

Olmsted Township Fire Department



2015 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 dignity and respect.

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...

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 2015. The Olmsted Township Fire Department (OTFD) strives to provide nothing less than excellent Emergency Medical, Fire and Rescue Services to Olmsted Township; we are dedicated to serving the businesses, residents and visitors in the Olmsted Community.

The OTFD continues to operate a full-time fire department with 14 members. We operate from two different revenue sources; an Ambulance Fund (revenues from patient billing for EMS runs) and a Fire Levy Fund (a continuous fire levy voted for by the residents). The Fire Department operates three, 24 hour shifts per with a minimum of three firefighters staffing on each shift, all of which are paramedics. With these staffing levels we can handle one call for service at a time. The OTFD maintains two advanced life support rescue squads. Our fleet also consists of one frontline fire truck with extrication equipment and one back up fire truck, capable of handling all types of incidents, and a utility trailer used to support extended incidents, technical rescue incidents and hazardous materials incidents. In addition the OTFD currently houses the Olmsted CERT Trailer which is used for the Community Emergency Response Team for both Olmsted Falls and Olmsted Township.

In 2015, the Olmsted Township Fire Department responded to 2,009 calls for service, in which 1459 were requests for a rescue squad and 416 were other incidents such as structure fires, car fires, grass fires, carbon monoxide incidents and various other incident types. In addition to these emergency incidents, the OTFD had 134 service calls such as smoke alarm installations and lock box installations.

With a continual increase in incident calls every year and the increasing demand of services that are provided to the public, cities & townships have come to rely more and more on automatic aid and mutual aid. The Olmsted Township Fire Department is no exception to this and we continue to utilize our neighboring resources for incidents through the Automatic Aid Agreement in place with the City of Olmsted Falls. We also utilize the MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) for additional recourses which is an organized plan allowing for additional recourses when requesting greater alarms from many other neighboring municipalities for incidents in our township.

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; in Olmsted Township, these ideals are no exception. 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.

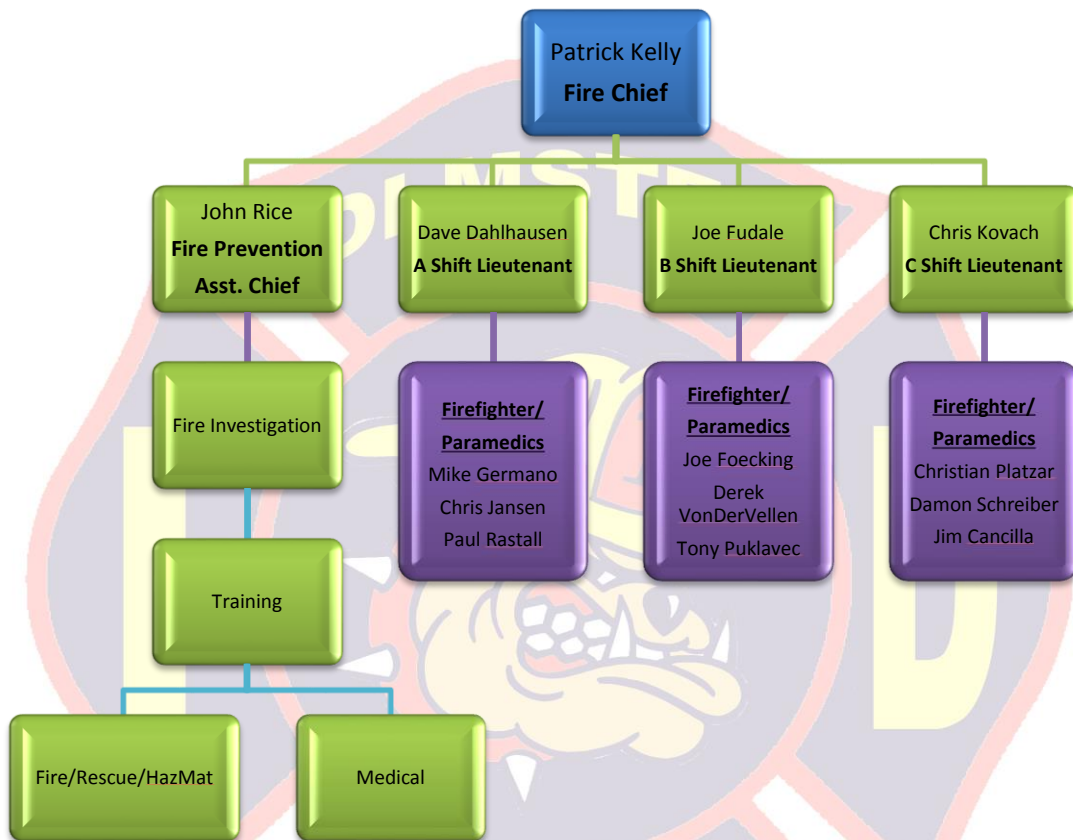
I would like to offer my gratitude and appreciation to the Olmsted Township Trustees, Administrative Staff and Leadership Team for their support, guidance and faith in the abilities of the Olmsted Township Fire Department and also for providing the direction and resources needed so that we can continue to provide nothing less than outstanding service to the community of Olmsted Township.

I would also like to thank you, our citizens for your continued support of our fire department! We attempt to provide you the best possible service with our available resources. The Officers and Firefighters of the Olmsted Township Fire Department are the greatest asset we have. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their continued support, dedication and hard work and ask that you join me in doing so when you see them out in the community. If I can provide you with any clarification on this report or with the services we provide to the community, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

Patrick Kelly, Chief of Fire
Olmsted Township Fire Department
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Organizational Chart



Duty Assignments

A/C Rice FPB, Pre-Plans, FIU, Equipment, & other assigned duties

Lt. Dahlhausen "A"- EMS Coordinator & Equipment, Pre-Plans, SOG's, Fire Training Coordinator (Scheduling, Lesson Plans, etc.) HazMat/Tech Rescue Coordinator

FF Jansen- All Inventory, Station/ Office Supplies, Copy Machine

FF Germano- Vehicle Maintenance, Ladders (Ground and Aerial), Nozzles

FF Rastall- Hose, CPR Training, EMS Coordinator, EMS Training and Equipment

Lt. Fudale "B"- PIO/ Community Outreach, CERT, Pre-Plans, SOG's, Scheduling, Fire Training, Apparatus Maint. & Breathing Air Coordinator, Smoke Alarms

FF Pukalvec- Air Cascade Systems, SCBA Packs & Bottles, Mask Fit Testing, Car Seat

FF VonDerVellen- Maps, Radios, SERT, Fire Equipment Committee, Grant Committee

FF Foecking- Head Mechanic, Vehicle Maintenance, Rescue Equipment Maint.

Lt. Kovach "C"- RMS (FirePrograms), Grants, Mutual-Aid/Dispatch, Fire/Rescue Equipment Coordinator, Pre-Plans, SOG's, OIC Training, Requisitions, Lock-Boxes

FF Cancilla- Vehicle & Station Maintenance, (Filters, HWH, Extinguishers, etc.)

