



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

October 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



On Saturday, October 4th, John Carroll University held "University Heights Day" at their halftime football show. The Blue Streaks recognized our first responders. Thank you for your dedication and service to the community!



WORK ANNIVERSARIES



Firefighter Thomas Hren
25 Years of Dedicated Service



Firefighter Connor Bachmann
4 Years of Dedicated Service



DEPARTMENT STATISTICS


Incidents by Service Type

Types of Calls	Oct. 2025	Oct. 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)	Percent Difference
FIRE/RESCUE	80	80	878	840	4.52%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	125	126	1,198	1,147	4.45%
PUBLIC SERVICE	19	14	192	145	32.41%
TOTAL INCIDENTS	224	220	2,268	2,132	6.38%

Mutual/Auto Aid Incidents

Types of Aid	Oct. 2025	Oct. 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)
AID GIVEN	44	48	399	402
AID RECEIVED	35	30	358	199
TOTAL INCIDENTS	79	78	757	601

Average Response Times

	Oct. 2025	Oct. 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)
	4:35	4:17	4:50	4:12

<i>Overlapping Calls</i>	Oct. 2025	Oct. 2024	Year to Date (2025)	Year to Date (2024)
	95	45	762	497

Property Valued Saved/Loss for October 2025

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

<i>Monthly Training Hours</i>	Oct. 2025	Year to Date (2025)
	407 hours	6,125 hours



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU COMMUNITY & RISK REDUCTION



Community Engagement

HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION	1
STUDENT RIDER	11
CITY EVENTS	1
BLOCK PARTY	7
STATION TOUR	1
PUBLIC EDUCATION	3



FPB Inspections

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	29
FIRE ALARM TESTS	5
PLAN REVIEW	1



Excellence through TRAINING



Fire & Rescue Training

- Training this month was focused on Engine Company operations.
- A change was introduced to the first due assignment for the 1141 driver. This change is prompted by the higher priority of deploying and advancing the initial line for fire attack.
- Pump Operations
- Water Supply
- Initial Attack Hose Line Deployment



Photo courtesy of Alert 2 Photography

East Tech Training

UHFD technical rescue team members participated in Structural Collapse in Bedford during the month of September.



EMS Training

Monthly EMS Topic

Firefighter Rehabilitation and Heat Injuries
EMS Continuing Education
Provided by our Medical Control Provider, University Hospital



2025 OPEN HOUSE!

The 2025 Fire Department Open House was held on Sunday, October 5th. The community members were able to participate in health screenings, kid activities and obtain fire safety information. A few highlights included a performance by Cavs 216 Stix, University Hospitals landing their AirMed Helicopter at Walter Stinson Park and meeting UHFD firefighters and UHPD officers! We are looking forward to hosting the community again in 2026.





Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

Oil or water-filled radiator

Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

Fan-forced heater

A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater

Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters

Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

Fact

Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.



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What's your favorite food?



Chocolate or
vanilla ice cream?



When is the last time you
tested your smoke alarms?
(Smoke alarms need to be tested once a month.)



If you could meet anyone,
who would it be?



Do you have an outside
meeting place in case of a fire?



What holiday is your favorite,
and why?



If only one animal could talk
to you, what would it be?



Where do you feel
the happiest?



If you could travel in time,
where would you go?



Describe the person sitting
next to you in five words.





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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