
THE BLAZE

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Comments from the Desk of Chief Charles Gladman:

Congratulations to all the new Captains and Lieutenants who were administered the oath of office on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, in the Morley Health Center Auditorium. We are proud of you!!

Captain

Albert Bragg
Charles Twigg
Marc Greenwood
Rodney Stewart
Richard Vober
Michael Scott
Mark Oziomek
Joseph Natko
Clarence Tucker

Lieutenant

Joseph Shumaker
Dennis Shumaker
William Hailey
Arthur Dobbins
Michael Deihl
Michael Angerstein
Scott Pascu
Floyd Easley
William Johnston
Kent Schaus
Russell Brode
Michael Alexander
Robert Keener
Leon Henderson
Rod Poor
Brad Ager
John Shepherd
Todd Kelly
Michael Steele
William Lower

Congratulations to Mark Harper who was presented the 20th Annual Burn Prevention Award on his birthday, May 11. You can read more about this award in the Public Education section of this Newsletter.

Congratulations to Captain Al Bragg, recipient of Summit County Safety Council's 2004 Public Service Safety Award. Captain Bragg received the award due to his unselfish willingness to instruct, advise and demonstrate the many features of safety to fellow employees and the general public over the course of many years. Captain Bragg was honored at Summit County Safety Council's 61st Annual Banquet April 28, 2005 at Tangier's Restaurant.

I would like to commend Captain Bragg and Captain Twigg for their action on May 30, 2005 as they arrived at the scene of a house fire and were informed by family members that someone was still inside. Without hesitation, Captain Bragg and Captain Twigg rushed into the house, found the occupant and carried him to safety before arrival of the other units.



EMS Star of Life Awards

Submitted by: Carol Baughman

Written by: District Chief Dale Evans

The Annual Star of Life Award Ceremony was held on Thursday, May 19, 2005 in Columbus, and the Akron Fire Department was well represented. It was my pleasure along with Deputy Chief Hiltbrand, Lieutenant Lozowy, and Rita Chambers to join the Ohio chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians in honoring the AFD members who were involved in the rescue of Andrew Holcomb. The region 8 Star of Life Award winners were Lieutenant Michael Hausch, David Ewers, Todd Tompkins, Lieutenant William Johnston, Mike Vegh, Eric Parker, Brian Santee, Lieutenant James Feeman, Robert Donel, Andrew Seal, Richard Chiancone, Michael DePaul, Keith Forfia, and acting Captain Jerome Crawford. The incident involving Andrew Holcomb was truly extraordinary and the actions of those members listed was paramount in allowing this young man a chance at continued recovery.

Also acknowledged were the AFD members who responded to the incident on Bettie St. on December 25, 2004. This incident was extremely chaotic and the quick and effective intervention of the AFD members responding was exceptional. The members responding were Jeff Armstrong, Brett Baldinger, Dennis Carpenter, Captain Charles Twigg, Darnell Cheatham, Michael DePaul, Brian Diloreti, Edward Dogan, Keith Forfia, Willie Gray, Michael Harvey, Matthew Jenson, Marcellus Johnson, Chris Lushbaugh, Brian Maxwell, Kevin Melvin, Royal Morris, Captain Michael Patrino, Lieutenant Leonard Pizzute, Lieutenant Kent Schaus, Thomas Selden, Timothy Semelberger, David Shaker, Lieutenant Dennis Shumaker, Lieutenant Richard Stokich, Kenneth Thompson, Lieutenant John Triola, Jeff White, Lieutenant James Willoughby, and Lieutenant John Ziga.

Lastly we would like to acknowledge the nomination of Lieutenant Les Gaiser for the Distinguished EMS Educator Award. Although Lieutenant Gaiser was not the chosen recipient his contribution to EMS education is well deserving of recognition.

Congratulations to all of those recognized, and thanks for jobs well done!!



