



The Clean Team Owner Continues Dual Roles as Firefighter and Business Owner

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Amber Gardner, owner of The Clean Team, has balanced dual roles as a business owner and firefighter with Port Clinton Fire & Rescue since 2021. Gardner founded the cleaning company in 2020 and joined the fire service the following year, combining commercial leadership with public safety service in the Lake Erie area.

Gardner relocated to the Port Clinton region from Iowa approximately a decade earlier with her three sons. She established The Clean Team with a focus on professional residential and commercial cleaning services. The company provides scheduled home cleanings, commercial work for offices, salons, daycares and churches, vacation rental turnovers, tenant and post-construction cleans, and specialized deep cleaning options. Technicians are trained to deliver reliable service with attention to detail. The business also partners with Cleaning For a Reason to offer free residential cleaning to individuals undergoing cancer treatment.

In 2021, Gardner added firefighter responsibilities with Port Clinton Fire & Rescue. The dual commitments center on community service, leadership, and support during challenging situations. Her experience as a business owner informs interactions with residents during emergencies, while fire service

work reinforces a broader commitment to local well-being.

"Becoming a firefighter and starting my business in the same season of life completely changed me. Both roles are rooted in service, leadership, and showing up for people during difficult moments. I'm proud to be able to serve my community in more ways than one," said Amber Gardner, owner of The Clean Team.

The combination of roles allows Gardner to engage with residents in varied contexts. Business operations address everyday needs for clean, functional spaces in homes and workplaces. Fire service work involves responding to emergencies and contributing to community safety education. Together, the positions reflect an ongoing dedication to the area she has called home for more than ten years.

"Community has always been at the center of everything I do, whether through business, volunteer work, or now through fire service; I'm committed to showing up for the people of Port Clinton whenever they need it most," said Amber Gardner, owner of The Clean Team.

The Clean Team maintains operations that support both permanent residents and seasonal visitors to the Lake Erie Islands region. Services adapt to different property types and schedules, from recurring residential maintenance to one-time deep cleans and specialized projects. The partnership with Cleaning For a Reason extends the company's reach by assisting cancer patients with practical household support during treatment.

Gardner's dual roles illustrate how local business ownership and public safety service can intersect. The experience of operating a service-based company provides practical skills in communication and leadership that transfer to emergency response settings. Likewise, involvement in fire service strengthens ties to the broader community that the cleaning business serves.

As of August 2026, Gardner continues to manage The Clean Team while fulfilling firefighter duties. The sustained balance of these responsibilities underscores a consistent focus on service that began with the company's launch in 2020 and expanded into public safety the following year. The approach integrates commercial activity with civic contribution in the Port Clinton area.

The Clean Team remains centered on delivering professional cleaning across residential, commercial, and specialized categories. Its technicians prioritize thorough work and customer satisfaction while the company participates in community-oriented initiatives. Gardner's leadership connects the business's day-to-day operations with wider efforts to support residents.

This period of dual service highlights the ways small business owners can contribute beyond commercial activities. Gardner's roles demonstrate a practical commitment to both economic and safety needs within the same community. The Clean Team's work and her fire service involvement together form an extended

pattern of engagement that began shortly after the company's founding.

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The Clean Team

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