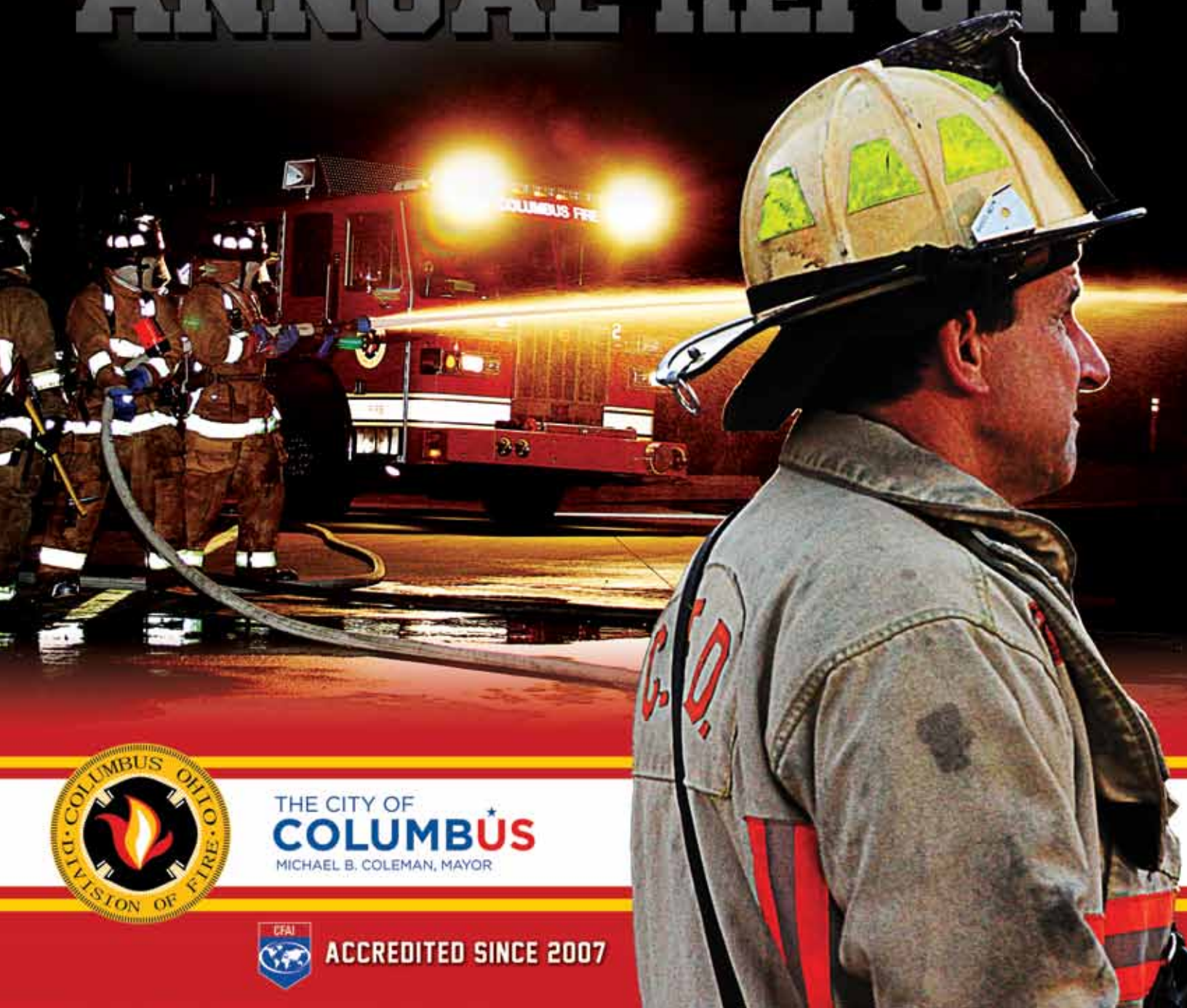




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THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
MICHAEL B. COLEMAN, MAYOR



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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

Police & Fire Facility Improvements	\$15,000,000
Fire Apparatus Replacement & Safety Equipment - (includes Medics, Platform Ladders and Engines)	\$32,500,000
Fire Station Acquisition/Construction	\$ 5,000,000
Total	\$52,500,000



The Department of Public Safety

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 Divisions 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





FIRE CHIEF GREGORY A. PAXTON



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



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OUR MISSION

Our mission as the Columbus Division of Fire is to serve our community by:

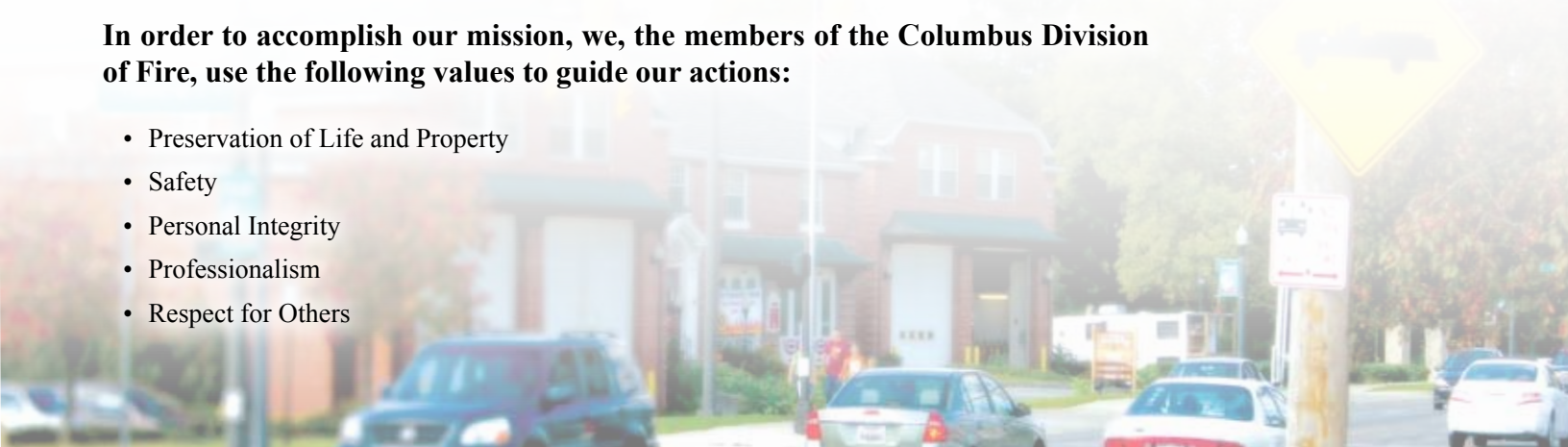
- Preventing emergencies through education and inspection
- Minimizing injury, death, and property destruction due to fire, natural disaster and other emergencies
- Minimizing injury, death, and suffering by providing timely and effective emergency medical service

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

OUR VALUES

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



OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF



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.

