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COMPASSION

COURAGE

COMMITMENT



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of the dedicated members of the Park Forest Fire Department, I am excited to present our Annual Report for 2022. This report provides a sampling of the accomplishments made by our Firefighter/Paramedics who provide the highest level of service to our community. 2022 was a year that saw many changes and transitions within the Park Forest Fire Department. As we continue to develop and respond to the changing needs of our citizens, the Department strives to stay current and at the forefront of service delivery. For the fifth straight year the department broke records for call volume. In the span of twenty years, our call volume has increased by almost 56%.

Another trend impacting the Department is our ever expanding scope of services. No more are the days where our members only fight fires. Today, our Firefighter/Paramedics are an all-hazards response team. Our members are trained in multiple rescue disciplines including high angle rescue, confined space, trench, collapse rescue, hazardous material response, water rescue, and advanced life support ambulance services. Each of these disciplines are certified by either the Office of the State Fire Marshall or Illinois Department Public Health. In order to maintain these certifications there is the unavoidable, perpetual focus of continued training. Our Department has a proud history of being a well-trained Department dedicated to ensure operations meet the needs of our Village. Our emergency responses, services, and programs are successful due to the professionally trained and dedicated members of the Department.

Even though our call volume has increased significantly, and we are now required to complete continuing education for all certifications, our main focus continues to be the needs of our citizens. We believe providing life safety services can be accomplished while providing caring, compassionate treatment of our residents. This belief is threaded through the DNA of this Department and are incorporated into every aspect of our day to day work. As Fire Chief, I have the privilege to work alongside some of the most talented individuals in public safety. I've witnessed our personnel perform countless heroic deeds and acts of kindness. Often I hear our members say "I was just doing my job" and it makes me proud each and every time I hear that statement. There is no finer group of men and women committed to excellence for the community in which they serve. As Fire Chief, I am honored to lead the PFFD and its members. The PFFD marched steadily forward through 2022, proving yet again that the strength of our Department lies within our people!

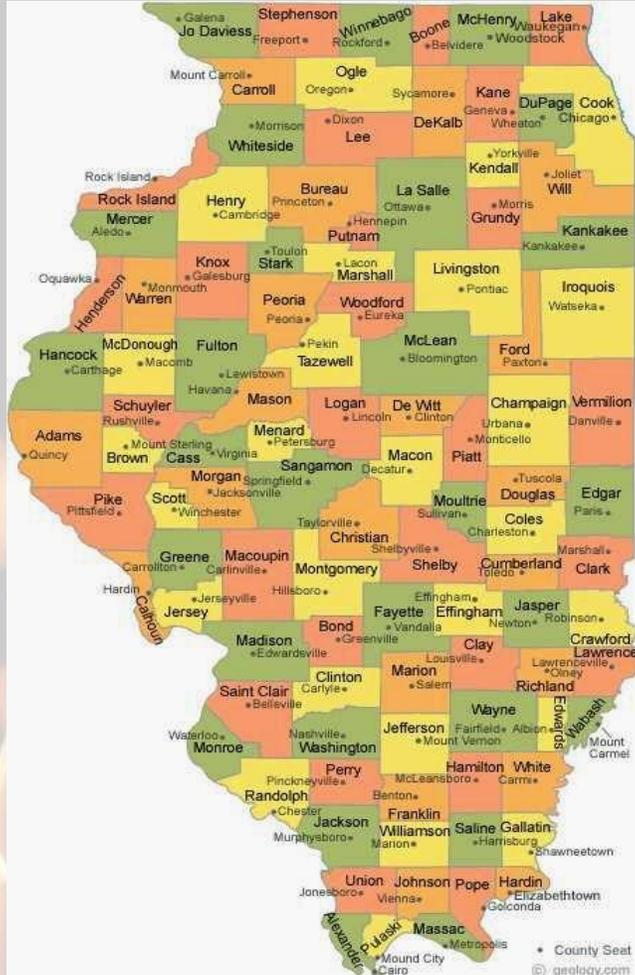
*Sincerely,
Chief Tracy Natyshok*



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CORE VALUES





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The men and women of the Park Forest Fire Department are professional, highly trained and skilled individuals dedicated to serving the citizens of Park Forest by protecting lives and property from the adverse effects of fire, medical emergencies, and hazardous conditions.



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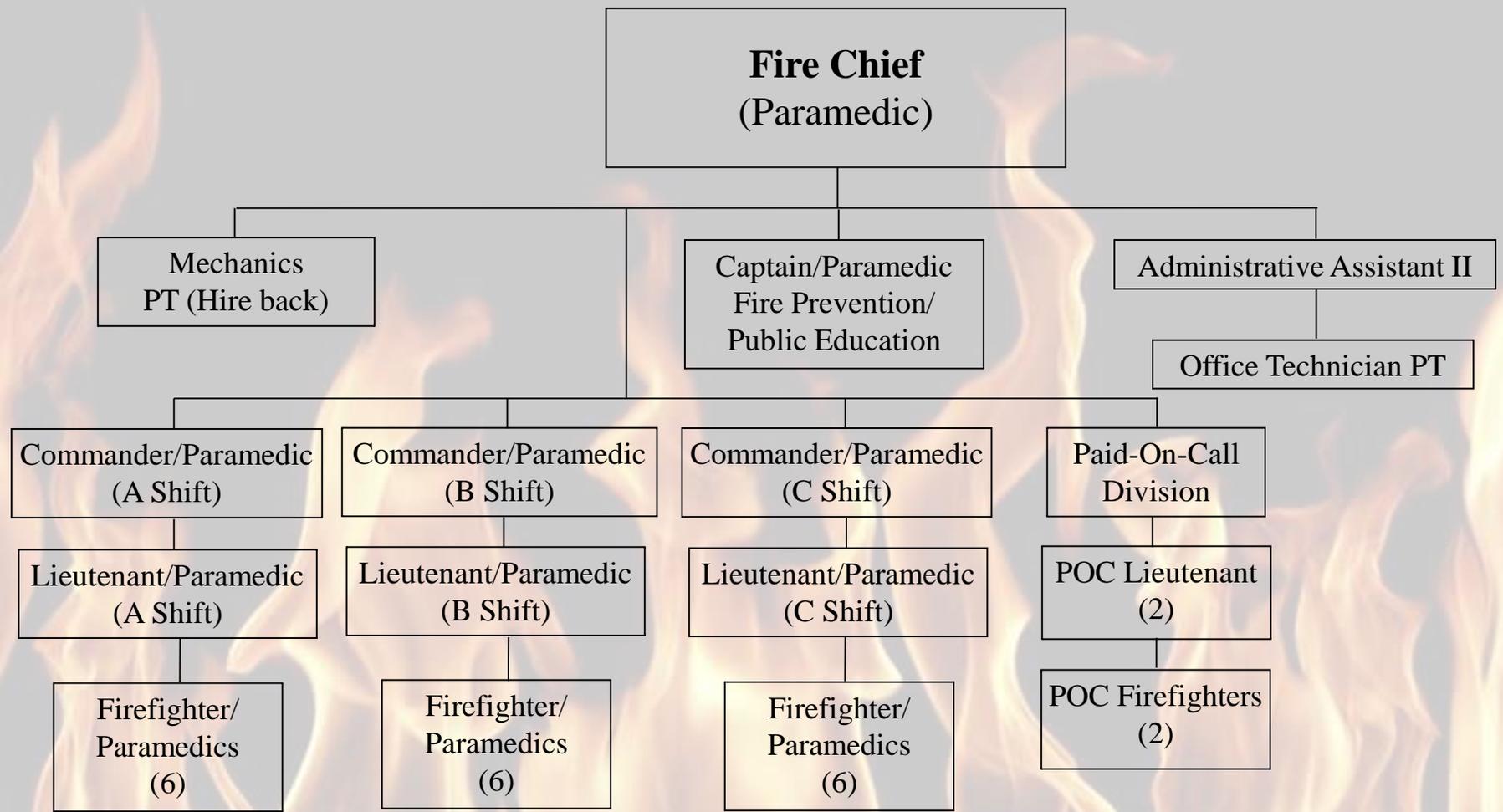


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DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Park Forest Fire Department is a combination service department, employing career and paid on call personnel.

In 2022, the career division consisted of 28 members including the Fire Chief, Fire Prevention Captain, a full-time Administrative Assistant, a part-time Office Technician & 24 shift members. The paid on call division currently has 4 members.





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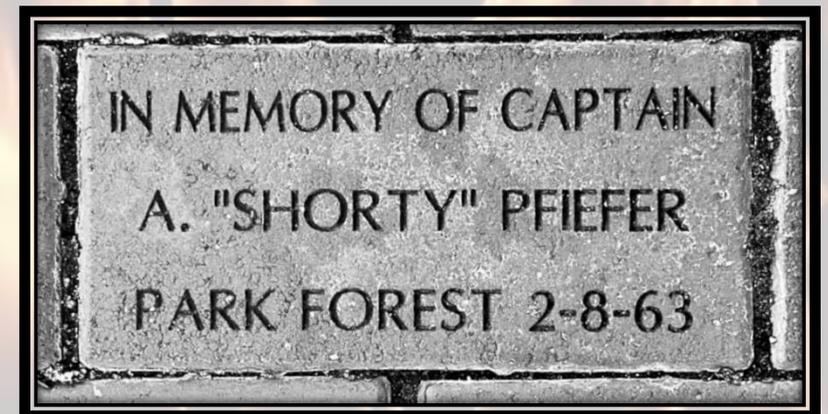


No history of the Fire Department would be complete without mentioning its darkest moment.

On February 8, 1963 the Department recorded its only "Line of Duty Death". Captain Adolph "Shorty" Pfeifer sustained fatal injuries in a fall while fighting a fire at a commercial building under construction.

In honor of "Shorty's" ultimate sacrifice, the Department dedicated its Training Site in his memory on October 2, 1965.

57 years later this facility is still in use, training a new generation of firefighters, and remains a tribute to our fallen comrade.





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Highlights



**July, 2022:
Governor's State University STEAM Camp**



**August 5, 2022:
FD Reunion Picnic**



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Highlights



December 2, 2022:
FF/P Kyle Young
graduates from the
Romeoville Fire Academy.



December 5, 2022:
Swearing in of
Lieutenant Kevin Grove.



November 29, 2022:
Retirement of Shift
Commander William Brei
after 30 years of service.

