

# ***Fairview Park Fire Department***

## **2019 Annual Report**



*“...excellence in service...and a commitment to the safety of the citizens of our community.”*



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## *A message from the Chief...*



From start to finish, our members worked tirelessly to ensure that we stayed true to our mission of providing service excellence to our community during 2019. Our ability to accomplish that mission is a direct result of our teamwork, communication, and collaboration with other fire departments as well as a constant awareness that the community's needs are always our top priority.

Throughout the year our department continued to aggressively pursue collaborative efforts with neighboring fire departments, hospitals, and specialty teams, so that members of our community could benefit from the most efficient and effective use of resources that were available.

As you read through this annual report I hope that it provides you with a better understanding of exactly what goes on behind the bay doors of your Fairview Park Fire Department. Although much of what is presented in this report is very similar to years past, some of the information is new. For those of you that have not read through one of our annual reports, welcome. For those that have seen an annual report in the past, I hope we continue to exceed your expectations.

Hopefully this report will adequately convey to you how dedicated we are to our mission. Thank you for all of the support that you continue to show our members each year! We would also like to thank H-6 Photography for allowing us to use some of his amazing photographs!

**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.**

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# Daily Operations

Responding with lights and sirens to an emergency call in a fire truck or ambulance is only one of the daily activities that take place at the Fairview Park Fire Department. Without a doubt, that response is a direct result of the combined teamwork and dedication of all those involved in the emergency response and those behind the scenes as well. It encompasses hours of training and continuous planning on the part of everyone. From ensuring that all of the fire hydrants in the city are operational to search and rescue training, all daily operations are geared toward keeping our community safe. The sections presented below shed light on everything that goes into making our department one that is constantly striving for excellence in service.

## STAFFING:

The Fairview Park Fire Department has a total of 26 members, including the Chief and his administrative assistant. Staffing is further divided into three platoons, each of which works a full 24 hour shift at a time. Each platoon is comprised of 8 members and is structured as shown in the in the organizational chart below. This type of structure combined with the 24/7 on-call schedule of the Fire Chief allows for the proper staffing of our department at all times of the day.



# OUR MEMBERS

The Fairview Park Fire Department's ability to contribute resources to the Westshore region is critically important. With the collaborative efforts of sharing resources within the region, Fairview Park Fire Department is able to provide emergency services to the community that are second to none. The following is a list of exactly what our department members have to offer to the region in this collaborative effort.

- Fire Service Instructors (4)
- Emergency Medical Services Instructors (1)
- Fire Safety Inspectors (4)
- Hazardous Materials Team members (2)
- Westshore Fire Investigators Unit (3)
- Dive Team Members (1)
- Hazardous Materials Techs (5)
- SWAT Paramedics (1)
- Westshore Water Rescue Members (3)



Additionally, all department members are certified Firefighters and Paramedics through the State of Ohio division of EMS. All members are also trained and certified to the operations level for rope rescue and hazardous materials operations and to the awareness level for swift water rescue.



## HYDRANT/HOSE TESTING:

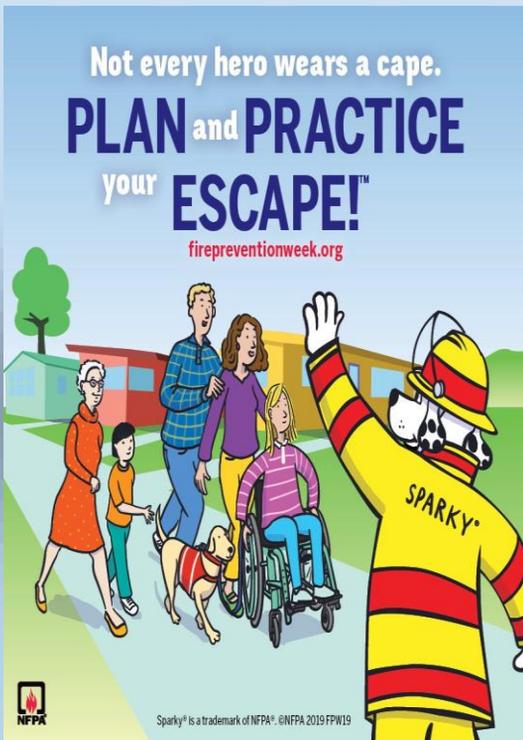
In the spring department members inspected and tested all 845 street hydrants in the city and tested over 10,000 feet of fire hose. Each hydrant was opened, closed, and checked for proper draining and each section of hose was tested to hold pressure with no leaks. Without assurance that an adequate water supply is available throughout the city, no further strategic or tactical planning can take place.