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

Personnel	\$200,736,914.00
Supplies	\$5,529,030.00
Services	\$11,645,323.00
Other	\$244,329.00
Transfer	\$1,277,157.00
Total	\$219,432,753.00

2013 Columbus Fire Capital Purchases

EMS Medic Units	\$1,900,582.00
Custom Pumpers	\$2,318,649.00
Rescue Support Units	\$439,800.00

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 Races 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.



RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

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.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR Dr. David P. Keseg



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



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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.



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- 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

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



ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

Assistant Chief

David K. Whiting



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.



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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



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

**Assistant Chief
David J. Walton**



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

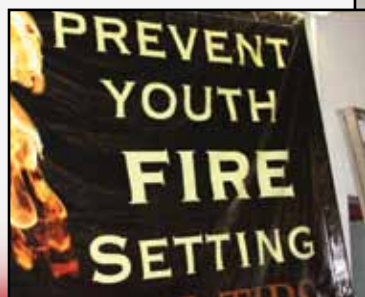
The Office of Community Relations fulfills the Division's goal of educating the public through fire safety education programs and involvement with community groups. This office is actively involved with the community and partners with over 35 community agencies, including The American Red Cross, OSU 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.



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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.



TRAINING BUREAU Assistant Chief Kevin M. O'Connor



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

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.

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 fire fighters. 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;



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/IFSAAC 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



SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

Assistant Chief

Kent C. Searle



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.

Fire Alarm Office (FAO)

The Fire Alarm Office is staffed with uniform firefighters working a 24/48 hour shift rotation. Each shift comprises of two lieutenants and fifteen firefighters. In addition to the assigned firefighters an additional 100 firefighter have been trained to serve as FAO alternates. The FAO alternates provide coverage at the FAO when vacancies occur. The FAO has an administrative staff of eight; including a battalion chief, a captain, a lieutenant, and five firefighters.



The Fire Alarm Office receives emergency and non-emergency calls, dispatches fire, rescue, and EMS incidents. They also manage the mobile data computers, mobile and portable radios for the Division of Fire. The FAO also serves as the primary dispatch center for the State Emergency Response Plan and the Central Ohio Strike Team.

The FAO has completed the first year of using Priority Dispatch ProQA caller interrogation software in the dispatch center. ProQA provides quick and efficient processing of calls and provides potentially life-saving post-dispatch and pre-arrival instructions by using Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD) and Emergency Fire Dispatching (EFD) protocols.



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

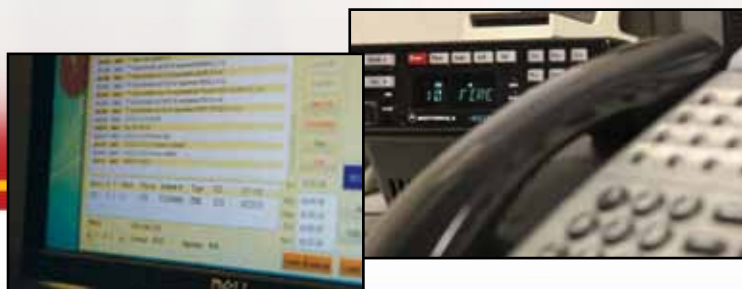
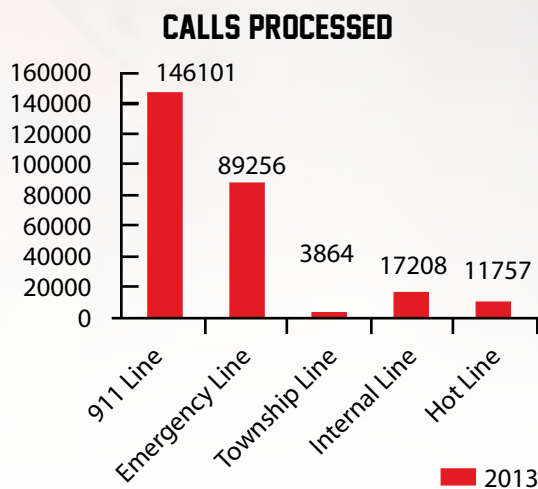


FAO personnel participated in the following special events:

- 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



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



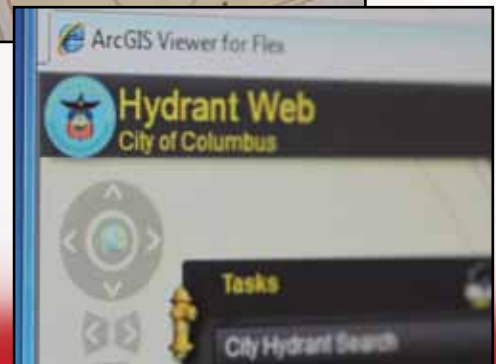
Health and Fitness Coordinator

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.

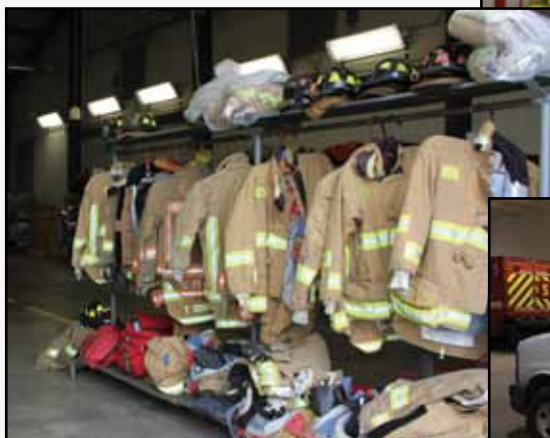


Below you will find information related to the ongoing hydrant inspection process conducted throughout the year.

- 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 2 1/2" 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



EMERGENCY SERVICES BUREAU

Emergency Services Bureau Assistant Chief Karry L. Ellis



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

Other significant events included the yearly Red, White and Boom preparations and upgraded “All Hazards” approach at the Half Marathon and Komen Race in the spring, and the Columbus Marathon in October due to the tragedy at the Boston Marathon. This “All Hazards” approach required additional layers of deterrent and detection abilities by the Bomb Squad and Haz Mat units, as well as significant pre-planning with Columbus Police and other agencies, all combined into a Unified Command structure.



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.



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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.



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- 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.



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.





