidents such as technical rescue incidents, hazardous materials incidents and other unusual incidents, a command vehicle and an administrative vehicle.

Community Outreach and Fire Prevention activities are as equally important to the safety and well-being of a community as fire and rescue preparedness and response. The OTFD has numerous programs available to our residents and businesses as outlined in this report. My vision for the future includes expanding these vital activities to businesses, residents and visitors in the Olmsted Community in addition to enhancing our readiness to respond to emergencies in this growing community by further supplementing our staffing and resources.

I would like to offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Olmsted Township Trustees, the Administrator and the entire Olmsted Township Leadership Team for their support, guidance and confidence in the abilities of the Olmsted Township Fire Department! I also want to thank them for providing the direction and resources needed so we can continue to provide nothing less than outstanding service delivery to this wonderful community.

To the Officers and Firefighters of the Olmsted Township Fire Department; you are the greatest asset we have. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to each and every one of you for your continued support, dedication and tireless service in keeping yourselves, each other and the citizens of Olmsted Township safe! I ask that the residents and business join me in thanking our firefighters whenever you see them out in the community.

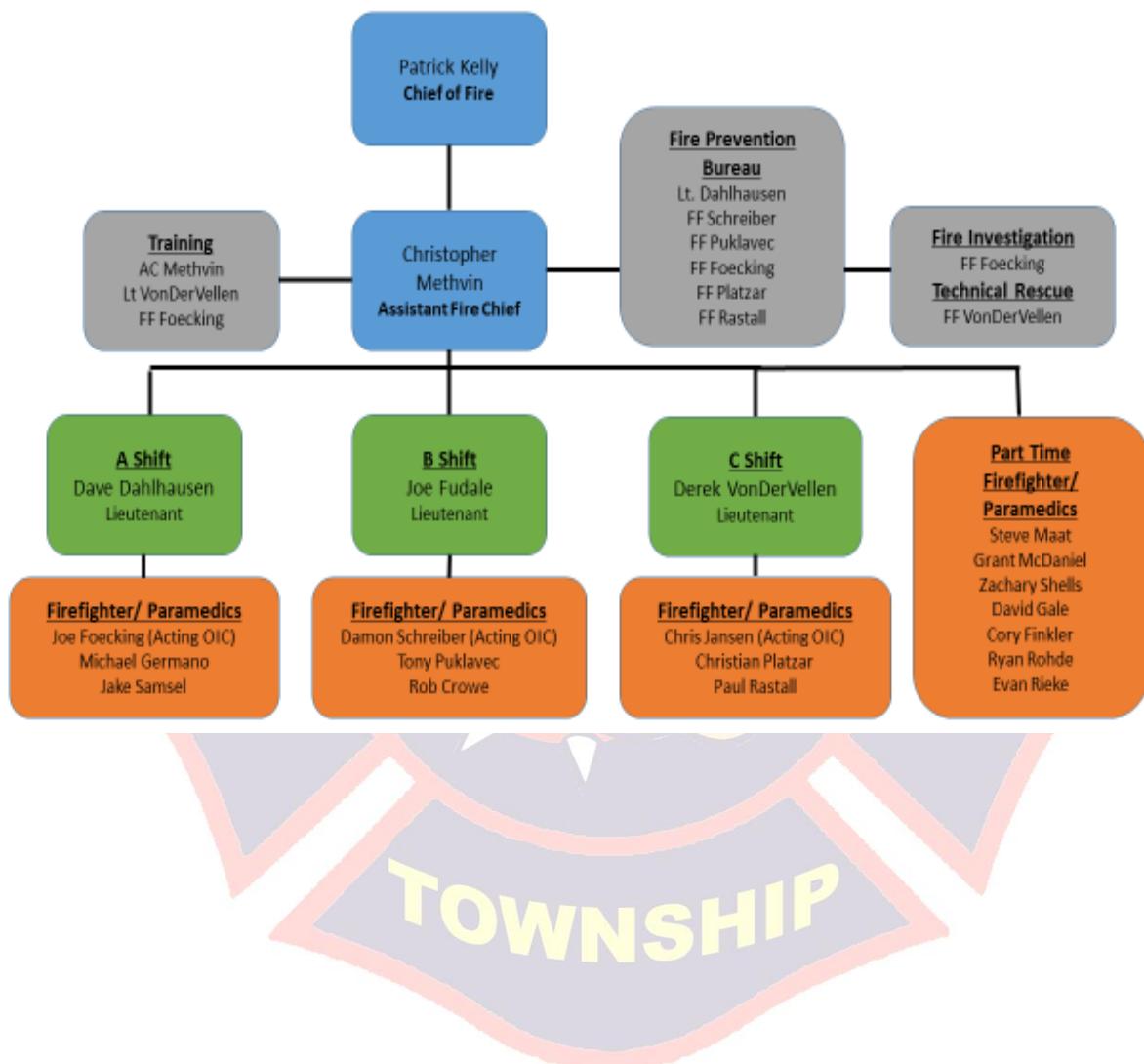
Last but certainly not least, I would also like to thank you, our residents and businesses of Olmsted Township for your continued support of our fire department! We strive to provide you with the best possible services with our available resources. If anyone needs clarification on any item in this report or with the services/programs we provide to this community, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

*Patrick Kelly*

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# 2018 OTFD Organizational Chart



## 2018 OTFD Duty Assignments

A Shift- Lt Dahlhausen	B Shift- Lt Fudale	C Shift- Lt. VonDerVellen
Fire Prevention Officer, SOG's, Pre-Plans, Health & Safety Officer, Community Engagement, patient follow-up etc. <b>-Engine 5 and Car 3 Officer</b>	EMS Officer, Station & Equipment Maintenance, SOG's, Pre-Plans, Community Engagement, patient follow-up etc. <b>-Medic 1 and Medic 2 Officer</b>	Fire/Rescue Training & Equipment, SOG's, Pre-Plans, Health & Wellness, Radios, Community Engagement, Safety Committee, patient follow-up <b>-Ladder 6 &amp; Rescue Trailer Officer</b>
<b>FF Foecking (OIC)</b> FI, M- Vehicle Maintenance, Face-Fit Testing, Fire/Rescue Training and the Long Driveway Project.	<b>FF Schreiber (OIC)</b> - FI - Fire Prevention Coordinator, Lock Boxes, SOG Committee.	<b>FF Jansen (OIC)</b> – Information Technology, Inventory, Station Supplies, Safety Committee, Maps
<b>FF Germano</b> - Station & Equipment Maintenance (Saws/Tools/ Fire & Rescue Equipment etc.) Training Co-Coordinator	<b>FF Puklavec</b> – FI -SCBA & Air System Maintenance, Car Seat Installs, Vehicle Specs, Health & Wellness Co-Coordinator.	<b>FF Platzar</b> – FI - Turnout Gear & Personal Protective Equipment PPE upkeep and specifications (EMS, Fire & Rescue)
<b>FF Samsel</b> - Smoke Alarm liaison with Red Cross, Ground Ladders & Hydrants.	<b>FF Crowe</b> - Engagement/Outreach (CPR/AED Training, File of Life, CERT, Schools, etc.) EMS Co-Coordinator w/ Med Control, EMS Training.	<b>FF Rastall</b> – FI - Hose, Nozzles, Fittings, EMS Co-Coordinator w/ Med Control, EMS Training & Equipment
<p><b>-Shift Officers of the members assigned to them are responsible to see that the duties assigned to those members are completed including recording appropriate information in the Fire Programs RMS.</b></p> <p><b>-Shift Officers (&amp; OIC's) are also responsible to QA/PI the previous shifts incident reports, perform community engagement and/or to follow-up with patient transports from your previous shift. Officers assigned to specific vehicles are to make sure the required maintenance is performed.</b></p> <p><b>-This assignment list is not all inclusive. All OTFD personnel are expected to assist in these duties as needed.</b></p> <p><b>-Duty Assignments are subject to change and/or additions/deletions to this list may be made periodically. Personnel will be notified of these changes.</b></p>		
<i>Thank you for your service to the Olmsted Township Fire Department!</i>		

## 2018 Statistics

### Average Response Times

Five minutes and fifty-nine seconds (5:59)

