

Lima Fire
Department
2012
Annual Report



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Contained in this report are the activities and accomplishments for the year ending December 31, 2012. Some items of interest include the purchase of an engine, several grant awards, a presidential visit in the closing days of the campaign that brought nation attention to Lima and new life for an unused fire station as a community resource center.

Our ongoing challenge is to provide the safest environment possible for residents, visitors and firefighters. This challenge will be met only with the cooperation and support of the Administration, Council and Citizens and experience allows me to be to be extremely optimistic.

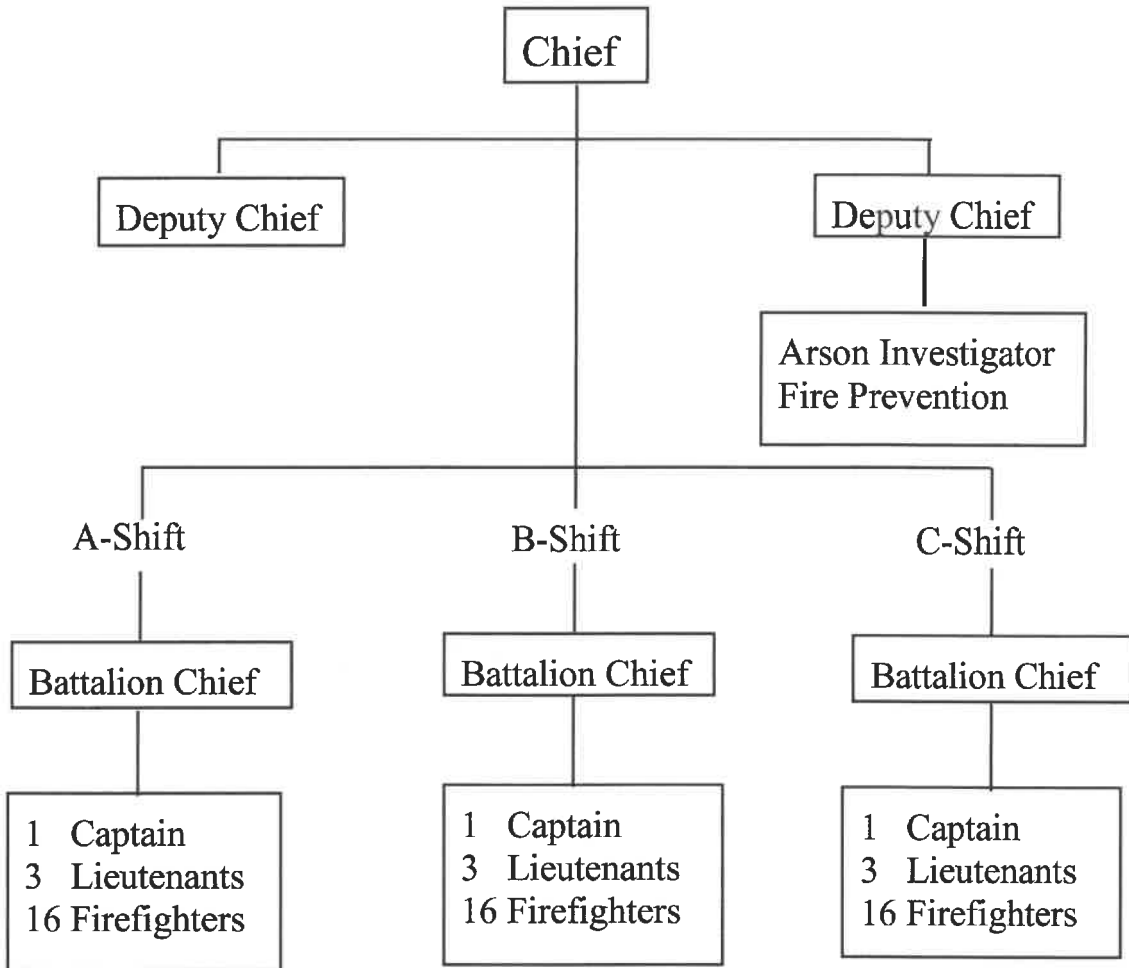
I wish to express my gratitude to the Firefighters, Officers & Union leadership for their efforts to improve our operations in order to better serve this fine community.

Respectfully,

Mark Heffner
Chief

Lima Fire Department Organizational Chart

12-31-2012



Shift Manning

Central Station	Station # 3	Station #6
1 Battalion Chief	1 Lieutenant	1 Lieutenant
1 Captain	2-3 Firefighters	2-3 Firefighters
1 Lieutenant		
5-10 Firefighters		

