



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

September 2023

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



Welcome Firefighter Jacob Respondek to the University Heights Fire Department! Firefighter Respondek grew up in Mentor, Ohio. He attended Mentor High School and then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps from 2017 - 2021 with the rank of Sergeant. He also served as a High Intensity Tactical Trainer. He obtained his State of Ohio Fire Certification at the Ohio Fire Academy in April 2022. Firefighter Respondek obtained his Paramedic Certification through Lakeland Community College in August 2023. When he is not working, he enjoys working out and playing volleyball and golf. He follows his father's footsteps in public safety as his father is a University Heights Police Detective Sergeant.

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Firefighter Travis Krieger
4 Years of Dedicated Service





DEPARTMENT STATISTICS


Incidents by Service Type

Types of Calls	Sept. 2023	Sept. 2022	Year to Date (2023)	Year to Date (2022)	Percent Difference
FIRE/RESCUE	90	83	848	692	22.54%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	99	111	950	993	(4.33%)
PUBLIC SERVICE	18	21	173	186	(6.99%)
TOTAL INCIDENTS	207	215	1,971	1,871	5.34%

Mutual/Auto Aid Incidents

Types of Aid	Sept. 2023	Sept. 2022	Year to Date (2023)	Year to Date (2022)
AID GIVEN	58	58	481	414
AID RECEIVED	24	17	193	151
TOTAL INCIDENTS	82	75	674	565

Average Response Times

	Sept.2023	Sept. 2022	Year to Date (2023)	Year to Date (2022)
	3:55	3:50	3:58	4:00

<i>Overlapping Calls</i>	Sept. 2023	Sept. 2022	Year to Date (2023)	Year to Date (2022)
	47	46	500	430

Property Valued Saved/Loss for September 2023

TOTAL POTENTIAL PROPERTY LOSS	\$270,000.00
TOTAL PROPERTY LOSS (FIRE)	\$102,500.00
TOTAL PROPERTY SAVED (FIRE)	\$167,500.00

<i>Monthly Training Hours</i>	Sept. 2023	Year to Date (2023)
	891 hours	7,710 hours



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU COMMUNITY & RISK REDUCTION



Community Engagement

BLOCK PARTY	6
COMMUNITY EDUCATION & OUTREACH	1
HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION	3
OTHER	1



FPB Inspections

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	1
HOOD TEST	3
PLAN REVIEW	1



Excellence through TRAINING



Fire & Rescue Training

- 1112 Driver Training
- Personal Protective Equipment Training
- Company Ops - Water supply
- Hose Line Deployment
- Ground Ladders
- Forcible Entry
- Vertical Ventilation
- Search & Rescue
- Salvage & Overhaul



East Tech Training

UHFD technical rescue team members participated in slope evacuation and high lines.



EMS Training

Monthly EMS Topic

Behavioral Emergencies
PALS Refresher
EMS Protocol Treatment and Transport Review
Provided by our Medical Control Provider, University Hospitals

Wellness Training

Monthly Wellness Topic - Meal Preparation

Training provided by Dr. Jackie Zera with Wellness Works of Cleveland, LLC
Firefighter Yoga by Yoga Roots of Cleveland Heights

Safety in Places of Public Assembly

Every day, millions of people wake up, go to work or school, and take part in social events. But every so often the unexpected happens: an earthquake, a fire, a chemical spill, an act of terrorism or some other disaster. Routines change drastically, and people are suddenly aware of how fragile their lives and routines can be. Each disaster can have lasting effects — people may be seriously injured or killed, and devastating and costly property damage can occur. People entering any public assembly building need to be prepared in case of an emergency.

BEFORE YOU ENTER

- **Take a good look.** Does the building appear to be in a condition that makes you feel comfortable? Is the main entrance wide and does it open outward to allow easy exit? Is the outside area clear of materials stored against the building or blocking exits?
- **Have a communication plan.** Identify a relative or friend to contact in case of emergency and you are separated from family or friends.
- **Plan a meeting place.** Pick a meeting place outside to meet family or friends with whom you are attending the function. If there is an emergency, be sure to meet them there.

WHEN YOU ENTER

- **Take a good look.** Locate exits immediately. When you enter a building you should look for all available exits. Some exits may be in front and some in back of you. Be prepared to use your closest exit. You may not be able to use the main exit.
- **Check for clear exit paths.** Make sure aisles are wide enough and not obstructed by chairs or furniture. Check to make sure your exit door is not blocked or chained. If there are not at least two exits or exit paths are blocked, report the violation to management and leave the building if it is not immediately addressed. Call the local fire marshal to register a complaint.
- **Do you feel safe?** Does the building appear to be overcrowded? Are there fire sources such as candles burning, cigarettes or cigars burning, pyrotechnics, or other heat sources that may make you feel unsafe? Are there safety systems in place such as alternative exits, sprinklers, and smoke alarms? Ask the management for clarification on your concerns. If you do not feel safe in the building, leave immediately.

DURING AN EMERGENCY

React immediately. If an alarm sounds, you see smoke or fire, or some other unusual disturbance immediately exit the building in an orderly fashion.

Get out, stay out! Once you have escaped, stay out. Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building. Let trained firefighters conduct rescue operations.

FACT

A fire at The Station nightclub in W. Warwick, RI, on February 20, 2003, claimed 100 lives and is the fourth-deadliest nightclub fire in U.S. history. Since that fire, NFPA has enacted tough new code provisions for fire sprinklers and crowd management in nightclub-type venues. Those provisions mark sweeping changes to the codes and standards governing safety in assembly occupancies.



