



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

North Olmsted Fire Department

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To Our Community...

Thanks...

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the entire community for their ongoing support. We exist for your safety and well-being with pride in providing first class emergency services.

Commitment...

The members of the North Olmsted Fire Department offer our commitment to continually strive to attain a level of professionalism and excellence you expect and deserve.

Stewardship...

The North Olmsted Fire Department will carefully and responsibly manage the assets and resources provided by you, our provider and number one priority.

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members” Coretta Scott King

Integrity...

We will, through ongoing training and continuing education, not compromise our honesty, trustworthiness, or ethical behavior.

Edward M. Schepp, EFO, MSL, OFC
Fire Chief

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.



"In fire you can plan everything out to the minute, and a minute before that everything changes."

Dan Felix

Message from the Chief...

I am extremely honored to once again present the North Olmsted Fire Department, Annual Report. For over 90 years the North Olmsted Fire Department has served the City of North Olmsted and its citizens and visitors. The fire service has seen innumerable changes over that span of time but our values remains constant; dedication, first-class professionalism, compassion, and resilience of our members. My job is to empower our members to achieve the best possible result each and every time they respond or engage with the community. I am extremely proud and feel very fortunate to work with the devoted members of the North Olmsted Fire Department as we serve the emergency needs of our great city. Many thanks to our firefighters and paramedics!

The following pages of our Annual Report highlight the activities and performance of our department over the year. Also included in this year's Annual Report is a research report from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Residential fires are leading cause of fire deaths and this report documents key findings and trends in the home setting. Please feel free to reach out to my office or any member of our organization should you need additional information. Our efforts are made possible by the outstanding support we receive from Mayor Kennedy and his administration, the members of City Council, and the residents of North Olmsted. Our passion and dedication is our calling and commitment to provide first-class service to our great community.

Edward M. Schepp, EFO, MSL, OFC
Fire Chief



2018 Highlights

- Purchase of New Squad 52 Along with New Stryker Power Load System
- 4531 - Record Number of Calls for Service in 2018
- 0 - Fire Fatalities
- Completed Skylight Replacement Project at Station #1
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support Refresher Course Completed
- Shaun Kasza Named 2018 VFW Firefighter of the Year



