

NORTH OLMSTED FIRE DEPARTMENT



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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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.

Message from the Chief



Captain Shlapack, Captain Dunwoodie, Chief Schepp, Captain Gut

As the North Olmsted Fire Department enters 2017, we take time to reflect on the effort and accomplishments of 2016. I have the privilege and honor to present the North Olmsted Fire Department 2016 Annual Report. This report is an overview of the effort put forth and the accomplishments of our highly dedicated and compassionate members.

For the year, the North Olmsted Fire Department responded to 4,325 calls for service. Of the total, 3,626 calls, or 83%, were for emergency medical services with 659 fire responses. There were no fire fatalities in 2016 which breaks a three year run of unfortunate death attributed to fire. In 2016 the North Olmsted Fire Department was recognized by the American Heart Association with the nationally recognized "Mission Lifeline" Gold Award for the terrific efforts by our paramedics in providing emergency medical services. This accomplishment is an example of the dedication and resolve our members have committed to in our never-ending journey to meet the ideals of our Mission Statement. I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the North Olmsted Fire Department for their outstanding contributions as we contemplate the accomplishments of 2016. Contained within this report is the culmination of the efforts, skills, commitment, and dedication of each and every member of the organization over the course of the past year.

The department and its administration are committed, through continual training and education, to constantly provide leadership and first-class service to meet the needs of residents and visitors alike to the City of North Olmsted. I would like to offer my earnest thanks and appreciation to Mayor Kevin Kennedy, Finance Director Carrie Copfer, Law Director Michael Gareau, Safety/Service Director Don Glauner, recently retired Human Resources Director Cheryl Farver along with our new director, Marie Gallo, Planning Director Kim Wenger, and the members of the North Olmsted City Council for their direction and belief in our abilities and for providing resources so that we may continue to fulfill our Mission Statement. As we move forward into 2017, we endeavor to meet the ever growing challenges facing our fine city and community. The dedicated, innovative, and passionate members of the North Olmsted Fire Department are committed in the continual pursuit to provide first-class services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Schepp'.

Edward M. Schepp, EFO, MSL, OFC



History of the Department

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 its grand opening in 2006. Today the department responds to an average of 4,250 service calls annually, 83% being medical related. The department is made up of 2 support staff and 42 dedicated and well-trained firefighters/paramedics who proudly serve the citizens of North Olmsted.

Fire Department Chiefs



<i>1924 - 1930</i>	<i>J. Neiswinter</i>
<i>1930 - 1947</i>	<i>Frank Heiser</i>
<i>1947 - 1952</i>	<i>William Biddulph</i>
<i>1953 - 1964</i>	<i>Earl Donaldson</i>
<i>1964 - 1981</i>	<i>Ray Bement</i>
<i>1981 - 1991</i>	<i>John Van Kuren</i>
<i>1991 - 1999</i>	<i>Roger Osterhouse</i>
<i>1999 - 2002</i>	<i>Edward Bak</i>
<i>2002 - 2013</i>	<i>Thomas Klecan</i>
<i>2013 - Present</i>	<i>Edward Schepp</i>

Command Staff



Chief Edward M. Schepp



Captain Tim Gut



Captain Jim Dunwoodie



Captain Brian Shlapack



Lieutenant Carl Schanz



Lieutenant Matt O'Donnell



Lieutenant David Boatman



Lieutenant Matt Peters



Lieutenant Adam Hudak



Lieutenant Daniel Coyle

Department Personnel

FIREFIGHTERS

John Callahan, EMT-P
Brian Dunnett, EMT-P
Rich France, EMT-P
Mike Fusco, EMT-P
Bryan Gallagher, EMT-P
Tim Gates, EMT-P
Jeff Halsak, EMT-P
Roger Hutkay, EMT-P
Blake Ignasiak, EMT-P
Shaun Kasza, EMT-P
Shaun Kibler, EMT-P
Todd Kirkpatrick, EMT-P
Jim Knipper, EMT-P
Mike Kopycinski, EMT-P

Tony Lane, EMT-P
Dave Meadows, EMT-P
Rich Mecklenburg, EMT-P
Jim Penner, EMT-P
Bob Pinkie, EMT-P
Matt Radke, EMT-P
Keith Rush, EMT-P
Frank Selig, EMT-P
Dan Sparks, EMT-P
Dave Stein, EMT-P
Jim Weir, EMT-P
Jeff Wilson, EMT-P
Thomas Zimmerman, EMT-P
Kevin Zywiec, EMT-P

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Jerry Cifranic, EMT-P
Mark Weston, EMT-P