FF Schreiber- Lock Box Program, Fire Equipment Committee, Hydrants

FF Platzar- Turnout Gear/PPE, (Contagious Disease etc.) Fire Equipment

2015 Statistics

Average Response Times

4.74 minutes

Busiest Month

May- 205 Incidents

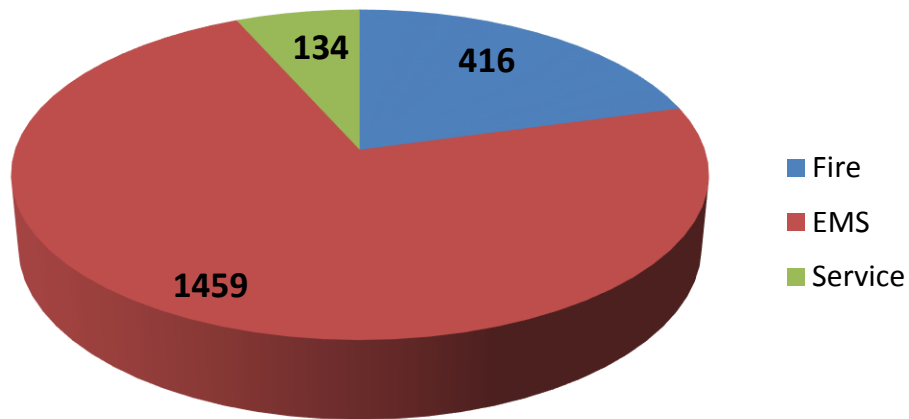
Busiest Time of Day

1400 hours (2:00PM)- 138 incidents

Total Incidents

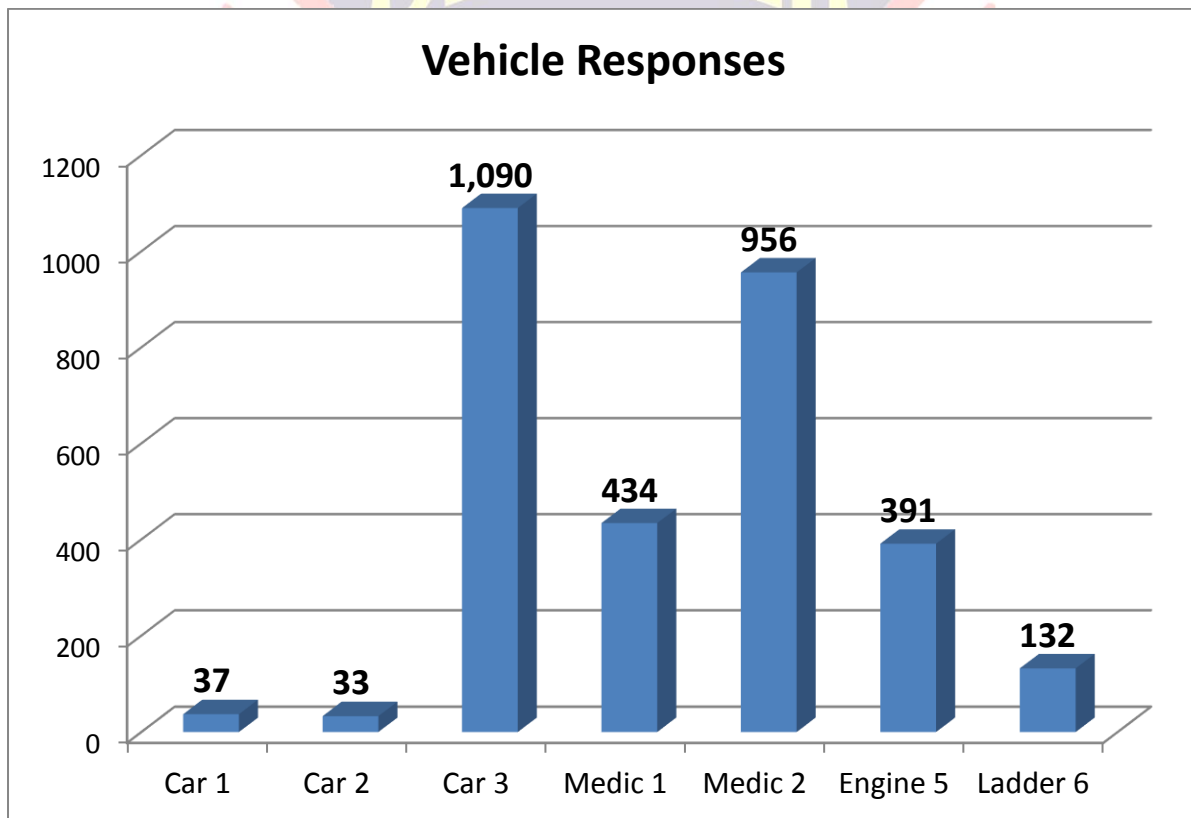
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| 1. Fire- | 416 |
| 2. EMS- | 1,459 |
| 3. Service- | 134 |
| Total- | 2,009 |

2015 Call Volume



2015 Vehicle Responses

| | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Car 1- | 37 |
| Car 2- | 33 |
| Car 3- | 1,090 |
| Medic 1- | 434 |
| Medic 2- | 956 |
| Engine 5- | 391 |
| Ladder 6- | 132 |
| Total- | 3,073 Unit Responses |



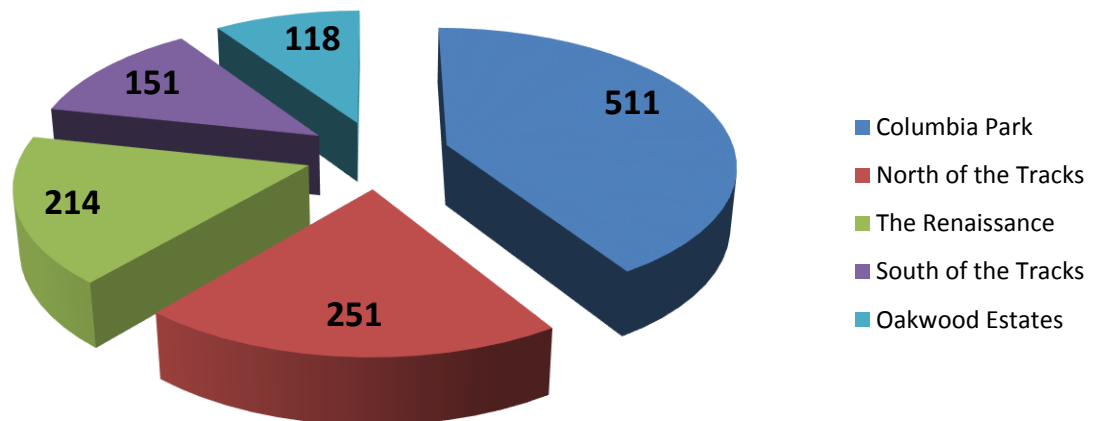
2015 District Response Totals

Top 5

District

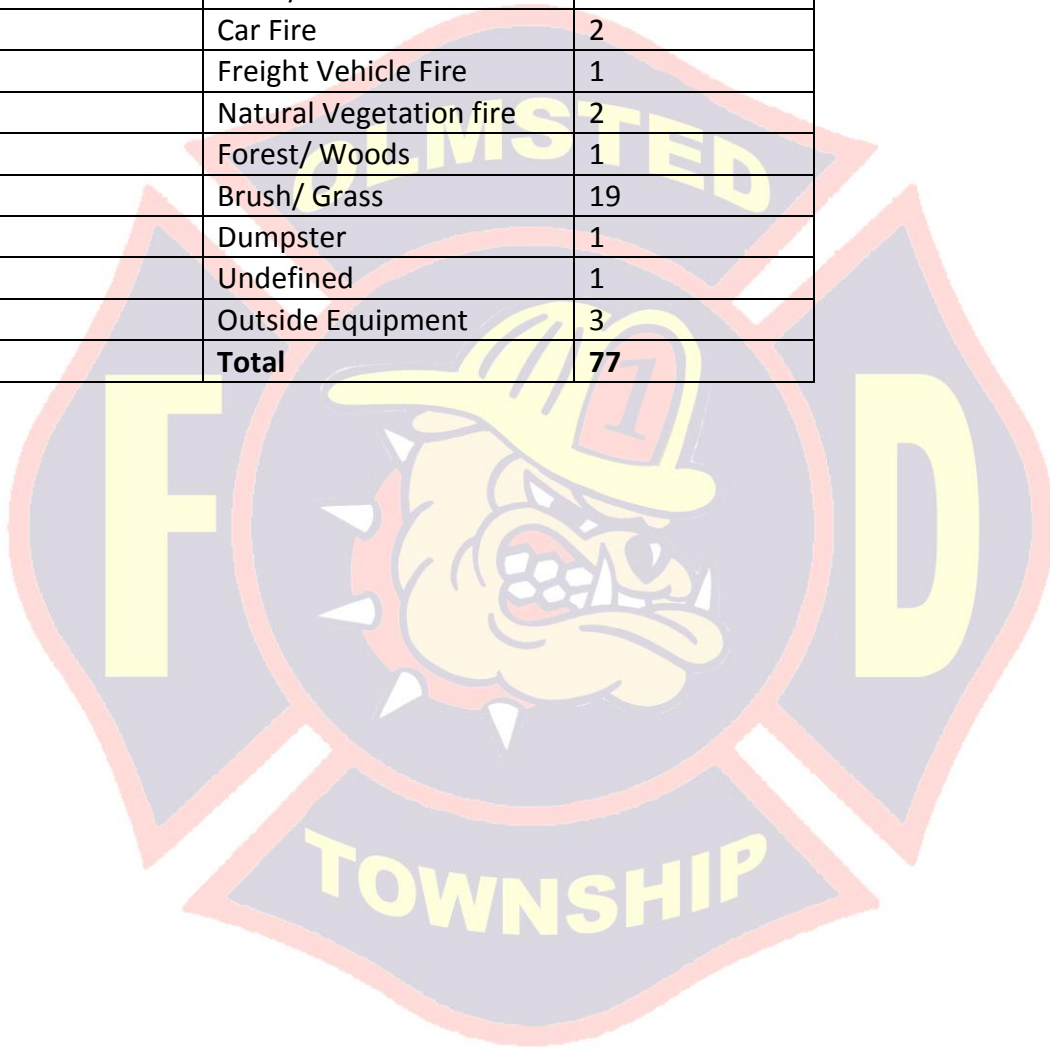
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| Columbia Park- | 511 |
| North of the Tracks- | 251 |
| The Renaissance- | 214 |
| South of the Tracks- | 151 |
| Oakwood Estates- | 118 |