### Busiest Month

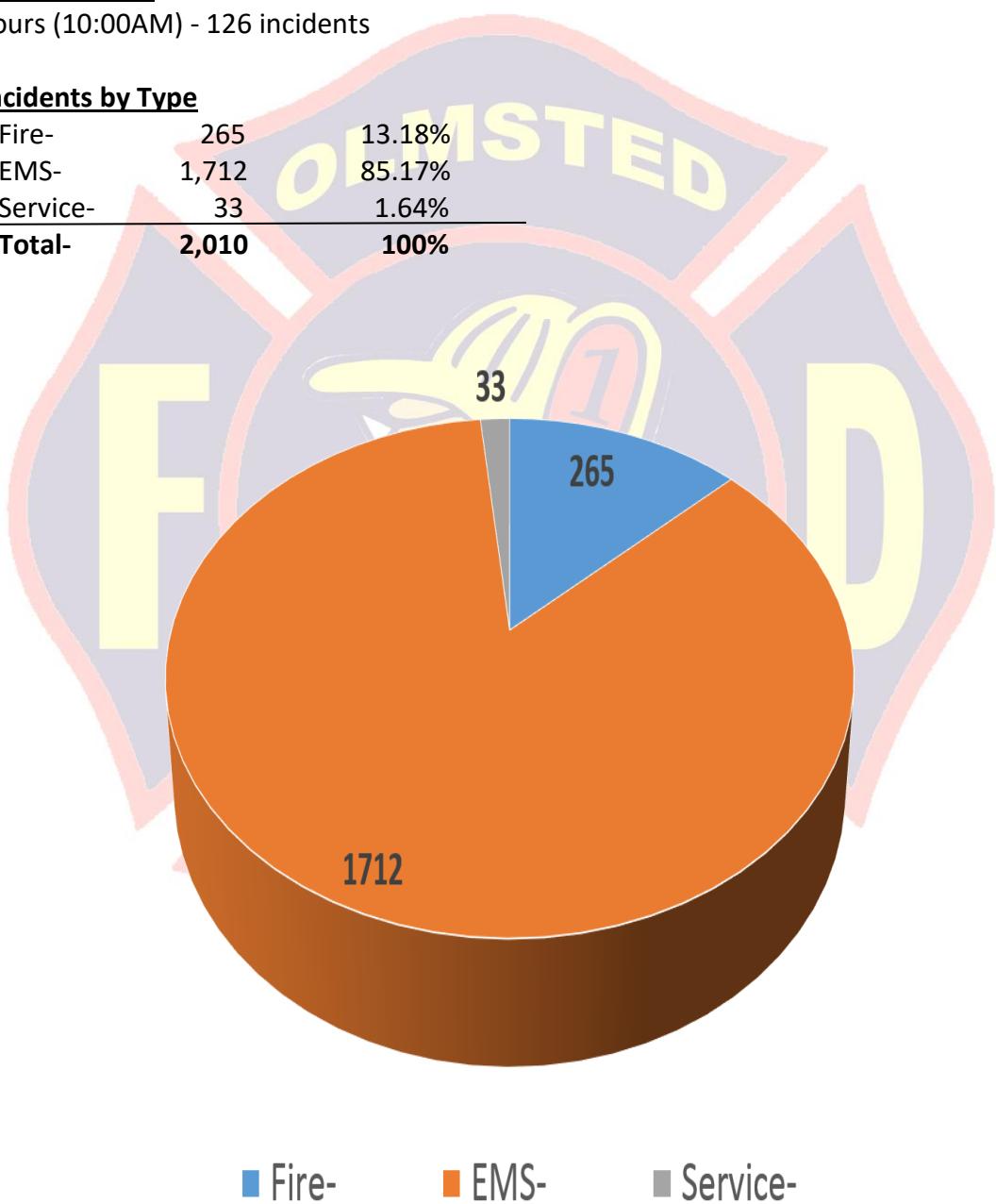
October – happens to be Fire Prevention Month; we were surprised also!!!

### Busiest Time of Day

1000 hours (10:00AM) - 126 incidents

### Total Incidents by Type

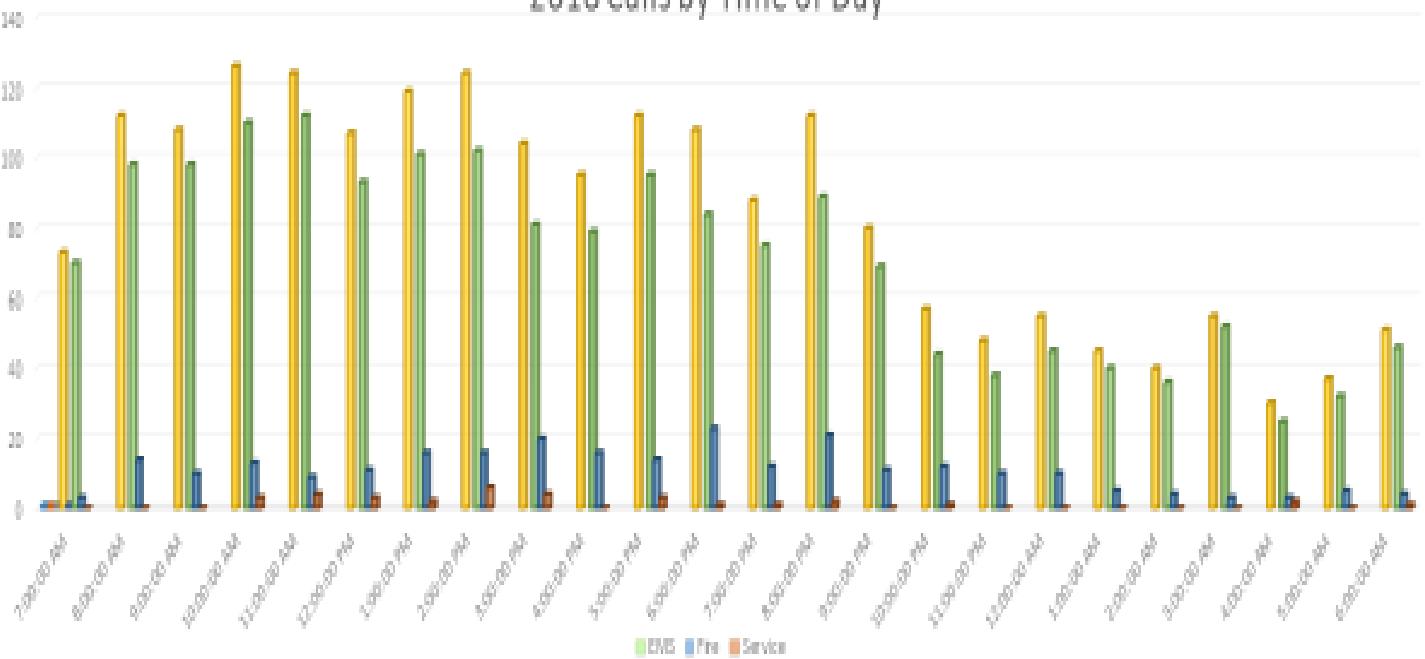
1. Fire-	265	13.18%
2. EMS-	1,712	85.17%
3. Service-	33	1.64%
Total-	2,010	100%



