



# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Monthly Report

October 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, August 12th, 2022, Captain Peter Pucella was off-duty at the Chautauqua Institution in New York State, when acclaimed Author Salman Rushdie and commentator Henry Reese were attacked on stage during his introduction at the Chautauqua Amphitheater for a program on free speech. Rushdie was attacked by a man who rushed the stage subsequently stabbing him 15 times in the neck, face, arm, and abdomen. Mr. Reese sustained a serious facial laceration to the left eye area. Captain Pucella, who is a summer paramedic with Chautauqua Fire Department as well, immediately jumped onto the stage and began life-saving measures. Captain Pucella first rendered aid to Mr. Reese and removed him to the back stage area. He then returned to the stage to take over the lead medical position, as other volunteer medical patrons from the audience started treatment on Mr. Rushdie, Captain Pucella requested a medical helicopter via portable radio to transport the victim to the nearest hospital for fear he would not survive the 40-minute ride it would take to transport via ground ambulance. Due to these heroic actions, Rushdie underwent surgery and is expected to fully recover. Captain Pucella is commended for his heroic actions that day.

Thank you to Firefighter David Nees for being the voice of the 2022 FD Open House. FF Nees volunteered to be the Master of Ceremony for the event and did an excellent job of narrating the events taking place and providing an ongoing overview of the scheduled activities. Did you know that FF Nees is also a member of the Cleveland Cavaliers 216 Stix? A round of applause to him and the 5 other members he brought to the open house. The performance was excellent!



FF Nees third from the right.

## WORK ANNIVERSARIES



**Firefighter Tom Hren**  
22 Years of Dedicated Service



**Firefighter Connor Bachmann**  
1 Year of Dedicated Service



# DEPARTMENT STATISTICS


## Incidents by Service Type

Types of Calls	October 2022	October 2021	Year to Date (2022)	Year to Date (2021)	Percent Difference
FIRE/RESCUE	73	77	765	627	22%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	129	130	1,122	1,126	(0.36%)
PUBLIC SERVICE	22	15	208	205	1.45%
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>7 %</b>

## Mutual/Auto Aid Incidents

Types of Aid	October 2022	October 2021	Year to Date (2022)	Year to Date (2021)
AID GIVEN	54	38	468	318
AID RECEIVED	11	20	162	159
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>477</b>

## Average Response Times

	October 2022	October 2021	Year to Date (2022)	Year to Date (2021)
	3:47	4:16	3:59	4:08

<i>Overlapping Calls</i>	October 2022	October 2021	Year to Date (2022)	Year to Date (2021)
	49	56	481	371

## Property Valued Saved/Loss for October 2022

TOTAL POTENTIAL PROPERTY LOSS	\$0.00
TOTAL PROPERTY LOSS (FIRE)	\$0.00
TOTAL PROPERTY SAVED (FIRE)	\$0.00

<i>Monthly Training Hours</i>	October 2022	Year to Date (2022)
	759 hours	8,110 hours

# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT RESPONSES

- October 2nd - Structure Fire. TL1121 & C1153 responded for a reported fire in an apartment building. No injuries reported.
- October 8th – Structure Fire. TL1121 & C1153 responded for a reported fire in a residential building. No injuries reported.
- October 21st – Structure Fire. TL1121 & C1153 responded for a reported fire in an apartment building with defensive operations. No injuries reported.
- October 24th – Structure Fire. TL1121 & C1153 responded for a reported fire in a residential building. One resident treated for medical event.
- October 29th – Technical Rescue. East Tech Rescue Team responded for a car into building which resulted in the car and building catching on fire. One fatality reported.



# Excellence through **TRAINING**

## Fire & Rescue Training

### Company Training

#### **FEMA Grant**

FF King and FF Bachmann attended Ropes 2 Class

#### **CPAT Testing (Candidate Physical Ability Test)**

As part of the UHFD Wellness Program, members are encouraged to complete this testing in collaboration with John Carroll University annually.



