

# Olmsted Township Fire Department 2019 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 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...

## Message from Patrick Kelly, Chief, Olmsted Township Fire Department

The Olmsted Township Fire Department (OTFD) strives to provide nothing less than outstanding Emergency Medical, Fire and Rescue Services to the residents, businesses and visitors to our Community.



OTFD provides these services to our Community and surrounding communities through Automatic and/or Mutual Aid Agreements. We use a reciprocal agreement format called MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) to request additional needed emergency resources for neighboring communities. We respond in like manner to their calls for service.

We also have a contract with Southwest Emergency Response Team (SERT) to assist with our dangerous high-risk/low-frequency incidents such as Hazardous Materials Management and Technical Rescue Incidents. We work with SERT on fire investigations and with their Incident Management Team for large scale incidents.

OTFD is a combination department with full and part-time firefighter/paramedics on staff. We currently have 14 full-time and 10 part-time members and are housed on Fitch Road, 500 feet from the intersection of Cook/Fitch Roads. We are funded through a combination of sources: a Fire Levy (a continuous levy voted in 2010), an Ambulance Fund (revenue received from patient billing for emergency transport through insurance claims) and finally a Safety Levy voted in November 2019 which we share with the Police Department. This last is a termed 5-year levy through 2024.

We appreciate your confidence and support and commit that we will plan well and spend wisely as we assess staffing and equipment needs to serve our growing Community.

Southwest Emergency Dispatch Center provides a regional benefit to Olmsted Township and five neighboring community partners. This allows for quick response and assistance when every second counts.

In addition to our response to 2,051 emergency calls for service in 2019, we continue to provide Outreach Services, pressure test 6,000 feet of fire hose and maintain over 950 fire hydrants. We conduct fire inspections and actively work with schools and the Community on Fire Prevention. We train with an eye to preparing for the usual and unusual incidents that can occur in a community like Olmsted Township with 16,000 residents and a local business presence.

I would like to take a moment to thank the Trustees and Fiscal Officer, Township Administrator and our Leadership Team for their support and for providing the resources necessary to do our job. Thanks to our officers and firefighters – you are the Department's greatest asset. But most of all, thanks to our residents and businesses that make Olmsted Township a great place to live and work. We value your support and confidence in us.

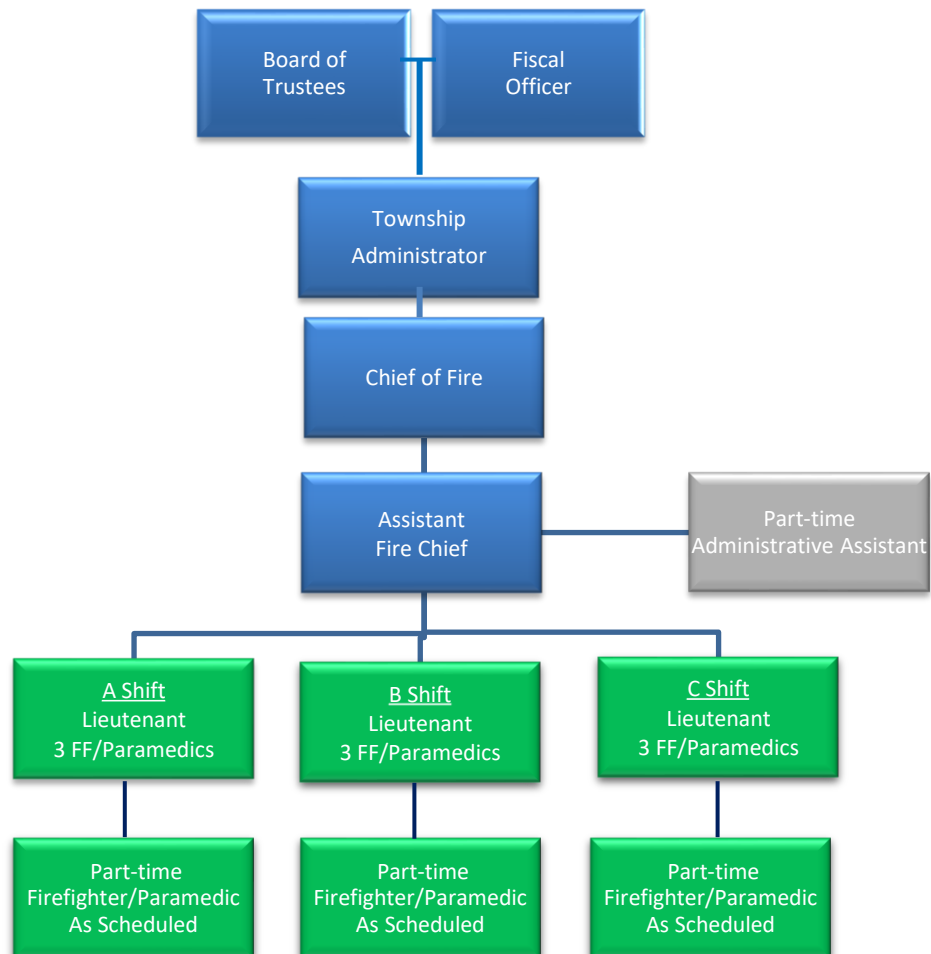
As you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

