Seven Hills Fire Department

2012 Annual Report

Michael A. McConville Fire Chief
2012 Annual Report from Chief Michael McConville

As Chief of the Seven Hills Fire Department, I am proud to present this annual report, which will help summarize the operation of the Fire Department for the year 2012, and set some goals for the years to come.

Our Fire Department continues to provide the ultimate Emergency Medical Service and Fire Protection to the residents of the City of Seven Hills. The Seven Hills Fire Department continues to operate a part-time department with thirty-five members. We operate from three different funds; the General Fund, The Fire Department Squad Assistance Fund (revenues from patient billing for EMS runs) and the Fire Levy Fund (five year fire levy voted by the residents).

The Fire Department operates three, eight hour shifts per day with a minimum of five men staffing on each shift and a minimum of two paramedics per shift. These current staffing levels are possible due to the passage by our residents of Issue #6 in August of 2011. With these staffing levels we can handle two simultaneous emergency medical calls, both with paramedic staffed rescue squads, we can respond to motor vehicle accidents with a rescue squad and engine company with extrication equipment, or we can respond to any type of structure fire with an engine company and rescue squad and still maintain OSHA’s “Two-in, Two-Out” regulation for safety with an on scene Incident Commander.
The Seven Hills Fire Department maintains two advanced life support rescue squads. Our fleet also consists of two frontline fire trucks, capable of handling all types of incidents, and a utility van. In addition the Seven Hills Fire Department houses the Quad City CERT Trailer which is used for the Community Emergency Response Team for the cities of Brooklyn Heights, Independence, Valley View and Seven Hills. All of these vehicles are housed in the Seven Hills Fire Station located at 7195 Broadview Road.

In 2012 the Seven Hills Fire Department responded on a record number of 1275 calls for service, in which 1034 were requests for a rescue squad and 241 were other incidents such as structure fires, car fires, grass fires, carbon monoxide incidents and many other incidents. The breakdown of runs is presented later under Assistant Chief Zaucha’s report.

In 2012 two new Lucas CPR Machines were ordered from Physio Control through the Stated Bid Process for $26,000. Funding was made from the Fire Department Squad Assistance Fund. These units arrived in Early 2013 and all members are going through the training program on the operation of the Lucas CPR machines.

In 2012 a request to hire three new members was submitted for the 2012 budget and approved in the budget hearing process. A hiring committee was put together, applications reviewed and all applicants were notified and candidates were interviewed by the hiring committee. A request to hire was submitted to the Mayor and was approved, however the Mayor’s office requested to take the role of hiring under its wings. A request was made by the Mayor to advertise for new hires and an advertisement was submitted to the Law Department for review and circulation and as of the end of the year no new candidates have been hired.

With almost all cities facing financial burdens, the fire service continues to face cuts in all areas. With an increase in incident calls every year and the increasing demand of services that are provided to the public, cities have come to rely more and more on automatic aid and mutual aid. The City of Seven Hills is no exception to this and the Seven Hills Fire Department continues to utilize its neighboring resources for incidents through the Automatic Aid Agreements with the Cities of Parma, Broadview Heights, & Brooklyn Heights. We also utilize the MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) for additional recourses which is an organized
plan allowing for additional resources when requesting additional alarms for predetermined incidents in our city.

The Cuyahoga County Fire Chiefs Association MABAS Committee has made recommendations following NFPA Standards. For Low/Medium Hazards it is recommended that a minimum of 15/20 Firefighters with 2/3 Engines, 1 Ladder, 1 Chief Officer and 1 Squad respond on each alarm requested. For High Hazards it is recommended that a minimum of 25 firefighters with 3 or 4 Engines, 2 Ladders, 2 Chief Officers and 2 Squads respond on each alarm requested. The Seven Hills MABAS Alarms were updated to accommodate all the recommendations of the Cuyahoga County Fire Chiefs.

Below is a chart showing Fire and EMS Mutual Aid given and received in 2012:

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Listed below are a description, dollar loss and mutual aid cities requested for the working house fires in Seven Hills in 2012:

- A working house fire at 444 Twilight on Sunday April 29th, 2012 caused $25,000 in damage. Mutual Aid was requested from Parma, Independence, Brooklyn Heights, Broadview Heights and SERT FIU.