Districts



2015 Fire Statistics

| 2015 Fire Incidents | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| NFIRS Number | Type | Total Incidents |
| 111 | Building Fire | 24 |
| 113 | Cooking Fire | 13 |
| 114 | Chimney Fire | 2 |
| 118 | Trash/ Rubbish Fire | 8 |
| 131 | Car Fire | 2 |
| 132 | Freight Vehicle Fire | 1 |
| 140 | Natural Vegetation fire | 2 |
| 141 | Forest/ Woods | 1 |
| 142 | Brush/ Grass | 19 |
| 154 | Dumpster | 1 |
| 160 | Undefined | 1 |
| 162 | Outside Equipment | 3 |
| | Total | 77 |



Significant Fires- 2015

Oakwood Apartments

Date: 03/19/2015

Shift: B

Time of Alarm: 2259 hours



Description:

The call was received for an apartment on fire. Crews arrived and found a first floor bedroom and contents on fire with limited visibility. After extinguishment heavy damage was isolated to one bedroom with heat and smoke damage to the rest of the unit. All other units in the complex were undamaged and all other occupants were able to inhabit their units after the fire was out and no hazard existed. The official cause was undetermined but facts point to careless smoking. One resident was treated and released for smoke inhalation.

Mutual Aid was received from: North Olmsted, Olmsted Falls, North Ridgeville, Berea, and Westlake.

Estimated Dollar Loss: \$75,000



Sprague Road

Date: 03/22/2015

Shift: B

Time of Alarm: 1854 hours



Description:

The call was received for a house filling with smoke. Crews found heavy fire on the outside of the house with heavy smoke and fire extending into an upstairs bedroom. Crews rapidly extinguished the exterior fire then advanced inside to extinguish the remaining fire. The cause of the fire was undetermined but facts point to a faulty chimney liner.

Special Note: Due to the buildings excellent construction, firefighters witnessed something called a "Smoke Explosion" right before interior entry was made. Heat, smoke, and gasses built up in the attic space and suddenly ignited. The crews on scene described the sound of a jet engine then a loud explosion. Since the attic space ran the entire length of the house, the home suffered severe structural damage throughout due to this incident.

Mutual Aid was received from: North Olmsted, Olmsted Falls, North Ridgeville, Berea, and Westlake. Columbia Township and Eaton Township were special called for their water tankers due to no fire hydrants in this area.

Estimated Dollar Loss: \$150,000



Schady Road

Date: 06/06/2015

Shift: C

Time of Alarm: 1457 hours



Description:

The call was received for an air conditioner on fire with fire also on the roof. Crews arrived to find most of the exterior fire extinguished by the homeowner. When the crew entered the rear of the house they encountered heavy smoke conditions with fire on the inside of the structure. Extinguishment of the fire was quick but tedious due to hoarding conditions in the home. There was moderate flame damage to the inside with smoke and heat damage throughout. The fire was determined to be accidental in nature with the cause being an overloaded surge protector.

Mutual Aid was received from: North Olmsted, Olmsted Falls, North Ridgeville, Berea, and Westlake.

Estimated Dollar Loss: \$80,000



Stearns Road

Date: 12/18/2015

Shift: C

Time of Alarm: 1412 hours

Description:

While returning from a working fire in North Ridgeville, OTFD units were dispatched to numerous calls of a confirmed structure fire on Stearns Road by the Turnpike. Enroute, crews saw a visible, large black plume of smoke. Mutual Aid Box Alarms were transmitted bringing a third alarm assignment to our community. Crews encountered a large ranch style home with multiple attached garages. Fire had consumed one of the large garages and was extending into the house. Due to an incredibly long setback from the street, crews encountered difficult conditions in obtaining an adequate water supply. Crews had in excess of 1,400 feet of large diameter supply line laid down the drive way to support fire suppression operations. This required multiple departments and significant manpower. An attempt was made to stop the fire in the home portion of the structure but crews were met with intense heat and fire that quickly overwhelmed the attack lines. Multiple explosions forced crews to take a defensive stance. The cause of the fire was undetermined due to the extent of the damage, but facts point to a possible wood burning stove as the source.

Mutual Aid was received from: North Olmsted, Olmsted Falls, Columbia Township, Berea, Brook Park, Strongsville, and Westlake.

Estimated Dollar Loss: \$450,000-\$500,000



2015 EMS Statistics

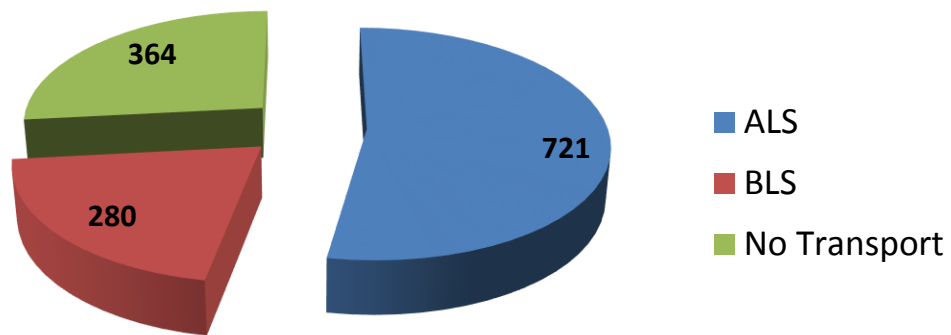
ALS Runs- 721

BLS Runs- 280

No Transport- 364

Total Runs- 1459 - Does not include M/A

EMS Calls 2015

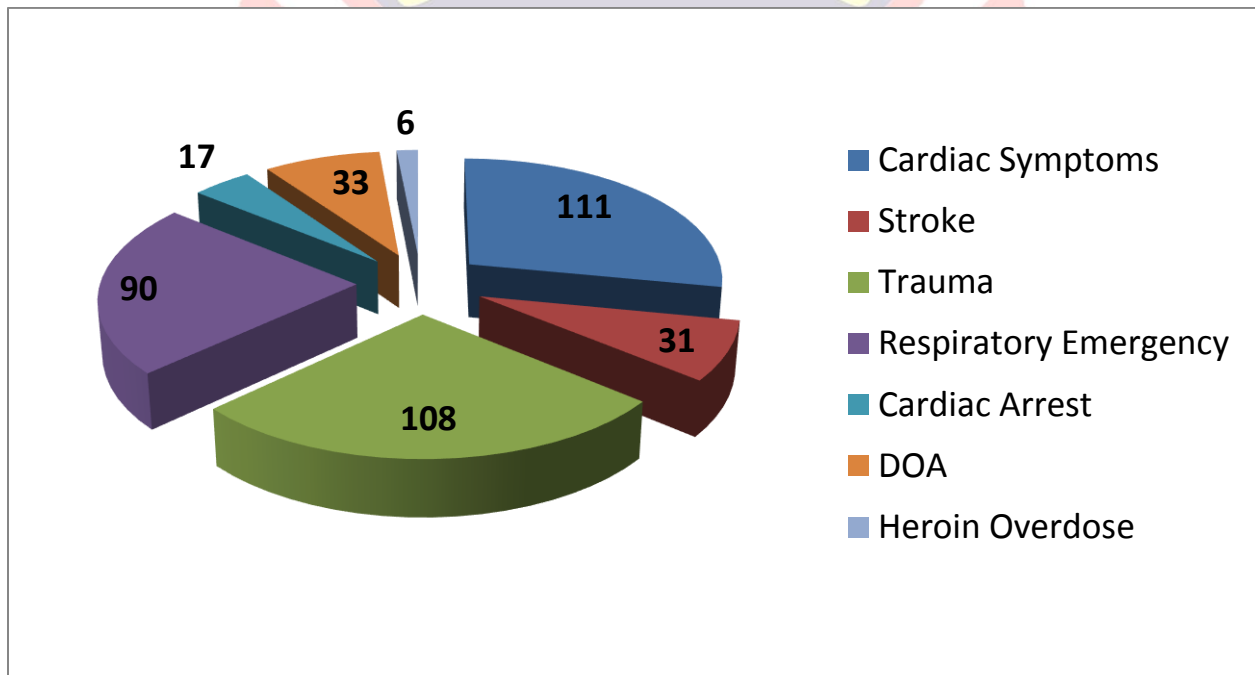


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2015 EMS Statistics

Call Types

| | | |
|------------------------|-----|---|
| Cardiac Symptom- | 111 | |
| Stroke- | 31 | |
| Trauma- | 108 | |
| Respiratory Emergency- | 90 | |
| Cardiac Arrest- | 17 | (most in the history of the department) |
| DOA- | 33 | (most in the history of the department) |
| Heroin Overdose- | 6 | |