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Pam Glauner

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Juan Mendez

SECRETARY

Linda Hall

2016 NEW HIRE



**Firefighter/Paramedic
Thomas Zimmerman**

2016 RETIREMENTS



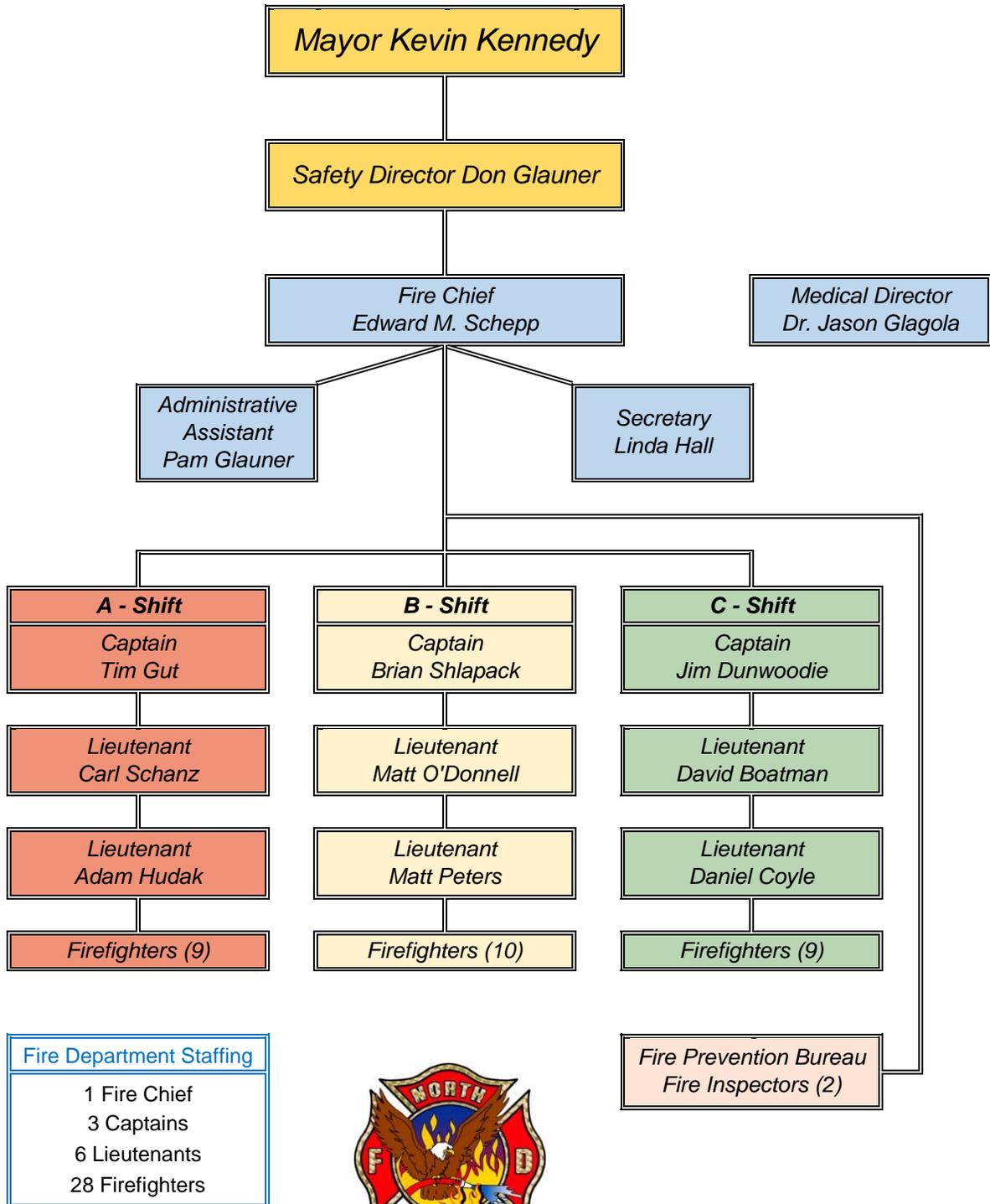
**Firefighter/Paramedic
Jack Sevier**



**Firefighter/Paramedic
Ted Vance**

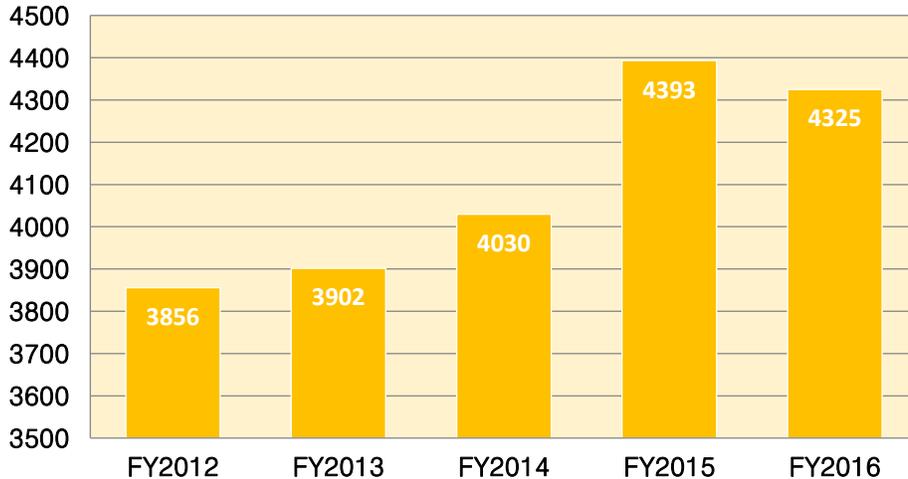
Organizational Chart

(As of December 31, 2016)



