

# FIRE DIVISION

## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS



Responded to  
**5,026 TOTAL INCIDENTS**,  
including

**73 FIRES, 4 EXPLOSIONS**

(including the gas explosion on Sunningdale Way),

Maintained **1,996** fire hydrants through out the City as part of the annual fire hydrant maintenance program



## 3,128 EMS/RESCUE SITUATIONS



**4,296** hours of CEU (Continuing education units) training received by firefighters/EMS, or **78** hours per firefighter/EMT



Taught **EIGHT** public education class topics, from Match & Lighter Safety to Scald Prevention, to

**3,148 STUDENTS**

STAY UA had **100** new referrals, provided **463** interventions to residents and had a **2.96** out of **3** satisfaction rating

# POLICE DIVISION

## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS



Over **23,500** total calls for service generated, with over **64,000** general telephone calls received by dispatch



**472** total holding facility bookings, **44** incarcerations

**SEVEN** elementary schools and **TWO** middle schools participated in

**D.A.R.E.**<sup>®</sup>



**29** auto thefts reported, **19** stolen cars recovered



Number of reported burglaries **DOWN** by **43%** between 2011 (176) and 2015 (98)



**139** lbs of unused medication collected in the Drug Collection Unit located at the Municipal Services Center



**122** OMVI Arrests, over **6,700** traffic stops

Please read this brochure before you vote on Issue 38



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# ISSUE 38

## Police & Fire Pension Levy



## Your Vote Counts November 8

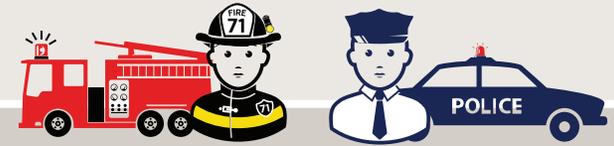


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# Facts About the Police & Fire Pension Levy



Community surveys consistently confirm just how important safety is to Upper Arlington residents, highlighting their confidence in the exceptional services provided by the City's Police and Fire divisions. Maintaining a high standard of safety services is a costly endeavor. Combined, the divisions represent approximately half of the City's workforce and general budget each year. The equipment and training required to make our Police, Fire and EMS response teams the best they can be is extensive. And yet, the City is able to provide an exceptional level of safety services at one of the lowest costs per capita compared with similar Ohio communities.

## History of Police & Fire Levy

The City has funded its Police and Fire pensions through property tax for the past 40 years, with residents voting to approve eight, five-year ballot issues. All previous levies have been set at or close to 1.0 mills. **Issue 38** has been placed on the ballot to renew the existing levy, but at a reduced rate.

## Issue 38 in Dollars and Cents

The table below compares the existing levy of 1.08 mills—which expires at the close of 2017—to the proposed annual property tax rate of .97 mills, which represents a 10% reduction. The property tax amount assigned to your home's value when a levy takes effect is fixed over the life of the levy.

Home Value	Existing Rate	Proposed Rate	Annual Decrease
\$100,000	\$37.80	\$33.95	(\$3.85)
\$300,000	\$113.40	\$101.85	(\$11.55)

Many communities in Ohio have traditionally used a property tax levy to help fund their safety services or their required contribution to the Police & Fire Pension Fund.

## What the Levy Funds

The proposed levy will fund the state-mandated retirement and disability fund for the City's police and fire personnel for a period of five years. If approved, 100 percent of the proceeds will be dedicated to the Police & Fire Pension Fund.

## Why Issue 38 is Important for Safety

In recent years, the City has felt the effects of reductions in the Local Government Fund and the

elimination of the Estate Tax in 2013. Combined, these losses represented a 10-15% reduction in revenues. Should Issue 38 fail, that would translate to an additional \$1.5 million reduction to the City's revenue stream, since it is required by State law to pay into the retirement and disability fund. This could impact the City's ability to maintain current service levels.

Approximately 9% of the property taxes paid by Upper Arlington residents is received by the City. The Police & Fire Pension levy is counted as part of this. The majority of your property taxes support the Upper Arlington Schools, Library and various Franklin County levies.