Other EMS Statistics

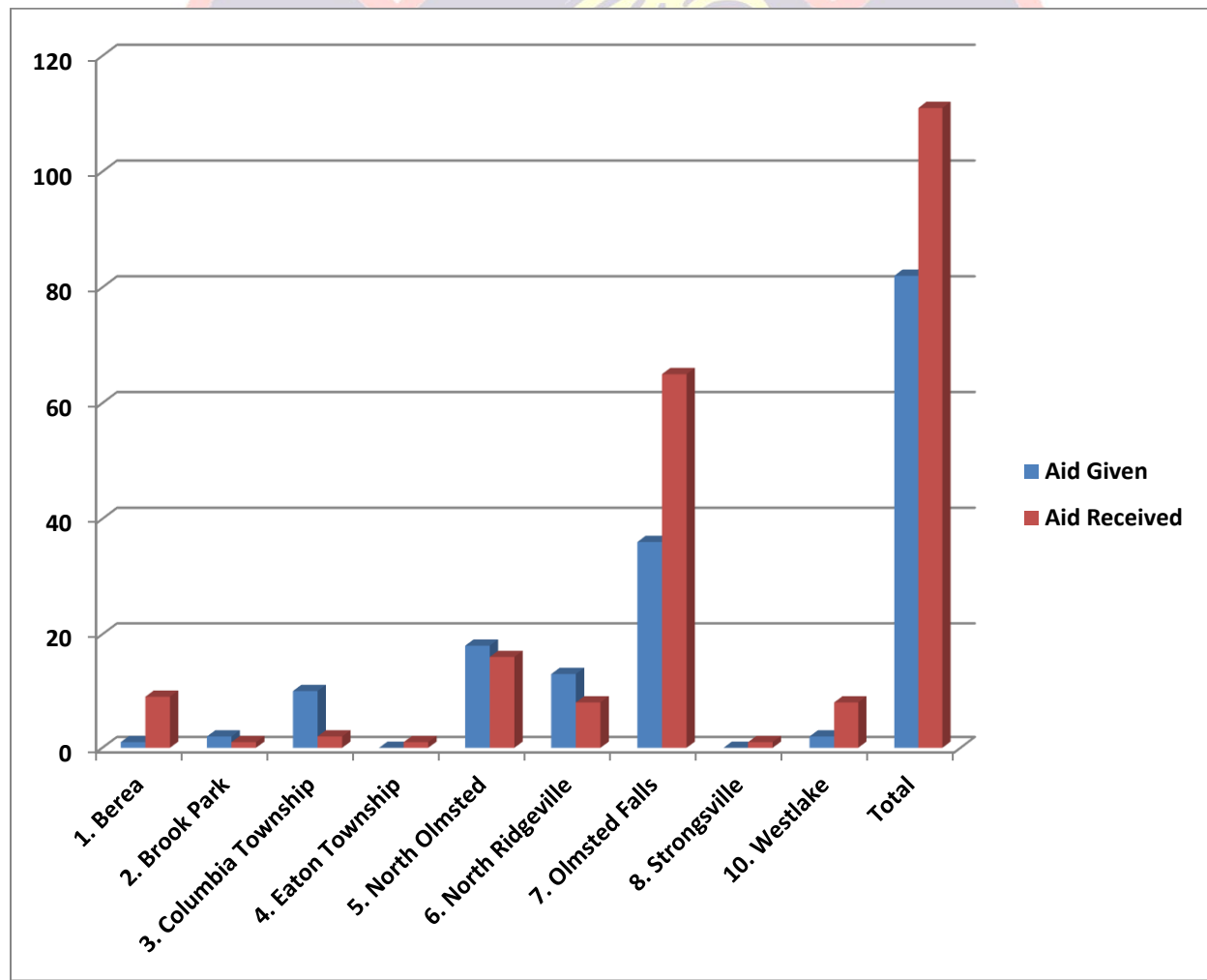
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| Abdominal Pain | 34 |
| Allergic Reaction (Minor or Severe) | 12 |
| Alt. Level Conscious | 33 |
| Anxiety | 16 |
| Assault | 11 |
| Asthma Symptoms | 7 |
| Back Pain/ Injury related | 2 |
| Back Pain/ Non-injury related | 20 |
| Behavioral/ Homicidal | 5 |
| Behavioral/ Psychiatric | 17 |
| Behavioral/ Suicidal | 18 |
| Burn (Severe) | 1 |
| Choking | 2 |
| Dehydration Symptoms | 11 |
| Diabetic Problem | 24 |
| Dizziness | 55 |
| Elevated Temp/Fever | 4 |
| Fall/ Injury | 109 |
| Fall/ Non-Injury | 104 |
| Flu Symptoms | 6 |
| General Injury/ Trauma | 27 |
| GI -Bleed | 14 |
| GI -Constipation | 1 |
| GI -Diarrhea | 3 |
| Gunshot Wound (GSW) | 1 |
| Headache | 8 |
| Heat Exposure | 2 |
| Hypothermia | 2 |
| Laceration/ Hemorrhage | 10 |
| Minor Laceration | 5 |
| Monitoring Required | 27 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 45 |
| Nausea | 18 |
| Nosebleed | 14 |
| Post-Op Complication | 5 |
| Pregnancy/ Bleeding | 1 |
| Pregnancy/ Labor | 1 |
| Psychiatric Emergency | 23 |
| Seizure | 30 |

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| Shock | 2 |
| Sick Person | 305 |
| Sports Injury/ Trauma | 2 |
| Syncope/Fainting | 17 |
| Trauma Injury | 85 |
| Unconscious | 42 |
| Unknown Problem | 47 |
| Urinary Bleeding | 3 |
| Urination Problem | 5 |
| Vomiting | 43 |
| Vomiting Blood | 3 |
| Weakness | 101 |

