



2023

# ANNUAL REPORT

MAPLE HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT





The 2023 Annual Report is dedicated to Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, who retired after thirty-three years of service to the City of Maple Heights.

July 15, 1990 Hired

November 18, 2009 Promoted to Lieutenant

October 12, 2014 Promoted to Fire Chief

July 15, 2023 Retired

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# Mission Statement, Vision, and Values

## Mission Statement

The Maple Heights Fire Department protects the lives and property of the citizens and visitors of the City of Maple Heights by providing professional fire suppression, fire prevention, rescue, and emergency medical services.

## Vision

The Maple Heights Fire Department is committed to providing professional public safety services by members who are well trained, while honoring tradition and adapting to future needs.

## Values

Serving the community with professionalism, integrity, courage, respect, dedication, and pride.





# Introduction

I am pleased to present the 2023 Maple Heights Fire Department annual report. It was a year of change in our organization, as Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas retired after thirty-three years of tireless service. If ever there was someone who had a passion for the job and our department, it was him. I am grateful for his guidance and friendship and hope to meet the standards he set while holding this office.

While reviewing the stats and activities for the year, it amazes me what our firefighters do daily. At all times, they vigilantly respond to the needs of the public, whether it be for a building fire, medical emergency, or to assist a resident with a helping hand. When they are not responding to calls for help, they are training to sharpen their skills, ensuring equipment readiness, enforcing fire codes, and engaging with the community

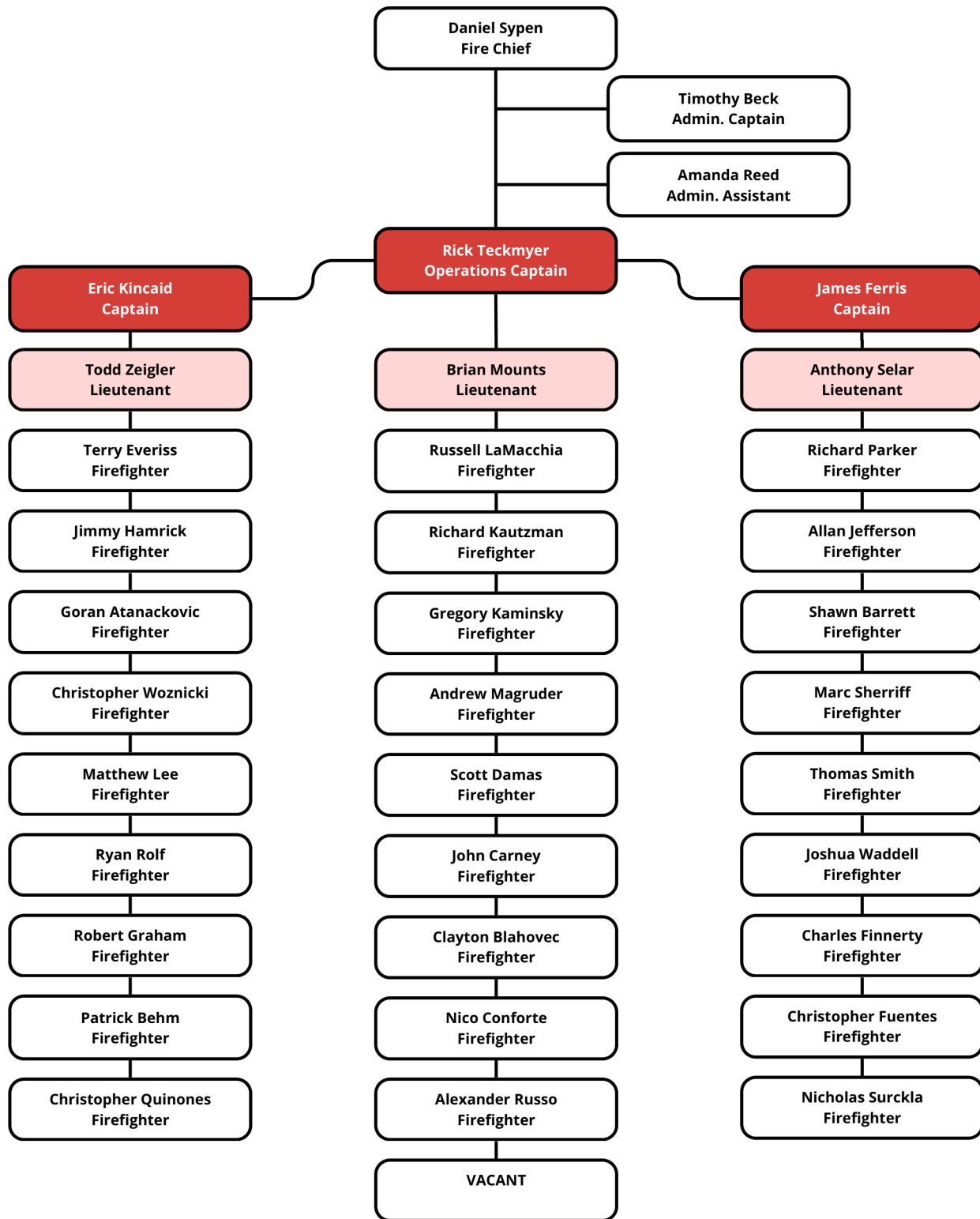
While our firefighters on the frontline are the ones most noticed by the public, there are others inside and outside the organization to ensure the success of our mission. I want to thank Administrative Assistant Amanda Reed for keeping the day-to-day business of the fire department running smoothly. I also want to thank Mayor Blackwell, the city council, and the other departments of the city who support us. So many others partner with our organization to guarantee our success. For those not mentioned here, we genuinely appreciate what you contribute to the organization.