Bomb Squad

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

Incident Type	Incident Count
Explosion	2
Hoax	2
Recovery	51
Suspicious Package	74
Threat (Incident)	19
Incident Sub-Total	148
Disposal / Destruct	7
Special Events	54
Routine Disposal Operations	1
Search Warrant (Assist) (Activity)	1
Activity Sub-Total	63
Grand Total	211



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.



Explosive Detection Canine Runs

Incident Type	Incident Count
Bomb Threat	16
Suspicious Package	8
Bomb Run (Other)	13
Sweeps (other)	78
Assist FBI/JTTF	13
Assist Other Agency	10
Demonstrations	30
Special Events (Activity)	48
Sweeps (other)	78
Accelerant Detection Canine	
Structure Fire	71
Vehicle Fires	9
Demonstrations	11
Suspect Line Ups	2

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.



THE COLUMBUS DIVISION OF FIRE FRONTLINE APPARATUS

7 BATTALION CHIEFS



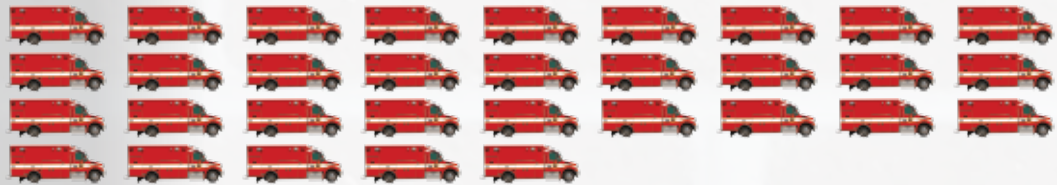
7 EMS SUPERVISORS



34 ENGINES



32 MEDICS



15 LADDERS

8 - Platform Ladders
7 - Aerial 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**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Metro Columbus

399.1 square miles
population: 1,752,000

City of Columbus

227 square miles
population: 796,014

* Stats provided by M.O.R.P.C.



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BATTALIONS

TOTAL RUNS DISPATCHED PER BATTALION

1



Station 1 & 9
Station 2 & 3
Station 8
Station 25



46,545

2

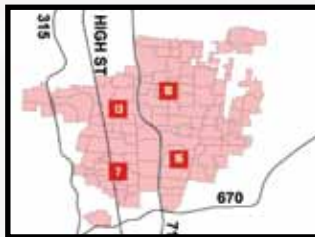


Station 6
Station 24
Station 28
Station 29
Station 33



37,869

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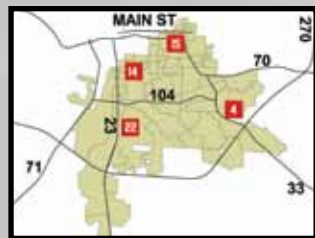


Station 7
Station 13
Station 16
Station 18



41,896

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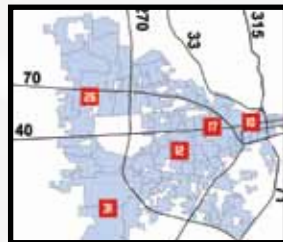


Station 4
Station 14
Station 15
Station 22



39,137

5



Station 10
Station 12
Station 17
Station 26
Station 31



42,466

6



Station 5
Station 20
Station 21
Station 23
Station 32



41,430

7



Station 11
Station 19
Station 27
Station 30
Station 34



20,215

FIRE STATION 1 AND 9

	Engine 1 2091 Runs
	Ladder 1 1703 Runs
	Medic 1 5088 Runs
	Engine 9 2049 Runs
	ES-2 66 Runs
	SO-2 679 Runs
	EMS-11 2418 Runs
Station 1 = 14,028 Total Runs	



Fire Station Built in 1982



300 N. FOURTH STREET

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

FIRE STATION 2 AND 3

	Engine 2 2152 Runs
	Ladder 2 1313 Runs
	Medic 2 5485 Runs
	Rescue 2 3509 Runs
	Engine 3 2044 Runs
	Battalion 1 2443 Runs
	Bomb Squad 102 Runs
	Boat 2 13 Runs

Station 2 Total Runs = **17,061**



1999 Ford 350 XLT/Horton



Dive Team
31 Runs

Fire Station Built in 1962



150 E. FULTON STREET

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



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FIRE STATION 4

2011 Sutphen



Engine 4
2035 Runs

2011 International/Horton



Medic 4
3488 Runs

2012 Sutphen/SVI



Rescue 4
2513 Runs

2006 International



Hazmat 4
33 Runs

1984 Sillinger Boat



Boat 4
2 Runs

Station 4 = **8,071**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1976



3030 WINCHESTER PIKE

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

FIRE STATION 5

2005 Sutphen Engine



Engine 5
2319 Runs

2008 International/Horton



Medic 5
2888 Runs

2013 Ford Explorer



EMS 16
1200 Runs

Station 5 = **6,407**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1972



211 MCNAUGHTEN ROAD

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

2009 Ferrara



Engine 6
4198 Runs

2011 International/Horton



Medic 6
4881 Runs

2013 Ford Explorer



Battalion 2
2253 Runs

2013 Ford Explorer



EMS 12
1917 Runs

2008 Lowe



Boat 6
4 Runs

Station 6 = **13,253**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1970



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

2011 Sutphen



Engine 7
3028 Runs

2008 International/Horton



Medic 7
4413 Runs

2013 Ford Explorer



Battalion 3
2544 Runs

Station 7 = **9,985**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1966



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



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FIRE STATION 8

2005 Sutphen



Engine 8
3570 Runs

2008 LTI LaFrance



Ladder 8
1564 Runs

2013 International/Horton



Medic 8
6034 Runs

Station 8 = **11,168**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1968



1240 E. LONG STREET

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



FIRE STATION 10

2009 Ferrara



Engine 10
3394 Runs

2001 Sutphen



Ladder 10
1376 Runs

2013 International/Horton



Medic 10
5501 Runs

2008 Rescue One



Boat 10
11 Runs

Station 10 = **10,282**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 2008