- A working house fire at 3310 Forest Overlook on Saturday June 9th, 2012 caused $50,000 in damage. Mutual Aid was requested from Parma, Independence, Broadview Heights, Brooklyn Heights and SERT FIU.
A working house fire at 7193 Seven Hills Blvd on Saturday August 4th, 2012 caused $150,000 in damage. Mutual Aid requested from Parma, Broadview Heights, Independence, Brooklyn Heights, Brecksville, Valley View and SERT FIU.
A working house fire at 914 Mapleview Drive on Saturday December 1st, 2012 caused a $184,500 in damage. A “May Day” was initiated when a Brooklyn Heights Firefighter fell through the floor. He was quickly removed with minor injuries. Mutual Aid was requested from Parma, Broadview Heights, Independence, Brooklyn Heights, Brecksville, Valley View, Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, North Royalton and SERT FIU.
The Seven Hills Fire Department also responded to numerous other working fires in Broadview Heights, Brooklyn Heights, Newburgh Heights and Independence.
The year 2012 brought one retirement to the Seven Hills Fire Department with the retirement of Firefighter Robert Stack on December 31st, 2012. Bob retired with almost 33 years of Service.

The duties of the Fire Chief include duties above and beyond the roles and responsibilities of managing the largest department in the city, providing the resources for the safety and protection of our residents, working within a budget and seeing that every firefighter goes home safely at the end of his shift. The duties of the Fire Chief also include serving as Emergency Coordinator for the City of Seven Hills and as a CERT Executive Board Member. The Fire Chief is also involved with the Cuyahoga County Fire Chief’s Association, Cuyahoga County MABAS Committee, the Cuyahoga Valley Fire Chief’s Association, NFPA, the Southwest Council of Governments Emergency Response Team, and many other city, county and state organizations.

The rest of this report contains additional reports from the Fire Chief and annual reports from all of the officers and their areas of responsibility.

The Officers and Firefighters of the Seven Hills Fire Department are the greatest asset we have. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their continued support, dedication and hard work. Their efforts are without a doubt greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. McConville
Fire Chief
The Seven Hills Fire Department

Mission Statement

Our purpose is to save lives, protect property, and to educate the public.

Vision

Our vision is to advance the mission of the Seven Hills Fire Department through continuous improvement and dedication to our community, and to seek advances through training and education.

Values

Leadership

- We lead the fire service community in training, programs, and services.

Service

- We provide quick and efficient service to the public and citizens.

Integrity

- We earn the trust of the people we serve by treating all individuals with dignity and respect.

Quality

- We deliver service and programs that our city needs. We measure quality by the citizens’ satisfaction.

Safety

- We recognize that safety is imperative and a fundamental element of all our functions and services.

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City of Seven Hills
Division of Fire and Rescue

7195 Broadview Road
Seven Hills, Ohio 44131
Phone: 216-524-3321 Fax: 216-524-4262

Fire Personnel

1 Chief
1 Assistant Chief
2 Captains
5 Lieutenants
27 Firefighters

36 Total Fire Personnel as of December 31, 2012

Emergency Medical Personnel

24 Paramedics
8 Intermediate Emergency Medical Technicians
4 Basic Emergency Medical Technicians

36 Total EMS Personnel as of December 31, 2012
Some of the goals for the Fire Department for 2013 include the following:

- Purchase of a Fire Chief’s Vehicle.
- Purchase of a Utility Vehicle to replace Car 5.
- Upgrade the Fire Department Computer Server.
- Seek all opportunities to take advantage of any available grants.
- Hire Five New Members to up our Fire Department Staffing to replace our retired members.
- As the City of Seven Hills Emergency Coordinator my goal would be to finish the Emergency Response Plan for our City. In conjunction with this ERP, I have met with a representative from Federal Signal regarding new outdoor tornado/alerting sirens for the city. Our current sirens were evaluated by Federal Signal and have approximately two more good years of service before needing replaced. Federal Signal has priced out the cost of three new sirens. Grant opportunities will be sought for the purchase of these new sirens.
- Start looking into New SCBA’s and bottles to be purchased in 2014.
## Six Year Capital Improvement Plan

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FDSAF – Fire Department Squad Assistance Fund
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Chief McConville:

Attached are the 2012 Squad and Fire Reports.

