The Columbus Division of Fire is the best in the country. I thank all our firefighters for the courage and the character they show every day of their lives, and I am proud they have been recognized among the most elite divisions in the nation. You represent our city with heroism and with grace. You save property, and you save lives. You provide yourselves as role models for our young people, and you risk your own safety for the safety of your fellow residents. I have the greatest admiration and respect for each of you. Public Safety has always been the top priority of this administration, and we are continuing to invest in the Division of Fire so our firefighters can do their jobs safely. Our 2014 budget proposal would fund a total of 1,548 uniformed firefighters protecting our neighborhoods by the end of next year. Although the demands of your job are high, I have no doubt that each of you is up to this challenge. Thank you for your determination, your strength and the example you set for each of us.

Michael B. Coleman, Mayor

**Bond Issues 1, 2, 3, 4**

Voters pass $842 million bond package in November 2013

Mayor Michael B. Coleman, City Council members and City Auditor Hugh J. Dorrian are pleased to announce that Columbus maintains the highest possible Triple A Bond Rating. The bond package will drive new investments into neighborhoods and strengthen the local economy without raising taxes. The City of Columbus plans to finance its capital projects such as streetlights, fire stations, safety equipment, and other public improvements with the borrowed funds.

### 2013 Voted Bond Issues Projects Spanning 2014 - 2018

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As the Director of Public Safety, I want to commend the men and women of the Columbus Division of Fire for their commitment and dedication to public service. Every day these fine individuals deliver quality fire suppression and emergency medical services to Columbus residents by responding to nearly 150,000 calls for emergency service.

As the need for emergency medical services continues to increase, the Division of Fire has been dedicated to evaluating the efficient deployment of resources and personnel. In January, Chief Gregory A. Paxton implemented a pilot program to test alternative staffing models.

One of its featured highlights was the deployment of two additional Advanced Life Support (ALS) vehicles for twelve hours per day during peak demand times and locations throughout the city. While the program is still being piloted and modified, it has proven successful as an efficient use of resources and more cost effective than adding two additional ALS vehicles on a 24 hour basis.

In August, the City of Columbus announced a partnership with Columbus State Community College that puts all incoming and existing fire fighters on a direct path towards an associate degree. The academic program involves a combination of state certification courses and academic courses. This exciting new program increases opportunities for career advancement and supports the Division’s emphasis on training and education.

In 2013, the Division broke ground on a new station for the Greenlawn facility; continued renovations and upgrades at multiple fire stations and facilities; continued to utilize the distance learning program to enhance training efforts to provide firefighters the opportunity to better access information regarding fire and emergency medical services, as well as promote training that reduces the need for a physical presence in the classroom; and took delivery of 15 battalion chief vehicles, 14 medics, five heavy rescues, three K-9 units and ordered eight medics, two platform ladders, two engines and two rescue support units.

These accomplishments are the reason that the Columbus Division of Fire continues to be one of the best 21st century fire suppression and emergency medical service agencies in the nation.

I am proud of each and every member of the Columbus Division of Fire for the public service they provide, the lives and property they save and for continuing to make Columbus the best place to live, work and raise a family.

Keep up the good work!

Mitchell J. Brown
Director of Public Safety
It is my honor to present the 2013 annual report to Mayor Michael B. Coleman, Director of Public Safety Mitchell J. Brown, members of City Council, and the citizens of Columbus.

Appointed as Fire Chief in June of 2012, this year represents my first full year as the Division’s leader. We currently have approximately 1550 uniformed firefighters and 37 civilians that comprise the Columbus Division of Fire. Although there have been approximately 41 retirements, in July, we graduated a Fire Recruit class of 34 and a fire recruit class is slated for June of 2014.

In 2013, the Columbus Division of Fire responded to approximately 144,000 calls for service and non-emergency runs/incidents. Needless to say, we have been quite busy continually evaluating and making necessary changes to improve our fire safety services. More often than not, there are ways to effect these services in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

The Columbus Division of Fire continues to maintain its status as one of the largest accredited metropolitan fire departments in the country. A significant component of maintaining our accredited status is the submission and acceptance of an Annual Compliance Report reviewed by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). In 2013, the commission voted unanimously to accept the Division’s Annual Compliance Report.

Working in conjunction with the Mayor’s Office, the Director of Public Safety and the Civil Service Commission, we have begun to evaluate /identify areas of improvement to address diversity within the Division and also reflect the city’s demographics. This includes developing a consistent exam timeline and physical capability test to ensure we garner interest in the job. A significant component in the process is working with community schools in establishing a mentorship program in the Division.

This year, we held a Fire Officer I class geared towards preparing future officers entering the promoted ranks. We now have an agreement in place with Columbus State Community College whereby firefighters and officers are afforded the opportunity to earn college credits, for classes we teach, toward an Associate Degree. We also conducted a training class for our Rescue units and mutual aid partners.

During the holiday season, we partnered with WCMH-TV, the CME Federal Credit Union, Meijers and Mid-Ohio Bunch (car club) in our annual Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive. This combined effort coupled with the generosity of our citizens made the 2013 holiday season enjoyable for the less fortunate children in our community.

In closing, the greatest reward I’ve received this year is working with the dedicated men and women both uniform and civilian. Although I may not see everyone on a daily basis, I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for their sacrifice and hard work in making Columbus a safer and better place to live and visit. The year 2014 will present us with new challenges and opportunities. I am confident, by working together, we will succeed in achieving our goals that serve to make Columbus the wonderful city it is.

Gregory A. Paxton
Fire Chief
Our mission as the Columbus Division of Fire is to serve our community by:

- Preventing emergencies through education and inspection
- Minimizing injury, death, and property destruction due to fire, natural disaster and other emergencies
- Minimizing injury, death, and suffering by providing timely and effective emergency medical service

Our mission is accomplished through the efforts of dedicated, professional firefighters.

In order to accomplish our mission, we, the members of the Columbus Division of Fire, use the following values to guide our actions:

- Preservation of Life and Property
- Safety
- Personal Integrity
- Professionalism
- Respect for Others
FIRE CHIEF GREGORY A. PAXTON

The Fire Chief is responsible for the overall management of the Division of Fire ensuring the Division’s resources are utilized efficiently and effectively, thus providing the best possible fire safety and related services to the citizens of Columbus. As Division Head, Fire Chief Paxton provides leadership and direction for the five Division Bureaus, each headed by an Assistant Chief: Administration, Emergency Services, Fire Prevention, Support Services and Training and is ultimately responsible for all Division operations assuring personnel and equipment are available to accomplish the Division’s mission. The 2013 Division of Fire budget was $219,432,753 with an authorized uniform strength of 1552 and a civilian staff of 37.

BUSINESS OFFICE

The Business Office comprised of the Fiscal Manager, Purchasing Expeditor, and Fiscal Assistant is responsible for managing the various budgets and financial operations for the Columbus Fire Division; all fiscal aspects are handled herein, including budget management and analysis, procurement, accounts receivable and accounts payable.

2013 General Fund Operating Budget

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ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

Our mission is to act as liaison between the Fire Chief and the Department of Finance, and to develop and monitor accounting practices, financial measures, and administrative procedures which promote the achievement of the Division’s mission through the efficient use of funds.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Our mission is to minimize injuries, death, and property loss through public education, enforcement of fire codes, and the investigation of fire causes.

TRAINING BUREAU

Our mission is to assure that all Division members have the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and efficiently fulfill the mission of the Division.

SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

Our mission is to provide and maintain the facilities, apparatus, and supplies, to receive emergency and non-emergency calls and dispatch necessary alarms as well as to provide infectious disease prevention/intervention for firefighters.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BUREAU

Our mission is to minimize injuries, death, and property loss related to fires, medical emergencies, and other disasters through the efficient delivery of effective fire suppression, pre-hospital treatment, and patient transportation.
LIAISON OFFICER/SPECIAL EVENT OFFICE

The Special Events Office is managed by a Lieutenant. He also serves as the Fire Chief’s Liaison and assists the Fire Chief in various areas within the department along with external special assignments. External duties consist of working closely with various City of Columbus departments, federal, state and civic groups that have daily interaction with the Columbus Division of Fire.

The lieutenant is responsible for supervising the division branch known as the Special Duty Office. He is assisted by two fire fighters.

The Special Duty Office provides logistical, site and resources for a variety of events. The emergency services aspect for these events is the direct responsibility of the Special Duty Office. Site analysis for an event consists of not only EMS needs but, Homeland Security, event protocols needs along with open dialogue with the vendor to insure a safe environment. Scheduling for the events is done exclusively by the Special Duty Office.

The Special Duty Office works with a number of agencies consisting but not limited to US Secret Service, The Ohio State University (Schottenstein Center/Ohio Stadium), Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL), Race for the Cure, Greater Columbus Convention Center, Scioto Downs Racesino and Red White & Boom Organizers just to name a few. On several occasions, the Special Duty Office will work along with Multi-Jurisdictional agencies under the ICS/NIMS structure. In 2013, the Special Duty Office staffed over 450 events.

The medic vehicles, equipment and supplies used by the Special Duty Office are coordinated and maintained by Support Services. The special duty medic vehicles also can be used by Emergency Services in case of a disaster, natural or man-made.

The Special Event/Duty Office is especially busy during the political season with visits by world leaders, former heads of state and current high profile individuals.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Executive Administrative Assistant provides executive level support for the Fire Chief’s Office by assisting and coordinating the daily workflow. This includes, but is not limited to, internal/external scheduling of meetings, preparation of various written communications, coordination of travel arrangements (airline, hotel, transportation, registration fees, etc.) within budgetary parameters and interacting, on behalf of the Fire Chief, with the division’s executive staff and administrators at various government levels. The Executive Administrative Assistant also assists and coordinates special projects pertaining to the department’s mission and other similar activities.
The Office of Research and Development (R&D) works under the direction of the Fire Chief. It consists of a captain, two lieutenants, three firefighters and the civilian division photographer.

One lieutenant oversees all interests regarding “soft goods.” This is a figurative definition for responsibilities that include producing and distributing many of the written communications of the Division, such as Standard Operating Procedures Manual, Systems Manual, Job Description Manual, the City Disaster Plan, all fire division forms, bulletins and other communications including this report. It also includes working with committees, vendors, bureau heads and the city purchasing office to develop specifications for station wear, turn out gear, helmets, gloves, etc.

The other lieutenant in R&D oversees the development of specifications for all purchases of “hard goods”, with the help of source experts and/or applicable committees. Hard goods include apparatus, smaller vehicles, T.I.C. cameras, etc. Once specifications have been established and bid proposals have gone out and contracts awarded, the R&D office will follow up to make sure the product meets these requirements. At times this includes making on-site visits to manufacturing facilities to conduct inspections during production.

As the division changes with the times, responsibilities for the fire fighters assigned to R&D have evolved. The forms room has slowly started to move away from distributing forms now available on the Division intra-net, and have also become increasingly busy with maintaining the supply of walkie-talkie batteries and monthly calibration and maintenance of gas monitors.

The R&D Specialist firefighter stays busy working with smaller projects that come up and are assigned to the office. These can include projects involving various grants requiring follow-up information and publishing surveys needed to assist in the future direction of the division’s goals.

