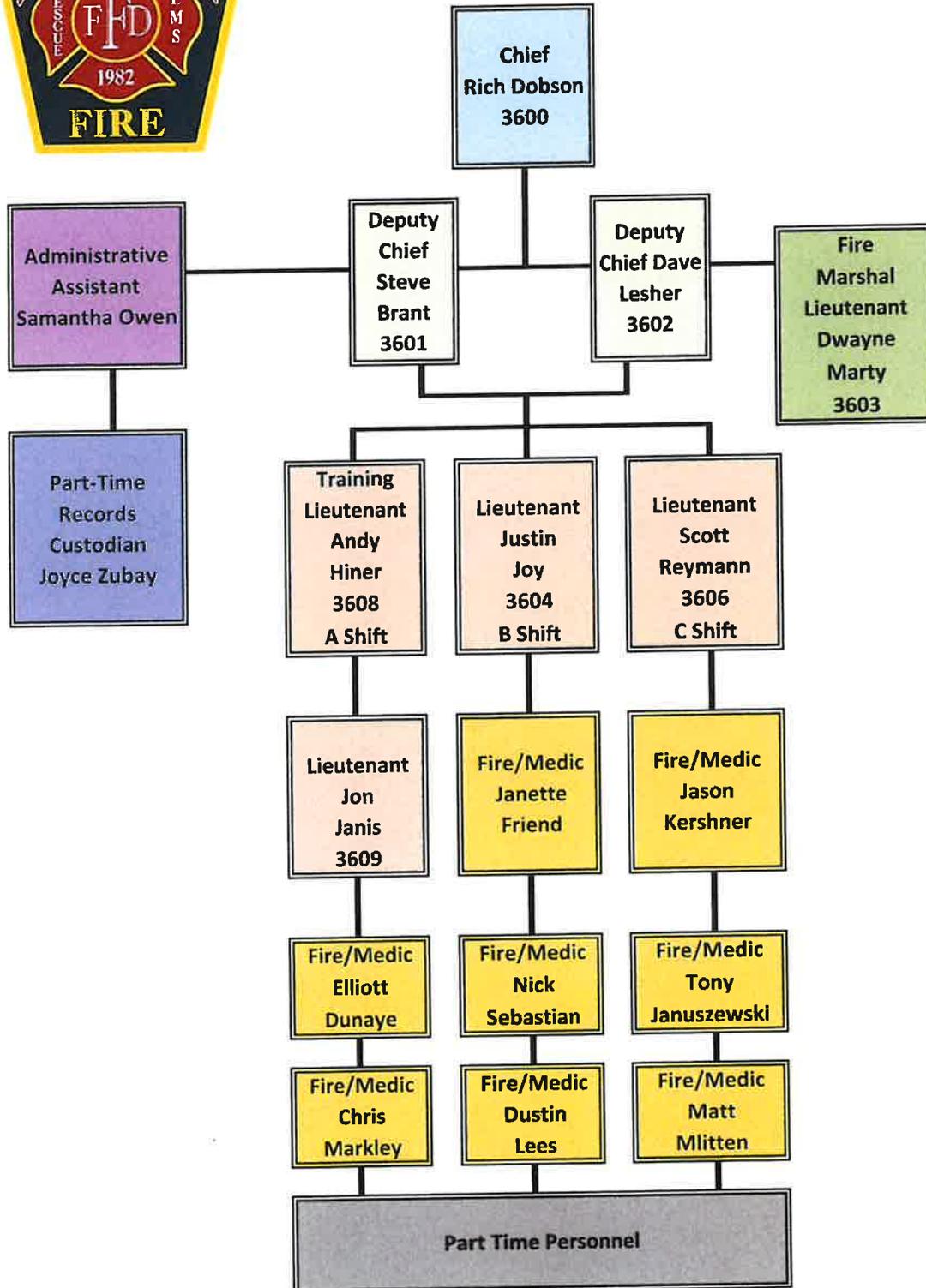


Fairlawn  
Fire Department  
2023  
Annual Report





# 2023 FAIRLAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# Fairlawn Fire Department Apparatus

**Fairlawn Engine 1** - 2000 Pierce Quantum

Apparatus use: Suppression    Apparatus Type: Engine

In service date: January 2000

**Fairlawn Tower 1** - 1996 Sutphen 70' Quint Bucket

Apparatus use: Suppression    Apparatus Type: Truck or aerial

In service date: January 1996

**Fairlawn Med 1** - 2019 Freightliner chassis with Lifeline vehicle patient module.

Apparatus use: EMS    Apparatus Type: ALS Unit

In service date: January 2019

**Fairlawn Med 2** - 2001 International chassis with American Emergency vehicle.

Apparatus use: EMS    Apparatus Type: ALS Unit

In service date: January 2001

**Fairlawn Med 3** - 2001 International chassis with American Emergency vehicle.

Apparatus use: EMS    Apparatus Type: ALS Unit

In service date: January 2001

**Fairlawn Chief's Vehicle** - 2021 GMC Yukon

Apparatus use: Other    Apparatus Type: Chief Officer Car

In service date: November 2021

**Fairlawn Battalion 1** - 2016 GMC Yukon

Apparatus use: Other    Apparatus Type: Chief Officer Car

In service date: January 2016

**Fairlawn Truck 1** - 2013 GMC Yukon

Apparatus use: Other    Apparatus Type: Support apparatus, Other

In service date: January 2013

**Fairlawn Truck 2** - 2008 GMC Pickup

Apparatus use: Other    Apparatus Type: Support apparatus, Other

In service date: January 2008

**Fairlawn Trailer 1** - 2006 Fire Investigation Trailer

*This is not listed on the State Fire Marshal Portal*

In service date: January 2006

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**2023 GRANTS**

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**STATE EMS GRANT**

The department applied for an annual grant through the Ohio Department of EMS and was awarded \$ 3,015.52. The department has the ability to request reimbursement for a predetermined list of EMS related equipment including online continuing education. The amount received this year is more than three times the amount received in 2022.

TOTAL STATE EMS GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED IN 2023	\$ 3,015.52
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<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL GRANTS RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 3,015.52</b>
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**ANNUAL RUN COMPARISON**

**1982 – 2023**  
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2023	2,257	2001	1,466
2022	2,162	2000	1,566
2021	1,904	1999	1,469
2020	1,696	1998	1,356
2019	1,975	1997	1,402
2018	2,079	1996	1,206
2017	1,986	1995	1,211