*Patrick Kelly*

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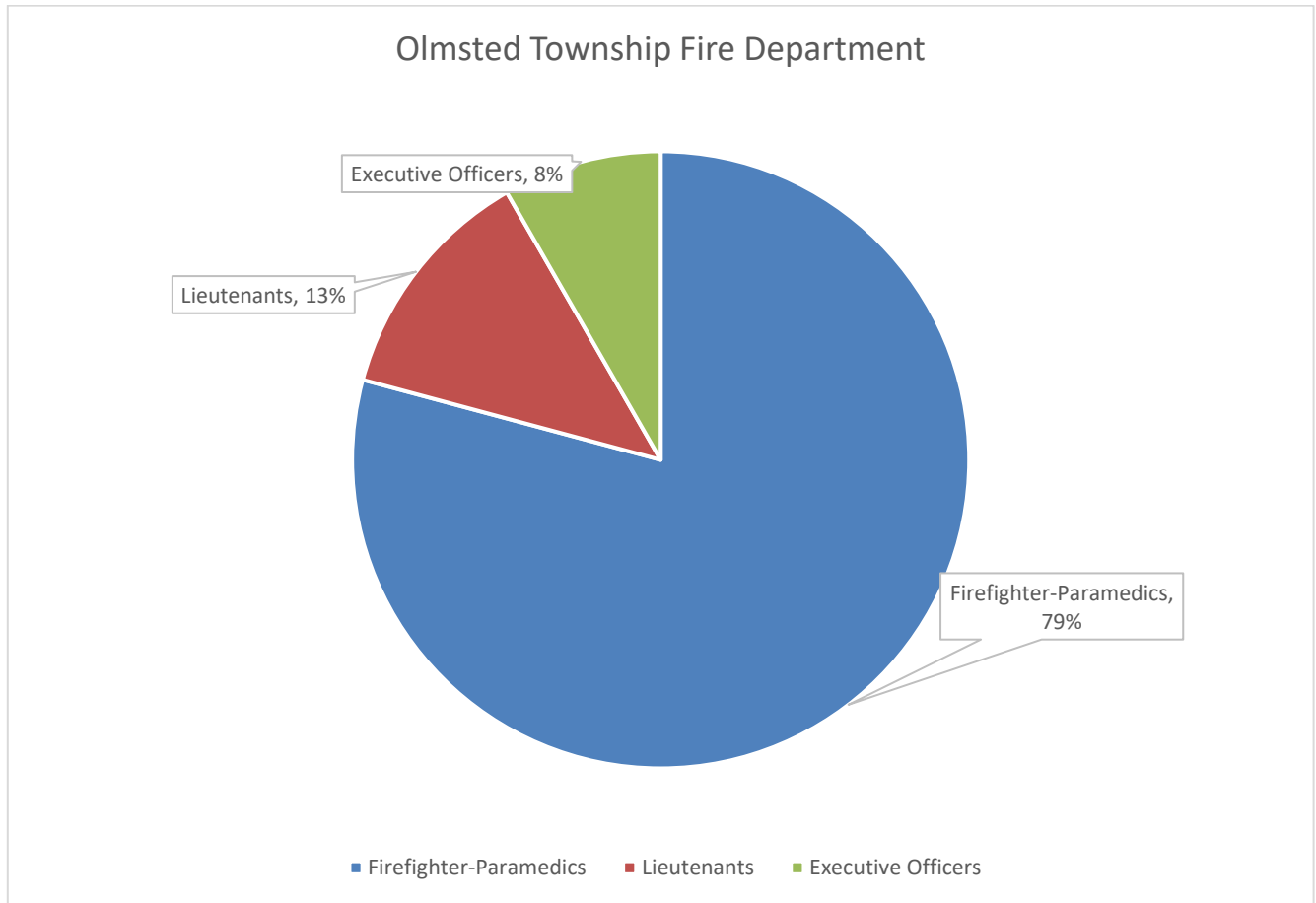
# 2019 OTFD Organizational Chart



\*OTFD has 10 Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedics on staff.