Another firefighter specializes in the design and maintenance of the division’s intra-net and internet. This essential position has proven to be beneficial to the public and division members.

The Photography Laboratory is managed by a civilian Photography Technician who serves as the official Division photographer. This office is responsible for the development and processing of the Divisions imaging needs. Photo Lab duties range from handling photographic evidence such as Arson cases to creative projects under the office of the Fire Chief.
Video and multimedia services are also provided by the Photo Lab to assist the ongoing awareness programs of Fire Prevention and Community Relations. All special event photography and Training Academy events are covered by the Division photographer. The photo lab maintains the Division’s personnel photographs as well as ID card image database. In addition, the Photo Lab works on archival projects with the division historian. The Photo Lab supports the different Bureaus with the purchasing and managing of camera equipment and provides graphic design layouts for presentations. All in all, the Photo Lab is a critical part of day-to-day operations of the Division of Fire.

R & D Accomplishments include:

- CFD enjoys a budget of around six million dollars a year to replace aging apparatus. From the 2013 budget, R&D finished overseeing the purchase of 14 new Medic vehicles, 2 Rescue Support Vehicles, 2 Engines, and 1 Platform.
- R&D is currently working with Haz-Mat personnel and other officers to evaluate a new five gas monitor. The new monitors will be phased in as the M-40 gas monitors become outdated and need replaced.
- The firefighter in forms conditioned and recharged approximately 1,000 walkie-talkie batteries on a six-week cycle, and calibrated approximately 70 four-gas monitors every month in addition to the monitors on the ISU vehicle.
- The division’s internet site is still evolving with oversight from the city DOT. The firefighter in R&D has been attending classes and meetings to learn the new programming language and layout all departments and divisions in the city are now required to use.
- After a lengthy learning curve regarding Multi-Function-Devices, R&D is moving toward replacing all desktop printers and fax machines to significantly reduce the division’s ink cartridge costs.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Public Information Office is responsible for internal and external communications, media relations, community engagement and event planning. The office also serves as a liaison between the Division and other City of Columbus departments, governmental and private organizations.

The Public Information Officer (PIO) is the point of contact for the media in crisis communications. The goal is to provide accurate up-to-date information about emergency incidents throughout the city.

The PIO is often assigned other tasks as directed by the Fire Chief including interdepartmental training, and special projects.

HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICE

The Division of Fire Health & Safety Program is led by a Battalion Chief who serves in the position of SO-1. Three senior level shift captains are assigned to the position of SO-2 and each is responsible for all safety issues resulting from emergency response actions and all other safety-related issues. The position of SO-1 and SO-2 are command staff positions and report directly to the Fire Chief.
The primary focus of the Safety Office is to monitor fireground and other emergency incidents for hazards that can affect the safety of all personnel operating under emergency conditions. SO-2 submits incident safety reports reflecting safety-related issues occurring on the fireground and in other rescue-related incidents. SO-2 also works closely with the incident commander to make certain safety issues are addressed and corrected in a prompt and proactive manner. The Health & Safety Office is also responsible for investigating all incidents where a “Mayday” has been issued and certain cases of injuries occurring on duty. The Health & Safety Office implemented a Significant Incident Investigation procedure that serves as the policy and working template for incident requiring a detailed investigation.

Additionally, the Safety Office monitors potential recalls of equipment that can affect firefighter safety and is also a member of the Citywide Safety Program that aims to promote safety in every aspect of the firefighter’s job. In April of this year, the duties of SO-2 were expanded to include responding to all Fire Apparatus Accidents and submission of an investigative report to the Fleet Accident Review Committee. The Safety Office also assisted in developing division guidelines for incidents involving bed bugs. In addition, SO-1 works with all division bureaus to create, develop and sustain a safe working environment for all personnel under emergency and non-emergency conditions.

The Safety Office will remain dedicated to promoting firefighter safety in a proactive and consistent manner. Work is ongoing to revise and/or implement safety-related SOP’s (Standard Operating Procedures) that will establish division policy on specific safety-related issues. Expansion of the duties and responsibilities of the Safety Office is always an issue of ongoing discussion and will remain in 2014.

In 2013, we were very busy with many different projects that helped to advance the quality and efficiency of our EMS system within the Columbus Division of Fire.

The Columbus Division of Fire partnered with The Ohio State University Emergency Medicine Department to create an EMS Fellowship position that will allow an Emergency Medicine Residency Trained individual to work with the Medical Director for the Columbus Division of Fire to learn how to be an effective EMS Medical Director. Our first EMS fellow, Dr. Eric Cortez, started on July 1st 2013 and will work with us for one year. He has done an outstanding job and has provided additional physician resources to the Division of Fire. This position will be an ongoing one that will result in additional human resources for the Columbus Division of Fire. We have received permission to expand this program to two fellowship slots in July of 2014.
A committee was established by the Fire Chief and the Medical Director is serving as a co-chair to look at our current EMS delivery system within the Columbus Division of Fire and determine if it is optimal or if it could be improved and/or made more efficient. It is anticipated this exercise will result in valuable and impactful suggestions for change within our EMS delivery system that will result in overall better patient care and utilization of current resources. In addition to this, a proposal was submitted to Chief Paxton for an EMS Chain of Command that would establish an EMS Bureau to oversee the elements of EMS within the Division of Fire.

The Medical Director introduced a new technology called Pulsepoint to the Division of Fire this year. This is an application for Smartphones allowing users to be notified whenever a cardiac arrest occurs within 300 feet of their location and prompts them to respond to the scene to do CPR. With the cooperation of the Fire Alarm Office we were able to implement this capability to our current CAD and allow citizens of Columbus to download this app and use it in our community.

The Medical Director in conjunction with EMS staff and the Central Ohio Trauma System (COTS) have worked to create a Bariatric EMS Vehicle that can respond to bariatric patients needing specific lifting assistance. This vehicle was outfitted with special equipment that was obtained by COTS with a grant and the Division of Fire looks to deploy this vehicle in January 2014.

**EMS Research currently being implemented includes:**
- Use of Ultrasound in the prehospital setting
- Use of the Canadian Triage Assessment Scores and its relevance to EMS
- Utilization of Community Paramedics in preventing readmission of CHF patients
- Ketamine use in Excited Delirium in the prehospital setting
- EMS sepsis alerts impact on outcome of sepsis patients
For EMS Week this year, we continued our CFD/COSI EMS and Safety Day that incorporated Nationwide Children’s Hospital and the City of Columbus. We emphasized safety in children with a bike helmet giveaway and bike town along with CPR instruction and other stations that focused on preventing injuries from trauma in children. We also did the following:

- We taught “Anytime CPR” to 100 8th graders during EMS week
- We added a “New American” CPR class for different ethnic groups.
- We had our annual Cardiac Arrest Survivor Celebration
- We had a dry run in May during EMS week of Surgical Emergency Response Team (SERT) at the Anheuser Busch plant and it went well. We employed a patient simulation mannequin and this lent a great deal of reality to the scenario. After the exercise we had a debriefing to discuss what went right and what went wrong.

The Medical Director worked with the Chief of Support Services to anticipate and plan for EMS drug shortages. We kept a running inventory and a one year supply of all EMS drugs. We have explored innovative ways for maximizing our supply of these drugs such as utilizing Chempack stocks of Atropine and Valium and replacing difficult to find drugs with others that are easier to procure.

We have continued to be a leader in Cardiac Arrest Survivor Rates and have dedicated much effort to making sure our EMS providers know how to perform quality CPR.

The Medical Director continued to work with EMS training to gain official accreditation as a paramedic teaching site from the national accrediting organization.
Dr. Keseg spoke at the following conferences in 2013:

- EAGLES consortium in February 2013
- Ohio ITLS conference in February 2013
- JEMS Annual Scientific Assembly March 2013
- Grant EMS Week Conference May 2013

In terms of committee and collaborative involvement, Dr. Keseg participated in the following:

- The Medical Director continued to serve as Chairperson of the EMS Protocol Committee and direct the biannual changes to the protocol. Two of the changes that were implemented in 2013 are a revision of SOP 07-00-13 that mandates hospital choice of all patients calling 911 and the most appropriate hospital destination and our cervical spine immobilization policy.
- Participated on Stroke Task Force, Prehospital committee, Sepsis Task Force, Pharmacy Task Force, and STEMI Task Force for COTS
- Served on the Journal of EMS (JEMS) Editorial Board
- Member of EMS Committee and EMS Section for National ACEP
- Consultation with FAO on ProQA and other fire alarm dispatch issues
- Helped to advise and provide counsel to the City Attorney’s office on litigation issues involving Columbus Fire EMS
- Did periodic conference calls and meetings with EMS supervisors for updates and data exchange
- Set up a rotation schedule for Ohio State University EM residents to “adopt” a fire station to do ride-alongs and educational sessions
- Worked with Special Duty on issues relating to our contracts with Huntington Park and the Columbus Clippers as well as the Columbus Blue Jackets and Ohio State University football
- Worked with representatives from Mt. Carmel Hospitals to evaluate the efficacy of data sharing of our two electronic medical records systems
The Administration Bureau is headed by the Administration Officer, Assistant Chief David K. Whiting, who represents the Division of Fire in contract negotiations, disciplinary hearings, and interacts with other city divisions and departments. Additionally, the Administration Officer serves as a project manager on department initiatives identified/assigned and works with other community groups, departments and agencies. The Administration Bureau is responsible for human resources, payroll, recruitment, background investigations, internal investigations, and discipline.

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICER’S LIAISON**

The Administration Officer’s Liaison Captain manages these recurring issues:

- Tracking and processing members’ permanent transfers to a new assignment each quarter.
- Administering the Flower Fund and disseminating funds as needed.
- Managing light-duty assignments. Members on light-duty may work on key projects and assist in other administrative duties.
- Managing the Division’s cell phones, air cards and pagers.
- Tracking Professional Standards Unit cases.
- Other administrative duties assigned.

**ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY**

The Administration Secretary assists the Administration Bureau with management of office functions and assists various committees within and outside the Administration Bureau. This includes working with Fleet Accident Review, Health & Safety Committee, and the Critical Incident Stress Team. The Administration Secretary coordinates scheduling grievance and disciplinary hearings with the Director of Public Safety’s Office.

**BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

The Background Investigations Unit is comprised of five assigned Firefighters. They are responsible for conducting in-depth investigations of Firefighter candidates on the Civil Service eligibility list prior to final appointment. Candidates sign waivers allowing the Background Investigators to conduct extensive background investigations. At this time, each candidate must submit a high school diploma or GED Certificate and/or College Diploma and Transcript of grades, Drivers’ License, Proof of Auto Insurance, Birth Certificate, Marriage License, Military documents, etc.