In closing, this report shows that the Maple Heights Fire Department is as strong as ever, and I am confident that our personnel and those who partner with us will create even more success in the coming year. Thank you for taking the time to see what we accomplished in 2023.



Daniel Sypen  
Fire Chief

# MHFD Structure on January 1, 2024



**A Shift**

**C Shift**

**B Shift**

# 2023 Hires, Resignations, Promotions, and Retirements

## Hires

Thomas Post: January 30, 2023  
Nicholas Surckla: May 15, 2023  
Alexander Russo: July 10, 2023  
Christopher Quinones: November 13, 2023

## Resignations

Matthew Hurst: January 11, 2023  
James Bittel: March 9, 2023  
Thomas Post: December 9, 2023

## Promotions

Daniel Syphen (Fire Chief): July 15, 2023  
Timothy Beck (Captain): July 26, 2023  
Brian Mounts (Lieutenant): July 26, 2023

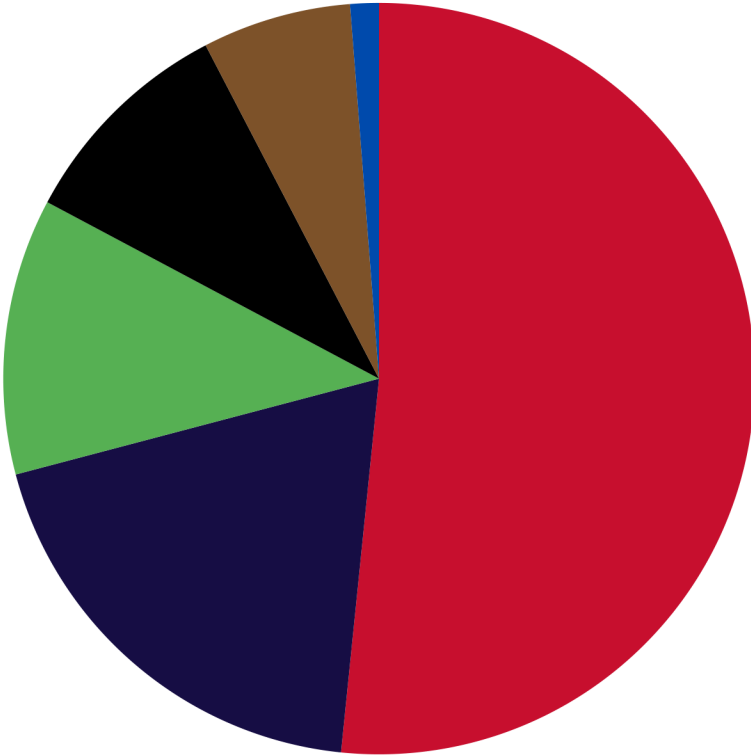
## Retirements







Vito Kavaliunas, Fire Chief: July 15, 2023





# 2023 Fire Department Appropriations



	General Fund	\$3,494,799.04
	Local Fiscal Recovery	\$1,305,278.53
	Fire Levy	\$805,043.47
	Pension Fund	\$648,939.44
	Ambulance Billing	\$433,590.00
	Grants	\$83,304.59

# 2023 Alarm Statistics

Category (with NFIRS Codes)	Alarms
Building Fire (111)	54
Other Fire eg. Vehicle, outdoor, contained (112-160)	56
Overheat/overpressure--no fire (200 series)	17
EMS (311-321)	4,261
Motor Vehicle Accident (322-324)	181
Other Rescue (331-353)	10
Hazardous Condition--No Fire eg. Natural gas leak, CO, power lines (400 series)	159
Public Service (500 series)	381
False Alarm or Good Intent Call (600 and 700 series)	831
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,950</b>