Fire Reporting Update

Submitted by Brenda Wasson

If anyone is still experiencing problems entering fire reports on the H.T.E. system, please contact Lt. Breznak or District Chief Combs as soon as possible.

We are still working on completing several report corrections. The information on the reports is used for our Annual Report. Please complete these corrections in a timely manner. Due to several reports not being completed correctly, we will not be able to complete the Annual Report anytime soon. If anyone would like to submit pictures for consideration for this report, feel free to send them to me.

The 2005 City Picnic took place on June 15th. We managed to sell 2,200 picnic raffle tickets. Thank yous go out to James Case, Tony Law, Janice McKinnie, Mike Patrino, Dennis Stoneman, and Larry Whytzell for their assistance in selling the tickets. The winners of the prizes are as follows:

Bernie Pressman	Fishing Rod Combo
Bernie Pressman	Uniden Phone
Charles Gladman	Hand Vac/Inflator
Clarence Tucker	Coleman Chair
D. Carpenter	\$50.00 Cash
Dave Clopton	\$25.00 Cash
Dennis Ragins	\$50.00 Cash
Dennis Stoneman	\$100.00 Cash
Emmitt Bush	Weedeater
Frank Marina	Laser System
Galion Williams	Paper Shreeder
Greg Aschelman	Bake Ware Set
Greg Conley	5-Piece Game Set
Harry Fincher	Optical Mouse
Jackie Wise	\$50.00 Cash
Janice Mckinnie	Blanket
Janice Mckinnie	\$50.00 Cash
Jim Feeman	Helium Balloon Kit
Jim Gill	Rubbermaid Set
Joe Schumaker	Wall Clock
Keith Forfia	Knife Set
Marilyn Newman	Towel W/Pillow
Mark Harper	\$25.00 Cash
Mark Harper	Electric Skillet
Mike Harvey	Air Purifier
Richard Leidel	\$100.00 Cash
Richard Small	20" Box Fan

Out of 168 prizes, we had 31 of them.
 Three were sold to other departments.
 Therefore, for every 5.4 tickets sold we
 had a winner.

REMINDER: If you are ever in doubt, contact District Chief Brent Combs at #2411 or Lt. Breznak at #2411, and they will be glad to assist you in completing the report.

NOTE:

Until next newsletter.....keep up the fabulous job all you **Hardworking Firefighters.** Enjoy your summer.

Quotes from 'The Up Side' Guideposts
 June 2005 'positive thinkers'

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the *quiet voice* at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would have preferred to talk.

Fire Training Academy

Submitted by: District Chief Doug Ott

The Fire Training Academy welcomes the 25 new recruits to the Akron Fire Department. You have finally reached rookie status, and are settled in to your first station assignments. Congratulations! NOW, don't upset Mom by turning in apprenticeship papers late!

The Training Academy is very happy to announce the use of live burn training to increase response safety and competency levels, as well as increase fire behavior knowledge. With the help and blessing of Chief Gladman and all of the Deputy Chiefs, we will be training in acquired structures with live burns throughout the summer. Our past burns have been very beneficial to all who have attended. Without exception, all have learned something, even those who are a little "thicker". Our focus will continue to be approaching our "Bread and Butter" fires with safer and more effective strategies.

I wish to take this space to remind all officers of the facilities available to them at the FTA. We have a drill field open all summer for Lieutenants wishing to work on company competencies under the watchful eye of our staff, complete with a tower and 2 (yes, count them, 2) hydrants. We also have the classroom, equipped with true "State of the Art" equipment, and a video library that is busting at the seams with training information. All is a phone call away!

Our fall training will focus on Emergency Vehicle Driving. This will be a defensive

driving course designed to help all of us become safer, more aware drivers. This is a topic we should all be interested in, especially since 25% or more firefighter fatalities occur while responding to or returning from alarms. Buzz word for the year, SEAT BELTS. All rigs have them, all firefighters are required to wear them. Lieutenants, who would be responsible for the death or injury of one of your company members if he or she were killed or injured due to non-use of seat belts?