### East Tech Training

October 4th - October 6th: UHFD technical rescue team members participated in structural collapse shoring training in Highland Heights.

### EMS Training

#### **Monthly EMS Topic - Shock**

EMS Protocol Treatment and Transport Review  
Provided by our Medical Control Provider, University Hospitals

### Wellness Training

#### **Monthly Wellness Topic - Yoga**

Firefighters are regularly exposed to critical incidents such as conflict, violence, injury, death. These traumatic events can place individuals at risk of work related injuries. A wellness program with yoga exercises can mitigate stress and reduce on-the-job injuries.



Throughout the month of October, all fire hydrants were inspected and flushed. Additionally, every five years one district of hydrants are flow tested.



# 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	2
COMMUNITY EDUCATION & OUTREACH	5
STATION TOURS	1
HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION	2
OTHER	1



### FPB Inspections

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	22
REFERRAL/CONSULTATIONS	1
FIRE ALARM TESTS	2
REINSPECTIONS	5
THIRD INSPECTIONS	1
ADOPTION/FOSTER HOME INSPECTIONS	1
SPRINKLER TESTS	1



### Fire Education

- National Fire Prevention Week takes place in the second week of October. Part of the Department's mission includes prevention and education. Three shifts visited GESU Preschool to educate on home fire safety and escape planning.
- Over 120 children were taught the importance of escape planning. Children were able to tour the fire truck, equipment, and fire gear.





# 2022 FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

*Thank you to all who made the 2022 FD Open House a successful event.*



# Fire Safety MAZE

**Can you help Sparky find his outside meeting place? Follow the path to Sparky's outside meeting place, the tree in his front yard, by plotting a path alphabetically from the word "Alarm" to the word "Zeal."**



**Extra Bonus:** Make a fire safety sentence using the words in the maze.

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	Alarm	Beep	Gust	House
Escape	Drill	Cool	Lose	Meet
Fast	Drape	Jump	Knight	Neighbor
Go	Home	Itchy	Shorten	Outside
Today	Smoke	Respond	Quickly	Practice
Under	Venture	Umbrella	Planet	Place
Yodel	Walk	Vibrant	Wedge	Quiet
Yearn	X-ray	You	Zeal	



# 10 Tips

## Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. *(A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)*
- Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote built-up. *(Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)*
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. *(The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)*
- Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** *(not an extension cord)* and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. *(Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)*
- We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. *(You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)*
- We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working. *(Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)*



Your Source for SAFETY Information

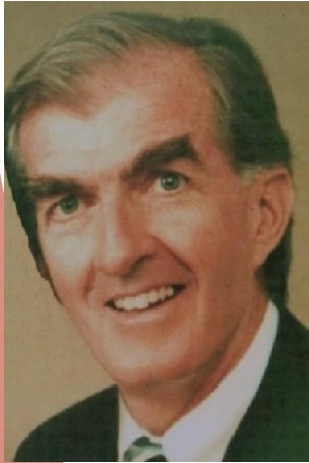
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## In their own words:

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

Thank you,  
University Heights Fire Dept, for  
your fast response at 4 am  
today.  
We were so calm, reassuring & helpful.  
We won't each & every one of you as  
a blessing. - And just bought new  
fire/smoke alarms!!  
Enjoy the treats - hope  
this some left for the  
night shift 😊



# *In Remembrance*

## *Walter Stinson*

*Walter Stinson was a friend of the fire department. We offer our condolences to his family and friends and give him a last salute from "the men in blue."*

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**National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service**

**October 9, 2022 ★ 10:00 am**

[@NationalFallenFirefightersFoundation](#) [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org)



**41st Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend**  
**October 8th - 9th, 2022** Each year, the Foundation sponsors the official National tribute to all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. Thousands attend National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland.  
[www.firehero.org/events/memorial-weekend](http://www.firehero.org/events/memorial-weekend)



# 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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