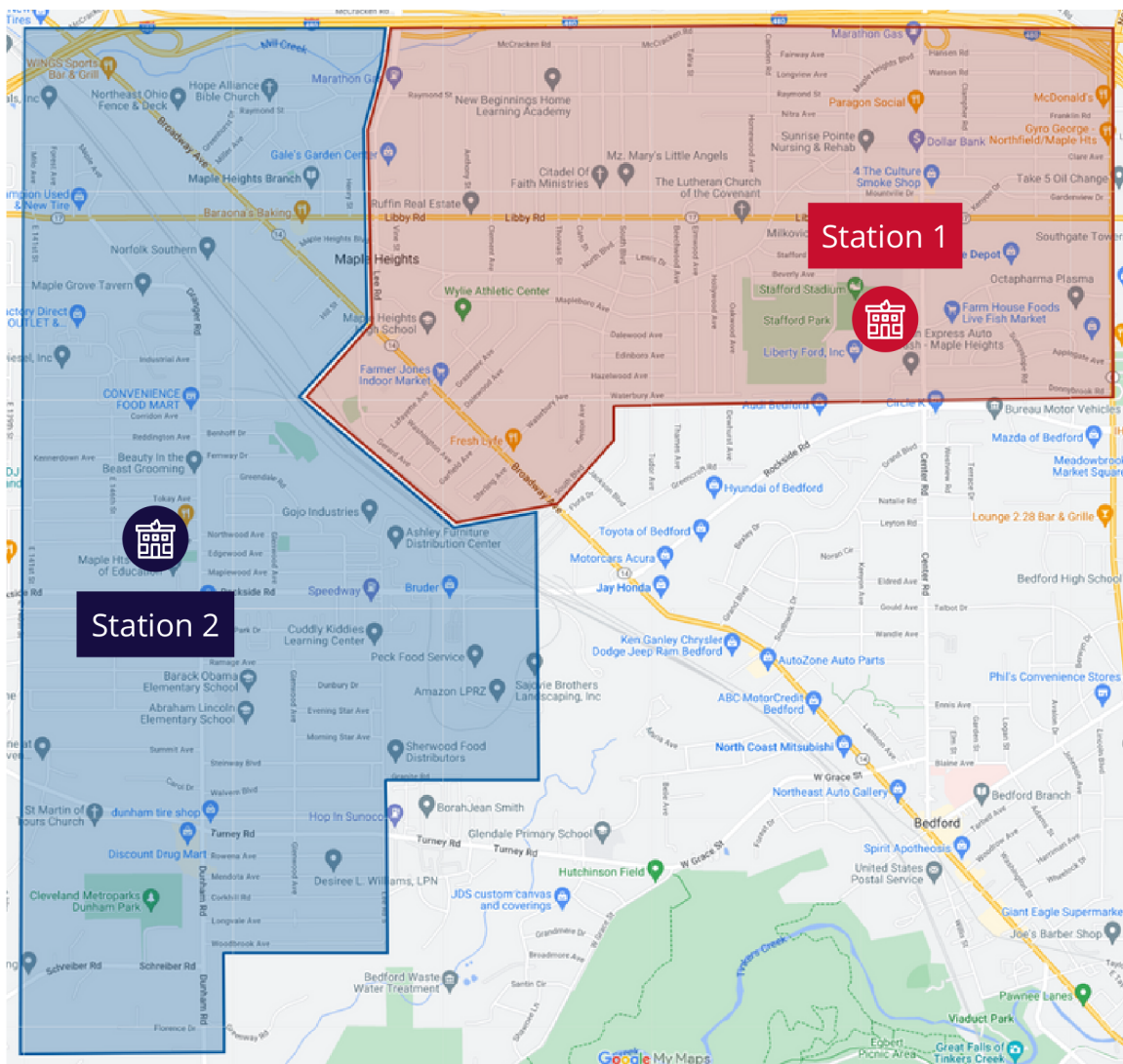
# Alarms Per Response Area

**Station 1**

**3,523**

**Station 2**

**2,427**



**Mutual/Auto Aid Received**

**151**

**Mutual/Auto Aid Given**

**264**

**8**



# 2023 Unit Responses

Engine 1

1,423

Rescue 1

3,175

Engine 2

741

Rescue 2

2,056



Engine 1



Engine 2



Rescue 1



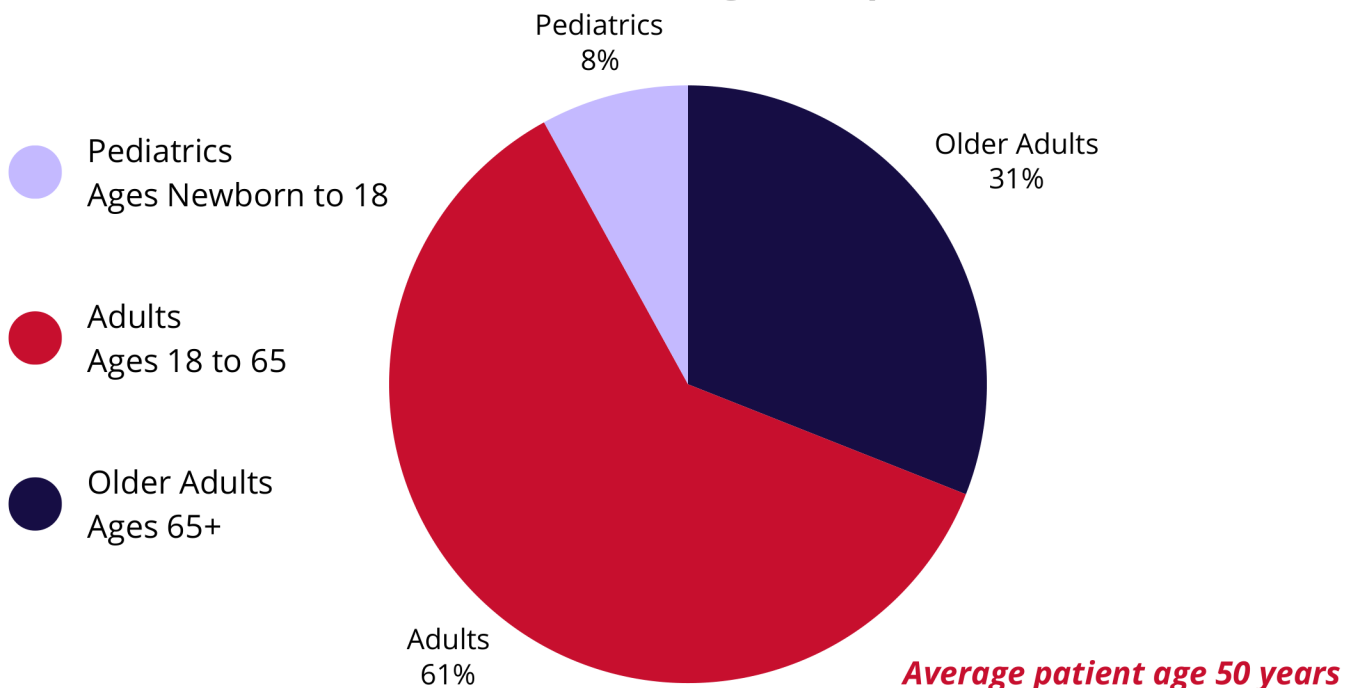
Rescue 2

# Emergency Medical Services

## Top 5 Patient Categories for Medical and Trauma Responses

Medical	Trauma
General Medical	Fall
Psych/Behavioral	Motor Vehicle Accident
Chest Pain	Assault
Respiratory Distress	Minor Injury
Anxiety	Stabbing/Gun Shot Wound

## EMS Patient age Groups



# Fire Department Training

CLASS CATEGORY	CLASS COUNT	TOTAL CLASS HOURS	COUNT OF PEOPLE	TOTAL MAN HOURS
Administration Training	1	120:00	5	600:00
EMS Training	58	99:00	307	545:30
Firefighter Training	111	170:40	799	1,183:50
Instructor Training	2	6:00	2	6:00
Special Operations (e.g. Hazmat, Rescue, Tactical Medic)	8	31:00	19	54:00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>426:40</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>2,389:20</b>