Be Safe. Use the Training Academy to help improve your performance or knowledge base.



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OFFICE
OCASEK BUILDING, SUITE 200
161 S HIGH STREET
AKRON, OH 44308

TICKETS ARE "GOOD ANY DAY" IN
THE 2005 SEASON

GEAUGA LAKE\$20.00.....SAVE \$4.95

CEDAR POINT\$34.25.....SAVE \$10.70

REGAL THEATRE TICKET
.....\$6.00.....SAVE \$2.25 (after 6PM)

Due to lack of interest, we no longer sell
AMC Theatre tickets.

**CASH ONLY - NO CHECKS OR
CREDIT CARDS**

For additional information or to receive a
park brochure
call Loretta at 330-375-2332



Computer Tip

Submitted by: Linda Sollberger



Printing Wide Excel Sheet Tips

1. Do not use the Printer icon (the picture of the Printer). I guarantee you'll waste a lot of paper if you do. Select File, then Print so you can select some options such as the following:
2. Select Landscape so the paper is wider.
3. Select just the cells you want to print. After clicking on File, then Print, click on 'Selection' to print only the selected cells.
4. Use Print Preview to see if there are any cells on the right that are going to overflow on to another page. Sometimes you'll get just a few cells on a sheet of paper. This wastes a lot of paper. Sometimes you can adjust the column width enough to get it all on one page.
5. Get in the habit of using Print Preview before you print any Excel sheet so you can see what's going to print.

Public Education



The American Burn Association presented Mark Harper the 20th Annual Burn Prevention Award on May 11, 2005 in Chicago, Illinois.

The Burn Prevention Award is given for contribution in at least one of four areas:

- 1) Prevention shall have worldwide, nationwide, or statewide impact
- 2) If on a local level, it must be replicated in two or more local areas and serve as a model prevention effort
- 3) The collection and reporting of epidemiological data should be such that it serves as the basis for state or national prevention efforts
- 4) It should have a major influence on shaping the careers of other burn prevention workers.

*We are 'all' proud of you Mark !!!
Good Job.....*

Fire Prevention Bureau

Submitted by: Sue Holler



This message is to all companies who are doing inspections and filling out all those blanks on the inspection reports.....

I know it gets very redundant on your part and you may even assume I know by now who you are and where you are stationed and the shift that you are on. I just want you to know, I do not know these things so please be sure to include these three items on your inspection form that you send to the office:

1. Your Company
2. Your Station
3. Your shift

It will help me enter the report and also help you get the credit for doing the inspection.



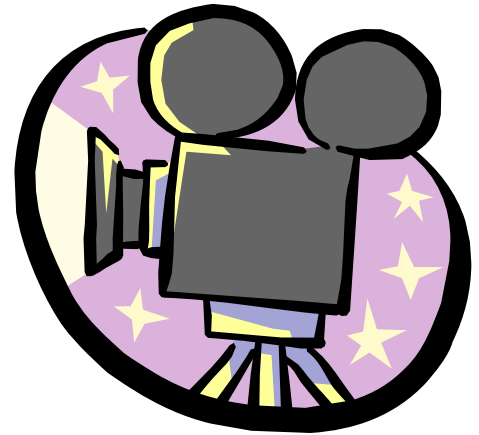
Cute Joke:

A blonde lady motorist was about two hours from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down. The man walked up to the car and asked, "Are you going to San Diego?" "Sure," answered the blonde, "do you need a lift?" "Not for me. I'll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck. My problem is I've got two chimpanzees in the back which have to be taken to the San Diego Zoo. They're a bit stressed already so I don't want to keep them on the road all day. Could you possibly take them to the zoo for me? I'll give you \$100 for your trouble." "I'd be happy to," said the blonde. So the two chimpanzees were ushered into the back seat of the blonde's car and carefully strapped into their seat belts. Off they went. Five hours later, the truck driver was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he was horrified!! There was the blonde walking down the street and holding hands with the two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd. With a screech of brakes he pulled off the road and ran over to the blonde.