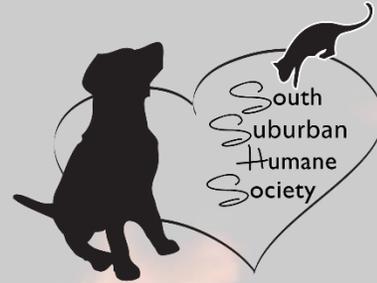


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The Park Forest Fire Department is proud to support the South Suburban Humane Society.



**April 2, 2022
SSHS Gala**



**October 6, 2022
SSHS Dinner at the Fire House**



**June 7, 2022
SSHS Pet Parade to the new shelter in Matteson**



**October, 2022
T-Shirt Fundraiser
to support SSHS**



**October 25, 2022:
Chief Natyshok presents Emily Klehm, CEO of the South Suburban Humane Society, with a \$2100 donation raised through the Department's Adopt A Shelter Dog Month T-Shirt Fundraiser.**



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Steven Dees & Kyle Zelhart
5 Years of Service



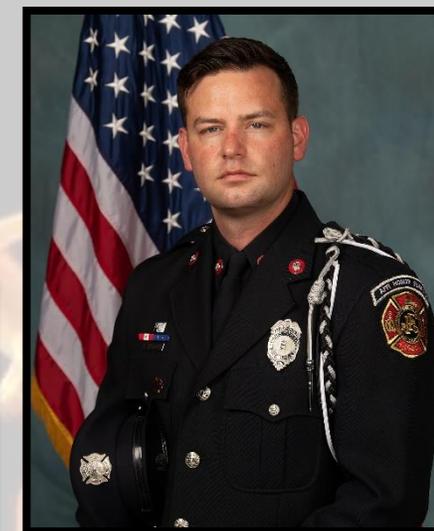
Milestone

SERVICE AWARDS

Taylor Bordewyk, Mark Cotrano, Neil Grove & Cory Murdoch
15 Years of Service



Drew Sparks
10 Years of Service





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Milestone

SERVICE AWARDS

Tracy Natyshok & Les Flint
25 Years of Service



William Brei
30 Years of Service





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**Award
Ceremony**

03/12/22



**Firefighter/Paramedic Bess Vlahakis
2021 Firefighter of the Year**



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Park Forest Fire Department 2021 Award Recipients

PRIDE - HONOR - DUTY

Meritorious Unit Commendation

This award will be presented to those individuals or units who performed and exhibited exceptional skills in a coordinated action.

- ◆ W. Brei, M. Cotrano, S. Dees, N. Marconi, T. Triemstra, E. Vlahakis
- ◆ N. Grove, M. Paradise, E. Wright
- ◆ J. Baum, T. Bordewyk, J. Chavez, N. Marconi, C. Murdoch, E. Vlahakis
- ◆ T. Marconi, K. Zelhart
- ◆ N. Grove, P. Hisel, T. Marconi, R. Miller, M. Paradise, E. Wright, K. Zelhart
- ◆ S. Dees, D. Sparks

Unit Citation

This award will be presented to a unit that exhibited exceptional professional skill and conduct during a coordinated action with personal risk on an emergency incident.

- ◆ J. Boren, W. Brei, K. Grove, S. Krivanec, K. Meredith, J. Spanier
- ◆ T. Bordewyk, S. Dees, P. Hisel, C. Lopez, N. Marconi, K. Meredith
- ◆ M. Cotrano, N. Grove, N. Marconi, M. Paradise, E. Wright, E. Vlahakis
- ◆ J. Baum, P. Hisel, C. Lopez, T. Triemstra
- ◆ T. Bordewyk, N. Grove, D. Sparks, E. Wright

Life Saving Medal

An award given to a member of the Department for an act in which the life of another is saved.

- ◆ J. Baum, W. Brei, S. Dees, R. Miller
- ◆ S. Dees, K. Grove, N. Marconi, E. Vlahakis
- ◆ K. Grove, J. Spanier, T. Triemstra
- ◆ M. Paradise, J. Spanier
- ◆ S. Krivanec, K. Meredith

Firefighter of the Year

This award will be presented to the Firefighter who best exemplifies by his/her performance the principles and purposes of the fire service and the Park Forest Fire Department. The Committee, when considering nominees shall review the record of the nominee with special attention given to the preceding year.

- ◆ Elizabeth Vlahakis



**Award
Ceremony**

03/12/22



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**Award
Ceremony**

03/12/22





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BUDGET



Personnel Services	• \$3,266,740
Insurance	• \$ 488,784
Employee Support (including pensions)	• \$1,667,331
Professional Services (SouthCom Dispatch)	• \$ 132,464
Operating Supplies	• \$ 71,590
Maintenance	• \$ 27,500
Capital Outlays	• \$ 89,600
Miscellaneous Expenditures	• \$ 2,500
Leases/Rentals (Vehicle Services)	• \$ 399,044
Utilities	• \$ 10,000

TOTAL 22/23 FD BUDGET \$6,155,553



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Citizen Complaints: In 2021, the Fire Department began to track citizen complaints. All complaints that include any allegation of misconduct, poor job performance, breach of duty, or violation of policy or procedures are investigated by administration and each case is closed with one of the following dispositions:

Unfounded - when the investigation discloses the alleged acts did not occur or did not involve a department member.

Exonerated - when the investigation discloses the alleged acts occurred but the act was justified, lawful and/or proper.

Not Sustained - when the investigation discloses there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the member.

Sustained - when the investigation discloses sufficient evidence to establish the act occurred and it constituted misconduct.

PARK FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN COMPLAINTS					
YEAR	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	OUTCOME			
		UNFOUNDED	EXONERATED	NOT SUSTAINED	SUSTAINED
2022	3			3	



ANATOMY OF A 9-1-1 CALL



INCIDENT

community member has an emergency



CALL

community member calls 9-1-1



CALL PROCESSED

9-1-1 center processes the call



DISPATCH

9-1-1 operator dispatches the fire dept.



TURNOUT

time from when the unit is dispatched until the crew is dressed and in the vehicle



TRAVEL

time from when the unit starts moving until it arrives on scene



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RADIOS/DISPATCH

There are three types of radios in use at the Park Forest FD.

Base VS Mobile VS Portable

Base Radio
(High Power)



Mobile Radio
(Moderate Power)



Portable Radio
(Low Power)

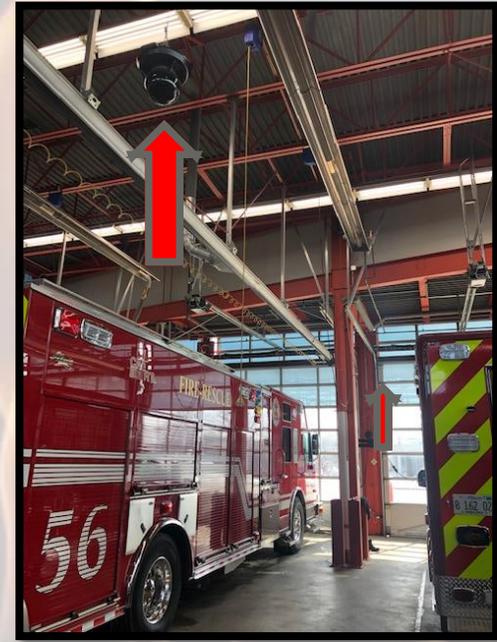




RADIOS/DISPATCH

Automated Dispatch (US Digital) Upgrade

- Automated dispatch (US Digital) was installed in the station.
- This technology provides early alert from integrated lights, ramp-up tones, and text scroll displays throughout the station.
- Station tones are often dispatched before SouthCom tones due to SouthCom radio band already being used.
- Eventual integration with neighboring Laraway Communication Center (LCC) for all Auto Aid, Mutual Aid, and Box Alarms.

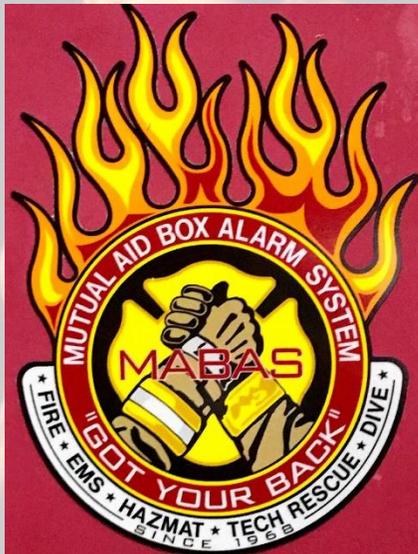




RADIOS/DISPATCH

MABAS 27 Box Cards Updated

- Reworked resources on all Box Alarms to best fill the needs of Park Forest based on experience and lessons learned from previous incidents.
- Added a Tender Box Alarm card.



DEPARTMENT NAME: PARK FOREST		BOX ALARM TYPE: Structure Fire		EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/01/2023	MABAS DIVISION: 27	
BOX ALARM #: 50 - HYDRANT		LOCATION OR AREA: ENTIRE COMMUNITY		AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: <i>Tracy Natyshok</i>		
LOCAL DISPATCH AREA:						
ALARM LEVEL	ENGINES	TRUCKS	EMS	CHIEFS	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	CHANGE OF QUARTERS (STA #)
STILL	Park Forest Richton Park	Matteson University Park	Park Forest South Chicago Heights	Park Forest Matteson Safety Officer		
FULL STILL	Flossmoor			MABAS 27 IMT Frankfort	Utilities Notified Board Up Notified	Monee – Eng. Crete Township – Amb
MAYDAY RESPONSE	Monee		Crete Township	On All May Days	Southcom Will Dispatch Change Of Quarters to Scene	Automatically Upgrade the Box Level
MABAS BOX ALARM:						
ALARM LEVEL	ENGINES	TRUCKS	EMS	CHIEFS	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	CHANGE OF QUARTERS (STA #)
BOX	Monee Chicago Heights	Frankfort	Crete Township	South Chicago Heights Flossmoor MABAS 27 IMT/Secondary	Crete (Cascade) MABAS 27 MVU Special Request	Richton Park-Chief Homewood - Eng. Steger Estates- Amb.
2 ND	Homewood Steger	Sauk Village	Steger Estates	University Park Crete Township	MABAS 24 AIR Unit MABAS 24 Canteen MABAS 19 Command Van	Beecher– Eng. Country Club Hills-Amb.
3 RD	Glenwood Beecher	Hazel Crest	Country Club Hills	Crete Monee	Will County Command Van	Manhattan – Eng. Lansing-Amb.
4 TH	Manhattan Thornton	Tinley Park	Lansing	Beecher Homewood		Lynwood - Eng. Oak Forest- Amb.
5 TH	South Holland Lynwood	Orland	Oak Forest	Hazel Crest Glenwood	ILEAS Command Van (Tinley Park)	Dyer- Eng. Mokena- Amb.
INTERDIVISIONAL REQUEST	1 ST CHOICE 19		2 ND CHOICE 207		3 RD CHOICE 22	
INFORMATION:		In a Mass Casualty Situation Request Ambulance Strike Team from MABAS 19				
50-HYDRANT						