Seniority List

December 31, 2012

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Rank	LFD DOE
Tolliver	Clarence	R.	FF	01/31/1977
Carpenter	Sean	D.	FF	09/15/1978
Cox	George	M.	FF	05/15/1979
Hower	Ed	D.	BC	04/08/1983
Lawrence	Franklin	D.	FF	04/09/1983
Ulrich	Jack	E.	Lt.	04/14/1983
Thompson	Jeffery	A.	Capt.	06/02/1983
McDermitt	David	P.	DC	07/11/1983
Reiff	Richard	W.	Lt.	06/17/1984
Gast	Kathleen	M.	Secy.	11/28/1984
Heffner	Mark	L.	Chief	03/31/1985
Hesseling	Ronald	W.	Lt.	08/08/1986
Berheide	Brian	J.	Capt.	08/08/1986
Decker	Duane	D.	Capt.	08/08/1986
Jenkins	Jon	T.	Arson Inv.	08/08/1986
Corwin	Douglas	M.	Lt.	01/07/1989
Jackson	Christopher	B.	Insp. II	01/07/1989
Martin	Morris	J.	BC	01/07/1989
Black	Bruce	M.	DC	04/15/1989
Alco	Peter	J.	FF	04/15/1989
Sarchet	Richard	C.	FF	05/20/1989
Greeley	Robert	M.	FF	06/24/1989
Kirkendall	Gregory	S.	BC	08/19/1989
Davis III	George		Lt.	03/22/1993
Butterman	Mark	W.	FF	03/22/1993
Inskip	Christian	A.	Lt.	08/14/1993
Berner	Richard	E.	FF	08/14/1993
Lauck	Christopher	A.	FF	08/14/1993
Greeley	Edward	W.	FF	03/12/1994
Malsam	Bryan	T.	FF	08/06/1994
Greeley	William	G.	FF	01/14/1995
Wall, Jr.	George		FF	01/14/1995
Chapman	Lowell	R.	FF	05/06/1995
Conrad	Miles	C.	FF	05/06/1995
Heffner	Andrew	F.	Lt.	05/06/1995
Atkinson	Bryce	T.	FF	08/12/1995
Clark	Kevin	L.	Lt.	03/16/1996
Lombardo	Joeseph	A.	FF	03/16/1996
Pugsley	E. Warren	L.	Insp. II	04/27/1996

Buildings and Grounds

The Lima Fire Department operates three stations strategically located throughout the City of Lima:

Central Station
Station # 3
Station # 6

In addition to performing the normal requirements of their job, the majority of maintenance, repair and remodeling of these stations is accomplished by the personnel of the Lima Fire Department. Their dedication, desire and collective expertise saves the citizens of Lima from the expense of paying outside contractors for this work. They consistently go beyond their job description to give the citizens of the City of Lima dedicated service and value for their tax dollars.

Central Station



Central Fire Station is located at 433 S. Main Street and began service in 1976. It is the command building for the Lima Fire Department and houses the administrative offices for the department. This station houses Command Car 12, Engine 1, Rescue 1, Medic 1 and Ladder 1. Staff vehicles, reserve apparatus, two boats and a pick-up truck are also kept here. The normal minimum fire suppression personnel manning this station is three officers and five firefighters.

Station #3



Number 3 Fire Station began service in 1961, and houses Engine 3. The normal minimum manning at this station is one Officer and two Firefighters.

The repairs to the foundation on the north-west corner of the apparatus floor were completed. The foundation was excavated and underpinned to raise and stabilize the buildings walls. Entrance doors that were in need of repair have been replaced.

The bathroom has been remodeled to fix the water leakage and mold problem and for a much needed update of the facilities. This bathroom was original from the building's construction. The window problems still exist.

EQUIPMENT

Inventory and Standardization

The goal of the Lima Fire Department is to improve, unify, and standardize the inventories of all the trucks in the fleet. All Central station and all out station engines have been inventoried and standardized.

The benefit of this system, is to address the replacement of damaged, worn, or lost equipment. By having all inventories standardized, the equipment needing replacement can be easily monitored, tracked, and purchased in an efficient and timely manner.

Tools

The budget in 2012 allowed for some much needed large item purchases. Included in this list were a new electric PPV fan to allow the department to move away from gas powered fans. The gas fans, although effective, were producing large quantities of carbon monoxide which hindered the goal of producing a safe working environment. Also acquired were 2 Kodiak vehicle stabilization kits which allowed us to outfit both outstations and Central station.

An LED light was purchased and placed on R-1. This light produces more light than our current overhaul halogens but is battery operated, portable, and produces little heat.

The rest of the large purchases were relegated to continuing maintenance on our Cutter's Edge saws which are used extensively and used in harsh conditions. A new RIT bag and rope for our rapid intervention needs and various hand tools.

PURCHASE	DATE	COST
Super-Vac PPV fan	September	\$2,690.00
LED overhaul light	September	\$1,200.00
RIT bag	May	\$196.00
200' ½" rope	May	\$212.82
2- Kodiak stabilization kits	April	\$3,190.00
Cutter's edge chain maint.	2012	\$142.29
Hand tools	2012	\$300.00

TOTAL \$7931.11

Juvenile Fire Setters Program

Another important part of the Lima Fire Department Arson Bureau is the Juvenile Fire Setters Program. The Juvenile Fire Setters Program was started in 1995 because of a need in the community for a program to deal with the frequent occurrence of children who have set fires. This program targets children who have set a fire or are showing behavior that indicates a potentially dangerous interest, or fascination with fire. Nationwide, there are over 40,000 incidences each year involving children setting fires. This results in over 300 deaths, 2,000 injuries and over \$300,000,000 dollars in property damage. Unfortunately, many of the victims in the fires set by juveniles are the children themselves.