A personal history questionnaire is required from each candidate along with a pre-interview, picture, and a polygraph coordinated through The Columbus Division Police. Candidate fingerprints are obtained and sent to The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation for a computerized criminal history. Further, a credit report is obtained for each candidate through CBC Innovis Employment Screening; a Franklin County Sheriff report, (and/or Sheriff’s report from the candidates local jurisdiction) is obtained for each candidate; a driving abstract is obtained for each candidate from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and a home interview is conducted with each candidate (and spouse) to gather further information, answer any questions and to explain the entire selection process.
The candidate will be required to go before an Oral Interview Board consisting of Division of Fire personnel. The Board will then make a recommendation to the Fire Chief and the Director of Public Safety. The Director of Public Safety will select candidates for a conditional offer of employment. Each candidate will then receive a physical examination including a vision and cardiovascular stress test coordinated through The Ohio State University.

Candidates must be free of dependency and addiction to narcotics, alcohol or other controlled substances. This is followed by a psychological examination and then final appointment by the Director of Public Safety.

In 2013, the unit processed 83 candidates for one recruit class of 35 recruits which started in June of 2013. These new hires are essential to fulfill the needs of the Division. The Background Investigation Unit will continue to process candidates off the current 2011 list which has been extended until November 2014 by the Civil Service Commission. Currently, a class has been scheduled for June 2014.

RECRUITMENT OFFICE
The Division’s Recruitment Office circulates Firefighter testing information through civic events, public media, schools, churches and career fairs. We continue as community liaisons to cultivate relationships that foster our diversity connections and resources for potential diverse candidates.

In 2013, the Recruitment office became a partner of the Columbus Police Diversity Recruiting Council (DRC). This council is made up of various community leaders. We are currently assisting Civil Service Commission on the 2014 testing format.

The Recruitment Office continues to recruit and retain applicants reflecting the demographics of our community and the public we serve, through educational opportunities and the firefighter selection process. Detailed information on the firefighter selection process can be found at Columbusfire.org under recruitment.

College Career Fairs Attended 2013:
OSU Athletic Career fair
OSU Newark Branch Career fair
Hocking Tech Career fair
Lancaster Job and Family Services career fairs OU Branch Bilingual Latino Career fair
Central State Career fair

Community Events Attended 2013:
Columbus Downtown High School
Fire Class Ladder Climb Day at Fire Station #1
T.O.U.C.H. Hoops Classic (Teaching Opportunity Unity by Connecting Hearts)
Columbus City Schools Young Women Empowerment Summit
Strategies for Young African American Youth
Franklinton teen summit @ the Gladden Community House
Asian Festival
Juneteenth
Jazz and Rib Festival
Latino Festival
Recruitment Partnerships Developed in 2013:
- International Association of Women in the Fire and EMS services
- Columbus Police Diversity Recruiting Council (DRC)
- Fire 20/20

A) Training webinar issues and answers/ recruiting and retaining diversity
B) Multicultural resources and contact opportunities

Interested applicants touched from January 1st, 2013 through December 31st, 2013
- Approximately 4,293 people.
- Career fairs
- Community Events
- Office calls answered and returned
- E-Mail requests and responses
- Walk Ins
- Firefighter selection process Information packets mailed out.

Marketing and Advertising Tools 2013:
- New Brochures for 2014
- New Trinkets for 2014
- Billboards located around the City of Columbus for 2014 open application period
- Facebook page
- 1-800 # added to recruitment office phones
- Events calendar on the ColumbusFire.org website

HUMAN RESOURCE / PAYROLL

The Human Resource and Payroll sections are managed by a Human Resource Manager. The staff includes one Human Resource Representative and four Payroll/Benefits Clerks.

Primary functions include:
- Administering benefits such as insurance, disability, injury leave, FMLA and worker’s compensation;
- Administering all personnel transactions including promotions, demotions, suspensions, resignations, retirements, terminations and layoffs;
- Overseeing compliance with Labor contracts on matters such as grievance and disciplinary procedures;
- Preparing reports and tracking overtime, retirements and staffing levels;
- Making quarterly personnel related budget projections and handling various federal personnel reimbursements requests.
- Processing personnel/payroll transactions for regular hours, overtime and shift differential;
- Validating payroll and making corrections and adjustments such as retroactive pay;
- Maintaining personnel records and distributing payroll related information to members.
The Division currently has approximately 1550 uniformed employees and 37 full time civilian employees and anticipates approximately 47 total retirements for the year. A class of 35 recruit firefighters was hired in June of 2013 and is scheduled to graduate in early 2014. The Division is also hoping to add 5 new civilian positions. Staffing levels have remained stable this year. Overtime is projected at approximately 6.8 million dollars.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

The Professional Standards Unit primary mission is to protect the concerns of Citizens, Members and the Division by providing relevant factual Administrative Investigations. PSU facilitates Quality Assurance in addressing operational, procedural or administrative deficiencies by ensuring fairness and accountability to all involved. The unit works with the City Attorney’s Office in the tracking of criminal cases.

PSU is led by a Battalion Chief and staffed with 2 lieutenants, 4 firefighters, and 1 non-uniform office assistant.

In 2013, the Professional Standards Unit investigated a total of 152 cases which included 75 citizen complaints and 77 intra-divisional assignment directives.

HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard was formed in 1946 to honor Firefighters who were military veterans. Soon after, it became dedicated to honoring all our brother and sister Columbus Firefighters who have gone before us. Whether Retired, active, Line of Duty, and the FF’s Memorial. We do this by posting a Funeral Guard during calling hours, providing a rifle team for the 21 gun salute to Veterans, Bell service, and flag fold when needed. We also have members available for Taps(Bugler) and Amazing Grace(Pipes) at the graveside service. That is our primary function. We do respond to Line of Duty deaths in Ohio, as well as multiple L.O.D.D.s outside of the state. For the past five years the Honor Guard has represented the C.F.D. at the I.A.F.F. International Firefighter’s Memorial in Colorado Springs. There we have participated in many capacities. This year we presented a flag for a Worthington Ohio FF who had no representation. In October, for the first time, we attended the National Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Once again performing multiple duties at that event. The Honor Guard participates in many Fire Department and City events as well. Providing Color details for promotional, graduation, and cardiac survivor ceremonies, as well as parades.

For 2013 the Honor Guard responded to:

L.O.D.D. Funerals for:
- West Texas, Texas
- Houston, Texas,
- Baltimore, Maryland
- Chicago, Illinois
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Memorials Attended:
- Columbus Fire
- I.A.F.F. FF’s
- National FF’s
- Five parades
- Ten Color postings
The Fire Prevention Bureau of the Columbus Division of Fire consists of the Fire & Explosives Investigations Section, the Inspections Section, and the Office of Community Relations. The Bureau was established to meet the minimum requirements for fire safety, consistent with practices recognized nationally and internationally as providing a reasonable level of property and life safety protection for both public and emergency responders. The Fire Prevention Bureau is in the forefront when it comes to ensuring our inspectors and officers remain current with changing code requirements and their application. We achieve this through continuing education, State of Ohio certificate renewals, Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR) Licensing, and additional certifications and licensing.

Our goal is not only to meet the minimum requirements as established by the Ohio Revised Code, Columbus City Codes, National Fire Protection Association, and applicable international fire codes, but also to exceed those provisions through our continued efforts of self-improvement and commitment to public safety. Below you will find a summary of the services we provide to the community we serve and protect. This report includes data from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Major Bureau accomplishments for 2013 in the Fire Prevention Bureau include:

- Major reorganization of the Bureau to increase efficiency, accountability, and customer service
- Review and revision of job descriptions for Bureau officer positions
- Implementation of annual fire station inspections by District Inspectors
- Adoption of a carpool system for Bureau inspectors
- Adoption of Telestaff public safety software for improved personnel time tracking and scheduling
- Update of the Bureau website with current information and resources for the public
- Completion of fire inspector skill upgrade course by 40-hour Emergency Services personnel
- Attendance by key personnel at the following seminars: Sunshine Law Training seminar, Compressed Natural Gas training and information class, National Fire Sprinkler Association information seminar, and Fire Systems informational seminar
INSPECTIONS SECTION

The Inspections Section is responsible for providing an effective Fire Prevention Inspection Program and enforcing the Fire Prevention Code. In order to accomplish its mission, the Inspections Section includes the following four offices: 1) Annual Inspections Office, 2) Plans Review/ Witness Testing and Permits/ Records Office, 3) Requested Inspections Office, and 4) Special Inspections Office.

It is a goal of the Inspections Section to inspect every commercial property in Columbus at least once a year. Cross training of personnel to establish a layered customer service response, supported by written procedures, is a key initiative of the Bureau. This approach has resulted in increased numbers of Life Safety Inspectors and Prevention 18 alternates, improved service desk coverage, and enhanced tracking of various activities.

A “HotSpots Initiative” was established to facilitate fire and building code compliance of high-risk and problem structures within the city. The initiative involves the collaborative efforts of the CFD Fire Prevention Bureau, the Department of Building and Zoning Services, and the Columbus City Attorney’s Office. To date, this initiative has successfully resolved several of the city’s most hazardous properties.

Annual Inspections Office

The Annual Inspections Office performs all school, industrial storage, hazardous materials, and business occupancy inspections. Certified Inspectors conducted approximately 1600 school inspections, including Columbus City Schools and the Catholic, charter, and suburban schools inside the city limits. Inspectors also performed over 400 re-inspections to ensure compliance was being met.

In addition, approximately 350 retirement homes and industrial complexes were inspected, with 80 re-inspections being completed to ensure compliance. This section is currently working toward a proposal for off-campus housing inspections and Resident Assistant training programs at local universities.

Plans Review/ Witness Testing and Permits/ Records Office

As part of the Bureau’s strategic reorganization, the Permits & Records Office and Plans & Review Office were merged into a joint office. The primary goal of this area is to ensure the safety of citizens in all buildings in the city. To accomplish this aim, the office performs college inspections, high rise evacuation drills, all annual permit billing, and all records retention on buildings. The Permits/ Records Section entered 18,420 Fire Inspection Reports (FP-350s), both by company and Fire Prevention inspectors, issued 6,000 permits, and invoiced over $800,000.00 in permit fees. This section also implemented a new invoicing and permitting process, which provides improved collection and tracking of various inspection and permit fees.

The Plans Review Section reviews all plans and blueprints submitted to the city and performs inspections on all buildings that are newly built or renovated. Inspectors reviewed over 2,400 plans and performed over 1,300 Life Safety inspections, 870 Hydro inspections, and 486 Relocation inspections. This section developed procedures regarding radio reception testing in new and existing buildings per the Ohio Fire Code, and implemented a customer service survey/feedback procedure for inspections. It is anticipated that the Plans Review Section will continue to see increased workload as construction and renovation requests rise.
Requested Inspections Office

The Requested Inspections Office performs Day Care inspections (facilities and homes), Group Home inspections, Foster Care and Adoption inspections, and inspections of the city’s Recreation Centers. This year, the office performed more than 1,400 inspections and 68 annual high-rise evacuation drills. There are 164 high-rise buildings in the inspection area, and these are inspected quarterly by a company lieutenant. A tracking system was developed to improve accountability for these inspections.