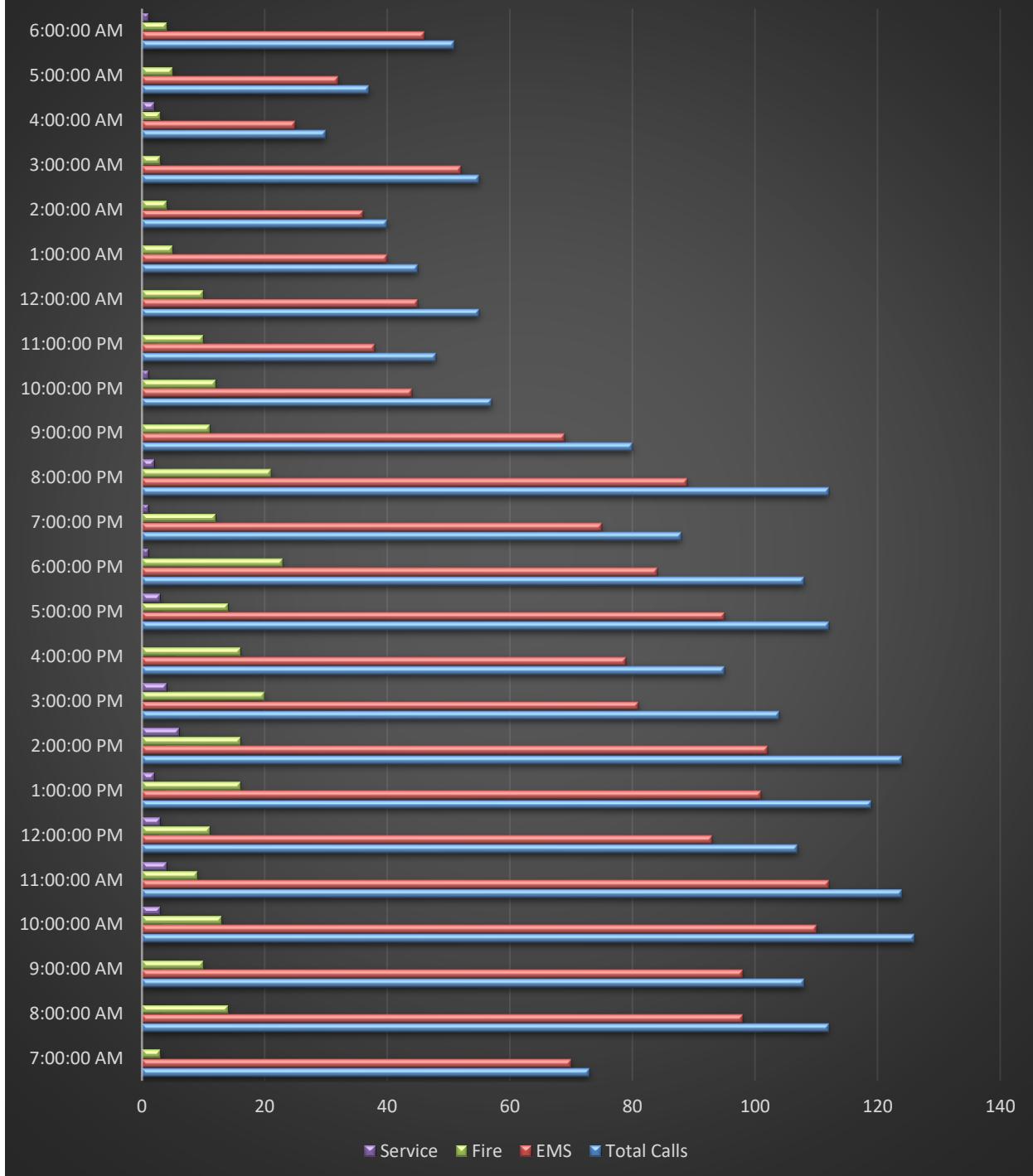
## 2018 Statistics

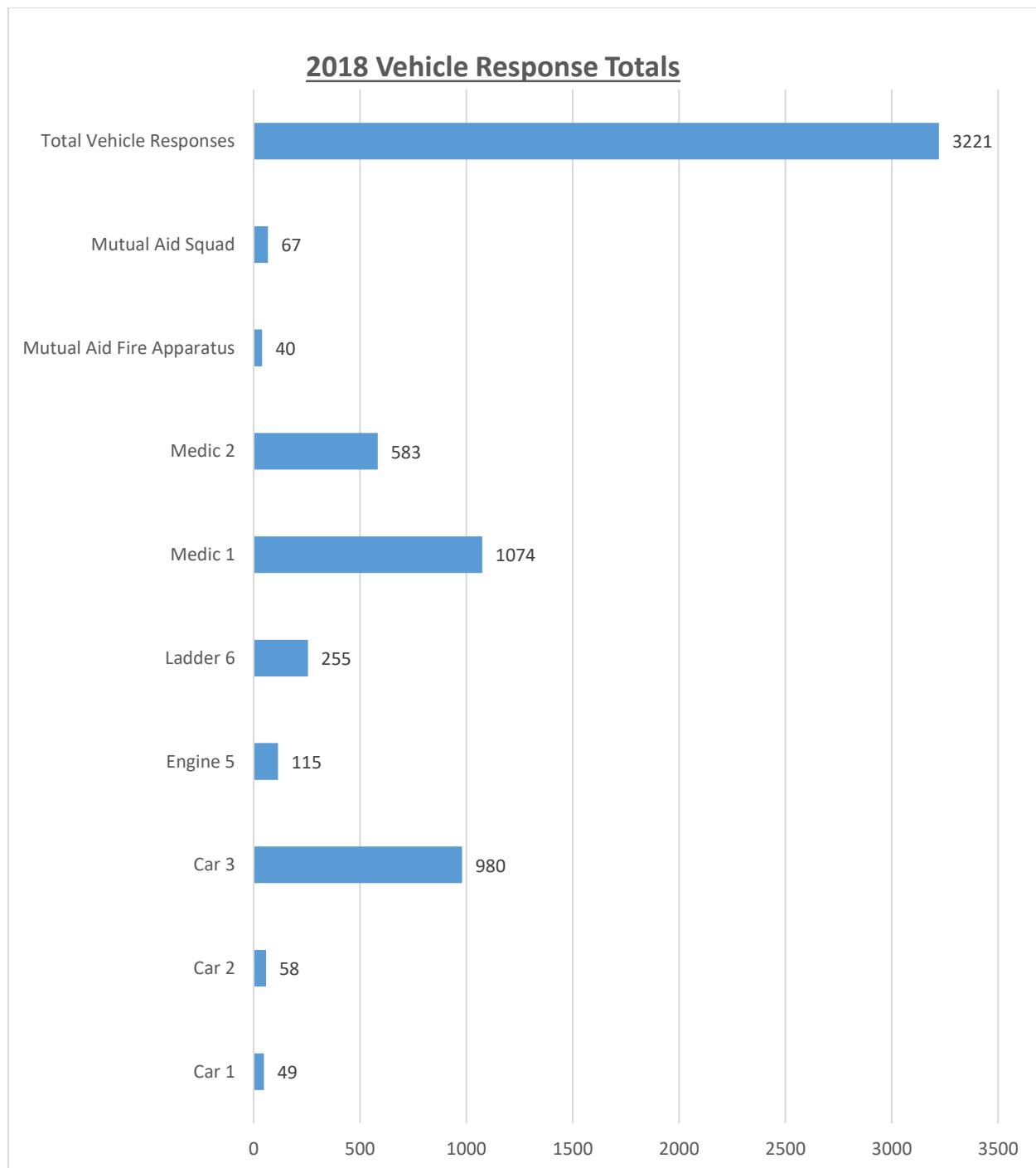
Hour of Day	0700	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100	2200	2300	2400	0100	0200	0300	0400	0500	0600	TOTALS
Total Calls	73	112	108	126	124	107	119	124	104	95	112	108	88	112	80	57	48	35	45	40	33	30	37	51	210
EMS	70	98	98	110	112	93	101	102	81	79	95	84	75	89	69	44	38	45	40	36	52	25	32	46	1714
Fire	3	14	10	13	9	11	16	14	20	18	14	23	12	21	11	12	10	10	5	4	3	3	5	4	288
Service	0	0	0	0	3	4	3	2	0	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	33

2018 Calls by Time of Day

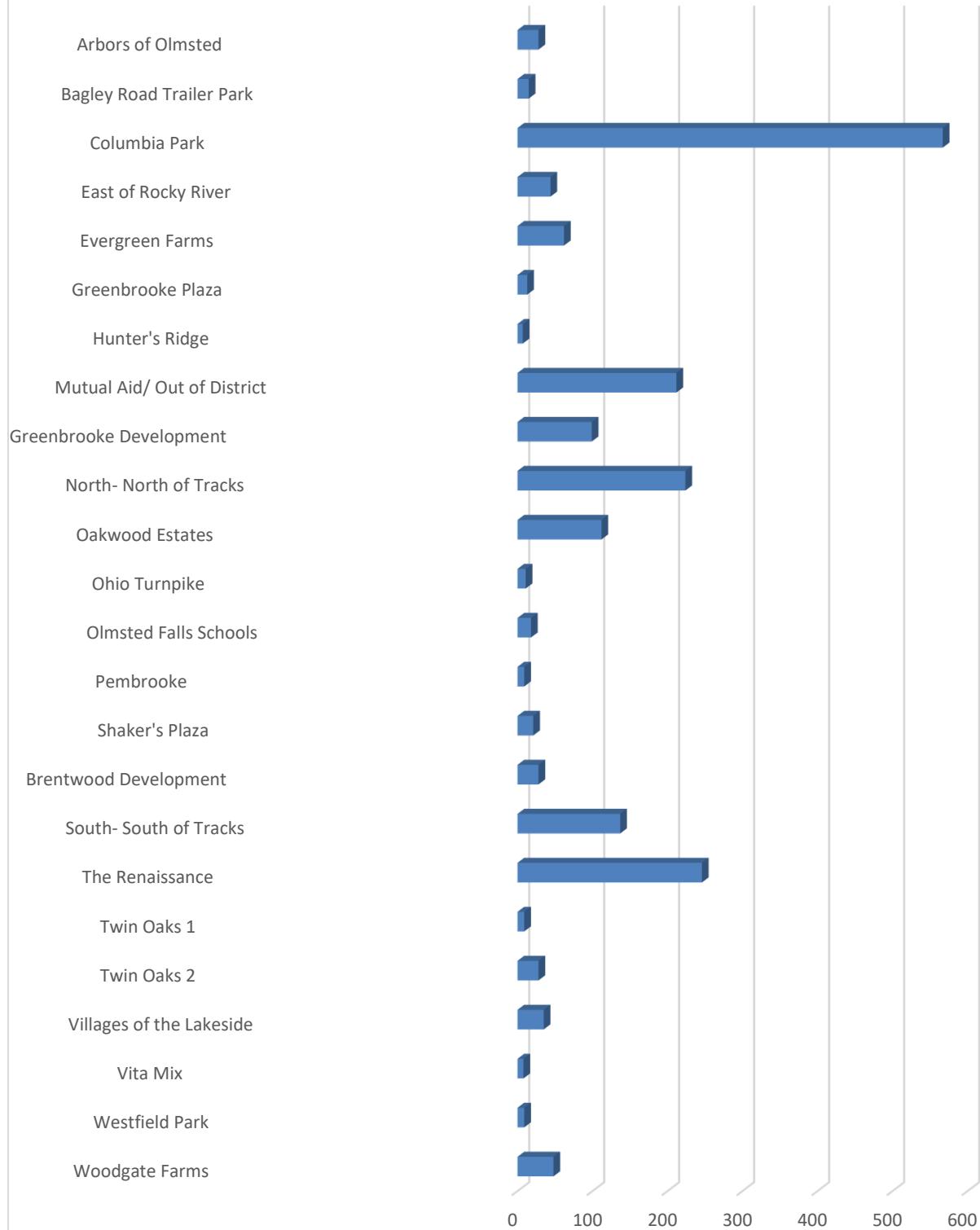


## 2018 Calls by Time of Day





## 2018 Responses by Neighborhood

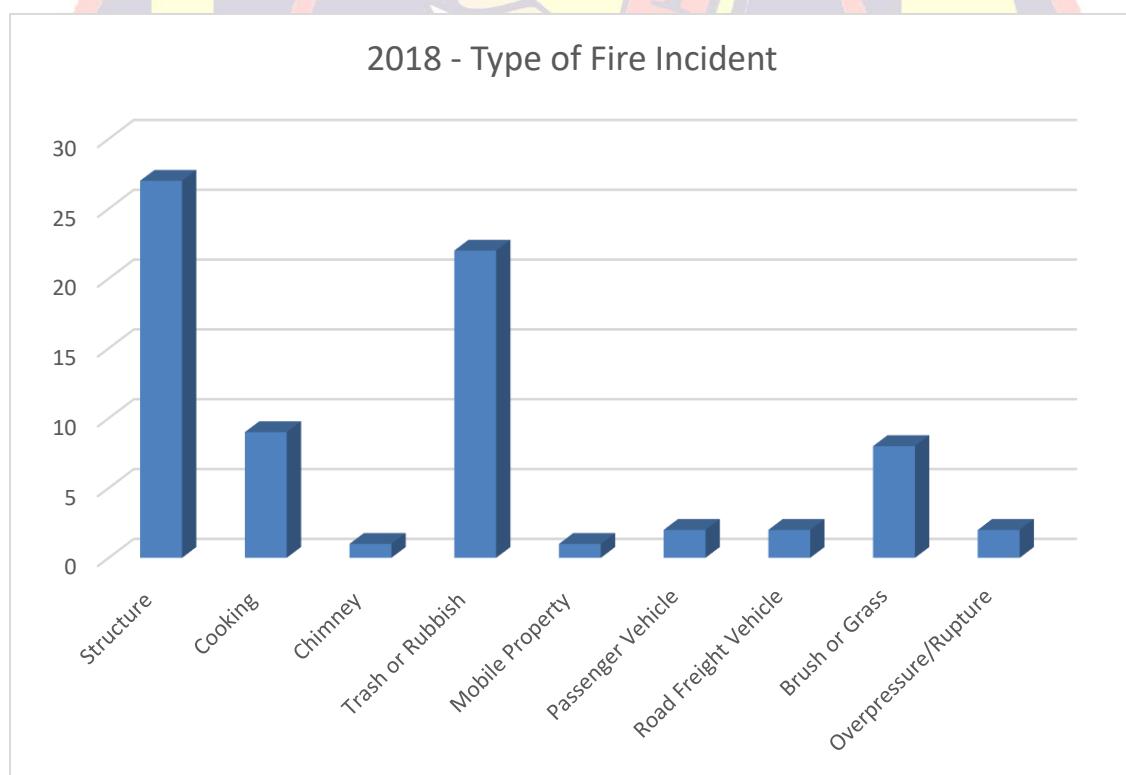


## 2018 Responses by Neighborhood

Neighborhood	Total	Percentage
Woodgate Farms	48	2.30%
Westfield Park	9	
Vita Mix	8	
Villages of the Lakeside	35	1.74%
Twin Oaks 2	28	1.39%
Twin Oaks 1	9	
The Renaissance	246	12.23%
South- South of Tracks	137	6.81%
Brentwood Development	28	1.39%
Shaker's Plaza	21	1.04%
Pembrooke	9	
Olmsted Falls Schools	18	
Ohio Turnpike	11	
Oakwood Estates	112	5.57%
North- North of Tracks	224	11.14%
Greenbrooke Development	99	4.92%
Mutual Aid/ Out of District	212	10.54%
Hunter's Ridge	7	
Greenbrooke Plaza	13	
Evergreen Farms	62	3.08%
East of Rocky River	44	2.18%
Columbia Park	567	28.20%
Bagley Road Trailer Park	15	
Arbors of Olmsted	28	1.39%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2010</b>	