There were 1034 Squad runs for the year.

There were 241 Fire calls.

Total estimated fire loss for the year was $410,000.00

Submitted by:

R. Zaucha
Asst. Chief


## SEVEN HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Annual Report of Captain John Gladyszewski

I. Exterior Station Landscape and Upkeep
   A. Grass Cutting (City Service) Up to date
   B. Shrubs (Trimmed)
   C. Flower Beds
      1. Edged
      2. Mulched
   D. Snow Removal
      - 4 foot in front of doors and walks
      - Plowing- City Services
   E. Ice Melt
      - 25 bags for 2013 season
   F. Street Scape
      - New Concrete Apron and Sidewalk (City Contractor)

~ PROPOSAL FOR 2013 Budget~

A. Replace older shrubs
B. Add Perennials
C. Purchase additional Ice Melt
D. Inquire about filling cracks and holes in rear parking lot at city service garage.
E. Reseed grass
F. Need to purchase new Ice Melt spreader

II. Defensive Driving Coordinator

A. Up To Date
B. 2013- Schedule class for department

III. ID Cards (2013)

A. Need to be updated
B. Purchase Digital Camera
IV. Personal Evaluation
   A. Up to date

V. Street Maps
   A. Up to date (City Engineering Dept.)

VI. Fire Card Certification
   A. Updated EMT Cards- Done every year on Birthday
   B. Coordinated with Fire Fighter Training Process

VII. Accountability System
   A. Up to date

VIII. Audio/Video Equipment
   A. No New Purchases

IX. SOG Review/Updates/Recommendations
   A. Review/Update Complete
   B. Recommendations Complete
ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE CAPTAIN JOE LECZNAR
YEAR ENDING 2012

STATION MAINTENANCE/SUPPLIES/COPIER: As Station Maintenance Officer, supplies are purchased on a as need basis to keep the station in clean order at the lowest possible cost to the citizens of Seven Hills. New copier ordered with an agreement to include toner free of charge. The old copy machine was in need of massive repairs and parts were no longer available. Increased usage with regard to the copy machine is anticipated due to increased paper documentation. The majority of computers are unable to print to the various printers within the station.

COLOR GUARD/LODD: Color guard was requested two times during the past year. The color guard provides esprit de corps for the Fire Department and City. We can be proud of the men that continue to function as the Color guard and strive to have more men active along with the regular members. The Seven Hills Fire Department lost one active member due to the retirement of Senior Firefighter Robert Stack. No LODD deaths.

NIMS: NIMS roll up completed during the past year. Chief implemented a rule requiring the shift OIC to complete NIMS 300.

BADGES: All members currently have up to date Fire Department issued badges. Additional badges are ordered on a as need basis. Badge encasement for retired firefighter Robert Stack is currently on order.

FIRE GRANTS: Fire Grant for wellness was denied by FEMA. Grants are requested wherever possible.

PROBATIONARY TRAINING COORDINATOR: No probationary training completed in 2012.

Q&A FIRE REPORTS: Continue to perform Q&A on a monthly basis with regard Fire Department (non EMS) incidents.

CITY ARTICLES: Continue to write article of interest for the City Newsletter. All articles have been published for the city publication.

CPR COORDINATOR: CPR classes are performed on a as need basis for residents and businesses’ within the city. Attended senior citizen meetings as requested by the various organizations.
It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Seven Hills as we all strive to make certain that “everyone goes home” at the conclusion of their respective shifts.