North Olmsted Fire Department

Command Staff



Chief Edward Schepp



Captain Tim Gut



*Captain Jim
Dunwoodie*



*Captain Brian
Shlapack*



Lt. Dave Boatman



Lt. Matt O'Donnell



Lt. Matt Peters



Lt. Adam Hudak



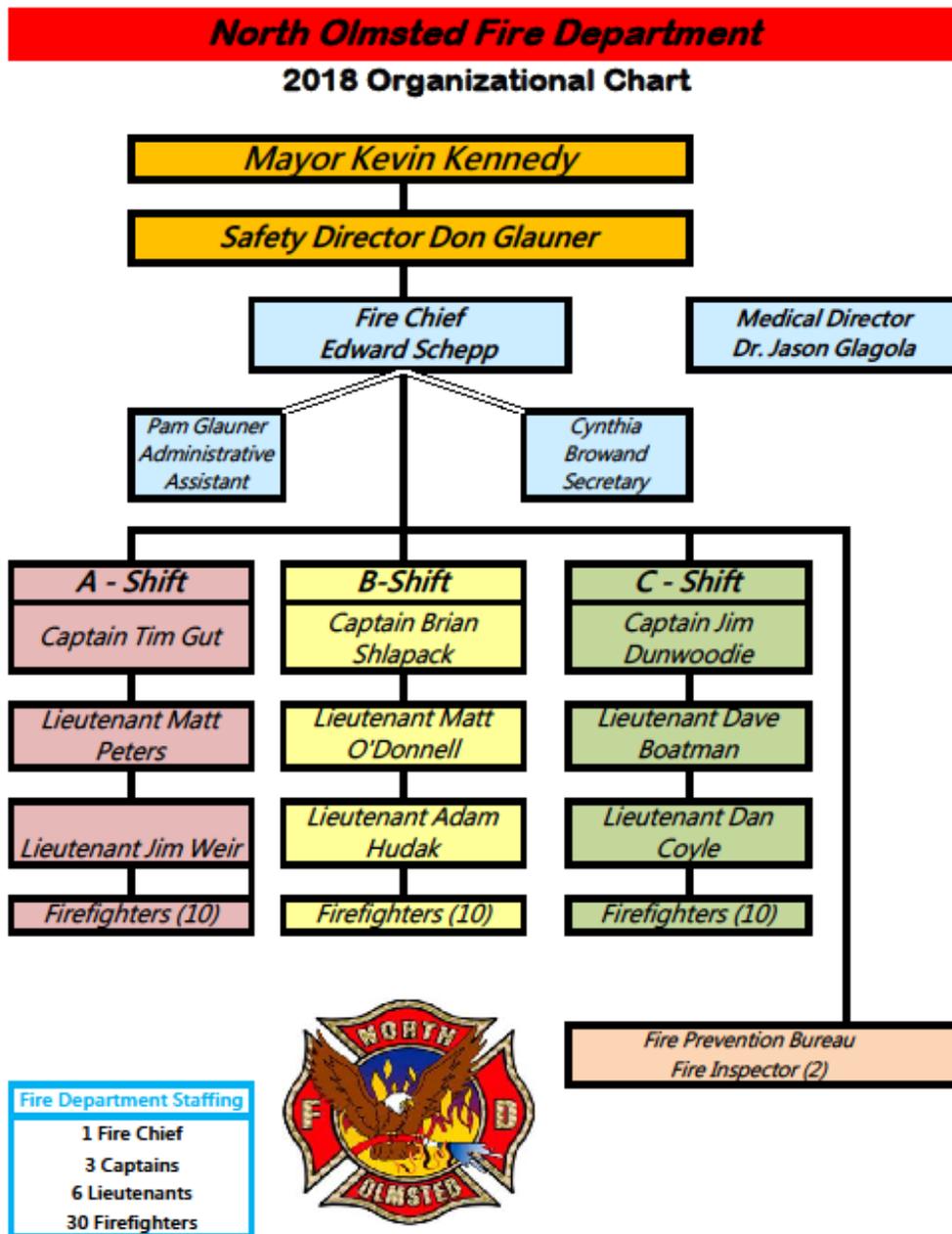
Lt. Dan Coyle



Lt. Jim Weir

*"The Growth and Development of
People is the Highest Calling of
Leadership" Harvey S. Firestone*

2018 Organizational Chart



Revised 11/01/18

2018 NOFD Personnel

Firefighter / Paramedics

John Callahan
 Brian Dunnett
 Tim Fleshman
 Richard France
 Michael Fusco
 Bryan Gallagher
 Timothy Gates
 Jeff Halsak
 Roger Hutkay
 Blake Ignasiak
 Shaun Kasza
 Shaun Kibler
 Todd Kirkpatrick
 Jim Knipper
 Mike Kopycinski
 Anthony Lane

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 Alex Lawson
 David Meadows
 Richard Mecklenburg
 James Penner
 Anthony Petsas
 Robert Pinkie
 Matthew Radke
 Keith Rush
 Kevin Scholtz
 Giles Frank Selig
 Dan Sparks
 David Stein
 Jeffrey Wilson
 Kevin Zywiec



Fire Prevention

Jerry Cifranic
 Mark Weston

Administrative Assistant

Pam Glauner

Secretary

Cynthia Browand

Building Maintenance

Juan Mendez



Personnel Changes

“That’s the life, being a fireman. It sure beats being a ballplayer. I’d rather be a fireman.” Ted Williams

Retirement

Anthony Lane

Retired on December 21st, 2018

Hired on July 6th, 1992

Thank you!



New Hires

January 8th, 2018

Anthony Petsas

Alex Lawson



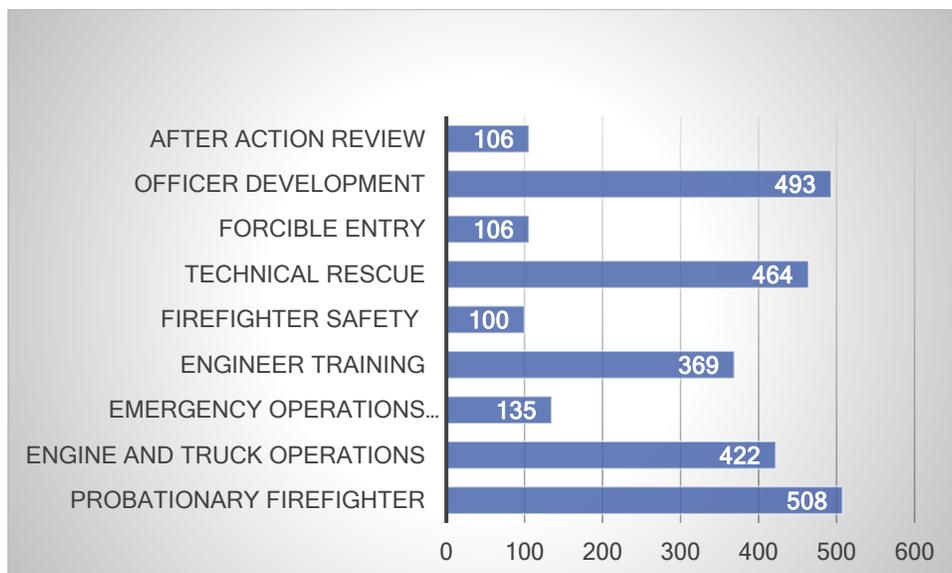
North Olmsted Fire Department

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 completed over 5,000 man hours of individual and team fire training in 2018. This is an increase of 500 hours over 2017 where the Department experienced an escalation in run volume. In addition to our “in house” training many outside classes were attended by our members. External training topics included; The Fire Department Instructor Conference, Hazardous Materials Refresher, BWC Risk Reduction Program, Fire Code Update for all Fire Inspectors, BCI Clandestine Drug Labs, Fire Instructor Update (Fighting Basement Fires) and Regional Swift Water Team training. I would like to thank the members of the North Olmsted Fire Department for their dedication and professionalism in pursuit of excellence in their adroitness.

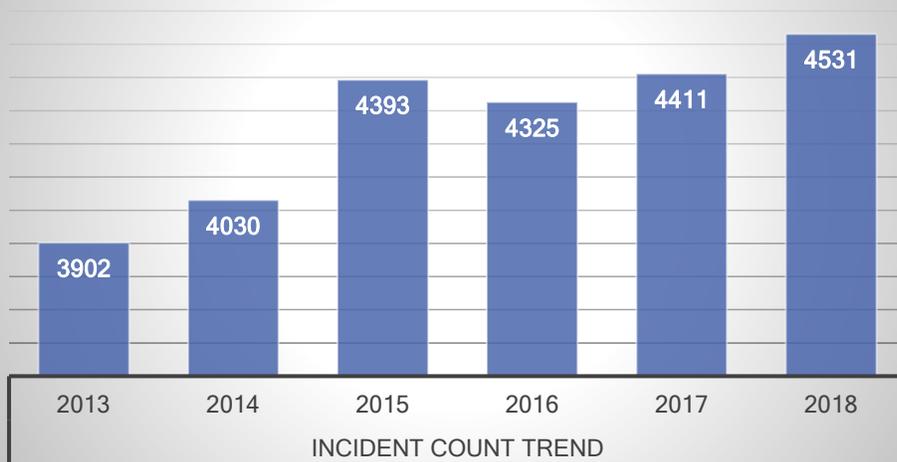
The following graph is just a small representation of the many topics and hours covered this year.



