

FAIRVIEW PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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The mission of the Fairview Park Fire Department is to provide excellence in service in the fields of emergency medical care, rescue, fire prevention and suppression, and public safety education. Such service is achieved through a combination of innovation, training, teamwork, and a commitment to the safety of the citizens of Fairview Park.

A message from the department...

The activity in and around the Fariview Park Fire Department made for an exciting and action filled 2016.

Setting yet another record for call volume, 2016 claimed the title of the busiest year in the history of the department. Not only did calls for service hit a record high, but all of our members stayed tremendously busy with training, open house events, Summerfest, Paramedic classes, school tours, fire prevention presentations, and RNC related events held throughout the summer.

The year started off with a regional training hosted by our own Fariview Park Fire Department. Held during the snowy month of January, the “Rapid Decision Making” class was highly beneficial for all in attendance and was yet another opportunity for our Westshore Fire Departments to learn and practice our collaborative efforts side by side.

In January we also welcomed Firefighter Heath Hartegan to our ranks. Later in the year we said thank you and goodbye to retiring Firefighters Larry Molls and Billie Olden.

Always focused on our mission and the needs of our residents, the department was proud to be recognized by the American Heart Association for EMS services it provided to the community throughout the year. We will forever hold true to the fact that the needs of the public dictate the direction of our department and the services we provide.

Our community is always willing to step up for us and show us they care. From cookies that get dropped off at the station to pasasing our Fire Levy that was on the March ballot, we can never thank you enough. Without your support we would never be able to sustain the high level of service that the community has come to know. We are *your* fire department and our hope is that as you read through this annual report you learn more about what an incredible resource it is.

As always, the Fariview Park Fire Department offers you a sincere thanks you for all of the support that have shown to us this past year!



Community...

We cannot be your fire department without you, and this past year you were a most important part of our success! We want to thank the entire community for the tremendous display of support in passing our Fire Levy that was placed on the March ballot. Without the funds that are received as a result of the levy, we would not be able to maintain the level of service the community has come to know.

To show our tremendous appreciation we held an open house on August 6th! Turnout was great with approximately 400 people attending and great fun was had by all! All in attendance were given the chance to tour the station, eat some good snacks, use a fire hose, try on firefighting gear, and even sit in one of our trucks! Everyone left with stories to tell and some even left with a free fire extinguisher! Thank you again to all of our sponsors who helped make the event possible; Giant Eagle, Fairview Hospital, St. John Medical Center, BW3s, Safe Kids of Greater Cleveland, and Earth Fare!

Summerfest was another opportunity to connect with the community and show the pride of our department. Our firefighters were happy to march the parade route and thank you for all you have done. Metro Hospital's Lifeflight even made a Summerfest appearance to show everyone another resource that we have at our disposal!



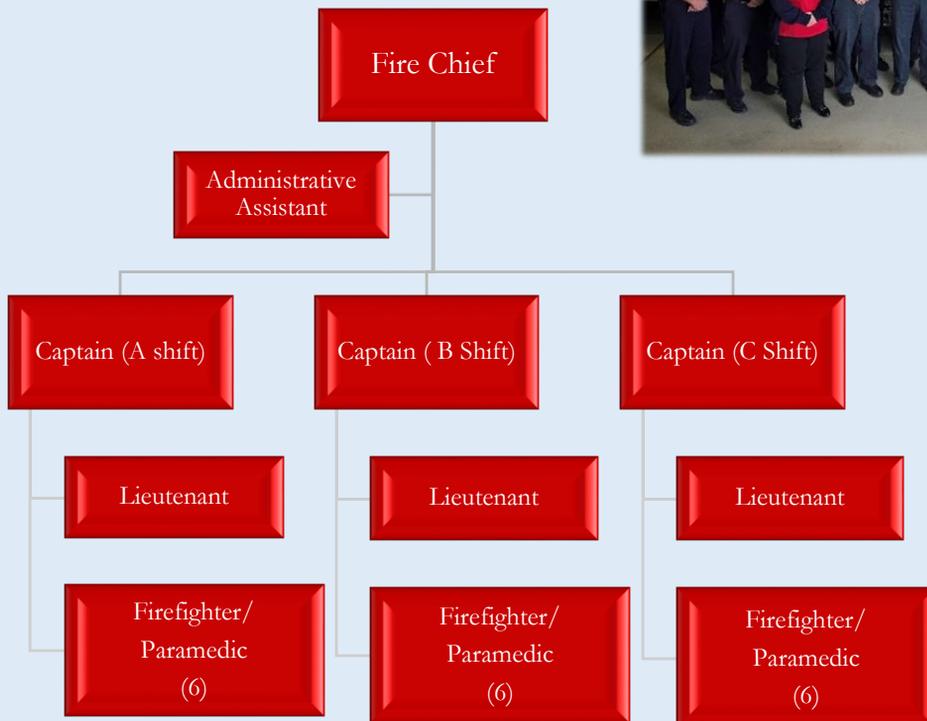
A new outreach program that we began this year was our "Fire Department News". Published quarterly in the Recreation Department's program guide, this quick news resource helps to pass on important fire safety information throughout the year to every resident of the city. The news article provides everything from fire prevention information to news about when we will be flushing fire hydrants.

