



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

May 2025

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



MEET THE 2025 OHIO FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR CAPTAIN DOUG ROBINSON!

Being named the Ohio Fire Service Instructor of the Year is one of the highest honors for fire instructors in the state. This award recognizes exceptional dedication, leadership, and impact in fire service training and education. It is a testament to an instructor's commitment to excellence, innovation, and mentorship in developing the next generation of firefighters and fire officers.

WORK ANNIVERSARIES



Captain John Novosielski
25 Years of Dedicated Service



Lieutenant Kevin Vonzahz
26 Years of Dedicated Service



Firefighter Chad Rapier
9 Years of Dedicated Service



DEPARTMENT STATISTICS


Incidents by Service Type

Types of Calls	May 2025	May 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)	Percent Difference
FIRE/RESCUE	82	81	417	403	3.47%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	114	117	618	564	9.57%
PUBLIC SERVICE	8	16	80	59	35.59%
TOTAL INCIDENTS	204	214	1,115	1,026	8.67%

Mutual/Auto Aid Incidents

Types of Aid	May 2025	May 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)
AID GIVEN	29	42	197	199
AID RECEIVED	38	17	173	93
TOTAL INCIDENTS	67	59	370	292

Average Response Times

	May 2025	May 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)
	4:33	4:22	5:11	4:21

<i>Overlapping Calls</i>	May 2025	May 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)
	51	48	358	218

Property Valued Saved/Loss for May 2025

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

<i>Monthly Training Hours</i>	May 2025	Year to Date (2025)
	1,403 hours	3,624 hours



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU COMMUNITY & RISK REDUCTION



Community Engagement

HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION	2
STUDENT RIDER	12
CAR SEAT INSTALLATION	1



FPB Inspections

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	20
FIRE ALARM TESTS	1
GROUP HOME/FOSTER CARE	1
HOOD TEST	1
PLAN REVIEW	1
SITE INSPECTION	1
SPRINKLER TEST	14



Excellence through TRAINING



East Tech Training

UHFD technical rescue team members participated in Rope Training during the month of May.

Fire & Rescue Training

A Ground Ladder Drill was conducted during the month.

The month of May was dedicated to hydrant flushing and flow testing:

491 hydrants were flushed within this period. Crews were able to identify issues and create Work Orders with 5 hydrants. These varied from inoperable stems nuts, leaking bonnets, difficult operation and one hydrant was found with a 5" Stortz connection. 4 hydrants were 2- port hydrants. Documentation of these 2 port hydrant locations was relayed to Cleveland Water to get them replaced with updated hydrants. All hydrants with issues have been reported to Cleveland Water for repairs to be made. No water mains were reported broken during this flowing/flushing period.



EMS Training

Monthly EMS Topic

2025 Protocol Updates
EMS Protocol Treatment and Transport Review
Cardiology Continuing Education
Provided by our Medical Control Provider,
University Hospital

Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

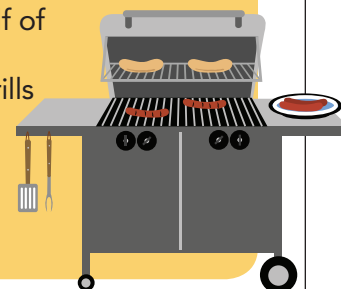
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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Cooking safety starts with YOU!



Sparky says: Have a 3-foot (1-meter) “kid-free zone” around hot things like the grill or stove. Stay away from things that get hot.



Kids

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SAVE THE DATE

**2ND ANNUAL FIREFIGHTERS OF
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CHARITIES
GOLF OUTING**



Scan the QR
code to get your
Pappy raffle
tickets!



Raffle Winners
will be
announced at
the outing!

**Fox Den Golf Course
Stow, Ohio**

**AUGUST 1ST, | REGISTRATION OPENS
2025 | MAY 1ST, 2025**



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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