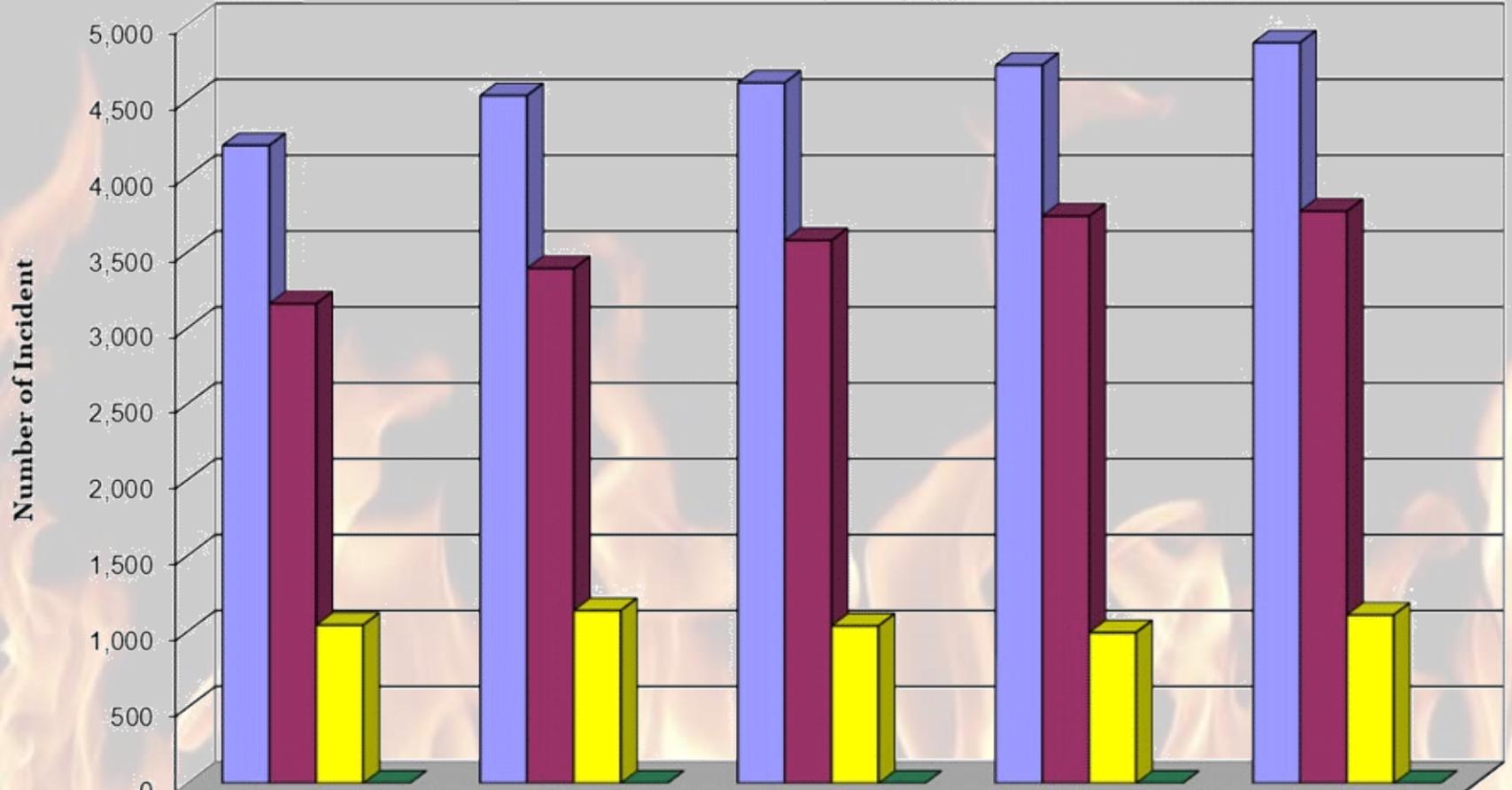


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**ALARM
ACTIVITY
BY
CALENDAR
YEAR**



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Calls	4,204	4,533	4,617	4,733	4,881
EMS	3,161	3,393	3,579	3,739	3,771
Fire	1,043	1,140	1,038	994	1,110
% Change	7.79%	7.83%	1.85%	2.51%	3.13%

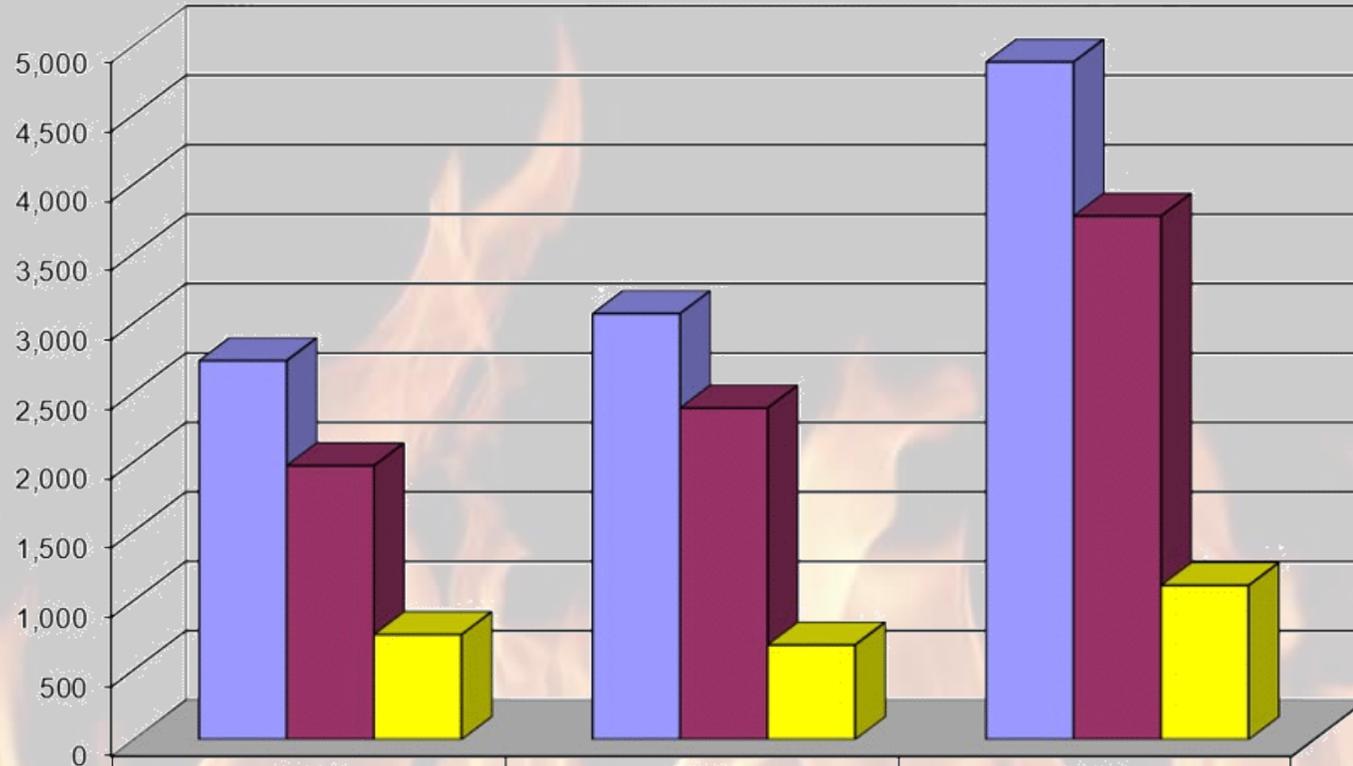


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Number of Incident



	2002	2012	2022
Total Calls	2,729	3,069	4,881
EMS	1,973	2,388	3,771
Fire	756	681	1,110

**ALARM
ACTIVITY
BY
CALENDAR
YEAR
20 YEAR
COMPARISON**

Note: Fire Department Staffing remained the same from 2001 to 2011 (7 members per shift with 5 person minimum staffing daily). In 2021, thanks to a grant, we were finally able to increase staffing to 8 members per shift with 6 person minimum staffing daily. Call volume increased 79% from 2002 to 2022 and 59% from 2012 to 2022.



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**MUTUAL/
AUTOMATIC
AID ACTIVITY
BREAKDOWN**

