

NORTH OLMSTED FIRE DEPARTMENT

2013 Annual Report



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WHAT IS A FIREFIGHTER ?



He's the guy next door...

*He's a guy like you and me
with warts and worries and unfulfilled dreams.*

Yet he stands taller than most of us.

He's a fireman....

*A fireman is at once the most fortunate
and the least fortunate of men.*

*He's a man who saves lives because
he has seen too much death.*

*He's a gentle man because he has seen
the awesome power of violence out of control.*

*He's responsive to a child's laughter because his arms have
held too many small bodies that will never laugh again.*

He doesn't preach the brotherhood of man.

He lives it.

~ Author Unknown



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of the dedicated members of the North Olmsted Fire Department, I am pleased and honored to present to you the 2013 Annual Report. The Firefighters and Paramedics of our fine city take great pride in their endeavors and remain committed to the pursuit of providing first-class emergency services.

In 2013, the North Olmsted Fire Department experienced a significant change in leadership. Chief Thomas Klecan retired on July 31, 2013, after 33 years of service. I am privileged to have been selected to succeed Chief Klecan as the 8th Fire Chief in the history of the department. As Chief, my goal is to guide the organization in the attainment of the Mission Statement.

The department, like many other similar organizations, was tasked with doing more while staying within operational and financial boundaries. The department experienced an increase in total incidents while maintaining training requirements, equipment and apparatus maintenance, and company pre-plan inspections. While the department is responsible for providing resources for emergency response, it is also assigned the duty of fire prevention and education. Our Fire Prevention Bureau accomplished fire and life safety inspections, building pre-plans, and fire safety education.

In closing, I would like to offer my gratitude to the members of the North Olmsted Fire Department for their support during my first year as Chief. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to Mayor Kevin Kennedy, former Safety/Service Director Scott Thomas, retired Fire Chief Thomas Klecan, the members of City Council and the entire city for their assistance and backing. As we move enthusiastically toward 2014 and beyond, we strive to meet the ever increasing challenges facing the city and community. The dedicated and committed members look forward to working with the City Administration and all departments in order to provide the best service available.

Sincerely,

Edward M. Schepp, EFO, MSL
Fire Chief

NORTH OLMSTED FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORY



In March of 1924, the Village of North Olmsted Council created the Fire Department and appointed J. Neiswinter as Chief. By August of that same year, a used Model T Ford was purchased to be the first piece of fire equipment for the new North Olmsted Fire Department. The Model T was replaced very soon by a 1925 Chevrolet. April 1, 1929 saw an increase in the amount of firefighting equipment with the purchase of a new 1929 Seagrave Pumper. By 1930, the Fire Department consisted of at least 14 volunteer firefighters, some of whom worked for the North Olmsted Municipal Bus Line, and the first full-time Fire Chief, Frank Heiser.

Soon after World War II, three men were appointed to full-time positions. This offered the city 24-hour fire coverage via a fire telephone. During this time, William Biddulph was the Department's Chief until his death in 1952 when he was involved in a plane crash on Dover Center Road between Butternut Ridge and Lorain Roads.

1954 was an important year as huge growth took place for the Fire Department. More full-time men were added from the part-time list. Land was purchased for the building of two fire stations. Fire Station #1 would be located at 25128 Lorain Road, and an identical Fire Station #2 would be built at 29374 Lorain Road.

By 1955, a well-equipped 1955 Ford station wagon was purchased, complete with Advanced Aid Cards to offer the best care to the citizens of North Olmsted.

As the City of North Olmsted continued to grow through the 1960's, it became apparent that the Fire Department needed to expand. A 1969 Ladder Truck with a 90 foot articulating boom was added to the fire fleet. The ambulance service had become an important operation for the day to day activities. Each station had a Rescue Squad. 1973 saw the introduction of the Paramedics to the Department with one of the first heart monitor/defibrillators in the State of Ohio.

