



# OAKWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Residents of Walton Hills,

As you are aware, a fire and explosion occurred on February 20, 2023, at the I. Schumann & Company facility located at 22500 Alexander Road in Oakwood. Oakwood Village Fire Department serves as your Fire Department and EMS. It was a large-scale fire and explosion with many injuries and one fatality. The fire was contained in about two hours with the help of more than 80 personnel from our neighboring communities which included seven Chiefs, 21 fire departments and 20 advanced life support ambulances. Additionally, five law enforcement agencies assisted the fire department with scene security. We are grateful for the support our community received from our neighbors.

Questions have arisen concerning what, if any, hazards may be posed by this event. We assure you that we are making use of every available asset to ensure all of our residents are safe. We are conducting the investigation in collaboration with the State Fire Marshall. Multiple parties from the EPA as well as Enviro-Serve are monitoring the air quality and water runoff and we are in contact with their representatives on a daily basis. The ATF (Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms) is involved in the investigation to help determine the cause of the explosion. We are working with the village engineers concerning the stability of the remaining structure.

To date, these experts have not notified us of any hazardous substances released as a result of the incident. We will endeavor to keep the community advised of any further information on the situation as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Fire Chief David Tapp