



ORANGE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT



ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2013



***PROUDLY DELIVERING EFFICIENT AND COST
EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THOSE
WE HAVE TAKEN AN OATH TO PROTECT.***

PREPARED FOR MAYOR KATHY MULCAHY
AND MEMBERS OF VILLAGE COUNCIL



FROM THE DESK OF FIRE CHIEF ROBERT WILSON

As Chief of the Orange Village Fire Department it is my pleasure to present the 2013 Annual Report. There have been many positive changes to the OVFD this past year. Some of which are detailed in the following pages. As you view the photos on the cover of this report you will note several administrative focal points, which defined 2013. First off, we increased our “hands on” training efforts, which included a “live burn” training session as well as a comprehensive and advanced vehicle extrication scenario. It has always been my belief that with strong training we encourage strong leadership as well as improved fire and EMS operations. Secondly, the OVFD increased our Community Relations efforts. Whether it was our coloring contest (shown on the cover) or the Santa and Hanukah gift delivery program, we emphasized the importance of a strong presence within our community. I couldn’t be more proud of our front line Firefighters, Paramedics and EMT’s and also need to point out the strong leadership evident in our Officer Core. As Chief of the Orange Village Fire Department I will continue to foster a positive training environment, a strong presence in the community and strong fiscal accountability through grant writing and other progressive funding options. As in the past let me welcome each of you to contact me directly should you have any issues to discuss after viewing this report.

-CHIEF ROBERT WILSON

RUN VOLUME:

Our run volume showed a significant decrease from the previous year. Our Fire Department responded to 592 calls for service, which represents a decrease of 97 calls (approximately 14%) when compared to our numbers for 2012. While we welcome an environment that stresses solid fire prevention and community education efforts* it must be noted that as of this report we are considerably ahead of last year's pace (current pace = 840 calls/year). While we can never predict the numbers each year, current trending amongst local fire departments suggests increased numbers for 2014. Many local and neighboring fire departments, like the OVFD, are experiencing increased numbers early in the year.

SIX YEAR HISTORY

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RUN VOLUME</u>
2008	633
2009	663
2010	693
2011	672
2012	689
2013	592

** Strong attention to repeated false alarm issues with our commercial buildings coupled with a strong community focus on personal health (University Hospitals partnerships with the fire department and Mayor's initiatives) may represent partial reductions in annual run volume.*

Our Run Volume For 2013 Can Be Broken Down As Follows:

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>2013 Count</u>	<u>2013 % of Total</u>
FIRE	33	5%
FALSE ALARM / FALSE CALL	75	12%
RESCUE / EMS	413	71%
****Note significant decrease from 2012 when we responded to 505 EMS Runs****		
HAZZARDOUS CONDITION NO FIRE	20	4%
SERVICE CALL	26	4%
GOOD INTENT CALL	25	4%
* PLEASE NOTE THAT "FIRES" INCLUDE STRUCTURES (HOMES/COMMERCIAL), VEHICLES, BRUSH, RUBBISH, WOODS AND COOKING.		
<i>TOTAL CALLS</i>	592	100%



RESPONSE TIME ANALYSIS



WE ALWAYS STRIVE TO REDUCE THE TIME IT TAKES FOR OUR DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES. IN 2013 OUR AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME **DECREASED**. WHILE CONCEPTUAL PLANS ARE BEING REVIEWED FOR THE NEW PINECREST DEVELOPMENT THE OFFICER CORE IS WORKING ON PLANS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE RESPONSE TIMES FOR INCREASED RUN VOLUME AND POTENTIALLY INCREASED AVERAGE RESPONSE DISTANCES (EMPHASIS ON NORTHWEST CORNER OF VILLAGE).