**TOTAL AID
572**

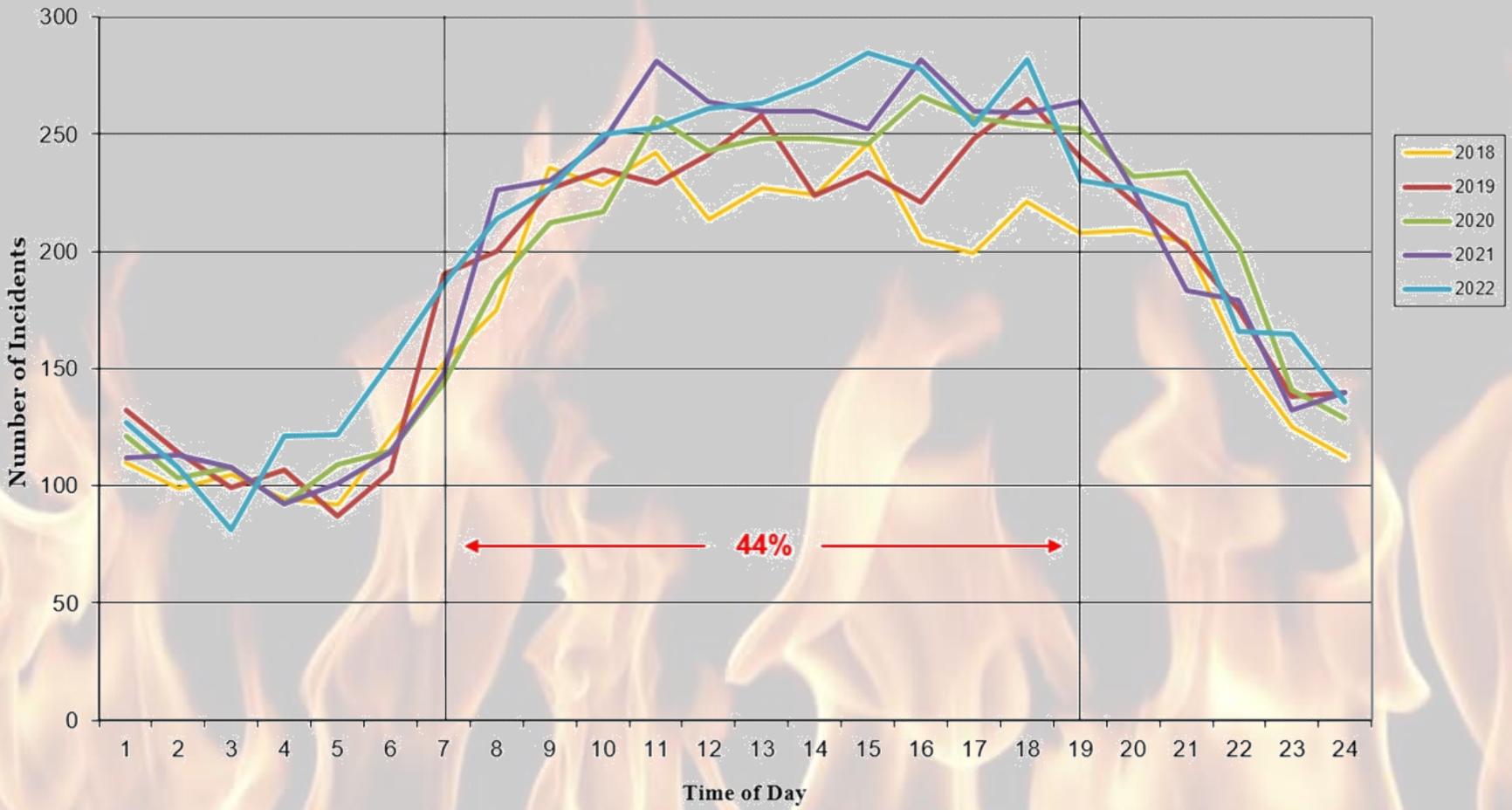




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**ALARM
ACTIVITY
BY
TIME
OF
DAY**

44% of our call volume occurs during the time period of 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. (the time frame where Paid On Call members have limited or no availability due to their full-time job commitments).

It should also be noted the most deadly and damaging fires occur between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

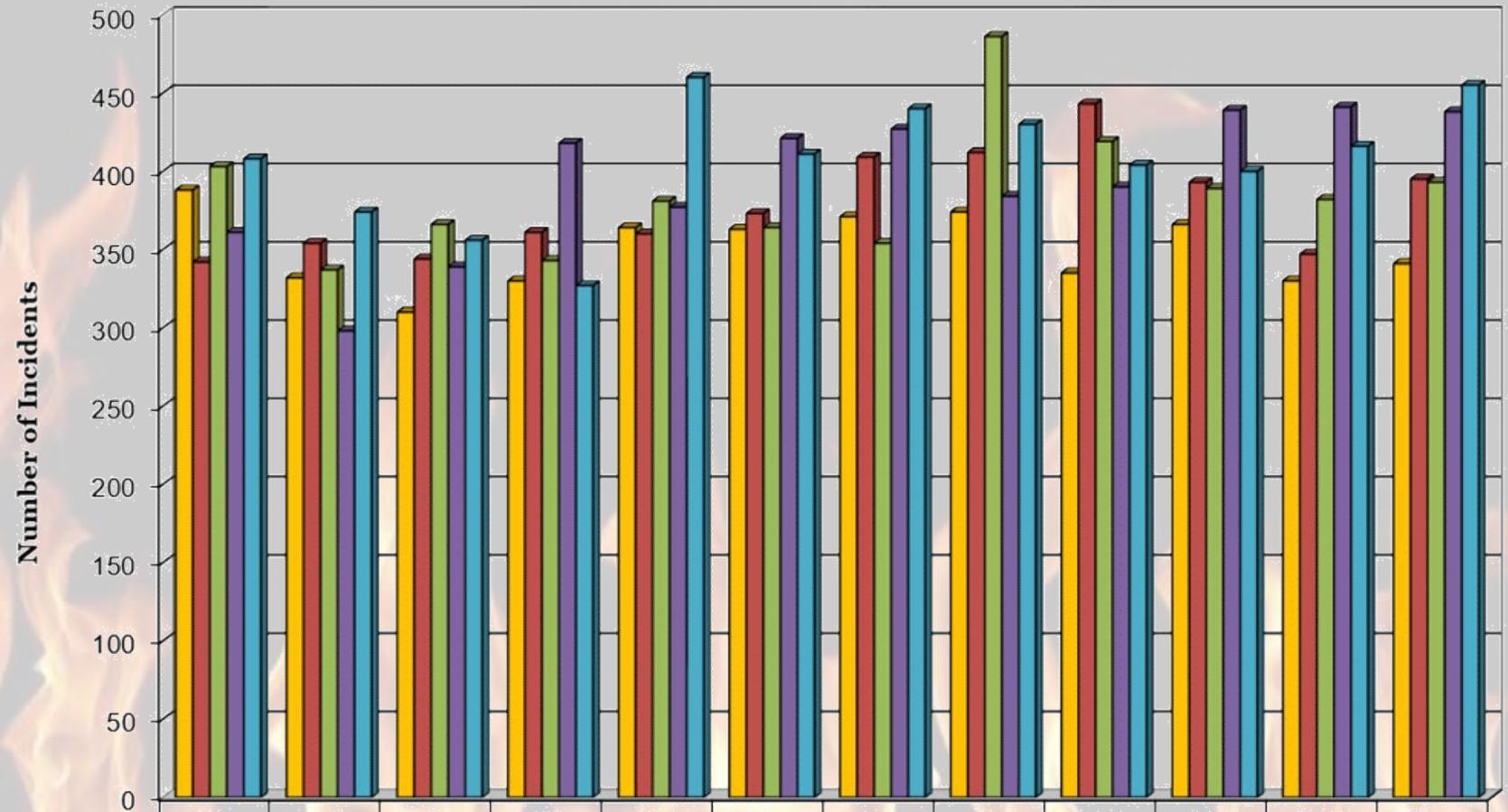


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ALARM ACTIVITY BY MONTH



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	388	332	310	330	364	363	371	374	335	366	330	341
2019	342	354	344	361	360	373	409	412	443	393	347	395
2020	403	337	366	343	381	364	354	486	419	389	382	393
2021	361	298	339	418	377	421	427	384	390	439	441	438
2022	408	374	356	327	460	411	440	430	404	400	416	455



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Tips *On* SAFETY

- Have a smoke alarm outside every sleeping area, in every bedroom, and on every level of your home.
- Always check electrical cords for cracking and fraying.
- Create and practice a home fire escape plan for family members to use in the event of an emergency.
- Every home should have a working carbon monoxide detector.
- Do not hesitate to call 911. If something feels like an emergency, treat it like an emergency!
- When using candles in the home, keep them away from combustible materials and be sure to fully extinguish them before going to bed.



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**4,881
CALLS FOR SERVICE**



**RECORD SETTING
YEAR**



**1,110
TOTAL
FIRE
RESPONSES**

**2022 CALL VOLUME
AT-A-GLANCE**



**3,771
TOTAL
EMS
RESPONSES**

**BUSIEST
MONTH OF THE YEAR
MAY
460 CALLS**

**BUSIEST
DAY OF THE WEEK
THURSDAY
742 CALLS**

**BUSIEST
TIME OF DAY
3 P.M. – 4 P.M.
285 CALLS**



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1,110 FIRE CALLS

! CAUTION

HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS

128



*Good
Intent*

339

SERVICE

139
CALLS

**FALSE
ALARM**

420



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FIRE CALL BREAKDOWN





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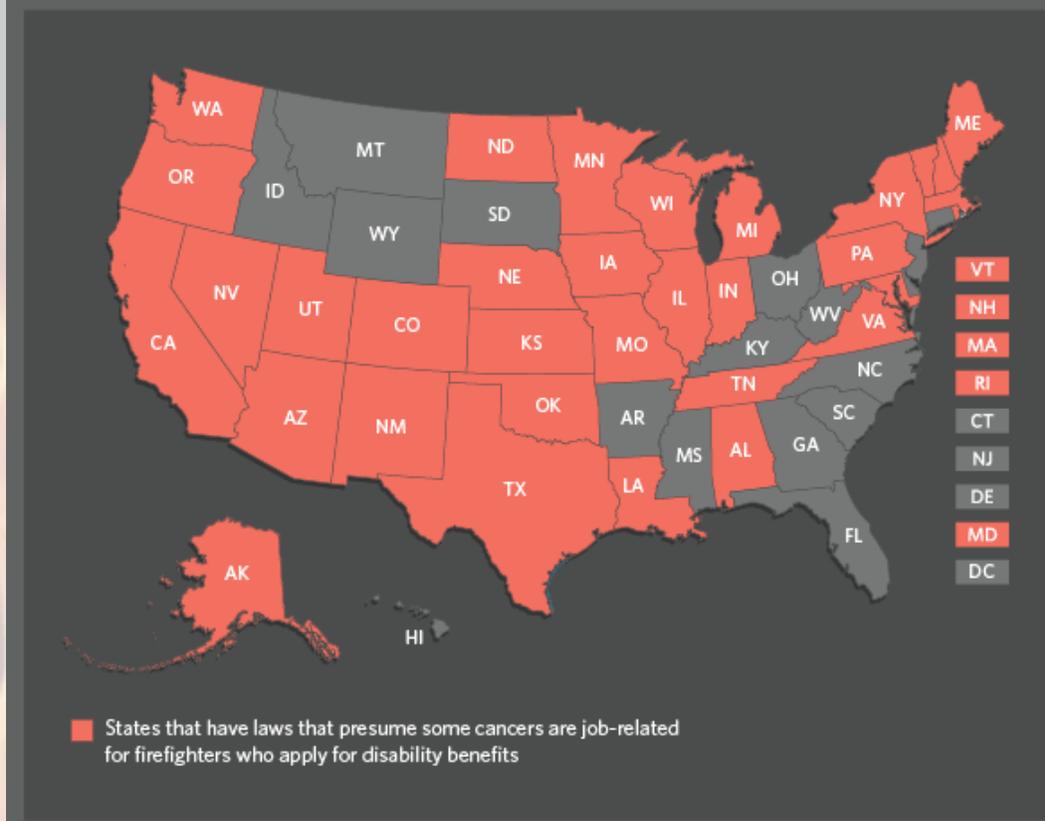


Mission: To assist firefighters and EMS providers and their immediate families diagnosed with cancer by providing badge to badge support, training and guidance.