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I SPY FIRE SAFETY

Sparky here with a challenge for you. Use this checklist to go on a safety hunt around your home. If the item on the list is **SAFE**, color the paw print **GREEN**. If the item is **UNSAFE**, color it **RED**. If you are **NOT SURE**, color it **YELLOW**. If any of your paw prints are **RED** or **YELLOW**, ask a grown-up to help make it safe.



I know that some things are hot or can get hot. I stay away from hot things because I can get burned.



We have a 3-foot (1-meter) “kid-free” zone around hot things like the stove, grill, fireplace, and space heater. We also have a “kid-free” zone when hot food and drinks are being served.



Space heaters are turned off whenever a grown-up leaves the room or goes to bed.



I ALWAYS charge my phone on something hard like a bedside table, counter, or desk. I DON'T charge under my pillow, on my bed, or on a couch because that could start a fire.



If I see matches and lighters, I don't touch. I walk away and tell a grown-up.



We have working smoke alarms on every level of our home and inside every sleeping area. **Clue:** If you don't know if they are working, ask a grown-up to push the test button.



Our family has a home fire escape plan. Our plan includes 2 ways out of every room. **Clue:** One way out can be a door and the second way out might be a window.



My family has an outside meeting place. Our outside meeting place is _____.



When I hear the “beep, beep, beep” of a smoke alarm, I get outside and stay outside.



We practice our home fire drill 2 times a year. We practice during the day and at night. The last time we practiced was _____.

We will practice again _____.

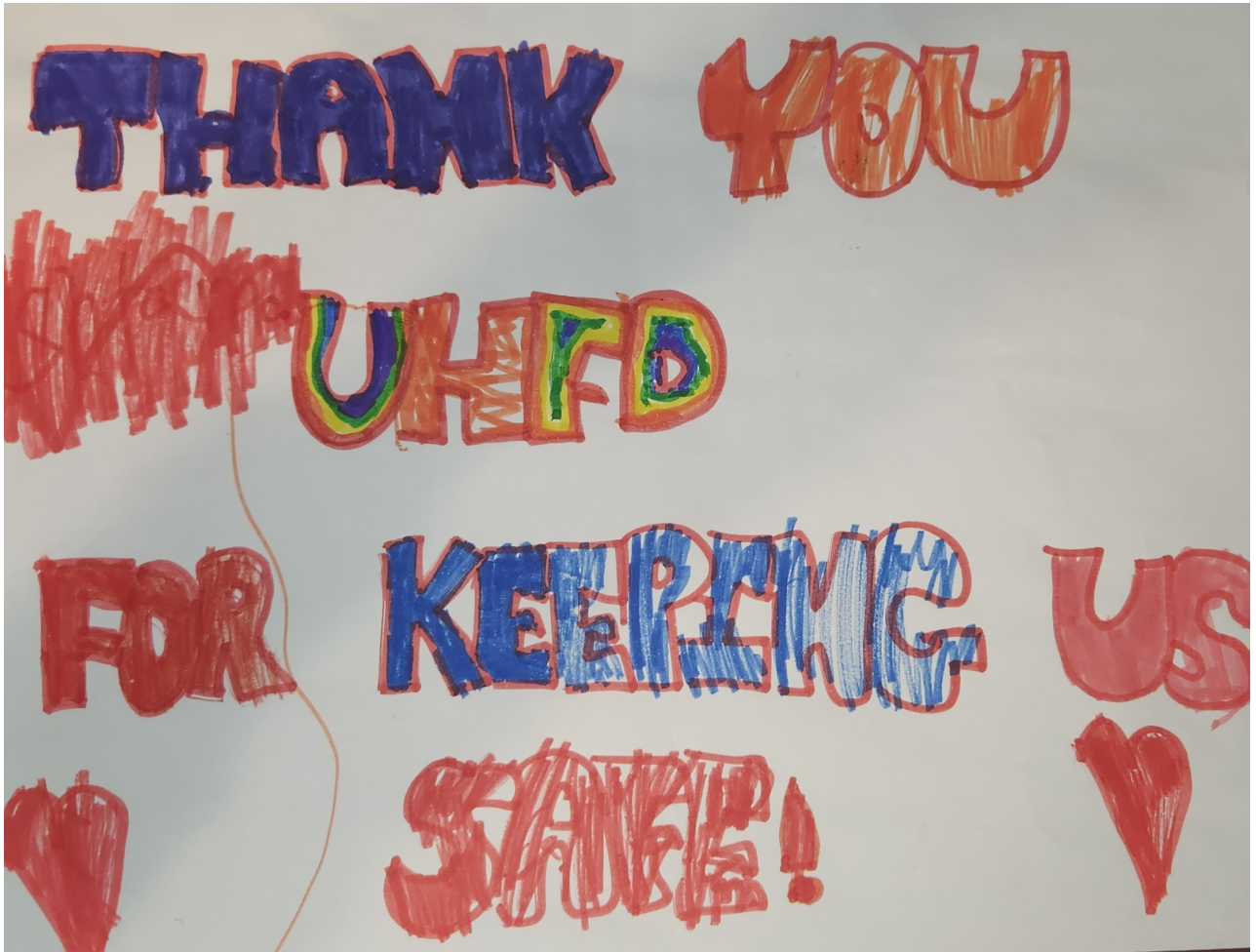


Kids

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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 picture was recently received by members of our community:





NEVER FORGET





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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