

Fairlawn  
Fire Department  
2022  
Annual Report





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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

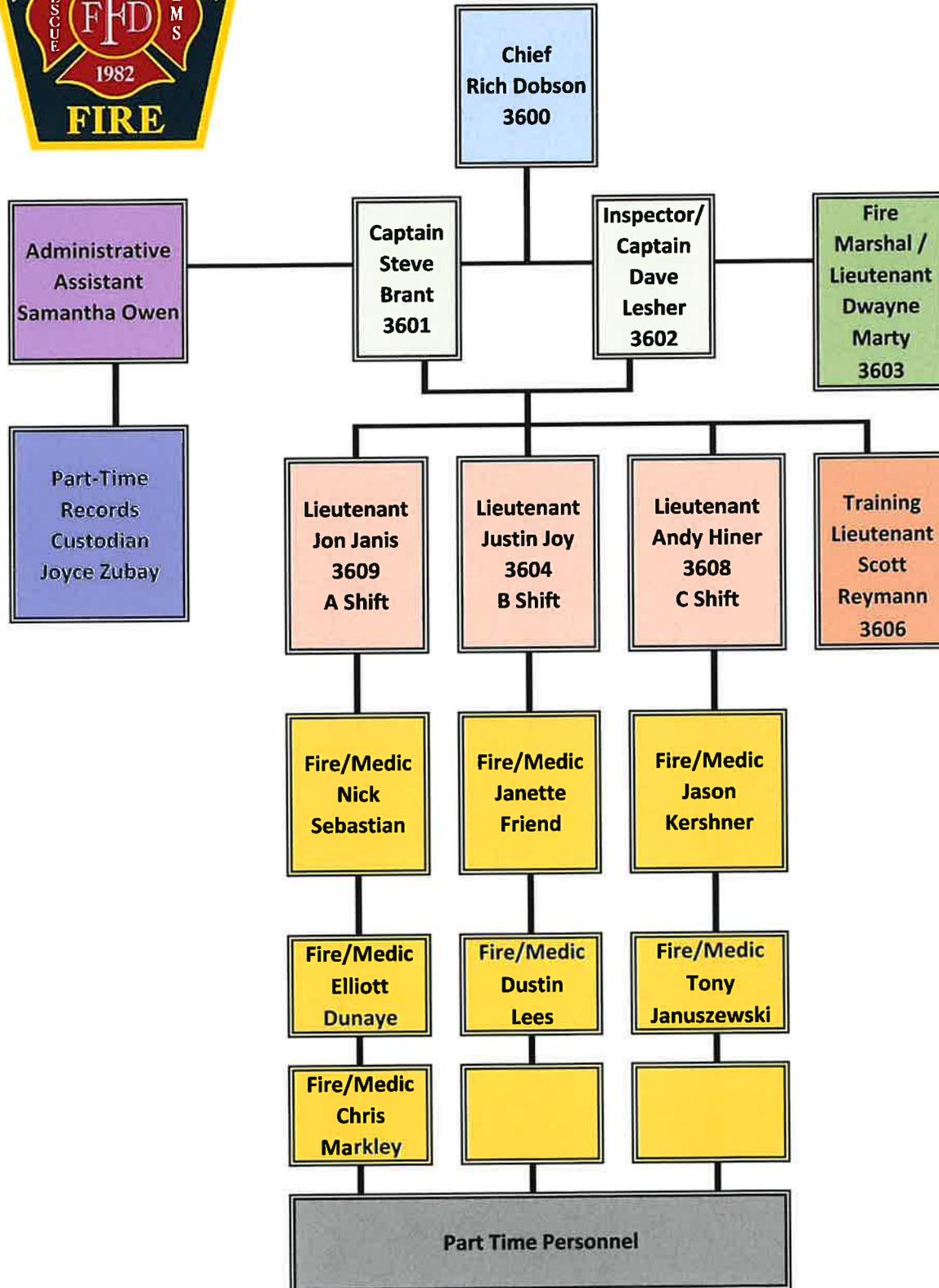
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**THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN FIRE  
AND EMS SYSTEM IS TO PROVIDE ITS  
COMMUNITY SENSITIVE, COST EFFECTIVE  
PROTECTION AGAINST THE THREAT TO LIFE AND  
PROPERTY DUE TO FIRE, MEDICAL EMERGENCIES,  
AND OTHER DISASTERS**



# 2022 FAIRLAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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## 2022 ROSTER