Captain Timothy J. Gut
Fire Training Officer

2018 Run Statistics - North Olmsted Fire Department

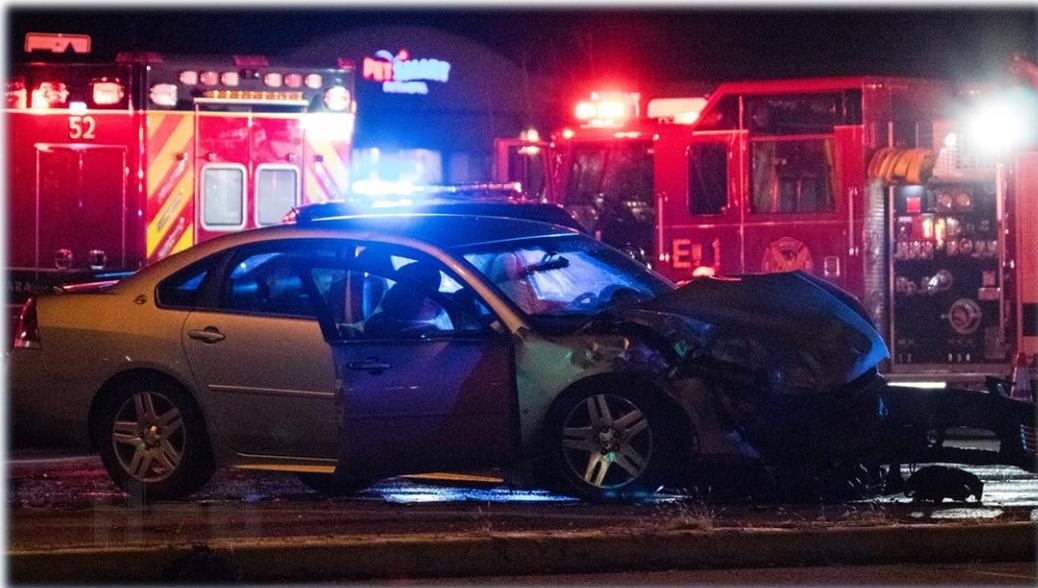
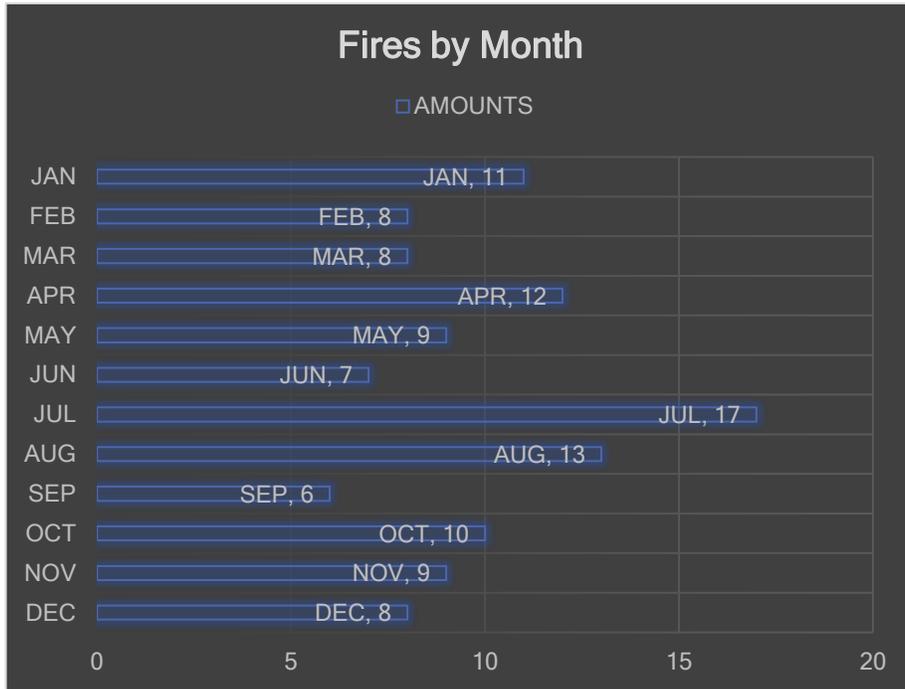
Total Run Volume 2013 - 2018