## 2019 OTFD Profile



Proud to serve...

24 members of the Department

- 14 Full-Time Officers/Firefighter-Paramedics
- 10 Part-Time Firefighter-Paramedics

...committed to our mission and vision.

# 2019 OTFD Statistics

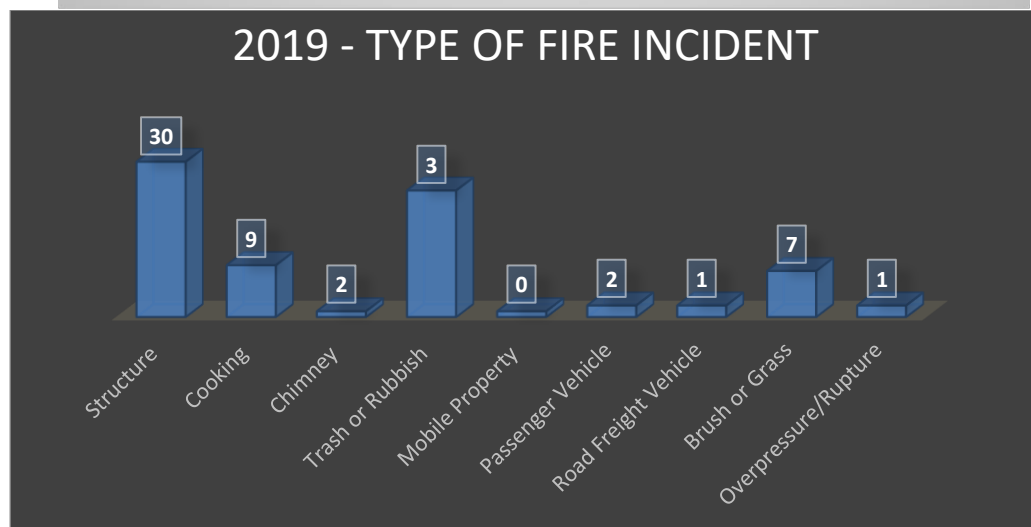
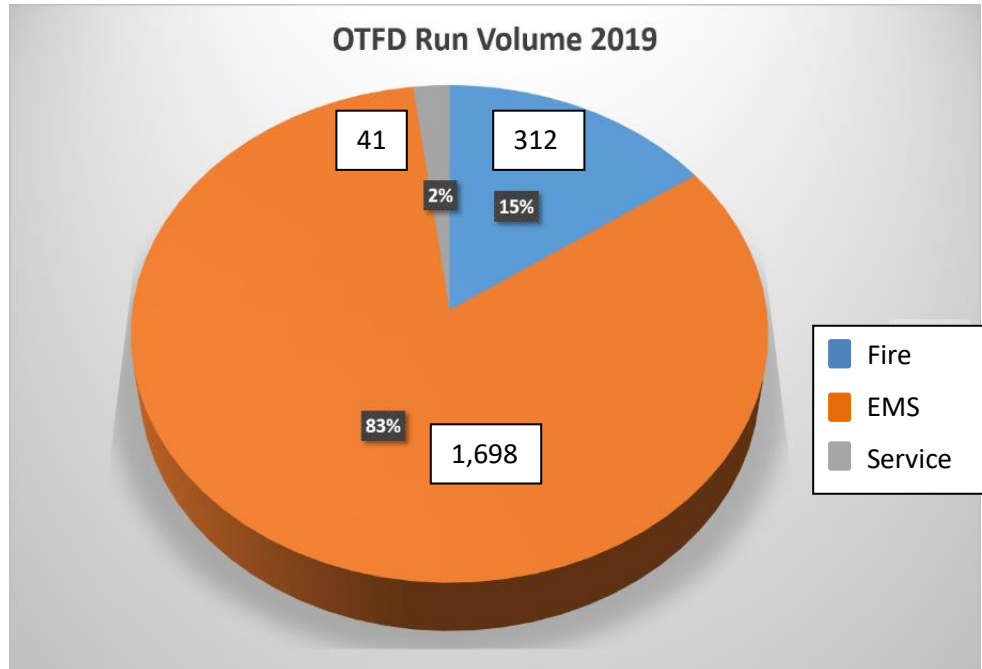
Average Response Time: (5:59)

