



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

September 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



FEMA



UHFD was awarded a FEMA Grant in FY2021, submitted by Executive Captain Boylan, in the amount of \$80,000.00 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. This is year three of a multi-year grant project.

On September 11th, UHFD held a ceremony led by Firefighter Mickovic to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

~ Never Forget ~



WORK ANNIVERSARIES



Firefighter Travis Krieger
3 Years of Dedicated Service





DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Incidents by Service Type

Types of Calls	September 2022	September 2021	Year to Date (2022)	Year to Date (2021)	Percent Difference
FIRE/RESCUE	83	56	692	550	25.8%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	111	123	993	996	(0.30%)
PUBLIC SERVICE	21	30	186	190	(2.10%)
TOTAL INCIDENTS	215	209	1,871	1,736	7.78%

Mutual/Auto Aid Incidents

Types of Aid	September 2022	September 2021	Year to Date (2022)	Year to Date (2021)
AID GIVEN	58	31	414	280
AID RECEIVED	17	14	151	139
TOTAL INCIDENTS	75	45	565	419

Average Response Times

	September 2022	September 2021	Year to Date (2022)	Year to Date (2021)
	3:50	4:17	4:00	4:06

<i>Overlapping Calls</i>	September 2022	September 2021	Year to Date (2022)	Year to Date (2021)
	46	37	435	315

Property Valued Saved/Loss for September 2022

TOTAL POTENTIAL PROPERTY LOSS	\$370,000.00
TOTAL PROPERTY LOSS (FIRE)	\$250.00
TOTAL PROPERTY SAVED (FIRE)	\$369,750.00

<i>Monthly Training Hours</i>	September 2022	Year to Date (2022)
	957 hours	7,351 hours

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT RESPONSES

- September 2nd - Stove Fire. TL1121 & C1153 responded for a reported fire on stove. No injuries reported.
- September 7th – Technical Rescue. East Tech Rescue Team responded for a reported vehicle into a building.
- September 11th – Commercial Fire. TL1121 & C1153 responded for a reported restaurant fryer fire. No injuries reported.
- September 16th – Technical Rescue. East Tech Rescue Team responded for a rope rescue for victim who fell 30 feet down a ravine.
- September 17th – Technical Rescue. East Tech Rescue Team responded for a rope rescue for victim who fell down a ravine.
- September 19th – Residential Fire. TL1121 & C1153 responded for a reported trash fire. No injuries reported.
- September 21st – Day Care Facility. TL1121 & C1153 responded for a reported trash fire. No injuries reported.



Fire & Rescue Training

Firefighters Dave Hollo and Connor Bachmann attended training through the Firehouse Expo Convention in Columbus, OH. In addition, Firefighter Nicholas Alhassani attended peer support training through the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF).

FF Bachmann - The Intelligently Aggressive Fireground

Firefighters are placed under demanding situations with less staffing than ever before. Tactical thermal imaging allows firefighters to include thermal data to enhance their decision making. This data is a force-multiplier which allows for locating the victim(s) up to 70% faster, locating and extinguishing the fire faster, and preventing may-day's by maintaining situational awareness. This program will focus on the fundamentals of firefighting from size-up, forcible entry, fire attack, search, and rapid intervention.

FF Hollo - Tower Ladder and Aerial Placement

This program will answer why we consider the tower ladder both an offensive and defensive tool on the fireground. The basic steps of how to use this tool to its maximum capability will be presented in an organized approach from start to finish with an emphasis on the importance of apparatus positioning early and the advantages it can provide throughout the incident. Topics include outrigger placement, bucket movement from the turntable and bucket, scrub area and stream application.

FF Nich Alhassani - IAFF Peer Support Training

FF Alhassani completed training through the IAFF to obtain the necessary the necessary knowledge and skills to provide support to their peers, have a basic understanding of common behavioral health issues affecting the fire service, can serve as a bridge to community resources or behavioral health treatment when indicated, and are able to build or enhance their peer support programs.