1080 W. BROAD STREET

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



1999 Ford 350 XLT/Horton



TEMS Medic
444 Runs

FIRE STATION 11



Engine 11
1948 Runs



Medic 11
2572 Runs



Rescue 11
1089 Runs



Battalion 7
962 Runs



EMS 17
828 Runs

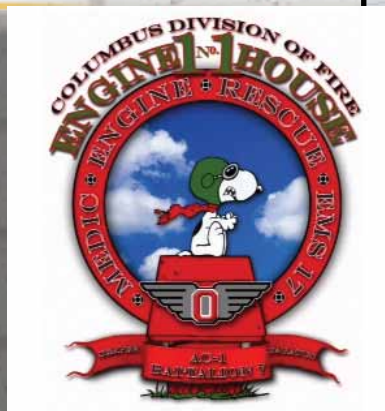


Boat 11
6 Runs

Station 11 = **7,405**
Total Runs



FIRE STATION
NO. 11



Fire Station Built in 1992



2200 W. CASE ROAD

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 12



Engine 12
3117 Runs



Ladder 12
1211 Runs



Medic 12
4807 Runs

Station 12 = **9,135**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1956



3200 SULLIVANT AVENUE

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



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FIRE STATION 13

2009 Ferrara



Engine 13
2261 Runs

2012 Pierce



Ladder 13
2086 Runs

2013 International/Horton



Medic 13
3633 Runs

Station 13 = **7,980**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1957



309 ARCADIA AVENUE



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

FIRE STATION 14

2011 Sutphen



Engine 14
3459 Runs

2011 International/Horton



Medic 14
5294 Runs

2013 Ford Explorer



Battalion 4
1288 Runs

2008 Rescue One



Boat 14
4 Runs

Station 14 = **10,045**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 2001



1514 PARSONS AVENUE

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



FIRE STATION 15

2005 Sutphen



Engine 15
3980 Runs

2012 Pierce



Ladder 15
1528 Runs

2011 International/Horton



Medic 15
6144 Runs

2013 Ford Explorer



EMS 14
2607 Runs

Station 15 = **14,259**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1969



1800 E. LIVINGSTON AVENUE

I am proud to except 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

FIRE STATION 16

2005 Sutphen



Engine 16
4031 Runs

2013 International/Horton



Medic 16
5484 Runs

2012 Sutphen/SVI



Rescue 16
3446 Runs

Station 16 = **12,961**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1953



1130 WEBER ROAD

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



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FIRE STATION 17

2009 Ferrara



Engine 17
3483 Runs

2011 International/Horton



Medic 17
5154 Runs

2012 Sutphen/SVI



Rescue 17
2458 Runs

2013 Ford Explorer



Battalion 5
1609 Runs

2013 Ford Explorer



EMS 15
2628 Runs

1996 IHC



Bomb Squad
7 Runs

Station 17 = **15,339**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1993



2250 W. BROAD STREET

2013 marked the 100th year that fire companies from Station 17 have served the Hilltop neighborhood. Known as "The Keepers of the Hill" Station 17 crews also provide EMS coverage to the Village of Valley View and large area of Franklin Township. Fire Station 17 has recently been the second busiest station in the City of Columbus.

-Captain Shawn Funk

FIRE STATION 18

2011 Sutphen



Engine 18
3230 Runs

2013 International/Horton



Engine 18
5357 Runs

2013 Ford Explorer



EMS 13
2378 Runs

2007 Spartan



Command 18
5 Runs

Station 18 = **10,970**
Total Runs



NO 18 ENGINE HOUSE
FOUNDED 1926



Fire Station Built in 2006



1630 CLEVELAND AVENUE

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



Engine 19
2000 runs



Medic 19
3007 Runs



Air Wagon
46 Runs



Boat 19
8 Runs

Station 19 = **5,594**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 2003



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

FIRE STATION 20



Engine 20
2669 Runs



Medic 20
4174 Runs

Station 20 = **6,843**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1951



2646 E. FIFTH AVENUE

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



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FIRE STATION 21



Engine 21
3308 Runs



Medic 21
5100 Runs



Battalion 6
2484 Runs



Boat 21
5 Runs

Station 21 = **10,897**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1959



3294 E. MAIN STREET

The Station 21 "Blackjack's" have served this community for 62 years. Among this years 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

FIRE STATION 22



Engine 22
2518 Runs



Ladder 22
814 Runs



Medic 22
3427 Runs



Boat 22
3 Runs

Station 22 = **6,762**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1959



3069 PARSONS AVENUE

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

FIRE STATION 23

2008 Ferrara



Engine 23
3661 Runs

2001 Sutphen



Ladder 23
1605 Runs

2011 International/Horton



Medic 23
5152 Runs

2008 Lowe



Boat 23
3 Runs

Station 23 = **10,421**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1959



4451 E. LIVINGSTON AVENUE

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

2008 Ferrara



Engine 24
4250 Runs

2002 LTI LaFrance



Ladder 24
1720 Runs

2013 International/Horton



Medic 24
4758 Runs

Station 24 = **10,728**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1960



1585 MORSE ROAD

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



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FIRE STATION 25

2008 Ferrara



Engine 25
1986 Runs

2008 International



Medic 25
2302 Runs

Station 25 = **4,288**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1960



739 W. THIRD AVENUE

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 "recruits". They all seem to be top notch.

-Captain Todd Schroek

FIRE STATION 26

2008 Ferrara



Engine 26
1685 Runs

2011 Sutphen



Ladder 26
739 Runs

2013 International/Horton



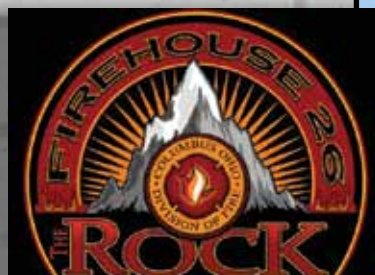
Medic 26
2213 Runs

2008 Lowe



Boat 26
1 Run

Station 26 = **4,638**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1975



5433 FISHER ROAD

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

FIRE STATION 27

2005 Sutphen



Engine 27
1583 Runs

2008 LTI LaFrance



Ladder 27
559 Runs

2013 International/Horton



Medic 27
1959 Runs

2013 International/Horton



Boat 27
3 Runs

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



Fire Station Built in 1978



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

FIRE STATION 28

2002 Sutphen Engine



Engine 28
2171 Runs

2008 LTI LaFrance



Ladder 28
1090 Runs

2008 International/Horton



Medic 28
2728 Runs

Station 28 = **5,981**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1981



3240 McCUTCHEON ROAD

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 found 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



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FIRE STATION 29

2011 Ferrara



Engine 29
1656 Runs

2013 International/Horton



Medic 29
1866 Runs

Station 29 = **3,522**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1984



5151 LITTLE TURTLE WAY

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



FIRE STATION 30

2011 Ferrara



Engine 30
722 Runs

2008 International/Horton



Medic 30
883 Runs

2008 Rescue One



Boat 30
5 Runs

Station 30 = **1,610**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1988



5433 FISHER ROAD

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

2005 Sutphen



Engine 31
1167 Runs

2013 International/Horton



Medic 31
1905 Runs

Station 31 = **3,072**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1988



5205 ALKIRE ROAD

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 32

2011 Sutphen



Engine 32
2435 Runs

2011 Sutphen



Ladder 32
918 Runs

2013 International/Horton



Medic 32
3509 Runs

Station 32 = **6,862**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1991



3675 GENDER 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



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FIRE STATION 33

2005 Sutphen



Engine 33
1818 Runs

2005 Sutphen



Ladder 33
727 Runs

2008 International/Horton



Medic 1
1840 Runs

Station 33 = **4,385**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 1994



440 LAZELLE ROAD



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. Do 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

