



# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Monthly Report

July 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



In the month of July, Firefighters Alhassani, Foster and Stewart were tasked with planning and conducting fire training for all 3 shifts. Utilizing JCU houses slated for demolition, they put together a working fire scenario (with victims trapped), as well as several fire ground skills that each shift completed. The feedback from this training has been overwhelmingly positive from the rest of the department. The success and benefits gained from this training are directly attributable to the efforts of these 3 members. Job well done!

*~Captain Robinson*



## WORK ANNIVERSARIES



**Firefighter Damon Picone**  
*25 Years of Dedicated Service*



**Firefighter Jonathan Thomas**  
*9 Years of Dedicated Service*



# DEPARTMENT STATISTICS


## Incidents by Service Type

Types of Calls	July 2025	July 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)	Percent Difference
FIRE/RESCUE	109	64	598	546	9.52%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	115	111	828	790	4.81%
PUBLIC SERVICE	22	21	116	91	27.47%
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>1,427</b>	<b>8.06%</b>

## Mutual/Auto Aid Incidents

Types of Aid	July 2025	July 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)
AID GIVEN	45	37	270	279
AID RECEIVED	35	15	235	123
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>402</b>

## Average Response Times

	July 2025	July 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)
	4:42	4:45	5:02	4:47

<i>Overlapping Calls</i>	July 2025	July 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)
	81	51	490	329

## Property Valued Saved/Loss for July 2025

TOTAL POTENTIAL PROPERTY LOSS	\$200,000.00
TOTAL PROPERTY LOSS (FIRE)	\$0.00
TOTAL PROPERTY SAVED (FIRE)	\$200,000.00

<i>Monthly Training Hours</i>	July 2025	Year to Date (2025)
	440 hours	4,431 hours



# **FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU COMMUNITY & RISK REDUCTION**



*Community Engagement*

<b>HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>STUDENT RIDER</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>STATION TOUR</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>LOCK BOX INSTALLATION</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>CITY EVENTS</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>BLOCK PARTY</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>CAR SEAT INSTALLATION</b>	<b>2</b>



*FPB Inspections*

<b>ANNUAL INSPECTIONS</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>FIRE ALARM TESTS</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PLAN REVIEW</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SITE VISIT</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SPRINKLER TEST</b>	<b>1</b>



# Excellence *through* TRAINING



## Fire & Rescue Training

- Fire Attack
- Incident Command
- Forcible Entry
- Hose Line Deployment & Advancement
- Search & Rescue
- Water Supply
- Horizontal Ventilation
- Vertical Ventilation
- Aerial Operations
- Ground Ladders

### Company Officer led training week 1 of July

Company officers assessed the needs of their shift and provided instruction and drills accordingly.

### Demo houses Fire attack scenario

1st responding units from UHFD to complete initial tasks determined by the tactical priorities set by the incident commanders.

### Demo houses skills

Completed multiple evolutions in various fire related skills.



## East Tech Training

UHFD technical rescue team members participated in Water Rescue Drills during the month of July.



## EMS Training

### Monthly EMS Topic

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

# Lithium-Ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

## The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

## Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

## Signs of a Problem

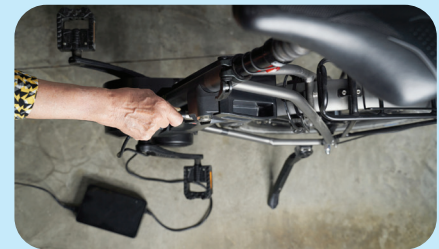
Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

## Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

## Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



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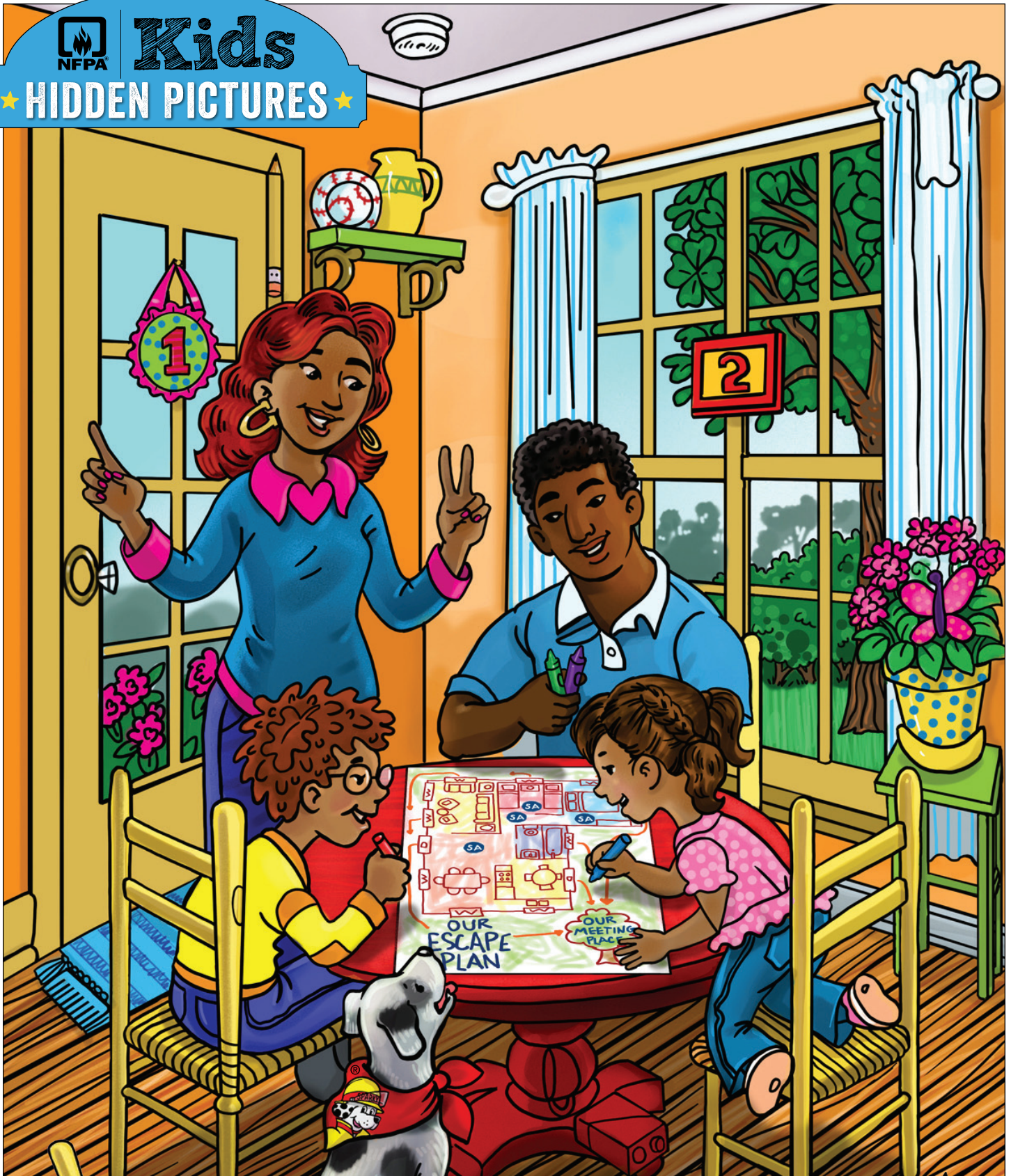


# Plan your escape!

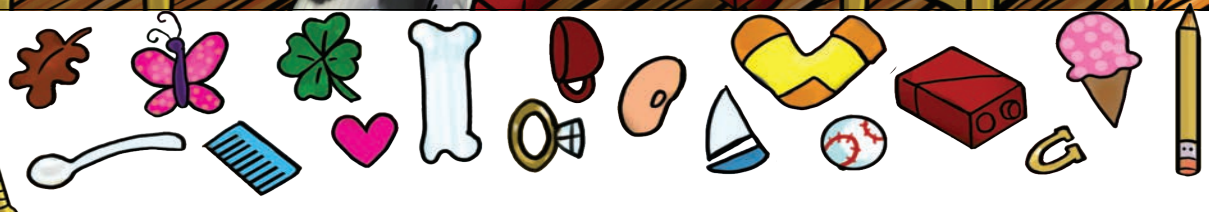


## Kids

### HIDDEN PICTURES



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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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