



# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Monthly Report

August 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



#### Incident UHFD-2025-01491

Crew: Captain Doug Robinson, FF Brandon Hope, FF David Hollo, FF Nicholas Alhassani, FF Travis Krieger, FF Louis Eyerman

Upon arrival, crews encountered dangerously high carbon monoxide levels—ranging from 100 PPM to over 1000 PPM throughout the apartment building and attached parking garage—inside a five-story apartment building. A resident's working CO detector likely saved lives by providing early warning. Due to the severity of the readings, dozens of residents were evacuated and temporarily displaced, and mutual aid units were called to assist in a coordinated search, evacuation, and ventilation operation.

The source of the CO was traced to an improper generator running in the garage with non-functioning exhaust fans, resulting in hazardous accumulation throughout the structure. Several apartments had elevated CO levels, with dangerous PPM readings. All units were ventilated and declared safe before residents were allowed to return. One resident was evaluated and declined hospital transport.


The initial response by Unit 1121 is especially commendable—the crew quickly recognized the gravity of the situation, confirmed life-threatening CO levels, initiated evacuation, activated the building fire alarm, and upgraded the alarm to a full response. Their quick thinking and adherence to protocol likely prevented a mass-casualty incident. The shift commander managed this incident efficiently and effectively resulting in keeping the residents and responding personal safe.

#### *Safety Reminder:*

Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless, and deadly. Working CO detectors are often the only line of defense against this silent killer. All residents—especially those in multi-unit dwellings—should ensure:




- CO detectors are installed on every level of the home and outside sleeping areas.
- Devices are tested monthly and replaced according to manufacturer guidelines.
- Fuel-burning appliances and generators are maintained and never used indoors or in poorly ventilated areas.

**If your CO alarm sounds, do not ignore it.**  
**Evacuate immediately and call 911.**



**Install and test carbon monoxide (CO) alarms at least once a month.**

CO is called the "invisible killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. Breathing in CO at high levels can be fatal.



# WORK ANNIVERSARIES



**Firefighter Eric Lewis**  
*9 Years of Dedicated Service*



**Firefighter Cory DesRochers**  
*6 Years of Dedicated Service*



**Firefighter David Nees**  
*6 Years of Dedicated Service*



**Firefighter Michael Mickovic**  
*6 Years of Dedicated Service*



**Firefighter Tyler Carlton**  
*2 Years of Dedicated Service*



# DEPARTMENT STATISTICS


## Incidents by Service Type

Types of Calls	August 2025	August 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)	Percent Difference
FIRE/RESCUE	108	159	705	705	0.00%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	111	129	940	919	2.29%
PUBLIC SERVICE	36	17	152	108	40.74%
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>1,797</b>	<b>1,732</b>	<b>3.75%</b>

## Mutual/Auto Aid Incidents

Types of Aid	August 2025	August 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)
AID GIVEN	51	47	321	326
AID RECEIVED	40	32	275	155
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>481</b>

## Average Response Times

	August 2025	August 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)
	4:38	4:00	4:23	4:39

<i>Overlapping Calls</i>	August 2025	August 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)
	76	96	566	425

## Property Valued Saved/Loss for August 2025

TOTAL POTENTIAL PROPERTY LOSS	\$1,350,000.00
TOTAL PROPERTY LOSS (FIRE)	\$7,000.00
TOTAL PROPERTY SAVED (FIRE)	\$1,343,000.00

<i>Monthly Training Hours</i>	August 2025	Year to Date (2025)
	482 hours	4,913 hours



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



*Community Engagement*

<b>HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>STUDENT RIDER</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>STATION TOUR</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>LOCK BOX INSTALLATION</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CITY EVENTS</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>BLOCK PARTY</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>CAR SEAT INSTALLATION</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION</b>	<b>1</b>



*FPB Inspections*

<b>ANNUAL INSPECTIONS</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>FIRE ALARM TESTS</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>PLAN REVIEW</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>LIFE SAFETY REVIEW</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SPRINKLER TEST</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>HOOD SYSTEM TEST</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SITE VISIT</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>TENT INSPECTION</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
- Mutual Aid Fire Attack
- Building Familiarization



## East Tech Training

UHFD technical rescue team members participated in Trench Training during the month of August.



## EMS Training

### Monthly EMS Topic

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

# Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

## HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

## FACTS

- ! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ! In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.



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# ADVENTURES WITH **SPARKY**<sup>®</sup>

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**Sparky the Fire Dog**<sup>®</sup>  
and take him along on  
your fire safety adventures:



- **FIND** 2 ways out of every room in your home.
- **TEST** every smoke alarm in your home. Ask a grown-up to push the test button.
- **PRACTICE** your home fire drill.
- **PRACTICE** going to your outside meeting place at night and during the day.



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# **FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE**

**OCTOBER 5, 2025**

**12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**



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## September is National Preparedness Month



FEMA's [Ready Campaign](#) has observed National Preparedness Month since 2004 to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies. The month is a great time to take small steps to make a big difference in being prepared.

**Preparedness Starts at Home**, the 2025 theme, focuses on getting back to the essentials of preparedness. In addition to sharing the tips, messages and graphics you can find on [Ready.gov](#), there are four key actions you can take to prepare for any disaster you may face:

- **Know your risk**
  - Know what could happen where you and your family live. This helps you figure out what you need to do to stay safe. You can explore various disasters and emergencies on [Ready.gov](#).
- **Make a family emergency plan**
  - Making a plan early helps you reduce stress and save time and money. Follow [four easy steps](#) and create a free [Family Emergency Plan](#) quickly and easily with our fillable form.
  - Disasters are costly but preparing for them doesn't have to be. Taking time to prepare now can help save you thousands of dollars and give you peace of mind when the next disaster or emergency occurs. Visit [Ready.gov's low and no-cost tip page](#) to see how you can be better prepared without spending a lot of money.
- **Build an emergency supply kit**
  - Having enough food, water and medicine can help you stay safe and comfortable until help arrives. Having what you need can also prevent injury and damage to your home.
  - Build a go-bag with all the essentials you might need, so you don't need to scramble in an evacuation situation. Find a list of supplies at [Build A Kit](#).
- **Get involved in your community by taking action to prepare for emergencies**
  - Emergencies can happen fast, and emergency responders aren't always nearby. You may be able to save a life by taking simple actions immediately. You can learn these steps when you take a first aid class through many organizations in your community.
  - Take a free online independent study course through [FEMA's Emergency Management Institute](#) or a [CPR course through the American Red Cross](#) to learn more about how to help your community become more prepared.



# 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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