FIRE STATION 34

2011 Sutphen



Engine 34
633 Runs

2008 International/Horton



Medic 34
869 Runs

Station 1 = **1,502**
Total Runs



Fire Station Built in 2004



5201 WILCOX ROAD



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

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BUSIEST STATIONS

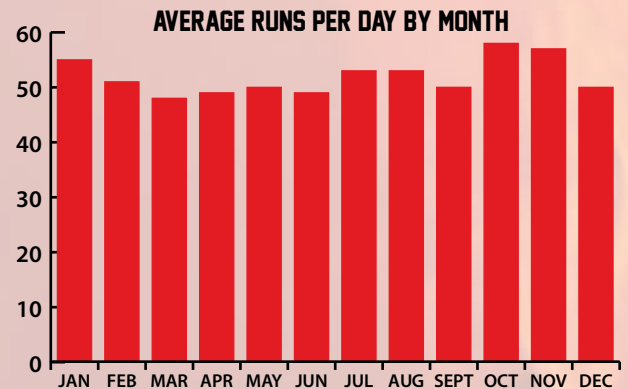
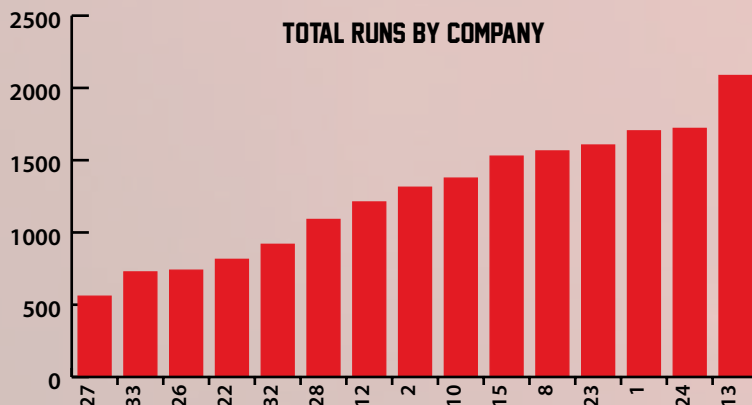
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ENGINE	24	4,250
LADDER	13	2,086
MEDIC	15	6,144
RESCUE	2	3,509
BATTALION CHIEF	3	2,544
EMS SUPERVISOR	15	2,628

2013 FIRES BY CLASSIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION	FIRES
STRUCTURE FIRES	1,383
OUTSIDE OF STRUCTURE	48
VEHICLE	407
TREESGRASS	59
TRASHREFUSE	619
TOTALS	2,516

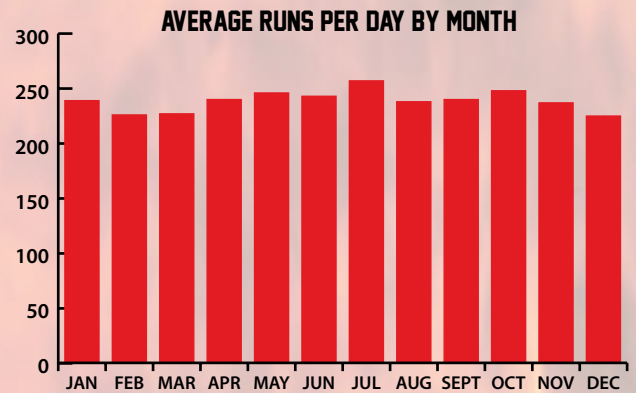
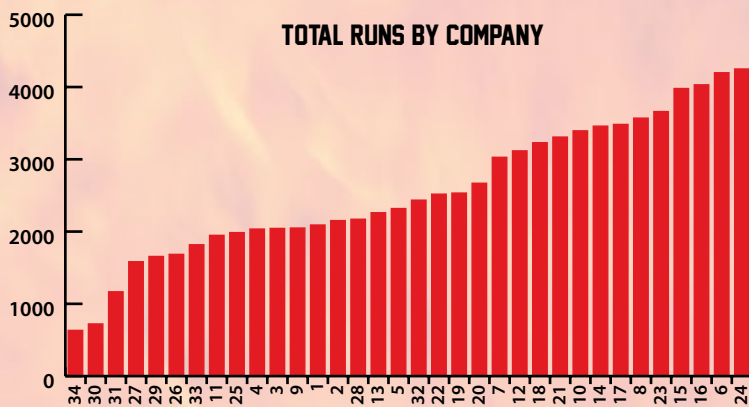
LADDER COMPANY RUNS

LADDER	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1	157	116	141	148	113	130	142	157	123	170	152	154	1703
2	124	89	125	93	94	96	114	115	108	110	129	116	1313
8	142	122	101	122	148	129	141	118	145	139	141	116	1564
10	105	85	125	100	127	124	132	129	103	134	115	97	1376
12	113	88	90	90	92	108	120	107	106	98	94	105	1211
13	196	187	156	176	172	137	163	187	169	188	187	168	2086
15	124	129	122	102	131	108	127	136	143	158	126	122	1528
22	63	61	59	75	65	64	81	88	61	74	61	62	814
23	144	120	153	129	124	115	124	140	126	144	147	139	1605
24	162	137	134	138	137	141	127	153	135	174	156	126	1720
26	61	56	40	55	57	66	83	73	47	70	72	59	739
27	45	38	41	37	53	42	36	40	40	78	58	51	559
28	118	76	72	90	92	89	90	88	86	97	106	86	1090
32	80	73	80	64	76	63	77	76	76	101	81	71	918
33	46	48	53	58	70	67	76	46	50	72	77	64	727
TOTAL	1680	1425	1492	1477	1551	1479	1633	1653	1518	1807	1702	1536	18953
PER DAY	55	51	48	49	50	49	53	53	50	58	57	50	



