



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

July 2022

The University Heights Fire Department must always be vigilant and alert to its mission to fight fires, save lives and property, and be prepared to respond to any emergency.

Employee Spotlight



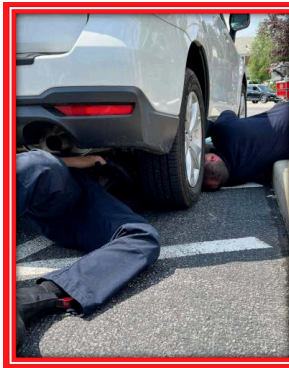
On Friday, May 27th, 2022, Lt. Kevin Vonhaz was off-duty at his place of residence when he recognized that a friend of his child was unconscious at the bottom of the swimming pool. Without hesitation, he immediately dove into the pool to rescue the child and pull him to safety. His quick evaluation of the child revealed that he was not breathing and pulseless. With the assistance of his wife, Tina, they both provided cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) until the local fire department arrived. Due to Kevin and Tina's swift actions and high-quality CPR, the child was able to recover and was awake and talking upon arrival of the local fire department. You are both commended for your heroic actions that day.

KITTEN MANIA!

Three shifts perform kitten rescues!



C-Shift: June 30, 2022
UHFD Tower Ladder 1121 members responded to assist with the rescue efforts of a small kitten trapped in the undercarriage of a passenger vehicle.
With some determination they completed the rescue with no injury to the kitten.



A-Shift: July 7, 2022
A-shift members received the call for service for yet another kitten rescue.
Members responded to assist with the rescue efforts of a small kitten trapped in the undercarriage of a passenger vehicle.



B-Shift: June 23, 2022

A small kitten was heard in the exterior wall of a house and called into the FD. FF's investigated and determined that the kitten was found to be 6' below grade at the foundation of the house. Some determined and ingenious methods were used to complete the rescue with no injury to the kitten.



WORK ANNIVERSARIES



Firefighter Damon Picone
22 Years of Dedicated Service



Firefighter Jonathan Thomas
6 Years of Dedicated Service





DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Incidents by Service Type

Types of Calls	July 2022	July 2021	Year to Date (2022)	Year to Date (2021)	Percent Increase
FIRE/RESCUE	95	66	558	409	36.4%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	118	98	821	761	7.9%
PUBLIC SERVICE	34	29	153	130	17.7%
TOTAL INCIDENTS	247	193	1,532	1,300	17.8%

Mutual/Auto Aid Incidents

Types of Aid	July 2022	July 2021	Year to Date (2022)	Year to Date (2021)
AID GIVEN	53	34	323	229
AID RECEIVED	16	12	125	105
TOTAL INCIDENTS	69	46	448	334

Average Response Times

	July 2022	July 2021	Year to Date (2022)	Year to Date (2021)
	3:50	3:50	4:01	4:05

<i>Overlapping Calls</i>	July 2022	July 2021	Year to Date (2022)	Year to Date (2021)
	57	40	350	214

Property Valued Saved/Loss for July 2022

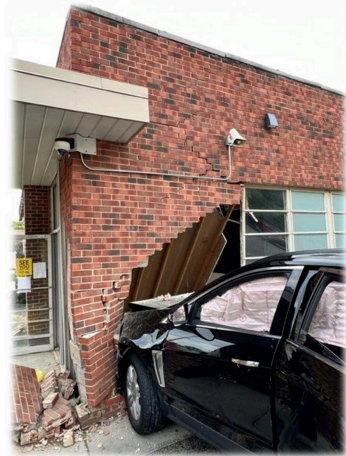
TOTAL POTENTIAL PROPERTY LOSS	\$270,500.00
TOTAL PROPERTY LOSS (FIRE)	\$31,500.00
TOTAL PROPERTY SAVED (FIRE)	\$239,000.00

<i>Monthly Training Hours</i>	July 2022	Year to Date (2022)
	795 hours	5,882 hours



SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT RESPONSES

- July 28th – Vehicle Fire. TL1121 & C1153 responded for a reported vehicle fire in the driveway near the garage. Fire extinguished with no injuries.
- July 16th – Technical Rescue. East Tech Rescue Team responded for a reported vehicle into a commercial structure. Structure shored and vehicle removed.
- July 6th – Structure Fire. TL1121 responded for a reported fire in a commercial structure due to hot work. Fire extinguished with no injuries.
- July 5th – Cardiac Arrest. All units responded for a reported 66y/o male not breathing and pulseless. Male was on oxygen and smoking causing a cannula to ignite subsequently burning patients face. ACLS protocol initiated and patient had return of pulse prior to ED arrival.
- July 3rd – Structure Fire. All units responded for a reported fire in a residential structure. Fire extinguished with no injuries.
- June 25th – MVA. S1141 responded for a reported 2-car Motor Vehicle Accident with one vehicle flipped upside down. Vehicles stabilized and 2 patients transported for injuries.
- June 22nd – Technical Rescue. East Tech Rescue Team responded for a reported vehicle into a commercial structure. Structure shored and vehicle removed.
- June 20th – Structure Fire. E1112 & C1153 responded for a reported fire in a residential structure. Fire extinguished. Injured civilian transported to ED. Multiple dogs/puppies rescued.
- June 11th – Technical Rescue. East Tech Rescue Team responded for a reported explosion in a residential structure with missing occupants. Excavation and stabilization of site along with victim removal (3) conducted.
- June 9th - Technical Rescue. East Tech Rescue Team responded for a reported vehicle into a multifamily structure. Structure shored and vehicle removed.
- June 3rd - Technical Rescue. East Tech Rescue Team responded for a reported commercial dumpster into a residential structure. Structure shored and dumpster removed.
- June 3rd - Technical Rescue. East Tech Rescue Team responded for a reported UTV into a residential structure. Structure shored and UTV removed.



Excellence through TRAINING

Fire & Rescue Training

Company Training

JUNE 2022 - UHFD hosted a Regional Fire Training at Wiley Middle School. Big thanks to the participating FD's Training Officers, as well as our own, Captain Robinson for continually bringing the region together through effective training.

- Participating cities:
University Heights
South Euclid Fire Department
Shaker Heights Fire Department
Cleveland Heights Fire Department
Beachwood Fire Department
Euclid Fire Department

116 Firefighters, Fire Officers, and Fire Instructors took part in the 3 days of training, reviewing and refining basic fire ground skills including Fire attack, ground ladders, and forcible entry.

JULY 2022 - Milton Road Fire Anniversary: July 9, 2011 @0157hrs. This is a pivotal time stamp for this department to remember for all past, present and future members. A date and time that we almost lost three of our own. University Heights Firefighter Paul Nees (Ret.) reflects with current members on the day he responded to the structure fire that he was trapped in, 11 years ago. Paul sustained 2nd & 3rd degree burns to 25% of his body when he and his fellow Firefighters Hren & Robinson were caught in a flashover event.

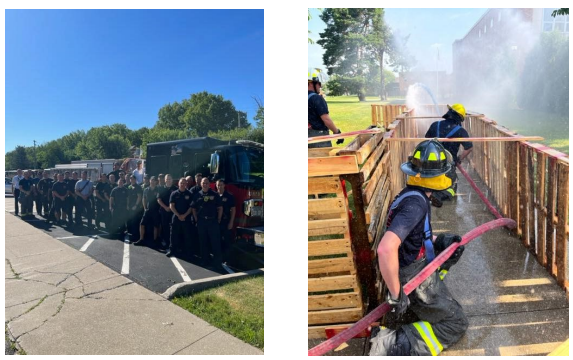


FEMA Grant Rescue Training

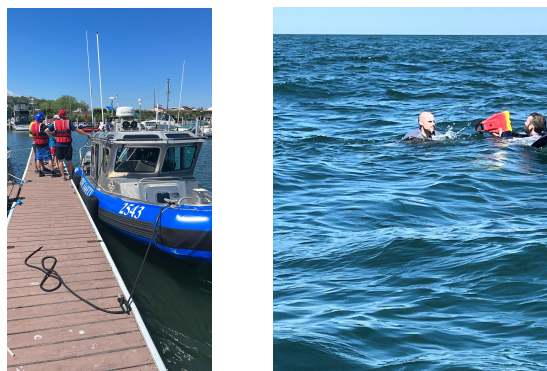
UHFD was awarded a FEMA Grant in FY2019, submitted by Exec. Captain Boylan, in the amount of \$127,140.00 to send firefighters through advanced technical rescue disciplines. These disciplines included Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Structural Collapse, Man-In Machine/Extrication and Swift Water Rescue training.

East Tech Training

JUNE 2022 - June 14-16th UHFD technical rescue team members participated in trench rescue training at Willoughby Hills Fire Department.



JULY 2022 - July 12-14th UHFD technical rescue team members participated in water rescue training at the Northeast Yacht Club.



EMS Training

Monthly EMS Topic - Sepsis
EMS Protocol Treatment and Transport Review
Provided by our Medical Control Provider, University Hospitals

Wellness Training

Monthly Wellness Topic - Hydration
Hydration is critical for optimal performance. Progressive dehydration from exercise (or fireground operations) impairs performance, mental capacity and perception of effort, and it can be life-threatening.