Department Overview

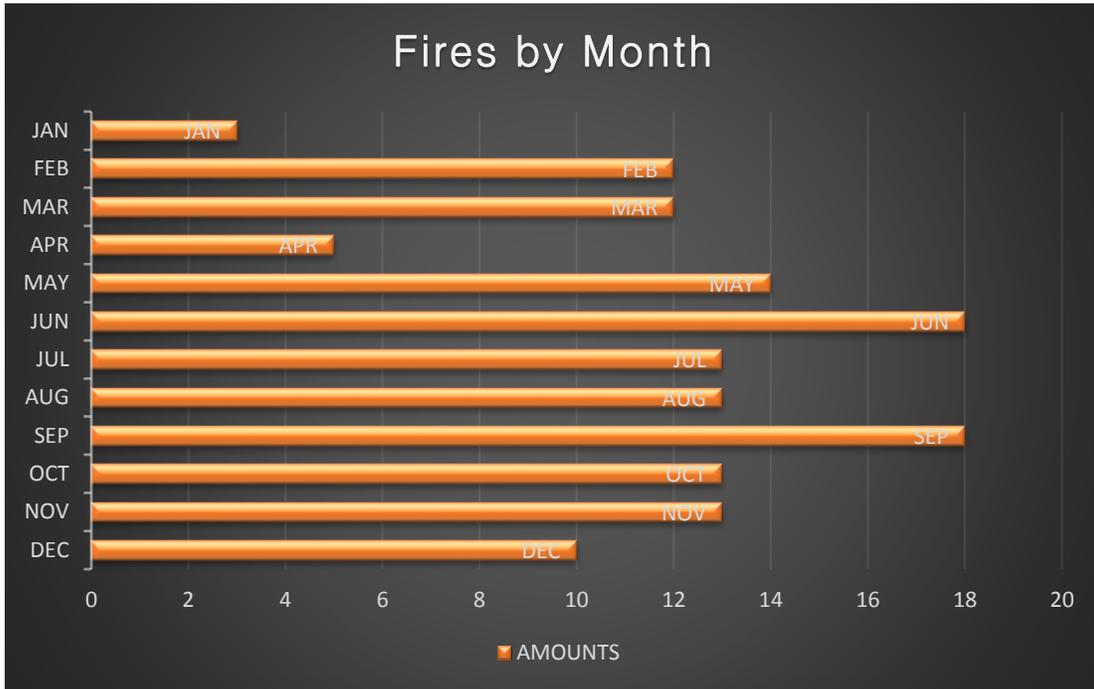
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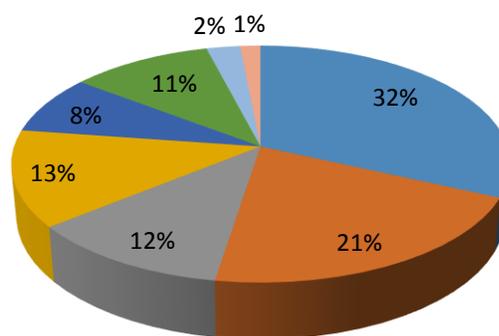
2016 By the Numbers!

0	–	<i>Fire deaths</i>
1	–	<i>Fire injuries</i>
1	–	<i>EMS injuries</i>
1	–	<i>New hire</i>
2	–	<i>Retirements</i>
5	–	<i>5.5% Decrease in Sick Time</i>
7	–	<i>7.5% Decrease in Overtime</i>
12	–	<i>Average runs per day</i>
27	–	<i>Most runs in a day (December 28)</i>
105	–	<i>Busiest week of the year (twice: May 29 & Aug 7)</i>
283	–	<i>Busiest hour of the day (12:01pm – 1:00pm)</i>
409	–	<i>Busiest month for calls (December)</i>
668	–	<i>Busiest day of the week for calls (Thursday)</i>
\$1,468,506,380	–	<i>Approximate residential home value protected in North Olmsted</i>