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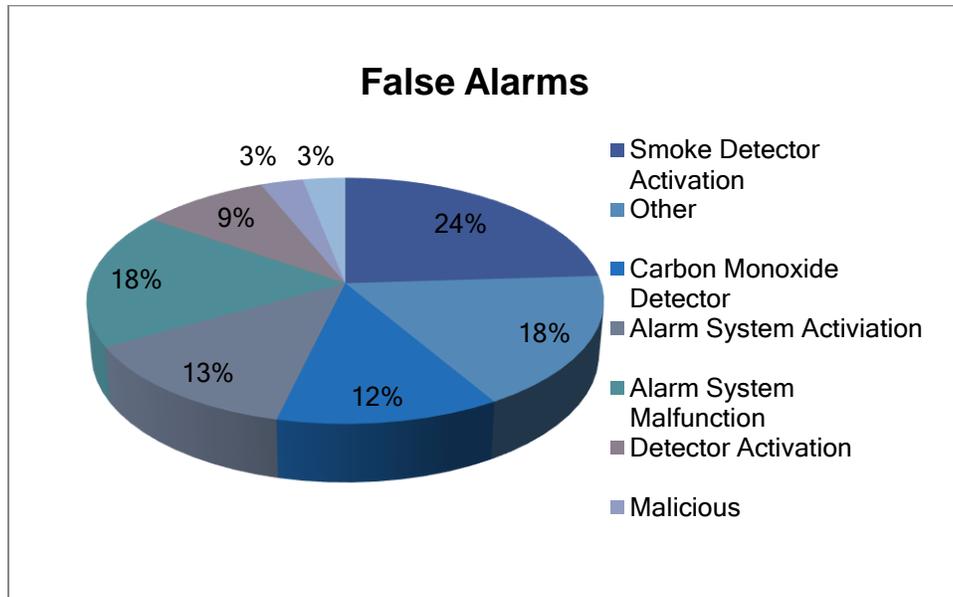
Station #1 Response	2391
Station #2 Response	1447
Both Station Response	606
Unable to Respond	58
Mutual Aid Requested	172
Mutual Aid Received	166
EMS	3780
EMS Transports	2754
Fire	711
Accidental / Unintentional Alarms	211
Other	381
SWAT / HAZMAT	11
Sick Leave Hours	3667
Overtime	4295.5

2018 Run Statistics - North Olmsted Fire Department

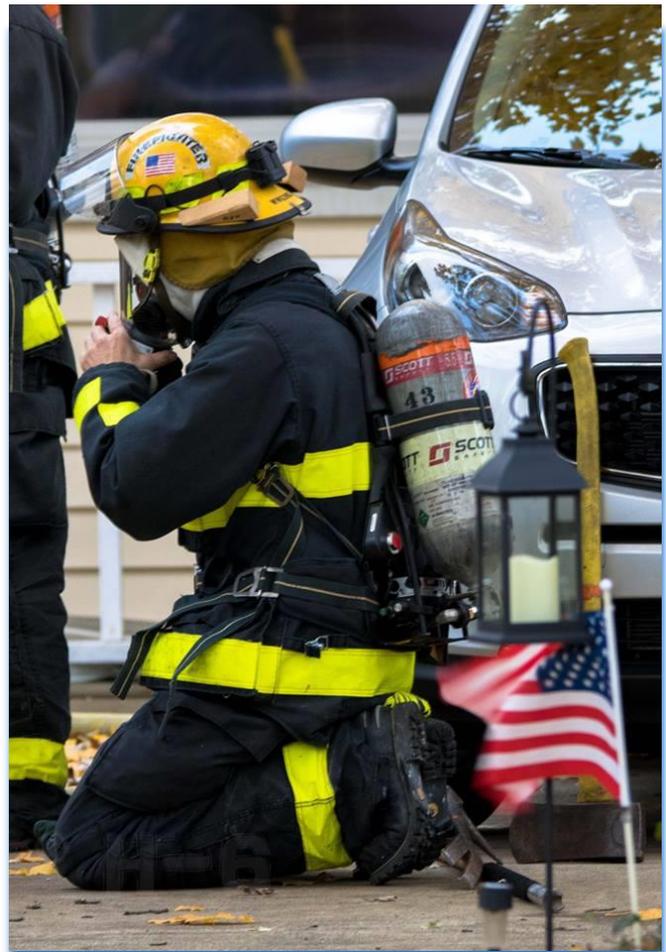


“My dad’s a firefighter, so I know what it’s like for policemen and firefighters to be on their own on Christmas Day.” J. J. Watt

