

FAIRVIEW PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT



2018 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...

2018 brought one of the busiest years in recent history for the Fairview Park Fire Department. With grant applications, awarded grants, new equipment purchases, trainings, vehicle purchases, retirements, hiring, emergency calls, and general day to day operations, all hands were on deck.

This 2018 annual report is being published in order to better inform you on exactly what we do. It's nearly impossible to prepare one report that describes everything we have accomplished in the past year. A significant portion of the report remains similar to years past, but hopefully the highlights we present here will provide some insight to what happened behind the doors of your department in 2018.

We are honored to state that we were awarded the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant which was used to purchase all new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. Equipment that is nearly impossible to go without in our business. We also received multiple other grants throughout the year, (more about that later). Our Ladder Truck (31) was replaced after 25 years of responding to calls for service all across the west side.

We said goodbye to Firefighter Steve Lee when he retired in May and in turn welcomed Firefighter Joe Wiklinski to our ranks.

As always, the Fairview Park Fire Department offers you a sincere thank you for all of the support that have shown to us this past year! Special thanks to H-6 Photo for the use of outstanding on-scene photography, follow them on Twitter and Facebook!



Our crews...

Our 26 member department is working 24/7/365 to keep you safe. The firefighters that are on shift work a schedule of 24 hours on and 48 hours off. 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 as stated earlier. This type of structure allows for a minimum of 6 members to be on duty at any given time. Because of our 6 member staffing, 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. This also means that we work collaboratively with surrounding departments to ensure all emergency calls are addressed promptly and efficiently.

The knowledge, skills, and abilities of firefighters throughout our region makes it easy to respond to the community's needs. Needs that are subject to change by the minute.



Our partners...

It cannot be stated enough how much all of the departments in the WestShore region rely on their partners. Fairview Park Fire Department is no different. The dedication and commitment of responding to our regional partners is made possible by our central dispatch referred to as WestCom. WestCom is the glue that holds the region together. The direction WestCom provides helps to prioritize and triage the service needs for any given emergency regardless 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. The photos below show several examples of incidents where multiple WestCom cities responded.





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 2018 we were able to purchase a new aerial apparatus to replace Truck 31. Our new Ferrara Cinder 77' was delivered in November and placed in service after all shifts received training on the new apparatus. The new truck 31 is now in place as our front line fire response vehicle with multiple function capabilities in order to respond to a variety of emergency incidents. Other current assets include:

- Truck #31- 2018 Ferrara Cinder 77' aerial with 500 gallon tank and 200 gpm pump
- Engine #35- 2008 KME with a 750 gallon tank and a 1,500 gpm pump
- Medic #33- 2017 Braun ambulance with advanced life support capabilities
- Medic #31- 2013 ambulance with advance life support capabilities
- Car #39- 2013 Ford F-250 pickup truck utility vehicle
- Car #30- 2014 GMC Terrain, Chief's response vehicle
- Engine #34- 1993 KME (reserve engine)



Training and Daily Duties...

Training is critically important in maintaining a successful and safe department as well as in staying true to our mission statement . We cannot help our community if we are not trained to the highest standard of care available. Each member of our department received over 60 hours of Paramedic training over the calendar year, as well as training in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, EKG interpretation, Trauma Triage, and Basic Life Support.

Fire training takes place daily on each shift accounting for close to 250-300 hours of fire training annually for each member. We also strive to hold quarterly regional trainings that we organize with our response partners (airport training pictured below).

In addition to all of the training and emergency calls, our firefighters are also responsible for making sure multiple other items are completed and addressed throughout their work shift. Below is just some of what our members encounter daily:

