

Olmsted Township Today

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FALL 2024—SPECIAL EDITION

RESIDENT SAVED BY FAST-ACTING FIRST RESPONDERS

In the early morning hours on November 24, 2023, Township resident Scott Carter was found unresponsive and potentially not breathing while sleeping at home. His wife immediately called 911 and began bystander CPR. Upon arrival, the Township Police Department moved Mr. Carter to the floor and commenced high-quality first responder CPR. The Township Fire Department arrived shortly thereafter and continued Basic and Advanced Cardiac Life Support, administered medications, and delivered electrical therapy. Once stabilized Mr. Carter was transported to St. John's Medical Center for further treatment.

Thanks to the coordinated efforts of all involved, Mr. Carter survived the cardiac arrest with no resulting deficits. This case highlights the American Heart Association's "Chain of Survival," demonstrating the crucial role of prompt action by bystanders, non-medical professionals, and

medical responders increasing the chances of successful resuscitation.

Mr. Carter, a retired firefighter from the Tallmadge Fire Department, recognizes the vital role played by everyone in his chain of survival. "My family and I are so grateful for the prompt response to my emergency." Lt. Dahlhausen credits training at both police and fire that allows positive outcomes when life hangs in the balance.

The following Township employees were honored at the Trustee meeting on September 19th for the vital role they played in saving Mr. Carter:

Township Police – Sergeant Bryan Tyler, Officer Jeff Kirby, Officer Tyler Krajcik

Township Fire – Lieutenant David Dahlhausen, Firefighter James Morell, Firefighter Michael Foreman, Former Firefighter Rob Crowe

SW Dispatch – Dispatcher Ashley Flynn



L to R: Sgt. Tyler, Scott Carter and his wife, Dispatcher Ashley Flynn, Officer Krajcik



L to R: Lt. Dahlhausen, Scott Carter, FF Foreman, FF Morrell

2023 IN REVIEW

Total Runs: 2,307

EMS: 1,896

Fire: 237

Other: 174

Mutual Aid Received: 156

Mutual Aid Given: 215

The Township Fire Dept. answered 2,307 calls for service in 2023. This reflects a 13% increase over 2022 (2,047 total calls).

SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATIONS

The Olmsted Township Fire Department has partnered with the American Red Cross on its "Sound the Alarm" campaign. The goal of this program is to ensure that our residents have working smoke alarms in their homes. Both smoke alarms and installation are provided to Township residents at no cost.

Please call 440-235-3746 to schedule an appointment to have a smoke alarm installed in your home.



2023 IN REVIEW

Top 5 Calls for Service:

General Assistance Calls: 2,865

Traffic Stops: 2,470

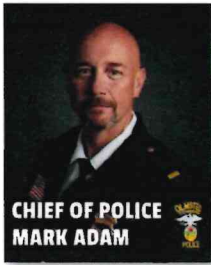
Special Attentions: 935

Community Contacts: 842

Premise Checks (Home): 593



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Dear Neighbor,

All of us at the Township Police Department take great pride in serving the residents and businesses that make Olmsted Township a very special place. Our goal is to ensure that our community remains a safe place to live and work and to develop positive community relationships that build mutual trust and respect. These common bonds allow our officers to listen and respond to concerns and needs of our residents.

This year, we added a second Electric Bicycle (E-Bike) providing another officer interacting with residents in our neighborhoods. The bikes help us relate to young people and older residents who enjoy talking with officers "on the beat". The E-Bike is extremely versatile. Quick response is a benefit as an incident occurs in another part of the community. We've also been able to use the E-Bike in situations where a vehicle was not a viable option.



Officer Hare patrolling on the E-Bike.

As Chief, I take great pride in recognizing our officers for exceptional service. On September 19th, we recognized Officers Ryan Hare and Michael Blatnik and Sergeants Cory Sears and Leo Spagnola for prompt action in response to a call reporting an elderly man missing from home. He was located by Township Police using our aerial drone and its thermal camera capabilities. Without this technology, the training that accompanied its use, and action on the part of the officers involved, the outcome would have been very different.