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Chief Richard Dobson  
 Captain Steve Brant  
 Captain Dave Lesher  
 Lieutenant Dwayne Marty  
 Lieutenant Justin Joy  
 Lieutenant Scott Reymann  
 Lieutenant Andy Hiner  
 Lieutenant Jon Janis  
 Dr. Andrew Yocum, Medical Advisor

Angelo Amatangelo	EMT-P	Ben Kerner	EMT-P
Matt Beck	EMT-P	Jason Kershner	EMT-P
Mike Brooks	EMT-P	Jeff Kuykendall	EMT-P
Breanne Bryant	EMT-P	Dustin Lees	EMT-P
Martin Brzoska	EMT-P	Matt Litten	EMT-P
Steve Chiarappa	EMT-P	Mike Lucas	EMT P
Andrew Ciptak	EMT-P	Devon Maavich	EMT-P
Michael Collins	EMT-P	Mike Marias	EMT-P
Joe DiAntonio	EMT-P	Chris Markley	EMT-P
Elliott Dunaye	EMT-P	Andy Morales	EMT-P
Nick Fleming	EMT-P	Christopher Palmieri	EMT-P
Steve Forfia	EMT-P	Rory Richards	EMT-P
Janette Friend	EMT-P	Nick Sebastian	EMT-P
Tim Gemind	EMT-P	Seth Stertzbach	EMT-P
Mark Hagen	EMT-P	Ken Strobe	EMT-P
Jason Hartman	EMT-P	Alain Vue	EMT-P
Tony Januszewski	EMT-P	Charles Walker	EMT-P
Jerry Justiss	EMT-P	Abdull Youssef	EMT-P

*Last Call:*

*George Primes July 5, 1946 – March 2, 1999*  
*Scott Manes March 22, 1977 – October 14, 2019*

*Retired:*

*Chief Russell Hose January 1, 1982 – June 6, 2021*  
*Linda Riemenschneider August 12, 1997 – February 28, 2021*  
*Cheri Nelder January 3, 2012 – March 4, 2022*

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## 2022 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF

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Samantha Owen  
 Joyce Zubay



**EQUIPMENT IN SERVICE**

ENGINE 3614

2000 Pierce Quantum

TRUCK 3619

1996 Sutphen 70' Quint Bucket

SQUADS 3611 & 3612

2001 International chassis with an American Emergency vehicle patient module  
fully Paramedic equipped

SQUAD 3621

2019 Freightliner chassis with a Lifeline vehicle patient module  
fully Paramedic equipped

CAR 3616

~~Fire Chief's Vehicle~~  
~~2016 GMC Yukon~~

CAR 3626

Shift Supervisor's Vehicle  
2016 GMC Yukon

CAR 3636

Utility Vehicle  
2013 GMC Yukon

CAR 3656

Bureau of Fire Prevention  
2008 GMC Pickup

TRAILER 3666

2006 Fire Investigation Trailer

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## 2022 GRANTS

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### STATE EMS GRANT

The department applied for an annual grant through the Ohio Department of EMS and was awarded \$661.23. The department has the ability to request reimbursement for a predetermined list of EMS related equipment and are scheduled to receive a new electronic tablet for patient care reports. The amount received is less than previous years due to lack of State funds available for disbursement to municipalities eligible to receive funding.

TOTAL STATE EMS GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED IN 2022	\$ 661.23
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### Assistance to Firefighter's Grant (AFG)

The department applied for funding from a predetermined list of eligible funding options. We are fortunate to have been awarded funding for a power-cot and power loading system for our third ambulance. This device is identical to the system that is already in service in the other two ambulances that assists in the loading and off-loading of patients from the ambulance.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED IN 2022	\$49, 496.00
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<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL GRANTS RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 50,157.23</b>
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**ANNUAL RUN COMPARISON**

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

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



**EMS CALLS 2022**



1,740



**FIRE CALLS 2022**



422

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**AUTOMATIC RESPONSE 2022**  
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15 Given

8 to Copley  
3 to Bath  
2 to Norton  
0 to Akron  
0 to Sharon  
2 to Other/Unknown

12 Received

4 from Copley  
5 from Bath  
1 from Akron  
1 from Other/Unknown

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**MUTUAL AID RESPONSE 2022**  
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58 Given

20 to Copley  
7 to Bath  
20 to Akron  
2 to Norton  
2 to Sharon  
1 to Richfield  
0 to Granger  
0 to Valley  
6 to Other/Unknown