During the early 1990's the need for new and larger fire stations were obvious. The present North Olmsted Fire Department Station #1 opened in 1995 at 24291 Lorain Road. It houses Administration and Fire Prevention Offices. North Olmsted Fire Station #2 had it's grand opening in 2008. At this time the North Olmsted Fire Department continues to grow and offers many lifesaving and public relation programs.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the North Olmsted Fire Department is to provide the citizens of our fine community with first-class fire, emergency medical, rescue and fire prevention services. Department members will continually commit to accomplish the mission through high standards of education, leadership, and professionalism, while maintaining a passionate and dedicated resolve to safeguard the health and safety of our personnel.

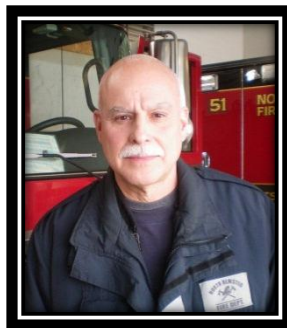




Edward M. Schepp
Chief



Jeffrey A. Hohenfeld, EMT-P
Captain



Michael Ciarrone
Captain



Donald L. Swan
Lieutenant



Theodore Vance, EMT-B
Lieutenant



Timothy J. Gut, EMT-P
Lieutenant



Kenneth H. Hehnen, EMT-P
Lieutenant



James D. Dunwoodie, EMT-P
Lieutenant

PERSONNEL



Firefighter Carl Schanz, EMT-P

Firefighter Jack V. Sevier, EMT-P

Firefighter Mark S. Weston, EMT-P

Firefighter David M. Meadows, EMT-P

Firefighter John P. Callahan, EMT-P

Firefighter Richard A. France, EMT-P

Firefighter Robert J. Pinkie, EMT-P

Firefighter Ronald M. Prebis, EMT-P

Firefighter Anthony E. Lane, EMT-P

Firefighter David B. Boatman, EMT-P

Firefighter Rich Mecklenburg, EMT-P

Firefighter Jeffrey S. Wilson, EMT-P

Firefighter Daniel J. Coyle, EMT-P

Firefighter Matt Peters, EMT-P

Firefighter Todd A. Kirkpatrick, EMT-P

Firefighter Matt O'Donnell, EMT-P

Firefighter Roger W. Hutkay, EMT-P

Firefighter Michael L. Kopycinski, EMT-P

Firefighter James R. Knipper, EMT-P

Firefighter James M. Weir, EMT-P

Firefighter Matthew T. Radke, EMT-P

Firefighter Adam W. Hudak, EMT-P

Firefighter Brian Shlapack, EMT-P

Firefighter James E. Penner, EMT-P

Firefighter David C. Stein, EMT-P

Firefighter Timothy A. Gates, EMT-P

Firefighter Jeffrey Halsak, EMT-P

Firefighter Kevin J. Zywiec, EMT-P

Firefighter Bryan E. Gallagher, EMT-P