Fire Services



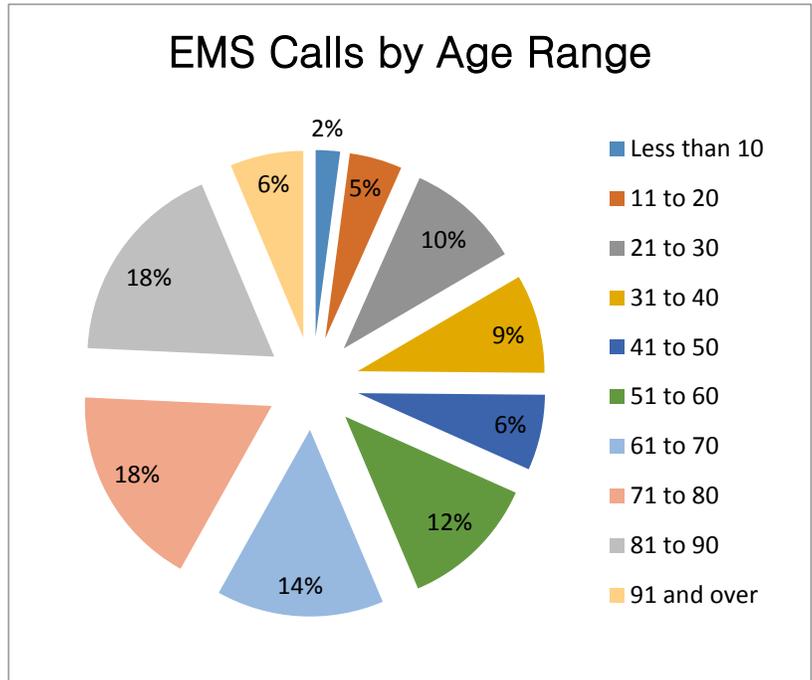
False Alarms



- Smoke Detector Activation
- Other
- Carbon Monoxide Detector
- Alarm System Activation
- Alarm System Malfunction
- Detector Activation
- Malicious
- Unintentional Transmission

Emergency Medical Services

EMS by Fire Unit	Total
Engine 1	46
Engine 2	9
Ladder 1	1
Squad 51	2000
Squad 52	1478
Squad 53	7
Truck 58	3
Other	4
Total	3548



Service Level	3548
BLS	1738
ALS	1810

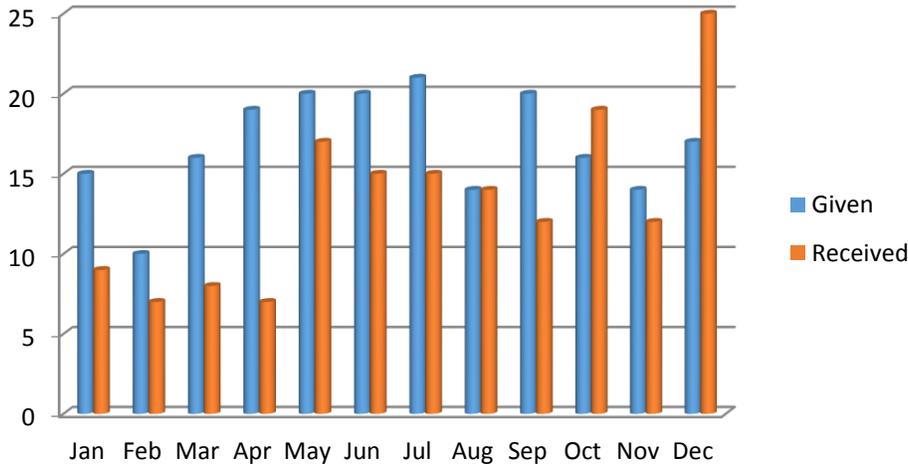


Run Disposition	Total
Transport	2696
Treated/No Transport	220
Deceased Prior to Arrival	46



Emergency Medical Services

Mutual Aid

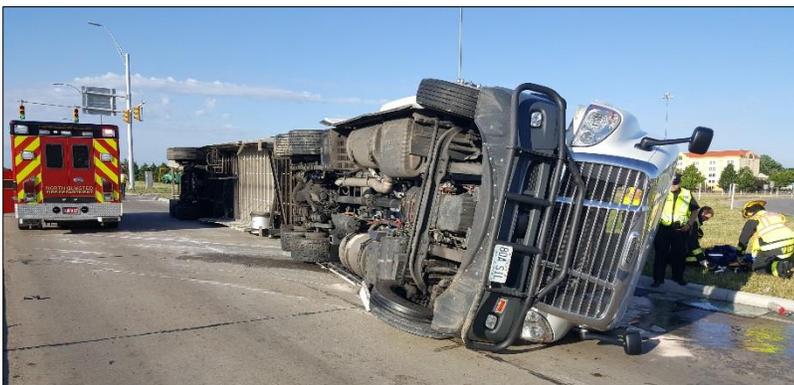


Mutual Aid Cities

Bay Village
 Fairview Park
 Lakewood
 North Ridgeville
 Olmsted Township
 Olmsted Falls
 Rocky River
 Westlake

Treatments Performed	Total
12 Lead EKG Performed	718
4 Lead EKG Performed	419
CPAP Application	20
CPR - Manual	28
CPR with LUCAS Initiated	30
IO Needle Insertion	19
Immobilization	168
Initiate IV	1226
Medication Administration	943
Nasotracheal Intubation	2
Needle/Surgical Cricothyrotomy	1

Receiving Hospitals	Total
Avon Richard E. Jacobs ED	1
Avon Urgent Care Center	2
Cleveland Clinic - Fairview	1426
Cleveland Clinic - Lakewood	7
Cleveland Clinic - Main Campus	1
Elyria Memorial	3
Lutheran	1
Metro	5
Southwest General	28
St. John Westshore	1230
UH Rainbow Babies & Children	2
No Data	842



Car Seat Inspections

There were 75 car seats installed and/or corrected in 2016, an increase of 22 inspections from the prior year. There is a lack of technicians on the west side of Cleveland, and pregnant and new mothers are always looking for guidance to make sure that their car seats are properly installed.