2016	2,037	1994	1,081
2015	1,925	1993	1,150
2014	1,699	1992	898
2013	1,648	1991	1,007
2012	1,596	1990	808
2011	1,549	1989	818
2010	1,429	1988	781
2009	1,538	1987	731
2008	1,574	1986	688
2007	1,645	1985	656
2006	1,515	1984	561
2005	1,635	1983	590
2004	1,657	1982	545
2003	1,612		
2002	1,540		

Call totals are for Squad & Fire calls only, no training included



**EMS CALLS 2023**



1,811



**FIRE CALLS 2023**



446



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**AUTOMATIC RESPONSE 2023**

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9 Given  
9 Received



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**MUTUAL AID RESPONSE 2023**

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47 Given  
21 Received  
3 Other Aid Given

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**FIRE LOSS 2023**  
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**(RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL)**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>TOTAL LOSS</u>
02/27/2023	Residential	\$ 200,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 285,000
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TOTALS:		\$ 200,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 285,000

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**(VEHICLE)**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>TOTAL LOSS</u>
09/06/2023	SUV	2013	Nissan/Rogue	\$ 7,500
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TOTAL:				\$ 7,500

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## ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION RECAP REPORT 2023

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The Fire Prevention Bureau is directed by Deputy Chief, David Lesher and Division Coordinator, Lieutenant/Fire Marshal, Dwayne Marty. The Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for Fire and Life Safety inspections throughout the city.

In 2023, the bureau conducted general fire/life safety inspections, change of occupancy reviews, new construction plan reviews, fire protection systems testing/consultations, false fire alarm reviews, school fire drills, fire extinguisher classes for local businesses and foster home inspections. The Fire Prevention Bureau collaborates with other departments outside of the fire department that includes the State of Ohio Fire Marshal Office, City of Fairlawn Zoning Department, and the Summit County Building Department.

The Fire Prevention Bureau oversees the safety and setup of large events which includes the annual Tournament of Champions Bowling Tournament held at Rivera Lanes, City of Fairlawn annual Fourth of July fireworks display, and the Labor Day Fireworks show at the Fairlawn Country Club.

