



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

June 2024

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



A Commendation was awarded to Lieutenant Lukasz Curkowicz for his exceptional and professional patient care he performed on a cardiac arrest patient. Lieutenant Curkowicz, the Fire Prevention Officer, responded from a local business and was the first on scene and coordinated CPR efforts. He provided early defibrillation by utilizing the AED assigned to his vehicle.

Captain Douglas Robinson was recognized for his exceptional and professional patient care he performed on a cardiac arrest patient. Captain Robinson, the C-Shift Commander, proactively acquired the LUCAS CPR machine from the ambulance on a concurrent incident and brought it to the scene to provide high quality chest compressions to the patient.

UHFD units 1141, 1142, 1153, were assigned to two other concurrent incidents prior to this incident. Mutual aid agreements brought an engine and ambulance from South Euclid Fire Department. Initial care provided by UHFD members was transferred to SEFD members who continued to provide exceptional and professional patient care.

Due to the quick actions of UHFD members to provide Advanced Cardiac Life Support to this patient, a pulse was restored while on scene prior to transferring patient care.

A follow-up from the University Hospital Medical Director in June indicated the patient was stable and being released from the hospital soon.





DEPARTMENT STATISTICS


Incidents by Service Type

Types of Calls	June 2024	June 2023	Year to Date (2024)	Year to Date (2023)	Percent Difference
FIRE/RESCUE	79	80	482	482	0.00%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	115	93	679	627	8.29%
PUBLIC SERVICE	11	9	70	106	33.96%)
TOTAL INCIDENTS	205	182	1,231	1,215	1.32%

Mutual/Auto Aid Incidents

Types of Aid	June 2024	June 2023	Year to Date (2024)	Year to Date (2023)
AID GIVEN	43	42	242	296
AID RECEIVED	15	19	108	111
TOTAL INCIDENTS	58	61	350	407

Average Response Times

	June 2024	June 2023	Year to Date (2024)	Year to Date (2023)
	4:21	3:59	4:21	4:01

<i>Overlapping Calls</i>	June 2024	June 2023	Year to Date (2024)	Year to Date (2023)
	60	33	278	246

Property Valued Saved/Loss for June 2024

TOTAL POTENTIAL PROPERTY LOSS	\$700.00
TOTAL PROPERTY LOSS (FIRE)	\$400.00
TOTAL PROPERTY SAVED (FIRE)	\$300.00

<i>Monthly Training Hours</i>	June 2024	Year to Date (2024)
	780 hours	4421 hours



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU COMMUNITY & RISK REDUCTION



Community Engagement

HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION	5
COMMUNITY EDUCATION	1
OTHER	2



FPB Inspections

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	12
REFERRAL/CONSULTATIONS	1
FIRE ALARM TESTS	1
REINSPECTIONS	9
HOOD & DUCT INSPECTIONS	2
PAPERWORK/MISC.	1
ACCEPTANCE TEST	2
ALARM SYSTEM TEST	1
SPRINKLER TEST	2
SITE INSPECTION	1
THIRD INSPECTION	5
FOURTH INSPECTION	7



Excellence through TRAINING



East Tech Training

UHFD technical rescue team members participated in Rope Rescue training in the month of June. The training took place at the South Euclid/Euclid Metroparks.



Fire & Rescue Training

- 1121 Driver/Operator
- Aerial Operations
- Ground Ladders
- Vertical Ventilation
- VEIS
- Hose Line Deployment
- Fire Attack - Basement Fires
- Hydraulic Ventilation



EMS Training

Monthly EMS Topic

2024 Protocol Updates
EMS Protocol Treatment and Transport Review
Provided by our Medical Control Provider,
University Hospital





Clothes Dryer Safety

Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

AND DON'T FORGET...

Dryers should be properly **grounded**.

Check the **outdoor vent** flap to make sure it is not covered by snow.

Keep the area around your dryer **clear** of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.

Clothes that have come in contact with **flammable substances**, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

FACT

- ❗ The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.



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



GATHER THE WHOLE FAMILY and do some searching to find the answers to these very important smoke alarm safety questions. Then, go to **Sparky.org** and take the pledge to be a FIRE SAFETY HERO.

Location, location, location!

Is there at least one smoke alarm:

- Inside each bedroom? Yes No
- Outside all sleeping areas? Yes No
- On every level of the home, including the basement? Yes No

Action item: Figure out **how many*** smoke alarms you need to make each answer YES. (You need at least one on every level of your home, including the basement, outside all sleeping areas, and inside each bedroom.)

*Our home needs _____ smoke alarms.

What have you got?

To find the answer to the question below, look on the back of your smoke alarms. You'll have to take them down to do so, so make sure to put them back up.

Do you know how old your smoke alarms are? Yes No

Action item: Fill in the chart below. If your smoke alarms are more than 10 years old, it's time to replace them.

Smoke Alarm Checkup



Smoke alarm	Date on back	How old	Need a new one	Working
living room	2019 Oct. 1	5 years	No	Yes



What to do!

Do you test your smoke alarms each month?

- Yes No

Action item: Test all the smoke alarms in your home at least once a month by pushing the test button.

Does everyone in your home know the sound of the smoke alarm?

- Yes No

Action item: Push the test button so everyone knows the sound of the alarm. Smoke alarms make a loud "BEEP, BEEP, BEEP" sound.

Does everyone in your home know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds?

- Yes No

Action item: Make a home fire escape plan and practice it at least two times a year. This way everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds and can get outside and stay outside.



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Heights
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Local 974
Presents

1ST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

****To Benefit Jake Nees
Memorial Scholarship*

LONGEST DRIVE
LONGEST PUTT
CLOSEST TO PIN
HOLE IN ONE CONTEST
SKINS

**22ND AUGUST
2024**

FOX DEN GOLF COURSE
2770 Call Rd
Stow Ohio, 44224

REGISTRATION

\$125 Per Golfer
\$500 Per Team



SCAN ME

AGENDA

7:30 AM Golf Registration & Lite Breakfast
8:30 AM Shotgun Start
2:00PM Awards Dinner

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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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