## Busiest Month

January – 204 incidents

## Busiest Time of Day

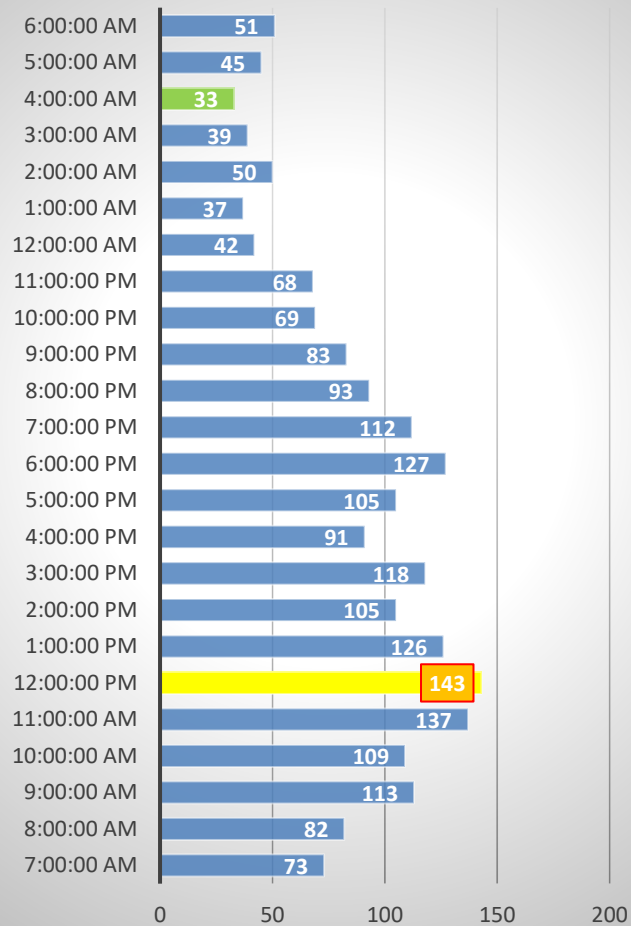
1200 hours (12:00pm) - 143 incidents



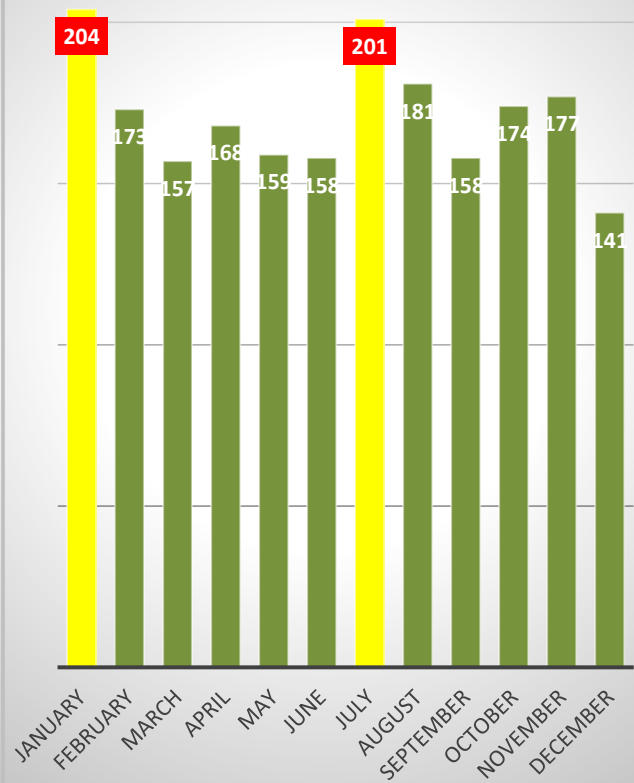
Of the 312 fire calls responded to, 55 were active/working fires.