Firefighter Michael R. Fusco, EMT-P

Firefighter Shaun J. Kasza, EMT-P

Firefighter Frank G. Selig, EMT-P

Fire Prevention: Jerry M. Cifranic, EMT-P

Administrative Assistant: Pam Glauner

Secretary: Linda Hall

Building Maintenance: Killian McGrath

2013 RETIREMENTS



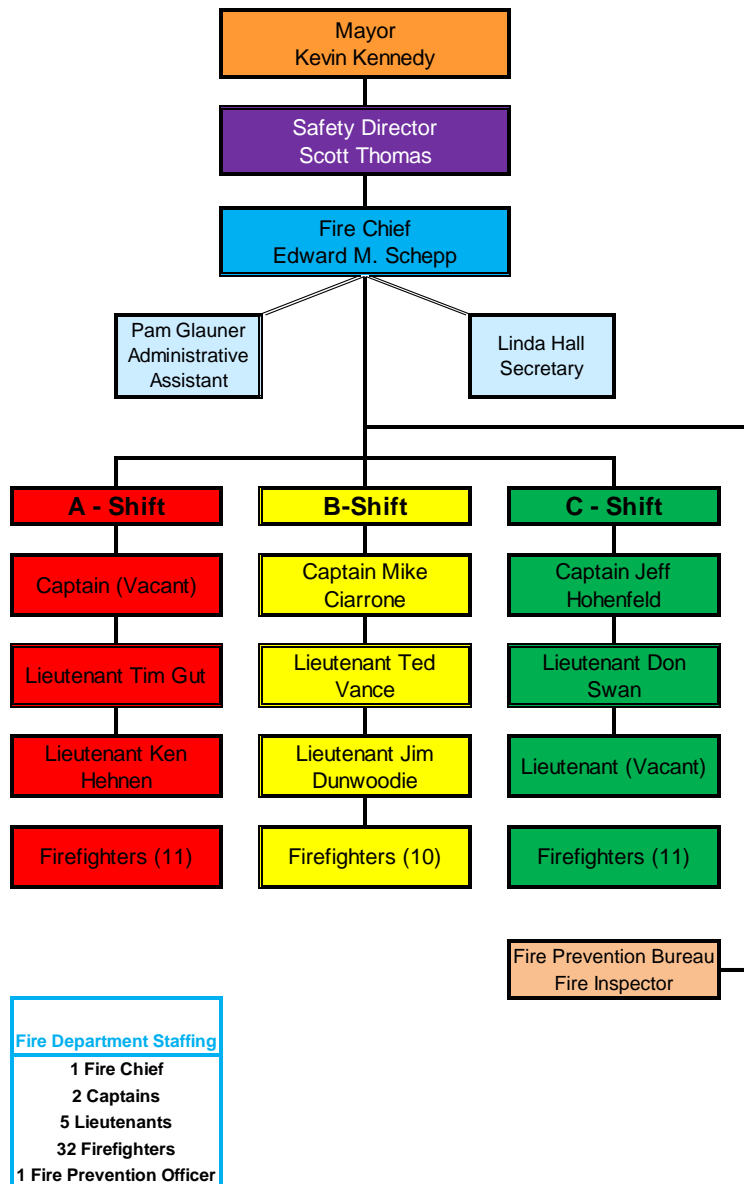
Thomas Klecan - Chief
Retired 8/31/2013

2013 RESIGNATIONS



Scott Bartko - Lieutenant
Resigned 4/1/2013

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS



2013 Incidents	Total
Total Incidents	3893
Stn #1 Response	1971
Stn #2 Response	1355
Both Stations Response	464
Mutual Aid Given	166
Mutual Aid Received	163
EMS	3175
EMS Transports	2140
Fire	98
False Alarms	217
Other	358
Sick Leave	5559
Overtime	2488
Fire \$ Loss	\$658,460.00

FIRE SERVICES



Types of Fires	Total
Building	37
Cooking	27
Vehicle	7
Natural Vegetation	9
Grass, Brush, Rubbish	12
Other	10
Total Fires	102

False Alarms	Total
Alarm System Activation	37
Alarm System Malfunction	36
Carbon Monoxide Detector	33
Detector Activation	23
Smoke Detector Activation	55
Unintentional Transmission	10
Other False Alarms	35
Total False Alarms	229

Civilian Casualties	
Injuries	2
Fatalities	1

Firefighter Casualties	
Injuries	4
Fatalities	0

Building Fires	
Day of Week	Total
Sunday	7
Monday	4
Tuesday	6
Wednesday	5
Thursday	6
Friday	2
Saturday	7



FIRE LOSSES AT \$10,000 AND OVER



Date	Address	Fixed Property Use	Total
2/14/13	26101 Country Club Blvd.	Multifamily Dwelling	\$70,000
4/16/13	5250 Columbia Road	Multifamily Dwelling	\$10,000
5/18/13	31134 Lorain Road	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$250,000
6/3/13	30344 Lorain Road	Multifamily Dwelling	\$15,000
6/14/13	Country Club & Great Northern Blvds.	Vehicle	\$19,000
8/18/13	4944 Porter Road	Detached Garage	\$50,000
9/15/13	26911 Fairfax Lane	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$12,000
9/16/13	5843 Sherwood Drive	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$120,000
9/21/13	3949 Dryden Drive	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000
12/24/13	23085 Clifford Drive	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$10,000
12/25/13	26761 Sudbury Drive	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$10,000