## 2018 Fire Statistics

Type of Fire	Number of Fire Incidents
Structure	27
Cooking	9
Chimney	1
Trash or Rubbish	22
Mobile Property	1
Passenger Vehicle	2
Road Freight Vehicle	2
Brush or Grass	8
Overpressure/Rupture	2



## 2018 EMS Statistics

ALS Runs- 849 – up from 744

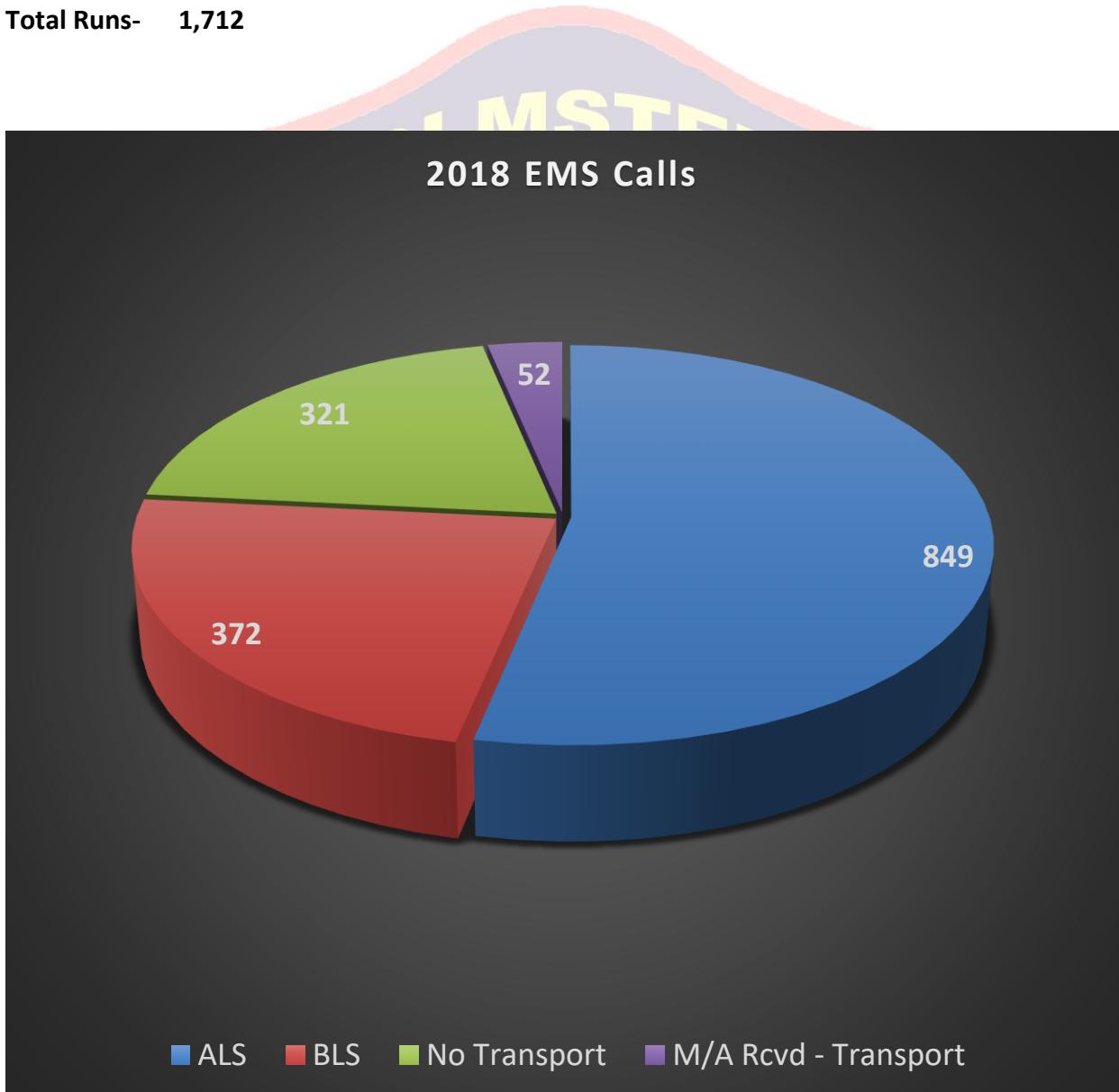
BLS Runs- 372 - up from 324

No Transport- 321 – up from 288 (many of these are lift assists)

Other- 118

M/A Rcvd- Transports - 52- down from 165 (this shows we are covering more of our own calls with increased staffing levels)

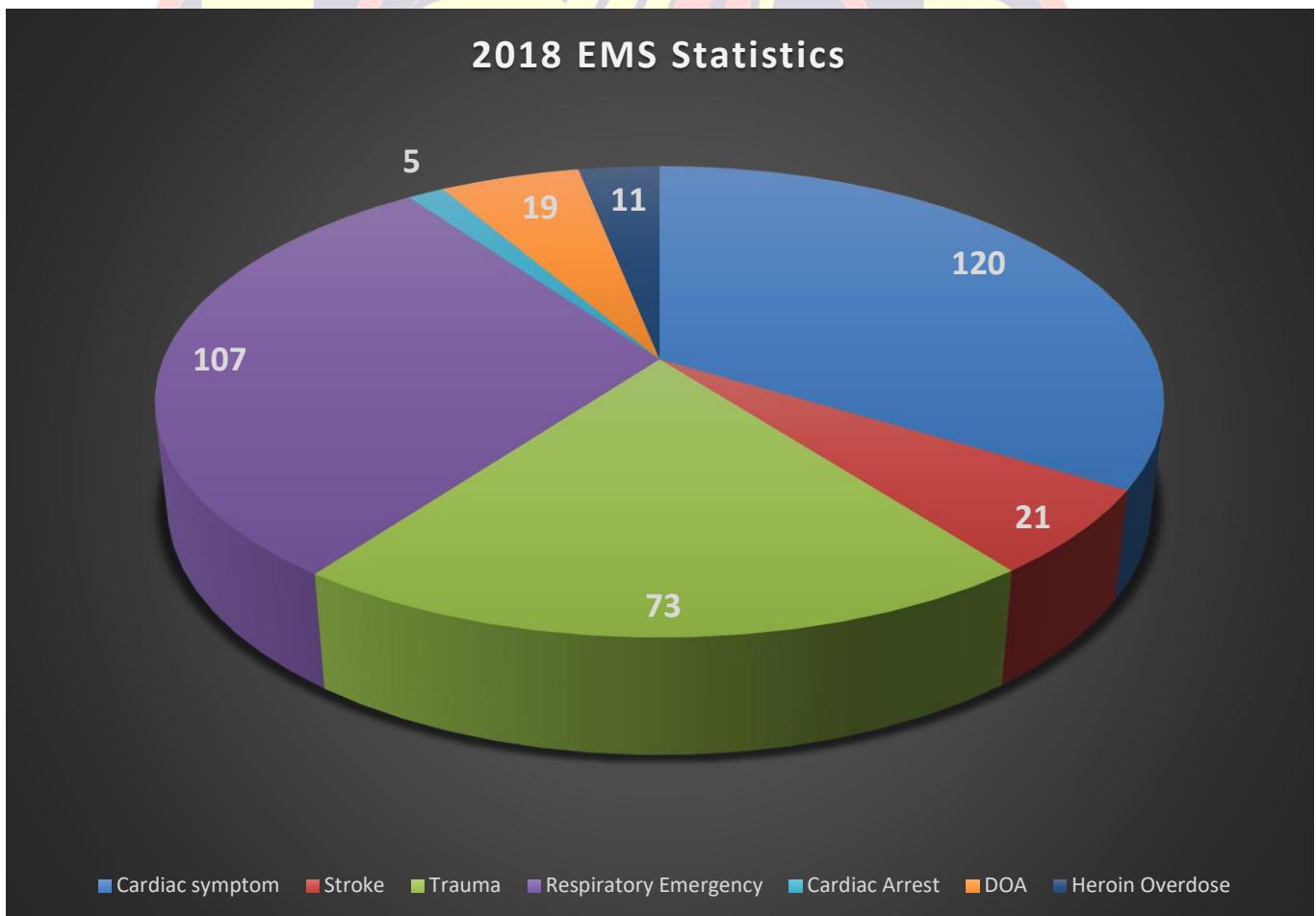
**Total Runs- 1,712**



## 2018 EMS Statistics (cont'd)

### Call Types

Cardiac Symptom-	120
Stroke-	21
Trauma-	73
Respiratory Emergency-	107
Cardiac Arrest-	5
DOA-	19
Heroin Overdose-	11



