

From the Fire Department

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you to Mayor Bacci for bringing our department a turkey for Thanksgiving. It is always nice to have a little home cooking when you are working for the holidays.

Our department rang in the season and celebrated with a number of our retirees. It was great to come together and reminisce with so many, including Chief Ken Nichols, Captain Ed Rudd, Lt. Don Pallini, Lt. Dennis Suhy, FF Randy Piasecki, FF Rick Bacci, and FF Pete Panizzutti.

Santa will be visiting our families this month during the station's annual Christmas party. Each year Local 702 and the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department join together to host this special gathering.



Our Department has received a Grant from FEMA for 20 new SCBAs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). The FEMA Grant covered most of the cost and Cuyahoga County partnered to cover the remaining cost. In total we received \$116,906.00 in new equipment. This will replace our current equipment which is over 20 years old. We will complete training on the new equipment and have them in service early in 2019.



From the Dispatch Department

The Three S's of Winter Prep: Season, Storm, Supplies.

Seasonal Maintenance is Critical

Have snow-removal equipment and the heating system serviced on an annual basis, which includes testing to make sure the heat is working throughout the home.

Insulate any pipes that are susceptible to freezing and unhook hoses from outdoor faucets. Plus, it's a good idea to locate your water shut-off valve and ensure it is in working order.

Storm Preparation is Important

Pay attention to local TV and radio stations for important weather updates.

Become familiar with how to trip the manual release on overhead garage door openers and have shovels ready ahead of the storm.

Make a family communication plan in case you're not together when the storm hits.

When a storm is imminent, move vehicles off the street.

Supplies are Crucial

Have bottled water and non-perishable foods, clothing and blankets, batteries and flashlights, snow shovels and other snow-removal equipment on-hand in the event of an extended power outage.

Keep a supply of rock salt, other ice melt or sand, in case the stores run out during a particular storm.

Don't forget your pets - bring them inside during bad weather.



Just a reminder to all our residents that if you are going on vacation you can call dispatch at 883-6800 to put a special attention on your home. We are going to ask you when you will be leaving and when you will be returning home, if you have stopped your mail and paper, if you are going to leave any lights on in your home, if anyone will be stopping at your home during your absence and an emergency telephone number in case there is a problem. Dispatch will then forward that information to the police officers, so they can check your residence throughout the day and night.