Excellence through **TRAINING**

Fire & Rescue Training

Company Training

Regional Training:

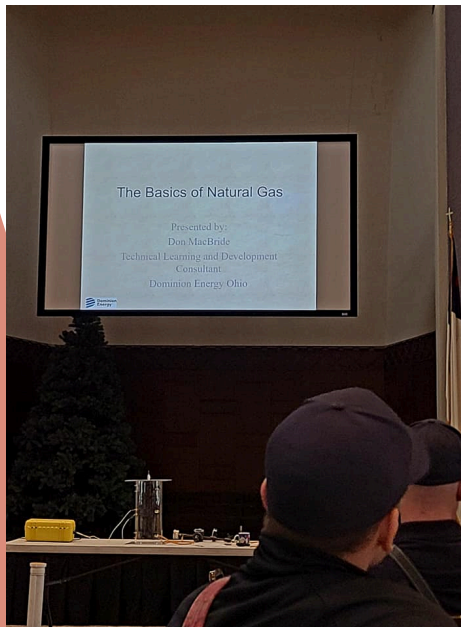
Heights area Fire Departments welcomed Mr. Don MacBride of Dominion East Ohio. Mr. MacBride explained the basics of natural gas as well as handling Natural Gas Emergencies.

Big thanks to Dominion and Cleveland Heights FD for putting this training together!

The cold season will be here before we know it please get those gas appliances and chimneys checked out! As always call us if you need us!

Firefighter Skills Assessments:

Firefighters completed their annual Firefighter Skills Assessments.



East Tech Training

September 6th-8th: UHFD technical rescue team members participated in high-line rope rescue training in Chagrin Falls.



EMS Training

Monthly EMS Topic - Pediatric Assessments & Child Abuse

EMS Protocol Treatment and Transport Review

Provided by our Medical Control Provider, University Hospitals

Wellness Training

Monthly Wellness Topic - Mental Health

Firefighters are regularly exposed to critical incidents such as conflict, violence, injury, death. These traumatic events can place individuals at risk of post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD) or other mental illnesses. Taking care of your mental health is as important as managing your physical health.

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

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	50
REFERRAL/CONSULTATIONS	4
FIRE ALARM TESTS	4
REINSPECTIONS	13
SPRINKLER TESTS	3



FPB Inspections

BLOCK PARTY	5
CAR SEAT INSTALLATION	1
COMMUNITY EDUCATION & OUTREACH	2
STATION TOURS	1
HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION	3
OTHER	3



Fire Education

- National Preparedness Month is observed each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies



Disasters Don't Wait.
Make Your Plan Today.



**KIDS
CORNER**

**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 going from A-Z in alphabetical order.**



**START
HERE!**

CHECK OUT SPARKY.ORG FOR MORE FUN!

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How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