## Other EMS Statistics (not all encompassing)

Abdominal Pain	60
Allergic Reaction	8
Alt. Level Conscious	28
Anxiety	17
Airway Obstruction	2
Asthma Symptoms	1
Back Pain (No Trauma)	28
Behavioral Disorder	26
CVA/Stroke	21
Cardiac Arrest	5
Cardiac Symptoms	44
Chest Pain	71
Cough W/Blood	1
Dehydration Symp.	9
Depression (acute)	6
Diabetic Symptoms	30
Dizziness	41
Dyspnea-SOB	90
Elevated Temp/Fever	6
Eye Symp.(no trauma)	4
Flu Symptoms	5
GI -Bleed	12
GI -Constipation	3
GI -Diarrhea	6
Headache (no trauma)	6
Hemorrhage-(severe medical)	2
Carbon Monoxide	2

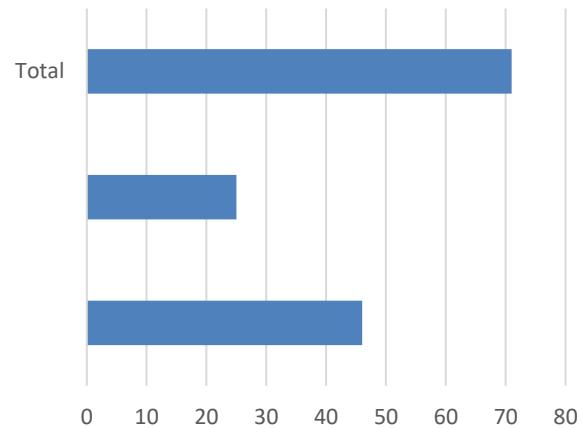
Medication Reaction	1
Restraints Required	1
Monitoring Required	7
Nausea	21
No Medical Problem	67
Nose Bleed	7
OB/GYN	1
OB/ GYN (complications)	0
Obvious Death	19
Pneumonia Symptoms	3
Poisoning	1
Positioning Required	1
Post-Op Complication	0
Psychiatric	28
Pulmonary Edema	3
Respiratory Arrest	0
Respiratory Failure	2
Seizure	10
Sore Throat	1
Syncope/Fainting	19
Trauma Injury	73
Unconscious	9
Unknown Medical	155
Urinary Bleeding	9
Urination Problem	5
Vomiting	16
Vomiting Blood	8
Weakness	100

## 2018 Automatic Aid Statistics

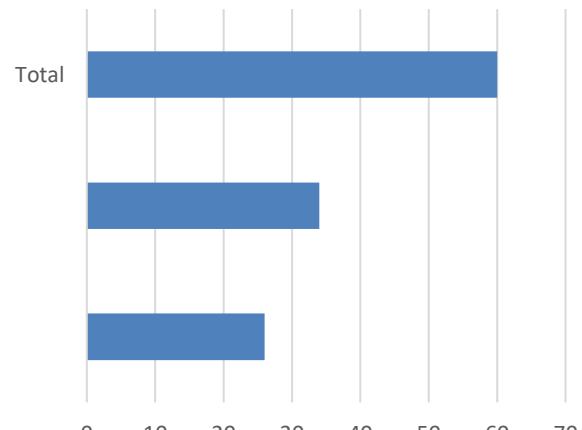
<b>Auto Aid Given: Fire</b>	
North Olmsted	46
Olmsted Falls	25
Total	71

<b>Auto Aid Received: Fire</b>	
North Olmsted	26
Olmsted Falls	34
Total	60

2018 Auto Aid Given: Fire

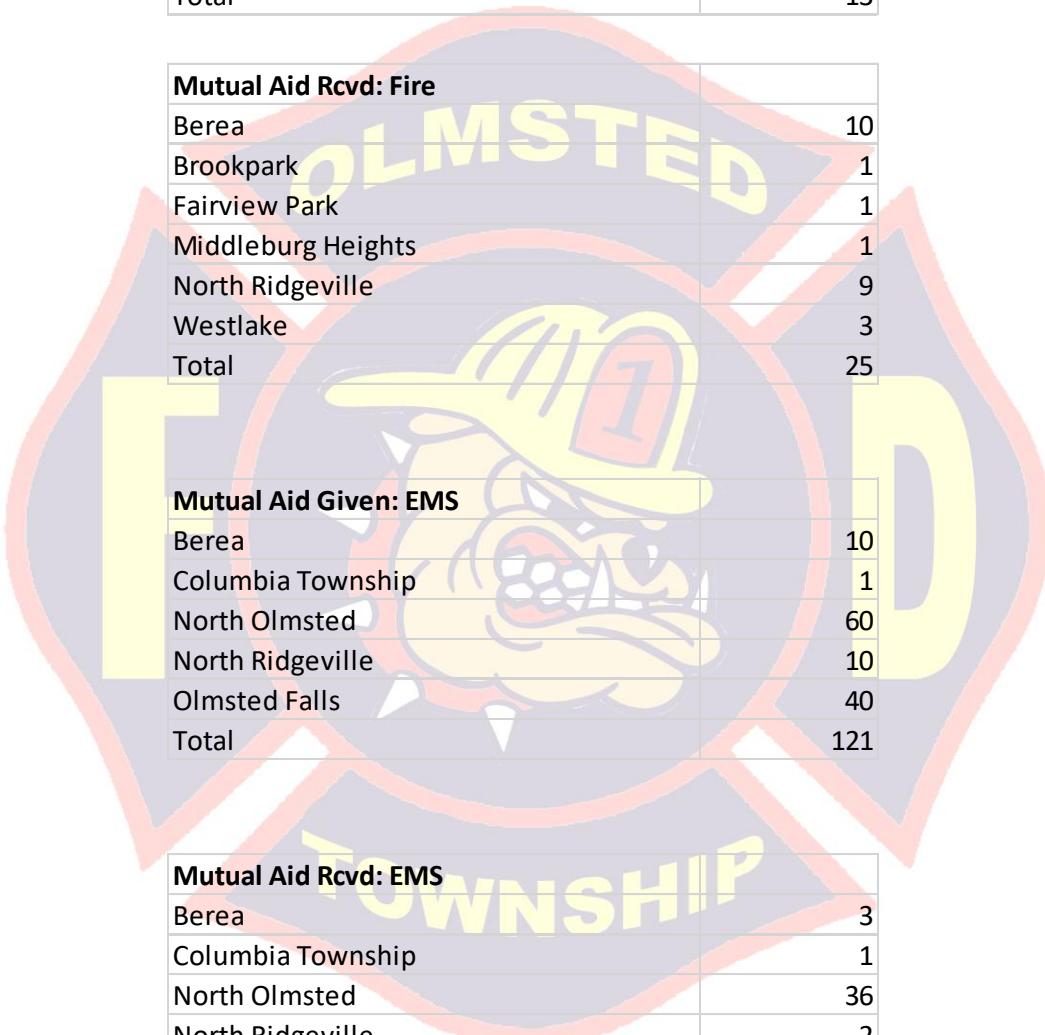


2018 Auto Aid Received: Fire



## 2018 Mutual Aid Statistics

<b>Mutual Aid Given: Fire</b>	
Berea	1
Columbia Township	1
North Ridgeville	10
Westlake	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

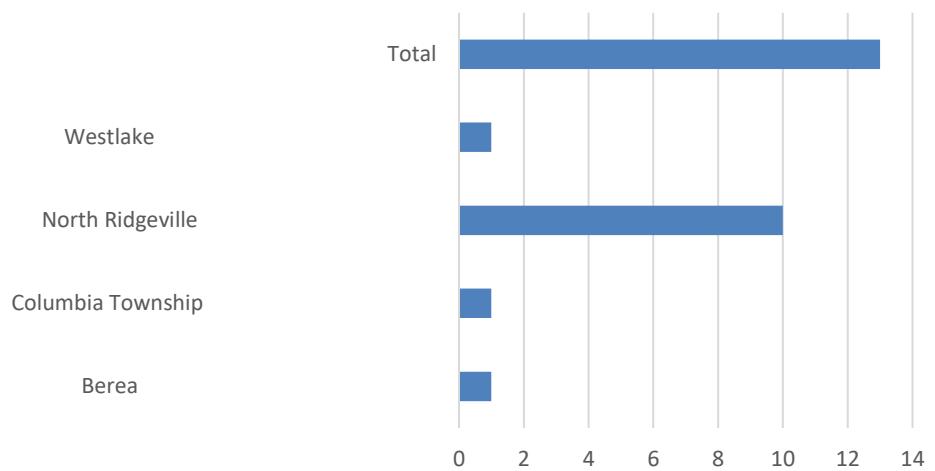


<b>Mutual Aid Rcvd: Fire</b>	
Berea	10
Brookpark	1
Fairview Park	1
Middleburg Heights	1
North Ridgeville	9
Westlake	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>

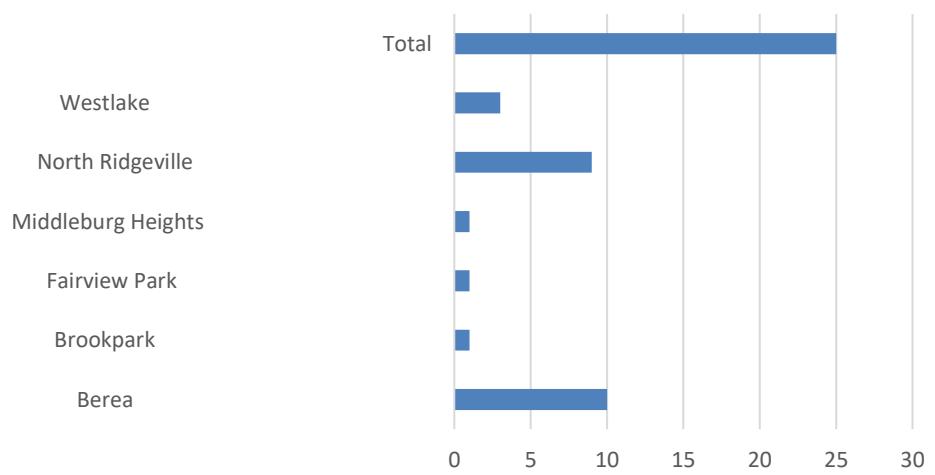
<b>Mutual Aid Given: EMS</b>	
Berea	10
Columbia Township	1
North Olmsted	60
North Ridgeville	10
Olmsted Falls	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>