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



EMS by Station

Station 1	1841
Station 2	1362
Total	3203

EMS by Fire Unit

Engine 1	103
Engine 2	32
Ladder 1	40
Squad 51	1652
Squad 52	1280
Squad 53	96
Total	3203

EMS by Shifts

A Shift	1079
B Shift	1018
C Shift	1106
Total	3203

Outcomes	Total
Cancelled	28
DOA	10
False Call	5
No Patient Found	55
No Treatment Required	243
Patient Refused Care	230
Transported or Patient Signed Off by Mutual Aid FD	87
Treated and Released	28
Treated, Transferred Care to Other FD	25
Treated, Transferred to Air Medical	2
Treated, Transported by EMS	2289
Treated, Transported by Law Enforcement	1
Treated, Transported by Private Vehicle	8
Treatment, No Transport	167





Total Chief Complaints		3203
Abdominal Pain (non-traumatic)	108	Hemorrhage (non-injury) 17
Abdominal Pain (traumatic)	2	Hemorrhage/Laceration (injury) 14
Airway Obstruction	1	Hypertension 4
Allergic/Anaphylactic Reaction	9	Hypotension 6
Animal Bite	3	Hypothermia 3
Assault	13	Intoxicated 22
Asthma Attack	16	MVC (no injuries) 56
Back Pain (non-traumatic)	60	MVC (with injuries) 125
Back Pain (traumatic)	22	Major Trauma/Injury 7
CHF	2	Minor Trauma/Injury 36
Cardiac Arrest (non-traumatic)	18	Mutual Aid Received 45
Cardiac Problems (not chest pain)	28	Nausea/Vomiting 47
Change in Mental Status	93	No Need for EMS 32
Chest Pain	218	No Patient Found 16
Chest Pain (STEMI)	4	Not Applicable 15
Chest Pain (trauma)	1	Not Known 16
Choking	11	Pain 92
DOA (non-traumatic)	26	Pedestrian Struck 4
DOA (traumatic)	3	Pediatric Medical 7
Dehydration	4	Pediatric Trauma 3
Diabetic Problem	81	Poison/Overdose 38
Dialysis Patient (shunt issue)	1	Pregnancy/Gyn Issues 12
Dizziness	67	Psychiatric/Behavioral 126
Eye Injury	4	Public Assist 246
Eye Problem (non-traumatic)	3	Respiratory Arrest 3
Fall Victim (injury)	266	Respiratory Distress/Difficulty Breathing 199
Fall Victim (no injury)	73	Seizure 112
Fracture/Dislocation	14	Sick Person (Flu, Fever, etc.) 20
GI Problem	19	Stabbing/Gunshot Wound 3
General Medical	372	Stroke/CVA 51
General Weakness	129	Suicidal/Homicidal 13
Head Injury	24	Tactical EMS Call-out 1
Headache (non-traumatic)	11	Unconscious/Fainting 82
Heat Related Illness	3	Unknown Problem/Cancelled 21



Procedures	ALS1	ALS2	BLS	No Data	Total
Airway	523	11	29	4	567
Cardiac	580	38	0	13	631
Hospital Notify	213	4	48	0	265
Immobilization	183	2	84	4	273
Initiate IV	996	26	0	21	1043
Intubation	0	18	0	0	18
Labs	2	0	0	0	2
Medical Consult	3	0	0	0	3
Medication	1016	80	29	33	1158
Operations	1	0	0	0	1
Ventilator	2	0	0	0	2
Wound Care	22	0	15	3	40
No Data	449	0	309	852	1610
Total	3990	179	514	930	5613

Receiving Hospitals	ALS1	ALS2	BLS	Total
Cleveland Clinic – Lakewood	4	0	0	4
Cleveland Clinic – Fairview	962	11	233	1206
Elyria Memorial	1	0	1	2
Southwest General Health Center	8	0	0	8
St. John Westshore	815	14	250	1079
University Hospital of Cleveland	1	0	0	1
Total	1791	25	484	2300



MUTUAL AID



Mutual Aid	Given	Received
January	12	14
February	12	9
March	15	10
April	17	14
May	13	15
June	19	24
July	17	19
August	16	8
September	11	6
October	10	15
November	7	13
December	17	16
Total	166	163



FIRE PREVENTION

MISSION: Protect life and property from any hazardous condition that may occur by providing code enforcement, inspections, public education, preplanning and follow up investigations.