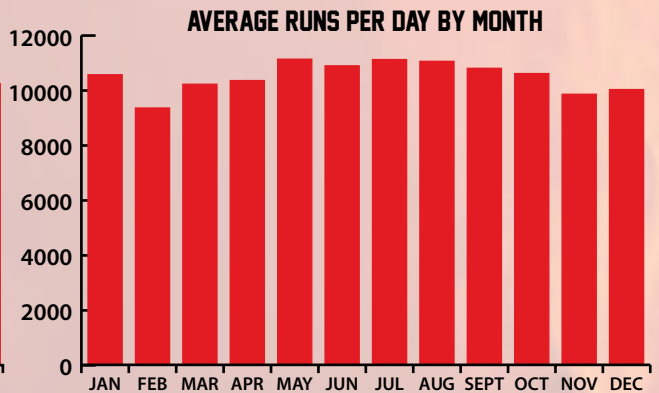
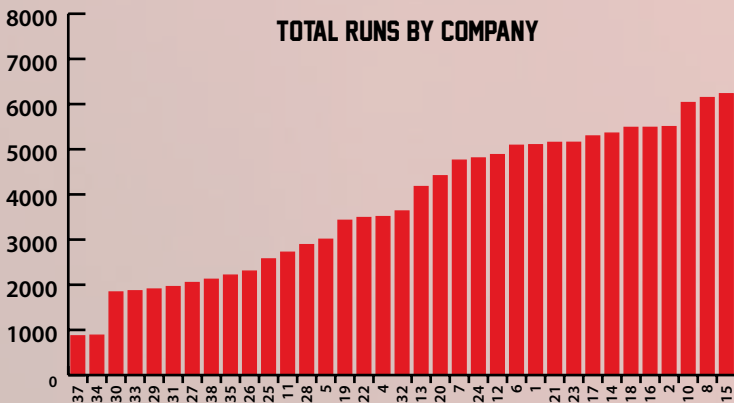
ENGINE COMPANY RUNS

ENGINE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1	181	144	168	176	169	180	194	175	159	183	187	175	2091
2	190	140	193	161	160	173	226	201	172	187	182	167	2152
3	181	144	192	190	174	176	191	157	161	168	169	141	2044
4	175	145	180	160	171	181	195	175	157	165	163	168	2035
5	195	152	206	203	167	176	189	187	215	218	199	212	2319
6	347	326	353	377	389	360	340	330	315	374	342	345	4198
7	254	214	229	262	254	238	256	275	280	273	275	218	3028
8	312	255	286	261	326	297	318	311	305	331	307	261	3570
9	180	149	164	162	170	176	217	179	163	162	161	166	2049
10	270	238	301	277	315	288	330	318	242	304	249	262	3394
11	155	139	151	159	181	170	173	151	150	201	155	163	1948
12	275	233	249	269	250	282	283	279	252	268	237	240	3117
13	197	170	174	228	167	166	210	216	194	217	175	147	2261
14	303	234	272	286	349	300	331	308	303	274	239	260	3459
15	336	299	312	316	348	297	380	316	355	359	332	330	3980
16	335	284	301	307	368	356	372	360	332	355	331	330	4031
17	274	225	265	293	318	330	339	320	294	273	286	266	3483
18	287	249	233	267	290	285	271	291	270	245	284	258	3230
19	246	217	178	229	219	200	212	218	223	226	186	179	2533
20	250	211	226	200	237	224	260	199	216	233	208	205	2669
21	276	215	245	277	279	291	344	257	284	293	267	280	3308
22	202	183	185	224	204	209	239	220	219	236	195	202	2518
23	313	276	289	284	322	309	320	298	315	312	300	323	3661
24	348	313	371	367	391	343	337	359	361	380	333	347	4250
25	163	163	157	169	160	161	167	156	167	181	185	157	1986
26	137	109	130	131	147	149	180	127	120	152	156	147	1685
27	116	113	136	131	173	116	127	127	124	160	135	125	1583
28	191	167	188	163	195	160	194	164	180	187	188	194	2171
29	158	130	141	127	133	133	141	126	143	143	128	153	1656
30	62	48	44	53	79	69	70	57	52	69	63	56	722
31	99	83	96	110	116	82	108	106	91	98	89	89	1167
32	195	189	227	192	215	196	209	224	207	204	197	180	2435
33	135	117	139	154	158	165	185	145	129	190	144	157	1818
34	70	46	42	47	45	44	55	52	45	65	61	61	633
TOTAL	7408	6320	7023	7212	7639	7282	7963	7384	7195	7686	7108	6964	87184
PER DAY	239	226	227	240	246	243	257	238	240	248	237	225	



MEDIC COMPANY RUNS

MEDIC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1	406	374	405	425	426	470	473	462	431	420	405	391	5088
2	447	366	442	461	483	475	504	494	504	458	424	427	5485
4	296	263	293	299	258	323	311	278	312	285	268	302	3488
5	247	205	243	242	247	221	257	233	269	237	236	251	2888
6	408	381	422	429	439	407	399	433	411	408	350	394	4881
7	355	345	332	348	383	377	397	422	423	339	369	323	4413
8	545	449	476	479	498	507	563	548	516	513	466	474	6034
10	454	386	421	451	498	503	535	519	456	436	409	433	5501
11	221	200	198	202	252	207	232	222	206	220	201	211	2572
12	417	336	366	370	418	414	454	453	419	424	367	369	4807
13	312	307	268	313	297	298	288	345	336	334	281	254	3633
14	446	388	448	419	482	472	485	475	464	426	379	410	5294
15	532	427	510	487	523	538	565	504	535	504	518	501	6144
16	447	408	464	473	517	465	434	461	480	446	423	466	5484
17	450	393	403	420	441	470	458	452	437	409	403	418	5154
18	422	408	437	446	501	438	411	472	494	448	422	458	5357
19	267	230	212	258	245	250	266	268	274	250	246	241	3007
20	372	322	346	318	368	359	376	344	348	361	316	344	4174
21	424	365	389	403	422	445	457	458	441	451	415	430	5100
22	298	232	252	301	301	277	322	325	280	291	286	262	3427
23	414	382	441	405	448	447	461	444	442	444	402	422	5152
24	407	364	377	414	446	400	401	405	377	407	386	374	4758
25	178	183	188	184	172	211	198	201	207	198	210	172	2302
26	188	172	192	170	175	195	202	162	195	209	184	169	2213
27	153	154	161	164	203	153	158	169	163	186	150	145	1959
28	258	209	228	221	231	218	219	215	232	230	217	242	2720
29	147	145	166	133	164	167	156	160	159	165	141	163	1866
30	93	65	69	73	88	86	79	65	64	66	70	65	883
31	189	143	185	158	170	147	164	157	156	156	139	141	1905
32	283	243	327	285	307	289	307	308	288	312	283	277	3509
33	154	134	149	149	154	153	157	160	141	172	143	174	1840
34	68	78	56	66	95	57	64	77	72	77	82	77	869
35	154	174	175	200	233	221	192	192	149	170	139	122	2121
37	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
38	123	133	187	196	255	238	179	179	127	165	134	133	2049
TOTAL	10575	9364	10228	10362	11140	10898	11126	11062	10808	10617	9864	10035	126079
PER DAY	341	334	330	345	359	363	359	357	360	342	329	324	