2015 Mutual Aid Statistics

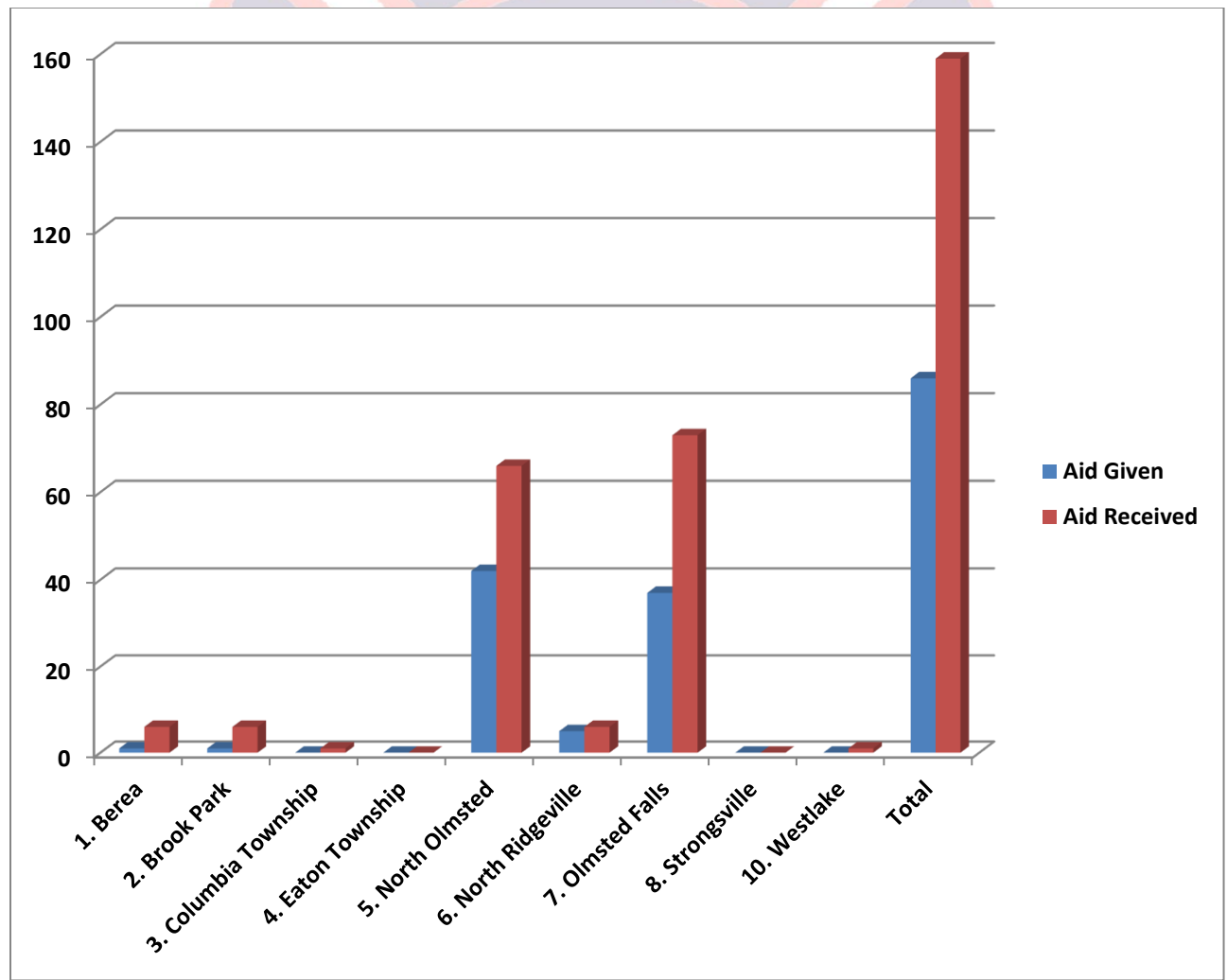
Fire

| City | Aid Given | Aid Received |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1. Berea | 1 | 9 |
| 2. Brook Park | 2 | 1 |
| 3. Columbia Township | 10 | 2 |
| 4. Eaton Township | 0 | 1 |
| 5. North Olmsted | 18 | 16 |
| 6. North Ridgeville | 13 | 8 |
| 7. Olmsted Falls | 36 | 65 |
| 8. Strongsville | 0 | 1 |
| 9. Westlake | 2 | 8 |
| Total | 82 | 111 |



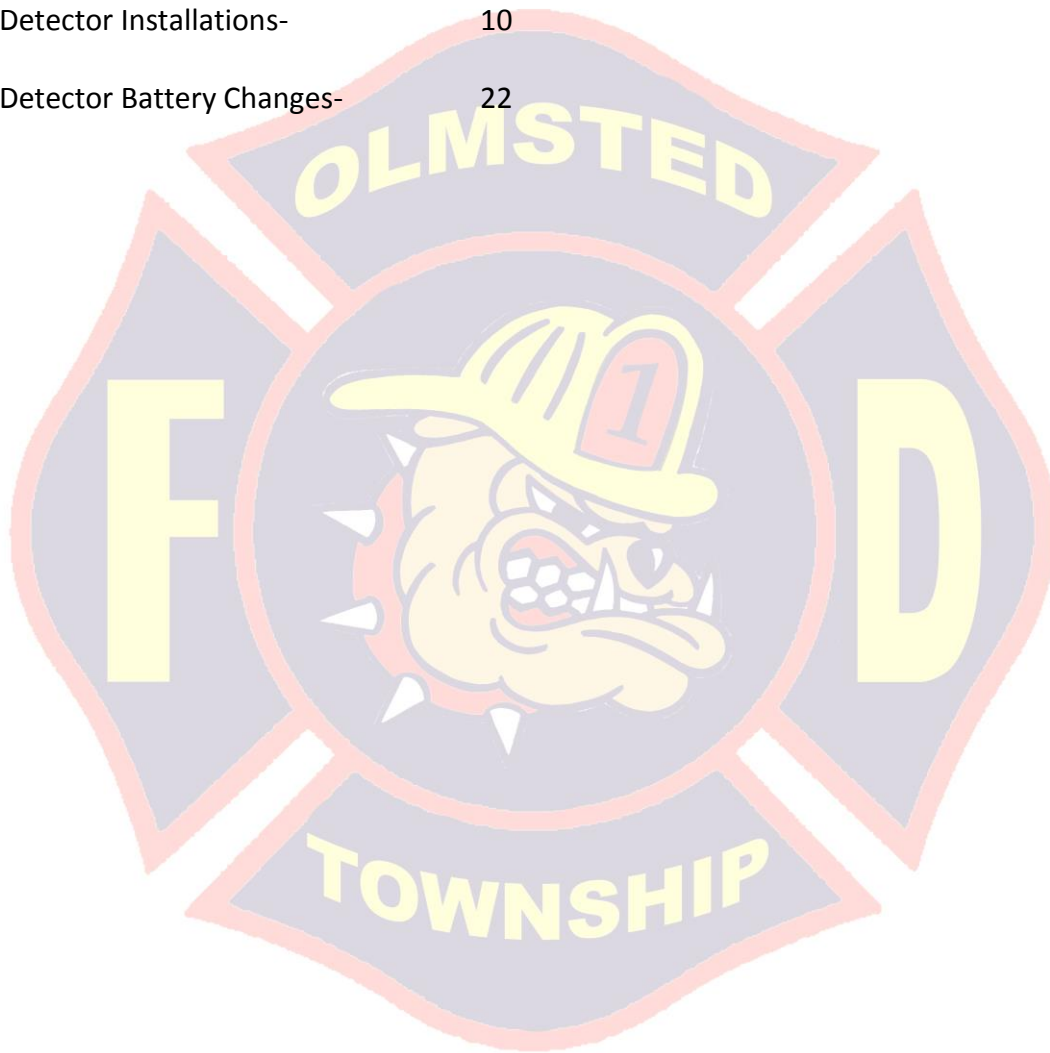
EMS

| City | Aid Given | Aid Received |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 1. Berea | 1 | 6 |
| 2. Brook Park | 1 | 6 |
| 3. Columbia Township | 0 | 1 |
| 4. Eaton Township | 0 | 0 |
| 5. North Olmsted | 42 | 66 |
| 6. North Ridgeville | 5 | 6 |
| 7. Olmsted Falls | 37 | 73 |
| 8. Strongsville | 0 | 0 |
| 9. Westlake | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 86 | 159 (New Record) |



Other Services

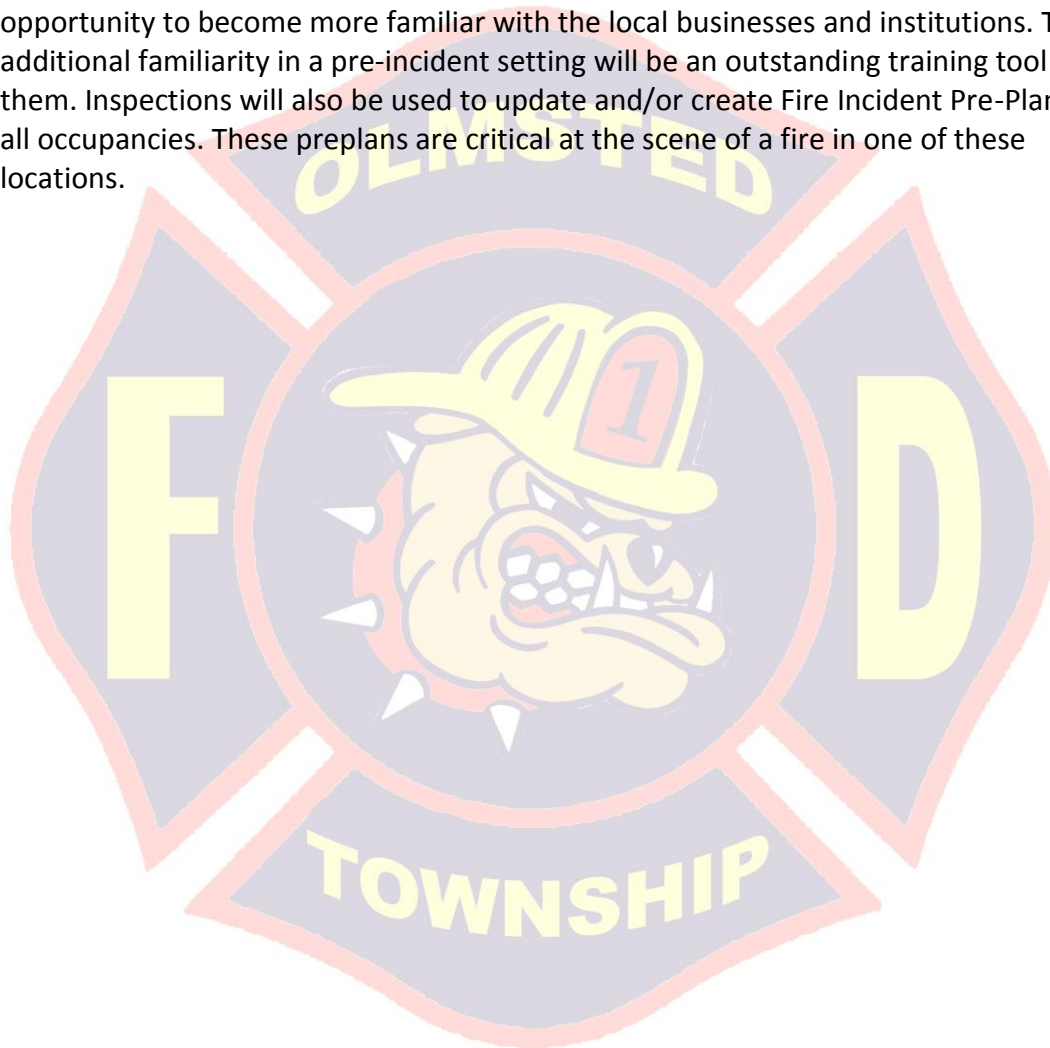
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| Child Car Seat Installations- | 24 |
| Residential Lock Box Installations- | 26 |
| Smoke Detector Installations- | 10 |
| Smoke Detector Battery Changes- | 22 |



2015 Fire Prevention

For 2016 the Fire Prevention Bureau will receive a major overhaul. We will be assigning more fire inspectors spread out across all shifts, with the bulk of the annual inspections being completed on a “Company” level. Firefighters will routinely inspect all occupancies as a team and forward any problems to one of our inspectors for violation correction.