Respectfully submitted;

Joseph A. Lecznar
Fire Captain
ANNUAL REPORT OF LT. NATHAN SHUSKY
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
2012 YEARLY REPORT

TOTAL BUSINESSES IN THE INSPECTION PROGRAM 109
TOTAL INSPECTED & RE INSPECTED 15
TOTAL LIABILITY NOTICES ISSUED 3
TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED 0
CITY FIRES INVESTIGATED 2
SPECIAL INSPECTIONS PERFORMED 6

NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENTS TO BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS FOR 2012

1. 6000 GENESIS BLDG. Rehab/New Construction
2. 4141 ROCKSIDE BLDG. Rehab/New Construction
3. ROCK RUN BUILDINGS Rehab/New Construction

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED ON A ROUTINE BASIS AT LOCATIONS SUCH AS THE SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, DAY CARE CENTERS, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ALL CITY OWNED BUILDINGS. THE BUILDINGS ON THE NORTH END OF THE CITY ARE ALWAYS CHANGING TENANTS THAT REQUIRE NEW CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING REQUIRING CONSTANT OVER SITE BY THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU.

FAMILIES THAT DECIDE TO ADOPT OR PROVIDE A FOSTER HOME FOR CHILDREN ARE SPECIAL INSPECTIONS THAT ARE PERFORMED BY THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU. THESE SPECIAL INSPECTIONS ALSO INCLUDE EIGHT GROUP HOMES FOR SPECIAL ADULTS. THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE TO PERFORM STATE REQUIRED INSPECTIONS OF ALL DAY CARE FACILITIES.

THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU ALSO PERFORMS TESTS OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS, HOOD SYSTEMS, BUILDING FIRE PUMPS, BUILDING STAND PIPING SYSTEMS / RISERS.
IN ADDITION, ALL NEW BUSINESS BUILDING PLANS AND REMODELING PLANS ARE REVIEWED FOR FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE.

THE FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE HAS A STAFF OF ONE OFFICER AND FOUR FIRE SAFETY INSPECTORS. THE SEVEN HILLS FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU CONTINUES TO ATTEND ONGOING LECTURES, SEMINARS AND CLASSES HELD AT VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS PERTAINING TO FIRE PREVENTION. FURTHER, WE HAVE FIRE PERSONNEL THAT PROVIDE FIRE EDUCATION TO SENIORS AND SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN. THE SEVEN HILLS FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE IS A MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL (FIU) FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT, ATTENDS FIU MEETINGS AND TRAINING SEMINARS.

LT. NATHAN T. SHUSKY F.P.O
Annual Vehicle Maintenance Report  
Lt. Gary Thozeski

Medic 7:
- Preventative Maintenance as scheduled
- Repairs made 2012
  - Replaced cracked fuel filter housing and lines
  - Repair electrical system, wiring and sensors
  - Replaced front tires
  - Replaced crankshaft sensor

Medic 2:
- Preventative Maintenance as scheduled
- Repairs made 2012
  - Replaced right side king pin and realign front end
  - Replaced front tires
  - Replaced vehicle air suspension air compressor with a heavy duty model
  - Replaced nearly half of lens covers on exterior box of patient compartment that were cracked by over tightening from factory
  - Repair worn air conditioning lines
  - Electrical wiring harness repair due to faulty mounting by factory (not warrantied)

Medics 7 & 2:
- Both required a major amount of repairs for 2012. This seems to be from faulty craftsmanship when the vehicles were built. The majority of repairs were not covered under warranty. As of this time we are still having electrical issues with both units which we are trying to get taken care of.

E1:
- Preventative Maintenance as scheduled
- Pump test 2012 passed
- Repairs 2012
  - Replaced burned out front light bar
  - Replaced burned out alternating headlight unit
  - Replaced two front tires
  - Replaced onboard charging system
  - Minor light bulb and lens cover repairs
E2:
- Preventative Maintenance as scheduled
- Pump test 2012 passed
- Repairs 2012
  - Replaced one (1) defective battery
  - Rewire pump panel air horn switch
  - Replaced two (2) front tires
  - Repair loose connections and damaged wiring which were causing the engine warning light and alarm activation to sound
  - Misc. repairs; light bulbs, headlamp

Car 5:
- Preventative Maintenance performed in house by service dept.
- Replaced battery
- Repair air conditioner compressor and recharge unit
- Misc. minor repairs

Ladders:
- Test performed 2012 – all ladders passed. However, some had to be retested throughout the year.
  - 14’ roof; due to heat exposure – passed
  - 24’ extension; damaged during training – failed – out of service

Fire Station Generator:
- Yearly maintenance as scheduled
- Radiator hose replaced
- Repaired heater block

**OVERVIEW 2012**

We had some extensive issues with both squads and some minor issues with both engines. The majority of repairs could possibly have been repaired in-house with an EVT Mechanic. We still do not have a certified EVT Mechanic employed by the City of Seven Hills.