OTHER COMPANY RUNS

RESCUE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
R2	284	244	287	270	339	289	302	295	268	347	305	279	3509
R4	176	204	193	196	182	208	219	210	226	232	222	245	2513
R11	78	75	86	86	91	109	84	88	81	116	93	102	1089
R16	257	271	259	319	275	295	277	309	289	296	298	301	3446
R17	200	181	199	203	217	198	206	216	220	224	190	204	2458
TOTAL	995	975	1024	1074	1104	1099	1088	1118	1084	1215	1108	1131	13015

EMS SUPERVISOR

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
EMS11	173	192	159	202	208	219	231	237	187	228	205	177	2418
EMS12	138	129	146	150	167	179	144	161	148	203	149	203	1917
EMS13	163	170	188	180	208	217	206	227	215	208	205	191	2378
EMS14	216	192	195	185	197	234	235	216	229	264	219	225	2607
EMS15	215	162	210	176	226	220	238	234	252	241	223	231	2628
EMS16	90	97	88	91	88	124	115	100	106	105	95	101	1200
EMS17	54	64	62	66	89	81	88	81	65	62	62	54	828
TOTAL	1049	1006	1048	1050	1183	1274	1257	1256	1202	1311	1158	1182	13976
PER DAY	34	36	34	35	38	42	41	41	40	42	39	38	

BATTALION CHIEFS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
B1	215	185	211	205	214	193	229	203	180	223	217	168	2443
B2	207	183	184	187	209	205	200	177	167	197	185	152	2253
B3	260	219	208	239	207	197	215	212	188	225	192	182	2544
B4	116	109	114	104	114	107	119	111	83	114	99	98	1288
B5	143	120	120	125	146	147	173	139	121	134	120	121	1609
B6	213	188	237	232	212	197	256	196	180	202	189	182	2484
B7	85	64	76	83	82	83	80	86	70	108	87	58	962
TOTAL	1239	1068	1150	1175	1184	1129	1272	1124	989	1203	1089	961	13583
PER DAY	40	39	37	39	38	38	41	36	33	39	36	31	

BOAT

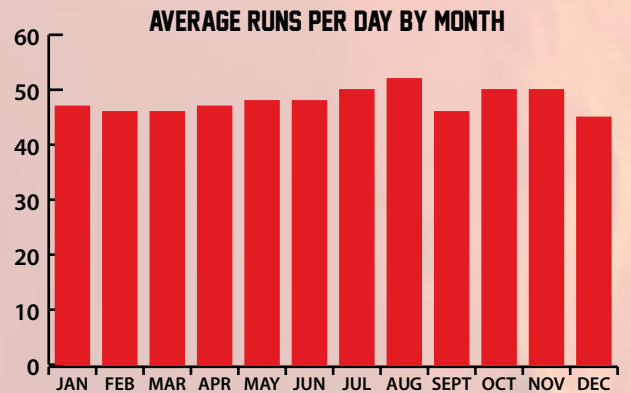
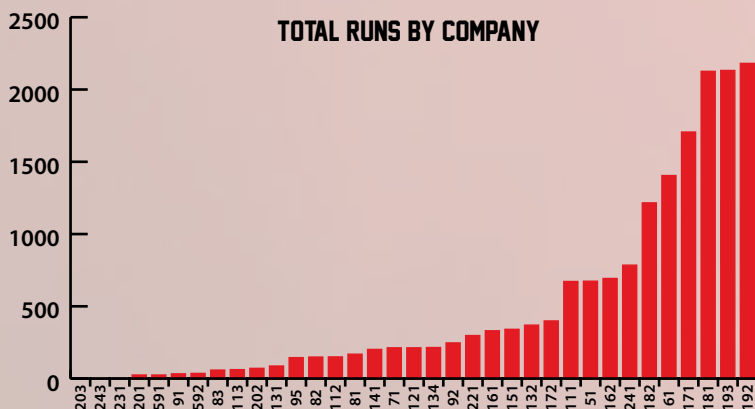
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
B02	1	0	1	0	0	1	5	1	1	0	0	3	13
B04	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
B06	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
B010	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	2	0	0	2	11
B011	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
B014	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
B019	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	8
B021	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	5
B022	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
B023	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
B025	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	8
B026	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
B027	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
B030	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
TOTAL	5	2	6	0	7	6	26	4	8	2	0	10	76

OTHER

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
BS2	10	8	10	12	5	11	8	9	10	6	9	4	102
BS3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	7
BS4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	6
HZ4	0	2	0	5	2	2	3	5	4	5	4	1	33
INV11	11	8	6	5	13	10	7	4	9	7	10	4	94
INV12	10	7	9	10	15	2	5	8	8	6	10	9	99
INV13	7	12	6	11	13	14	12	11	7	8	10	10	121
INV14	6	6	5	10	11	9	5	8	9	8	10	11	98
INV15	19	19	14	16	7	20	15	16	8	7	20	9	170
INV16	5	8	7	0	10	7	4	14	12	11	4	1	83
INV17	11	4	2	5	12	4	4	4	4	8	3	0	61
INV36	2	0	2	8	6	3	9	6	11	6	3	7	63
INV37	7	9	8	7	11	4	13	7	2	2	0	0	70
SD1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
SD2	45	60	55	47	58	56	54	53	55	63	70	63	679
ROW1	68	62	90	96	118	91	56	55	71	64	55	50	876
ROW2	62	58	67	82	98	47	46	39	57	39	41	33	669
ISU19	6	4	5	2	6	4	2	4	4	5	1	3	46
CMD18	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
TOTAL	271	269	286	318	386	285	244	245	274	248	251	206	3283