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

COMMUNITY & RISK REDUCTION

The Fire Prevention Bureau of University Heights Fire Department is dedicated to preventing fire through public education activities, through fire inspections, active code enforcement comprehensive fire investigations, engineering and plan reviews. Thus, improving the quality of life for the communities that we serve. We professionally strive to create a progressive and safe environment that benefits all. Accomplished, by utilizing highly motivated and trained personnel who understand the importance of customer service and fire safety education. The best way to protect life and property from fire is to prevent fires from occurring in the first place.



Significant Projects

- JCU Dolan Science Center Renovation Project
- JCU Dolan Hall & Pacelli Hall Renovation Project
- JCU Schott Dining Hall Renovation Project
- JCU Field House Pre-Construction Meeting



Community Engagement

BLOCK PARTY	3
CAR SEAT INSTALLATION	4
COMMUNITY EDUCATION & OUTREACH	3
STATION TOURS	4
HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION	4
STUDENT/INTERN RIDER	1
OTHER	2



FPB Inspections

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	18
REFERRAL/CONSULTATIONS	3
FOOD TRUCK INSPECTIONS	1
REINSPECTIONS	9
THIRD INSPECTIONS	1
FOURTH INSPECTIONS	3
SPRINKLER TESTS	2



Fire Investigation

- Hillcrest-Heights Regional Fire Investigation Unit had no significant calls during July 2022.
- Department members of the FIU team attended Regional Fire Investigation Training hosted by Dominion Gas at their training facility in Hudson, Ohio
- There was one incident in July that was referred to members of the Juvenile Firesetter Program



Fire Education

UH has opted out of HB 172 to allow consumer fireworks.

Under codified ordinance 1615.02 POSSESSION, SALE OR DISCHARGE PROHIBITED:

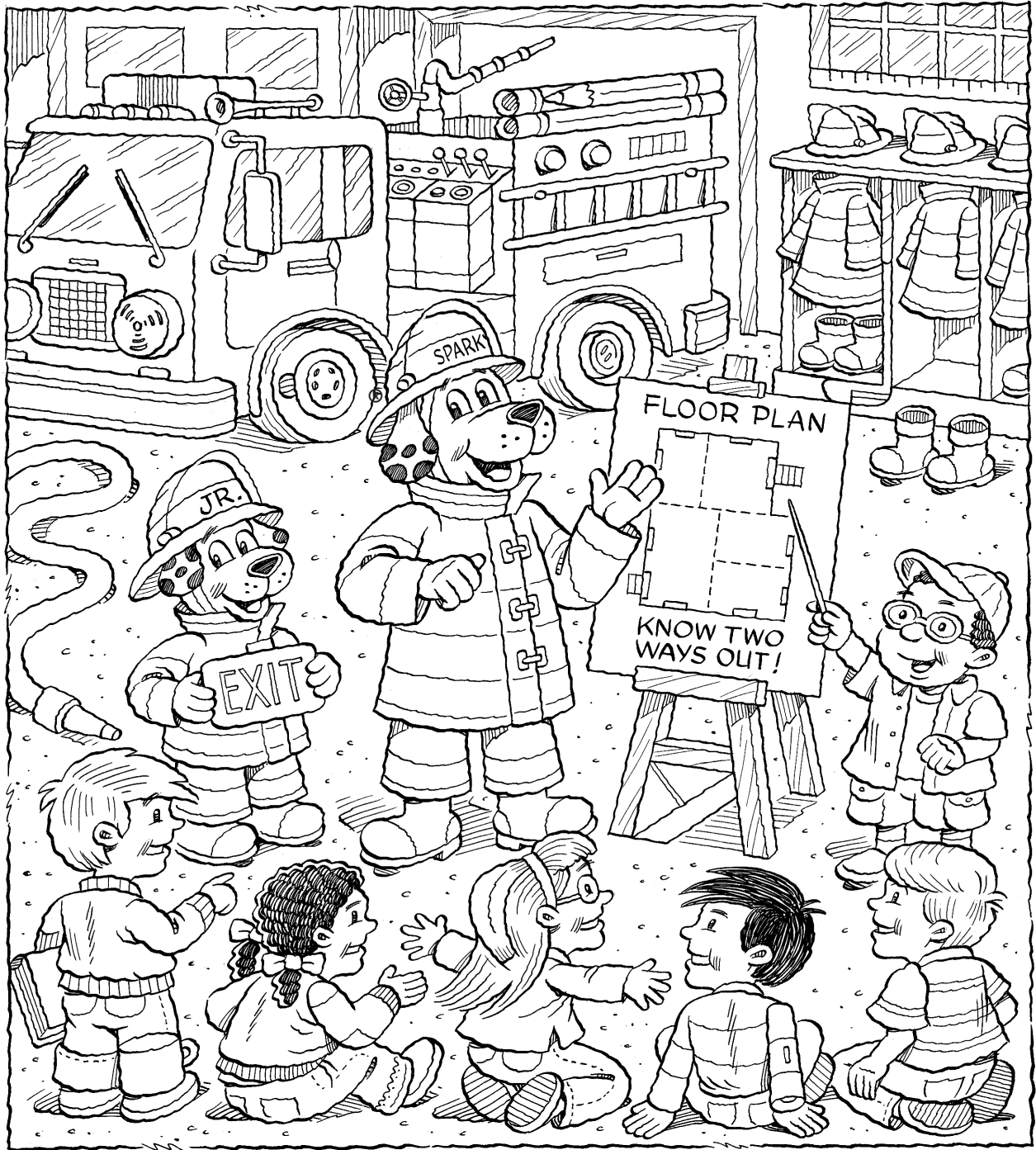
- No person shall possess fireworks in the City or shall possess for sale or sell fireworks in the City, except as permitted by licensure under applicable Ohio law.*
- Except as specifically authorized by Section 1615.03 hereof, no person shall discharge, ignite or explode any fireworks in the City.*
- No person shall use in a theater or public hall, what is technically known as fireworks showers, or a mixture containing potassium chlorate and sulphur.*
- No person shall sell fireworks, novelties and trick noisemakers of any kind to a person under eighteen years of age.*
- No person under eighteen years of age shall discharge, ignite or explode novelties and trick noisemakers or sparklers of any kind unless in the company of a person of at least eighteen years of age.*