According to www.safekids.org:

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional deaths to children in the United States.
- When installed and used correctly, child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71%. However, 73% of car seats are not used or installed correctly.



FF Matt Radke

According to www.seatcheck.org:

- Using a booster seat is 60% safer for kids than being restrained by a seat belt alone. However, nearly 70% of drivers believe it is safe for children age eight or under to no longer be secured in a child safety seat or booster seat. Only 21% of children age four to eight are "at least on occasion" riding in a booster seat while traveling in a passenger vehicle.
- Children of all ages are safest when properly restrained in the back seat. Yet, six out of 10 drivers of children age 12 or under believe it is safe for children age 12 or under to sit in the front seat in front of a passenger air bag. And, more than one in 10 children under 80 pounds are completely unrestrained when riding in vehicles.

The car seat check program at the North Olmsted Fire Department provides a valuable service to the community. I am also often afforded the opportunity to show families around the station and talk about fire safety.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Radke
Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician



Fire Prevention Bureau

GOAL: Protecting our residents, visitors, the business community, city employees and first responders from hazardous conditions that may occur by providing code enforcement, inspection, education, response planning and investigations.

The Fire Prevention Bureau oversees the inspection of the commercial life safety systems in the City. These include fire alarm and sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, restaurant cooking suppression hoods, elevators, and private hydrants. Fire Safety Inspections are done on all commercial buildings including all public and private schools, day care centers, group homes, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, high rises, apartment buildings, hotels, motels, and Great Northern Mall. A residential inspection is performed for all adoption and foster care applications. Plan reviews of new commercial construction and renovations are done in conjunction with the Building Department to provide insight on life safety and first responder access. Additionally, false alarms are investigated to reduce frequency.

Continuing education is an important part of staying updated with constantly improving safety codes and technology in the fire alarm and suppression industry. Other duties include Fire Safety talks for preschool age children to senior citizens and the preplanning and overseeing event safety for special events such as Homecoming, After Prom and the City's 4th of July fireworks display.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Cifranic & Mark Weston
Fire Safety Inspectors



Jerry Cifranic
Fire Safety Inspector



Mark Weston
Fire Safety Inspector



www.getSAFEalarms.com

Types of Inspections	Total
Cooking Hood Suppression Systems	144
Fire Suppression Sprinkler Systems	86
Fire Alarm Systems	123
Commercial Building Fire Safety	644
Foster Care & Adoption Applications	8
Schools & Day Cares	15
Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Group Homes	13
Apartment Buildings & Hotel/Motel	14
Investigation of Complaints	19
Construction Plan Review	79
Final Occupancy	73
Construction Site	77
Fire Safety Events/Public Service	46
Preplan Drawings	172
Private Hydrant Testing	21

Department Fire Training

Goal: To provide for the development of our personnel to the highest level of performance through safety and efficiency with the ultimate goal that all members realize their greatest potential with high standards, skills, and integrity. We strive to develop and advance our methods confronted with continually changing technologies, standards, and principals to better meet the challenges of the community we serve.

The North Olmsted Fire Department realized over 5,300 hours of individual and team fire training for 2016. Our goal again for this year was to focus on the high risk, low frequency disciplines of technical rescue. Our dedicated members logged 680 hours of rope rescue, swift water rescue, rapid intervention, and vehicle stabilization and extrication training. Furthermore, this past year we looked to reinforce our Fire Instructor and Fire Investigator Teams by certifying Instructors Boatman, Shlapack, and Weir, and Investigators Kibler and Rush; collectively they logged over 481 hours of classroom and practical applications. Although not reflected in the total, members managed 1,185 hours of physical fitness during the second busiest year in the history of the Department.



Captain Tim Gut

Respectfully submitted,
Captain Tim Gut
Training Officer



Tactical Paramedic Report

2016 stayed pretty much status quo for WEB (Westshore Enforcement Bureau) SWAT. The continued support of the Mayor, Safety Director, Chief and members of the department is greatly appreciated. Bullet proof vests and helmets were purchased in 2016 for the medics. Monthly training is required in order to maintain the highest quality in safety and teamwork. There were 8 SWAT Call-outs including the CAVS Victory Parade and the Republican National Convention. The North Olmsted Fire Department SWAT Medics will continue to be committed to the WEB SWAT and look forward to the challenges of 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
FF James Knipper



Lt. Adam Hudak



FF James Knipper



Emergency Medical Services Training

GOAL: To treat the City of North Olmsted's residents and visitors with first class emergency medical care, while extending professionalism and compassion to all.

The year 2016 represented the North Olmsted Fire Department's second full calendar year of our continued partnership with University Hospital. Continuing to serve as the Fire Department's Medical Director, Dr. Jason Glagola of St John's Medical Center (SJMC) oversees the delivery of Emergency Medical Services in the City of North Olmsted.