The use of the Company Inspection program will also provide our firefighters an opportunity to become more familiar with the local businesses and institutions. This additional familiarity in a pre-incident setting will be an outstanding training tool for them. Inspections will also be used to update and/or create Fire Incident Pre-Plans for all occupancies. These preplans are critical at the scene of a fire in one of these locations.



2015 Vehicle Fleet Report

Medic 1

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

TBD

YEAR

2016

MAKE & MODEL

Ford E450

ENG & TRANS

V-10 Gas and Automatic Transmission

PUMP (If Applicable)

N/A

MILEAGE

N/A

ENGINE HOURS

N/A

KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES

Needs County issued license plate.



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

69,541

ENGINE HOURS

5652

KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES

Needs County issued license plate.



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

42,379

ENGINE HOURS

4347.8

KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES

All pump valves need rebuilt, *overdue for annual NFPA/ OSHA ladder tests*, NFPA pump test due fall of 2016, Needs County issued license plate.



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

24,797

ENGINE HOURS

3160.2

KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES

All pump valves need rebuilt, *overdue for annual NFPA/ OSHA ladder tests*, NFPA pump test due fall of 2016, Needs County issued license plate, *overdue for Aerial PM*.



Car 1

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

1GNDT13W12K180652

YEAR

02/2002

MAKE & MODEL

Chevy S-10 Blazer 4x4

ENG & TRANS

4.3 L V6 with Automatic Transmission

MILEAGE

90,961

KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES

Drive train and chassis corrosion (Ref: Olmsted Auto Quotes 2/16), Verify proper County license plate

Car 2

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

2FAFP71VX8X112090

YEAR

06/2007

MAKE & MODEL

Ford Crown Victoria, Police Interceptor

ENG & TRANS

4.6L V8 with Automatic Transmission

MILEAGE

171,848

KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES

Drive train and chassis corrosion (Ref: Olmsted Auto Quotes 2/16), Verify proper County license plate

Car 3

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

11,264

KNOWN DISCREPANCIES/ISSUES

Needs correct County issued license plate.

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

Needs correct issued County issued plate, no spare tire, no emergency lights.

2015 Community Outreach

Halloween Party

On October 31, 2015 the department and I.A.F.F. Local 2845 hosted our first annual Halloween party at the fire house. Children and their parents had the opportunity to stop into the fire station for some safety tips, look at the fire trucks, grab some snacks, get their first candy of the night, and even get some face paintings. The party was a huge success and we hope to create a new tradition for the community and the department by continuing this event in the future.



Shakers IGA Fire Prevention Day

On October 10, 2015 the department closed out Fire Prevention week with a Fire Prevention Day at Shakers IGA. Crews had a table set up by the front door with fire safety literature and had an opportunity to discuss fire safety. The department used this opportunity to offer free smoke detectors and batteries to residents who needed them. We handed out approximately 25 smoke detectors and too many batteries to count!

In the parking lot the department had Medic 2, Engine 5, and Command Car 3 on display for anyone to "touch a truck." This was a huge hit with all of the kids that stopped by. They had an opportunity to sit in the trucks, hold a hose, and even try on our turnout gear. The day was a huge success with the department and Shakers committing to hold the event next year.



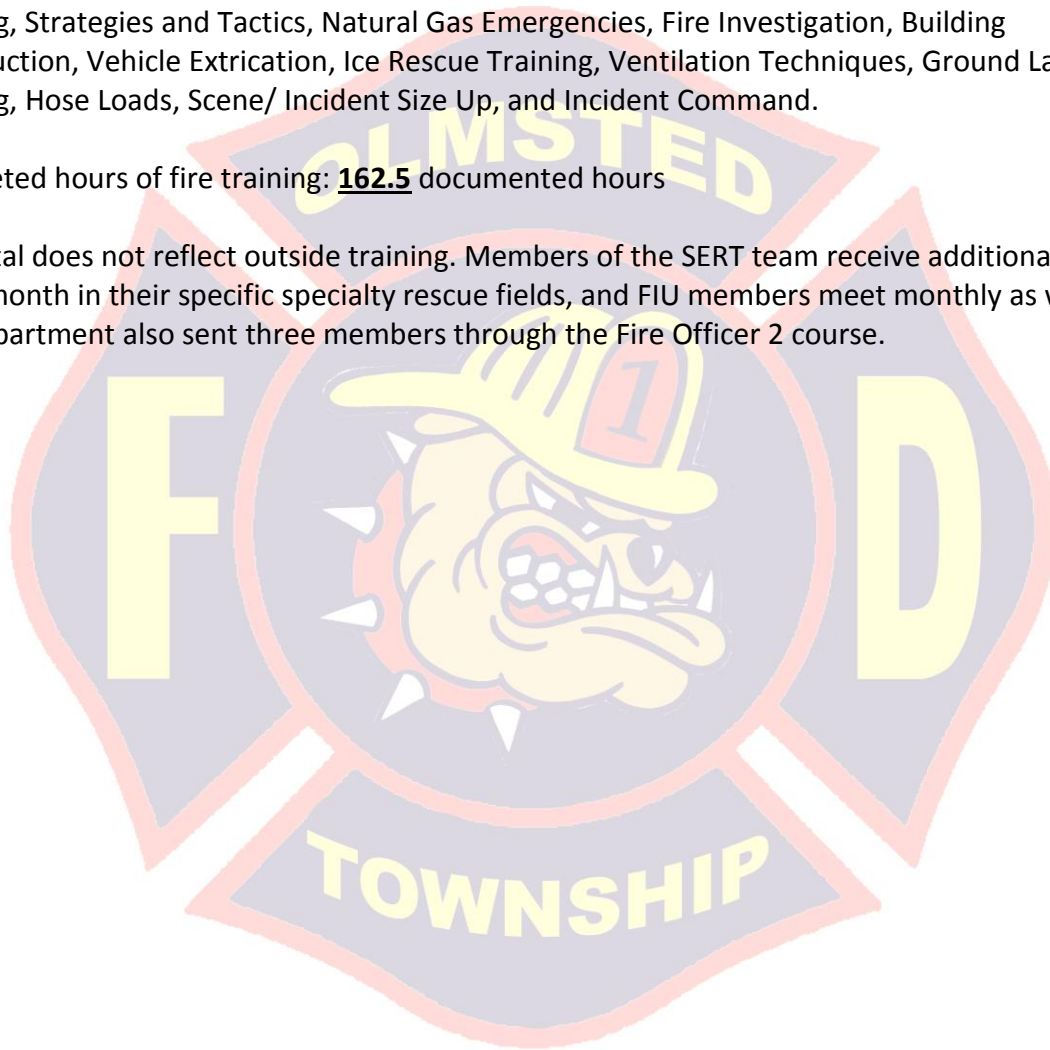
2015 Fire Training Summary

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 three certified Lieutenants, or any other state accredited school or program. The following topics were covered in 2015:

Fire Attack, Search and Rescue, Aerial Ladder training, Pump Operations, Accountability System, Firefighter Survival Techniques, Thermal Imaging Camera Operations, Rapid Intervention Crew Training, Strategies and Tactics, Natural Gas Emergencies, 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: **162.5** documented hours

This total does not reflect outside training. Members of the SERT team receive additional hours every month in their specific specialty rescue fields, and FIU members meet monthly as well. The department also sent three members through the Fire Officer 2 course.