Inspection activities for 2023 are as follows:

General Fire/Life Safety Inspections:	548
Building/Change of Occupancy, Plan Reviews:	85
Fire Protection Systems Testing:	36
On Site Consultations (Fire Protection Systems, Hazard Operations, Misc)	68
False Fire Alarm Review/Consultation:	18
School Fire and Tornado Drills:	6
Fire Extinguisher Classes:	5
Foster Home Inspections:	3

### **Inspection Staff**

Joyce Zubay, Inspection Division Secretary

(Additionally, all Full-time personnel are State Certified Fire Inspectors)

## Common Fire Code Violations, 2023

Fire Code Title	Common Fire Code Violations
Exit Signs/Power Source	105
Key box maintenance, Key Boxes	70
Extension Cords, Electrical Equipment, Wiring Hazards	50
Extinguishers, General Requirements, Fire Protection System	42
Inspection, testing, and maintenance, Fire Protection Systems	31
Ceiling Clearance, General Storage	26
Annual inspection tag for Fire Protection System.	24
Equipment Rooms, General Storage	22
Ceilings, Fire-Resistance-Rated-Construction	19
Reliability/Maintenance of Egress	19
Multiplug Adapters, Electrical Equipment, Wiring Hazards	19
Fire Alarm, Inspection, testing and maintenance	16
Fire Extinguishers, Hangars and brackets	15
Working space and clearance, Electrical, Wiring Hazards	13
Portable Fire Extinguishers, Fire Protection System	10
Unapproved Conditions, Electrical Equipment, Wiring Hazards	9
Ostructions, Maintenance of the Means of Egress	9
Securing compressed gas containers	9
Bolt Locks	5
Grease accumulation, Commercial Kitchen Hoods	4
Hood Extinguishing system service, Fire Protection System	2
Portable fire extinguisher for commercial cooking	2
Openings and penetrations.	1
FDC, Signs	1
Unobstructed and unobscured Fire Extinguisher	1

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## FIRE INVESTIGATIONS 2023

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The Fairlawn Fire Department participates in a Multi-Jurisdictional Fire Investigation Team. The Code 10 Fire Investigation Team consist of: Fairlawn, Bath, Copley, Norton, Richfield, Valley, Chippewa, Granger, and Sharon. Fairlawn houses an enclosed trailer with equipment needed to assist in conducting fire investigations. Fire Investigators respond from these departments in the Code 10 fire investigation unit to assist the lead department's origin and cause investigation.

### Code 10 Fire Investigation Team 2023 Statistics

Total Requests for Team	2
Fairlawn Responded to Team for	1
Fairlawn Requested the Team for	1

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>
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<u>02/27/2023</u>	<b><u>Residential</u></b>	<p>On February 27, 2023 at 12:21 PM the Fairlawn Fire Department responded to 2536 Barrington Road for a reported structure fire. It was reported that the neighbor can see smoke coming from the attic area of the house. Upon fire department arrival, smoke was observed from the front door and the Charlie/Delta side of house. There were two civilians on scene that advised that all occupants were out, however there was still a dog and a cat inside the house. There was heavy fire observed from the "Charlie" side. An interior fire attack was facilitated through the front door and was coordinated with an exterior attack with the Blitz nozzle on the "Charlie" side of the house. The fire was extinguished, all utilities were shut off, and the fire investigation team was requested. EMS evaluated one patient for smoke inhalation. The patient was evaluated and not transported.</p>
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This fire was listed undetermined with high probability of electrical as a contributing factor. The area of origin appears to be the C (Charlie) side of the structure involving the rear porch and exterior walls of the kitchen/ upper bedroom. There was significant fire damage sustained to both the ceiling and floor space to the second floor, with heavy charring from the top down. There was also involvement to the rear compartment of the dishwasher with heavy charring from the inside-out top-down appearance. The specific ignition source of the fire is unknown as this time. This case will be ruled undetermined for the definitive events leading to the fire are unknown.

Further investigation is needed and additional resources are needed to determine the exact events leading to the fire including the specific ignition source. To investigate further the insurance company will utilize their investigators and resources for investigating specific fire causes at this incident.

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## PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT 2023

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Public education continues to be a significant priority at The Fairlawn Fire Department. We are privileged to have the opportunity to teach our residents and families about fire and life safety. The purpose of public education is to decrease the probability of a house fire or other emergencies through direct interactions with the community. Our School Program includes teaching kindergarten through the 4<sup>th</sup>-grade classes at Fort Island Primary and Saint Hilary School.