23 Received

5 from Copley  
6 from Bath  
0 from Akron  
0 from Norton  
0 from Richfield  
0 from Sharon  
12 from Other/Unknown

  
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**FIRE LOSS 2022**  
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**(RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL)**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>TOTAL LOSS</u>
04/17/2022	Residential	\$ 275,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 350,000
07/04/2022	Residential	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$ 285,000</b>	<b>\$ 80,000</b>	<b>\$ 365,000</b>

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**(VEHICLE)**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>TOTAL LOSS</u>
02/07/2022	SUV	2015	Jeep/Cherokee	\$ 10,000
03/11/2022	VAN	2006	Chrysler/T&C	\$ 5,000
11/08/2022	CAR	2006	Chevy/Cobalt	\$ 4,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$ 19,000</b>

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**FIRE INVESTIGATIONS 2022**  
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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 2022 Statistics**

Total Requests for Team	6
Fairlawn Responded to Team for	3
Fairlawn Requested the Team for	1

**DATE      TYPE      CAUSE**

07/14/2022    **Residential** Fairlawn Fire Department responded to 3378 Wilkinson Drive for a reported structure fire. Upon Arrival heavy fire was observed from the "BC" side in what appeared to be a sunroom or addition. Additional fire was observed into the structure of the building immediately behind the addition/sunroom but a large bay window toward the "D" side appeared to be free of smoke and fire. 3614 was instructed to lay a supply line and an initial 1 3/4" CAFS line was stretched to the "BC" side for transitional attack operations. While awaiting automatic aid companies, a second 1 3/4" CAFS line was stretched to the same "BC" side. Copley personnel were tasked with ventilation above the garage area. Akron Captain arrived on scene and was assigned as Safety Officer. AFD tasked with stretching an additional hand line to the front door, Prior to AFD making an interior attack and before vertical ventilation was completed, fire had breached the roof from the "C" side. Slight damage to neighbor's house on "BC" side. Damage to siding from heat and removal of siding to check for extension by fire personnel. Civilian from behind the house was transported to AGMC Montrose for smoke inhalation. Fire Investigation team was requested and responded to this fire. Fire was ruled accidental/unintentional, area of origin in or at area of back deck, ignition source and cause undetermined.

07/04/2022

**Residential** Fairlawn Fire Department responded to 2741 Juno Place. Upon arrival smoke was coming from the front door of a two-story brick condo unit in a multi-unit structure. All occupants were confirmed out of the structure with one occupant suffering from burns. Fire was determined to be in the basement which was accessible from the rear of the structure. Two handlines were deployed and used in the extinguishment. Ceiling was pulled in the area of origin and was determined there was no extension. Horizontal ventilation was started on the front of the structure, at the main entrance. Electric was disconnected by the utility company for the fire unit only. Other units in the structure were metered and deemed safe for occupants to return. Fire occupants obtained housing for the night by Red Cross. Fire investigation team was requested and responded to this fire. Fire was contained to GE Electric dryer. Home owner tried to put fire out and sustained burns to his hand, was transported to Akron Children's burn unit. Ignition source will be undetermined at this time. Fire will be ruled accidental/unintentional at this time.

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## ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION RECAP REPORT 2022

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The Fire Prevention Bureau is directed by Captain, David Lesher and Division Coordinator, Lieutenant/Fire Marshal, Dwayne Marty. The Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for Fire Safety inspections and Code Enforcement, Commercial Building/Change of Occupancy and new construction plan reviews, Fire Protection Systems Plan Reviews and Testing, Fire/Life Safety Consultations, Public Education, Foster Home inspections, and conducting School Fire/Tornado drills.

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

Inspection activities for 2022 are as follows:

General Fire/Life Safety Inspections:	274
Building/Change of Occupancy, Plan Reviews:	73
Fire Protection Systems Testing:	10
On Site Consultations:	8
False Fire Alarm Review/Consultation:	5
School Fire and Tornado Drills:	3
Fire Extinguisher/Public Education Classes:	2
Foster Home Inspections:	3

### **Inspection Staff**

Joyce Zubay, Inspection Division Secretary

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

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## **PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT 2022**

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It was our pleasure to have the opportunity to teach fire and life safety to our residents and families this year.