# 2019 OTFD Statistics

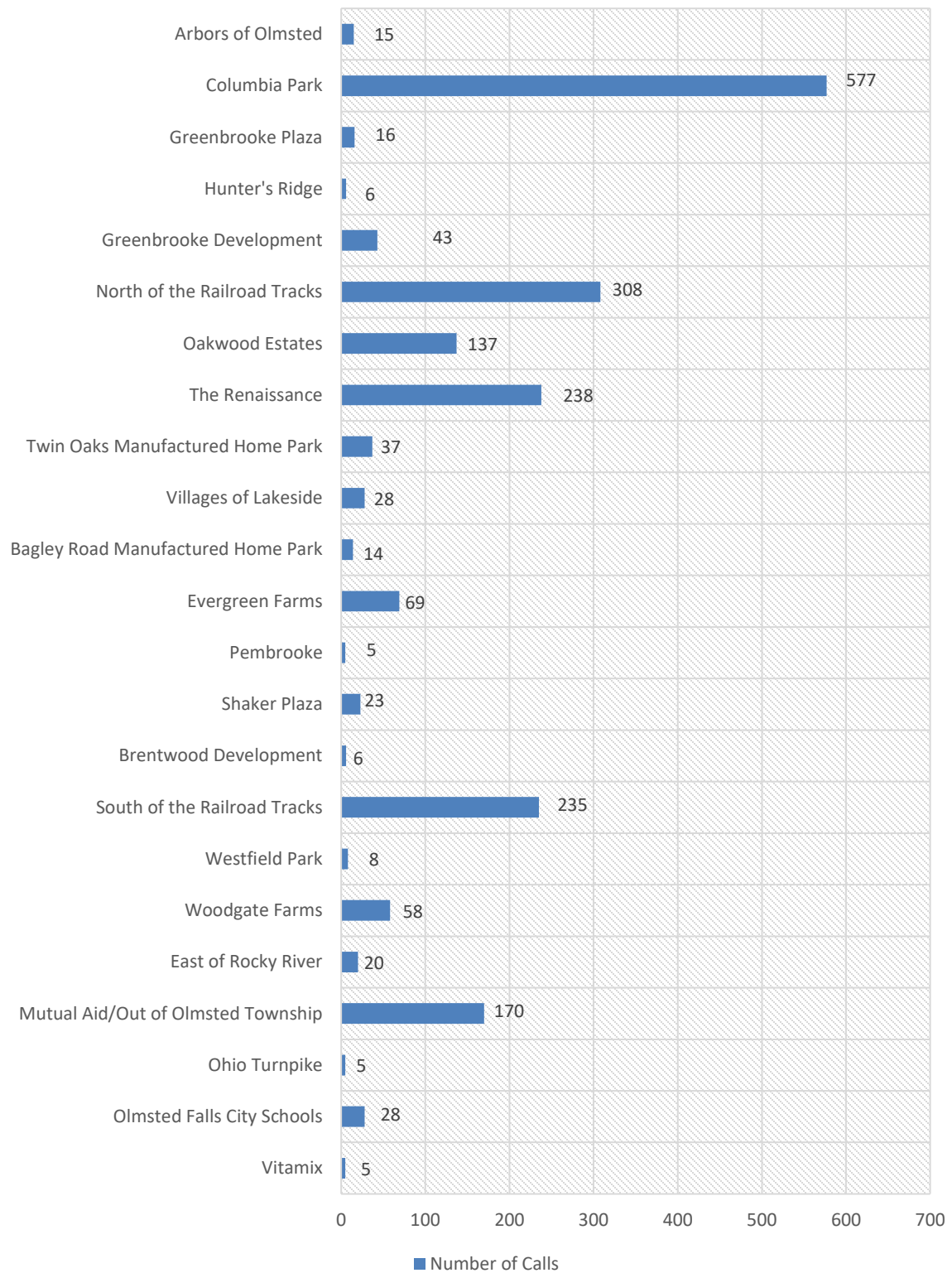
## Calls by time of day



## OTFD Calls by Month



## 2019 OTFD Responses by Neighborhood



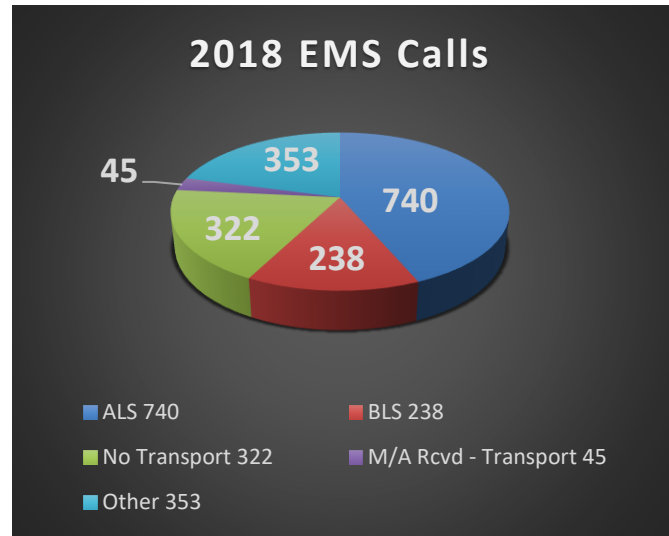


# 2019 OTFD EMS Statistics

Advanced Life Support Runs	740
Basic Life Support Runs	238
No Transport/Assistance Only	322
Other	353
Mutual Aid Received Transports	45*

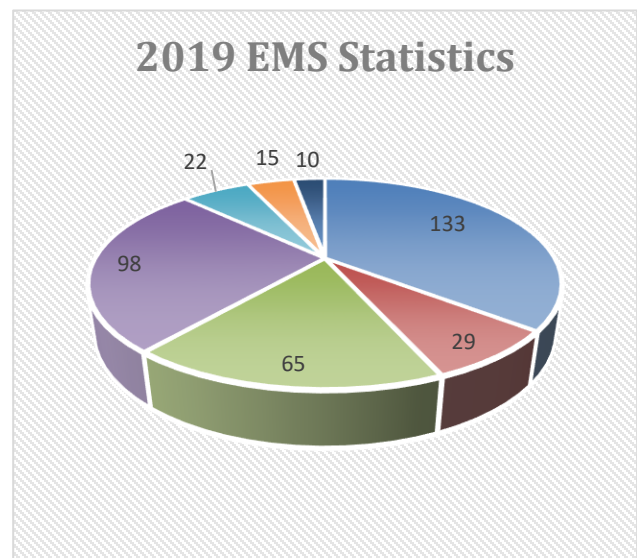
Total EMS Runs - 1,698

\*This number down from 165 in 2017 and 54 in 2018. This shows we are covering more of our own calls with increased staffing levels - better and faster service to our residents.



## Call Types

Cardiac Symptom	133
Stroke	29
Trauma	65
Respiratory Emergency	98
Cardiac Arrest	22
DOA	15
Heroin Overdose	10



## EMS Call Statistics

Abdominal Pain	55
Allergic Reaction	8
Alt. Level Conscious	29
Anxiety	17
Airway Obstruction	2
Asthma Symptoms	6
Back Pain (No Trauma)	31
Behavioral Disorder	30
CVA/Stroke	29
Cardiac Arrest	22
Cardiac Symptoms	39
Chest Pain	72
Cough W/Blood	1
Dehydration Symp.	7
Depression (acute)	4
Diabetic Symptoms	21
Dizziness	48
Dyspnea-SOB	77
Elevated Temp/Fever	11
