



Gates Mills Fire Department

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On behalf of the Officers, Firefighters, and families of the Gates Mills Fire Department I'd like to thank the members of the Improvement Society for the annual village employee holiday bonus program. I'd also like to express my appreciation to Mayor Riley and our village council for their support of the fire department and the numerous services and programs that we provide.

My speech this evening will be tenth time that I have had the privilege of addressing this group. Each year, I've detailed the activities and emergencies that the fire department responded to that year. In 2014 the fire department responded to 141 different calls for assistance. We had one house fire in our village, rescued a young girl with an injured ankle in a 100 foot gorge, searched a large area of Gates Mills and the North Chagrin Metro-Parks for a missing teenager, and rescued a young girl trapped in flood level waters at the Mayfield Road Bridge while canoeing.

Last year I talked about what the fire department would be focusing on in 2014 and beyond. We wanted to continue to improve the safety of our residents by providing and installing photo-electric smoke alarms and we did it! In 2013 we installed 50 smoke alarms, in 2014 we installed 67 photo-electric smoke alarms in 14 more homes in Gates Mills. If you need smoke alarms or if your smoke alarms are over ten years old you should be giving me a call! See me tonight, or look me up in the Pink Sheet.

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Two nights ago we had a chimney fire in Gates Mills. This fire was due to a build-up of creosote that proper inspection and cleaning would have prevented. If you use your fireplace please have it inspected and cleaned now. Don't put it off until springtime and then forget about it.

Thank you, and have a safe and Happy New Year!!!

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