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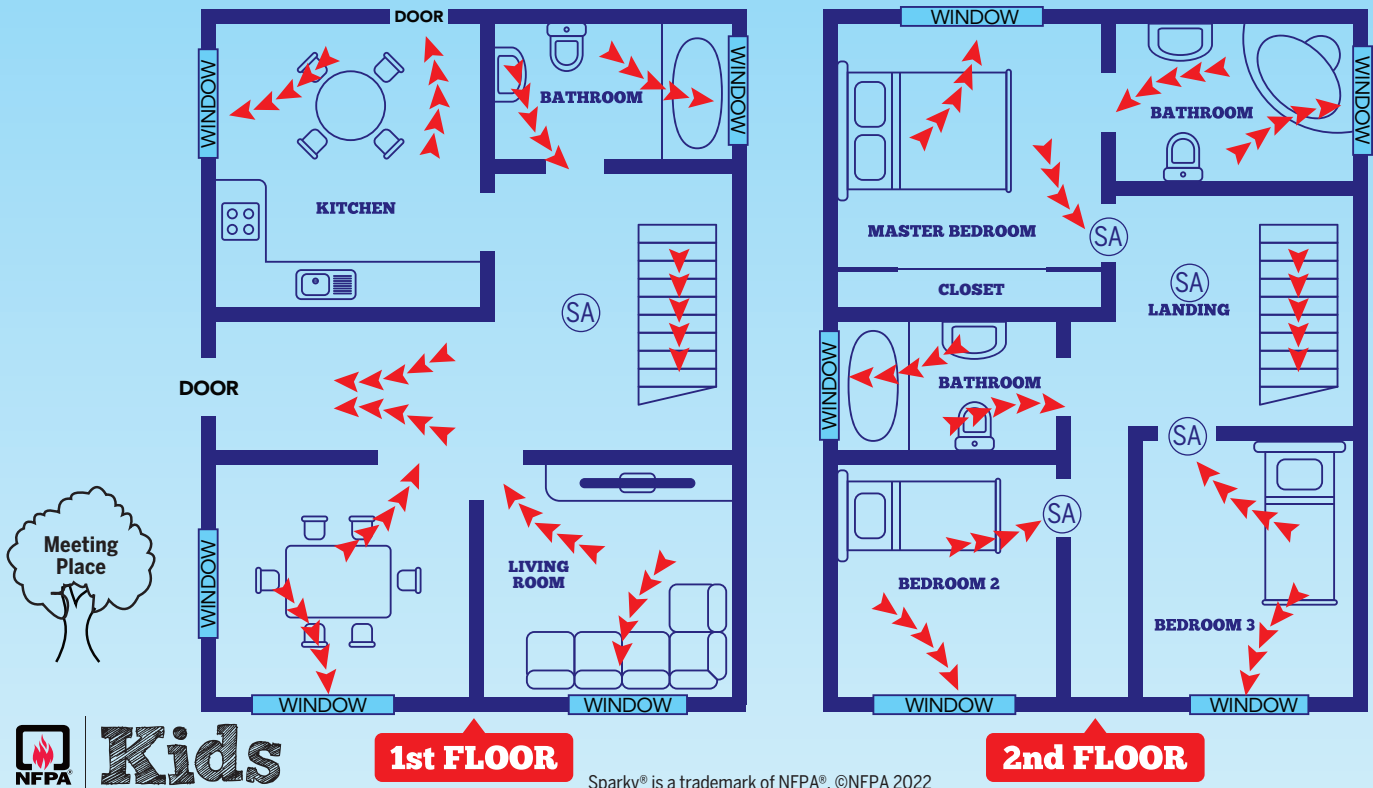
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™



Visit Sparky.org for more activities!