Special Inspections Office

The Special Inspections Office performs all major public assembly inspections, underground tank inspections, complaint inspections, festival inspections, and hotel/motel inspections. The Special Inspections Office is also responsible for the inspections and safety of any and all pyrotechnic displays. This section performed 164 Outdoor Event Inspections, 261 Pyrotechnic/Firework Display Inspections 77 Complaint Inspections, 624 Hotel/Motel Inspections, 31 fully-staffed Fire Watches and 92 Tank Inspections. This section also developed an improved inspection and permitting procedure for food carts and trucks, which includes a more comprehensive inspection of propane storage and plumbing, and testing of safety shut-offs. Annual fees collected for Pyro/Fireworks Inspections, Outdoor Event Permits, Fire Watch Services, and Outdoor Event Inspections totaled more than $150,000.00.

Fire and Explosives Investigations Section

The Fire and Explosives Investigations Section conducts investigations into the origin and cause of various fires including those of a suspicious, incendiary, explosive, or undetermined nature, and all fires involving loss of life or large dollar loss. The unit investigated 306 Incendiary reports, 231 Accidental reports, and 94 Undetermined reports. There were 17 arrests for the year: 14 Adult and 3 Juvenile. There were seven adult fire deaths: two from undetermined circumstances, two from incendiary circumstances, and three from accidental causes. There were a total of 647 total incidents investigated, including 212 unknown causes and 13 bomb incidents.

A four-week Basic/Advanced Fire Investigations training, taught by the State Fire Marshal’s Office, was held for Prevention 18 inspectors and alternates.
Office of Community Relations

The Office of Community Relations fulfills the Division’s goal of educating the public through fire safety education programs and involvement with community groups. This office is actively involved with the community and partners with over 35 community agencies, including The American Red Cross, OSU Burn Coalition, Nationwide Children’s Hospital Child Injury Prevention, Columbus Public Health “Healthy Homes,” Columbus Community Relations Commission, and the City of Columbus Neighborhood Pride program. This section also manages the Smoke Detector Program, an initiative designed to provide detectors to community residents in need. An asset tag system was implemented this year for improved tracking of detectors, from the initial receipt of request to the actual installation of each detector. The Community Relations Section partnered with the Air Conditioner Contractors Association /IMPACT for the “Heat the Town” event, providing and installing over 300 smoke detectors, 170 carbon monoxide detectors, and 130 batteries in the Linden area this year. The Emergency Services Bureau again provided assistance to this section by presenting 355 programs to 84,592 participants on fire education and safety.

The Ohio Blue Ribbon Arson Committee continues to support the Bureau’s annual Arson Awareness Week poster contest, with cash prizes to area high school students who create an annual awareness campaign message. The 2013 winning digital artwork was submitted by Aissatou Bah of Fort Hayes High School and the winning hand-drawn artwork was submitted by Ibrahim Mansaray of Northland High School; The 2013 message was Prevent Youth Fire Setting.

The Fifty-Plus Program reached out to over 10,000 elderly participants in more than 130 programs in the community this year, providing information and training on cooking safety, fall prevention, and other fire safety measures intended for older citizens. Rebuild Ohio partnered with the Division again this year, supplying over 100 home safety kits which included safety information handouts, smoke detectors, and a carbon monoxide detector. The Senior Services Roundtable of Columbus and Franklin County held the 3rd Annual Senior Festival, of which the Fifty-Plus Program coordinator is a co-founder.

The Juvenile Firesetter Program, a program that targets young individuals who become involved with fire safety issues, conducted over 220 educational sessions with juveniles. Participation with the Franklin County Child Fatality Review Team provides invaluable training tools and information used in this program.
The **Fire Fighters Against Drugs (FFAD)** Program provides fire safety education, fire prevention tutoring, and mentoring in Columbus City Schools. FFAD firefighters tutor elementary-age children in math and reading, while also being involved in the Stop the Violence, Say No to Bullies, and Say Yes to Positive Involvement programs. FFAD firefighters currently reach out to five schools per week. The FFAD Program has been expanded to include work with homeless and disadvantaged students, providing much needed essentials such as clothing and school supplies. In addition, FFAD has begun assisting with the Capital Kids After School and Summer Program. This year, FFAD Specialists presented more than 160 programs, reaching over 4,200 participants.

The **Safe House Program** teaches children fire safety and evacuation procedures at community events. The program operates two mobile vehicles (one large and one small) that are equipped to show actual fire hazards and safety measures. Fire personnel utilized the Safe House vehicles to educate over 42,000 participants at Health Fairs, festivals and other events, and informed more than 250 OSU Smoke Out presentation participants. The Safe House representative participated in 10 Health Fairs, conducting safety talks and demonstrations and passing out fire safety literature to more than 3,000 participants. The Public Education Specialist in this area has also been involved in mentoring and recruiting young minorities in urban areas and reaching out to teenage mothers in the Columbus City Schools and Franklinton area.

The **Diversity Outreach Program** teaches fire safety prevention to residents of Somali, Latino, and other cultural descent in the city. The Specialist in this section acts as a liaison for interpreters to ensure that all cultural communities have the opportunity to receive fire safety information. It is estimated that there are approximately 50,000 Somali and 40,000 Latino in central Ohio. The Specialist in this section performed over 100 programs at different cultural events and provided *Career Day* presentations to the many international representatives of the community. This Specialist also translated and recorded the Fire and Police greeting on the 911 Emergency lines.
The mission of the Training Bureau is to assure that all Division of Fire members have the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and efficiently fulfill the Mission of the Division. To accomplish this mission, the Bureau is divided into four functional areas, each having a specific area of expertise and training responsibility.

Assistant Chief Kevin O’Connor heads the Columbus Division of Fire Training Bureau. The Bureau has an administrative secretary who has clerical responsibilities, as well as assuring records are properly recorded and processed. In addition to training the Division of Fire’s recruit firefighters, the Training Bureau is also responsible for providing the Division of Fire’s medical training and other specialized training, and maintaining the records for various certifications held by Division of Fire members. The management structure of the Training Bureau is organized to provide training for two general disciplines, fire training and emergency medical training.

Emergency medical training is provided under the supervision of our EMS Program Director and fire training is provided under the supervision of a Battalion Chief. Fire training is further divided into three areas of expertise, each supervised by a Captain; Recruit Training, Officer and Specialized Training, and Apprenticeship Training.

The Emergency Medical Training section is responsible for training all levels of Emergency Medical Technicians and for maintaining those certifications through extensive continuing education courses. The Recruit Training section is responsible for receiving civilian candidates and converting them into firefighters with EMT Basic, Firefighter II, and Fire Inspector certifications.

The Officer and Specialized training section is responsible for officer and in-service training including Hazmat, ARFF, technical rescue, and state mandated Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector continuing education.

The Apprenticeship Training section is responsible for continuing the training for the newly graduated firefighters until such time as they attain certification as a Journeyman Firefighter. They are also responsible for practical skill development and evaluation for all fire companies and other personnel.

In summary, the Training Bureau is involved in a partnership existing between Training staff and the members of Emergency Services that help us to present the training. This working relationship is why we look forward to having an even more successful training year in 2014.
TRAINING FACILITY

This $9.7 million dollar complex includes a natural gas fired burn building, six-story training tower, practical skills building and various additional training props. These facilities have been utilized extensively for Recruit, Apprentice and In-Service training evolutions. In 2013, the Training Academy completed one class of 34 recruits and began a second class of 35 recruits, all of which extensively used these facilities for their fire training. Features of this facility include:

Practical Skills Building:
This building houses Recruit Training staff and recruit firefighters. It includes: classrooms, shower facilities, turn-out gear room, SCBA storage and maintenance room, three-story attached training tower, breathing air compressor and cascade systems and six extra high and extra-long apparatus bays. This large area can house training apparatus and equipment and also afford us the opportunity to conduct practical skills training and testing indoors in inclement weather.

Burn Building:
Our burn building is two stories with an attic space, kitchen, bedroom and featuring natural gas burn props and smoke production on all levels. There are five rooms on each of the first two floors plus three attic rooms and various openings, balconies and roof amenities to allow a vast variety of training opportunities.

Training Tower:
This six-story masonry structure with a two-story wing allows us to simulate high rise emergency operations. We have included a variety of openings and anchors to facilitate ladder, rope and confined space training evolutions.

Roof Simulator:
This wooden structure includes three different roof pitches; 6/12, 8/12 and 12/12. It has a replaceable cutout section in each pitch that allows us to provide roof operations training in a controlled, safe environment.

Shelter House:
This open-sided forty foot by sixty foot shelter with electric and water provides a haven from the heat and rain. It has tables and marker boards for lesson reinforcement in a “dirty classroom” environment.

Storage Building:
This forty foot by sixty foot “pole barn” is being used to store equipment and supplies we utilize for off-site live fire training evolutions. Recruit Training has also built an advanced search and rescue SCBA confidence maze that is stored in this structure.

Flash Over Simulator:
In 2011, through cooperation with State of Ohio Fire Academy, the Division of Fire took possession of a “flash-over” simulator which is now a part of our training grounds. This simulator allows our members to witness the signs of an impending flashover first hand. The State of Ohio Fire Academy staff has certified our instructors to provide this training to all of our members in house. This simulator was obtained without cost to the City of Columbus.

VES Simulator:
New this year is the addition of a Vent, Enter, and Search (VES) simulator. This simulator was built by members of our training staff and allows for simulation of search and rescue techniques off of a ground level 4/12 pitch roof as well as vertical entry techniques from a flat metal roof area.

Confined Space Simulation Area:
This area of the grounds includes multiple configurations of underground piping to allow for training in confined space entry and removal.

Training Grounds:
Surrounding all of these structures is a large expanse of heavy duty reinforced concrete to accommodate fire apparatus. There are 12 fire hydrants, a pond with dry hydrants for drafting, and a half-mile asphalt running trail that extends around the complex used for physical training.
In 2013, Training Academy expanded their training aids by purchasing a forcible entry door prop. Other training props were designed and constructed by the recruit staff at very minimal cost to the City of Columbus. These props were utilized extensively in 2013 for Recruit, Apprentice and In-Service training. Several Train-the-Trainer classes were conducted on these props to increase the number of qualified instructors available.

Recruit training will be adding a search and rescue building in 2014. This building will simulate an apartment style floor plan, that will allow the walls and room configuration to change based on the training plan. This will be used for recruit training, as well as, company level training. It will consist of a maze and residential floor plan.

**OFFICER AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING**

This section is headed by a captain and includes Officer Training and In-Service Training. One firefighter is assigned to this area and is responsible for coordinating the Fire and Inspector education modules of CentreLearn, as well as developing new training objectives. Many temporarily assigned personnel and outside facilitators are utilized to offer a wide variety of courses.

This section provides training that keeps our personnel informed of the most current up-to-date emergency response techniques, which enables them to respond safely and efficiently to any emergency. This section also tracks company level training, updates in-service lessons plans, and has developed curriculum for Fire Officer I and II and Safety Officer 2 courses.

EMS CE days have been reformatted to incorporate fire training into one of the CE days. The first Fire Continuing Education Day (FCE1) utilized the Training Academy’s flash over simulator to conduct in-service training.

**Online Learning:**

Online course delivery, through our CentreLearn platform, was utilized to help meet the State of Ohio continuing education requirements for Firefighter II, Fire Safety Inspector, EMT, and Paramedic certifications. In addition, the online learning platform has been an effective tool for the dissemination of Division of Fire bulletins, procedural updates, and a process to have all training records compiled in one location.