Inspections: The Fire Prevention Bureau witnesses annual, semiannual and quarterly testing of Fire Alarm Systems, Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems and Restaurant Cooking Hood Suppression Systems. The bureau oversees the annual Fire Safety Inspections done by on-duty personnel of all commercial structures in the City of North Olmsted. Fire Safety Inspections of Day Care Facilities, Group Homes and applicants for Foster Care and Adoption are completed as mandated by the state. Annual inspections of all assisted living residences, nursing homes, high rise buildings, apartment buildings, hotels, motels and Great Northern Mall are performed which includes the updating of emergency contact and preplanned fire response information to the database. Additionally, follow-up inspections are executed to ensure that violations from fire inspections and reported safety issues have been corrected. False alarms are investigated to reduce frequency. Fire Safety Inspections are performed of all rides and booths at the Homecoming Fair, and the bureau worked with the high school After Prom Committee and event planners of the National Championship Gaelic Games to ensure safe environments for these events.

Types of Inspections	Total
Hood Suppression Systems	127
Automatic Fire Suppression Sprinkler Systems	87
Fire Alarm Systems	131
Fire Safety	428
Foster Care/Adoption Application	8
Day Care	4
Annual School Safety	10
Nursing Home/Assisted Living	8
High Rise/Apartment Building	7
Hotel/Motel	6
Follow-up/Re-inspections	89
Investigation of Complaints	7



Jerry Cifranic
Fire Prevention

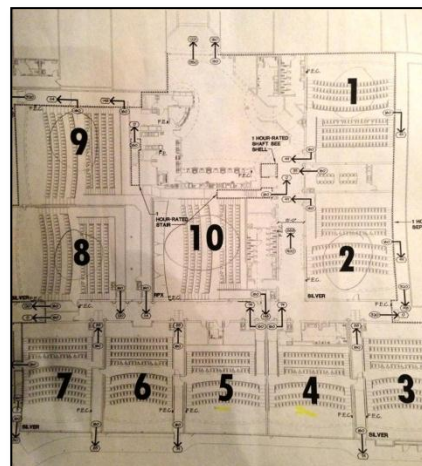


FIRE PREVENTION

Public Education: Fire Safety Presentations are given by the Fire Prevention Bureau at Public and Private Schools, Pre-Schools and Day Care Facilities.

Plan Review: The Fire Prevention Bureau reviews all new building construction and renovation blue prints for issues that may concern public and firefighter safety, firefighter response and firefighting tactics.

Plan Reviews	Total
New Construction	24
Renovations	49
Final Occupancy Inspections	54



CHILD & INFANT CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS



In 2013, a total of 21 child or infant car seats were inspected. Of those inspected three were improperly installed, two were the incorrect size seat for the child utilizing it, and one was expired. The parent or caregiver is often confused by the car seats large instruction manual and the reference to the car safety seat installation in the automobile's operator manual. Car crashes remain the number one killer of children 14 and under in the United States.

Additionally, this is an outreach program where the community is in contact with the fire department staff in a nonemergency setting. Frequently, a parent will bring their younger children and if time allows, a tour of the fire department will be given.

The car seat inspection program helps reduce the risk of injury and death to children and infants improperly restrained in a vehicle and is a valuable service to our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Radke

Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician



FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

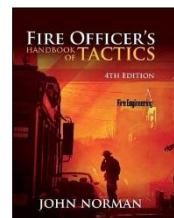


Training Officer: Captain Michael Ciarrone

MISSION: Provide and maintain fire and rescue training to keep our members safe, serve the public, and meet NFPA 1001 Firefighter II requirements.