Eye Symp.(no trauma)	2
Flu Symptoms	12
GI -Bleed	12
GI -Constipation	2
GI -Diarrhea	4
Headache (no trauma)	10
Hemorrhage (severe medical)	1
Carbon Monoxide	0
Medication Reaction	1

Monitoring Required	4
Nausea	37
No Medical Problem	75
Nosebleed	13
OB/GYN	2
OB/ GYN (complications)	0
Obvious Death	15
Pneumonia Symptoms	3
Poisoning	3
Positioning Required	1
Post-Op Complication	1
Psychiatric	44
Pulmonary Edema	3
Respiratory Arrest	3
Respiratory Failure	3
Seizure	32
Sore Throat	0
Syncope/Fainting	22
Trauma Injury	65
Unconscious	1
Unknown Medical	97
Urinary Bleeding	3
Urination Problem	9
Vomiting	10
Vomiting Blood	0
Weakness	135
Other	564

# 2019 OTFD Mutual Aid Statistics

**Mutual Aid** is an agreement between fire departments to help each other across jurisdictional boundaries. OTFD has several Mutual Aid Agreements in place. Partners are called in after the incident has been assessed to provide additional support.

OTFD has **Automatic Aid Agreements** with Olmsted Falls and North Olmsted. In the event of a fire, these two communities are automatically dispatched to the scene of the incident.