In the year 2016, the North Olmsted Fire Department responded to 4,325 requests for service. From this number, 82% were EMS related, with a total of 3,548 requests for EMS service answered by the North Olmsted Division of EMS. These numbers contain a wide variety of medical emergencies responded to by the North Olmsted Fire Department. Such emergencies include heart attacks, strokes, motor vehicle accidents, child birth, and allergic reactions. While these are only a few of the many medical emergencies the Department responded to, the highly trained paramedics of the North Olmsted Fire Department stand ready to respond and assist all in need.

The North Olmsted Fire Department proudly serves our community with three front line firefighter/paramedic staffed rescue squads, as well as, paramedic level staffed and equipped first responder fire engines. The great effort and skill our firefighter/paramedics utilize while delivering first class care to those in need, is a direct result of both a genuine desire to help and a professional commitment to high standards of continuing education. Each month, members of the Department receive continuing education from the highly trained educators of University Hospitals. Vital topics such as cardiac and stroke emergencies are two of many subjects regularly covered. Additionally, Dr. Glagola meets bi-monthly with members of the Department to conduct run reviews. The purpose of these regularly conducted run reviews is to assure all personnel are educated with the best practices modern emergency medicine has to offer, with the ultimate aim to assist those in need.

Paramedics of the North Olmsted Fire Department completed 1,554.61 hours of continuing medical education and maintained the following medical certifications:

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
- Basic Life Support (BLS)
- International Trauma Life Support (ITLS)



Dr. Jason Glagola, shown above with his family, is an Emergency Medicine trained physician who currently practices at University Hospitals St. John Medical Center. He attended medical school at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He received his medical degree (D.O.) in June of 2004, and completed his Emergency Medicine residency at St. John Medical Center from 2004-2008. He also worked for Metro Life Flight during his years of residency. Since graduating from residency, Dr. Glagola has worked at St. John Medical Center. He is currently involved in teaching at the Emergency Medicine residency program at St. John Medical Center as well as teaching for Emergency Medical Services for the west side of Cleveland. Dr. Glagola became the Medical Director for the North Olmsted Fire Department in 2015.

Emergency Medical Services Training



Through our partnership with St. John's Medical Center of University Hospitals, a registered nurse rider and firefighter/paramedic exchange program that was initiated in 2014 continues to succeed. In

coordination with St. John Medical Center's Education Department, emergency room registered nurses continue to spend a day per nurse, riding on our rescue squad with our firefighter/paramedics. Additionally, newly hired firefighter/paramedics spend a day of orientation in the Emergency Department of St. John Medical Center. The purpose of this exchange program is to continue to cultivate our shared environment of cooperation, ultimately resulting in the highest level of continuity of patient care possible. One of the many positive results of this special relationship is our "Stroke Patient Direct to Cat-Scan" initiative. Qualifying patients who present with stroke-like symptoms continue for the second consecutive year to be directly transported to the Cat-Scan Department of SJMC. When one considers the human brain loses 2 million brain cells per minute without proper blood supply, the importance of this initiative as it relates to improving patient outcomes is clearly evident.

The North Olmsted Fire Department is proud to have received the American Heart Association's "Mission Lifeline Gold Award". As 1 of only 23 agencies in the State of Ohio to receive this honor, the Paramedics of the North Olmsted Fire Department are proud of what this recognition award represents: being recognized for the excellent care delivered to patients experiencing a major heart attack. As further evidence pertaining to the excellent care provided to heart patients, Lt. Carl Schanz, Lt. Adam Hudak, FF Jack Sevier, FF Kevin Zywiec, and FF Giles "Frank" Selig were presented with the State of Ohio's Star of Life Award in 2016. These Department members proudly joined a small contingent from around the State of Ohio in Columbus when presented this prestigious award. The first class care and professionalism this award represents is a source of pride to all Department members.



The North Olmsted Fire Department also provides CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training throughout the community. Firefighter/Paramedics Rich Mecklenburg and David Stein proudly serve as our Department's lead CPR/AED Instructors. All City buildings and schools, as well as many private businesses, are equipped with AEDs.



In the spring of 2016, the North Olmsted Fire Department, in partnership with University Hospitals St. John Medical Center, Great Northern Mall, and the Olmsted Township Fire Department, conducted a highly successful and well attended community Health Fair and Blood Drive, inside Great Northern Mall. Countless health screenings, balance screenings, blood pressures, CPR question and answer, and other health assessments were conducted for the citizens of North Olmsted and visitors alike.

Emergency Medical Services Training

North Olmsted's Rescue Squads and Fire Engines are dispatched by City 911 Emergency Medical Dispatchers. Dispatchers are trained to provide potentially lifesaving instructions to callers prior to arrival of the Fire Department. All Dispatchers complete 12 hours of continuing education per year, and serve as an indispensable link in our patients' chain of survival.

Operating in partnership with our Medical Control and the industry leading protocols of University Hospitals St. John Medical Center, the North Olmsted Fire Department is extending to our patients in the prehospital setting, the greatest extension of emergency room medical care possible. EMS patients are receiving pre-hospital medical assistance that is redefining our region's standard of care. Residents of North Olmsted and visitors alike can be assured, that should they require emergency assistance, they will receive the highest quality, most evidence based, and first class care available from their North Olmsted Fire Department.