This project was initiated in 2006 to meet the Ohio Legislative mandates that all Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector certificate holders recertify every three years. Each recertification cycle requires the certificate holder to attend 54 hours of continuing education for Firefighter and 30 hours of continuing education for Fire Safety Inspector.

This plan also includes additional future staff to facilitate practical skill training and testing in the field so Emergency Services personnel can remain available to respond immediately to any calls for service.

**In 2013:**

Over 106,354 hours of continuing education was completed and issued to 1,556 users. There were 9 online courses developed with the Division of Fire’s own content, totaling 15.5 contact hours, and disseminated to the members. In addition, there were 55,435 hours of hands-on drills completed by individual fire companies. The Division of Fire entered into an agreement to share learning content through CentreLearn with the cities of Dayton and Cincinnati, in return allowing the Division of Fire to utilize their training. In addition, Assistant Chief O’Connor coordinated the inclusion of other central Ohio fire departments into this content sharing. This will allow the Division of Fire to increase continuity of training and responses on scene.
FIRE OFFICER I
In the spring, a two-week Train-the-Trainer program, in conjunction with the Ohio Fire Academy, was completed certifying 14 new instructors. These instructors will enable the Division of Fire to conduct the Fire Officer I course to meet the OFA and NFA standards at the Division of Fire’s training complex. In July, a three-week Fire Officer I course meeting the requirements of NFPA 1021, Ohio Fire Academy and National Fire Academy standards was conducted for 22 Lieutenant candidates, using the newly certified instructors.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING
The Emergency Medical Training Section currently consists of a Captain, Lieutenant, Firefighter, EMS Education Manager, EMS Instructor II, two EMS Instructor I’s, and two part-time EMS instructors. The permanent staff is augmented by state certified instructor personnel from throughout the Division of Fire and other agencies in order to provide high quality training.

The responsibilities of the Emergency Medical Training Section include providing the initial and continuing education (CE) necessary to maintain the state certifications of over 780 Paramedics and over 725 EMTs. This section is also responsible for public CPR outreach programs, EMS officer training and instructor continuing education.

In 2013, three EMT classes were completed certifying 27 new EMTs with the Ohio Division of EMS. In the new recruit class that started in June, the 15 recruits that came to the Division of Fire with their state EMT or Paramedic certification attended one of two alternative EMS CE courses which provided Division of Fire EMS protocol and documentation training so the recruits would be better prepared to perform EMS duties upon completion of recruit training.

There were 15 firefighters that completed paramedic training in June. In December 2013, a new class of 20 firefighters started the Division of Fire’s Paramedic Training Program after completing a three-month hybrid Anatomy and Physiology course in conjunction with Columbus State Community College. A large portion of the class was completed online, greatly reducing the number of hours that the students had to be taken out of Emergency Services staffing.

Simulation is quickly becoming the new standard in EMS education and certification. The Division of Fire’s Simulation Lab is continuously evolving. In 2013, a classroom was reconfigured to create a mock apartment and a simulation control room to increase the realism of a patient encounter. A pediatric simulation manikin was purchased with Entrepreneur Training funds and has been integrated into many EMS classes.

In July, a training class began for EMTs for the Peak Demand Medic Staffing evaluation. The class consisted of psychomotor skills practice & evaluation, protocol training, field clinical evaluation, and documentation training.

The Division of Fire hosted the National Association of EMS Educators Instructor Course in November – 45 students attended.

The EMS Training Section provided over 53,184 hours of training broken down as follows:

- Paramedic Course 12,219 Hours
- EMT initial Training 7,815 Hours
- EMS Continuing Education Series 20,762 Hours
- ACLS 1,760 Hours
- PALS 1,690 Hours
- CPR 2,116 Hours
- Miscellaneous CME 282 Hours
- Outreach CPR & First Aid Classes 5,552 Hours
- Outreach ACLS & Pals Classes 796 Hours
- Outreach Continuing Education series 192 Hours
Emergency Medical Training Goals for 2014 include:

- Complete and certify a Paramedic class of 20 students
- Implementation of refresher program consistent with State of Ohio and National Registry of EMT requirements
- Capitalize on e-learning to provide quality training to members
- Improvement of Division of Fire’s Simulation lab for realistic practical exercises
- Create Battalion EMS trainer program to take CE training to stations
- Increased utilization of off-site simulation labs in conjunction with Mt. Carmel and Ohio Health to improve upon the delivery of patient care
- Create step by step “How to” videos for performing EMS skills
- Initiate a community “Hands-only” CPR training program to increase the awareness of the importance of bystander CPR

Recruit Training Activities include:

In June, a recruit class of 35 recruits began their 33 weeks of training with an anticipated graduation date of February 2014.

In July, the December 2012 class of 34 recruits graduated from Training Academy. During their 32 weeks of training, these recruits earned their State of Ohio FF II certifications, State of Ohio Fire Safety Inspector certifications, National Registry Emergency Medical Technician-Basic certifications, Haz-Mat Awareness and Operations certifications.

Apprenticeship Training:

The Apprenticeship Training Section is headed by a captain. The staff includes one lieutenant and two firefighters. The Apprenticeship program serves as a bridge for the new firefighter from recruit training to riding in-charge. The program will reinforce the skills learned in recruit training while developing the more advanced skills needed as an acting officer. The training continues for three years from the date of hire.

Apprenticeship Training accomplishments include:

- Total of 224 Apprentice Fire Fighters in the program
- Total Apprentice Training hours = 44,694
- Completed the nine module apprenticeship training booklet
- Written assignments were updated to make work more challenging and stimulating
- Hands-on fire skills development and written testing every 14 weeks
- Acting officer development
- Updated the final hands-on evaluation test
- Completed the new final hands-on evaluation skill sheets;

RECRUIT TRAINING

The Recruit Training Section is headed by a captain with a permanent staff of four firefighters. Two lieutenants were temporarily assigned from Emergency Services to manage the Firefighter II program and the Division Operations program. A firefighter was borrowed from the Fire Prevention Bureau to instruct the Fire Safety Inspector program. Four additional firefighter instructors were temporarily assigned to assist with the recruit classes.

The Recruit Training staff maintains four fully-equipped engines, two ladder trucks, four buses and various other pieces of apparatus. These are used throughout the year as supplemental Emergency Services companies, for FPB fire watches, Apprenticeship testing and for Recruit Training.
Collaboration with Various Outside Agencies:
In 2013, with cooperation from Columbus State Community College (CSCC), the JATC Committee finalized the first phase of a post-training academy associates degree program to coincide with the JATC 36 month program. Starting with the recruit class of 12/20/12, graduating recruits were enrolled with CSCC and will take online courses to fulfill a portion of their JATC requirements while working toward an Associate’s degree in Fire Science.

In addition:
- Worked with The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft to certify 32 Apprentice needing to meet the Ohio Boating Education Requirement
- Eligible veterans who were in the Apprenticeship and/or Paramedic program were assisted so that they could receive monthly benefits from Veterans Affairs,
- Implemented new requirements from the Ohio State Apprenticeship Council

DIVISION OF FIRE AUXILIARY
Our mission is to assist and support the Division of Fire during major emergencies, as well as, daily emergency services to the City of Columbus. A significant component to the Auxiliary Division is responding to multiple alarm fires, and assisting on company with Division of Fire personnel city wide. The Auxiliary also maintains the skills necessary to safely & efficiently fulfill Division of Fire operations through monthly training sessions. Auxiliary (AUX) members also provide assistance for Division of Fire special events, and multiple charity events throughout the City of Columbus.

The Columbus Division of Fire Auxiliary maintained a roster of 22 Firefighters and a command staff consisting of Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, 2 Lieutenants & 3 Captains. All active AUX members are certified NFPA/IFSAC Level 2 Firefighter & EMT certified, as well as, 5 Paramedics. This program is under the direction of the Division of Fire’s Recruit Training Captain.

Approximately 900 hours of training was provided to Auxiliary members utilizing the Burn Building, the Roof Simulator and the Training Tower at the Division of Fire’s training complex.

The Columbus Division of Fire Auxiliary annual report consists of total manpower hours provided during calendar year 2013. The hours reported are broken down into Emergency Services, Training, Special Duty, Charity Events & Company hours.

EMERGENCY SERVICES – Alarms – 10
Manpower Hours – 360 Hours
Average Manpower – 8
Average Incident Operations – 4.5 Hours

TRAINING DIVISION – 875 Hours
Division Operations
Special Operations – Haz-Mat, Rope Rescue, Auto Extrication, RIT Ops

SPECIAL SERVICE – 240 Hours
Red, White, & Boom
Battle of the Badges Stair climb
Firefighters 4 Kids
CFD Firefighter Memorial

SUPPLEMENTAL COMPANY STAFFING – 3,823 Hours

TOTAL 2013
AUXILIARY MANPOWER HOURS – 5,298 Hours
The Support Services Bureau (SSB) mission is to provide and maintain the facilities, apparatus, equipment and supplies so that the Division of Fire can serve the public effectively and efficiently; to receive emergency and non-emergency calls and to dispatch the necessary alarms through our Fire Alarm Office; and to provide infectious disease prevention and intervention for our firefighters.

Major accomplishments for 2013 include: breaking ground on new Fire Station 2 at 222 Greenlawn Avenue. This new fire station will replace the current Fire Station 2 located at 150 E. Fulton Street that was built in 1962.

The following new apparatus were put into service: (14) 2013 International/Horton Medics.

Additionally, the Fire Alarm Office launched the Positron VIPER Intrado Telephone System. Positron VIPER provides the City of Columbus with enhanced call-taking efficiencies, high availability, automatic call distribution and remote deployment capabilities.

Finally, the Division started the implementation of a new Fire Records Management System utilizing Fire House Software.