Firefighter Cancer Laws

At least 33 states have some type of law that presumes certain types of cancer are a job-related illness for firefighters who apply for disability benefits. Arkansas has a law that provides death benefits to the family, but only if it is recommended by a state-appointed review panel.



Firefighters face cancer rates substantially greater than most Americans

- Testicular cancer - 2.02 times greater
- Multiple myeloma - 1.53 times greater
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma - 1.51 times greater
- Skin cancer - 1.39 times greater
- Brain cancer - 1.31 times greater
- Malignant melanoma - 1.31 times greater
- Prostate cancer - 1.28 times greater
- Colon cancer - 1.21 times greater
- Leukemia - 1.14 times greater

The most likely causes are the chemicals emitted from regular household products when they burn.

Source: Firefighter Cancer Support Network | facebook.com/benspraguebangor | @bensprague

JANUARY IS Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month

Fire fighter occupational cancer is the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths in the fire service.

Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month is brought to you by the International Association of Fire Fighters and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network.

Source: The International Association of Fire Fighters © 2015 The Pew Charitable Trusts



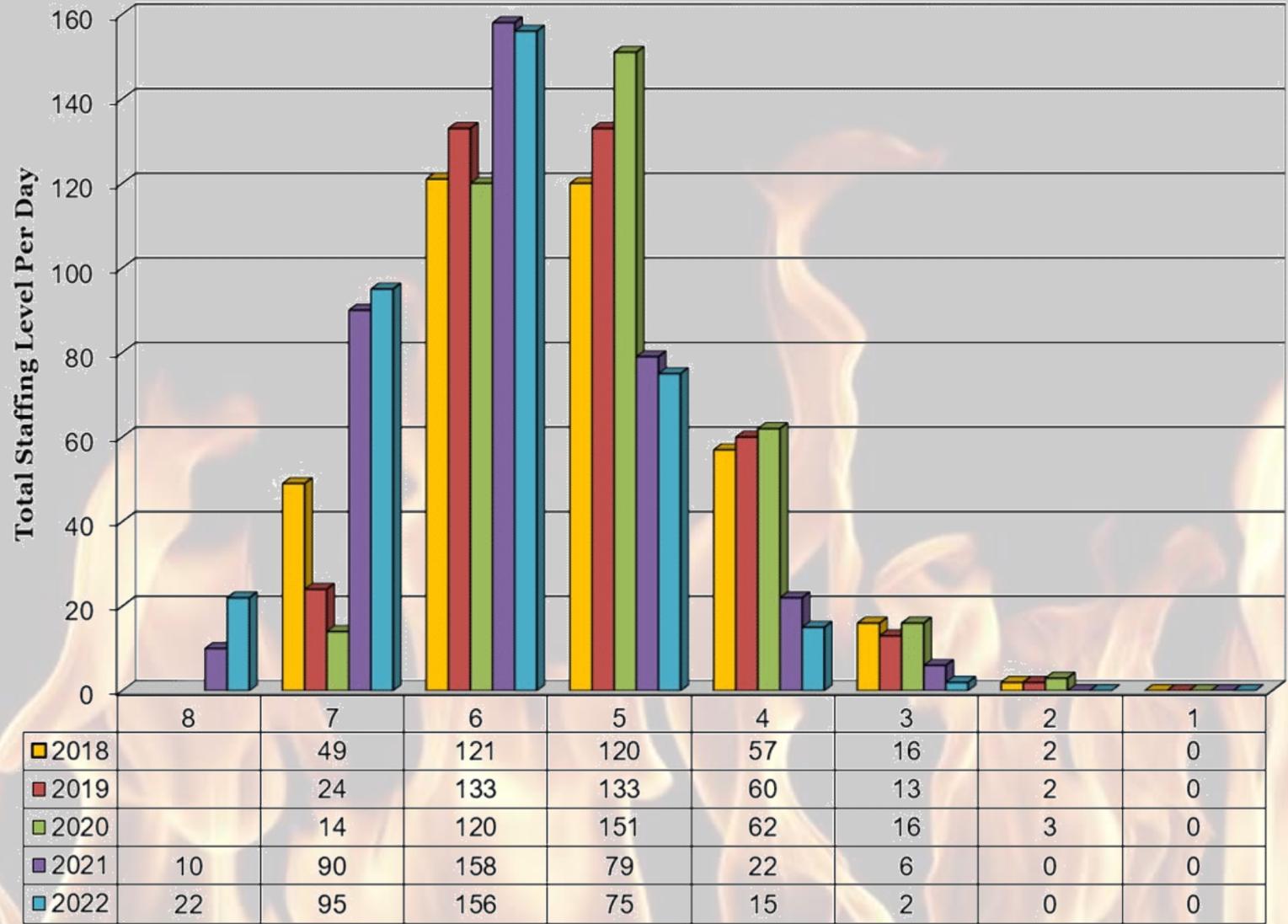
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DAILY STAFFING LEVELS

The daily minimum staffing level has been at 5 since the late 1990s. In 2021, thanks to a SAFER Grant, we were able to increase shift staffing from 7 to 8 and daily minimum staffing from 5 to 6.

On any day where there are less than 6 shift members present, the department is required to pay overtime to bring the minimum staffing level to 6.

In 2022 this occurred 92 times; a decrease of 15 occurrences over the 107 in 2021.

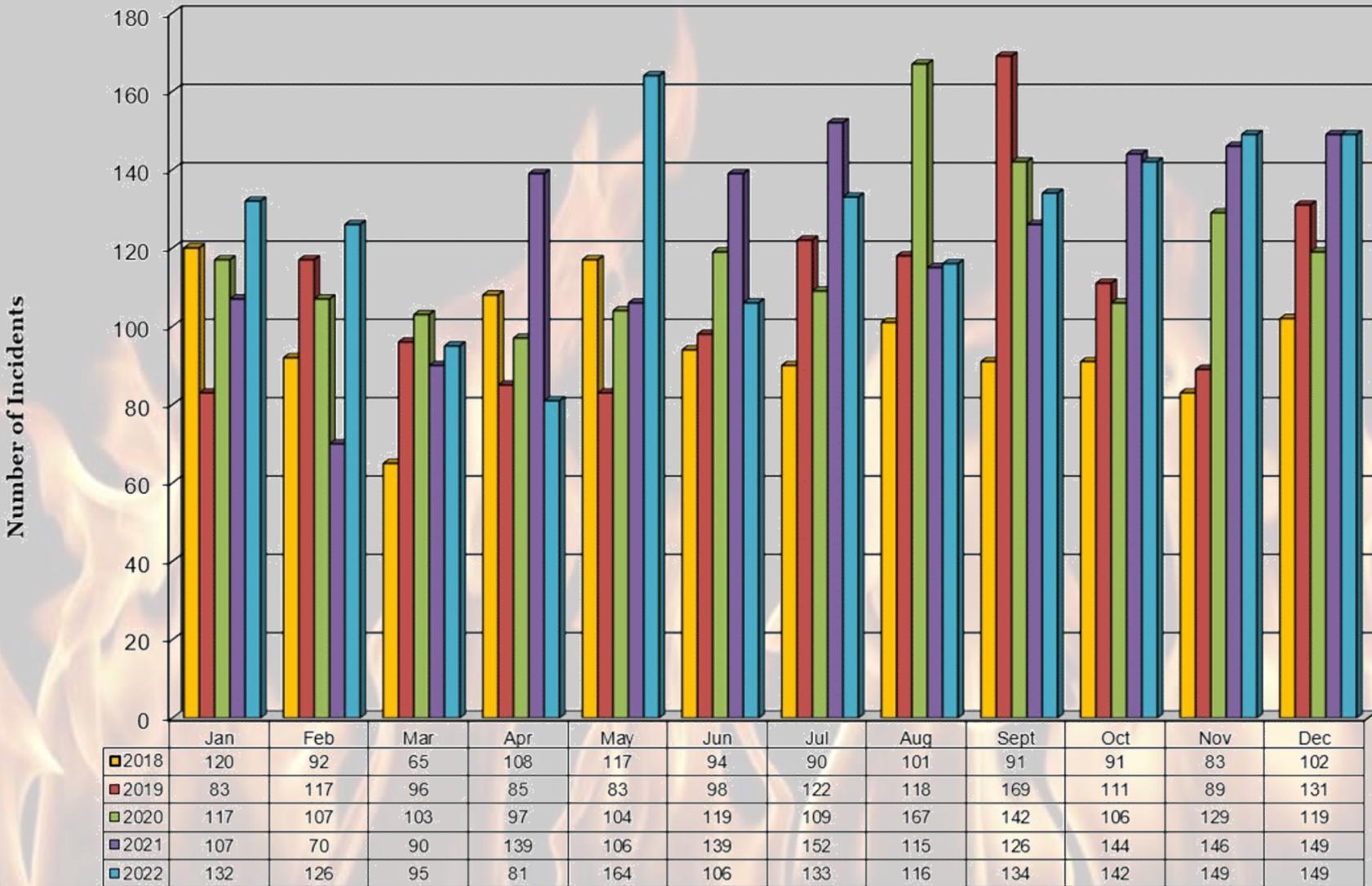


Shift Personnel on Duty Per Day



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**CONCURRENT
CALLS
BY MONTH
1,527 INCIDENTS**

Of the 4,881 incidents the fire department responded to in 2022, 1,527 of them (or 32%, up slightly from 31.1% in 2021) were concurrent/overlapping calls.



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EMS DIVISION

Shift Commander Neil Grove, with the assistance of Firefighter/Paramedic Elizabeth Vlahakis, oversees the Department's EMS Division. The EMS Division is responsible for the licensure and equipping of ambulances, and the advanced life support engine, as well as overseeing the licensing of all of the Department's paramedics in cooperation with the South Cook County Emergency Medical System.