**2013 PURCHASES NEEDED**
- 24’ fire extension ladder
- Station air compressor
- Rear tires for both Engine 1 and 2
Wish list for 2013:

- 4 x 4 vehicle with plow
- EVT certified firefighter / mechanic
- Chief’s / utility vehicle
- New tools for station tool box
- Cordless power tools

Respectfully,

Lt. Gary Thozeski
MESSAGE FROM THE EMS COORDINATOR

On behalf of the men of the Seven Hills Fire Department, I am pleased to present 2012 Annual Report as it pertains to the division of EMS.

Over the last year, the EMS Division has continued its mission of providing high quality pre-hospital emergency care while successfully adapting to the financial constraints imposed by a lingering economic.

In 2012, we responded to record high 1,034 calls for medical emergencies in an overall average response time of 06:35 minutes; including responding to nine cardiac arrests, 90 patients with chest pain and 35 cerebral vascular accidents (strokes). Our men assisted 123 residents who just needed non-emergency assistance (ex: getting in or out of a car, needing help getting off of the floor or a variety of other non-emergencies that our residents just needed a helping hand).

The Fire Department transported 737 patients to area hospitals. The average age of our patient in 2012 was 68 years old.

To our residents, who remain willing to spend hard earned dollars to support our efforts: Your active engagement is an important component of our EMS System as you provide CPR and use an available Automated External Defibrillator before we arrive: We thank you.

To our Partners:

- The Dispatchers that provide the first line of contact to our patients
- To the Police Department for playing a role in provide first aid and using AEDs prior to the Fire Departments arrival
- To the surrounding Fire Departments that provide Mutual Aid - for their knowledge of our community, EMS service and assistance
- All those behind the scenes who do not happen to arrive with lights and sirens ablaze but support us
- To Parma Hospital – the Medical Community, the doctors and nurses who unselfishly involve themselves with us and our system; and
- The family members of all the above – I acknowledge the sacrifice you make of loved ones and that they are gone at times they should be home

I offer my thanks to each one of you for letting our system count on your skills.

Lt. Jeff Gaebelein
MISSION VISION VALUES

MISSION STATEMENT

The Seven Hills Fire Department is the provider of emergency medical services for the City of Seven Hills is committed to compassionately delivering excellent pre-hospital care and to protecting the safety and health of the public.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to expand upon our role as a critical public safety agency that delivers exceptional pre-hospital emergency medicine. The department will remain at the forefront of EMS advancements, driving progress in clinical care, operations, research and training. As a leader in all-hazard emergency preparedness, we will enhance our workforce and community's ability to be resilient when confronted by fabricated and natural disasters.

CORE DEPARTMENT VALUES

Patient Advocacy - The health and well-being of the patient is always our first priority. We are professionals who treat every patient with respect and compassion.

Clinical Excellence - The members of the Seven Hills Fire Department are highly skilled and specially trained to provide state of the art pre-hospital emergency medical services. We provide every patient with excellent clinical care.

Leadership & Innovation - As a leader in the field of pre-hospital emergency medicine, we pride ourselves on innovating and leveraging the latest advances in both medicine and technology, bringing innovative care to the streets of Seven Hills.

People - Our people are our greatest asset. The knowledge, experience, and compassionate nature of our employees make our service exceptional. Our workforce includes skilled professionals from different backgrounds and cultures, reflecting the diversity of the communities we proudly serve.

Collaboration - We strive to work effectively with our public safety and public health partners to solve problems, make decisions, and achieve common goals.

Pride & Unity - We are proud of the work we do and the strength of our service. We are committed to one another and the patients we serve.