The Lima Fire Department Juvenile Fire Setters program was designed around the course taught at the Ohio Fire Academy. The Juvenile Fire Setters program has been in place in the Lima Fire Department for some time. The purpose of the program has three goals.

The first goal is to educate these children on how to protect themselves and others from fire. Secondly, we educate not only the participants, but also their parents and siblings in fire safety and prevention. The last component is to establish, in the child, a strong understanding of actions and resulting consequences, not only for themselves, but for their families and the community.

The Allen County Juvenile Fire Setter Task Force is composed of members of the Fire Departments of Lima, American Township, Shawnee Township, Bath Township and Perry Township in a partnership with the Allen County Juvenile Court System and Diversion Program. The task force allows for the sharing of expertise and resources to better serve the Greater Lima area.

All referrals to the Juvenile Fire Setter program are first sent to the Juvenile Court Diversion Program where each client is interviewed by a counselor from the Family Resource Center. This is a key feature that helps identify children at risk, of fire setting behavior, and other emotional and behavioral factors that have been undetected and untreated.

As always, the Lima Fire Department Arson Bureau will keep an "open door" policy to all other agencies and citizens of the community. Any communications and information is always welcome. For more concerning the Arson Bureau, contact Investigator Toby Jenkins at 419-221-5163. For information about the Juvenile Fire Setter Program contact Lt. Doug Corwin 419-221-5103.

As part of the EMS transport service, a medical billing company was hired to process Medicare, Medicaid, and insurance billing for patients. All patients transported by ambulance are “soft billed” to offset the cost of this service. “Soft billing” collections recover funds from Medicare, Medicaid, and insurance companies, but do not bill the individual. This soft billing approach collected approximately \$200,000 for fiscal year 2010. Total EMS revenue generated by soft billing for 2011 was \$282,764.87.

EMS call volume has increased from 266 emergency medical calls in 1997, to 2,636 emergency medical calls in 2010. Emergency medical calls now accounts for 67% of all Fire Department responses. The Lima Fire Department has continued to provide advanced rescue capabilities such as high angle rope rescue, water rescue, and hazardous materials response. Personnel from the Fire Department also serve as members of the Allen County Bomb squad and Medics for the Lima Police Department SWAT team.

EMS responses and revenue are as follows:

Year	Responses	Revenue
2010	2636	\$219,772
2011	2771	\$282,765
2012	2882	\$401,660

Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for the safety of the citizens of Lima as well as the Lima firefighters who have sworn to serve the public. The bureau conducts many fire inspections every year. These occupancies include public assembly, medical offices and clinics, business offices, schools, daycare facilities, hospitals, prisons, jails, assisted living facilities, adult foster care, child foster care, hotels, motels, mental disability centers, wholesalers, and manufactures. Inspections focus on fire protection systems, storage, and building exit access and egress.

The Fire Prevention Bureau was involved with Safety City in conjunction with the Lima Police Department. The Safety City School program is conducted throughout the year.

The bureau presents many classes regarding fire safety each year. These classes include the use of fire extinguishers, home and building evacuation, fire safety in the work place, and fire safety for the elderly.

Information Technologies

Information Technologies (IT) is responsible for many computer related duties within the Lima Fire Department. Some of these duties include managing Firehouse Software, creating custom reports, designing input forms and data tracking, finding resolutions to software errors, coordinating with data services group on network wide issues and computer technical troubleshooting. Creating statistical studies to aid the department in decision making, managing hardware and software within the department and assisting department members with computer problems are all duties of information technologies.

Officers on the Lima Fire Department are trained in the use of Fire Zone software. Fire Zone is a program that is utilized to make preplan drawings of area businesses and other high hazard areas of the city.

Updating the Fire Department section of the City of Lima's Website is handled by IT. The website includes current activities and personnel within the Lima Fire Department. In the Employee Awards & Recognition section firefighters are recognized for meritorious achievement and employee news is distributed. Information is posted about newly hired employees and other items of interest. In the Rewards and Recognition page past and present Lima Noon Sertoma Club Firefighter of the Year recipients have been listed.

Preplans

Preplans are performed by Lima Fire Department personnel throughout the year on various occupancies in the city. Preplans help to educate the department members on aspects of the occupancy and assist in making firefighting operations as safe and expedient as possible for firefighters, occupants, residents, employees, staff, or bystanders. Preplans are prepared for industrial or business complexes and places with multiple residential living units. These would include businesses, high rise buildings, medical facilities, assisted living and convalescent homes, educational facilities, and apartment buildings.

The types of things generally included in a preplan are as follows:

- Building Construction Type
- Roof Construction
- Support System
- Openings
- Door and Window Assemblies
- Interior Finishes
- Building Services
- Elevators
- Escalators
- Stairwells