<b>Mutual Aid Rcvd: EMS</b>	
Berea	3
Columbia Township	1
North Olmsted	36
North Ridgeville	2
Olmsted Falls	40
Westlake	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>

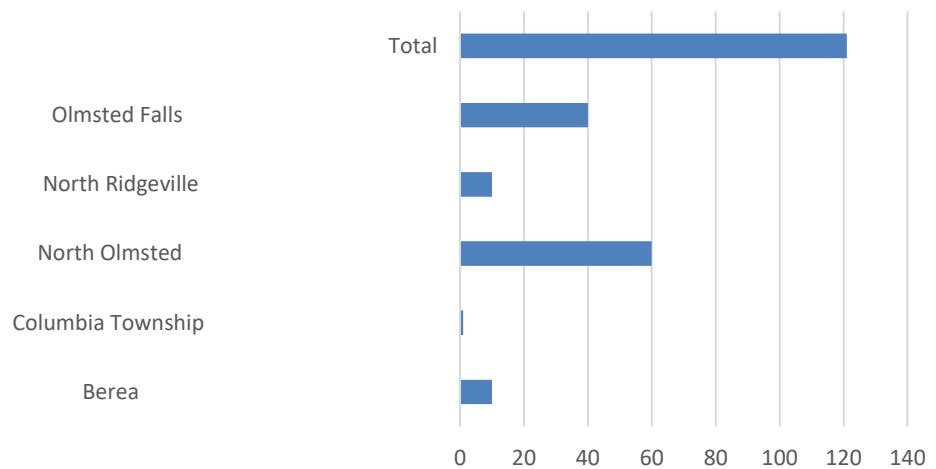
### 2018 Mutual Aid Given: Fire



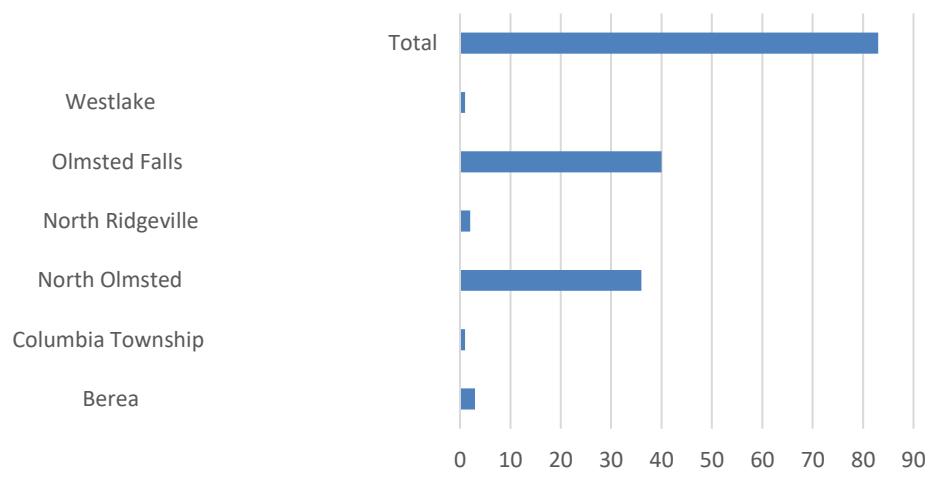
### 2018 Mutual Aid Received: Fire



### 2018 Mutual Aid Given: EMS



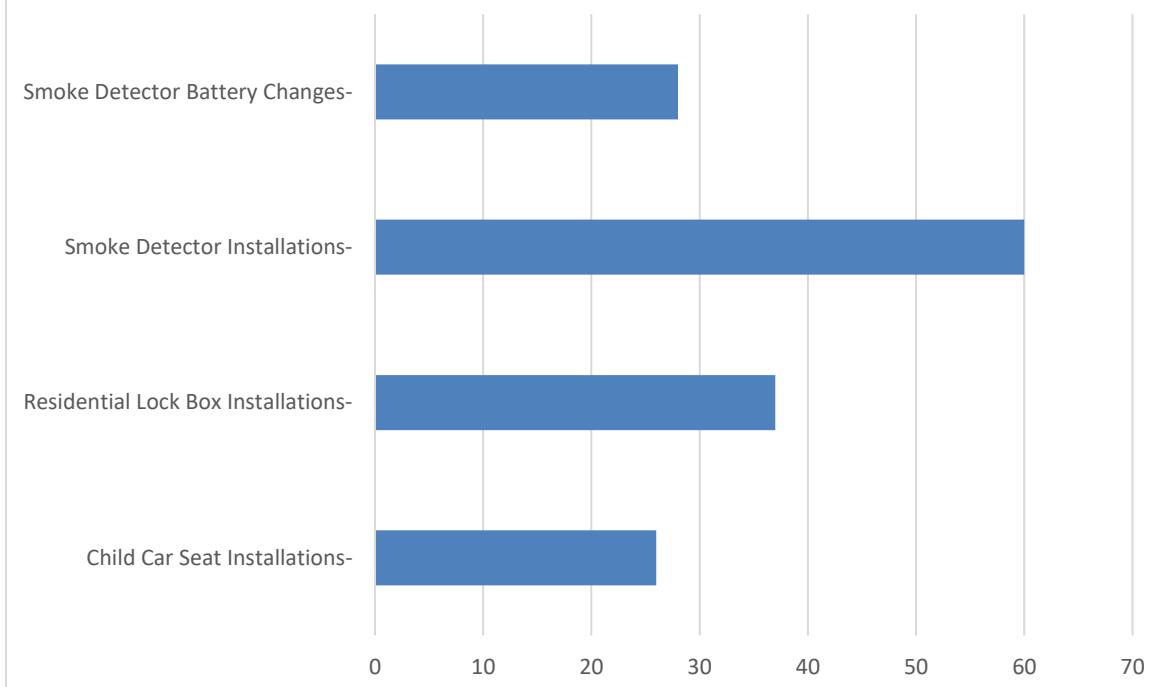
### 2018 Mutual Aid Received: EMS



## Other Services

Child Car Seat Installations-	26
Residential Lock Box Installations-	37
Smoke Detector Installations-	60
Smoke Detector Battery Changes-	28

Other Services in 2018



## 2018 Training Summary

All firefighters on the department are required to complete 18 hours of continuing education every year. This training can be acquired in house through one of our certified instructors, or any other state accredited school or program. The following topics were covered in 2018:

Basic Origin and Cause of Fire, Fire Safety Inspector Update, Size up and Command, Fire Attack (Fire Blast Trailer), Haz-Mat Training, Search and Rescue, Aerial Ladder training, Pump Operations, Accountability System, Firefighter Survival Techniques, Thermal Imaging Camera Operations, Strategies and Tactics, Tactical Paramedic Training, Fire Investigation, Building Construction, Vehicle Extrication, Ice Rescue Training, Ventilation Techniques, Ground Ladder Training, Hose Loads, Scene/ Incident Size Up, and Incident Command.

**Completed hours of fire training: 1,121.5 documented hours**

Classes attended or brought to OTFD:

- Fire Prevention Life Safety Officer Class
- Structural Fire Attack
- DIMCO- Initial Actions and Decision Making for Company Officers
- Fire Officer 4
- Fire Instructor/Fire Inspector
- Data Analysis
- Tactical Medic

Regional Classes hosted by OTFD or Regional Training Classes:

- Fire Blast Trailer
- Fire Ground Preparation Class
- Decision Making for the Initial Fire Attack Officer





## 2018 EMS Training Summary

All State of Ohio certified paramedics must meet the following Emergency Medical Pre-Hospital Care requirements for license renewal every three (3) years.

86 hours of Continuing Education (CE) to include:

- 12 hours of pediatric
- 4 hours of geriatric
- 6 hours of cardiac care
- 8 hours of trauma to include the Ohio Trauma Triage course
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification
- CPR certification

All department members are provided CE hours through the instructors of Southwest General Hospital. We also receive supplemental instruction and hours from University Hospitals. Through Southwest we also have access to a web-based CE services: EMS Jane.

Topics covered in 2018 included:

Metro Sim Lab, Pediatric, Geriatric, Trauma, Skills Labs, Documentation, Mass Casualty, Active Shooter, EKG Reading and Interpretation, EMS Run Review, CPR Recertification, ACLS recertification.

**Completed hours of EMS training: 393 documented hours**

Once again this does not reflect outside training. EMS training outside of the department is tracked by the individual.



# OTFD Programs

The OTFD has numerous programs available to our residents and businesses including the following:

- An annual life safety inspection program for all of our schools & businesses
- A smoke alarm program (partnership with the American Red Cross)
- A File-of-Life Program to notify the responders of any serious health conditions
- A Knox-Box Program for our businesses
- A Residential Lock-Box Program for our residents
- A Community CPR/First Aid/Stop the Bleed Program
- A reading program in our schools
- A Fire Prevention Home Fire Safety Coloring Contest for our schools

Our vision for the future includes expanding these vital activities to businesses, residents and visitors in the Olmsted Community in addition to enhancing our readiness to respond to emergencies in this growing community. To sustain these services, we need to look at the feasibility of another safety levy.



## Pet Oxygen Masks

In 2018, the Invisible Fence Company donated several Pet Oxygen Masks to the OTFD. We now carry these lifesaving devices on our response vehicles. This will enable us to treat your pets in the event of a fire incident in your home.



**TOWNSHIP**

## Significant Fires and Incidents- 2018

On Sunday April 1, 2018 the Olmsted Township Fire Department and our neighboring fire departments responded to **two** separate house fires within approximately one hour of each other. Both fires were investigated jointly by the Olmsted Township Fire and Police Departments, the Southwest Emergency Response Team Fire Investigation Unit, and the State Fire Marshal's Fire & Explosion Investigations Bureau. Both fires were ruled **Arson** or intentionally set. After a joint investigation by the Olmsted Township Fire Department, Olmsted Township Police Department, and Ohio Fire Marshal's Office an arrest has been made and charges file, the suspect has been arrested and charged with two counts of arson, one count of breaking and entering, and one count of possession of criminal tools. Fortunately no one was hurt! Thanks to our many partners who not only assisted us in the extinguishment of these fires but also who made this arrest possible.