Staffing...

Our 26 member department (charted below) is working 24/7/365 to keep you safe. The firefighters that are on shift work a 24 hours on and 48 hours off schedule. This helps to ensure that we are providing the best service available while allowing each firefighter to recoup both physically and mentally from their daily responsibilities and service calls.

Staffing is further divided into three platoons, each of which works a full 24 hour shift at a time as stated earlier. Each platoon is comprised of 8 members and is structured as shown in the in the organizational chart below. This type of structure allows for a minimum of 6 members to be on duty at any given time. Because of our small size it is necessary that we cross staff our vehicles. This means that on any given day our members can respond as a Paramedic for an EMS run or a Firefighter for a fire run.

The knowledge, skills, and abilities of all of our members makes it easy to respond to the community's needs that may change by the second.



Westshore CERT...

Julie Morron stepped up to replace a retired Tricia Granfors as Westshore CERT coordinator in the fall of 2016. Julie was a great fit and came to CERT through the City of Rocky River where she works in administration for the Police Department.

The goal of the WSCERT is to be the local and regional component of the larger Cuyahoga County CERT association. Their focus is public education, training, and volunteer opportunities to engage all citizens in making their communities safer, stronger, and better prepared for emergencies.



CERT assisted our fire department several times in 2016 with several community events, providing a safety presence and helping out wherever it was needed. The city's Food Truck Festival, Hazardous Material Round-up, Summerfest, and Winterfest all saw members of CERT helping out in Fairview Park. Our department thanks them for all of their hard work! If you are interested in becoming a member of CERT please visit their website: www.westshorecert.org



Regional Assessts...

The Fariview Park Fire Department is dedicated to its regional partners collectively referred to as the Westshore. This dedication and commitment in responding to our regional emergencies is made possible by our central dispatch referred to as WestCom. WestCom is the glue that holds the region together, providing direction when needed. That direction helps to emphasize the importance of service needs at an emergency without the concern of the city borders that are drawn on a map.

In cases when a city's fire and EMS units are already on calls, WestCom will send the closest, most appropriate emergency vehicle to residents. This collaborative approach to dispatch provides the citizens of the Westshore area with continued, seamless emergency service. This practice saves precious time during fire and medical emergencies.

Furthermore, when there is a confirmed structure fire in the region; WestCom Dispatchers will automatically send units from neighboring communities to assist the affected Fire Department. This system was successfully deployed during the American Greetings propane explosion. Throughout this large scale incident, WestCom dispatchers continued normal operations within our jurisdiction, handling all incoming emergency calls for service.

The RNC provided another opportunity to work together both regionally and county wide. Meetings for area Chiefs were held monthly with FBI, Secret Service and Cleveland Emergency Services to ensure that all possible scenarios were accounted for in the case of an emergency.

Fariview Park Fire had another first in 2016. For the first time ever, our department responded to the City of Cleveland to assist them with medical emergencies that occurred during the victory parade for the World Champion Cavs. Our medic unit transported several patients who were in need of medical care and returned to treat others throughout the morning. The cooperation between Cleveland and Fariview was second to none and is a positive example of just how far we have come in our joint efforts!