## FIRE PREVENTION and EDUCATION:

Fire prevention is one of the most important functions that our department is involved in throughout the year. Every year all commercial buildings and all multi family dwellings registered with the city are inspected to ensure their compliance with the most recent International Fire Code (IFC).

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 “Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape!”. Firefighters from all three of our shifts made their way to the grade schools and preschools in the city to speak on fire safety. Close to 20 safety talks were given to student throughout Fairview Park.



## **INSURANCE SERVICE OFFICE RATING**

We are very proud to announce the results of our most recent Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey conducted by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO). ISO collects information on municipal fire protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. ISO then analyzes the data and assigns a PPC from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection while Class 10 indicates a community's fire suppression program does not meet ISO's minimum criteria. ISO's PPC Program is recognized as an objective, countrywide standard evaluation of a community's fire protection services.

The Fairview Park Fire Department demonstrated continued service excellence retaining it's rating of **Class 2!** There is no question that our department's most recent rating is directly related to each member's commitment and personal investment in our department.! Based on the statistics presented in the ISO survey report, the Fairview Park Fire Department's Class 2 classification is in the top 1.6% of close to 50,000 graded departments throughout the country!

# *Westcom Dispatch*



Fairview Park Fire Department's 2,399 Fire and EMS runs accounted for 15% of the total run volume handled by Westcom. In 2019 Westcom handled 16,450 Fire and EMS calls for the communities of Fairview Park, North Ridgeville, Bay Village, Westlake, and Rocky River.

The 911 Dispatchers of Westcom continue to receive a high level of training. Each dispatcher maintains APCO International certifications in Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), Public Safety Telecommunication, and Fire Service Communication. Westcom employs two certified training officers to provide regular continuing education to all personnel. Westcom Dispatchers recertify every two years in EMD, CPR, and AED. This focus on training and education translates to the best possible 911 service for the citizens of Fairview Park and the entire Westshore region.

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.



# *Department Response Vehicles*

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES:**

The department has several emergency response apparatus available should an emergency arise. They include the following.

- Truck #31- 2018 Ferrara with a 77' aerial with a 500 gallon tank and a 2,000 gpm pump
- 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)
- Medic #31- 2013 ambulance with advance life support capabilities
- Medic #33- 1999 ambulance with advanced life support capabilities
- Car #39- 2013 Ford F-250 pickup truck utility vehicle
- Car #30- 2014 GMC Terrain, Chief's response vehicle

Apparatus are 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.

