

PARMA HEIGHTS INCREASES SAFETY FORCES
New Police Patrolmen and Firefighter/Paramedics-In-Training

Unlike other communities facing safety department lay-offs or hiring freezes, Parma Heights safety forces added a total of six new recruits this summer to replace recent Safety Department retirees: three each for police and fire.

During his State of the City address in April, Mayor Michael P. Byrne clearly articulated his commitment to providing a safe and secure community and these new hires are the direct result of that philosophy. "I want to assure you that I will continue to work closely with our Safety Director Brent Collins, Chiefs and council to make sure our forces are properly staffed, trained and educated, as well as supplied with the necessary equipment and vehicles," Byrne had stated.



(Pictured with Mayor Byrne, from left) Daniel Jedlicka, Daniel Kost, and David Kaszar were informally sworn-in as Firefighter/Paramedics by Mayor Byrne on August 6, 2012. A formal swearing-in ceremony will be held at the September 24, 2012, City Council meeting.

"Despite budget constraints, we have never dropped below the daily minimum staffing level for our Firefighters/Paramedics. We are extremely proud of our response times to the citizens of Parma Heights and the addition of these professionals will ensure that safety remains our highest priority," said Byrne.



Similarly, (pictured with Mayor Byrne, from left) Anthony D'Onofrio, Jack Darnell, and Adam Gecewich were informally sworn in on August 20, 2012, to facilitate their entrance into the Police Academy. The men will be formally sworn-in at a council meeting upon completion of their training early in 2013.