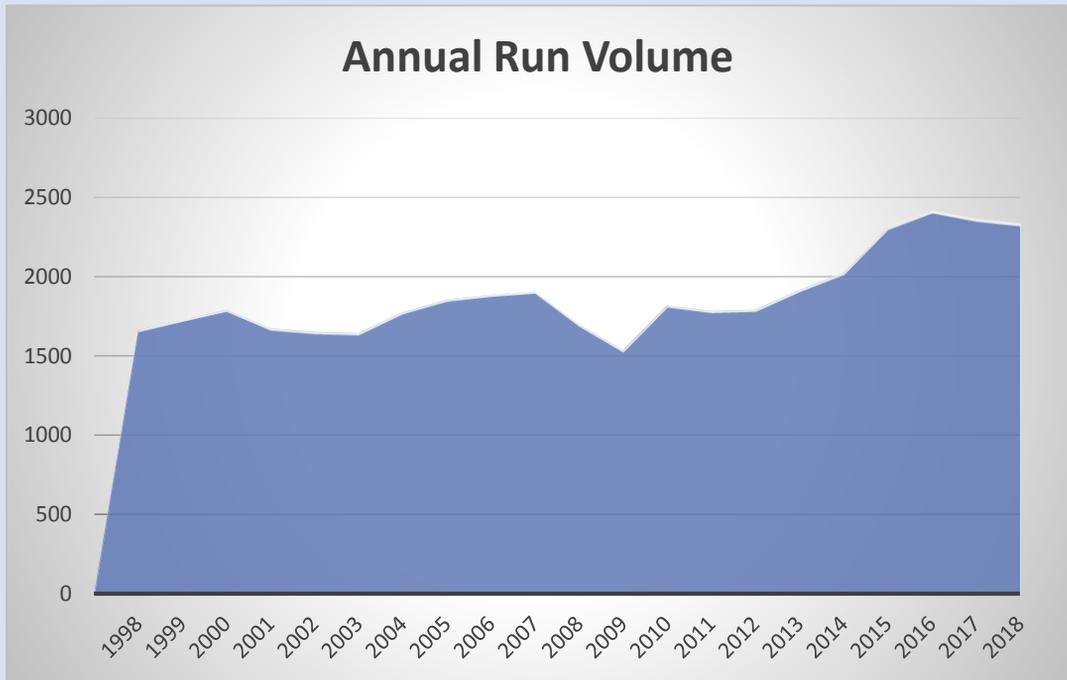
- Hydrant flushing and maintenance to all of the city's 850 hydrants.
- Fire prevention talks with community groups.
- School safety talks and fire drills.
- Hose testing of all fire hose used in fire suppression operations.
- CPR classes.
- Fire inspections of businesses throughout the city.
- Smoke detector installation.
- Station maintenance and repair.
- Vehicle maintenance and daily checks.



Service Calls...

The **2,329** calls for service throughout the city was just a slight decrease from the previous years 2,258. However, from the chart below it is easy to see that the requests for emergency services show no signs of slowing down. In fact, total calls have been steadily increasing for the past 20 years!

Over those years, the response expectations of Firefighters have increased just as they have throughout the history of our department. In 1926 our department began the practice of having paid firefighters staff the fire house 24 hours day. Their responsibilities included putting out “brush fires in open fields” as was noted in the logbook from the early days. Fourteen years later in 1940, the departments was racking up 48 calls for service by the end of the year. By 1970 the run volume had increased to approximately 700 runs annually. The request for calls for service grew as did the population of our little town. Fairview Park Firefighters started to become proficient in other areas as the years went by. Firefighting grew to also include skills in EMS, Hazmat, Tech Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, Trench Rescue, Regional Fire Operations, and Fire Prevention.



Noteworthy Events and Grants....

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 2018..

- \$14,000 New Lucas (CPR Chest Compression Machine) provided by Community West Foundation
- Ohio EMS Grant awarded for \$5,187
- Over \$10,000 from Ohio BWC grant used for new firefighting gloves, hoods, and gear washer
- \$113,000 from FEMA Firefighter's Grant used to purchase (SCBA) breathing apparatus for firefighting
- Over \$4,000 in private citizen donations for emergency gas meters and cost matching for FEMA grant
- \$10,000 ISG thermal imaging camera provided by Firehouse Subs
- \$2,500 from Norfolk Southern Railroad for the purchase of new fire hose
- Two new bullet proof vests and helmets (\$2,000) provided by Cuyahoga County for Rescue Task Force
- Pet rescue oxygen system provided by Invisible Fence of Cleveland West
- Completed purchase of new fire gear for all members
- Updated alarm office to include multi function display screen