In order to accomplish the mission of the SSB, the Bureau is divided into several functional areas. Each area has its own list of accomplishments for 2013.
2013 Accomplishments:

- Continue to provide dispatching for five other fire departments in the Central Ohio Area
- Implemented Positron VIPER Intrado Telephone System. Positron VIPER provides the City of Columbus with enhanced call-taking efficiencies, high availability, automatic call distribution and remote deployment capabilities.
- Conducted FAO training for 22 new dispatchers
- Created a four position 911 call taker / dispatch peak demand overflow room
- Created a nine position back-up dispatch center remote from the main 911 Center
- Started the implementation of a new Fire Records Management System utilizing Fire House Software
- Recertified 160 FAO Dispatchers in Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD) and Emergency Fire Dispatching (EFD) protocols.
- Four members attended the International Conference of the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch

FAO personnel participated in the following special events:

- Ohio State University home football games (Seven Games)
- Ohio State University Spring Commencement
- Columbus Jazz & Rib Fest
- Red, White & Boom
- Columbus Marathon
- Columbus Half Marathon
- Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure
- Arnold Fitness Classic

Processed the following Audio Requests:

- Cardiac Arrests – 434
- PIO – 104
- PSU – 19
- Arson – 6
- Processed 7 annexations requests
- Responded to 155 reports of CAD / Radio issues
- Conducted over 2000 hours of FAO continuing education
Fire Maintenance Liaison Office

The first priority is to keep an appropriate number of supplemental vehicles located and available to support the front line vehicles. We have an overall total of 338 vehicles assigned to the Division. The Fire Maintenance Liaison Office accomplishes its mission through interacting with the Fleet Services Division:

- By scheduling our 22 aerial and platform vehicles for the 2013 NFPA test
- By scheduling our 64 vehicles with pumps for the 2013 NFPA fire pump test
- Completion of the 2013 VIS Dyno brake testing, which included a 100 hr. preventative maintenance inspection of all of our engines, ladders and rescues (totals 84 vehicles)
- The vehicle inspection report for Fleet’s quality control is being attached to each work order electronically. It can be viewed under the files tab in PDF
- Insure that preventive maintenance is completed in a timely manner on all of our 338 vehicles
- Vehicle recalls: we either go through Fleet for repairs or we scheduled them with vendors
- 2 new Rescues were received in January 2013 and were put into service and 2 older Rescues were disposed of through Fleet
- In 2012 Fleet received 15 Fords vehicles to replace the Battalion Chiefs and EMS Supervisor vehicles. These were placed in service this year.
- 14 new Medics were placed in service
- 4 new sedans were placed in service
- The Voyager cards were replaced with SuperFleet cards

In an effort to supply the Division with information we use a status report program available on-line, that gives the status, availability and location of all extra vehicles.

Tools and Equipment Section

This Support Services section oversees the inventory, repair, replacement and maintenance of various tools and equipment used by Emergency Services and Support Units. This is accomplished by maintaining a closely managed inventory of equipment that can be exchanged in a quick timely manner on a daily basis. This section is also involved with R&D on various specification committees for the purchase of equipment.

Additional accomplishments included:

- Repaired and tested all hydraulic tools
- Upgraded spreaders and pumps
- Replaced all damaged ground ladders
- Sent out linemen’s gloves and hot stick wire cutters for testing
- Replaced wooden hose bridges with rubber ones
- Replaced and standardized High Rise Kits
- Finished upgrade standardization of all fire nozzles on engine companies
- Repaired several Inflatable boats and maintained boat fleet
- Maintained and serviced all extinguishers
- Equipped four foam trailers with needed equipment
Mask Repair

Mask Repair completed the annual flow tests on all the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) within the Division of Fire in accordance with NFPA 1981. All technicians have been certified in the maintenance and overhaul of our current SCBA’s through Scott Health & Safety. Mask Repair also performs maintenance and repairs on SCBA’s throughout the year.

Mask Repair also performed annual tests on division issued Scott and 3M masks along with annual tests for ground ladders assigned to CFD engines and ladders. The annual facepiece fit tests were conducted at the station level and at the Training Academy.

Mask Repair also repairs/replaces valves for breathing air and oxygen bottles, repairs broken masks and SCBA’s, and maintains and repairs the breathing air and oxygen cascade systems at all fire stations.

Mask Repair accomplishments:

● Repaired over 450 SCBA harnesses
● Repaired 29 different cascade systems at various fire stations
● Repaired over 65 breathing air cylinders
● Maintain fuel, oxygen and breathing air supplies for all fire stations
● Performed 530 annual flow tests on the divisions SCBA’s
● Performed over 3000 annual fit tests on Scott’s and 3M masks
● Performed over 330 annual ground ladder tests for all engines and ladders

Health and Fitness Coordinator

In 2013, over 1,278 firefighters were scheduled to participate in the fitness/medical program, administered by Mount Carmel Occupational Health. CFD currently has 8 firefighters at fitness level 2 and 1106 at level 3. The program currently schedules exams every 12-13 months. In February, 2013, the fitness coordinator began using the Department of Technology’s new scheduling software, “Firepoint”. “Firepoint” has been working well and has replaced the AS400.

Hydrant Liaison Office

In 2013, the Hydrant Liaison Office coordinated the inspection of approximately 25,546 hydrants; this is an increase of 558 hydrants over the 2012 total.

The Hydrant Liaison Office is the result of a collaborative effort by the City of Columbus, Division of Public Utilities (DPU), and the Columbus Division of Fire to ensure that the maximum numbers of hydrants are functioning properly and to quickly and efficiently address those systems in need of immediate servicing. The Division of Fire accomplished this by conducting routine inspections and forwarding information to the Division of Water.
Below you will find information related to the ongoing hydrant inspection process conducted throughout the year.

- Fire companies conducted 229,860 hydrant inspections on city fire hydrants. This is an increase of 558 additional hydrant inspections over the previous year.
- Fire companies also conduct spot check inspections on approximately 5,260 privately-owned hydrants. This is an increase of 188 additional privately-owned hydrants over the previous year.
- The Water-Web continues to implement significant upgrade over the last year by adding new features, such as the ability to notify fire personnel through a reporting system whenever a hydrant under permit has expired, prompting fire personnel to verify the hydrants serviceability after the hydrant has been used by a customer.
- The Hydrant Liaison Office continues to work closely with DPU-Water to insure the process of hydrant inspections work well by continually reviewing the process and procedure to identify any area that can be improved upon.

Quartermaster
This area is responsible for the daily station wear for all uniform Fire personnel. This system allows the members to obtain uniforms on an exchange basis. The personnel provide materials that include, but are not limited to, Nomex station wear, athletic wear, shoes and boots, new NFPA reflective outer wear, and all administrative and dress uniforms.

Logistics Center
The EMS Supplies & Equipment Section, Office Supplies & Equipment Section, Hose Repair Section, Fire Gear Maintenance Shop and the Mail Carrier Position make up the current five areas of the Logistics Center. Logistics Center personnel are responsible for managing, purchasing, delivering and rotating inventory items throughout the Divisions thirty-two fire stations and seven bureaus.

The Inventory Control Property Manager oversees two civilian storekeepers, who deliver and stock EMS, office and cleaning supplies to the Division’s bureau offices and 32 Fire Stations. The hose repair technician is responsible for repairing or replacing various sizes of fire hose and maintaining our inventory of replacement hose stored at the Logistics Center. A laborer is responsible for the Fire Gear Maintenance Shop which maintains the nearly 1,700 sets of turnout gear in-service throughout the city, and is also responsible for servicing fire gear annually to meet NFPA Standards.
EMS Supply

Accomplishments include:
- Responsible for inventory, tracking, storage and purchase of all EMS supplies, EMS equipment and EMS pharmaceuticals.
- Responsible for the purchase, inventory and security of all controlled substances.
- Handled the exchange and repair of the Division’s Life-Pak units as well as coordinating preventive maintenance on 96 units every six months.
- Purchased 4 new Lucas Devices for automatic CPR.
- Purchased and set aside enough EMS supplies to handle a mass causality incident involving three hundred people. These supplies are inventoried and rotated on an on-going basis.
- Upgraded all Life-Pak 12’s (73) with new software, on-going process.
- Replaced all Diazepam Injectors for the Division and all Franklin County fire departments.
- Replaced 10 of the Division’s first line cots with heavy duty 750lb. capacity cots (ongoing).
- Purchased 11 LifePak15’s (ongoing).

Supply

Accomplishments include:
- Purchased, stored, and distributed in excess of $925,000 worth of janitorial, office, kitchen, turn-out gear, and other misc. supply items.
- Inspected in excess of 1400 sets of turn-out gear
- Distributed 189 sets of turn-out gear
- Continued to move forward with the ATP Fire Gear inspection process including the new tracking system for inventory and repair.
- Participated in 33 house inspections.
- Responded to 62 stations or emergency scenes to exchange damaged gear.
- Stored and maintained supplies and equipment for CFD Bomb Squad.
- Assisted in the training of Franklin County Bomb Canines.
- Maintained the inventory and storage of the hazmat and weapons of mass destruction inventory.
Hose Repair

Accomplishments include:

- Repaired over 170 sections of various sizes of hose.
- Delivered over 100 sections of hose to various stations.
- Inventoried and tested over 70 sections of 2½” high pressure hose assigned to 32 fire stations.
- Collected damaged Mini-Radiac Meters (UDR-13) & Ultra Radiac Meters (MRAD-113) assigned to engines, ladders and rescues for repairs/calibration. 32 meters were sent to the Ohio EMA Radiological Instrument Maintenance & Calibration Laboratory and were certified by the OEMA.

Laundry

- Laundered 2697 sets of turn out gear
- Inspected 2741 sets of turn out gear
- Repaired 891 sets of turn out gear
- Repaired 7 hose bed covers
- Repaired 91 pairs of boots and 42 helmet straps
- Cleaned 47 station entry mats
- Cleaned in excess of 250 division blankets
- Responded 27 times to clean various gear, fatigues, etc… that were exposed to bed bugs.

Building Maintenance

- Replaced fire alarm systems at: 3639 Parsons Ave., and at Fire Stations: 1, 7, 11 and 22
- Replaced Fire Station 32 plumbing lines
- Asphalt design and concrete repairs at Fire Stations: 5, 17, 24, 26, 30, 31
- Demolition of condemned structures on Greenlawn Avenue in site preparation for new fire station.
- Fire Station 2/3 (Greenlawn Avenue) design and groundbreaking
- Windows replaced at Fire Stations: 5, 7, 12, 13, 20, 23
- Installed electrical shorelines for various Fire Stations
- Matrix secure entry systems for Fire Stations: 4, 14, 15, 22, 32, 10, 12, 17, 26, 31, 11, 19, 27, 30, 34
- Architectural design of new Fire Station at Fourth and Fulton
- FAO kitchen cabinets installed
- New boiler for Fire Station 22
The Emergency Services Bureau is divided into seven battalions working 24 hours on duty and 48 hours off duty, supervised daily by a Deputy Chief (ES-2) with 34 Engines, 15 Ladders, 5 Heavy Rescues, 32 Medics 7 Battalion Chiefs and 7 EMS Supervisors.

Columbus Fire responded to 143,853 runs in 2013, 111,247 being EMS calls and 16,483 fire runs, 16 of them multiple alarm fires. One third alarm fire had the potential for some very costly consequences as the building stored hazardous chemicals that contaminated many pairs of boots and sections of hose. In addition, the smoke from this fire caused an order to “shelter in place” to be transmitted to the neighborhoods and the Ohio State Fairgrounds due to the unknown toxicity of the smoke.

In addition, a report of an explosion at Division of Police headquarters on September 24 challenged Emergency Services’ units in the areas of multi-agency response and unified command. The unknown nature of the reported explosion, coupled with eyewitness reports of suspicious activity, led responders to manage the incident as a possible terrorism event. Unified command was quickly established with the Division of Police and the Division of Fire Bomb Squad implemented an action plan requiring the direct involvement and coordination of the Division of Police SWAT team and Counterterrorism Unit, assisted by our own canine teams and those from The Ohio State University and the U.S. Marshal’s office. Following a methodical and thorough search of all nine floors, it was determined that the explosion originated from a battery in a piece of construction equipment being used on the interior of the building.
This year saw the addition of two Peak Demand Medics: Medic 35 running out of Station 10 (or 17) and Medic 38 running out of Station 6. These vehicles gave us the ability to apply Medic resources by identifying the highest demand areas of the city. Studies have indicated other areas where it is believed a Peak Demand Medic will work as well. In September, these two vehicles began being staffed with one paramedic and one EMT-Basic as a 90-day test as an alternative to staffing the vehicle with two paramedics. This staffing model is reviewed bi-weekly for significant runs and the ability of the crews to properly treat illnesses and injuries.