Our Emergency Vehicles...



The two most critical elements of any fire department are the members and the emergency response apparatus. Without either, responding to your needs would be next to impossible. In 2016 we finally were able to place an order for a new medic unit with funds collected directly from our Fire Levy. The ambulance should be ready in the late summer of 2017 and will be a welcomed addition to our emergency response vehicles!

Engine #35- 2008 KME with a 750 gallon tank and a 1,500 gpm pump

Engine #34- 1993 KME with a 750 gallon tank and a 1,500 gpm pump (reserve engine)

Truck #31- 1995 KME a 102' Ariel Platform with a 350 gallon tank and a 1,500 gpm pump

Medic #31- 2013 ambulance with advance life support capabilities

Medic #33- 1999 ambulance with advanced life support capabilities (will be replaced in 2017)

Car #39- 2013 Ford F-250 pickup truck utility vehicle

Car #30- 2014 GMC Terrain, Chief's response vehicle

Each piece of apparatus is maintained through daily inspections and an established preventative maintenance program.

Our maintenance program provides for the annual testing of all apparatus that may require it. Additionally, all vehicles are reviewed annually for any repairs that may be needed. This permits our department to have reliable vehicles should an emergency arise.

Training...

Not a day goes by without the department completing some type of training.

The total amount of training last year for all of our members totaled a little more than 4000 hours! It's very impressive when considering that 2016 was our busiest year yet for call volume.

Training is important when designing a successful and safe department. We cannot help our community if we are not trained to the highest standard of care available. In January of 2016 we started the year by organizing a regional training for Northeast Ohio Fire Departments. Made possible through a state grant, the training focused on "Rapid Decision Making" strategies. Over 300 Firefighters from around the area attended.

In the summer months we organized yet another regional training provided through a ODPS grant. This time the focus was ladder operation. With the help of Westgate Mall, Rocky River Fire and Lakewood Fire Departments joined us in sharpening our skills using our 102 foot Aerial.

As the year progressed Fairview Hospital was kind enough to provide us with a Paramedic Sim Lab. The purpose of the traveling lab is to provide our members with the most realistic Paramedic skills scenarios possible. Pictured below (right), the scenarios used mannequins that coughed, blinked, and even moaned during treatment and evaluation. It was a great way to practice our Paramedic Skills!



With the help of Fairview Hospital we were also able to send over half of our members to the Northern Ohio Trauma Symposium (NOTS). This two day event leads the way in trauma training and treatment protocol.

Trainings also took us to Hopkins Airport where we met and trained with our neighbors to the south. Realizing that we are the second department that will arrive in the event of an aircraft emergency, it was a great opportunity to see just how things need to be done.

Our training enhances our knowledge and skills but it also ensures that our community has an emergency service resource that can respond to its every need. Not only can *our* community count on the Fariview Park Fire Department to respond, but so to can the entire Westshore region.

The following is a list of some of the services our department has to offer to our community and the region when it comes to emergency and non emergency needs.

- Fire Inspections
- Public Education
- Fire Prevention Efforts
- Sprinkler systems Inspections
- Preplanning
- Rope Rescue
- Swift Water Rescue
- Car Seat Checks
- Fire Suppression
- EMS
- Confined Space Rescue
- Carbon Monoxide Response
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support
- Hydrant inspection and Testing



Additionally, all department members are certified Firefighters and Paramedics through the State of Ohio division of EMS.

Education and Prevention....

Fire Prevention Week was in early October and was a great opportunity for all of our members to spread the message of fire prevention. The theme for this past year was “Don’t wait check the date!”

The fire prevention message is always important and is recognized by the schools as such. Over the year several tours took place including the one pictured on the right.