KIDS CORNER

Sparky's HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE



The following objects are hidden in this picture: battery, smoke alarm, candle, flashlight, pencil, sailboat, banana, golf club, bell, sock, ruler, ring, cup, and a button!

For more FUN STUFF, visit SPARKY.ORG

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Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. But pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.

SAFETY TIPS

- Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.
- Keep pets away from candles, lamps, and space heaters.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.
- Keep pets away from a chimney's outside vents. Have a "pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several hours after the fire goes out.
- Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.

SMOKE ALARMS

- Have working smoke alarms on every level of the home. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
- Never go back inside for pets in a fire. Tell firefighters if your pet is trapped.

Pets and Wildfires

Make sure pets are included in your family's wildfire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household. Ensure each kit is a size and weight that can be quickly and easily loaded into a vehicle when packing to evacuate.



FACT

Pets or wild animals have a part in starting about 750 home fires per year. These involve cooking equipment, fireplaces and chimneys, space heaters, lamps, bulbs, wiring, and candles.



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards



IN REMEMBRANCE:

April 16, 1935 - June 6, 2022

Joseph A. Ciccia, age 87, beloved husband for 61 years of Marie (nee Colucci), loving father of Joseph, Jr. (wife Angela), devoted grandfather of Joseph and Carson, beloved son of Antonina and Antonio (both deceased), dear brother of Ida, Grace, Jim, Rose, Antoinette (husband Joseph) and Michael (all deceased), uncle and great uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Joe was a Firefighter for the City of University Heights for 32 years, and a US Army Veteran.



In their own words:

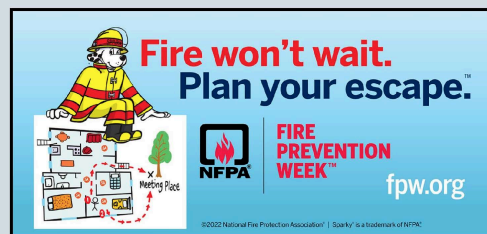
The members of the University Heights Fire Department are dedicated to serving the members of the community. We often receive notes of gratitude from members of the community. This note was recently received by a member of our community:

To: University Heights Fire Department

I just want to say **THANK YOU** for your service Saturday morning at 3:15 A.M. They were wonderful, friendly and anything else good I can say about them. This is why I love living in University Heights. I have been here 56 years and have no plans to leave at this point.

SAVE THE DATE!

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE
OCTOBER 9, 2022



Follow us on social media and visit our Fire Prevention Week page for fire safety activities, messages, and videos by our crew! Additional details will be provided, check back for updates!

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GET TO KNOW US!

Community Risk Reduction is a crucial function of the University Heights Fire Department. Our Fire Prevention Bureau manages the following programs:

- *CPR Training*
- *Home Safety Inspection*
- *Smoke Detector Installation*
- *Car Seat Installation*
- *Lock Box Installation*
- *Fire House Open House*
- *Extinguisher Training*
- *Blood Pressure & Health Screenings*
- *Block Parties*
- *Station Tours*
- *Safety Talks*



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