All members of the North Olmsted Fire Department are required to attend a comprehensive list of training exercises. It is through extensive preparation and practice that our firefighters are prepared to provide the expertise and excellent service in serving the residents of North Olmsted and surrounding communities. The training for the fire department is comprised of Command, Attack, Ventilation, Search, Backup, RIT, Mayday, Rope Rescue, River Rescue, Vehicle Extrication, Highrise and Standpipe Operations, Hazmat, Emergency Vehicle Operation, SWAT, and Emergency Medical Services.

🧯 Command Training is required each year. John F. “Skip” Coleman’s book, “Incident Management for the Street-Smart Fire Officer”, and John Norman’s book, “Fire Officer’s Handbook of Tactics”, are used as guides for the Command Training as well as for the Big 4: Attack, Ventilation, Search and Backup.



🧯 Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) follows the FDNY Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), and Mayday Training follows the Phoenix FD SOP.



🧯 Rope Rescue Training is held twice a year to review the skills needed. Actual scenarios are created so all training participants perform that type of rescue.

🧯 Patton’s Towing Service donates wrecked vehicles for the Fire Department to train on Vehicle Extrication.



FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING



- Two high-rise apartment buildings, Westbury and Victoria Plaza, as well as the Training Tower at Fire Station 2 are used for High-Rise and Standpipe Operations. Those operations follow the Chicago FD and the FDNY SOP.
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Training is held in the south parking lot at Great Northern Mall. An obstacle course is set-up for the engine to practice maneuverability and handling. NFPA 1451 Guidelines are followed.
- Two firefighters, Tim Gates and Jim Weir, participate in Hazmat Training. The preparation includes identifying chemicals, how to mitigate a hazmat scene, and training in a confined space/trench.



RIVER RESCUE TRAINING



The North Olmsted Fire Department currently has five firefighter/paramedics trained to technician level and the remainder of the department is trained to operations level.

Though the fire department does not respond to the swift water/open water rescues frequently, these rescues can be classified as low frequency high risk responses. These are the types of rescues that frequently lead to responder injuries and deaths because of a lack of continuous training and a basic knowledge of equipment and geographic location. The North Olmsted Fire Department trains for basic response to and operations level rescue techniques in the Rocky River, with an emphasis on the rescuer being able to self-rescue if they find themselves in the water.

The River Rescue Group for the North Olmsted Fire Department was quiet in the year 2103. The last rescue performed was in 2012 and was a mutual aid response to Olmsted Township to assist them with the rescue of two fishermen stuck on a large tree which was wedged between the lower and upper half of a low head dam. The rescue was technical in nature and challenged the rescuers to develop a rescue that would maintain crew safety and have a positive outcome for the two fishermen.

Currently the North Olmsted Fire Department maintains eight swift water rescuer kits which are made up of a dry suit, personal flotation device specific to swift water rescue, helmet, gloves, and boots. We have an additional eight personal flotation devices that are used for non-rescue personnel who will be working in a close proximity to the river. We have throw bags, a line gun, and rope rescue equipment.

It is important to remember that without continuous training in this rescue discipline, the ability to affect a simple rescue puts our firefighter/paramedics at risk for serious injury and possibly a line of duty death. The continued funding for equipment and training is paramount for our success.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel J. Coyle

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING



EMS Officer: Lt. Ken Hehnen



MISSION: Improve the quality of life within the community by providing a high-quality emergency medical service.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is probably the most visible component of the North Olmsted Fire Department today. The highest percentages of all calls to the fire department are EMS calls. 2013 was one of the busiest years since becoming a full-time fire department in 1960 with 78% of the department calls being EMS in nature. Units responded to 3,902 requests for service. EMS calls totaled 3,203 and 2,301 patients were transported to area Emergency Departments. EMS is a vital component and integral part of the North Olmsted Fire Department and continues to evolve and provide outstanding services to the citizens and visitors of North Olmsted.

North Olmsted Paramedics must complete a minimum of 86 CE hours within their three year certification cycle; including at least 12 hours pediatrics, 4 hours geriatric, 6 hours of Basic and Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and 8 hours of trauma issues including triage and transportation protocols approved by the board each Paramedic averages 30 hours of EMS education per year.



