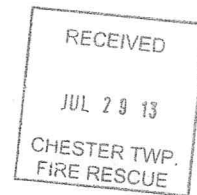


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Chesterland News  
8389 Mayfield Road  
Chesterland, Ohio 44026



Re: Letter of Appreciation – Fire Department

As a member of the (Chester Twp.) Fire Department from 1980 – 2006, I often witnessed the devotion and courage of the fire and medical personnel when they received a call for help.

These firefighters and paramedics work part-time for this community and often must go to a different full-time or part-time job the next day or may have just come from one of those jobs to work here. Some voluntarily leave their homes to respond and assist when needed.

At 2am, it's no different.

A few weeks ago I awoke to a horrendous popping and cracking sound and discovered a neighbor's house engulfed in flames. Luckily, the house had been abandoned for more than a year, but none the less, had to be searched by firefighters.

I waited by the street for the first engine to arrive which only took a few minutes.

Once again, I witnessed that devotion and courage as they entered the building, searched and brought the fire under control under the command of Chief Wargelin who also responded to the early morning fire.

I would like to thank all of the firefighters but especially Lieutenants Nagy and Osborne, Firefighters Mathews and Kerr, and EMT Sanders for once again displaying their dedication and efforts for our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Russell".

William Russell  
Chester Resident

C: Chief Wargelin ✓  
Board of Trustees