Captain Brian Shlapack

Respectfully submitted,
Captain Brian Shlapack
EMS Coordinator



Swearing-in of Firefighter Zimmerman



The winners from the "Pizza Party Raffle Contest" from the Health Fair at Great Northern Mall are shown here with their parents. Captain Shlapack and Lieutenant O'Donnell hosted the pizza party on July 9 at Fire Station 1. Each of the families also donated several bags of non-perishables for the North Olmsted Food Pantry.



2016 Firefighter of the Year

Fire Inspector Jerry Cifranic was recognized by the North Olmsted VFW Post 7647 as the 2016 Firefighter of the Year. He is a 24 year veteran of the North Olmsted Fire Department. In addition to serving as a Firefighter/Paramedic, Jerry serves as one of the Department's Fire Safety Inspectors. As a valuable member of the Fire Prevention Bureau, Inspector Cifranic utilizes his organizational and communication skills in a consistent manner that benefits all stakeholders of the North Olmsted Fire Department. Several of his responsibilities include life safety inspections of our community's many businesses, organization and record keeping, and enforcement of both state and local fire code ordinances. His many accomplishments include:

- Instructor of public safety and educational presentations
- Organizes and manages the business inspection schedule for the City
- Inspects, examines, and oversees tests for fire alarms, sprinkler systems and elevators
- Coordinator of the set-up and inspection of the City's fireworks display along with clean-up and post display safety check
- Member of the Northeast Ohio Fire Prevention Association
- Conducts Safety Town tours
- Certified counselor for Juvenile Fire Setters
- Former member of the North Olmsted Combat Challenge Team
- Involved in after-prom as a safety inspector and volunteer parent

The skill set that truly defines Inspector Cifranic is his ability to effectively communicate and to seamlessly reconcile information between different entities in a manner that all parties can relate to. His skills of communication and interpersonal dynamics serve as the bedrock of his nomination for the 2016 Firefighter of the Year.



Jerry Cifranic, shown here with his family, was awarded the 2016 Firefighter of the Year at the award ceremony on November 16th.



IAFF Local 1267

Throughout the past year, members of the North Olmsted Firefighters Local 1267 were involved in several community service and outreach projects. The members hosted their 29th annual benefit car show on Wednesday, July 20th. The year had a slightly different ring to it, specifically a holiday ring. "Christmas in July Cruise-In with the Firefighters" was a huge success. At least 500 cars, trucks, and specialty vehicles from all over northern Ohio arrived for an outstanding evening with spectacular weather. As usual, the event kicked off at 5:00 p.m. at the Great Northern Corporate Center. Approximately 5,000 spectators and their families were on hand to view all the Hot Rods, Street Rods, Customs, Rat Rods, and other original vehicles that were on display. Everyone enjoyed this annual tradition with 50's and 60's music, a variety of food, t-shirts, raffles, door prizes, and trophies. All this effort was for one goal: to provide help and assistance to area children with neuromuscular diseases. That goal was accomplished with a cash donation of just over \$12,000.00 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This brings the total donations from all the car shows dating back to 1988 to approximately \$250,000.00! Not only are the firefighters busy working this annual benefit but many businesses and individual citizens have come forward to donate or offer help. This has gone as far as one of our own long-time supporters taking his talents to his sewing machine and raffling off a custom made quilt from past car show t-shirts. One of the benefits of the car show has been the continued involvement from present and past firefighters, their families, and even down to their grandchildren. This annual benefit car show provides so much on so many different levels for the betterment of a strong community.



For the last 10 years, the North Olmsted Fire Department has hosted a pancake breakfast as the first prize reward for students from North Olmsted High School. This year's breakfast took place on Friday, May 6th, at Fire Station #1. Each year North Olmsted Police Officer Jim Carbone orchestrates a benefit called "Coin Wars" for the classes at the high school. This year students raised \$3,500.00

IAFF Local 1267

that was donated to the Ronald McDonald House. For their efforts the winning class received breakfast, cooked by members of the Fire Department and served at Station 1. Fifty students and several teachers were treated to gourmet scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, hash browns, toast, jelly, milk, and orange juice. "Coin Wars Breakfast" is an important contribution from the North Olmsted Fire Department, its personnel and Local 1267. It is our way to help support the North Olmsted Police Department with their fine benefit programs.



For the 15th year, the North Olmsted Firefighters have held a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony in conjunction with the North Olmsted Police Department and North Olmsted VFW Post 7647. The ceremony memorializes the Firefighters, EMS Workers, Police Officers, and citizens who died in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and the soldiers who have died since.

The holiday season is always a great time of year to help those less fortunate, and 2016 was another good year for the Firefighter's "Coats for Kids" collection effort. As always a box is set-up at Station 1, the word is sent out and donations of coats, jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves make their way in to the station. Victoria Plaza Apartments join in with their collection. Over 65 coats were collected from Thanksgiving to December 23rd. This brings the total from 2016 and previous years to over 600 coats donated to help keep children warm in the Greater Cleveland area.



Lt. Carl Schanz and FF Jim Weir pick up the donations from Victoria Plaza Apartments.

