



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Justin M. Bibb

City of Cleveland

2026 Budget

Operational Oversight Hearings



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Departmental Overview

- **Mission Statement** - To serve the City of Cleveland with the highest degree of quality and professionalism through a proactive commitment to prevent and mitigate emergency situations where life and property are at risk.
- The Division of Fire maintains round the clock operations **24 hours each day/365 days each year.**
 - Suppression staffing (*Fire Stations*) level is **161 uniformed Firefighters each 24-hour shift.**
 - Each emergency fire engine/ladder/rescue squad company is staffed with **(4) uniformed Firefighters each shift mandated by contract.** Employee absences must be replaced on a one-to-one basis daily.
 - Daily administrative functions (*office*) are staffed with **78 uniform employees and 15 Civilian employees** Monday thru Friday each week.
- The division has **43 emergency response units** operating daily. These include Engines, Ladders, Towers, Rescue Squads, Chief vehicles, Arson Unit, Hazardous Materials Unit, and Diesel Mechanic.



Departmental Overview

- The division has 24 fire station facilities in operation daily. (Council ward in RED)

Fire Station 1 – 1645 Superior Ave (7)

Fire Station 4 – 3136 Lorain Ave. (3)

Fire Station 6 – 17210 Harvard Ave. (1)

Fire Station 7 – 3636 Woodland Ave. (5)

Fire Station 10 – 1935 E. 101st St. (7)

Fire Station 11 – 7629 Broadway Ave. (12)

Fire Station 13 – 4950 Broadway Ave. (5)

Fire Station 17 – 1918 E. 66th St. (7)

Fire Station 20 – 3765 Pearl Rd. (12)

Fire Station 21 – 1801 Carter Rd. (3)

Fire Station 22 – 7300 Superior Ave. (7)

Fire Station 23 – 9826 Madison Ave. (15)

Fire Station 24 – 4316 Clark Ave. (3)

Fire Station 26 – 9026 Kinsman Ave. (6)

Fire Station 28 – 312 Carnegie Ave. (3)

Fire Station 30 – 10225 ST. Clair Ave. (9)

Fire Station 31 – 925 E. 152nd St. (8)

Fire Station 33 – 3544 W. 117th St. (11)

Fire Station 36 – 3552 E. 131st St. (4)

Fire Station 38 – 12631 Bellaire Rd. (11)

Fire Station 39 – 15637 Lorain Ave. (17)

Fire Station 40 – 18930 St. Clair Ave. (10)

Fire Station 42 – 4665 Pearl Rd. (13)

Fire Station 43 – 4525 Rocky River Dr. (17)



Annual Incident Response Overview

- The Division of Fire responded to **77,148 calls for service** for the period of January 01, 2025 thru December 31, 2025.

Incident Summary by Incident Type

Date Range: From 1/1/2025 To 12/31/2025

Incident Type	Incident Count	Response Time hh:mm:ss	Dollar Loss
Fire	2,093	0:05:20	\$41,389,017.00
Rupture/Explosion	519	0:04:51	\$0.00
EMS/Rescue	45,143	0:05:37	\$13,200.00
Hazardous Condition	1,732	0:05:43	\$5,002.00
Service Call	7,453	0:05:13	\$1,000.00
Good Intent	12,208	0:05:24	\$2.00
False Call	7,884	0:05:05	\$13,517.00
Severe Weather	26	0:05:55	\$0.00
Other	90	0:01:14	\$0.00
Totals	77,148		\$41,421,738.00



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Fire Station 26 Grand Opening

September 4, 2025

The new state-of-the-art facility consolidates the operations of former Fire Stations 26 and 41 into a single, modern response center providing both Fire and EMS services. Designed to serve as a community hub for the Kinsman neighborhood, the station also features a public community room, reinforcing its role as a vital resource for residents.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Citizen Hero

On Friday, March 28, 2025 sixteen- year-old Tyler Sowden heroically rescued a woman and her two young children from a house fire on West 140th and Sacramento. Without hesitation, he grabbed a ladder from his home, positioned the ladder against the burning house and helped the mother, her 10-month old baby and the 7 year old boy down the ladder. A true hero that we hope to recruit in the future.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Honoring Sacrifice

On Monday, July 14, 2025, a commemorative sign was unveiled designating a stretch of I-90 West — between East 72nd Street and East 105th Street — as the **“Cleveland Firefighter Johnny Tetrick Memorial Highway.”**

This dedication honors **Fallen Firefighter Johnny Tetrick**, who tragically lost his life after being struck by a vehicle while operating a motor vehicle accident scene. His service and sacrifice will be remembered by the city he so bravely served.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Community Safety Fairs

The Cleveland Division of Fire proudly hosted three Community Safety Fairs this year.

- **Fire Station 42-**
4665 Pearl Rd.
- **Fire Station 4 -**
3136 Lorain Rd.
- **Fire Station 31-**
925 East 152nd Street



“Wonderful event. I enjoyed myself and was glad to see all of the other city divisions in attendance with tables and giveaways.

Good job Division Of Fire and all!”- **Michael Polensek, Safety Chairman**



- Cleveland Clinic Police
- Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department
- University Hospital Urgent Care
- City of Cleveland Department of Public Health
- Cleveland EMS
- Cleveland Food Bank
- Western Reserve Fire Museum
- MomsFirst
- Recovery Resources
- FBI Cleveland
- Cleveland Division of Police – Mounted Unit, K9, District cars
- City of Cleveland Department of Aging
- City of Cleveland Social Support Services
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Cleveland VanGauards
- RTA – Operation Community Watch
- Breakthrough Schools
- City Dogs



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Academy Class

The Division of Fire welcomed 31 Firefighters into its ranks from the Fire training Academy's 40th Fire training Class this year.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Fallen Family Member

Fire Cadet Symeon Williams
March 1, 1986-May 16, 2025

The Cleveland Division of Fire honored the memory of Fire Cadet Symeon Williams, a dedicated public servant who tragically passed away during training. Cadet Williams was just steps away from fulfilling his dream of becoming a Cleveland Firefighter.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Future Leaders

Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb gave the oath of office to four Captains and ten Lieutenants in 2025.



Staffing Levels

- **2025 Budget Head Count – 757 Uniform**
- **FT headcount as of January 31, 2026 – 760 Uniform / 15 Civilian**
- **Current Vacancies – None**

