

Reminders from The Lakewood Fire Department

Did you know that it is illegal to drive over a fire hose?



The Lakewood Fire Department is asking drivers to be aware of the dangers of fire department operations and the risks of driving over a fire hose. Driving over fire department hose lines can endanger the lives of both citizens and firefighters. A damaged hose line can hamper firefighting and rescue efforts by interrupting the flow of water. In addition, many items can be damaged by driving over a hose line. This includes damaging the hose line itself, the fire engine's pump, the underground water main and even your vehicle. Please be aware of firefighting operations, especially at night and avoid the roadway in that area. The following is a copy of the Ohio Revised Code as it relates to driving over hose lines.

4511.73 Driving over unprotected fire hose.

(A) No streetcar, trackless trolley, or vehicle shall, without the consent of the fire department official in command, be driven over any unprotected hose of a fire department that is laid down on any street, private driveway, or streetcar track to be used at any fire or alarm of fire.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Did you know your numeric address posted on the front of your home is an important component of the fire, EMS, and police response?

Posting your numeric address in a visible area assists in promoting a quick response

According to the 2011 edition of the Ohio Fire Code, Section 505.1, states “New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch.”

The Lakewood Fire Department appreciates your help in assisting with a timely response by posting legible and visible address numbers on your property.