For the 10th year in a row, Lt. Dan Coyle has funded the Daniel F. Coyle Cross Country Scholarship which is given to a graduating Olmsted Falls Cross Country Runner. Lt. Coyle and Captain James Dunwoodie are currently involved with volunteering their time for the Boy Scouts of America.

These are just a few examples of the many volunteer activities that members of Local 1267 coordinate, participate in, and contribute to outside of their job responsibilities in order to make the community a better place for all. The members of Local 1267 are dedicated to serving our community and look forward to another year of service.



A Firefighter's Pledge

I promise concern for others.

A willingness to help all those in need.

I promise courage – courage to face and conquer my fears.

Courage to share and endure the ordeal of those who need me.

*I promise strength – strength of heart to bear
whatever burdens might be placed upon me.*

Strength of body to deliver to safety

all those placed within my care.

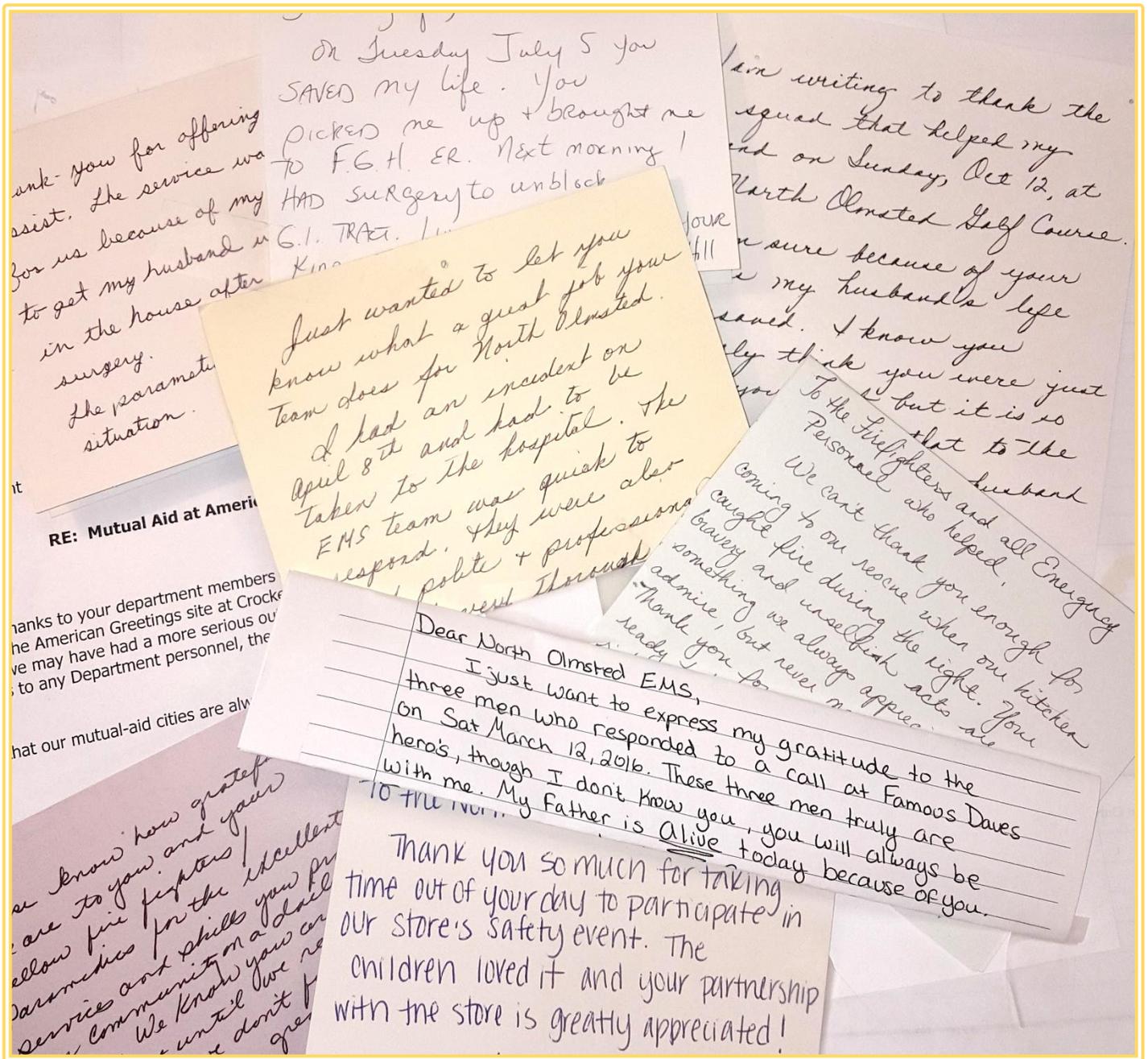
I promise the wisdom to lead,

the compassion to comfort,

and the love to serve unselfishly

whenever I am called.

Thank You



North Olmsted Fire Department



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24291 Lorain Road
North Olmsted, OH 44070

Fire Station 2
29592 Lorain Road
North Olmsted, OH 44070

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