### **Easter Morning Arson Fires (Bagley and Bronson Roads)**

**Date: 4/1/2017**

**Shift: C**

**Time: 06:27AM**



**27054 Bagley Road**



**7554 Bronson Road**

## 7340 Glenside



On December 28<sup>th</sup> OTFD crews were called for a “confirmed house fire” at 7340 Glenside Drive.

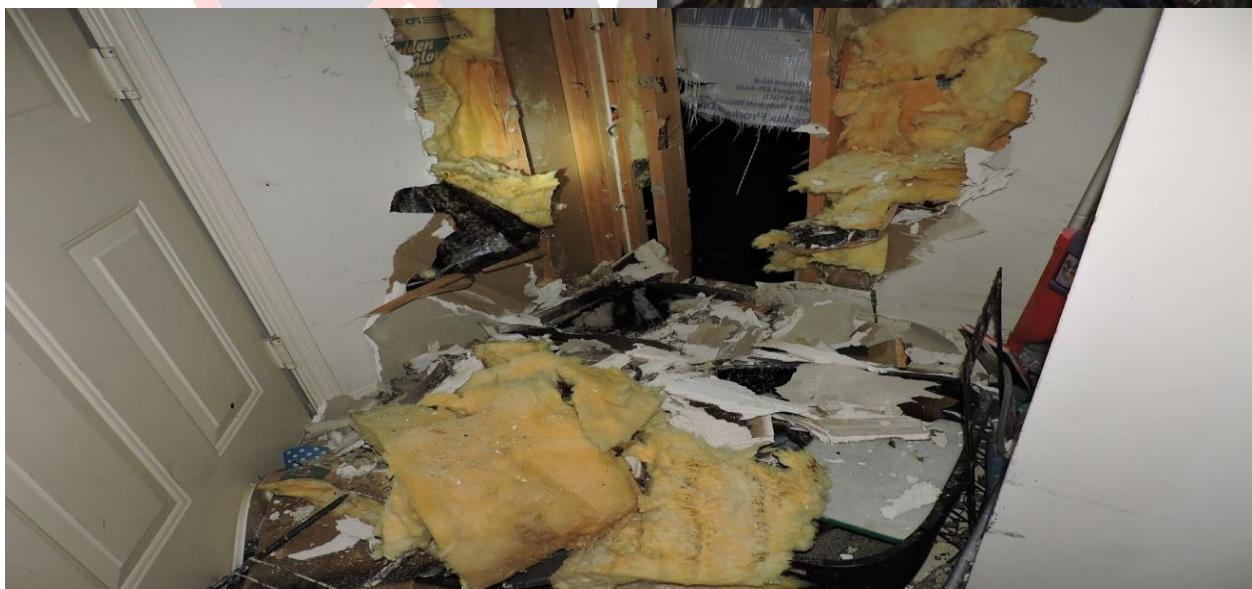
Upon arrival the crew found heavy smoke coming from the front door. The crew deployed in fast attack mode to get a good stop on the fire, prevent life loss, and minimize the damage to the structure.

The walk around done by the officer showed the fire was in the basement in the laundry room and the crew made entry using attack lines and reached the basement laundry room

which had fire and heavy smoke conditions.

The crew extinguished the fire, brought one of the occupant's pets out and attempted to resituate it, and got the occupants treated for burns.

Excellent offensive operations and aggressive fire attack, as well as great resource management, scene safety and leadership helped OTFD stop this fire and prevent further loss or damage to the structure and nearby residences.



## Lewis Road

At approximately 0200 Hours on August 29, 2018, Olmsted Township Fire Department was requested by Olmsted Township Police Department in the 7600 Block of Lewis Road for a collapsed house with a report of a person entrapped by the structure. On arrival of the first responding Fire Department Units, they encountered an unsecured and severely dilapidated structure with a partial collapse of the building and its contents on top of the occupant.

A 360 degree size up structure was performed by Fire Department Personnel. A portion of the first (ground level) floor had collapsed in to the basement. It was confirmed that the victim in the collapse was deceased. An immediate recovery was deemed unsafe due to the instability of the remaining structure and required additional personnel with specialty training and resources. The decision was made to activate Southwest Emergency Rescue Team (S.E.R.T.) Specialty Rescue Teams, drawing personnel and additional equipment from across the area.

Due to the extended nature of this incident, the American Red Cross was mobilized and responded to the scene to provide food and refreshments to the responders. The Cuyahoga County Animal Protective League was also called to the scene to assist with saving the numerous feral cats located throughout the structure. Factors that hindered operations were a severely dilapidated and unstable structure due to exposure to the elements from a large portion of the rear roof which was missing, significant debris throughout the structure.

The missing roof section had exposed the structural members and supports to the elements for an unknown but extended amount of time causing a general weakening throughout the structure. Based on these factors the structure was deemed unsafe, structurally defective and was ordered to be demolished immediately.



## 23002 Chandlers Lane

On September 20, 2018 @1034hrs, the Olmsted Township Fire Department was called to assist the Olmsted Falls Fire Department with a reported apartment fire. Upon arrival, the fire department units found a three story garden style apartment building with fire in advanced stages on the third floor and in the roof area. Calls for additional resources were called to the scene; a total of four additional alarms were dispatched to the scene.

This was one of the largest fires in the community in recent years. A total of 48 residential units were uninhabitable after the fire the occupants of this complex were forced to relocate. The loss of this fire was approximately \$15 million. Fortunately there were no injuries. Special thanks to the Olmsted CERT Team and the American Red Cross for their assistance to not only the residents but the responders who worked throughout the day trying to contain and extinguish this fire.



## Welcome

Welcome to our new Assistant Chief, Christopher Methvin and his family. AC Methvin started with us on October 1, 2018. He has a wealth of emergency service experience coming to us from Hudson Emergency Services. Prior to that, he served with the Richmond Fire Department for over 10 years. We are excited to have Chris among our ranks and look forward to working alongside him to move the Olmsted Township forward!



## Goodbye & Thank You for your Service!

Farewell to our former Assistant Chief Christopher Kovach who left us in July of 2018 after 18 years of service with the Olmsted Township Fire Department. Chris left to serve as the fire chief of the BST& G Fire District. He started as a firefighter with the OTFD in May of 2000; he became a Lieutenant in 2009 and an Assistant Chief in 2016. Thank you for your service with the OTFD and Best of Luck in your new endeavor!



## 2018 Vehicle Fleet Report

### Medic 1

#### VIN/ Manufacturer's JOB/S.O./BUILD Number (If Applicable)

1FDXE4FS4GDC23690

#### YEAR

2016

#### MAKE & MODEL

Ford E450

#### ENG & TRANS

V-10 Gas and Automatic Transmission

#### PUMP (If Applicable)

N/A

#### MILEAGE

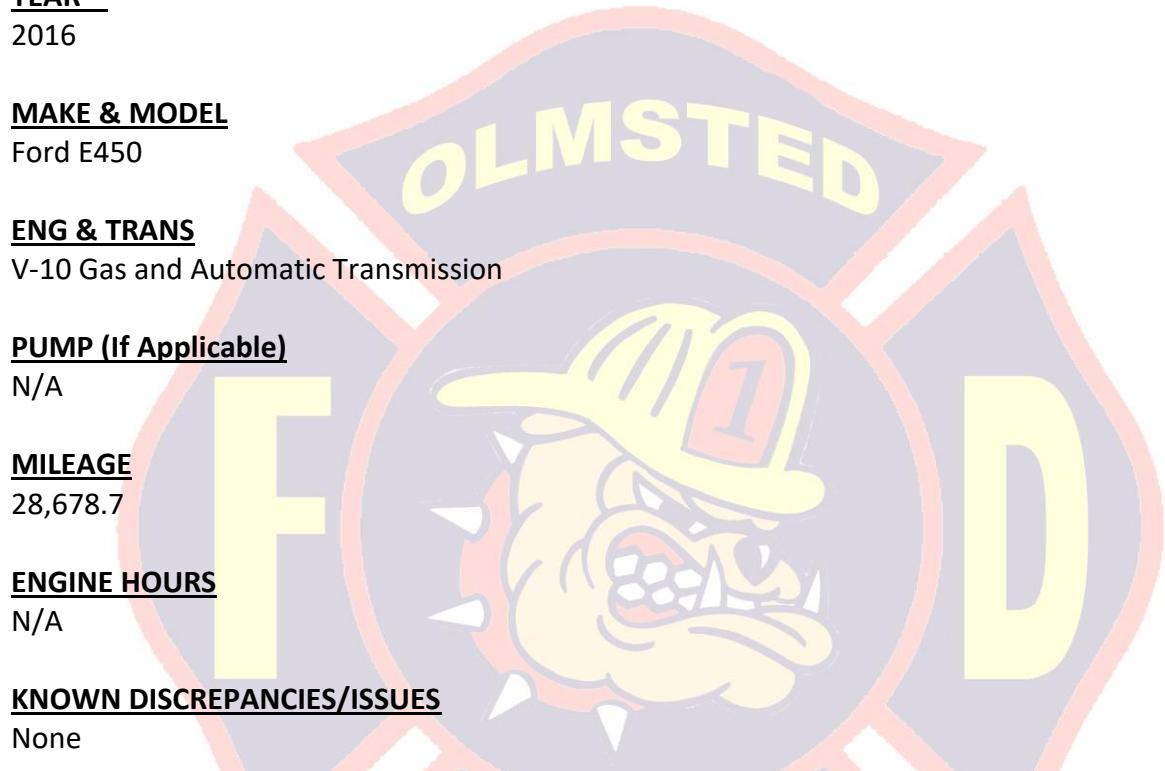
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#### ENGINE HOURS