We provide the same assistance to our neighboring partners.

## Mutual Aid Received – Fire

Berea	10
Brook Park	2
Airport	1
Columbia Township	4
Westlake	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>

## Mutual Aid Given – Fire

Berea	9
Columbia Township	5
Brooklyn	1
North Ridgeville	7
Parma	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>

## Mutual Aid Received – EMS

Berea	10
Columbia Township	4
North Olmsted	29
North Ridgeville	5
Olmsted Falls	66
Airport	1
Brook Park	1
Westlake	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117</b>

## Mutual Aid Given – EMS

Berea	9
Columbia Township	5
North Olmsted	76
North Ridgeville	7
Olmsted Falls	41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138</b>

# 2019 OTFD Automatic Aid Statistics

## Automatic Aid Received – Confirmed Fire

North Olmsted	4
Olmsted Falls	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>

## Automatic Aid Given – Confirmed Fire

North Olmsted	5
North Ridgeville	1
Olmsted Falls	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>

# OTFD Training Programs

All OTFD personnel received **EMS Continuing Education** credits through Southwest Hospital and University Hospital. Paramedics must meet specific requirements for license renewal every three (3) years. Our personnel completed **786.5 hours of EMS training** in 2019 in protocols as diverse as cardiac care, trauma, mass casualty, EKG read/interpretation and pediatric and geriatric care.

In addition, OTFD personnel must complete 18 hours of **Fire Training** each year. Classes cover a wide range of topics including equipment operation, investigation techniques, vehicle extrication, thermal imaging camera operation and specialty operations like Ice Rescue Training. Much of the training is conducted in-house through various agencies. In 2019, our staff completed **1,227.75 hours of fire training**.





# 2020 Goals

In line with the objectives of the 2019 Olmsted Township Comprehensive Plan, OTFD has developed the following goals:

- Assess staffing to align with Community needs
- Implement best practices through Lexipol and OTFD policies and regulations
- Refine OTFD Vision & Values statement
- Assess Medic/Ambulance & prepare specifications for possible Engine purchase
- Continue OTFD Community Outreach Services
- Continue to provide training, especially for the unusual event
- Refine OTFD Long-Range Strategic Plan



# OTFD Community Outreach Programs

In collaboration with the **American Red Cross**, OTFD installs new smoke detectors at no cost to the residents of the Township. Installing a smoke alarm on every floor, especially in the sleeping area, and an evacuation plan in case of a fire are the best protection you can provide for yourself and your family. In 2019 OTFD installed 58 smoke alarms and changed batteries in another 29 existing alarms.



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

- Annual life safety inspection program for schools & businesses
- Smoke alarm program (partnership with the American Red Cross)
- File-of-Life Program to notify first responders of any serious health conditions
- Knox-Box Program for our businesses
- Residential Lock-Box Program for our residents
- Community CPR/First Aid/Stop the Bleed Program – **free to Township residents!!**
- Reading program at the Early Education Center
- Fire Prevention Home Fire Safety Coloring Contest for elementary students.





# 2019 Community Outreach



## Pet Oxygen Masks

The **Invisible Fence Company** donated several Pet Oxygen Masks to the OTFD. These are carried in our vehicles for use as needed.



## Breast Cancer Awareness

Each October, OTFD proudly wears pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



## Dodgeball Tournament

OTFD fielded a team with Olmsted Falls safety forces in support of the **OFCS High School PTA Senior Scholarship Program**.



## Human Trafficking Awareness

Ohio is a gateway in the Midwest for Human Trafficking. In April, OTFD joined with many other northern Ohio fire departments to raise awareness of this problem and reduce incidents.



# OTFD 2019 Open House

During **Fire Prevention and Safety Week** in October, OTFD hosts an **Open House** in cooperation with the Police Department, Public Service, Building Department and Administration. It is themed for children, but all members of the Community are invited to share in the games, food and fun!



## *New Officer*



Firefighter Joseph Foecking was promoted to Lieutenant in April 2019.  
Lt. Foecking is an 11-year member of the OTFD.

## *Welcome*

We welcomed six new part-time firefighter/paramedics to our ranks. They have helped increase daily staffing levels to better serve our Community. Requirements for hire include State Certification as a Firefighter II/ Paramedic, Firefighter Combat Challenge, Background Check, Physical Exam and two interviews.