This 2023-2024 school year our program will reach 683 children! Educating our future youth is a great way to convey age-appropriate fire safety lessons: kitchen safety, crawling under smoke, holiday safety, smoke detectors, water safety, how to call 9-1-1, tornado safety, and other safety habits. The goal is to have the children start a conversation at home and encourage family engagement.

This year we have added Chris Markley to the group as a public educator, assisting Tony Januszewski and Dustin Lees with public education and community risk management/reduction. Chris Markley is thrilled to be part of this outstanding program and a community partner in education.

The Fairlawn Fire Department also facilitates training for various needs-based requests from the community for public education. We target a spectrum of opportunities through these requests, including community risk education, awareness, fire prevention, and safety. Our educators also provide businesses and nursing homes within the city training and hands-on experience with fire extinguishers, utilizing our live fire extinguisher prop.

In addition to the School Programs, we taught important lessons to children at Fairlawn Safety Town and completed multiple classes on first aid for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts troops in our community.

The Fairlawn Fire Department has had continued community involvement with multiple neighborhood block parties and bicycle parades. Being involved in the community has been a great outreach tool and we have received positive feedback from participating in these activities.

Lastly, we also receive requests throughout the year to install and check on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Assisting our community within Fairlawn is an opportunity for us to inform the public about fire safety tips and assist those in need. In a joint district effort, Bath, Copley, Fairlawn and Richfield have been awarded a grant and are ordering a new and improved public education trailer with many new features.

Public education is only one facet of the community risk reduction program. Our success is achieved by the continued support from the City Administration and the community for these programs where our efforts have a positive impact keeping our community safe.



## TRAINING PROGRAM 2023

Fairlawn Fire Department maintains its training standards utilizing instructional classes on Wednesday nights as needed and throughout the week to accommodate all on-shift personnel. The primary duty of the Training Officer is to coordinate an effective accredited training program to keep all of our personnel in compliance with state criteria for EMT-B, EMT-P, Fire Inspector and Fire Instructor. All department trainings are coordinated through the Training Division which is comprised of Lieutenant Andy Hiner and Deputy Chief Steve Brant.

All department members hold either an EMT-Basic or EMT-Paramedic certification. Our current Medical Director is Dr. Sonny Bare, a Licensed Emergency Physician from Western Reserve Hospital, Cuyahoga Falls. Dr. Bare is certified for disaster management through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Hospital Incident Command System (HICS). He has also received training for Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), and completed additional training as a Medical Simulation Director at the Harvard School of Medicine Simulation in Boston. Dr. Bare holds a master's degree in medical education from the University of New England. He is a son of a school teacher, he has passion for teaching EMS, medical simulation, and medical mission/disaster relief work.

The majority of department trainings are accomplished throughout the month while personnel are on duty. The Fairlawn Fire Department also utilizes multiple web-based training platforms through Cleveland State University and CE-Solutions. This educational platform increases the availability and convenience of continuing education requirements to maintain EMT-B, EMT-P, Fire Inspector and Fire Instructor certifications. The department continues to offer CPR training to residents and businesses throughout the City which is coordinated through Lt. Andy Hiner.

Summit County fire departments participate and operate a Hazardous Material Team, a Technical Rescue Team (high angle, collapse, water), a Code 10 Fire Investigation Unit, which is available as needed to the City of Fairlawn.



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## 2023 SEMINARS / CONFERENCES / TRAINING

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Seminars and conferences attended by Fire Department Full-Time Personnel

**Chief Dobson:**

Summit County Fire Chiefs Association monthly operational updates

Fire Instructor CE/Updates

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Fire Law Group – Webinar

International Assoc. of Fire Chiefs Conference

**Deputy Chief Brant:**

Summit County Fire Chiefs Association monthly operational updates

Fire Instructor CE/Updates

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Summit County SACC (Communication) quarterly update

County CAD Build Committee Monthly Meetings

SECC Committee Monthly Meetings (Transition)

**Deputy Chief Leshner:**

Fire Instructor CE/Updates

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Fireworks Continuing Education

Summit County SACC (Communication) quarterly update

SECC Committee Monthly Meetings (Transition)

**Lt. Joy:**

Fire Instructor CE/Updates

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Firefighter CE

NORTON Trauma Conference

**Lt. Reymann:**

Fire Instructor CE/Updates

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Firefighter CE

**Lt. Hiner:**

Fire Instructor CE/Updates

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Firefighter CE

BLS, ACLS, & ITLS Instructor update/training

Firefighter Safety & Survival

(Portage County)

