

The Leawood Fire Department Presents

"From the Firehouse"



In September of 2013, Engine 31's crew entered a house fire and began to search for a reported trapped occupant. The crew located a victim and turned to exit the structure the way they had entered, only to find that the fire had increased in size and blocked their exit. The crew of Engine 31 remained calm and found another route to exit. Without hesitation they began emergency medical care. While other firefighters began to extinguish the fire, Engine 31's crew performed CPR in the backyard of the home.

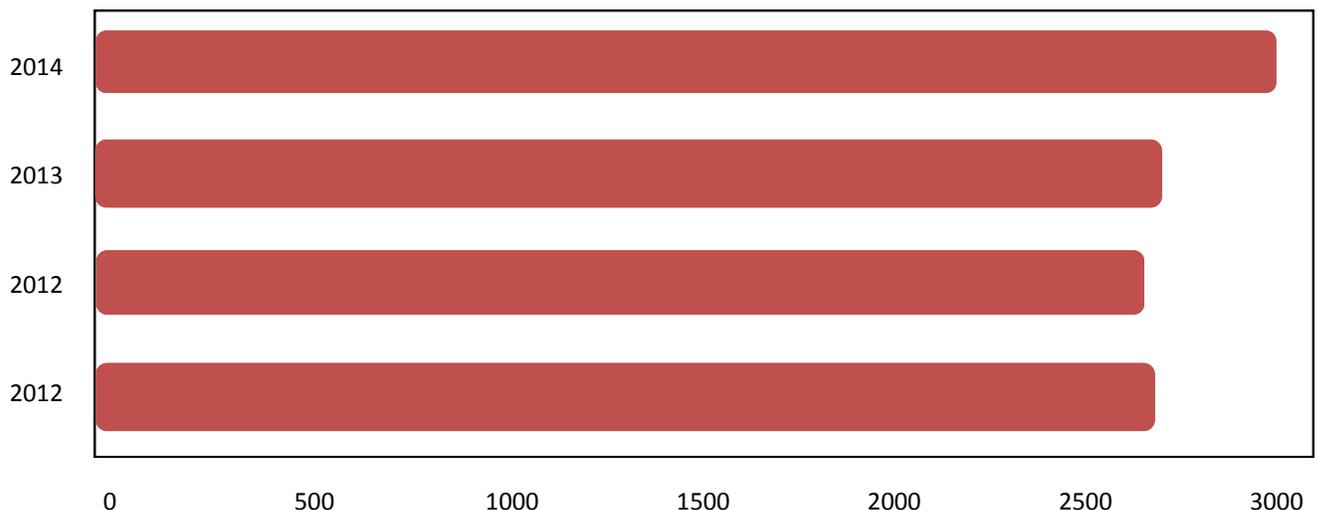
For their heroic and courageous actions, the crew received the "Tom McGaughey Fire Service Award." The award is given out annually to firefighters who act above and beyond. The men of Engine 31 were also awarded the Medal of Valor by the Department. The Medal of Valor is awarded for a conspicuous act of valor and heroism by a LFD member under hazardous conditions in which the person is placed in a known life threatening position to save the life of another human being. Firefighters can go an entire career and never find themselves in this situation. The crew took everything in stride and performed professionally in the chaos.

Left to Right: KS Fire Marshall Doug Jorgenson, FF Eric Peterson, Captain Joe Sullivan, FF Curtis Newman, FF Mark Estopare and Fire Chief Dave Williams.



2014 CALL TOTALS

The Leawood Fire Department had **2663** calls in 2014. Of those calls: **70** were fire related, **1,743** were EMS, **68** were Haz-Mat incidents, **3** were Technical Rescue and **856** were coded as Other.



2015 started off with THREE CODE SAVES!



CPR

Some of the absolutely greatest moments in any career are when a person is brought back to life. It is safe to say the majority of firefighters join the fire service to help people. Three people were in cardiac arrest and were brought back to life in the first three months of 2015. All three people got a second chance at life because of CPR. One of those patients visited Station 32 and had the chance to thank all of her rescuers. Meeting a patient after an incident is not something that many firefighters have the opportunity to do. It was great to see how well she was doing, and how much she appreciated us.