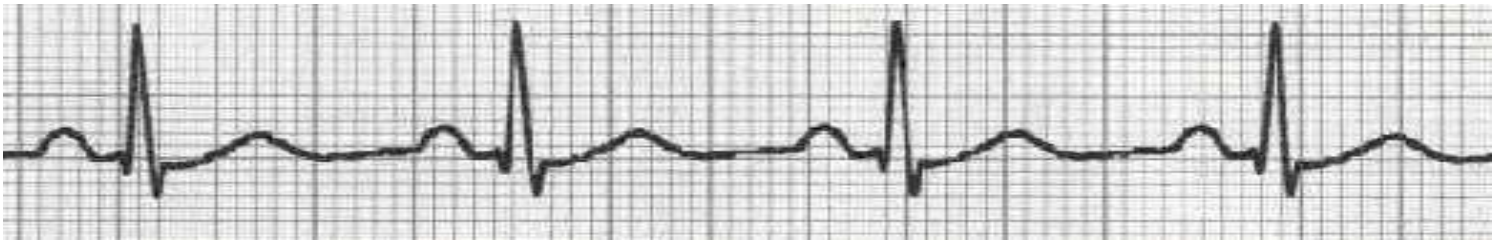
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME IN 2008:	5 MINUTES 24 SECONDS
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME IN 2009:	5 MINUTES 30 SECONDS
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME IN 2010:	5 MINUTES 39 SECONDS
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME IN 2011:	5 MINUTES 45 SECONDS
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME IN 2012:	5 MINUTES 46 SECONDS

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME IN 2013: 5 MINUTES 38 SECONDS

THE RESPONSE TIME ANALYSIS CAN BE BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

<u>MINUTES</u>	<u>COUNT</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>
0-1	34	6%
1+	12	2%
2	18	3%
3	30	5%
4	54	9%
5	106	18%
6	133	23%
7	100	7%
8	30	5%
9 *	33	6%
10 *	19	3%
11 *	5	0.8%
12 - 23 *	6	.1%

* **PROLONGED RESPONSE TIMES INCLUDE CALLS WHERE THE APPARATUS "SHUT DOWN" LIGHTS AND SIRENS EN ROUTE, LONG DISTANCE HAZMAT RESPONSES BY OUR TEAM MEMBERS AND WEATHER RELATED DELAYS.**



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Under the direction of Lieutenant Eric Straus our EMS services continue to serve our residents with outstanding coverage. As mentioned in an earlier section the Orange Village Fire Department responded to 413 EMS calls. The breakdown on these calls is as follows:



EMS calls (excluding accidents with injuries):	371
Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA's) with injuries:	27
Motor Vehicle Accidents without injuries:	10
Rescue / EMS Standby:	2
EMS other	3
TOTAL:	413



MUTUAL AID

IN 2013 WE RESPONDED TO MANY DIFFERENT CITIES IN ORDER TO ASSIST WITH MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF EMERGENCIES. WE ALSO RECIEVED AID FROM NEIGHBORING DEPARTMENTS AS DETAILED BELOW:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>MUTUAL AID GIVEN</u>	<u>MUTUAL AID RECEIVED</u>
BEACHWOOD	3	4
BEDFORD HEIGHTS	0	2
CHAGRIN FALLS*	17	2
LYNDHURST	0	1
PEPPER PIKE	3	4
OLON	4	4
WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS	1	5
WOODMERE	3	0
TOTAL:	GIVEN: 31	RECEIVED: 22

*In the case of Chagrin Falls these numbers include responses to several of the six communities that they contract with.

For example, these numbers include:

- **WORKING STRUCTURE FIRE AT JEKYL'S RESTAURANT IN CHAGRIN**
- **FIRE ALARMS TO ORANGE SCHOOLS (BRADY MIDDLE & ELEMENTARY)**
- **WORKING HOUSE FIRE IN BENTLEYVILLE**
- **RESCUE SQUAD CALLS TO MORELAND HILLS (CONFIRMED ACLS)**

FIRE PREVENTION



Our fire prevention efforts continued under the leadership of Assistant Chief Daniel Fritz and Fire Inspector Mel Weisblatt.



In 2013 the Orange Village Fire Department completed 85 inspections including:

- *Commercial Hood Inspections*
- *Commercial Alarm Inspections*
- *Acceptance Tests*
- *Annual Fire Prevention Inspections*



THE PROCESS (ANNUAL INSPECTIONS)



Violations are noted and a follow up inspection is scheduled to ensure violations have been corrected

Our efforts did not stop at the commercial level. The Orange Village Fire Department also conducts Point Of Sale Inspections for all home title transfers. Last year we completed 46 POS Inspections which help guarantee that our housing stock is compliant with national standards for the placement of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Approximately 80% of these inspections require a “follow up” as it is extremely important that the placement of these units is strictly enforced.



