

Fighting Fire

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One of the hardest jobs out there is being a firefighter. They save lives, put out fires, and investigate how the fires happen. Brent Robuck was an amazing firefighter. He helped so many people while he was a firefighter. When he was younger, his father was a firefighter and took him to the station. This made him familiar with being a firefighter, and he thought it would be a fun job.

Robuck was a firefighter for sixteen years from 1975 to 1991, and went through quite a bit of training. Some of his training was first responder, house fire training, and training to use the equipment on the fire trucks. First responder training is like medical training. Firemen are trained to help people if they get hurt, and how to care for them. House fire training is when a fireman is trained to put out a house fire, and if there are people in the house they are trained to get them out. Equipment training is being taught how to use the equipment on the fire truck such as the ladder, hoes, and scuba masks. His team was fortunate enough to have the trainers come to them because some teams had to go to the trainers.

Robuck worked in Painsville Township at Station 1. He said that one of the hardest things he had to do was go out to an accident site where a elderly couple crossing the road going to church were hit by a drunk driver. The driver didn't get hurt, but he did kill the elderly couple. He remembered that on the floor of the car there was a pie that the wife had made for church. He ended up telling the family, who was at church, that the couple had died by a drunk driver.

Robuck knew that doing this job was going to put a lot of stress on him at times. He said that when you are going into this job, you know that there will be a lot of stress, and a lot of pressure on you and what you do. While doing this job, you don't really know when something will happen, and you could even get a call in the middle of the night. When you work as a firefighter you have to be ready at all times because you can't predict what will happen. There have been times he had to get up late at night to go and work. As a firefighter you would expect such a difficult schedule and not a lot of time to see your family, but that is not the case. He used to take his kids up to the fire station when they were young and show them around the station. At the station, there are a couple times where kids would come over and learn about the fire trucks, play on them, and in general having fun. That was his favorite part about being a firefighter. He was always so happy to see the kids smile and have fun.