"What the heck are you doing here?" he demanded, "I gave you \$100 to take these chimpanzees to the zoo." "Yes, I know you did," said the blonde, but we had money left over---so now we're going to Sea World"

What's Happening at the Movies!

Submitted by: Marilyn Newman



STAR WARS: EPISODE III: REVENGE OF THE SITH

Director: George Lucas

Starring: Hayden Christensen, Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Samuel L. Jackson and Christopher Lee

Okay, the first one was childish with some very annoying characters. The second one was better, but kind of left us hanging. The third one is almost on par with the original three. The upgraded special effects, huge action sequences and foreboding story line bring the Star Wars saga to a fitting end. My only problem with this one is that there is a little too much whiz, bag in your face special effects and, in my opinion, that detracts from what should be the real star, the story. The first three films had their share of 'state of the art' special effects for their time, but what really won me were the characters, those we loved and those we

loved to hate. Lucas effectively ties up all our little loose ends for us. But I didn't see the character development here. I missed it. No sex or foul language but a much more scary and sophisticated story makes this unsuitable for kids under the age of 10. I'm giving this 3 alarms.

CINDERELLA MAN

Director: Ron Howard

Starring: Russell Crowe, Renee Zellweger and Paul Giamatti

Now here's some character development. This is one good story. Ron Howard knows how to put together a film that has heart. With the wonderful performances by stars Crowe, Zellweger and Giamatti this is one movie you must see. This is based on the true story of boxer James Braddock and his rise from burned out boxing bum to light heavy weight champion. I am not one of Crowe's biggest fans but he definitely should be nominated for the Oscars. This film runs the full gambit of emotions, from down trodden to the top of the world. No foul language and no sex but this depression era tale is not one that your kids will be interested in. So pay the babysitter and go see this one for yourselves. 4 Alarms.

MR. & MRS. SMITH

Director: Doug Liman

Starring: Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie and Vince Vaughn

This was a fun movie. It starts out a little slow, but be patient. About 20 minutes in this gets really good. This film has tons of action but even more prevalent are the laughs. I was remarkably surprised just how funny this movie was. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie worked extraordinarily well together.

As a bored married couple, whose marriage is on the rocks and who just happen to be spies, this was like a cross between "War of the Roses" and "True Lies". Lots of action and violence and some sexual content make this unsuitable for kids. It is rated PG-13. I would not even consider taking anyone younger than that.

I'm giving this one 4 Alarms.

Happy Birthday

July

Brad Ager	7/30
Jarrold R. Alden	7/22
Brenda J. Chapman	7/03
Brian E. Dusseau	7/04
Steve R. Eader	7/18
Deann Eller	7/14
Thomas M. Foyle	7/09
Glenn A. Glass	7/21
Marc D. Greenwood	7/29
Michael Haas	7/19
Michael Harvey	7/03
Michael A. Hausch	7/09
Walter Hight	7/09
Edward C. Hiltbrand	7/25
James Horak	7/17
David P. Hull	7/31
Marcellus Johnson	7/09
Doston B. Jr. Jones	7/22
Travis Kernik	7/14
Robert R. Langston	7/12
Dennis E. LaPointe	7/31
Scott Mazelis	7/07
Michael McDonald	7/07
Donald J. McFadden	7/23
Dennis Nelson	7/01
Gregory Oziomek	7/29
Leonard J. Pizzute	7/23
Dean Plevrakis	7/22
Guy Randall	7/24
Daniel Rosso	7/23
Joseph M. Ruhlin	7/16
Keith James Saffles	7/27
Michael P. Scott	7/07
Kenneth R. Thompson	7/08
Todd A. Tompkins	7/14
Melville R. Vermillion	7/04
Gregory D. Washington	7/17
Todd A. Webb	7/14
Richard Wendelken	7/30
Larry G. Whytsell	7/01
Daniel M. Williams	7/05
Jerry Wright	7/24
Robert W. Jr. Wroblewski	7/25
James M. Yanock	7/30