Officer Jeff Kirby also received a commendation and lifesaving award for the incident involving a resident who suffered a cardiac arrest. He provided high-quality CPR during this critical time as soon as he arrived on scene.

I am proud of the training and development of protocols that allow us to be ready to respond to incidents and events that find our residents, our school children, our businesses in times of crisis.

We seek to remain true to our core values- courage, integrity, and character and to the oath we take as we accept the badge. We treat each person we meet with dignity and respect. We thank each of you for your unwavering support.

Respectfully,

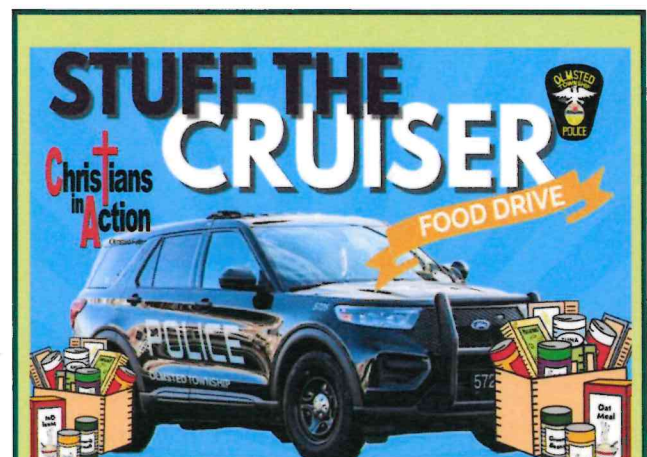
Chief Mark Adam

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



L to R: Officers Hare, Reaser, Dieckman

The Township Police Department has added another School Resource Officer (SRO) to strengthen our partnership with Olmsted Falls Schools and ensure a safe learning environment for students and staff. Our officers are stationed at Olmsted Falls High School, Middle School, and Intermediate School. With specialized training, they assess safety protocols, provide in-service training for staff, and collaborate with school leadership, staff and students. We highly value our partnership with the Schools as we work together to create a secure and positive learning environment.



Late summer generally finds shelves depleted at the Food Pantry. The Township Police Department is sponsoring a **Stuff the Cruiser Drive** to benefit the Christians in Action Food Pantry which serves our neighbors in need. The event will be held **Saturday, September 28 from 10a-2p** in the **Shaker's MarketPlace** parking lot on **Bagley Road** near **Stearns**. Non-perishable, non-expired food items will be collected. Monetary donations will also be accepted.



Dear Neighbor,

I want to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support and to share some important updates.

Our mission, since our humble beginnings more than 75 years ago, has been to serve our community with the highest level of professionalism and dedication. In whatever situation, in crisis or providing prevention education, our team is committed to keeping you and those you love safe.

We continue to find ways to enhance our capabilities to ensure we are prepared for any situation. We focus on the community outreach programs that are meaningful to you—smoke alarm, child car seat and lock box installations and our **"File of Life" program**. We provide **"Stop the Bleed" training** to Olmsted Falls Schools staff. We train with neighboring departments and other partners, knowing this training ensures positive outcomes in critical situations.

Seconds count in a fire or medical emergency! Prevention is key. Check smoke alarms, assess your home for fire and safety hazards, create a family emergency plan. Safety tips and plans are available on our website.

On September 19th, we honored several firefighters with a letter of recognition, commemorative plaque and "Life Saver" commendation ribbon for their efforts to save a patient in cardiac arrest. The resident is fully recovered because of the quick action and quality care provided by members of our team.

Save the date **October 20th** on your calendar! We will again host the **Halloween Safety Open House** at the Township Fire Station from 11a-1p. There will be games, music, food, a costume parade and "best costume" judging. Christians in Action will be there to accept donations of non-perishable food items. We will provide giveaways, photo opportunities, and FUN for kids and adults.

