

"Dedicated to our community"

Save the Date November 2012

- December 18 - Visit from Santa Gift Collection 7pm-9pm
- December 20 - Visit from Santa Gift Collection 7pm-9pm
- December 22 - Visit from Santa!
- December 25 - Merry Christmas!
- January 1 - Happy New Year!
- January 26 - 3rd Annual Chippewa Lake Polar Bear Plunge
- February 3 - 1st Sunday Breakfast, 8am-1pm at Fire Station #2
- February 9 - Public CPR Class 9am-12pm at Lafayette Town Hall
- February 10 - 2nd Sunday Breakfast, 8am-1pm at Fire Station #2
- February 17 - 3rd Sunday Breakfast, 8am-1pm at Fire Station #2
- February 24 - 4th and Final Sunday Breakfast, 8am-1pm at Fire Station #2
- March 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins, CHANGE YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES!
- April 22 - Earth Day

April 2013

3rd Annual Chippewa Lake Polar Bear Plunge

The 3rd Annual Chippewa Lake Lion's Club Polar Bear Run/Jump is scheduled for Saturday January 26, 2013. Lafayette Township Fire Department will be on hand with ice & water Rescue personnel ensuring the safety of all jumpers. The Lafayette Township Firefighter's Association will also be present serving refreshments.

Last year a \$1000 donation was made to the Firefighter's Association for our work with the event and 50% of the profits went to the Chippewa Lake Lions Club with the other 50% being split between the Cross Point Community Church in Chippewa Lake and the Feeding Medina County Initiative.

Lafayette Township Fire Department

November 2012 - April 2013
Issue One

THE Fire Line

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A Closer Look into the Lafayette Township Fire Department

Our Mission - Who We Are

Lafayette Township Fire Department, herein referred to as LTFD, is committed to providing a professional level of safety services to the general public of Lafayette Township, the Village of Chippewa Lake, and in accordance with existing mutual aid agreements. As a team, we work to accomplish long and short-term goals for the well being, safety and betterment of our community and department. We are volunteers dedicated to the communities of Lafayette Township by protecting life, property and the environment.

Lafayette Township Fire Department is currently made up of 33 hard working firefighters and EMS personnel who strive to make the communities of Lafayette Township and Chippewa Lake a safer place to live, work, and grow. This newsletter is just another way for us to stay connected to the community in which we serve.

People often ask us, "So you volunteer your time to do this without getting paid?" In all actuality, this is only partially true. We as employees of Lafayette Township are compensated for the level of services that we provide to the community, however our compensation is minimal and we devote hundreds of volunteer hours each month by making ourselves available to answer a call for help.

Our service area encompasses approximately 25 square miles, two state routes, one US route, a branch of the University of Akron,



the largest natural inland lake in the northern hemisphere, and numerous other local businesses. Our fire department is made up of 2 stations, Station #1 is located in the Lafayette Township complex on Wedgewood RD just east of US route 42 (Lafayette RD). Station #2 is located on Heather Hedge Drive in the Village of Chippewa Lake off of Lake RD. Currently; our fire stations are staffed with 3 personnel between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. The odd days of the month (i.e. 1, 3, and 5) personnel work out of Station #1 and the even days of the month (i.e. 2, 4, and 6) personnel work out of station #2, unless otherwise specified. Beyond our staffed hours, personnel respond from their homes at night and during the weekends.

We hope that you find this newsletter both informative and useful.

Lafayette Twp Fire Department's patch was redesigned in 2009 by members of the department. The patch is displayed on most fire and rescue apparatus as well as on the left shoulder of each member's uniform.



2 of LTFD's main fire engines, 101-1 (behind) & 101-3 as they were housed at station #2.

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Station #1:
6776 Wedgewood RD Medina, OH 44256
PH: 330-722-4965; Fax: 330-722-3059

Station #2:
5834 Heather Hedge DR Chippewa Lake, OH 44215
PH: 330-769-2831; Fax: 330-769-2565