N/A

#### KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES

None



## Medic 2

### VIN/ Manufacturer's JOB/S.O./BUILD Number (If Applicable)

1HTMNAAM9AH286334

Braun #5533

### YEAR

11/2009

### MAKE & MODEL

International  
4300 LP/ Braun

### ENG & TRANS

Max Force and Automatic Transmission

### PUMP (If Applicable)

N/A

### MILEAGE

90,932

### ENGINE HOURS

6,793

### KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES

Needs Rear Suspension Replaced



## Engine 5

### VIN/ Manufacturer's JOB/S.O./BUILD Number (If Applicable)

4EN3AAA81Y1001796

S.O. 121796

### YEAR

05/2000

### MAKE & MODEL

E-ONE Pumper

Cyclone 2

### ENG & TRANS

Red Top Cummins (450 HP)

Allison Automatic Transmission

### PUMP (If Applicable)

Hale QSMG150-21

1500 Gallon Per Minute Capacity

### MILEAGE

48,698

### ENGINE HOURS

4,831.5

### KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES

All pump valves need rebuilt



## Ladder 6

### VIN/ Manufacturer's JOB/S.O./BUILD Number (If Applicable)

4EN3AAA80S1004904

S.O. 14904

### YEAR

07/1995

### MAKE & MODEL

E-ONE 75' Ladder

### ENG & TRANS

Red Top Cummins (500 HP)

Allison Automatic Transmission

### PUMP (If Applicable)

Hale OG150-21

1500 Gallon Per Minute Capacity

### MILEAGE

30,896

### ENGINE HOURS

3,780.6

### KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES

Outriggers/Cylinders need rebuilt (in process)



**Car 3**  
Utility/Chase Vehicle

**VIN/ Manufacturer's JOB/S.O./BUILD Number (If Applicable)**

1FTBF2B67HEB18291

**YEAR**

2017

**MAKE & MODEL**

Ford F-250 Super Duty with Reading Utility Body

**ENG & TRANS**

6.2L V8 EFI

**MILEAGE**

12,172.6

**KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES**

None

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**Car 1**  
**Chief's Car**

**VIN/ Manufacturer's JOB/S.O./BUILD Number (If Applicable)**

1FAHP2MK7GG154831

**YEAR**

2016

**MAKE & MODEL**

Ford Taurus

**ENG & TRANS**

3.5L Ti-VCT V6 FFV

**MILEAGE**

19,407.2

**KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES**

None



**Car 2**  
Command Vehicle



**VIN/ Manufacturer's JOB/S.O./BUILD Number (If Applicable)**

1FMJU1G50EEF31513

**YEAR**

02/2014

**MAKE & MODEL**

Ford Expedition 4x4

**ENG & TRANS**

5.4L V8 with Automatic Transmission

**MILEAGE**

29,842.9

**KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES**

None

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## Rescue Trailer

### VIN/ Manufacturer's JOB/S.O./BUILD Number (If Applicable)

5NHUHA22XEW067110

### YEAR

01/2014

### MAKE & MODEL

Forrest River  
12 Foot Tandem Axle  
Enclosed Trailer

### KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES

None



## 2018 Hydrant Flushing and Maintenance

From May until the end of June department members flushed and serviced all of the fire hydrants in the Township. This is important to ensure that the hydrants are not only operational, but this also flushes excess rust and corrosion from the interior surfaces of metal pipes. Approximately 950 hydrants now exist in the community. With the addition of some new developments and ongoing infrastructure, the number of fire hydrants will continue to increase. At the end of 2018 we only have a few areas in the Township without fire hydrant protection. Those areas are:

1. Jennings Road south of Bagley to the Irish American Club
2. Sprague Road west of Grand Oaks
3. Sprague Road between Usher Road and Woodgate Farms
4. Usher Road from Locust Drive south to Sprague Road

To accommodate these non-hydrant areas we have changed our Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) to automatically call for Columbia Township's Water Tanker to assist us for fires.

In all, twenty four (22) hydrants need service and/or repair by Cleveland Water.



## **2018 Hose Testing**

Every section of fire hose is service tested by the department every year. Below is a summary of those tests.

**1 ¾" Hose**- Used primarily for fire attack

1. 42 sections were tested and passed for a total of 2,100 feet.
2. 2 sections were removed due to failure.

**2 ½" Hose**- Used as fire attack and supply line

1. 41 sections were tested and passed for a total of 2,050 feet.
2. 2 sections were removed due to failure.

**5" Hose**- Used as supply line

1. 21 sections were tested and passed for a total of 2,100 feet
2. 1 section was removed due to failure.

As of the end of 2018, the replacement hose ordered hasn't arrived yet.



## Capital Purchases

The following items were purchased in 2018 and are considered as capital inventory

- 15 sets of Fire Turnout Gear (Coats, Pants, Boots)
- 18 EMS Squad Coats
- Communications Equipment:
  - (3 new portable radios, 1 Consolette and 1 Mobile Radio)
- All Weather Cover for Car 3
- New Chairs for Dining Room
- New Sign for Front of Station



(Sunset Memorial for funeral of former Cleveland Police Chief Ed Kovacic, an Olmsted Twp resident)

## Grants

The Olmsted Township Fire Department received financial aid from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$124,560 for the purchase of new technical rescue equipment and NFPA 1670 approved training to certify fourteen (14) members of our department to the operations level in the following technical rescue disciplines: Rope Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Trench Rescue, and Structural Collapse. The requested funds will be broken down into three (3) categories:

\$19,000 for new equipment. In early 2017, the department decommissioned all of our technical rescue equipment. Most of this equipment was over 25 years old and displayed signs of significant wear. Due to the condition of this equipment, its unknown use, and improper records retention; the department deemed this equipment unsafe to use during emergencies and training. The new equipment will contain but is not limited to: harnesses and equipment for up to four rescuers, new ropes, belay and hauling devices, pre-rigged system bags, a mule liter to assist with victim removal from remote locations (equestrian trails), water exposure suits, and miscellaneous carabiners, hardware, and webbing.

\$51,800 is requested to pay for the NFPA 1670 approved courses to certify each member to the operations level of the disciplines outlined above. These funds will be paid to the certified, accredited institution that would provide the training.

\$53,760 is requested to cover the shift fill and overtime costs associated with the training classes. As a smaller department we feel the training would best be completed off duty for our members. We will stagger two groups of classes over the period of performance so that we may maintain adequate daily staffing levels.

Olmsted Township's east section of the community borders the west branch of the Rocky River, a major tributary to Lake Erie. We also respond to and border a significant portion of the Cleveland Metroparks. The Cleveland Metroparks is a 21,000+ acre park system that stretches from Cleveland through the rest of Cuyahoga County. Due to its more rural setting, the east end of Olmsted Township contains multiple equestrian stables and riding rings. These equestrian stables have direct access to the Metroparks estimated 82 miles of equestrian riding trails.

Since the Cleveland Metroparks is located almost exclusively in a river valley, we have sheer shale cliffs in excess of 75 feet that drop down into the valley. A trail sharing policy allows hikers and runners to use the equestrian trails. This has led to an increase in rope rescues. Recently, two of our more adventurous victims started as a rope rescue but transitioned into a water rescue after they could not hold onto the shale wall before rescuers arrived. Luckily, the water level was high in the river at this time and they sustained minor injuries.

Due to our high equestrian population, Olmsted Township has recently averaged 5-10 horse related emergencies per year. These emergencies have ranged from victims being thrown from horses, to horses trampling people. Due to some of the remote trail locations and limited access, these operations can be very labor intensive and have resulted in two fire department injuries over the past five (5) years. The addition of a wheeled mule type litter will assist greatly in these types of rescues.

## 2018 New Hires

### 2018 Part Time Firefighter/ Paramedics

The Olmsted Township Fire Department added three (3) new part time firefighter/ paramedics to our ranks in 2018. These men have helped increase our daily staffing levels and provide us with more operational flexibility, they each average one 24 hour shift a week and have the same expectations as a full time firefighter. One of these young men has already transitioned into a full time firefighter here in Olmsted Township.

Welcome to the department!

Before a firefighter can be hired, they must pass the following portions:

- Must be a State Certified Firefighter II and Paramedic
- Firefighter Combat Challenge (Agility Course; under 4:30)
- First Interview
- Background Check
- Physical Exam
- Second Interview

The following Firefighters were hired in 2018:

Zachary Shells  
Cory Finkler  
David Gale

-Hired 1/29/2018 (not pictured)  
-Hired 7/23/2018  
-Hired 7/23/2018



## OTFD 2018 Open House

Each year, during Fire Prevention and Safety Week the and in Cooperation with the Olmsted Township Administration, Police Department, Service Department and Building Department, Olmsted Township Fire Department hosts an Open House event.

This year's event was extraordinary with a huge attendance and lots of fun and interesting events and activities for all ages!!!



## OTFD Christmas Party



We got together at the fire station to celebrate Christmas with our families.

## 2019 Goals

- Increase our Staffing Levels
- Completion & Implementation of the Lexipol OTFD Rules/Policies/SOG's
- Define the Vision & Values of the Fire Department
- Start to Specify a Replacement Medic Unit & Engine
- Maintain the Ladder & Medic 2 as viable backup resources
- Upgrade the Storage on Engine 5/Rescue Trailer
- Continue Community Engagement Efforts
  - Continued School Outreach
  - CPR, Smoke Alarms, Lock Boxes, File of Life, Car Seat Installs, etc.
  - Maintain the Life Fire Safety Prevention Program for our Businesses
- Implement a Standardized Fire, Rescue and Medical Training Program
- Develop a Long-Range Strategic Plan for the Fire Department



## Firefighters Prayer

When I am called to duty God, wherever flames may rage,  
give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age.

Help me to embrace a little child, before it is too late,  
or save an older person from the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert, to hear the weakest shout,  
and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me,  
to guard my every neighbor and protect his property.

And if according to your will I am to lose my life,  
please bless with your protecting hand, my loving family from all strife.