We thank you for your ongoing trust and support! Most of all, I look forward to meeting you at **Coffee with the Chiefs**, held the last Wednesday of the month, or our Township activities throughout the year especially at our Halloween Safety Open House. Together, we ensure Olmsted Township remains a safe place...a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Schneider, Chief of Fire

CAR SEAT INSTALLATIONS

The Township Fire Department provides certified child car seat installation services. This aligns with the Fire Department's mission to protect lives. Our certified installers, trained through Safe Kids Worldwide in partnership with the National CPS Board since 2007, have installed hundreds of child car seats. Installations take about 30 minutes and are free of charge, but do require an appointment. To schedule, please call 440-235-3746.



FILE OF LIFE PROGRAM

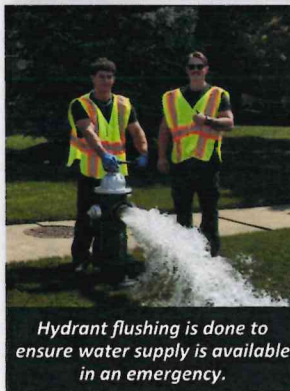
The Township Fire Department has adopted the "File of Life" Program. The File of Life is a two-sided medical card that is kept in a red, labeled plastic pocket. The card lists the patient's name, emergency contacts, medical problems, medications/dosages, allergies, doctor's name and hospital information. The File of Life is attached to the resident's refrigerator, along with a decal that goes onto the front door of the residence alerting emergency responders to look for the File of Life pocket when responding to medical emergencies. This program has proven to be invaluable when treating patients in an emergency situation. To obtain, please visit the Fire Station, located at 26900 Cook Road, or call 440-235-3746.



Fun from 2023's Halloween event



Team gathers after a fire was contained in Columbia Park.



Hydrant flushing is done to ensure water supply is available in an emergency.



Firefighters investigate the interior of a structure fire.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Halloween Open House,
Sunday, October 20, 11a-1p,
Township Fire Department

Election Day,
Tuesday, November 5

Holiday Tree Lighting,
Sunday, December 1, 5p

SERVICE DEPARTMENT



On August 6th Hurricane Debby roared through the southeastern United States as a Category 4 storm. Even though Ohio was not directly affected, several counties in the state experienced

heavy rain and reported tornados that caused significant damage. Cuyahoga County was one of the affected areas.

In the early aftermath of the storm, our Service crews were deployed to various locations to assess storm damage, clear debris on roads and report downed or potentially dangerous power lines. Post storm our crews worked over several days restoring safe roadway access and reducing further risk of damage. We collected over 100 yards of debris from residents.

Our quick attention to detail and professional cleanup services helped restore a sense of normalcy to our residents and businesses.

To serve you better, the Service Department expanded its capabilities with the acquisition of equipment. The construction of our Cold Storage building ensures equipment is indoors to prolong useful life.

Our new snow/ice truck is designed to improve efficiency during our winter season and is equipped with the latest technology.

We are waiting on the delivery of two self-contained leaf vacs. The Township will provide leaf pick-up services without contracted services. This equipment is critical for maintaining clean and safe streets and to ensure that sound stormwater management protocols are followed. The purchase of these vacs were made possible through community cost share funds through Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 19
9AM-12NOON**

**SERVICE GARAGE,
7924 FITCH ROAD**

Free for the
Olmsted Community

**EVERY
✓VOTE
COUNTS**

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 is the Presidential General Election.

Register to vote or update your registration: <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>

Check your voter registration: <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>

Request an absentee ballot: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters/Request-a-Vote-by-Mail-Application>

Or call the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at (216) 443-8683 (Mon-Fri 8:30a- 4:30p).

Issue #48 is an Olmsted Township issue. It is a RENEWAL, not a new tax which will provide and maintain fire protection, police protection and emergency medical services.



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