The purpose of public education is to teach the community, children and families with the intent to minimize the probability of a fire or other emergencies. Our School Program includes teaching the kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Fort Island Primary and Saint Hilary School. This 2022-2023 school year, we get the privilege to teach a total of 682 children! This is a great way to convey age appropriate fire safety lessons; crawl under smoke, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, how to call 911, tornado safety and other safety habits. The goal is to have the children start a conversation at the home and encourage family engagement.

The Fairlawn Fire Department also responds to various requests from the community for public education. Through these requests we target a spectrum of opportunities including community risk-education, awareness, fire prevention and safety.

In addition to the School Program, we were able to teach important lessons to children at Fairlawn Safety Town and completed multiple requests for lessons on first aid from the Boy Scouts.

The Fairlawn Fire Department has had continued community involvement with multiple neighborhood block parties and bicycle parades. This has been a great outreach tool and have received positive feedback from them.

Lastly, we receive multiple calls throughout the year to install and check on smoke and CO detectors and/or replace batteries. This is an opportunity for us to inform the public on fire safety tips and assist those in need.

Public education is only one piece of the puzzle and without the combined support from the city administration and the community, our efforts would not have the same positive impact we aim to achieve.



## TRAINING PROGRAM 2022

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 Scott Reymann and Captain Steve Brant.

All department members hold either an EMT-Basic or EMT-Paramedic certification. Our current Medical Director is Dr. Andrew Yocum, a Licensed Emergency Physician from Cleveland Clinic Akron General. Dr. Yocum is also the SWAT Physician for Akron Police Department and a flight Physician for Metro Life Flight. Dr. Bruce Benton has continued to be a primary point of contact for us at Akron Children's Hospital. Dr. Benton is an Emergency Room Physician and has agreed to provide pediatric trainings throughout the year as needed.

The majority of department trainings are accomplished throughout the month while personnel are on duty. This year continued to be a challenging year due to Covid-19. Despite this, Lt. Reymann has arranged to extend a web-based training program through Cleveland State University. 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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**2022 SEMINARS / CONFERENCES**

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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 (San Antonio, TX)

**Captain 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

ICS/EOC 304 All Hazards Incident Management Course

County CAD Build Committee Monthly Meetings

**Captain Lesher:**

Fire Instructor CE/Updates

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Fireworks Continuing Education

Summit County SACC (Communication) quarterly update

Firefighter Safety & Survival

(Portage County)

**Lt. Joy:**

Fire Instructor CE/Updates

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

NORTON Trauma Conference

BLS, ACLS, & ITLS Instructor update/training

**Lt. Reymann:**

Fire Instructor CE/Updates

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

**Lt. Hiner:**

Fire Instructor CE/Updates

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

BLS, ACLS, & ITLS Instructor update/training

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Firefighter Safety & Survival

(Portage County)

Fire Investigation for Company Officers

(Akron University)

**Lt. Janis:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

**Dwayne Marty:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Hazmat Training

(Summit County)

Firefighter Safety & Survival

(Portage County)

**Janette Friend:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

BLS, ACLS, & ITLS Instructor update/training

Managing Officer National Fire Academy

(Emmitsburg, MD)

**Jason Kershner:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

**Tony Januszewski:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Hazmat Training

(Summit County)

NEOSEN Public Educator Conference

(Toledo, OH)

**Nick Sebastian:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

**Elliott Dunaye:**

Fire Inspector CE/Updates

EMS CE/Updates

Hazmat Training

(Summit County)

**Dustin Lees:**

Fire Safety Inspector Class

EMS CE/Updates

NEOSEN Public Educator Conference

(Toledo, OH)

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## Fairlawn Fire and Rescue Association 2022

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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 2022, 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 2022

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 eighteenth annual report. With the pandemic restrictions lifted, fundraising was back in full swing. Because of this, we were able to make donations to FOP Local 131, Cathy's House, Copley Fire Association-Share-A-Christmas, Stark County Humane Society, and Christmas with a Cop. A special thank you to all the individuals and groups who helped support us in 2022 and for the extra efforts everyone took in continuing to fight through the pandemic. We look forward to continuing our charitable efforts again in 2023. The Fairlawn Professional Fire Fighters are committed to promoting issues confronting career fire fighters while also helping others who need assistance. In the final days of 2022, a new probationary member Christopher Markley was added to our ranks.

**Members**

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

**2022 Officers**

Dustin Lees – President  
Andy Hiner – Vice-President  
Elliott Dunaye – Secretary  
Tony Januszewski – Treasurer

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