



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

October 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



Each year, the physical abilities of firefighters are evaluated. One method is the CPAT (Candidate Physical Ability Test). This method includes an eight event test including a Stair Climb, Ladder Raise and Extension, Hose Drag, Equipment Carry, Forcible Entry, Search Rescue Drag and Ceiling Pull. These events are also done while the firefighter wears a 50 - 75 pound weighted vest. FF Thomas currently holds the fastest time record for completing the CPAT in 7 minutes 24 seconds. This time beat all UH and Shaker Heights Fire completion times. Congratulations FF Thomas!

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Firefighter Connor Bachmann

2 Years of Dedicated Service



Firefighter Thomas Hren

23 Years of Dedicated Service





DEPARTMENT STATISTICS


Incidents by Service Type

Types of Calls	Oct. 2023	Oct. 2022	Year to Date (2023)	Year to Date (2022)	Percent Difference
FIRE/RESCUE	81	73	929	765	21.44%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	124	129	1,074	1,122	(4.28%)
PUBLIC SERVICE	18	22	191	208	(8.17%)
TOTAL INCIDENTS	223	224	2,194	2,095	4.73%

Mutual/Auto Aid Incidents

Types of Aid	Oct. 2023	Oct. 2022	Year to Date (2023)	Year to Date (2022)
AID GIVEN	46	54	527	468
AID RECEIVED	31	11	224	162
TOTAL INCIDENTS	77	65	751	630

Average Response Times

	Oct.2023	Oct. 2022	Year to Date (2023)	Year to Date (2022)
	4:03	3:47	3:58	3:59

<i>Overlapping Calls</i>	Oct. 2023	Oct. 2022	Year to Date (2023)	Year to Date (2022)
	56	49	556	479

Property Valued Saved/Loss for October 2023

TOTAL POTENTIAL PROPERTY LOSS	\$5,000,000.00
TOTAL PROPERTY LOSS (FIRE)	\$50,000.00
TOTAL PROPERTY SAVED (FIRE)	\$4,950,000.00

<i>Monthly Training Hours</i>	Oct. 2023	Year to Date (2023)
	715 hours	8,036 hours



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU COMMUNITY & RISK REDUCTION



Community Engagement

BLOCK PARTY	1
COMMUNITY EDUCATION & OUTREACH	5
STATION TOURS	1
HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION	2



FPB Inspections

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	56
REFERRAL/CONSULTATIONS	5
FIRE ALARM TESTS	2
REINSPECTIONS	5
SPRINKLET TEST	1
FOURTH INSPECTION	1
HOOD TEST	2
ACCEPTANCE TEST	3
PLAN REVIEW	2
PAPERWORK/MISC.	5
SITE INSPECTION	1



Photograph taken at the breakfast for active and retired Local 974 members. It can be located on the UH Firefighter local Facebook page.



Excellence *through* TRAINING



Fire & Rescue Training

- Pre-plans



Photographs are from live fire training evolutions at Auburn Career Center. Five members attended on behalf of the Concord Township Fire Department.

East Tech Training

UHFD technical rescue team members participated in ropes, shoring, and confined space training.



EMS Training

Monthly EMS Topic

PALS Refresher

Psychiatric & Behavioral Emergencies

EMS Protocol Treatment and Transport Review

Provided by our Medical Control Provider, University Hospitals

Wellness Training

Firefighter Yoga by Yoga Roots of Cleveland Heights

Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January,** and **February.**

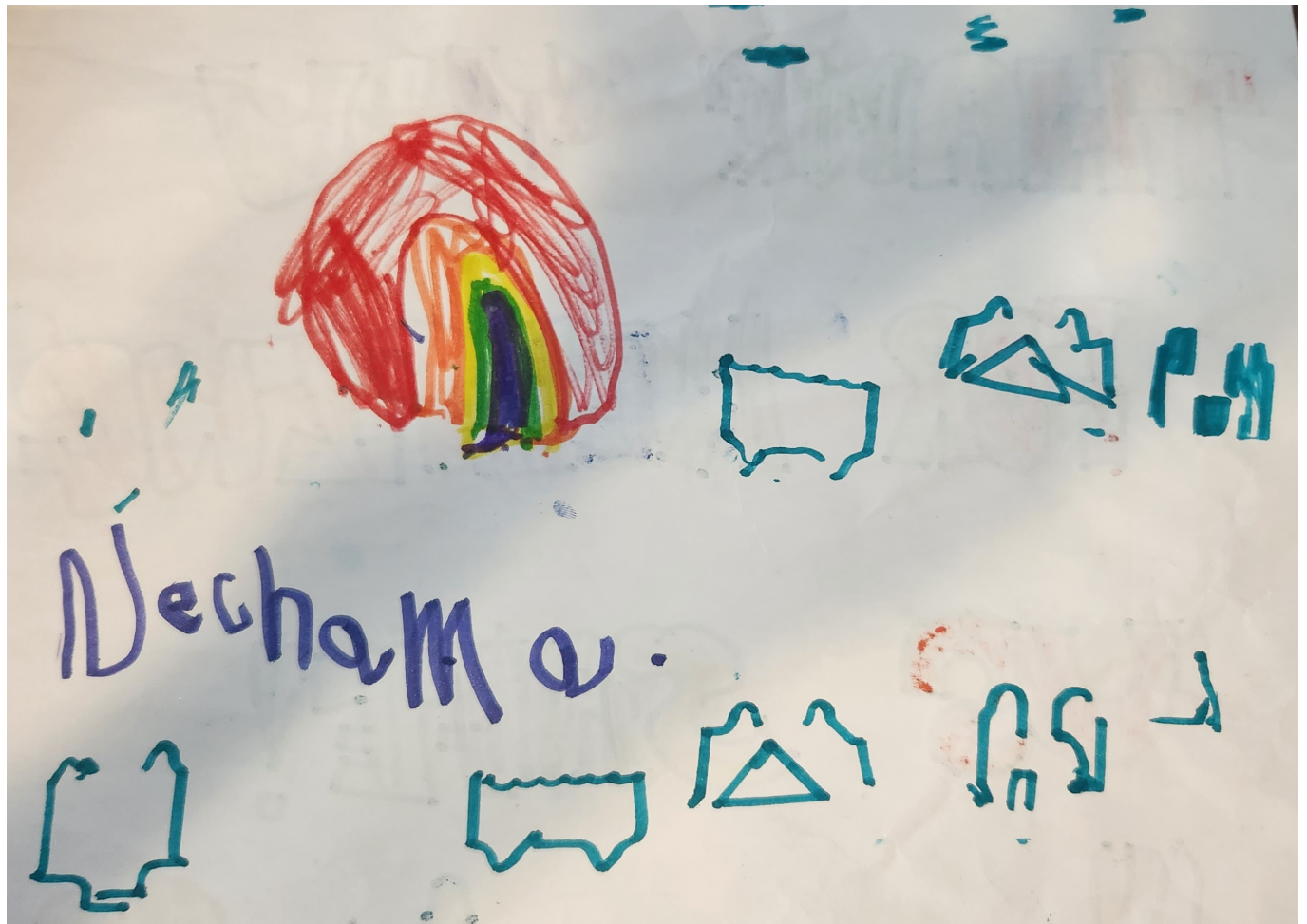


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In their own words:

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:





2023 OPEN HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS





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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