

BOX 15

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

*“Serving Columbus and
Central Ohio Since 1947”*



Box 15 | 300 NORTH 4TH STREET | COLUMBUS, OHIO

President's Message

To all our members, donors, agencies, and social media friends!

Thank you for an amazing 2025! Throughout the year, my #1 observation is that we are truly honored to have such amazing volunteers. I've said it before, and I will always repeat it: They are our most important asset. We simply could not do the work we do without them. Thank you!

The key moment in 2025 for me as President was one very specific incident, shown in the pictures below. Just prior to this incident, we had launched our "Support A Month" donation initiative. It started off great, no complaints. But then a tanker fire during rush hour on I-270 in Columbus set our social media ablaze. The shares, likes, and comments drove our internet traffic beyond that we have ever seen before. The Support A Month program was the fortunate benefactor of this unfortunate incident. Donations increased, membership interest skyrocketed. We gained many new members in 2025, and through amazing donors and the support of our local agencies, they will be able to carry on their work into 2026 and beyond!

Anthony Jorge, President



Thank You to Our Sponsors

A special thank to some of our most generous supporters. This year, our largest individual donation ever was made anonymously.

The contribution helped support us for 2025 and beyond. In addition, we received donations throughout the year from many individuals and companies.

Campbell Golf Outing
CME Federal Credit Union and their Employees
Columbus Firefighters Foundation
CFD Class 123
Worthington Firefighter Foundation
ServPro

Kemba Credit Union	New Albany Firefighters
Eric Shawger	Amy Bock
Meijer	Isaiah Sizemore
Police and Fireman's Insurance Assoc.	Ryan and Jennifer Lawson
Violet Township Fire	Selwyn Dias
Columbus Fire Station #5	Costco Employees
Dan and Jacci Rollins	Chase Employees
J&G Lawn Mowing	Battelle Employees
James Lehtomaa	
Mary Gutman	And many more!
Mike Fielding	

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Mission Statement

Box 15 is dedicated to providing Canteen and Firefighter Rehab Services, to support, as best we can, in every practical way, the work of our “first line of defense against the ravages of fire – the men and women of the fire service”.

Meetings

Box 15 meets on the last Tuesday of each month except December. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and include administrative and training activities.

Compliance

Box 15 operates under the guidelines set forth in NFPA-1584 “Standard on Rehabilitation Process”. We provide service to 40+ fire departments and rely on the local EMS protocols in place to make sure the firefighters are adequately served to meet department standards. We concentrate our efforts on hydration, core temperature stabilization, nutrition, rest, skin as well as PPE (turnout gear) decontamination.

2025 Vital Statistics

Runs		Supplies	
Type	Count	Type	Count
Civic Event	21	Water, bottles	8018
Fire - 1-Alarm/Working Fire	30	Ice, pounds	2443
Fire - Extra Company w/f	12	Rehydration Packets	2411
Fire - 2-Alarm	12	Gatorade, bottles	1485
Hazmat	3	Coffee, pots	157
Training	46	Keurig K-cups	108
Water Response	2	Snack Bars	1536
Other	8	Fuel, gallons	483
Total:	134	Cancer Prevention Wipes	1438
Personnel Supported: 8213			

Here is a look at some of the big numbers representing our work in 2025. You can see that our primary activity type is training. These training events support many Central Ohio agencies at various training sites, such as the Ohio Fire Academy, Columbus Division of Fire Training Academy, and several off-site locations. These events are high-risk despite the controlled environments, as they are long evolutions.

Our teams support these events, with priority given to any emergent incident that may occur during training activities. These events also help our teams practice and refine their skills.

Our cancer prevention wipes are emphasized during training and we are starting to see an increase in use on the fireground as well.

We continue to participate in civic events as they are rewarding for our members and great recruitment opportunities.

Signal O – Expenses and Donations

In the Columbus Division of Fire, Signal O is broadcast over the radio to indicate when the last units have cleared the scene. We end this annual report with a brief sample of our expenses in 2025 and a link to our donation page where you can help Box 15 meet these expenses and continue to provide services to the first responders of Central Ohio. Thank you for supporting us as we clear the scene and head into 2026.

Sampling of 2025 Operating Expenses

License and Insurance	\$ 6344.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 1602.37
Consumable Supplies	\$ 1678.92
Communications (Cell & Radio)	\$ 1098.00
Postage & Office	\$ 180.60
Tools and Equipment	\$ 807.23