Our Fire Prevention Bureau also is responsible for inspecting all firework displays that take place within our borders. In 2013 these events included the July 4th celebration at Beechmont Country Club and The Salute to Orange Village.



In 2013 our Fire Prevention Bureau also conducted Fire Education Programs including:

- **Fire Prevention Program for local Physician's Office**
- **Fire Prevention School Program at Temple Emanu El**
- **Fire Prevention School Program at Orange Schools**
- **Guest Lecture at Summer Camp for Autistic Children**
- **Trauma Nursing Vehicle Extrication Program**
- **EMS Program for Children**
- **CPR Classes for Businesses (4)**



PUBLIC RELATIONS



MOTTO: "HELP US TO HELP YOU"

SECOND ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

As we mentioned in the introduction, the Orange Village Fire Department "stepped up" its Community Public Relations Activities. This effort was not the result of any one individual and represented involvement from all levels of the fire department. Our Fire Department Open House was well attended and provides a great opportunity to both entertain and educate those we serve.



COLORING CONTEST



WINNER



WINNING PICTURE

Our efforts didn't stop at the Open House. We proudly participated in many more activities including:

- **Block Party Visits**
- **Birthday Parties in Woodell Room**
- **Fire Department Station Tours**
- **Cub Scout Tours / Demonstrations**

One new addition to our Public Relations efforts was the First Annual Hanukkah and Santa Gift Delivery Event. Residents were advised to drop off gifts at the Fire Department and on two separate dates (one for Hanukkah and one for Christmas) the firefighters delivered the gifts to the homes on a firetruck. Members volunteered their time to come in and assist with this program. It was a huge success and we look forward to doing it again this year. Below are some pictures from the event.



GRANT ACQUISITIONS

We continue to aggressively target progressive financing options. We understand that our services are cost intensive and that any financial assistance we can secure will directly benefit our residents. Detailed below are some of the major budgeted items we secured through grant opportunities or through our partnership with University Hospitals.



Our new LifePak 15 Cardiac Monitor was placed in service. This item represents a cost of \$28,000.00 and was paid for (95%) with a grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program administered through FEMA.



The Orange Fire Department also procured 7 new sets of turnout gear at a cost of over \$17,000.00. The turnout gear was paid for (95%) with a grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program administered through FEMA.



The department also procured two new Automated External Defibrillators at a cost of over \$4,000.00. The AED's were paid for (95%) with a grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program administered through FEMA.



Through partnerships fostered through the Mayor's initiatives as well as the efforts of the Fire Department, we were the proud recipients of a brand new LUCAS CPR device donated by University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center. This amazing piece of technology has a price tag of over \$12,000.00 and was graciously donated to the department. It was used the following day on a full arrest victim. By allowing for another set of "free hands" this device allows our Paramedics to work further down the ACLS protocol list on a cardiac arrest patient.

OUR TEAM

This past year our department has grown in many ways. Literally, we have added 4 new members who are proving to be outstanding additions to the department. Additionally we have grown in terms of Training, Public Relations and general Operational improvements. We look forward to proudly serving the residents in 2014 and will be adding some new programs to assist with our Community Relations efforts. In addition to our Third Annual Open House look for a Halloween Celebration including Haunted House this fall. Furthermore, Our Community CPR courses will be stressed this year and we have goals of considerable outreach with this program. In the meantime please feel free to come over and meet the firefighters who proudly and professionally serve the residents of this great village.

PICTURED BELOW ARE THE PROUD TEAM MEMBERS OF YOUR ORANGE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT.



CHIEF WILSON



ASST. CHIEF FRITZ



CAPT. HITT



LT. STRAUSS



LT. GENOVA



LT. FISHER



OUR FIREFIGHTERS

NOT PICTURED / NEW HIRES:

- **ADAM BOBINSKI**
- **BENNY JONES**
- **SAMSON STRAUSSER**
- **JOHN RUDMAN**