2018 Run Statistics - North Olmsted Fire Department



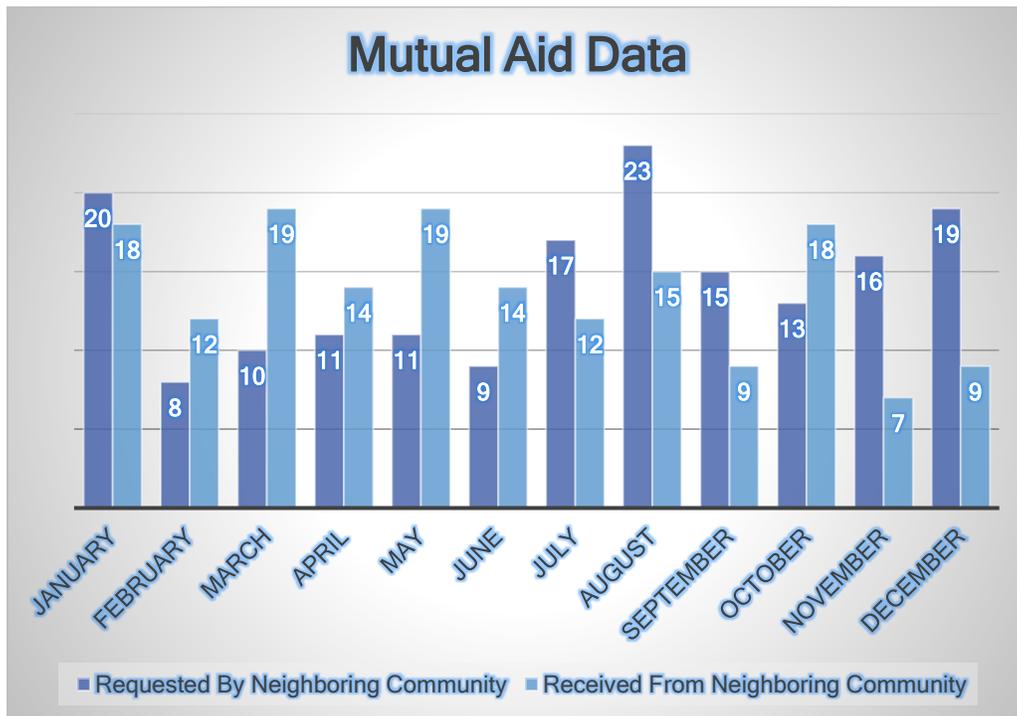
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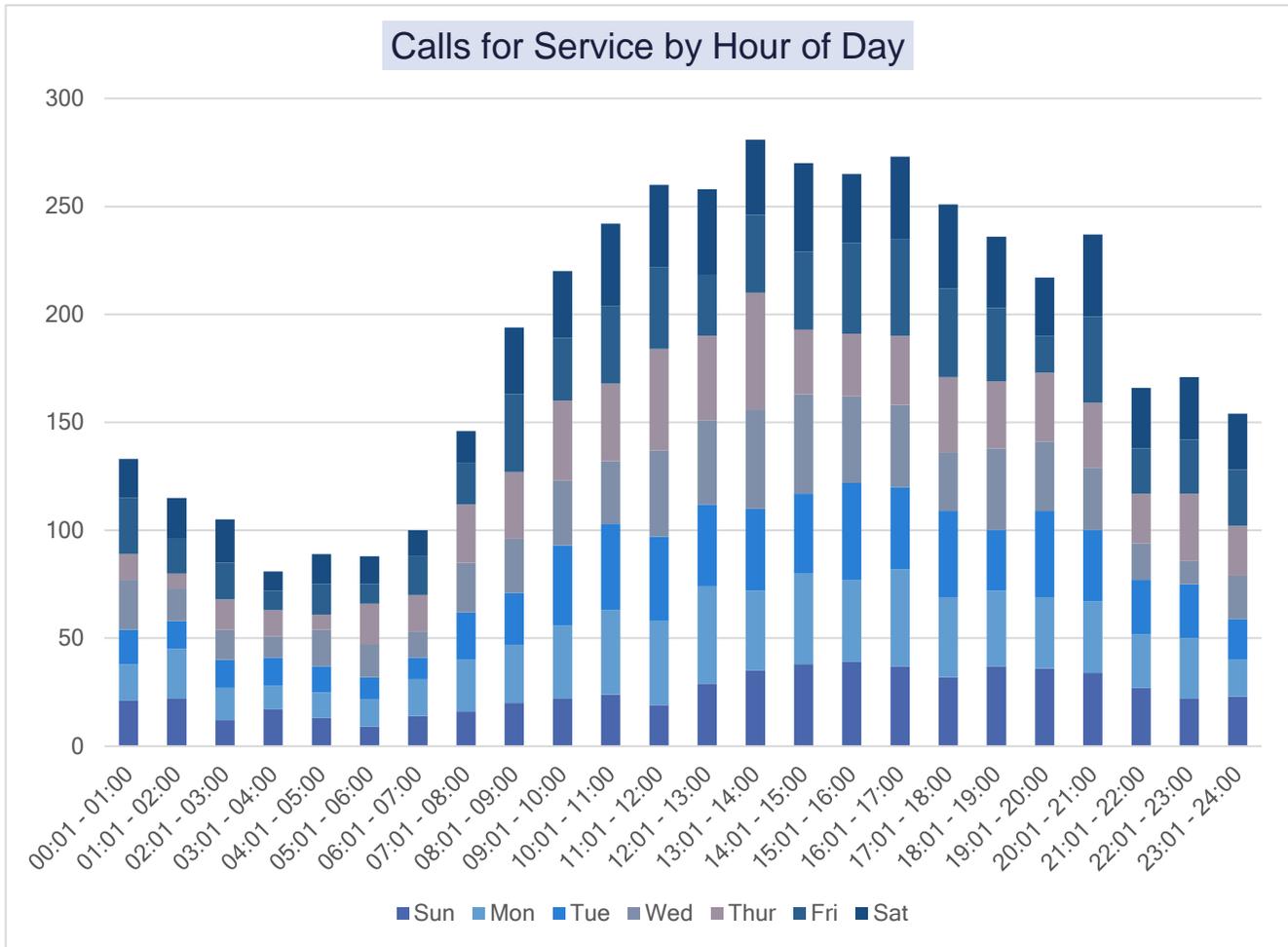
2018 Run Statistics - North Olmsted Fire Department

Mutual / Auto Aid Communities

- Bay Village
- Berea
- Brook Park
- Fairview Park
- North Ridgeville
- Olmsted Township
- Olmsted Falls
- Rocky River
- Westlake