2015 EMS Training Summary

All State of Ohio certified paramedics must meet the following requirements for license renewal every three 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

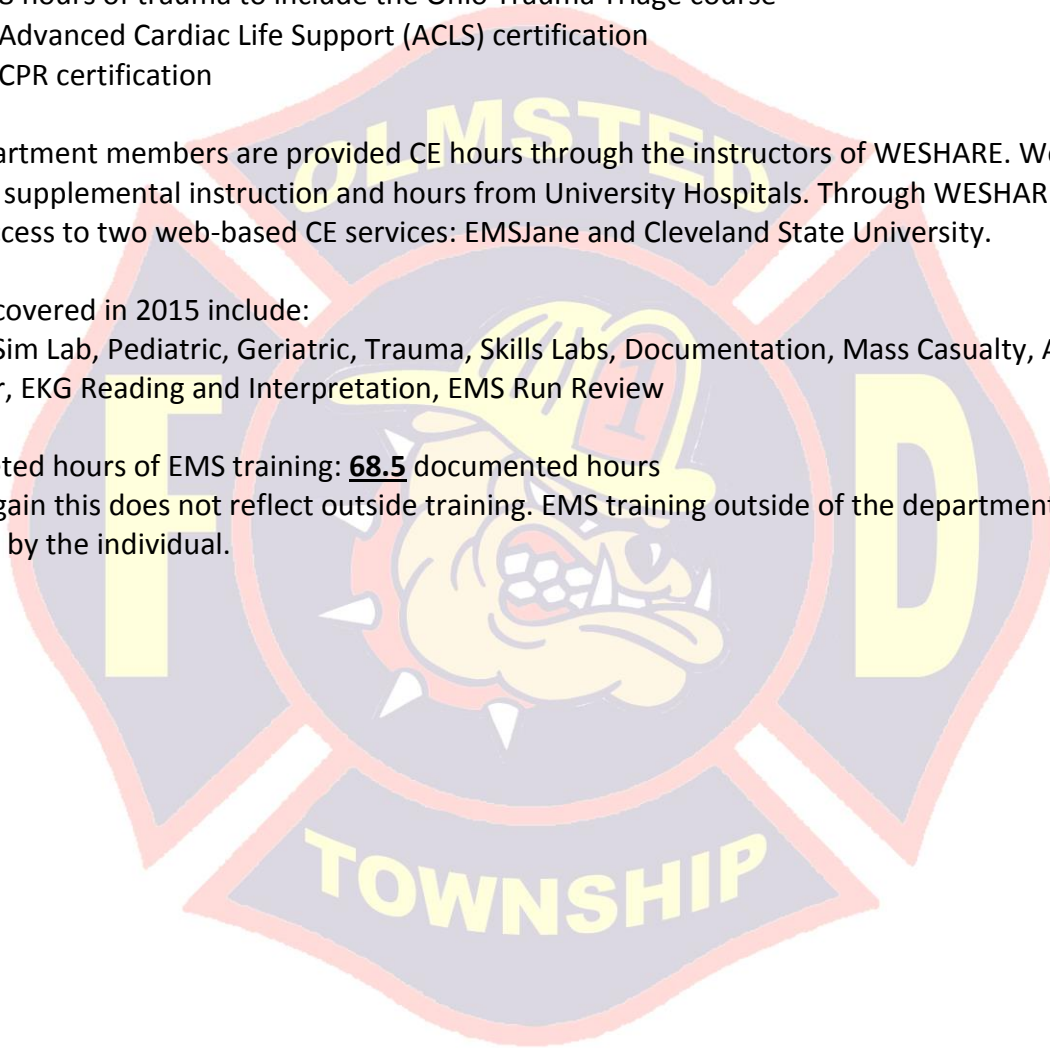
All department members are provided CE hours through the instructors of WESHARE. We also receive supplemental instruction and hours from University Hospitals. Through WESHARE we have access to two web-based CE services: EMSJane and Cleveland State University.

Topics covered in 2015 include:

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

Completed hours of EMS training: **68.5** documented hours

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



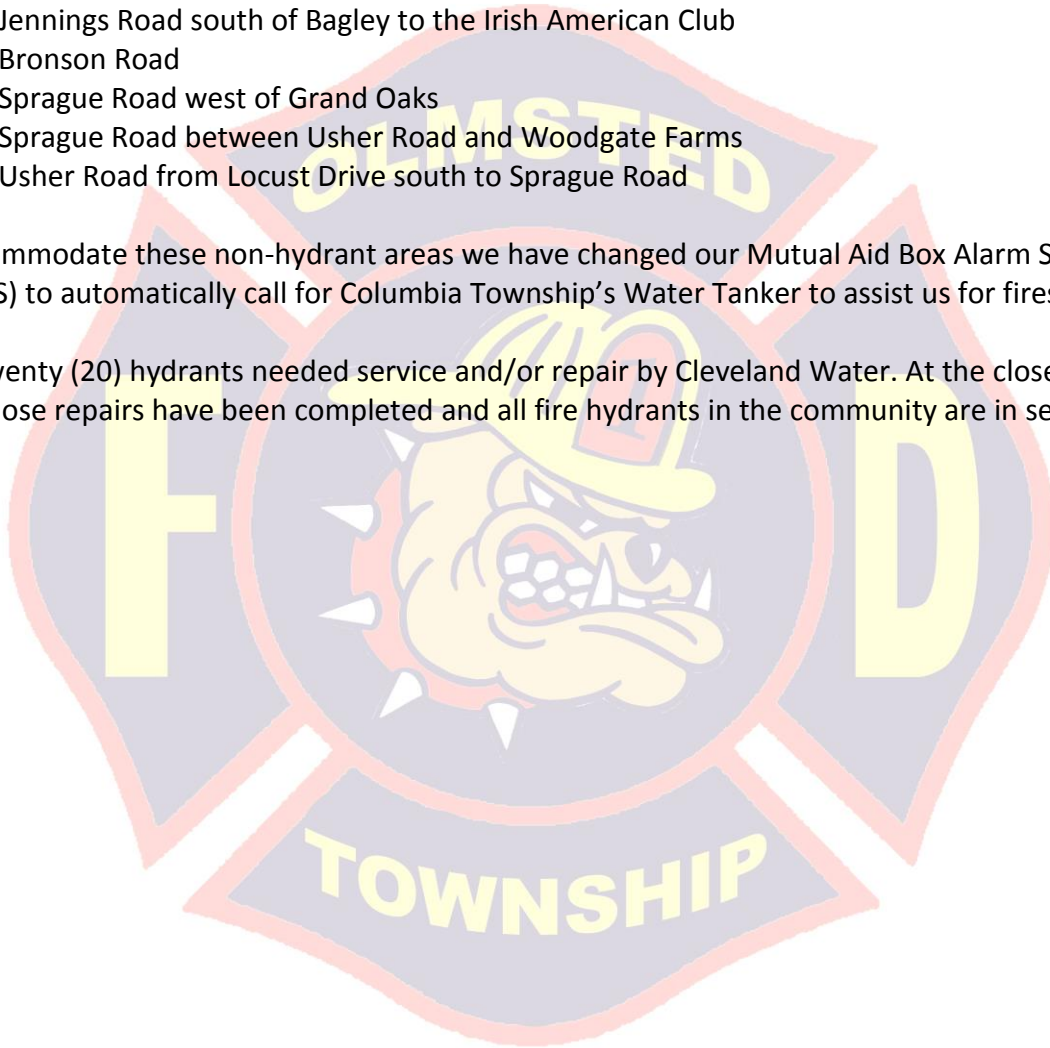
2015 Hydrant Flushing and Maintenance

From May until the end of June department members flushed and serviced all of the fire hydrants in the Township. In excess of 700 hydrants now exist in the community with more being added. With the addition of new developments and ongoing infrastructure the number of fire hydrants will continue to increase. At the end of 2015 we only have a few areas in the Township without fire hydrant protection. Those areas are:

1. Bagley Road west of Stearns Road
2. Jennings Road south of Bagley to the Irish American Club
3. Bronson Road
4. Sprague Road west of Grand Oaks
5. Sprague Road between Usher Road and Woodgate Farms
6. 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 (20) hydrants needed service and/or repair by Cleveland Water. At the close of 2015 those repairs have been completed and all fire hydrants in the community are in service.



2015 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. 36 sections were tested and passed for a total of 1,800 feet.
2. 10 sections were purchased new and placed in service.
3. 10 sections were removed due to life expectancy and placed in reserve status.

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

1. 32 sections were tested and passed for a total of 1,100 feet.
2. 10 sections were purchased new and placed in service.
3. 10 sections were removed due to life expectancy and placed in reserve status.

5" Hose- Used as supply line

1. 28 sections were tested.
2. 20 sections passed for a total of 2,000 feet
3. 8 sections failed and were permanently removed from service due to life expectancy and safety concerns.
4. 8 sections were purchased new and placed in service.