SC Neil Grove
EMS Coordinator



FF/P Bess Vlahakis
Asst. EMS Coordinator

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Paramedics are required to complete over 100 hours of continuing education in every licensing cycle. The EMS division develops and delivers the monthly shift training required for recertification.
- The Park Forest FD continues to lead the division as a teaching department. We have welcomed students in EMT and Paramedic school from multiple colleges with a busy and approachable environment to complete their mandatory field ride time for EMS certification.
- Our paramedics frequently teach at EMS programs, sharing their honed skills and knowledge with students.
- COVID continued to present challenges to our EMS equipment supply chain and tested our personnel and resources daily. Our paramedics answered these calls with professionalism and confidence, providing exceptional care through the pandemic for another year.
- A shared bariatric ambulance, obtained through a federal grant, was put into service and allows for the safe moving and transportation of bariatric patients up to 1200 pounds.
- Two Lucas CPR devices were obtained through grant funds allow our paramedics to provide adequate, continuous hands-free CPR by machine. The first week the device was deployed, a life was saved.

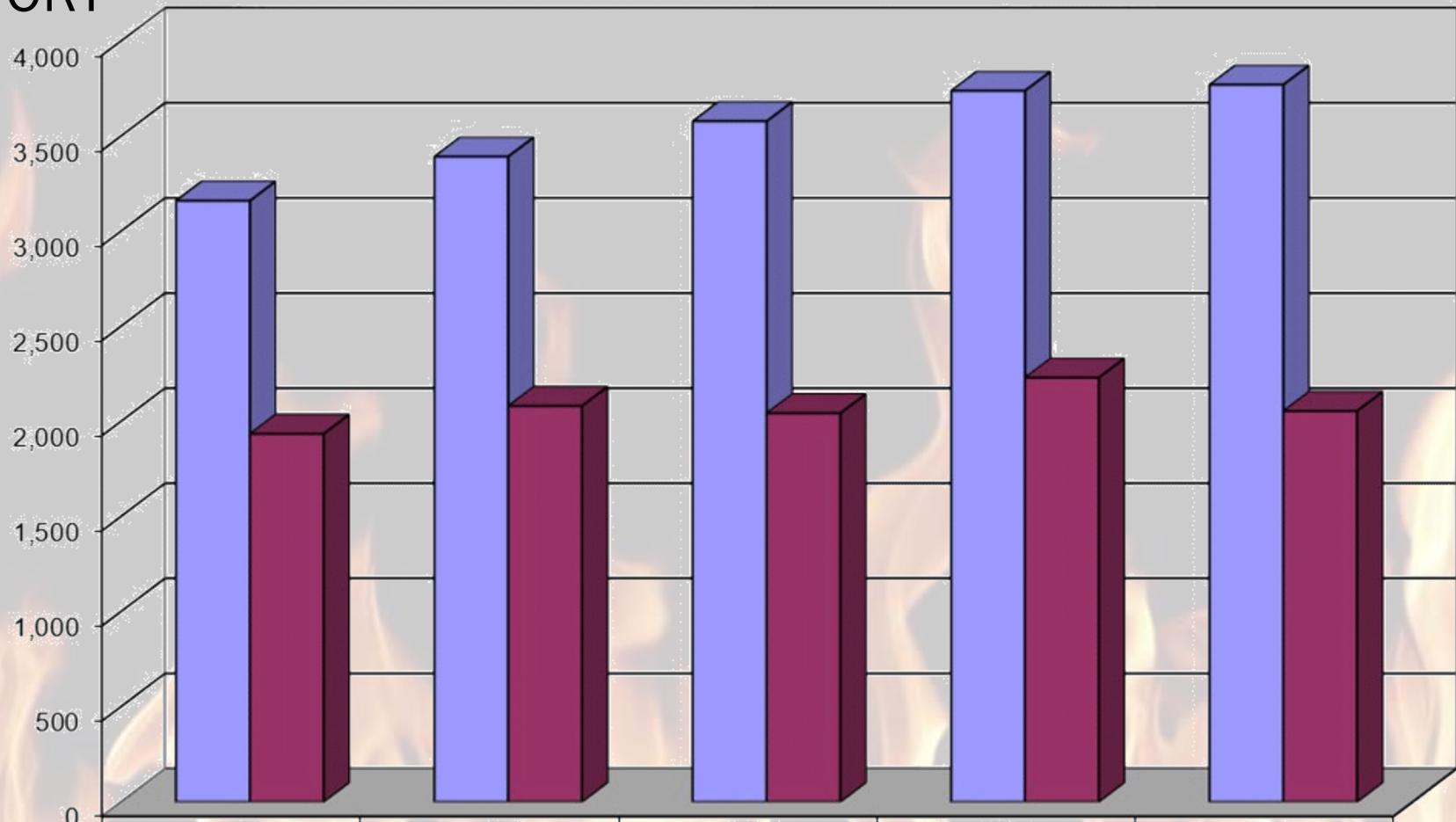


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**TOTAL
AMBULANCE CALLS
VS.
AMBULANCE
TRANSPORTS**



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021
Total Ambulance Calls	3,161	3,393	3,579	3,739	3,771
Total Ambulance Transports	1,936	2,082	2,044	2,231	2,056

Note: 54.5% of the total ambulance calls resulted in the transportation of a patient to the emergency room.



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2,056 AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS

PSYCHIATRIC
194

**MOTOR VEHICLE
ACCIDENT - 79**

**MEDICAL
EMERGENCY**
1075

Trauma
280

CARDIAC ~ 120

**CHEMICAL
ABUSE**
10

**109
ACCIDENT**

PREGNANCY ~ 26

**CHEMICAL
ABUSE**
10

OTHER
163

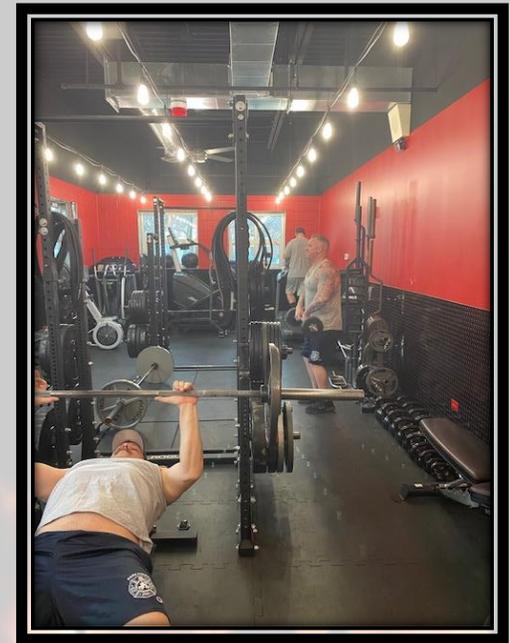


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PHYSICAL FITNESS



The International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) worked together to create the Fire Service Joint Labor Management Wellness-Fitness Initiative's Peer Fitness Trainer Program. This program provides a certificate program through the American Council on Exercise (ACE). The purpose of the IAFF/IAFC/ACE PFT certification program is to provide a fitness training standard consistent with the health and fitness needs of the Fire Service throughout the United States and Canada. The Park Forest Fire Department has a three certified Peer Fitness Trainers on shift.





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TRAINING DIVISION

Required Classes	Hours
Basic Operations Firefighter <ul style="list-style-type: none">Courage To Be SafeNIMS 100 and 700Hazardous Materials AwarenessTechnical Rescue Awareness	360 Hours
Rope Operations	40 Hours
Confined Space Operations	40 Hours
Fire Service Vehicle Operator	24 Hours
Hazardous Materials Operations	40 Hours
Blue Card Command	64 Hours
EMT-Basic	96 Hours
EMT-Paramedic	950 Hours



Lexipol provides a unified solution - content, policies and training - for fire departments. Their Fire and Rescue solution provides a full library of customizable, state-specific policies as well as thousands of hours of online learning content - all accessible 24/7 through station computers or smartphones. With constitutionally sound, continuously updated policies and training from Lexipol, The Park Forest Fire Department can face our challenges with the confidence that our firefighters are following best practice guidelines.



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TRAINING DIVISION

The Blue Card online training program is a 40 to 50 hour course that teaches the cognitive portion of the Blue Card Incident Command certification program. The online program is based on the Fire Command curriculum package.

The training material is organized around the IC's checklists and the professional qualifications of the Blue Card Incident Command standard. All of the online content has been developed in a manner to support, compliment, and integrate with NIMS.



FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

A well-trained firefighter is a safer, more effective firefighter. That's why TargetSolutions has created the industry's most powerful fire department training system.

With TargetSolutions, you can track employee training records, save time and reduce costs. This program will simplify the delivery of training to all personnel. TargetSolutions provides hundreds of prepared courses, covering critical EMS training, emergency vehicle operations and NFPA approved content. It also tracks all training hours in one location for ISO and Accreditation and allows other fire departments using TargetSolutions to share training materials.



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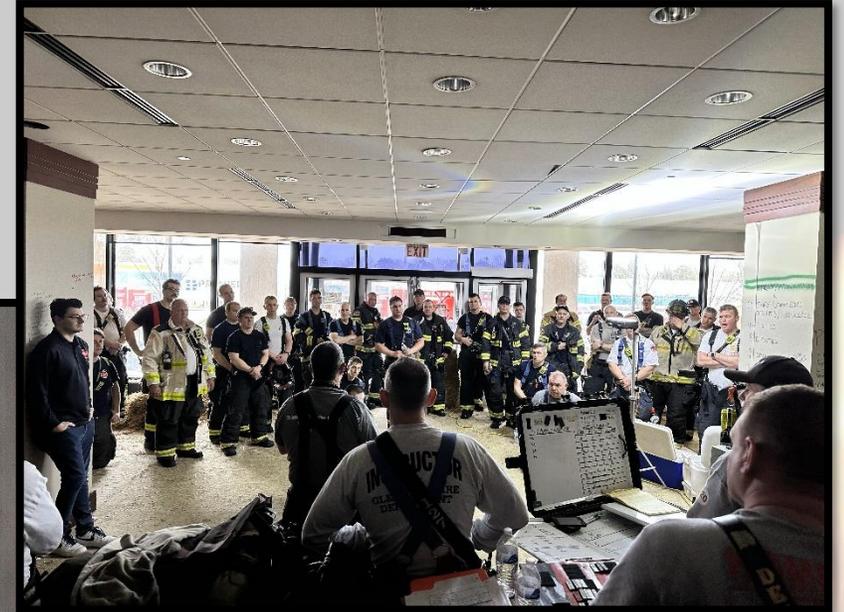
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TRAINING DIVISION

SOUTH SUBURBAN COMBINED AGENCY TRAINING (SSCAT)

The Park Forest Fire Department completed the process to enter into the South Suburban Combined Agency Training Enterprise. This organization consists of 12 Departments who conduct monthly multi-company training exercises. These drills allow our members to complete mandatory continuing education that would be difficult to conduct without the other departments.