Also new this year was the addition of Bike Medics. While the program is still not fully approved and implemented, the four bike medics were used in an experimental mode at Red, White and Boom, the Mayor’s Twilight Bike ride, and at the first Ohio State University home football game to assist primarily with heat injuries. The Bike Medic program has been very successful and we are hoping to expand and fully implement it.

The bureau experienced significant technology challenges this year which delayed the assignment of Kelly days. In addition, our daily staffing software crashed in August causing us to revert to a paper based staffing system for the two week period it took to get the newer version of the software on-line and working.

Beginning with the 14th pay-period and extending through the end of the year, Assistant Chief Ellis, or one of the bureau aides, reviewed every request for overtime paper (for PT-14) to be able to determine what is driving the overtime. At the end of the year, an analysis and summary was completed concerning overtime and its costs.

Hazmat

Hazmat 4 responded to 26 incidents (Three out of our jurisdiction): 21 daylight runs and 5 night runs, logged 65.20 hours of service time, used no Level “A” suit ensembles and 9 level “B” suit ensembles, used 13 self-contained breathing apparatuses for a total of 225 minutes of mask time.

This year the number of runs is down again for the second consecutive year.

The major incidents of 2013 included an incident involving multiple laboratory chemicals that were being hoarded by a student in an apartment building, assisting Holmes County Sheriff’s office, Columbus Narcotics and our own Bomb Squad with a suspected Meth Lab in Holmes County, a rail tank car that derailed and fell on its side, two semi-truck fires with fuel spills and a major fire in a metal treatment facility which involved multiple vats of corrosive materials and heavy metals which overflowed. Unknown substances/suspicious powder incidents accounted for 9 runs. We have 283 trained Hazmat technicians, down 4 from 2012.
HazMat 4 personnel are involved with many division activities such as:

- Currently working with the Training Academy, and Prevention on developing SOP’s and training programs on Compressed Natural Gas fueled vehicles and facilities in use in central Ohio.
- All three units toured and performed a Confined Space Rescue drill at Georgia Pacific on Watkins Road.
- Toured Heartland Chemical on Fifth Ave. and have continued to work with them on developing response plans and prevention requirements.
- Performed three 3-day HazMat Officer/HazMat Safety Officer courses training 25 HazMat tech officers to this new level.
- Worked with the Bomb Squad’s Joint Hazard Assessment Team (JHAT) teams at Red, White and Boom, The Columbus ½ Marathon, Race for the Cure and provided air monitoring surveillance at the Jazz and Rib Fest.
- Pressure tested 24 level A entry suit ensembles.
- Performed monthly calibration and maintenance on 45 air monitoring instruments.
- Did HazMat training for the Columbus Fire Auxiliaries and Box 15 members.
- Toured Battelle King Ave. and West Jefferson facilities and worked with them on response procedures.

- Attended a 3-day workshop on protective garments sponsored by Gore Manufacturing.
- Cross-trained with Columbus Police Narcotics team.
- Taught two recruit classes Awareness and Operations level HazMat training.
- Taught a HazMat refresher class to the upcoming new fire officers.
- Worked with the Training Academy on placing training courses on Centerlearn.
- Trained 292 division members on the use of CAMEO a computer program that gives information on hazardous materials.
- Performed 75 HazMat permit inspections and continues to work with CEPAC’s Hazard Analysis committee to review and inspect HazMat occupancies throughout the county.
- Participated in a tabletop exercise at the post office.
- Worked with Support Services on the foam trailers.
- Attended a full scale exercise with Anheiser Busch.
- Attended two tabletop exercises with the Columbus Utility Division.
- Hazmat 4 members attended multiple meetings during the year, working with a wide variety of organizations including, Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security, The Ohio HazMat/WMD Technical Advisory Committee, Northwest Area Strike Team, Columbus Metropolitan Medical Response System, Federal Post Office, CEPAC and the Central Ohio Bio-Watch Committees.
● The HazMat team is currently working on specifications for a replacement HazMat vehicle. The vehicle should be built and delivered in 2014.

● Besides normal replacement supplies we received a new radiological detector device in 2013.

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**Dive and Rescue Team - DART**

In 2013, the DART team was busier than previous years, with 31 runs, several unique trainings throughout the year, and a switch into a new DART vehicle. In the highest profile run, DART divers rescued two victims from an icy pond near Hamilton Road. A small child had fallen through the ice surface, and a civilian who attempted rescue also went through the ice. Working with companies on scene, the team assembled, dressed, and found both victims in a short period of time, while diving under an ice canopy from a boat. Although both victims later succumbed to their injuries, one lived 3 days and also became an organ donor. DART divers also stood by at several water rescue runs for Division personnel, and assisted in several searches during flood stages.

Training hours were up for 2013, with DART members working with each unit’s ES2 to ease manpower crunches. One larger training was an auto recovery evolution, with each diver working to search a vehicle and then attaching a large recovery rope to the vehicle in no-visibility water. The topside crew then worked with our Heavy Rescue companies to winch the auto to shallower water. This provided the quickest extrication for multiple victims or damaged vehicles while maintaining the highest safety for our divers.

For 2014, DART members hope to continue more extensive training, including a joint training with CPD, and plans are set to replace current dive gear with a surface supplied unit, vastly increasing safety.
The Bomb Squad is expecting to see a large turnover in personnel over the next several years due to retirements. In an effort to keep our team prepared to respond to explosive related emergencies we conducted a yearlong selection process to select new bomb squad trainees. After several physical agility exercises, a written test on Division procedures at explosive incidents, an oral interview; and a background investigation, we selected eleven new members in 2013. Thanks to each of the 62 members that took the time to go through the entire process! Each member gave a tremendous amount of effort in this lengthy process.

In addition to training on the bomb suits, robotics, x-ray procedures and explosives; the trainees will attend several schools on radiation threats, chemical and biological agents, and suicide bombings as they prepare to become our future bomb squad.

The Bomb Squad has been extremely busy since the first quarter this year, after the Boston Marathon bomb incident. Although the Bomb Squad often conducts pre-event bomb sweeps and Joint Hazard Assessment Team (JHAT) operations at special events; the squad saw a tremendous increase in activities after the Boston incident. We also continued to assist The Ohio State University Police Department with home OSU football games and assisted Ohio University with several home football games also. Additionally, the Bomb Squad was called to assist with the visit of Somalia’s President and worked the week-long President’s Cup golf tournament with the Dublin Police Department and other agencies.

### Bomb Squad Runs

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Canine Unit
The Division’s Canine Unit continued to work and coordinate with the various law enforcement canine units in central Ohio to ensure that our canine teams are among the best in the state. The unit coordinated with FBI, Ohio Fire Marshal and the regions explosive detection canine teams to conduct quarterly, homemade explosive material training. This training ensures that canines are proficient in odors from new and emerging explosive materials that terrorists are utilizing in bombings around the world. The unit also conducted operational training exercises for the regional explosive detection canine teams each quarter.

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)
The Continuous Quality Improvement office filled 2,600 requests for reports for the City Attorney’s office, the Franklin County Coroner, private citizens, and a host of law offices. The CQI process was enhanced by allowing the on duty EMS Officers to take a more proactive role in Quality Improvement. Information sharing from the CQI office, a more focused approach to ePCR review and alterations to the on-line CQI process has allowed the EMS Supervisors to be available to actively Q.A. runs as they are happening.

The CQI office Captain also supervises the Tactical EMS (TEMS) unit. This year the TEMS team was very active with 444 missions, supporting Columbus S.W.A.T. and National Threat Assessment Center (N.T.A.C). The unit added nine new members to support the staffing of 3-Unit.

Explosive Detection Canine Runs

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The Columbus Division of Fire Frontline Apparatus

- 7 Battalion Chiefs
- 7 EMS Supervisors
- 34 Engines
- 32 Medics
- 15 Ladders
- 2 Safety Officers
- 2 Bomb Squads
- 5 Rescues
- 14 Boats
- 1 Hazmat Unit
- 1 Incident Support Unit

143,853 Total Runs Dispatched in 2013
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This year has brought change to Station One in the area of personnel. Station One long time Captain Greg Lash and One Unit Lieutenant Steve Nightingale retired this past summer. Their leadership and experience will be missed. Station One continues to proudly serve our citizens at the highest level possible and looks forward to the challenges of the next year.

-Captain Jim Lewis

The end of an era is near! Sta.2 will be demolished, leaving only the gnats and roaches behind. We anticipate the move to Sta.3 on Greenlawn Ave. in October or November of 2014. We are more excited about our planned return to our current site within the next few years, so we can continue serving the southern portion of Downtown and the South End. We will also be losing one of our valuable leaders to retirement: B/C Mike Fowler.

-Captain Larry Francisco
Yes there is a lot more to Station 4 then just Mop and Glow. Apart from the yearly HazMat activity, we are just another Station with an Engine, Rescue and Medic. Let me congratulate the guys who received awards for the double drowning on Lakeshore, we all agree that the true hero was the civilian that gave his life trying to save the young boy.

-Captain Bill Brobst

Station 5 is not the station of old, it is quickly becoming one of CFD’s fast growing areas and with that comes more Fire and EMS runs. Over the past decade the run volume has increased dramatically, due to the newly dense population. The new construction which is primarily lightweight wood can be seen all along Broad Street past Waggoner Road. If you are looking for plenty of action, The Nickel is the place to be!

-Captain Ian Garriot
**Fire Station 6**

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Station 6 = 13,253 Total Runs

5750 Maple Canyon Avenue

Firehouse #6 has “officially” claimed the nickname “AFTER MIDNIGHT”™ created by veteran FF/RT Scott Benjamin. Things are looking up for station 6 district, runs are drastically down from previous years and we seem to be sleeping regularly through the night. So, if you are in need a home we have a few spots left on the vacancy list. Better grab them before they are all filled up!!

-Captain Dreisbach

**Fire Station 7**

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Station 7 = 9,985 Total Runs

1425 Indianola Avenue

The original Station 7 was located on Euclid Ave near the present Station 7 and was given the nickname of ‘The Rock’. Serving the OSU campus, the Short North, and the off-campus housing district, these professional firefighters and paramedics continue to bring, on a daily basis, a professional and hard-working approach to their work. The motto of Station 7 is: From High Street To Hell…We Rock The Short North!

-Captain Doug Ross
2013 Was another interesting year at 8 House, home of the busiest Medic in the city. Engine 8 is stocked with young medics to handle the load. Lt. Trucco retired after a lifetime on L8, 3U; despite some expectations, the doors did open the next day. Congratulations Mike, we wish you a long and happy retirement. Stay safe in 2014!

-Captain Dave Roggencamp

The men and women of station 10 work with a confidence and purpose that truly defines courage under fire. Its often said: “We have two types of people on this fire department, There are those who work at 10’s and those who want to”.