Capital Purchases

The following items were purchased in 2015 and are considered as capital inventory

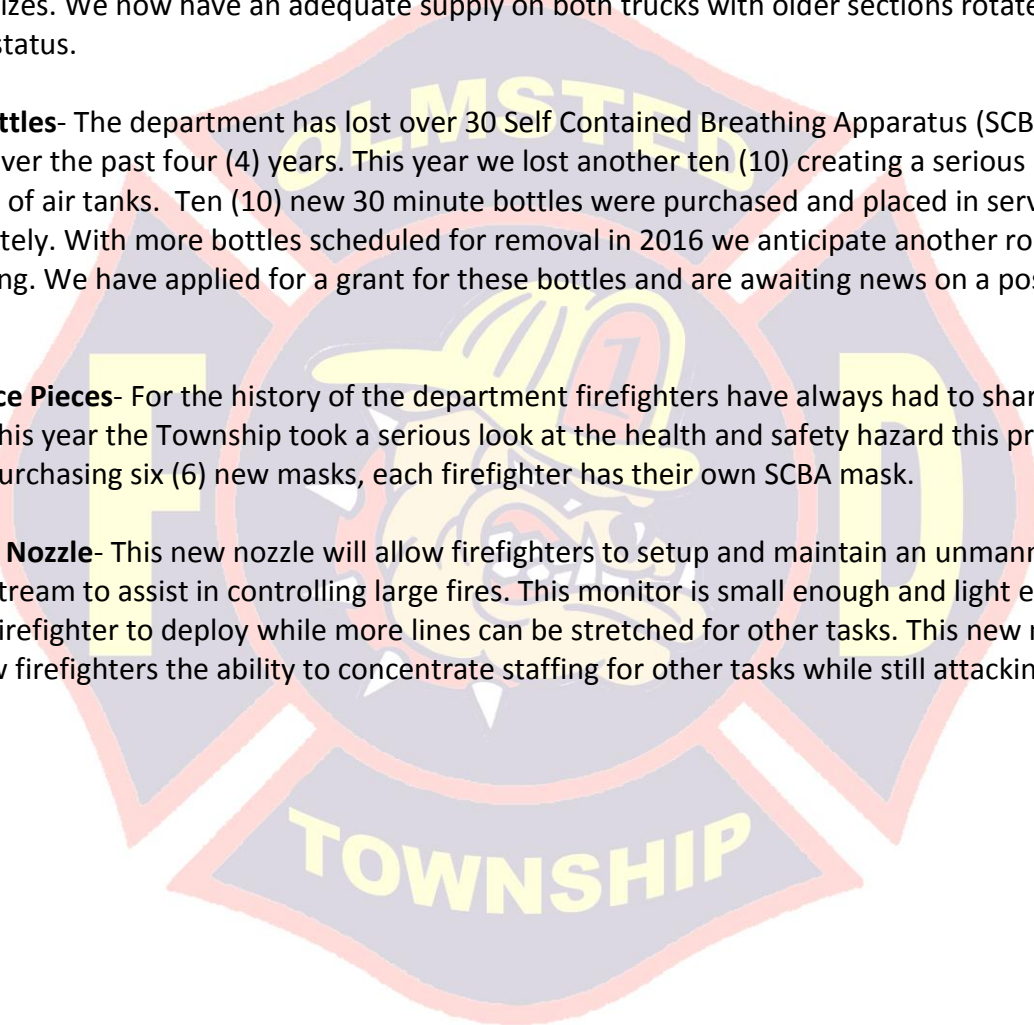
New Medic 1- Specifications were drawn up and purchase for the vehicle was approved. Construction began in October and the expected delivery date is in March of 2016.

New Hose- The department reached a critically low level of fire hose in 2015. No reserve hose and multiple failures during hose testing led us to purchase 1,800 feet of new fire hose of various sizes. We now have an adequate supply on both trucks with older sections rotated to reserve status.

SCBA Bottles- The department has lost over 30 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles over the past four (4) years. This year we lost another ten (10) creating a serious shortage of air tanks. Ten (10) new 30 minute bottles were purchased and placed in service immediately. With more bottles scheduled for removal in 2016 we anticipate another round of purchasing. We have applied for a grant for these bottles and are awaiting news on a possible award.

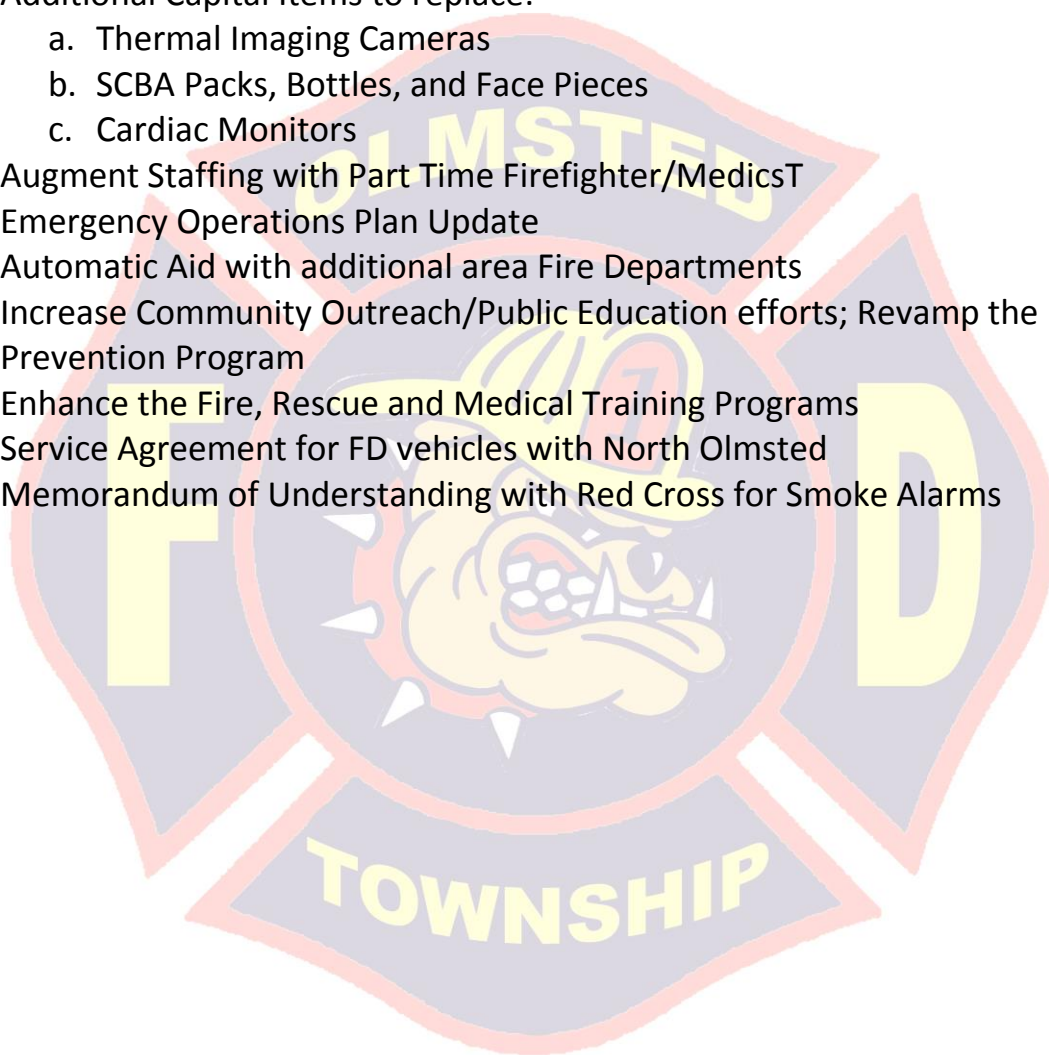
SCBA Face Pieces- For the history of the department firefighters have always had to share masks. This year the Township took a serious look at the health and safety hazard this presents and by purchasing six (6) new masks, each firefighter has their own SCBA mask.

Mercury Nozzle- This new nozzle will allow firefighters to setup and maintain an unmanned master stream to assist in controlling large fires. This monitor is small enough and light enough for one firefighter to deploy while more lines can be stretched for other tasks. This new nozzle will allow firefighters the ability to concentrate staffing for other tasks while still attacking the fire.



2016 Goals

1. Lexipol Policy Revamp/Implementation
2. Define Mission/Vision/Values for Fire Department
3. Lt/ OIC Examination
4. New car & support truck to replace existing ancillary vehicles
5. Additional Capital Items to replace:
 - a. Thermal Imaging Cameras
 - b. SCBA Packs, Bottles, and Face Pieces
 - c. Cardiac Monitors
6. Augment Staffing with Part Time Firefighter/MedicsT
7. Emergency Operations Plan Update
8. Automatic Aid with additional area Fire Departments
9. Increase Community Outreach/Public Education efforts; Revamp the Fire Prevention Program
10. Enhance the Fire, Rescue and Medical Training Programs
11. Service Agreement for FD vehicles with North Olmsted
12. Memorandum of Understanding with Red Cross for Smoke Alarms



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.