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Extrication Training



Blue Card Training

Ladder Training



Night Drill



“Forged in Fire”
Arcair Slice Torch Training



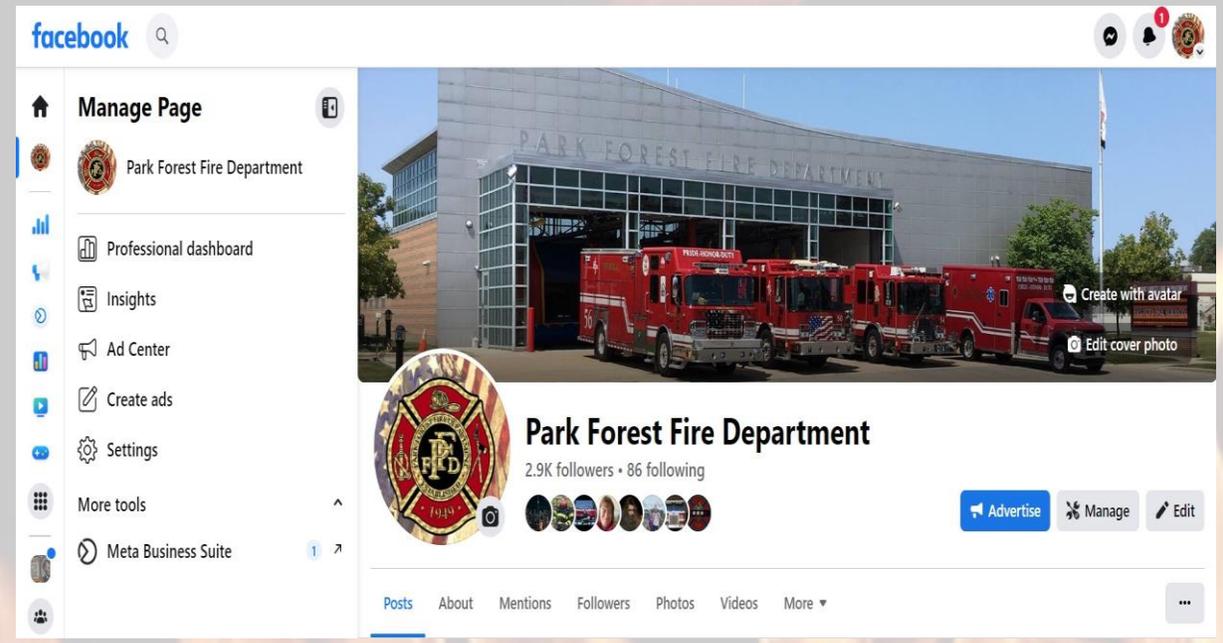
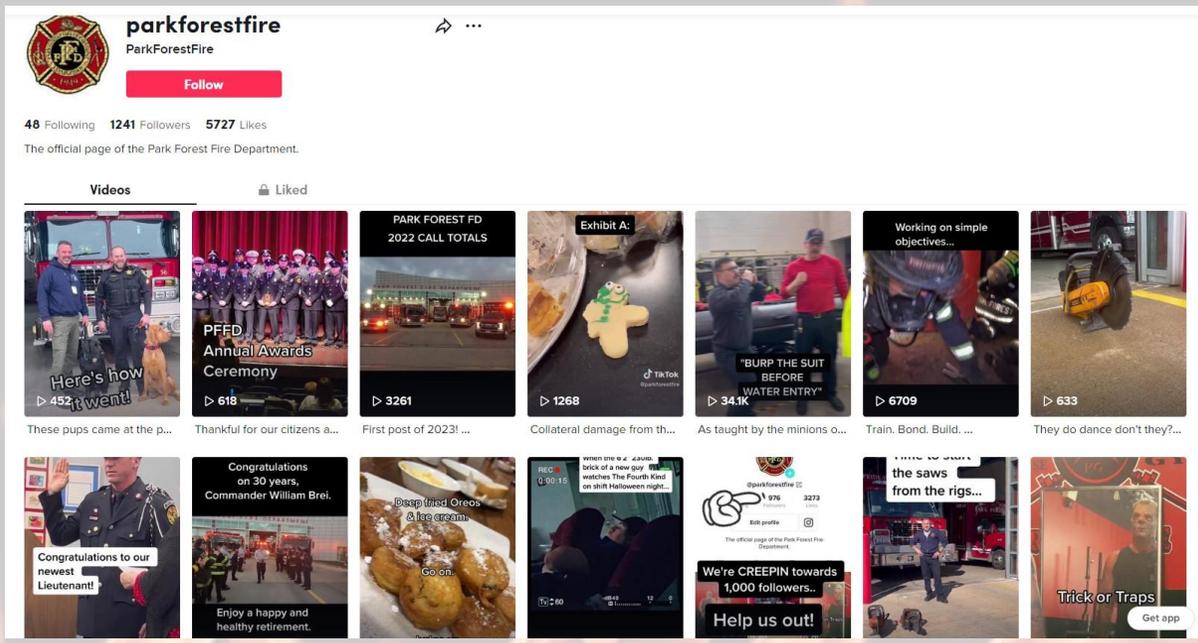


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COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Department goal: Develop and implement outreach programs for residents needing special services in order to meet mission objectives. Staff concentrated outreach and educational programs to coincide with events such as Main Street Nights, Open House, and the Farmer's Market. The Department increased messages on social media platforms and our public educators participated in multiple zoom classes with local students.

The Department's Facebook page has 2,931 followers.

The number of people who saw at least one of our Facebooks posts in the last 28 days = 3,294.

The number of reactions, comments, shares, and clicks on our posts in the past 28 days = 832.

Our Tik-Tok account has 1,241 followers with 34.1k views on our most popular post.



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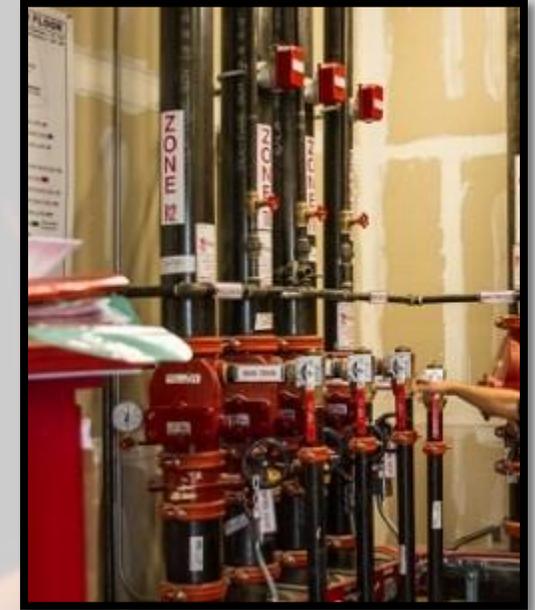
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Department goal: Maintain fire prevention inspectional activities to include minimally one original inspection for all businesses each year, with high hazard & assembly properties inspected a minimum of twice each year, to safeguard current businesses from the threat of fire.

Total number of inspections completed in 2022 = 186.

Department goal: Assist Community Development activities by providing timely technical support and plan review of prospective businesses.

All Internal Plan Reviews were completed within 10 working days in 2022.





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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



The majority of today's fire deaths are occurring at home - the place where people tend to feel the safest. Home Fire Sprinklers help reduce these tragedies in our community.

Smoke alarms aren't enough!

Make no mistake, smoke alarms are crucial and significantly cut the risk of dying in a home fire. But these devices do nothing to suppress a fire. Home fire sprinklers, in coordination with smoke alarms, have been proven to protect lives and property against fire. In fact, sprinklers cut the risk of dying in a home fire by an **astounding 80 percent.**

Put Your Community on the Map with Home Fire Sprinklers

Join more than 110 fire-safe communities in Illinois that protect the lives of residents and firefighters with fire sprinklers in new homes.

Addison	Flossmoor	Lincolnwood	Pleasantview FPD
Alsip	Forest Park	Lisle-Woodridge FPD	Prospect Heights
Aurora	Glen Ellyn	Long Grove	River Forest
Barrington	Glencoe	Long Grove FPD	Riverdale
Barrington Countryside FPD	Glenside FPD	Manhattan FPD	Riverside
Barrington FPD	Glenwood	Matteson	Riverwoods
Bedford Park	Green Oaks	Mount Prospect	Rock Island
Bellwood	Gurnee	Mundelein	Rolling Meadows
Berkeley	Hanover Park	New Lenox FPD	Roselle
Berwyn	Harwood Heights	Newport Township FPD	Roselle FPD
Bloomingtondale	Hazel Crest	Niles	Schaumburg
Bloomingtondale FPD	Hickory Hills	Norridge	Skokie
Blue Island	Highland Park	North Maine FPD	South Holland
Bridgeview	Highwood	Northbrook	St. Charles
Brookfield	Hodgkins*	Norwood Park FPD	Streamwood
Burlington Community FPD	Hoffman Estates	Oak Brook	Sunnycrest FPD (Flossmoor)
Carol Stream	Homewood	Oak Forest	Vernon Hills
Central Stickney FPD	Huntley FPD	Oak Park	Warren-Waukegan FPD
Chicago	Island Lake	Orland FPD	Wauconda
Chicago Ridge	Indian Creek (Countryside FPD)	Palatine	Wauconda FPD
Clarendon Hills	Justice	Palatine Rural FPD	West Dundee
Country Club Hills	La Grange Park	Palos FPD	Westchester
Countryside	Lake Barrington	Palos Heights FPD	Western Springs
Countryside FPD	Lake Bluff	Palos Hills	Westmont
Crestwood	Lake Forest	Palos Park	Wheeling
Deerfield	Lake Zurich	Park Forest	Wilmette
Deerfield-Bannockburn FPD	Lake Zurich Rural FPD	Park Ridge	Wood Dale
Des Plaines	Lansing	Plainfield FPD	
Elgin	Lemont FPD		
Elk Grove Village	Libertyville		
Elmwood Park	Libertyville FPD		
Evanston	Lincolnshire-Riverwoods FPD		

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Fire Prevention Week
October 9-15, 2022
Pop-up Event - Open House





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GRANTS



The Department received a \$588 grant through the Illinois Department of Public Health which funded the purchase of a video assisted intubation kit.