Preparedness - We are a leader in the field of emergency preparedness and take an active role in planning, training, and response and recovery efforts to mitigate the medical consequences of disasters. We maintain the highest level of organizational and individual preparedness.
SEVEN HILLS EMS AT A GLANCE

The Seven Hills Fire Department is charged with delivering emergency medical services for the City of Seven Hills, responding to over 1,034 requests for ambulance service in 2012. We have experienced growth over the last 5 years, responding to more and more Emergency Medical calls each year.

The Department has a mixture of Paramedics, Advance EMTs and Basic EMTs. Our Department has twenty-three paramedics, eight are Advance EMTs and four are Basic EMTs. We guarantee two paramedics are on duty 24/7.

Each member maintains an Ohio State EMS Certification requiring yearly educational requirements monitored by the State and meeting continual educational requirements established by Parma Community General Hospital – our Med Command. In addition, each member has a Provider Level Basic Life Support (BLS) along with each paramedic having Advance Life Support (ACLS), which are renewed every two years. These are the minimal requirements established by the State of Ohio to function on an ambulance. Many members have further advanced education and certifications that provided education and experience that lend them to outstanding patient care in the pre-hospital setting.

Each member is responsible for maintaining records and ensuring they meet the State’s requirement to maintain their certification level. The State of Ohio does audits of training classes and verifies compliance with State requirements. Continual education opportunities are available monthly at our Fire Department, along with many outside organizations.

We respond to all type of locations throughout the city. The graph to your right is the type of places we responded to in 2012. As you see, most of our responses are to the patient’s home / resident.
The Fire Department is a 24-hour a day operation, 7 days a week. Here is the average volume of calls by hours of the day. The call volume spikes between 10 – 11 am over the last two years.

With customer service in mind, the Seven Hills Fire Department is willing to transport a patient to the hospital of choice where medical condition does not necessitate that choice. We have transported to Parma Community General Hospital, Marymount (and Marymount South), Metro General, Kaiser, Lutheran, Southwest, St. Vincent Charity and a few others.

Parma General Community Hospital is the closest Hospital to most of our patients. When medical conditions necessitate transport to the closest medical facility, patients are generally are transported to Parma. The exception to this rule would be trauma patients (both adult and child), burns and pregnant patients.
Equipment

**Medic 2** – Horton Emergency Vehicles 4500 Medium Duty Type 1 (March 2009)

![Medic 2](image)

**Medic 7** - Horton Emergency Vehicles 4500 Medium Duty Type 1 (September 2010)

![Medic 7](image)
New Equipment 2012

The LUCAS Chest Compression System was purchased the end of December and we are expecting delivery January 2013. The LUCAS Chest Compression System is designed to deliver uninterrupted compressions at a consistent rate and depth to facilitate ROSC (return of spontaneous circulation). It delivers automated compressions from first response in the field to ambulance transport and throughout the hospital. LUCAS facilitates consistent blood flow from the moment it is turned on, helping to improve a patient’s chance for a successful outcome. With LUCAS, defibrillation can occur during ongoing compressions that can prime the heart for a successful shock. Also continuous compressions help maintain coronary perfusion pressure needed to facilitate ROSC.
Annual Report of Lt. Ryan Cervenka

Training

I took over Training effective September 1, 2012. The on duty training program was re-emphasized and required for each 7-3 and 3-11 shift. New forms were made to provide accountability of training records. Training records are recorded and comply with national standards. All firefighters will receive the required number of training hours to maintain certification. Parma Hospital EMS Education and Terry Dougan continue to provide monthly EMS continuing education for our members. We also have renewed our department subscription to EMS Jane to provide additional online EMS continuing education as needed.