2018 Run Statistics - North Olmsted Fire Department



North Olmsted Fire Department - Emergency Medical Services



2018 Horton Squad – Delivered May 2018

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING

The year 2018 represented the North Olmsted Fire Department's fourth 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 (EMS) in the City of North Olmsted. In the year of 2018, the North Olmsted Fire Department responded to 4,531 requests for service. From this number, 82.5% were EMS related, with a total of 3,739 requests for EMS service answered by the North Olmsted Division of EMS. These numbers are comprised of a wide variety of medical and traumatic emergencies responded to by the North Olmsted Fire Department. Emergencies such as heart attacks, strokes, seizures, motor vehicle accidents, child birth, and allergic reactions. While these are only a few of the many medical emergencies the North Olmsted Fire Department responds to, the highly trained

firefighter/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 and those who visit, with three front line firefighter/paramedic staffed rescue squads, as well as, paramedic level staffed and equipped first responder fire engines. Our firefighter/paramedics dedication to 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. So as to maintain the finest levels of preparedness, each month, members of the North Olmsted Fire Department receive continuing education from the highly trained educators of University Hospitals. Additionally, Dr. Glagola meets bi-monthly with members of the North Olmsted Fire Department to conduct run reviews of emergency medical incidents. The purpose of these regularly conducted run reviews is to assure all Fire Department personnel are educated with the best evidence based practices, as relate to the delivery of modern pre-hospital emergency medicine.

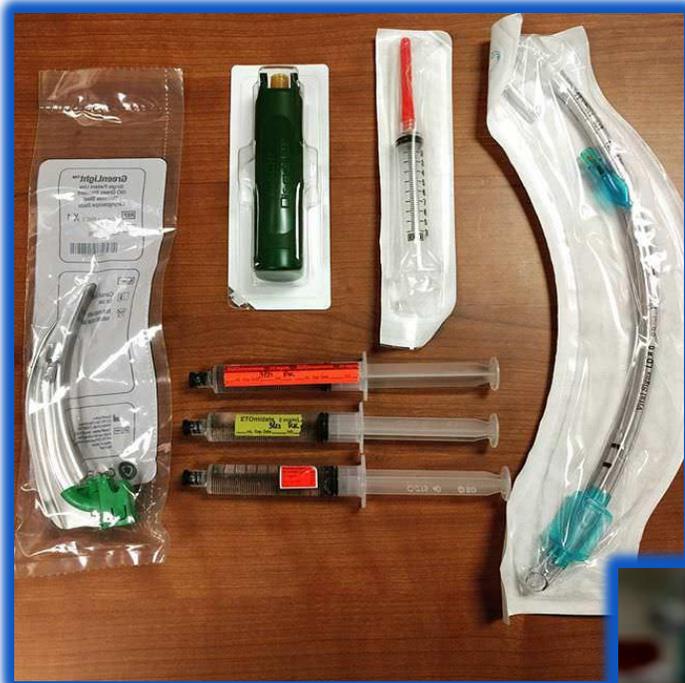
Paramedics of the North Olmsted Fire Department maintain the following medical certifications:

- Paramedic (State of Ohio)
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
- Basic Life Support (BLS)
- International Trauma Life Support (ITLS)



In 2018 the North Olmsted Fire Department continued to act as a regional leader in the delivery of advanced, pre-hospital emergency medical care. Two exciting areas of medical advancement in the field setting were the adoption of University Hospital's "Rapid Sequence Intubation" (RSI) protocol and "Tele-stroke" field assessments. Rapid Sequence Intubation is a procedure that includes sedating a patient to a level which will allow placement of a breathing tube (intubation) into their airway. While our paramedics have been successfully securing patient's airways via intubation for many years, implementation of the RSI protocol allows trained paramedics to secure a patient's airway via intubation, for those patients whose emergency's, such as traumatic injuries, would have otherwise prevented the performance of this life-saving maneuver. Additionally, in addition to continuing to transport qualifying patients who present with stroke-like symptoms directly to the Cat-Scan Department of St John's Medical Center, our patients are now able to be assessed in real time by an emergency room doctor via camera, from our rescue squads, directly to SJMC's Emergency Department. This face to face assessment by a SJMC Emergency Room Doctor

is a highly efficient use of time that benefits our patients, and results in prompt decision making and care, with the goal of achieving the most positive outcomes modern medicine has made available.



Through our partnership with St John's Medical Center of University Hospitals, a registered nurse rider program that was initiated in 2014 continues to succeed. In coordination with SJMC's Education Department, new emergency room registered nurses

(RNs) continue to spend a day, riding on one of our rescue squads with our firefighter/paramedics. The purpose of this program is to continue to cultivate our shared environment of cooperation, ultimately resulting in the highest level of continuity of patient care possible. In addition to the registered nurse rider program, 2018 saw the North Olmsted Fire Department begin to welcome paramedic student riders, in partnership with Lorain County Community College. As a result our highly trained paramedics are able to pass on their knowledge to these next generations of life saving paramedics in training.

“Next to creating a life, the finest thing a man can do is save one.”

Abraham Lincoln



The North Olmsted Division of EMS highly values education, and as such, in addition to the monthly training we receive from University Hospitals; The North Olmsted Fire Department applied for, and was officially certified as a State of Ohio Continuing Education Site beginning in 2018. As state certified paramedics, many hours of official education are required to maintain our certification as paramedics. As a registered continuing education site, we are now able to proudly take further ownership of our paramedic certifications and their corresponding training. Currently, the North Olmsted Fire Department proudly maintains four

State of Ohio Certified Emergency Medical Service Instructors: Fire Chief E. Schepp, Capt. B. Shlapack, Lt. D. Coyle, and FF T. Kirkpatrick.

The North Olmsted Fire Department also provides CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training to our community. Firefighter/Paramedic David Stein proudly serves as our Department's lead CPR/AED Instructor. All city buildings and schools, as well as many private businesses, are equipped with AEDs.

North Olmsted's rescue squads and fire apparatus 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 patient's chain of survival.