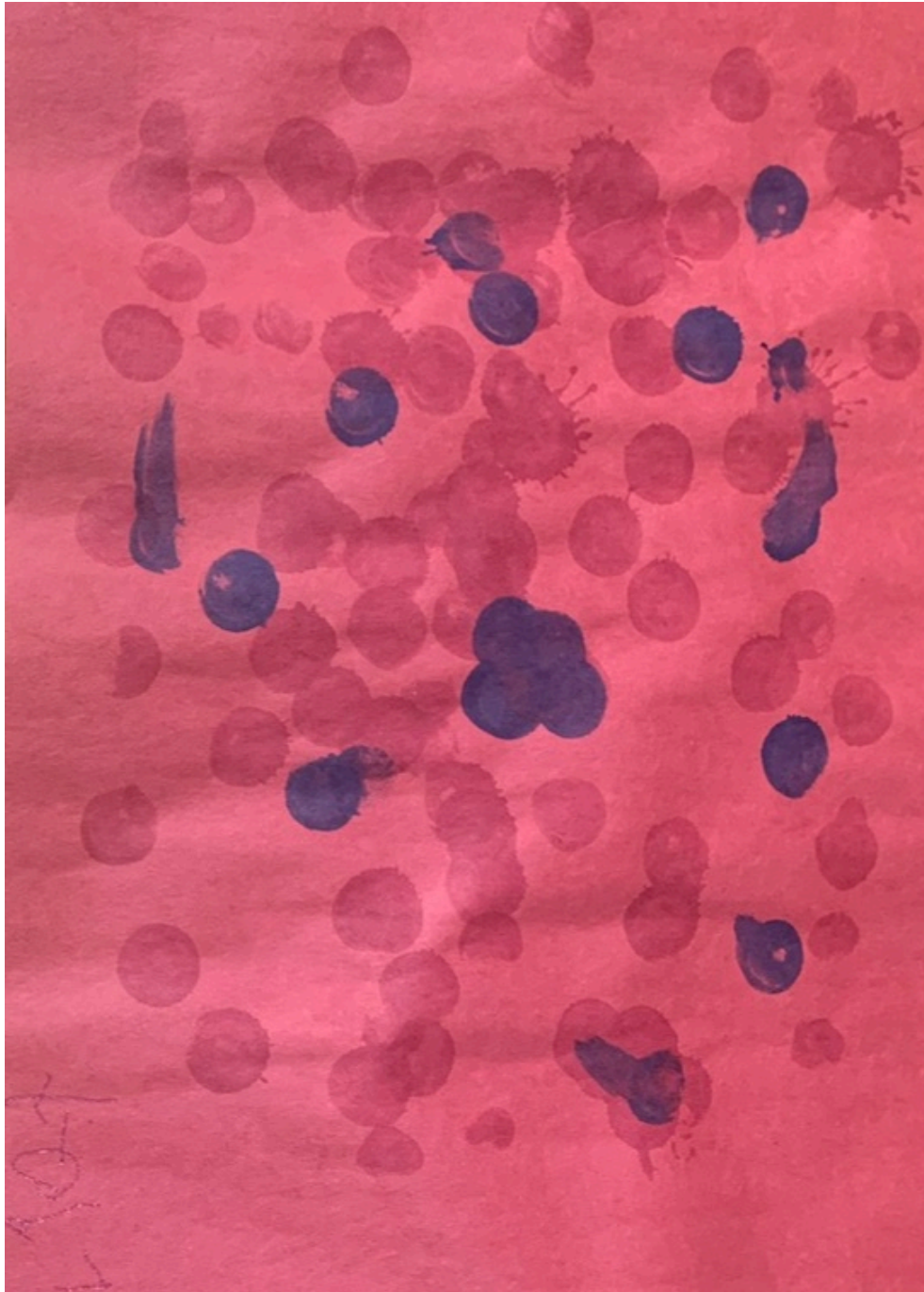
- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to dial 911 or your local emergency number.
- Practice your home fire drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.

Sample Escape Plan



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 picture was recently received by a member of our community:





Firefighter Jake Foster enjoys cooking for many reasons. He likes that it brings everyone together and creates comradery among shift members through members helping each other prepare a meal and then all sitting around the table together. FF Foster shared one of his recipes he enjoys preparing for his shift members.

SWEET POTATO TURKEY CHILI

Lightened-up chili using ground turkey and sweet potato! This Sweet Potato Turkey Chili can be made in one-pot and will feed you all fall and winter long for dinner or lunches alike.

Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 30 minutes Total Time: 45 minutes Yield: 8 bowls

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb ground turkey (lean, if preferred)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 bell peppers, chopped
- 1 jalapeño, chopped (deseed if you don't like spice)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large sweet potato, cubed (no need to skin)
- 2 1/2 tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 28 ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can kidney beans, drained and rinsed



INSTRUCTIONS:

Heat olive oil in a large pot over med-high heat. Add ground turkey and cook until browned (About 3-4 mins).

Add in onions and cook for 3 more minutes.

Add in peppers, jalapeno and garlic and cook for another 2 mins.

Add in sweet potato, spices, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce and beans and bring mix to a boil. If mixture is too thick add in 1/2-1 cup water.

Once boiling lower heat to a simmer and cook for about 30-40 minutes, uncovered or until desired consistency is reached.

ENJOY!



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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