The North Olmsted Fire Department is a charter member of the **Westshore Area Rescue Association (WESHARE)**. This organization pioneered the regionalization concept. Ten communities (Avon, Avon Lake, Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville, Olmsted Township, Rocky River, Westlake) along with three area hospitals (Fairview, Lakewood and, St. John Medical Center) share protocols, medical command, continuing education and mutual aid. A comprehensive approach is provided to the delivery of Emergency Medical Services including: Community Education, Emergency Medical Dispatching, Advanced Technology, and Paramedic First Responding Fire Engines.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING



911



The **CPR Education Program**, working in partnership with St. John Medical Center provides training in the areas of choking management, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and deployment of the Automatic External Defibrillators (AED). Community AED programs support the deployment and training for 29 AEDs placed in most public buildings, all city schools, and most private schools. The fire department also provides child and baby car seat safety inspections and installations at Fire Station 1 on a monthly basis.

The **911 - Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) Program** prioritizes the actions of the dispatcher and bystanders, to ensure that life-threatening conditions are identified and responded to immediately. The "first" first responder is the caller who is acting on behalf of the patient. The ability of the EMD to provide life-saving instructions to someone who can provide supportive care is dependent on the identification that a life-threatening condition (i.e., cardiac arrest, choking, respiratory arrest, or emergency childbirth) exists. Immediate pre-arrival instructions are given to the callers, while EMS units are responding. These instructions can make the difference between life and death. All dispatchers are cross-trained as Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Dispatchers. EMD Dispatchers receive 12 hours of continuing education training per year to meet their re-certification requirements.

North Olmsted Fire Department Engines and the Ladder Truck have paramedic level advanced life support staffing and equipment. This includes advanced airway equipment, ALS jump kit and AED. In the event an ambulance is already on an emergency run, the closest fire truck will first respond to provide advanced life support until the ambulance arrives on scene. The fire truck also responds with the ambulances to support the EMS crews with cases of severe trauma and medical emergencies. All members of the department are cross-trained as Firefighter/Paramedics or Firefighter/EMTs. The dedication and professionalism of the members of the North Olmsted Fire Department continues to be the key to the successful delivery of emergency medical services to the City of North Olmsted.

EMERGENCY
DIAL **911** FIRE
POLICE
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TACTICAL PARAMEDIC REPORT



Firefighter/paramedics are assigned to the Westshore Enforcement Bureau SWAT team to provide immediate medical support and treatment to Law Enforcement Officers, civilians, and suspects during a SWAT operation. This immediate care is rendered in the hot and warm zones of the operation where traditional EMS cannot operate due to a lack of training and personal protective equipment appropriate to the environment. Firefighter/paramedic(s) Daniel Coyle and Adam Hudak currently provide this service along with a firefighter/paramedic from the City of Lakewood. This is a service that is currently afforded to all municipalities of the Westshore Communities.

Training is attended as frequently as possible. This training consists both of tactical training with the WEB SWAT team and advanced medical training provided by physicians from Metro General Hospital, Life Flight, and St. John Medical Center.

Eleven SWAT Unit call outs were attended by a tactical paramedic from the City of North Olmsted, for the year 2013 in Lakewood, North Olmsted, Rocky River and Westlake.

As both the lead paramedic for the WEB SWAT unit and the Tactical EMS Chair for the Cuyahoga County Urban Area Working Group EMS Committee, Dan Coyle was successful in acquiring equipment for the WEB SWAT tactical medic group and the other 50 tactical paramedics in Cuyahoga County. WEB SWAT medics received new level III-A body armor, medical bags, pulse oximeters, portable litters, medical equipment specific to Tactical Combat Casualty Care guidelines, and each team including WEB SWAT received a Lifepack 1000 AED with three lead monitor capabilities. This was provided by a 24,000.00 grant through Cuyahoga County.