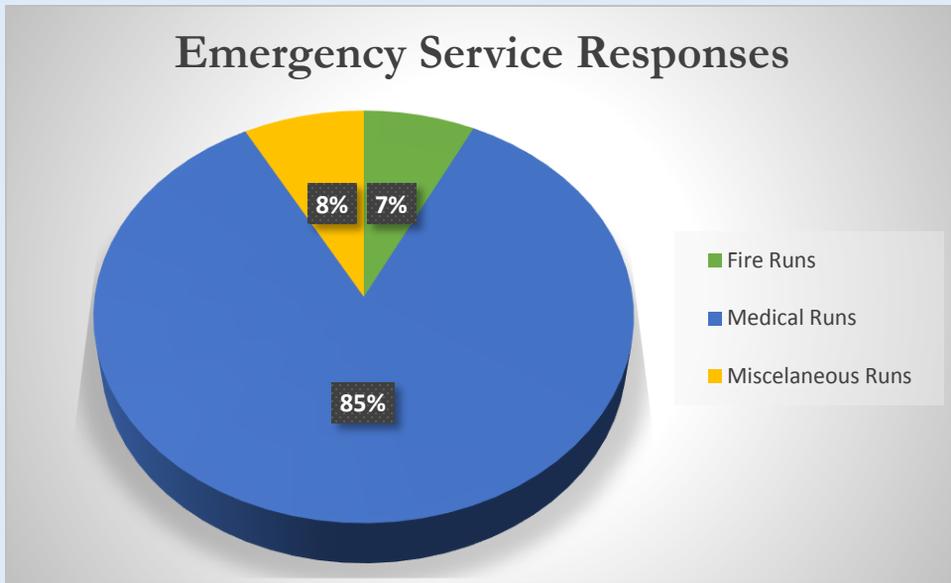
Not only do people come to the fire house for tours and education, but we also take the show on the road!

A total of 22 school fire drills and 17 safety talks were completed in 2016.



Fire prevention is one of the most important functions that our department is involved in throughout the year. Code enforcement to ensure the public’s safety is one way to stop problems before they start. Initiated by annual rotation as well as citizen complaints, inspections of business in our community help our department identify where the problems are. In 2016 our Fire Prevention Bureau inspected 514 buildings with no major violations noted. The inspection process is intended as educational and not punitive. When people understand why violations must be addressed everyone benefits.

Emergency Service Responses



Fire service runs	176
Medical service runs	2,044
<u>Other emergency services*</u>	<u>191</u>
TOTAL	2,411

Service Calls...

The **2,411** calls for service throughout the city set another record for emergency responses. As in the past, the majority of runs were medical related requiring a medic unit response to the incident. Fairview Park also experienced several working structure fires in the city resulting in property loss only. There was no loss of life or injury resulting from a structure fire in 2016.

As a part of the Westshore region our department responded to several working structure fires in Rocky River, Bay Village, Lakewood, North Olmsted, and Westlake as well. In fact, mutual aid response for fire and medical was requested by other cities 162 times throughout the year. In the same regard our fire department requested aid 100 times throughout the year. The Westshore is a busy region with strong partnerships that have been forged with surrounding departments. Because of this we are always able provide outstanding emergency service to our community regardless of other calls that we may be responding to at the same time.

*Calls listed as “other emergency services” include responses by our fire department for hazardous materials incidents, rope rescue, dive team operations, water rescue, lockouts, and any other general request.

Noteworthy Events....

We are always working to hold ourselves to the highest standard of service possible. The points below highlight just a few of the purchases, implementations, and recognitions that we have attained throughout 2016.

- Purchase of new Stihl Ventilation Chainsaw!
- Placement of order for new 2017 Braun Ambulance! (to be received in 2017)
- Changeover to Firehouse Cloud Incident reporting system!
- Several station repairs and upgrades!
- Acquisition of 2 new Lifepak 15 Defibrillators donated by Community West Foundation!
- Purchase of new ISG Thermal Imaging Camera !
- Purchase of 2 new Lifepak 1000 Automated External Defibrillators!
- Passage of Fire Levy by the community! (Thank You!!)
- Recognition by Cleveland Clinic for “Outstanding EMS Service”! (below)
- Recipient of AHA Bronze Mission Lifeline award! (below)
- Over a dozen recognitions by Fariview Hospital Emergency Department for outstanding care!