Operating in partnership with our Medical Control and the industry leading protocols of University Hospitals, the North Olmsted Fire Department continues to offer our pre-hospital patients the greatest extension of emergency room medical care possible. EMS patients are receiving pre-hospital medical care that continues to redefine our region's standards of care. As we enter 2019, 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

Respectfully Submitted,
Captain Brian M. Shlapack

Thanks to the Staff at UH for Their Support!



2018 EMS Statistics - North Olmsted Fire Department

EMS Runs by Apparatus	
Engine 1	51
Engine 2	7
Ladder 1	3
Squad 51	2094
Squad 52	1541
Squad 53	35
Utility 58	2

EMS Transport Destination	
St John Medical Center	1385
Fairview General Hospital	1294
Southwest General Hospital	35
Avon Cleveland Clinic	54
University Hospital - Main Campus	3
Elyria Medical Center	1
Metro Health Medical Center	3
Lakewood Hospital	1

Runs by Category	
Medical	2385
Trauma	560
Environmental	96
Behavioral	226

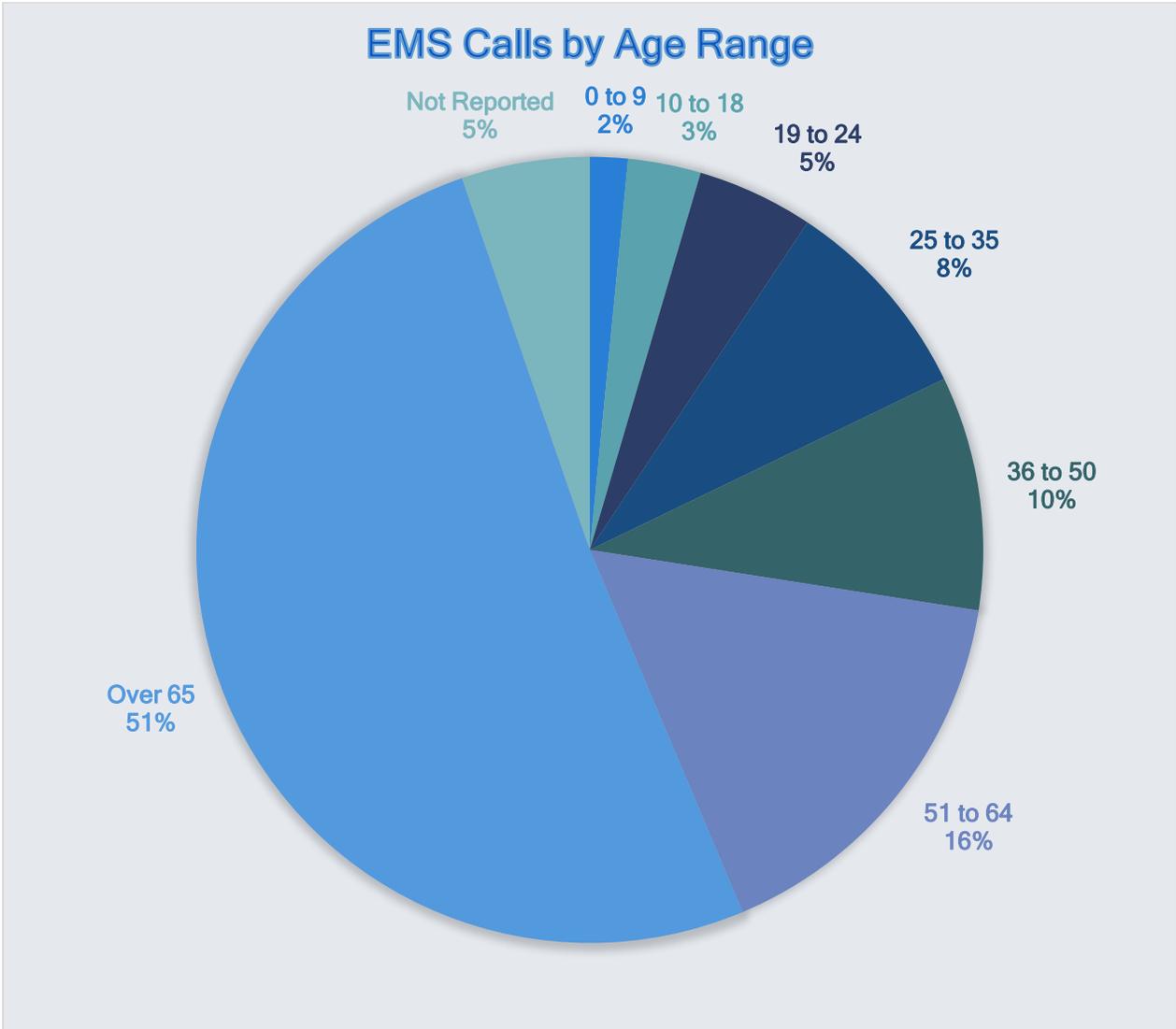
EMS Runs by Service Level		
ALS	1949	47.9%
BLS	1790	52.1%
	3739	

Treatments Performed	
12-Lea EKG Acquisition	1141
CPAP Application	21
CPR - Manual	13
CPR - Lucas	19
Defibrillation	23
IO Needle Insertion	21
Immobilization	104
Initiate IV	1181



"Kindness is a language the deaf can hear, and the blind can see."

Mark Twain



“A good leader takes a little more than his share of the blame, a little less than his share of the credit.”

