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Alan Thompson introduced today's speaker **Chris Zimmer**, Chief of the Upper Arlington Fire Division. Chief Zimmer has been with the Upper Arlington Fire since 1999, having served multiple roles before becoming Chief in 2023. Chief Zimmer provided updates about the Fire Division and its role in the community.

The UA Fire Division is currently very busy with multiple initiatives. Economic redevelopment and expansion within the city is driving growth, leading to 12 new staff additions in the past two years. The Division just completed its first Strategic Plan in history. A new ladder truck has been ordered and is due for delivery in July. A social worker has been added to the Division's CARES team. The Division has a new safety house. And the Division has upgraded to a new records management system.

Some interesting facts Chief Zimmer shared about the UA Fire Division:

- Originated in 1930;
- Current staff of 61 people;

- 2 firehouses that respond to over 5,000 calls per year;
- Services include fire-fighting, EMS, fire prevention, education, and community risk reduction;
- Collaborates with jurisdictions outside the city, with over 700 outside runs in last year (outside jurisdictions made 325 runs to assist Upper Arlington);
- Busiest days for UA Fire are Tuesdays and Thursdays;
- 439 false alarms in 2024, and Division is now working with an outside consulting company to help better manage and reduce these false calls;
- Collaborates with multiple agencies on a daily basis;
- Leverages technology to collaborate with local hospital system - for example, an online status board to see real time how busy different hospitals are to attempt to "low balance" emergency rooms ensuring patients get the best possible care;
- Columbus lucky to have such strong hospital systems - very low wait times to transition from the paramedics to the hospitals compare with other major cities;
- Most common fire hazards in Upper Arlington include portable dehumidifiers, bathroom fans, and loose wiring in electrical outlets.

Thank you Chief Zimmer for your time educating Rotarians about Upper Arlington's Fire Division!!!

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GREETERS

January 14
N/A

January 21
N/A

January 28
N/A

REGISTRATION DESK

January 14
Don Leach
Brian Bainbridge

January 21
J.D. Dickerson
Jim Nicklaus

January 28
Kevin Brown
Janine Hummer

CALENDAR

January 14 - Scioto CC/Zoom
Steve Schoeny & Jackie Thiel –
City of Upper Arlington “What
is the Future of the Henderson
Road Corridor?”
Host: Angela Lanctot

January 21 - Scioto CC/Zoom
Sarah Barr, Wild Goose Creative
Host: Jessica Grisez

January 28 - Scioto CC/Zoom
Dr. John Horack, Professor and
Neil Armstrong Chair of Aero-
space Policy at The Ohio State
University
Host: Michael Turnbull

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OUR NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 14TH
Scioto Country Club / Zoom

Upper Arlington
Rotary
Club



THE MEETING



Andy Livingston opened the meeting, which was held in person at Scioto Country Club, and also via Zoom.

Alan Thompson provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Visiting Rotarians: **Eric Smith** (Hilton Head, Former UA Rotary Member)

Guests: **Kyle Burns** (Guest of **Whitney Logan**)

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Tom Davis: Provided update on West Broad. The City of Columbus voted to close the school, but also plans to build new school, presumably on the same site as existing school.

Chip Knoop: Announced that the first bed brigade volunteer opportunity for this year will be Saturday, January 18. Please see Chip for details and to sign up.

Jack Cotter: Announced that the first Roundtable of the year will be 11am Tuesday, January 14. The speaker will be from CASA of Franklin County, an organization that acts as a voice for child victims of abuse and neglect.

Whitney Logan: Announced that he is a proud new Grandfather, Congrats Whitney!!!

Andy Livingston: Reminded members that invoices sent by email on Jan 1, please pay online or send check. The Club is also trying to wrap up the annual \$365 ask, if you have not already, please pay online or send check, we are shooting for 90% member participation.

Ned Clark: Administered some well-placed but not very successful harassment to members.



SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

Where do your contributions go? There are three main organizations where we as Upper Arlington Rotarians direct our Rotary giving. Sometimes it can be confusing, so here is something to hopefully help keep things straight.

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