Seven Hills
Class Date Between (09/01/2012) And (12/31/2012)

Training Class Summary by Category

- SCBA Donning Methods 06:00
- BRAIN TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY 02:00
- CRITIQUE FIRE CRITIQUE 05:00
- General Driver Training 13:00
- DURATION AIR CONSUMPTION DRILL/MANAGEMENT 14:00
- ENGINE 2 REVIEW 22:00
- Run Review 02:00
- Airway Management + Ventilation 02:00
- EMS Operations 01:00
- Geriatrics 02:00
- OB/GYN 02:00
- EQUIPMENT REVIEW 10:00
- FDIC TRAINING 02:00
- FIRE PREVENTION CON-ED 09:30
- HAZMAT/TECH. RESCUE TRAINING 07:00
- HIGHRISE, STANDPIPE, SPRINKLERS 04:00
- HOSELINE ADVANCEMENT 06:00
- GROUND LADDERS 09:00
- LODD REPORT 07:00
- MCI Mass Casualty Drill 05:00
- MEDIC 7 REVIEW 02:00
- NAT GAS EMERGENCIES 05:00
- Narcotic Abuse 1 01:30
- Near Drowning 01:00
- NFPA1410 DEPLOYMENT DRILLS 08:00
- POLICY & PROCEDURE REVIEW 02:00
- Propane Emergencies/Flammable Gases 01:00
Protocol Review 07:00
PUMPING 05:00
RES Q JACKS 04:00
Ropes and Knots 06:00
FIREGROUND SEARCH 06:00
SERT TEAM TRAINING 16:00
BUILDING SIZEUP 07:00
STREET FAMILIARIZATION 08:00
TOOL/EQUIPMENT REVIEW 07:00
VENTILATION 04:00
TOTAL = 221

EMS Jane Hours: 490.25

Total Hours = 711.25
Total Hours for all FD members combined = 1577.50

The training goals for 2013 include:

- Continue the on duty training program with more input and participation from Officers and Firefighters
- Provide members with monthly EMS continuing education by Parma Hospital EMS Education and Terry Dougan
- Provide members with additional EMS continuing education online with EMS Jane
- Continue with quarterly fire training meetings
- Contract with Jeff Shupe to instruct several of our fire training meetings.
- Provide members with more off duty training opportunities by increasing the training budget

Car Seats

This year we installed 183 child safety seats. They were checked at our monthly fit stops and by child safety seat technicians while on duty. Currently we have four members trained as child safety seat technicians. FF. Simerale took the course this year and will help with the program. Effective, September 1, 2012, FF. Kandzer took over the program.

We were also able to provide child safety seats to members of the community who were unable to purchase seats due to their financial situation. The seats were provided by the Seven Hills Firefighters’ Association. Our goal is to make sure any child who arrives at the fire station has a safe ride home. It is widely known that 8 out of 10 seats that arrive at our station are installed incorrectly and that car seats can reduce the chance of fatal injury during motor vehicle accidents by over 60%.
In April, we hosted our 2nd Annual “Spring Fling” child safety event. Due to donations from University Rainbow’s Hospital and volunteer efforts by many, the event was a success. We were able to install child safety seats, fit children for bicycle helmets, and answer many fire safety questions about smoke detectors, etc.

Goals for 2013:

- Continue with monthly car seat checks
- Continue to check car seats on duty for those who are unable to make the monthly checks
- Provide car seats to those with financial hardships
- Continue relationship with UHHS Rainbow’s
- Recertify all technicians as needed
- 3rd Annual “Spring Fling” child safety event
Annual Report of Lt. Steve Kordas

Hose Testing and Records

Hose Testing is a yearly function of the Fire Department. Hose on all vehicles and on hose rack were all tested in 2012. All hose passed testing with the exception of: (1) one hundred-foot section of 4 inch hose; (2) one fifty-foot section of 2 ½ inch hose; and (3) one fifty-foot section of 1 ¾ hose, which has been taken out of service.

Fuel Man Cards

Fuel Man Cards for Engine 1 and 2, and Medic 2 and 7 are good until December 2014, and are now kept in the FPO office with the Sears card. All members should know their pin numbers, but in January a follow up email will be sent to confirm all members know their pin numbers.

Hydrant Testing

Hydrants were tested in the spring of 2012 and a list was submitted to Cleveland Water for repair (39). These hydrants were repaired or replaced in 2012.

During the street repair on Rockside Road in the latter half of 2012, the hydrants were replaced between Pinnacle Park and Mural Drive.

Some of the new hydrants have been painted. The remainder will need to be painted during the spring of 2013.