Firefighter Lakatos,  
promoted to full-time



Firefighter Dardari



Firefighter Bittel



Firefighter Haag



Firefighter Baker



Firefighter Dean

We welcomed new members to our OTFD family...

Charles, son of Firefighter Rob Crowe.

Quinton, son of Firefighter Mike Germano.

Weston James, son of Firefighter Steven Maat.



*Thank you for your 35 years of service to our Community!*



*Lt. Fudale is the longest serving member of the Olmsted Township Fire Department.*

*During this time, he witnessed the growth of the Township and the entire Olmsted Community from a small community to a more diverse suburban community.*

*During this time, he served as an informal "public information officer" speaking with various groups about the department, its services and position in the Olmsted Community; he lobbied on behalf of the department to secure funding for needed equipment to ensure effective provision of service.*

*During this time, he imparted a sense of history and pride in the Community and in the Olmsted Township Fire Department.*

# 2019 OTFD Vehicle Fleet Report

## Medic/Ambulance

2016 Ford E 450  
56,512 Miles



## Medic/Ambulance

2009 International 4300 LP/Braun  
93,720 miles



# 2019 OTFD Vehicle Fleet Report

## Engine

2000 E-ONE Pumper/Cyclone 2  
Red Tom Cummins (450HP)  
Allison Automatic Transmission  
Hale QSMG150-21 Pump  
Hale QSMG150-21  
1500 Gallon per Minute Capacity  
50,991 miles



## Ladder

Ladder Truck E-ONE 75'  
1995 Red Top Cummins (500HP)  
Allison Automatic Transmission  
Hale OG150-21  
1500 Gallon per Minute Capacity  
31,411 miles





# 2019 OTFD Vehicle Fleet Report



## Utility Vehicle

2017 Ford F-250 Super Duty  
With Reading Utility Body



## Command Vehicle

2014 Ford Expedition 4x4



## Administrative Staff

2016 Ford Taurus



## Rescue Trailer

2014 Forrest River  
12' Tandem Axle Enclosed Trailer

# 2019 OTFD Hydrant Flushing and Maintenance

In May and June OTFD flushed and serviced our more than 950 fire hydrants in the Township. This operation is to ensure that hydrants are operational and also to flush excess rust and corrosion from interior surfaces.

More hydrants will be added as new developments are built; however, there are still areas of the Township without hydrant protection:

- Jennings Road south of Bagley to the Ohio Turnpike Bridge
- Sprague Road west of Grand Oaks
- Sprague Road between Usher Road and Woodgate Farms
- Usher Road from Locust Drive in Olmsted Falls south to Sprague Road
- Fernhall Drive and Thornbrook Drive off Fitch Road

To accommodate these non-hydrant areas in the south end of the Township along Sprague Road, we have modified our MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) to automatically call for Columbia Station's water tanker to assist.

Cleveland Water is responsible for installation, maintenance and replacement of fire hydrants.



Perhaps you have noticed...hydrants in Olmsted Township are painted silver and green.



## 2019 OTFD Grants

OTFD received financial aid from the **Firehouse Subs Grant Program**. The grant was for over \$35,000 and was used to purchase a new set of Hurst Tools for the department. These tools are battery powered and no longer require the large hydraulic pump and hoses to power them. This allows firefighters to deploy them rapidly and easily which saves time when accessing patients who need medical assistance or are trapped in their vehicles.



Did you know we also...?

- Purchased six (6) EMS squad coats.
- Installed a new computer to more readily access and assess critical data.
- Replaced hose and nozzles to retire aging equipment.
- Purchased iPads for use in our vehicles to provide better patient care and access real-time information in the field.

More than 70% of the funds raised for the Foundation come from the generosity of Firehouse Subs guests and the restaurant brand. Thank you, Firehouse Subs! Email [Foundation@firehousesubs.com](mailto:Foundation@firehousesubs.com) to learn more about this program.

## We RESPECT and HONOR....



**OTFD Honor Guard Presents Colors at Browns Game**

R to L: Commander, Paul Rastall;  
Anthony Puklavec, Robert Crowe,  
Damon Schreiber, Jacob Samsel



**Brett Wilson – Badge #265**

1996-2019

Posthumously inducted into OTFD on  
19 November 2019



**City of Cleveland and Olmsted Township combined efforts to honor Township Resident and Retired Cleveland Police Chief, Ed Kovacic**