-Captain Charles Penwell
Fire Station 11

Station 11 continues to train monthly to keep current in the most up to date techniques regarding ARFF and the OSU/Bolton Field airport facilities. The personnel at Station 11 are proud to serve the Northwest area.

-Captain Thomas Rybinski

Fire Station Built in 1992

Station 11 = 7,405 Total Runs

Fire Station 12

Why would anyone want to work at one of the oldest stations in the Columbus Fire Department? Why do so many spend most of their career here? It’s not the station; it is the people who work there. We don’t just say goodbye to each other when the shift is over. If someone is in need, we help out on our days off. We plan and take trips together during the year. It’s the camaraderie of the Firefighters at station 12 that make us the “Dirty Dozen”.

-Captain Don Weldon

Fire Station Built in 1956

Station 12 = 9,135 Total Runs
This year change has occurred at station 13 by acquiring the police side of the fire house! This has opened up the firehouse and added a lot more, much needed room. Station 13 said goodbye to Captain Robby Robinson and Battalion 3 and our union team sent him off with a retirement gathering after a long and successful career.

-Captain Jeff Happ

Yes it’s True! Another Elvis sighting on Parsons Ave. This TCB logo fits in well with the North Graceland theme… or the better known as “The Elvis Station”. Dedication, Pride and Service to our citizens whether Fire or Ems keeps the spirit of the King alive.

-Captain Tim Moore
I am proud to accept the responsibility of providing a clean fire station and a tactful group of firefighters willing to accept the daily challenges of the Driving Park community. Our motto is simply “We want to be the best”. By working together we will succeed in achieving our goals.

-Captain Marcus Green

This year has brought many personnel changes to Station Sixteen. Admired and longtime Lieutenant Mike Polaski retired this past spring. His leadership and experience will be missed. Station Sixteen continues to proudly serve citizens of the North Linden Community and surrounding areas at the highest level possible and looks forward to the challenges of the next year.

-Captain Bill Bennison
The members of Station 18 continue to serve the citizens of South Linden with many sleepless nights and restless days. We recently added to our history wall photos of Engine 18 crews from 1959 and 1968. Thanks goes out to Bill Hall of the Fire Museum for his help in completing this project. We were also able to properly honor an Engine 18 line of duty death from 1943 when Captain William J. Roop died.

-Captain Steve Heselden
Fire station 19

Fire station 20

3601 N. HIGH STREET

2013 marks the 10th anniversary of the Station 19 re-dedication. In 2003 a new design was created where they effectively wrapped a new building around the old making it four times larger. Known for having the full support of the local community, it is often referred to as “The Clintonville Fire Dept.”

-Captain Lanna Moore

The crews at Station 20 make training a part of our daily firefighter life. We say: “Those who fail to train are training to fail”. Visit the Station 20, 2 unit commonshare folder for training materials. Also review the Fireground Fundamentals videos in the Centerlearn library. Train hard and work safe!

-Captain Dave Baugh
Fire Station 21

Fire Station 21 “Blackjack’s” have served this community for 62 years. Among this year’s highlights were Boat 21 making a rescue from the Big Walnut Creek during heavy rains and Battalion 6 receiving the Medal of Valor. It is because of their hard work that Station 21 continues to be an important link in the delivery of emergency services in the City of Columbus.

-Captain Mike Zuber

Station 21 = 10,897 Total Runs

Fire Station 22

Station 22 proudly serves Columbus’ Greater Southland area, a diverse and stable community. The personnel at the Double Deuce are a great mix of firefighters, new and experienced, young and old, that provide for a great place to come to work, to train, to share fresh perspective with experience. 2013 brought an aging Station 22 many improvements. There remains a lot to do, and we welcome the challenges that this evolving fire and EMS service brings.

-Captain Terry Marsh

Station 22 = 6,762 Total Runs
Fire Station 23

Station 23’s fire district is a good mix of residential, high occupancy apartment buildings, commercial, and industrial buildings. As the whole of the City of Columbus goes, the Firefighters at Station 23 are seeing as much fire as ANYONE else in the City! Sign that paper to transfer in to Station 23, and hone your skills to a razor’s edge!

-Captain Bob Price

Fire Station 24

Station 24 continues to serve and ever increasingly diverse population. The Northland area is transforming with new business and new development which will lead to new challenges in the future as we continue to provide service. We are consistently have some of the busiest engine, ladder and medic companies in the City of Columbus.

-Captain Rick Biancone
Fire Station 25

Station 25 is in the heart of a rapidly growing neighborhood. The area has changed drastically in the last couple of years. Several new recruits have rotated through, and sincere complements go out to all of them and the training academy for the quality of the “recuits”. They all seem to be top notch.

-Captain Todd Schroek

Station 25 = 4,288 Total Runs

Fire Station Built in 1960

739 W. Third Avenue

Fire Station 26

All-in-all 2013 at “The Rock” brought many changes. A new parking lot meant shuffling equipment from the west to the east and back again while maintaining our daily duties. The most significant was the passing of our brother and friend Byran Oiler. He spent most of his last year here battling cancer. He rested from that fight in September 2013 and is truly missed everyday. R.I.P. “BIGGUN”!

-Captain Arnie Murdock

Station 26 = 4,638 Total Runs

Fire Station Built in 1975

5433 Fisher Road
**Fire Station 27**

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Station 27 = **4,104**
Total Runs

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**Fire Station 28**

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Station 28 = **5,981**
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**7560 SMOKEY ROW ROAD**

Fire Station 27 was built in 1978. Known as the Great Northwest, the first in district has many single family homes and apartment complexes.

-Captain John Scott

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**Fire Station 28**

Hats off to Station 28, 1 Unit crews for having the highest collection amount per firefighter during fill the boot on their day. No small feat considering Station 26 has owned this event in the past. Finally we would like bid a fond farewell to Lt. Charles “Chaz” Dickson, who after 33 years of devoted service will be retiring. Congratulations Chaz, we wish you a long and happy retirement!

-Captain Alex Sunderburg
Station 29 serves the Little Turtle Golf community and surrounding areas. New construction in our area has introduced us to new light weight floor and truss systems and new residential sprinklers. The recent passing of E-29 retired firefighters John Wynstra and Klaus Parker has reminded us we are all mortal and should do our best to stay safe at all times.

-Captain Patrick Moloney

Hello from the Great Northwest, we all enjoy responding and assisting on Fire and EMS emergencies for the citizens from Columbus, Hilliard, Dublin and Upper Arlington. We also respond on water rescues with the Scioto River only being a half mile down the street. Citizens of the great City of Columbus are welcome to stop by Station, Motel 30 for a tour anytime, the door is always open and of course “We will leave the light on for ya”.

-Captain Joey D’Andrea
Fire station 31

Station 31 responds to all type of housing, apartments, condominiums, single family and double family homes, and warehouses. Our nickname is the Outpost, because of our location which is the far westside of Columbus.

-Captain John Schroeder

Fire Station Built in 1988

Station 32

5205 Alkire Road

With a mix of veteran firefighters and some “recruits”, today’s 32’s proudly serves the good citizens of Columbus, as well as Truro, Violet and Madison Townships, which includes the growing cities of Reynoldsburg, Pickerington and Canal Winchester. As we give and receive mutual aid from them, we also pride ourselves with a great working relationship with our neighbors, commonly training together and, either hosting, or visiting for pizza night on occasion.

-Captain Dave Trainor

Fire Station Built in 1991
Columbus Fire Station 33 serves one of the most unique areas of the city. Our first response area includes the Polaris Fashion mall which covers over 1200 acres with 200 stores. In our back yard you can see the McCoy Center which houses over 10,000 employees. Due to the geographic location of Station 33 we respond into the City of Westerville and the City of Worthington. These cities in turn respond with our station in our area.

-Captain Ken Caldwell

Station 33 = 4,385 Total Runs

Station 34’s run totals and responsibilities will surely increase in the years to come with over 1,000 new single family and multifamily residents under construction at this moment. Not everyone has the fortitude to handle the hectic pace at Station 34. It is staffed with a healthy mix of grizzled and seasoned veteran firefighters who are led by very ambitious officers.

-Captain Sean Keiss
# BUSIEST UNITS

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- **Other:** 13,976, 13,876, 13,583, 13,983

**Per Day:**

- **EMS Superintendents:** 34, 36, 34, 35, 36, 42, 41, 41
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2013 AWARDS RECOGNITION

BATTALION CHIEF JOHN M. VINGLE, MEDAL OF VALOR
For his heroic actions on February 7, 2013 entering frigid waters attempting to rescue two victims who fell through the ice in a pond at 4499 Lakeside South.

FIREFIGHTER DANIEL A. WEINSZIEHR, MEDAL OF VALOR
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CAPTAIN ROBERT L. PRICE, BRONZE MALTESE AWARD
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FIREFIGHTER CHARLES E. PRITSEL, BRONZE MALTESE AWARD
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The Annual Awards Banquet recognizes those Division members who have contributed in some special manner or heroic actions in the previous year and is supported solely by firefighter contributions.

**CAPTAIN DAVID L. ROGENKAMP, BRONZE MALTESE AWARD**
For his heroic actions on April 11, 2013, leading a search operation at a working house fire at 1272 East Long Street resulting in removing three fire victims. Recognizing that one of his members was in grave danger, he redirected the primary hose line to the rear of the structure attacking the fire from the exterior, and directing the hose line into the window of the fire room.

**FIREFIGHTER NATHAN A. BIGHAM, BRONZE MALTESE AWARD**
For his heroic actions on April 11, 2013, at a working house fire at 1272 East Long Street performing vent enter isolate and search (VEIS) tactics discovering and rescuing a victim while operating in high heat conditions.

**FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM K. GRUBB, MEDAL OF VALOR**
For his heroic actions on April 11, 2013, at a working fire at 1272 East Long Street where he entered a second floor window with a known victim trapped inside. When the window under him vented fire engulfing him, he continued to ascend to the window sill and entered the room, searching the room but could not locate the victim who had taken refuse in another bedroom and later rescued.

**BATTALION CHIEF SHAWN C. KOSER, FIRE CHIEF’S AWARD**
For exhibiting strong leadership and dedication to duty when he nearly single-handedly designed the Tactical EMS program for Columbus Fire paramedics, Battalion Chief Shawn Koser coordinated all training with the Columbus Division of Police, responded as one of the original members of the TEMS program and provided supervision to the TEMS team as the point of contact with police agencies. As the TEMS program grew, real benefits were realized by having medics trained and on scene when CPD or other police organizations served warrants or dealt with barricade situations. In one such situation, CPD Sergeant Mike Mourne was shot in the leg with a shotgun at close range during the execution of a high risk narcotics search warrant. Due to the immediate treatment by CFD Tactical EMS medics, Sgt. Mourne credits the program and those medics with saving his life, and states, “I have nothing but the highest praise and respect for BC Koser and the members of the TEMS Team. It is an honor to work with this group of highly motivated professionals; the immediate treatment I received when shot saved my leg and more importantly, my life.” The Division of Fire has also received written correspondence from the FBI when the TEMS team assisted federal agents while arresting a violent criminal.
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