August

Michael Angerstien	8/15
Jeffrey Armstrong	8/02
Thomas L. Blasdel	8/30
Ossie L. Blocker	8/04
Frank R. Jr. Bunn	8/19
Bradley A. Carr	8/22
Richard Chiancone	8/14
Bruce A. Clough	8/05
Brent E. Combs	8/16
Stephen M. Derrig	8/04
Brian J. Diloreti	8/14
Floyd D. Jr. Easley	8/14
Mary Ellen Ellis	8/25
Dale K. II Evans	8/26
Nathan Falcone	8/08
Josef Falkenstein	8/19
Todd Fela	8/31
James Gill	8/21
Richard L. Jr. Gleghorn	8/23
Willie H. Gray	8/08
James E. Green	8/01
Susan A. Holler	8/15
Kenneth Johnson	8/13
Christopher Karakis	8/18
William P. Kennedy	8/03
William Knotts	8/12
Michael F. Kranek	8/20
Anthony R. Law	8/15
John T. Morrison	8/03
Steven Nervo	8/21
Marilyn E. Newman	8/10
Joel D. Price	8/29
Gary J. Rankin	8/17
Michael L. Reed	8/03
Brandon Lee Reedy	8/13
Randy A. Roos	8/18
Robert C. Jr. Ross	8/08
Dennis Shumaker	8/25
Michael P. Sombrio	8/10
Richard V. Stokich	8/22
Charles H. Walker	8/21
Robert S. Washnock	8/09
Michael J. Wayne	8/16

September

Albert A. Jr. Bragg	9/01
James W. Case	9/20
Jack A. Didado	9/14
Jamie H. Dixon	9/18
Vernon T. Dotson	9/09
John Duber	9/01
Nicholas J. Eisele	9/04
Jerry L. Elie	9/10
Wade T. Farmer	9/19
Keith Forfia	9/13
Dennis J. Gaffney	9/05
Derrick D. Hall	9/19
Andrew Hoch	9/29
Rodney L. Howard	9/06
Brian Jagers	9/28
Scott Kenepf	9/06
Anthony S. Lalli	9/28
Frank E. LaRock	9/02
William I. Lower	9/11
Matthew T. McAviney	9/17
Jeffery McCready	9/08
John W. McIntyre	9/02
Albert R. Minnich	9/08
Ramsey Mitchell	9/04
Douglas C. Ott	9/16
Steve Owen	9/30
Michael H. Park	9/21
Eric L. Parker	9/20
Mark F. Pazdernik	9/16
Chad Sarver	9/20
Brian Simon	9/12
Dennis W. Stoneman	9/05
Wayne E. Turley	9/16
James D. Walder	9/01
David L. Ware	9/21
Thomas A. Whatley	9/25

Editor'N Chief Chief Charles Gladman % Sue Holler Fire Prevention Bureau

Our next Newsletter will cover the months of October, November and December... Fall & Winter
The Deadline will be on or around September 16th.

Have a wonderful Summer.....



May 2005 Monthly Runs by Unit
Total Unit Responses – 5488

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number of Runs</u>
M4	351
M2	281
M3	279
M9	255
M13	225
M6	218
M7	218
M10	188
M5	184
M14	179
M8	172
M12	155
M11	73
E4	99
E9	95
E2	89
E3	63
E7	59
T6	58
E12	54
E8	53
E10	52
T5	40
E13	36
T14	32
E11	14
L9	85
L4	80
L8	37
L7	34
L10	25

BC4	125
BC9	113
BC2	91
BC8	53
DC1	15
HR4	6