Arnold H. Glasow

2018 North Olmsted Fire Department

Fire Prevention Bureau

The Fire Prevention Bureau oversees the inspection of the commercial life safety systems in the City of North Olmsted. Inspections include:

- Commercial Annual Fire Safety
- Fire Sprinkler Systems
- Fire Alarm Systems
- Restaurant Kitchen Hood Fire Suppression Systems
- Schools/Day Cares
- Multi-family Dwellings
- Group Homes
- Nursing Homes
- Hydrants

Other duties include:

- Reviewing plans for July 4th fireworks display and safety during the event
- After Prom set-up and safety
- Homecoming set-up and safety
- New/remodeling building construction review
- Investigation of hazard complaints
- Community Educational Talks (April-October)
- False alarm investigation to reduce frequency

A major goal in 2018 was streamlining the inspection process. Incorporating more technology has increased quality, quantity, and also enhanced the ability in tracking safety violations for follow-up inspections.

2019 Goals

- Community Involvement and Relationship Building
- Update and maintain current technology
- Improve visibility to Local Business
- Communication to all Fire Personnel



2018 North Olmsted Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau



Jerry Cifranic, Fire Prevention Officer

Mark Weston Fire Prevention Officer

Our Prevention 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.”



“Man is the only creature that dares to light a fire and live with it. The reason? Because he alone has learned to put it out.” Henry Jackson Vandyke, Jr.

Fire Prevention Bureau

2018 Prevention and Education Activity

Complaint	9
Construction Site	18
False Alarm	2
Final Occupancy	45
Fire Alarm Test	14
Fire Safety Inspection	293
Fire Safety Event	2
Follow-Up Inspection	115
Foster/Adoption Inspection	2
Hood Test	144
Hood Cleaning	2
Plan Review	32
Pre-Plans	73
Private Hydrants	23
Public Service	35
Re-Inspection	196
Sprinkler/Alarm Test	5
Violations Cited	239
Violations Cleared	214
Square Feet of Occupancy Inspected	2,531,027



2018 North Olmsted Fire Department Swift-Water Response and Rescue



This year the North Olmsted Fire Department regionalized our response to emergency swift water rescue. Due to the cooperative efforts and assistance of North Olmsted Fire Chief Edward Schepp, Lakewood Fire Chief Scott Gilman, Fairview Park Fire Chief Tony Raffin, and Rocky River Fire Chief Aaron Lenart this team was realized. Four members one from each department were charged with recruiting and training personnel for the team, taking existing equipment from each municipality specific to water rescue, and acquiring missing equipment. These members were Lt. Dan Coyle (NOFD), Lt. Tim Draves (FPFD), and Captain's Jim Chaky and Bernie Nypaver (LFD).

The team is considered a discipline of the current WESTSHORE HAZ-MAT and Technical Rescue Team. The team was able to acquire a trailer due to a transfer of assets from the City of Middleburgh Heights. This trailer will be used to house the majority of equipment and will respond to all water rescue incidents in the designated response area for the team. In addition to the trailer the City of Lakewood donated dry suits, a rapid deployment craft (RDC), ropes and rigging, and was responsible for making sure the trailer was mechanically sound. The City of North Olmsted donated dry suits, rigging, and a new twelve and a half foot inflatable boat and 25-hp outboard engine.



The City of Fairview Park donated dry suits and tools. The City of Rocky River donated a used 16-foot inflatable boat and two used outboard engines.

The goal is to classify the team a National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type II rescue team. As of this time we are just steps away from accomplishing this goal. All members assigned to the team from The City of North Olmsted are Swift-Water Technician certified.

The team will train quarterly within our region and will train with other regions as time and budgets permit. Swift-Water and flood rescue can be both manpower and equipment intensive and the ability to train with our regional partners (SERT, City of Cleveland, and Heights Hillcrest) will make working with these units easier if called to assist them.

This low frequency high risk rescue is better served under a regional response template and will serve the WESTSHORE municipalities well in regards to manpower, budgetary, and equipment considerations.

Respectfully,

Lt. Daniel Coyle



2018 North Olmsted Fire Department North Olmsted Firefighters Local 1267

Throughout 2018, members of the North Olmsted Firefighters Local 1267 were involved in many service and outreach projects to make our community a better place for all. Listed below are just some of the events our members.

On September 9, 2018 Matt Radke, Dan Sparks and Alex Lawson, participated in four events:

Tackle the Tower Stair Climb (benefiting Ronald McDonald House), Fight for Air Climb Cleveland (benefiting the American Lung Association), Fight for Air Climb Columbus, and the Tunnel to Towers 5K run in Medina benefiting the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, which supports military veterans and first responders who are injured or killed in the line of duty. The charity was founded by the family of FDNY Firefighter Stephen Siller, who was killed on 9-11 after responding while off duty to ground zero from the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel where he abandoned his car due to the traffic and ran to the scene in his gear.



The members hosted their annual benefit car show on Wednesday, July 11, to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The event was organized by Tim Fleshman. At least 350 cars, trucks, and specialty vehicles from all over Northern Ohio arrived for an outstanding evening at the Great Northern Corporate Center. Approximately 5,000 spectators and their families attended. Continued involvement from current and past fighters, their families, and local business have helped make this annual car show a huge success.

Since 2002, the North Olmsted Firefighters have held a 9/11 Memorial Service in conjunction with the North Olmsted Police Department and North Olmsted VFW Post 7647. The ceremony honors Firefighters, EMS Workers, Police Officers, and citizens who died in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the soldiers who have died since.

Firefighter Rich France has taken his dogs to local hospitals and nursing homes to visit with patients and residents. The dogs raise the spirits and help the patients and residents to overcome loneliness.