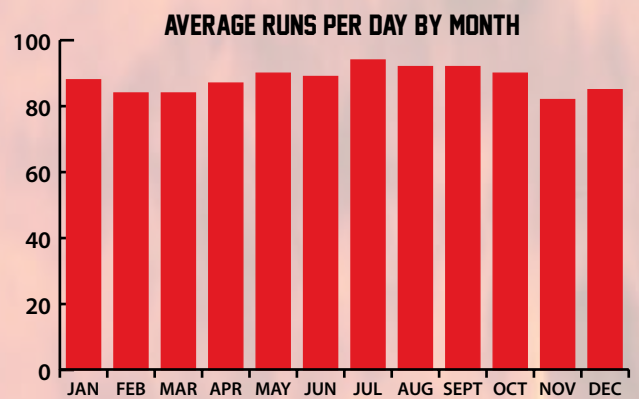
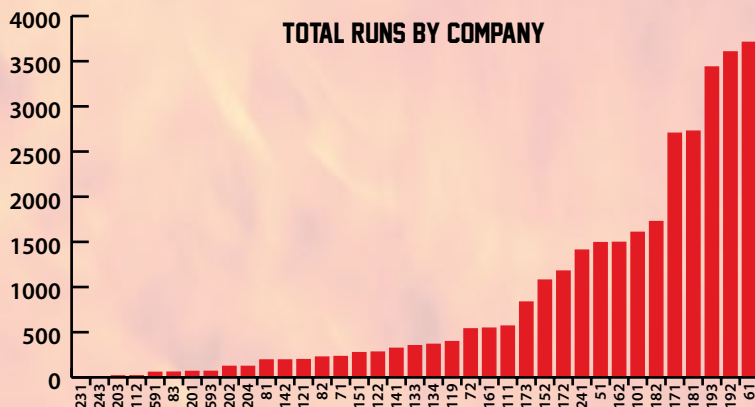
TOWNSHIP ENGINE COMPANY RUNS

ENGINE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
51	59	50	58	42	52	56	65	57	52	65	59	59	674
61	108	108	94	108	104	127	121	138	116	146	148	87	1405
71	23	17	12	16	13	18	13	24	15	26	22	14	213
81	12	8	9	12	15	18	25	12	8	22	22	6	169
82	10	6	10	14	12	12	16	17	9	16	16	11	149
83	10	2	3	3	2	12	5	9	1	3	6	3	59
91	4	0	1	2	4	0	3	4	3	6	2	4	33
92	25	17	20	7	23	21	15	21	18	35	23	22	247
95	19	10	4	13	16	3	9	16	8	19	17	11	145
111	50	52	54	52	74	64	66	47	47	56	52	58	672
112	14	14	8	10	23	11	12	13	11	15	8	11	150
113	4	5	5	7	9	6	7	2	2	3	7	5	62
121	14	14	13	23	22	18	23	24	17	20	10	15	213
131	11	7	7	5	3	7	8	9	9	5	10	6	87
132	47	43	50	46	47	22	15	23	15	21	21	20	370
134	19	17	12	15	11	21	23	18	21	18	18	22	215
141	21	16	18	19	15	10	22	21	17	21	11	11	202
151	22	30	25	30	30	28	26	34	29	30	28	29	341
161	21	30	28	25	31	32	35	27	25	26	26	25	331
162	52	53	79	59	68	56	62	60	61	50	48	45	693
171	130	120	133	124	160	143	155	164	135	135	151	156	1706
172	23	18	29	27	21	29	34	46	53	48	35	36	399
181	203	155	188	160	193	169	145	183	173	195	185	177	2126
182	95	103	108	112	89	82	98	112	117	119	96	85	1216
192	192	151	179	183	185	192	223	200	166	167	170	173	2181
193	176	150	181	182	182	186	192	202	163	154	168	196	2132
201	3	1	0	2	3	3	3	2	3	4	0	1	25
202	4	4	10	10	4	8	6	5	1	8	4	7	71
203	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
221	23	22	23	23	23	17	31	24	7	35	47	23	298
231	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
241	67	48	52	69	52	60	85	78	62	80	68	64	785
243	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
591	2	0	4	4	1	1	0	2	2	4	3	2	25
592	2	3	3	3	4	3	2	5	4	1	4	2	36
TOTAL	1,466	1,274	1,420	1,407	1,491	1,437	1,545	1,599	1,371	1,554	1,486	1,387	17437
PER DAY	47	46	46	47	48	48	50	52	46	50	50	45	



TOWNSHIP MEDIC COMPANY RUNS

MEDIC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
51	129	119	103	115	125	139	143	131	139	132	109	108	1492
61	310	292	315	290	321	296	317	328	324	305	288	323	3709
71	19	16	19	11	15	17	21	33	22	24	22	12	231
72	49	35	42	49	52	40	51	45	45	45	38	46	537
81	18	13	15	14	18	16	19	17	25	19	16	3	193
82	17	13	16	16	24	14	24	22	21	24	15	19	225
83	4	1	3	6	7	3	7	6	4	9	4	4	58
101	141	122	143	148	123	148	140	147	111	148	103	132	1606
111	40	46	45	46	50	48	58	53	44	51	34	53	568
112	3	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	18
119	59	44	34	39	41	29	22	12	24	20	39	33	396
121	19	17	12	21	14	14	15	17	16	19	15	18	197
122	28	27	27	24	20	29	20	20	18	25	18	24	280
133	33	37	34	30	29	25	30	23	28	29	23	30	351
134	34	20	36	30	33	26	19	25	39	35	27	42	366
141	23	27	25	20	25	23	29	26	33	33	31	27	322
142	20	23	24	14	20	17	22	16	17	12	5	3	193
151	13	15	21	14	23	32	41	21	32	23	17	22	274
152	75	75	77	87	100	104	120	80	96	97	78	88	1077
161	50	39	42	31	43	39	44	50	65	50	35	57	545
162	110	104	129	131	140	131	117	140	149	109	115	120	1495
171	228	180	218	216	245	221	239	243	218	232	227	236	2703
172	68	66	95	76	97	99	106	103	120	115	114	118	1177
173	54	49	57	69	94	88	74	83	80	70	48	68	834
181	247	201	239	208	254	214	222	245	222	233	218	223	2726
182	124	140	152	159	156	128	151	143	156	150	130	136	1725
192	300	253	285	319	294	310	353	322	287	303	286	291	3603
193	318	236	263	278	293	269	327	310	292	294	272	284	3436
201	10	2	2	5	7	8	7	10	4	7	1	3	66
202	15	11	8	6	10	13	13	13	9	9	7	8	122
203	3	1	0	2	0	1	2	3	1	2	2	0	17
204	15	11	6	7	10	10	10	14	9	9	8	13	122
231	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
241	163	109	101	123	109	98	131	125	107	132	113	98	1409
243	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
591	0	5	6	5	3	9	4	7	6	5	3	3	56
593	1	6	4	6	6	5	8	6	9	6	7	3	67
TOTAL	2,742	2,355	2,600	2,618	2,804	2,666	2,908	2,841	2,773	2,778	2,469	2,650	32204
PER DAY	88	84	84	87	90	89	94	92	92	90	82	85	



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 NATHAN A. BIGHAM, BRONZE MALTESE AWARD

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FIREFIGHTER TODD A. MILLAR, 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. ROGGENKAMP, 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 refuge 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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