FEMA

We are in the final year of the SAFER grant, which began in January, 2021, and covers salary and benefit costs for the hiring of two new firefighters for a 3-year period. This grant was funded at \$785,748 and the match obligation was waived by FEMA.



The Department was awarded a grant through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Program in the amount of \$64,635 for the replacement of our vehicle exhaust system.



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Park Forest has 4 outdoor weather warning sirens:

- Talala School
- Winnebago (near the dog park)
- Western Avenue (at the railroad tracks)
- Western Avenue at Steger Rd.

The sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m.

Don't worry if you aren't able to hear them indoors. The sirens are used to alert people outside that severe weather is coming and to seek shelter indoors.

Important Information About Tornado Sirens



Sirens are for OUTDOOR warning purposes and are not meant to be heard indoors.

Hearing a siren is a signal to get indoors and seek additional information.

It does NOT mean the threat has ended when the sirens stop sounding.

Sirens are activated by city or county officials, not the National Weather Service.



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MAINTENANCE DIVISION



The Park Forest Fire Department prides itself on readiness. Just as our firefighters must be in peak condition to respond to emergencies, so must our vehicles and equipment. All members are trained and efficient in routine inspections of equipment, with additional members skilled in advanced repairs.

The department employs four career members on a hireback basis to fulfill the role of “maintenance personnel” to work on the vehicles, small tools, equipment and building. Lt. Taylor Bordewyk heads up the maintenance team assisted by Firefighter/Paramedics Ryan Miller, Joseph Spanier, and Kyle Zelhart. These members work additional hours outside of their assigned shifts to keep the department ready to deploy. They are responsible for the management of the department fleet, fire and rescue equipment, and contribute to building and grounds issues.



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MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Vehicle maintenance duties include oil changes, preventative maintenance, troubleshooting/diagnostic, obtaining NFPA required pump testing on all fire engines, and coordinating repairs with outside maintenance contractors.

In addition to vehicle maintenance, hireback members perform and coordinate repairs and inspection on fire hose, power tools, hand tools, SCBAS, air compressors, generators, extrication equipment, and many other pieces of mission critical equipment.

A notable achievement for the maintenance division in 2022 was leading the apparatus committee for the new fire engine expected to be delivered in 2025. This new engine will be a smaller, streamlined apparatus, designed for use in areas of limited access in Park Forest such as the co-op parking lots. This will allow us to better serve our residents in times of emergencies.





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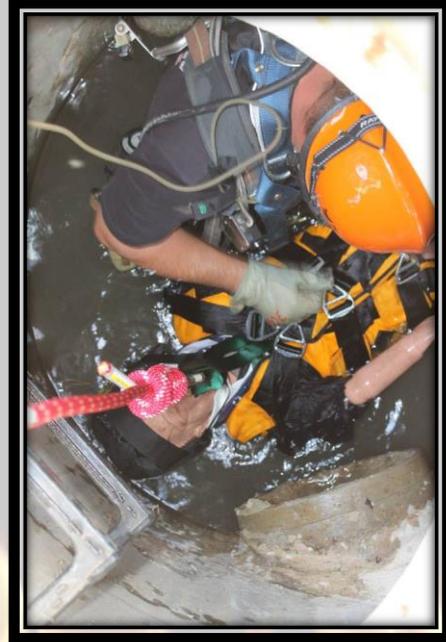
Mission Statement

“MABAS-Illinois serves local fire agencies, MABAS Divisions, State of Illinois Departments, and Cook County UASI-DHSEM by providing a systems-based resource allocation and distribution network of robust traditional and non-traditional fire-EMS-rescue and special operations teams for emergency and sustained response within and outside of the State of Illinois. Accomplishment of services requires cooperation, standardization, reliability, partnering, brokering and ongoing communication and compliance with customer specifications and expectations. Customer trust and reliance on the MABAS system is built upon personal relationships, credibility, and ongoing customer support.”



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SPECIAL TEAMS



Mission:
The Combined Agency Response Team (CART) exists to provide highly trained responders to specialized rescue incidents in a quick, efficient manner. CART responds to rescue incidents with a multi-million dollar cache of member owned and CART supplemented equipment to support the efforts of the technical rescuers. There are over 400 Rescue Technicians who are annually tested by the CART organization.





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SPECIAL TEAMS



Members of the MABAS 27 Hazardous Materials Response Team are responsible to be trained and certified to the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal Hazardous Materials Technician B level. The team is comprised of approximately 40 members and advisors.

This team is responsible for responding to hazardous materials incidents and acts of terrorism in the South Suburbs, when called upon by a department of MABAS 27 or 24.

The purpose of the Haz-Mat Team is to provide a team of personnel with specialized hazardous materials training and equipment when the need arises. The team is capable of responding to hazardous materials incidents in order to contain and/or control the incident and to prevent further damage to life and property.



SPECIAL TEAMS



The mission of the MABAS Division 27/24 Dive Team is to provide a professional response to water rescue and/or recovery incidents to the Villages located within both Divisions.



Due to the variety of waterways in the area (lakes, rivers, ponds, drainage ditches, etc.) the Dive Team must be prepared for multiple types of water rescue situations.

- Evidence Recovery - assist law enforcement agencies in crime scene investigations and evidence recovery operations.
 - River Diving - rescue or recovery of victims using underwater search patterns in a moving water environment.
- Surface Water Rescue - rescue of accident victims while they are still on the surface of lakes, ponds, and other types of still water.
 - Swift-water Rescue - rescues performed anywhere near rivers and other types of moving water.
- Underwater Rescue - SCUBA divers performing underwater search patterns to locate near-drowning victims.



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SPECIAL TEAMS



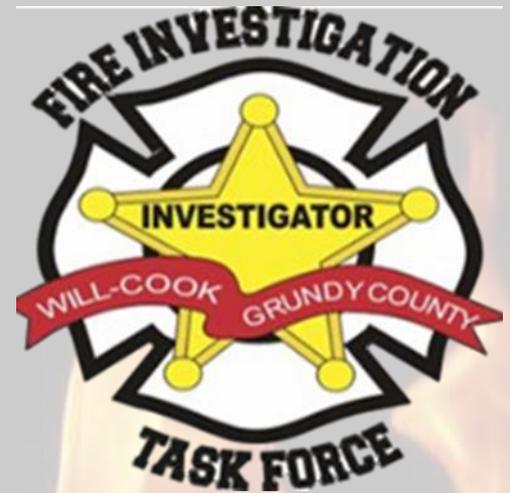
The Mission of the AFFI Honor Guard shall be to promote the Associated Firefighters of Illinois, the Locals therein, and the fire service as a whole, to the public, in a positive and proper fashion. To provide, as a line of duty death benefit, dignified, honorable services for fallen AFFI members, their surviving family members, and union brothers and sisters through organization of and participation in funeral and memorial services.





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SPECIAL TEAMS



The primary goal of the Will-Cook-Grundy County Fire Investigation Task Force is to provide training, education, support, and assistance to local municipalities by investigating and determining the origin and cause for large loss fires, multiple fire fatalities and providing staffing assistance within stricken jurisdictions throughout Will, Cook and Grundy County.



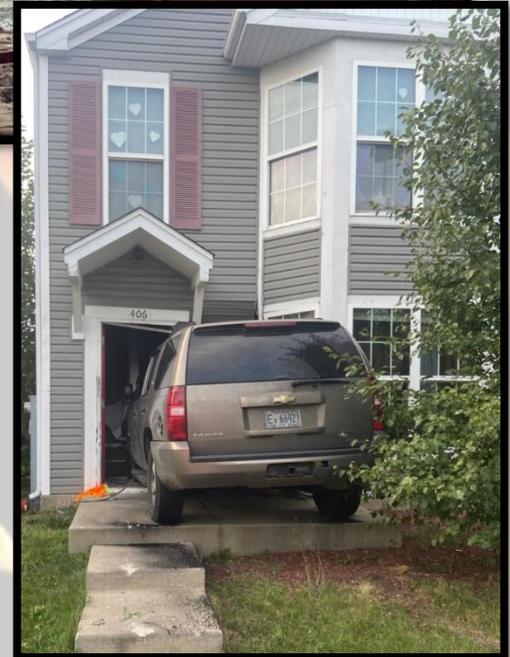
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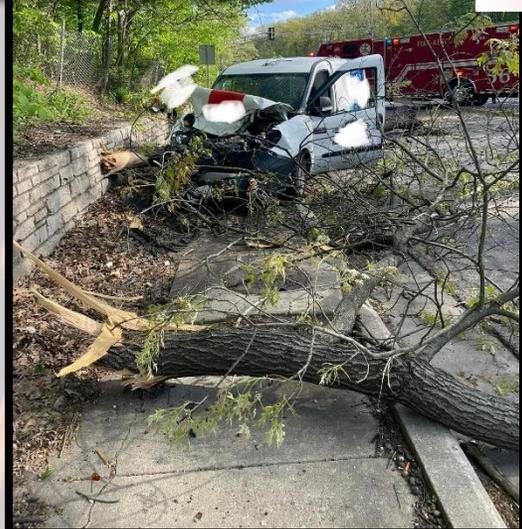


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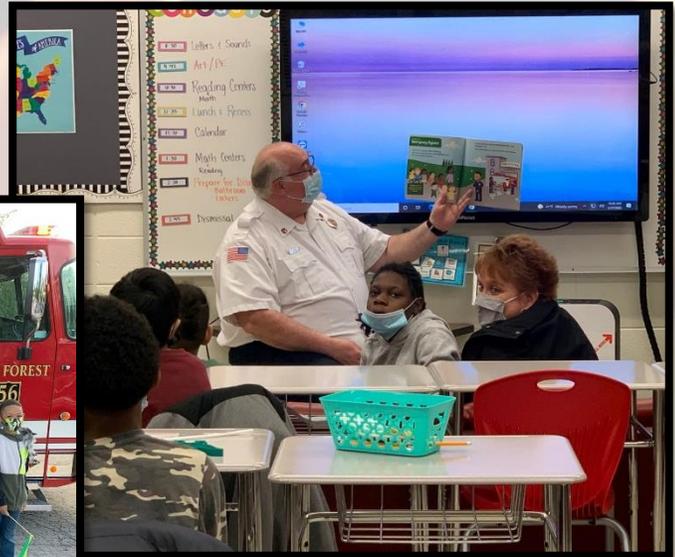


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