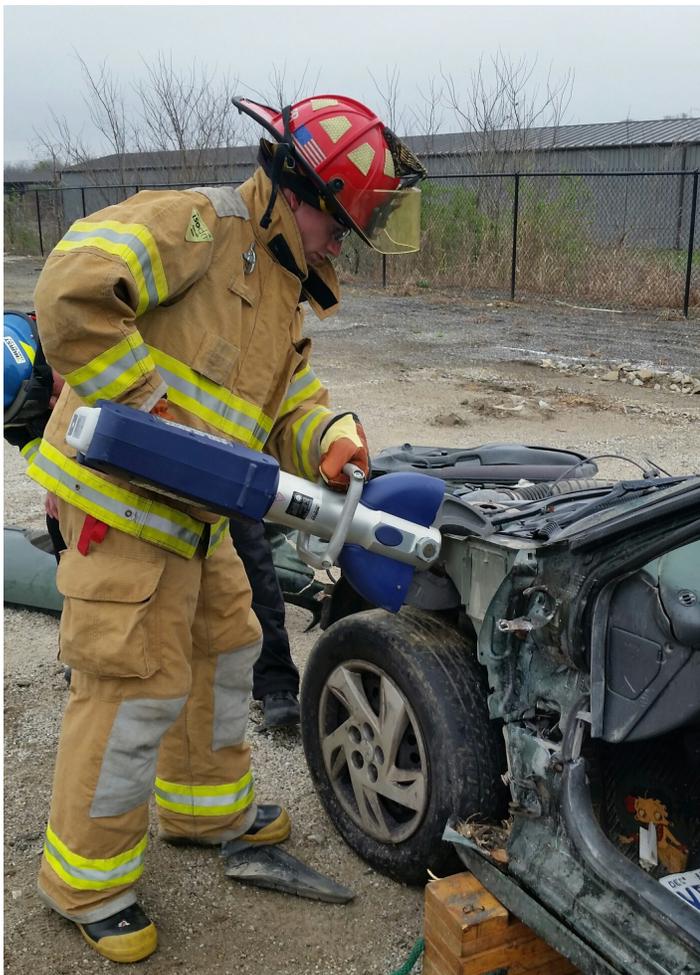
The three main components of CPR are: EARLY ACCESS, EARLY CPR and EARLY DEFIBRILLATION. All three patients had those three components working in their favor. The Leawood Fire Dept., and all emergency responders in Johnson County, have been practicing CCR which stands for Cardiocerebral Resuscitation. The basic principal of CCR is to focus more time on moving oxygenated blood throughout the body by performing more chest compressions. Historically a person performing CPR would stop every 15 to 30 compressions to breathe for the patient. Studies have shown the most effective method of resuscitation requires rescuers to reduce the time between sets of compressions. This reduction in time increases the amount of oxygenated blood a rescuer can move through the body. The practice of CCR for the first six minutes of a code has been practiced for several years in Johnson County, and has shown a large increase in the number of patients saved. CCR is just one of the many ways the Leawood Fire Department strives to provide the best service to our citizens.



Picture taken at Overland Park Station 44 of the patient and her husband with crew members of Med-Act 1149, Overland Park Squad 44 and Leawood Rescue 32.

Reading with Leawood Elementary School Kindergartners

Firefighters got the chance to read to kids at Leawood Elementary School for “Read Across America” this past March. All week long, firefighters attended classrooms for short visits to read and hang out with the students. Leawood Fire Dept. is planning to start a reading program in some of the elementary schools next school year. The hope is to promote reading with some really cool prizes for the winners. Below is Firefighter Aaron Ogilvie reading to the students. After the book, he discussed fire safety with the kindergartners.



French Student Intern

Student Adrien Tisseau has joined the fire department for the spring semester. He is the fourth French student that has stayed with the fire department. He is staying Station 32 (12701 Mission Road) where he eats, sleeps, trains, and runs calls like any other firefighter. Adrien will spend three months in Leawood, studying to become a firefighter back home in Toulouse, France. Adrien is 20 years old and enjoys watching *Football* with his friends and playing X-Box. He is currently a College student at *Bordeaux University*. While here, Adrien is required to write a large paper and he has chosen “Modern Firefighting Tactics” as his subject. Adrien (*to the left*) gets to try out the new electronic extrication equipment during a demonstration.



Honor Guard

The Leawood Honor Guard has new members in the group. Firefighters from around the area attended training at the Overland Park Fire Dept. Training Center recently. Hopefully we'll see them at Kaufman Stadium presenting the colors some day soon.

With summer temperatures coming... The Leawood Fire Dept. would like to remind everyone to stay hydrated and stay cool.



143rd and Mission Road will be closing May 26th and is not scheduled to re-open until August 26th. This means potentially prolonged response times in the area. The department is prepared to handle the road closure, and has already adjusted responding units for the areas most affected.

Mission Statement

The Leawood Fire Department will meet the emergency and service needs of our community in a professional, compassionate and timely manner.