FIND US ON THE WEB AT:
www.lafayettetwpfire.com

 www.facebook.com/Lafayettetwpfd



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Meet the Leadership

 <p>Chief Jeff Hall</p>	<p>LENGTH OF SERVICE: 17 years of service.</p> <p>HISTORY: Previously held the position of Lieutenant, Captain, and promoted to Chief in 2009</p> <p>WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED WITH FIRE SERVICE: "To carry on a family tradition".</p> <p>FULL-TIME OCCUPATION: Line Maintenance Worker for Medina County Sanitary Engineers</p>	 <p>Lieutenant Mike Savetski</p>	<p>LENGTH OF SERVICE: 7 years of service, also served as a fire explorer from the age of 14-18.</p> <p>HISTORY: Promoted to Lieutenant in October 2011</p> <p>WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED WITH FIRE SERVICE: "To help serve and better the community in which I live".</p> <p>FULL-TIME OCCUPATION: Registered Nurse at Medina Hospital</p>
 <p>Assistant Chief Brad Winter</p>	<p>LENGTH OF SERVICE: 22½ years with 2 prior years serving as a fire explorer.</p> <p>HISTORY: Promoted to Assistant Chief in 2008, also served as Chief from 2001-2002.</p> <p>WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED WITH FIRE SERVICE: "Because my dad was a firefighter for Chippewa Lake. I always enjoyed being around the fire station when I was a kid. My dad served in the position of 2nd assistant chief".</p> <p>FULL-TIME OCCUPATION: Architectural Products & Safety Trainer</p>	 <p>Lieutenant April Winter</p>	<p>LENGTH OF SERVICE: 19 years of service also served as a fire explorer.</p> <p>HISTORY: Promoted to Lieutenant in March 2010</p> <p>WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED WITH FIRE SERVICE: "I wanted to be involved in the community with my new hubby at the time and have been involved ever since".</p> <p>FULL-TIME OCCUPATION: Personal Assistant</p>
 <p>Captain Carl West</p>	<p>LENGTH OF SERVICE: 8 years of service, 16 total in public safety.</p> <p>HISTORY: Previously held the position of EMS Lieutenant, currently serves as Captain.</p> <p>WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED WITH FIRE SERVICE: "To get out of working between my senior year of HS and Freshman year of college. The basic EMT class fit perfectly into my summer time plans. I was hooked after the first class".</p> <p>FULL-TIME OCCUPATION: Sr Director of Emergency Management, Regulatory Affairs and Facility Operations</p>	 <p>Lieutenant Josh Wilfong</p>	<p>LENGTH OF SERVICE: 6 years of service.</p> <p>HISTORY: Promoted to Lieutenant in October of 2011</p> <p>WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED WITH FIRE SERVICE: "I became involved with the fire service because I feel very compelled to help people in their time of need".</p> <p>FULL-TIME OCCUPATION: Paramedic for the Central Lorain County Ambulance District/Mercy Allen Hospital</p>
 <p>Lieutenant Ernie Hoffman</p>	<p>LENGTH OF SERVICE: 10 years of service.</p> <p>HISTORY: Total of 36 years in the fire service, previously held the position of Lieutenant with the City of Brunswick, previously held the position of Fire Captain with LTFD, currently serves as Lieutenant</p> <p>WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED WITH FIRE SERVICE: "Because I wanted to help save lives and property"</p> <p>FULL-TIME OCCUPATION: Senior Construction Tech at Frontier Communications.</p>	 <p>Lieutenant Dave Young</p>	<p>LENGTH OF SERVICE: 4 years of service.</p> <p>HISTORY: Previously held leadership positions with Lodi Fire Department, joined the fire service in 1981, promoted to Lieutenant on LTFD in March of 2010.</p> <p>WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED WITH FIRE SERVICE: "My father instilled a sense of giving back to the community as I was growing up. I joined Lodi Fire Department 5 years before he retired from the fire service".</p> <p>FULL-TIME OCCUPATION: Emergency Communications Technician at the Medina County Sheriff's Office.</p>
 <p>Lieutenant Mike Carson</p>	<p>LENGTH OF SERVICE: 2 years of service.</p> <p>HISTORY: Previously held a position with Westfield Fire & Rescue as Assistant chief, promoted to Lieutenant with LTFD in October 2012</p> <p>WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED WITH FIRE SERVICE: "To make a career change, I was a cabinet maker and the company downsized so this was my opportunity to make a change in my life, I do not regret that at all".</p> <p>FULL-TIME OCCUPATION: Critical Care Paramedic at Carlson's EMS</p>	 <p>Safety Officer Pete Dolowy</p>	<p>LENGTH OF SERVICE: 9 years of service.</p> <p>HISTORY: Promoted to Fire Lieutenant in 2007 then to Safety Officer in 2009.</p> <p>WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED WITH FIRE SERVICE: "It started as the typical cliché for a little boy but as I got older, it became a desire to help people. Whether it is the sick person to saving someone's life or being able to save someone's home and memories. The fire department is a family away from my family. It is great to serve our community with a good group of people that share the same ideals and desires".</p> <p>FULL-TIME OCCUPATION: Customer Service Supervisor</p>

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Lafayette Township Firefighter's Association Seeks New members

Lafayette Township Firefighter's Association is currently seeking new members to become part of our organization! The Association works hand-in-hand with members of Lafayette Township Fire Department to help with the needs of the department & the community!

The Firefighter's Association is responsible for a number of different tasks including:

FUNDRAISING to help support the fire department & the community

- Annual Breakfasts in February
- Annual Visit from Santa

REHABILITATION

- The firefighter's association assists the department during extended emergency scenes providing hydration & other services.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- The Firefighter's Association also assists the fire department in different fire & EMS prevention details in Lafayette Township, Chippewa Lake and Medina County as a whole.

The Firefighter's Association meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm at fire station #2 in Chippewa Lake. For more information, please contact Association President Kate Heil at kheil@lafayettetwpfire.com



FACT:

Last year, Lafayette Township Fire Department responded to a total of 528 emergencies.

LTFD to Purchase New Fire Engine

Recently, the Lafayette Township Board of Trustees motioned to approve the purchase of new 2013 Sutphen Shield S2 fire engine. This engine, similar to the one below will be equipped with a 1500 gallon per minute pump, 750 gallon water tank, an onboard 30 gallon class "A" foam system, as well as a 6 firefighter cab.

The total cost of the engine is \$413,521.02 and it is expected to start serving the community close to July of 2013. This engine will replace a 1994 Pierce Saber that was purchased by the Chippewa Lake Volunteer Fire Department prior to the merging of the two agencies in 2000.

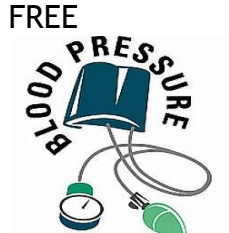


LTFD's newest Engine 101-3, a 2010 Sutphen Shield S2

LEARN CPR
You Can Do It

February 9, 2013 9am to 12pm at the Lafayette Township Hall 6776 Wedgewood RD Medina, OH. Cost of the class is \$5 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. Contact Station #2 at 330-769-2831 or email class coordinator FF Scott Romanoff at: sromanoff@lafayettetwpfire.com

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am and 3pm. Blood pressure screenings are offered by our daytime staffing personnel.

Station #1: Odd days of the week
Station #2: Even days of the week