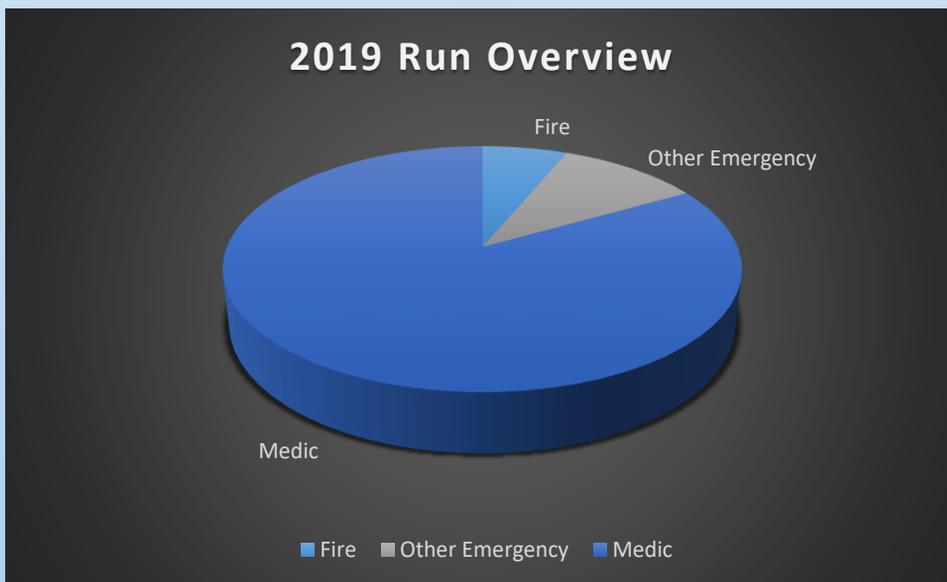


# Department Run Totals

## CALLS FOR SERVICE:

The Fairview Park Fire Department had its busiest year ever responding to **2,399** calls for service throughout the city. As in the past, the majority of runs were medical related requiring a medic unit response to the incident. Fairview Park also experienced 4 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 2019. The department also responded to several working structure fires throughout the Westshore region including fires in Rocky River, Bay Village, Lakewood, North Olmsted, and Westlake. In fact, mutual aid response for fire and medical was requested by other cities 167 times throughout the year. In the same regard our fire department requested aid 179 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.

Fire service runs	151
Medical service runs	1,995
<u>Other emergency services*</u>	<u>252</u>
TOTAL	2,399



\*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.

# Department Training

The department trains everyday in some fashion.

Last year our members racked up an impressive 3,000 hours of in house training. That amount does not include any training our members pursued independently. Training for emergency service response is a never-ending task that requires us to always be aware of the newest tactics and techniques. A sample of the trainings that were covered in 2019 are listed below.

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| Fire Inspections      | Public Education        |
| Sprinkler systems     | Preplanning             |
| Rope Rescue           | Hydraulics              |
| Swift Water Rescue    | Disaster Drill Training |
| Fire Behavior         | SCBA Testing            |
| Driver Training       | Vehicle Extrication     |
| Building Construction | Haz Mat Awareness       |
| Search Trailers       | Blind Mask Drills       |
| Water Rescue          | Paramedic               |
| Airport Response      | Fireground Operations   |
| Leadership            | ACLS/PALS/BLS           |



# *Recognition, Grants, & Community*

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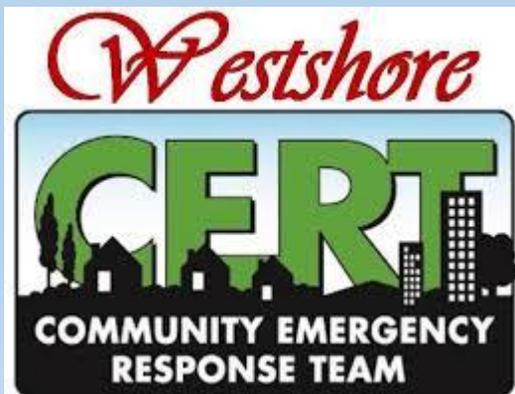
We are very thankful that our department was the recipient of several grants in 2019. Two of the grants, (State of Ohio Division of EMS and Norfolk Southern Railroad) provided us with the reserves to make equipment purchases needed for emergency medical care and rescue operations.

Additionally The department was awarded FEMA's AFG with matching funds provided by Cuyahoga County. In total, \$65,000 will be provided to our department in order to install a source capture exhaust system. The system will be used to reduce diesel exhaust in the apparatus bays.

FFR. Mike Kocon Recognized by ADAMHS Board  
Cleveland Fire Museum Display  
Metro Hospital Trauma Case Recognition  
Door to Balloon Committee (Fairview Hospital)  
Chest Pain Accreditation Committee  
Stroke Accreditation Committee  
Fairview Hospital Community Advisory Board  
ACBC Collection Center  
ACBC Chili Cook Off



Santa also took his annual tour through the city streets on Christmas eve throwing candy out to children eagerly awaiting his arrival. “Santa Patrol” has been a city tradition for over 50 years. Every Christmas Eve we are happy to escort him around on our fire truck! This past year volunteer partners started a new “Santa Tracker” to help you locate exactly where Santa was in the city. We hope to have that same feature available next year through a link on the city’s website.



CERT assisted our fire department several times in 2019 with staffing tasks such as crowd control and first aid stations. The city’s Food Truck Festival, Summerfest, Shredding Day, 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: [westshorecert.org](http://westshorecert.org)