# Fire Prevention

## Fire Inspections Per Occupancy Type

Places of Assembly	5
Businesses	24
Educational (daycares and schools)	22
Industrial	6
Home Daycare	5
Mercantile	7
Miscellaneous	1
Multi Use Occupancy	3
Regulated Home (eg group home, foster home)	5
Apartment Buildings	10
Warehouses	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>

# Special Thanks

Mayor Annette Blackwell  
Council President Ron Jackson  
Councilman District 1 Stafford Shenett, Sr.  
Councilwoman District 2 Toni Jones  
Councilman District 3 Timothy Tatum  
Councilwoman District 4 Dana Anderson  
Councilwoman District 5 Tanglyn Madden  
Councilman District 6 Richard Trojanski  
Councilwoman District 7 Edwina Agee  
Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson  
Civil Service Commissioners Linda Smith-Peterson, Shirley Merritt, and Herbert Wilborn  
Executive Assistant to the Mayor April Perkins  
Human Resources Director Letitia Linker  
Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy and the Planning Department  
Building Official James Decker and the Building Department  
City Engineer Ed Hren and Chagrin Valley Engineering  
Finance Director Tinita Tillman and the Finance Department  
Police Chief Todd Hansen and the Police Department  
Law Director Frank Consolo and the Law Department  
Human Services Director Linda Vopat and the Human Services Department  
Service Director Tony Ciresi and the Service Department  
Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission  
CVD Director Nick DiCicco and Chagrin Valley Dispatch  
Maple Heights Firefighters Association Local 1184  
Chaplain Nelson Cancel  
Dr. James Sauto, Medical Director  
Marymount Hospital EMS Coordinators Jeff Gembus and Brian Summers  
Dr. Charles Keenan and Maple Heights City School District  
Cleveland Clinic  
University Hospitals  
MetroHealth System  
Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management  
American Red Cross Northern Ohio Region  
Lakeland Community College EMS Program  
Auburn Career Center Public Safety Education  
Cuyahoga Community College EMS Program  
Gatchell Grant Resources  
Life Force Management Inc.  
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