

# ***From the Fire Department***

## ***Fire Employee Spotlight***

Full-Time Firefighter Paramedic, Captain Patrick Koran



- Hired in 1987
- CHFD Local 702 past Vice-President and President
- While President of Local 702 led the ballot issue to gain collective bargaining rights and led negotiations on first contract
- Served as Paramedic Coordinator
- Served on Southwest Emergency Response Team Fire Investigation Unit
- Married to wife Jennifer for 19 years. 3 children; Alexandra, Larken and John

***"I have enjoyed my career, following in the footsteps of my father and grandfather, as a firefighter for the Village, in which we were all born. It gives me great satisfaction to give back to the community that has provided for me and my family for my whole life."***

### **Philips Lifeline**

The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department is dedicated to finding solutions that support the independence of older adults. One of these solutions is the Philips Lifeline System—ideal for a variety of needs. Have you fallen and require assistance? Are you having trouble breathing and need an ambulance? Find yourself locked out of the house and must find someone with a key? Philips Lifeline can help connect your loved ones and the fire department. This system will work with your home phone line or your wireless internet system. Signing up is easy. We will come to your home and show you how the system can work, install the equipment, maintain all your products, and assist you with any questions along the way.

**33% of people age 65+ will fall. At 80, that increases to 50%**

Seniors who receive help within an hour have a better rate of survival

The faster help arrives, the less likely an injury will lead to hospitalization or the need to move into a long-term care facility.

If you would like a consultation and/or a Philips Lifeline System unit installed, contact Assistant Chief Selig at 216.641.6799 or [h.selig@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:h.selig@cuyahogaheights.com).

### **CPR Training**

CPR training is provided to local industry, residents, students and staff of Cuyahoga Heights Schools. Planning and participation in training and emergency drills are provided both in house and with local agencies and fire departments. Contact Assistant Chief Selig at 216.641.6799 or [h.selig@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:h.selig@cuyahogaheights.com) for more information.

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## Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

### SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

### CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

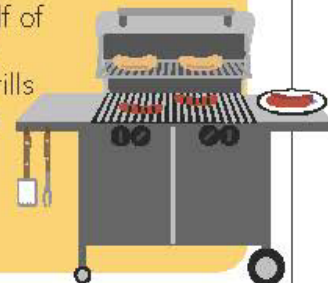
### PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

### FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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