This tactical medical group is a busy, well-trained and well-equipped unit that directly impacts the health and wellbeing of the Law Enforcement Officers supported by the group and the citizens of the greater Westshore Communities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel J. Coyle



2013 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



Lt. Ken Hehnen has been a member of the North Olmsted Fire Department for over 28 years. He completed the Paramedic, Fire Academy and Fire Safety Inspector Programs at Cuyahoga Community College and in 2007, completed the Ohio Fire Executive Program at The Ohio State University Fisher College.

In 1990, Lt. Hehnen became the Emergency Medical Services Coordinator and Westshore Area Rescue Association Medical Advisory Representative. Some of his accomplishments as EMS Coordinator include:

- ❑ Developed, recommended and implemented medical protocols such as pre-hospital 12-lead EKG protocol, Cardiac Pacing and CPAP use
- ❑ Principle author of the North Olmsted Fire Department's and the WESHARE's Mass Casualty Incident Protocol
- ❑ Implemented and managed the Westshore Communities only area-wide Mass Casualty Incident drill at Great Northern Mall
- ❑ Managed a Mass Prophylaxis Swine Flu dispensing event in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health
- ❑ Started and managed North Olmsted citizens and city employees CPR/AED Program

Additionally, Lt. Hehnen implemented and trained the City Dispatchers as Emergency Medical Dispatchers, executed the electronic patient care reporting first with Toughbook computers and currently with iPads in the field, and continues to manage the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy License and medications for the fire department. Lt. Ken Hehnen's performance and demonstrated leadership are evident on a daily basis. His determination and commitment to the fire department and the citizens of North Olmsted are exemplary and make him an exceptional candidate for Firefighter of the Year.

IAFF LOCAL 1267



The members of North Olmsted Firefighters Local 1267 have been involved in several community service and outreach projects over the past year. Our annual Cruise-In Car Show put on by Firefighter Carl Schanz with assistance from many of our members and their spouses, being our largest event, was able to raise over \$8,000.00 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This annual event held in July is always well attended and 100% of the proceeds are donated to M.D.A.



The Union donated \$200.00 to the North Olmsted Food Pantry, 61 coats for Coats for Kids, and dinner for the St. Brendan's Parish Raffle. A-Shift donated a breakfast to SRO Carbone to be used as a fundraiser for his work in the schools.



North Olmsted Local 1267 members also gave of their time and talents by providing DJ service and staffing for the Cleveland M.D.A. Summer Camp, DJ service for the MDA Stride and Ride Event at the IX Center, DJ service and kitchen staffing for the Ray Barda Fundraiser at St. Clarence, and assisting with the donation and distribution of 12 turkeys donated to the North Olmsted Food Pantry.



IAFF LOCAL 1267



For a few years now, Firefighter Adam Hudak has led a group of volunteers that works a mud volleyball tournament raising \$1700.00 this year alone. The money was donated to the Luke Layhew Cancer Fund, our own dispatcher Beth Vance's grandson, and to the Cleveland M.D.A. Over the past two years, Local 1267 has printed and sold pink NOFD t-shirts as a breast cancer awareness fundraiser that has raised hundreds of dollars and led the NOPD to do the same.

Firefighter Carl Schanz and Lieutenant Ken Hehnen have assembled a display of NOFD memorabilia in the entrance of Fire Station #1 that has come to be known as our museum. Many of the items on display have been donated by current and retired North Olmsted Firefighters.

For the 13th year the North Olmsted Firefighters have held a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony that has become a joint project with the North Olmsted Police Department and North Olmsted VFW Post. Many Local 1267 members were also involved in individual acts of voluntarism in this and other communities. The members of Local 1267 are dedicated to serving our community both on the job as well as on our days off and look forward to another year of service.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Penner, President
North Olmsted Local 1267



FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER



*When I am called to duty God, wherever flames may rage,
give me strength to save a life whatever be its age.*

*Help me to embrace a little child, before it's too late,
or save an older person from the horror of that fate.*

*Enable me to be alert, to hear the weakest shout,
and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.*

*I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me,
to guard my neighbor and protect his property.*

*And if according to your will I have to lose my life,
bless with your protecting hand my loving family from strife.*