Fire Investigation for Company Officers

(Akron University)

**Lt. Janis:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Firefighter CE

**Lt./FM Dwayne Marty:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Firefighter CE

Hazmat Training

(Summit County)

Plan Review

(Columbus, Oh)

Live Fire Instructor 1403

(Columbus, Oh)

**Janette Friend:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Firefighter CE

BLS, ACLS, & ITLS Instructor update/training

**Jason Kershner:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Firefighter CE

**Tony Januszewski:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Firefighter CE

Hazmat Training

(Summit County)

**Nick Sebastian:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Firefighter CE

**Elliott Dunaye:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Firefighter CE

Hazmat Training

(Summit County)

Live Fire Training 1403

(Columbus, Oh)

**Dustin Lees:**

Fire Safety Inspector Class

EMS CE/Updates

Firefighter CE

**Chris Markley:**

Fire Safety Inspector Class

EMS CE/Updates

Firefighter CE

**Matt Litten:**

Fire Safety Inspector Class

EMS CE/Updates

Firefighter CE

Fire Inspector Course

(Bowling Green University, Oh)

**Samantha Owen:**

Administrative Fire Professional Conference

(Columbus, Oh)



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## Fairlawn Fire and Rescue Association 2023

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The Fairlawn Fire and Rescue Association was established in 1982 and is an organization comprised of all members of the Fire Department. The Association was formed as a non-profit organization whose responsibilities are to conduct charitable fund raising, assist citizens and other Safety Forces Personnel, and to aid the City of Fairlawn in purchasing various items of equipment and supplies. Members of the Association gather for scheduled meetings which are held quarterly throughout the year. It is in these meetings that the members vote on and stress their opinions on all aspects of the Association's business.

The Fairlawn Fire and Rescue Association now sponsors 2 ongoing yearly awarded scholarships presented to deserving graduating Copley/Fairlawn High School Students. The Dr. Mary Jo McMullen Scholarship and the George Primes Scholarship are both \$500.00 awards for students to further their education.

Throughout the year of 2023, the members continued to conduct the everyday functions of the Association. The Association continued to make many small charitable donations throughout the year and purchase many items for use by the Association members to help perform their jobs as fire/medics.

### Association Officers of 2023

Nick Sebastian – President  
Elliott Dunaye – Vice President  
Tony Januszewski – Secretary  
Steve Brant – Treasurer

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## FAIRLAWN PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 4164

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The Fairlawn Professional Fire Fighters are proud to present to you our nineteenth annual report. In 2023, Local 4164 was represented by 13 full-time members who provide Fire and EMS services, fire and life safety education, and fire code enforcement to the residents, businesses, and visitors of the City of Fairlawn. While the primary focus of Local 4164's membership is to serve the community in the capacity of firefighters and paramedics, we value our community and are devoted to fundraising to be able to give back to those in need. This year our members hosted the annual golf outing at Fairlawn Country Club. This was our sole fund-raising event, and it was an enormous success thanks to our many supporters. Because of this we were able to make donations to Boundless Journeys, Cathy's House, Copley-Fairlawn PTA, Fort Island PTA, Safety Forces Support Center, Copley/Fairlawn Fire Association-Share-A-Christmas, American Lung Association 'Fight for Air Climb' and Christmas with a Cop. The local also sponsored two local families to help with Holiday gifts. A special thank you to all the individuals and groups who helped support us in 2023. We look forward to continuing our charitable efforts in 2024. The Fairlawn Professional Fire Fighters are committed to promoting issues confronting career fire fighters while also helping others who need assistance.

In January 2023, a new probationary member, Matt Litten, was added to our ranks. Matt brings several years of experience that will be invaluable to our department.

### Members

Elliott Dunaye	Dustin Lees
Janette Friend	Matt Litten
Andy Hiner	Christopher Markley
Jon Janis	Dwayne Marty
Tony Januszewski	Scott Reymann
Justin Joy	Nick Sebastian
Jason Kershner	

### 2023 Officers

Dustin Lees – President	Tony Januszewski- Treasurer
Nick Sebastian – Vice-President	Elliott Dunaye- Secretary

*"Never to be Forgotten"- Lieutenant Scott Manes, Akron Fire Department and  
Part-Time Fairlawn Firefighter/Paramedic, #52.  
March 22, 1977 – October 14, 2019*