

PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2021 Annual Report



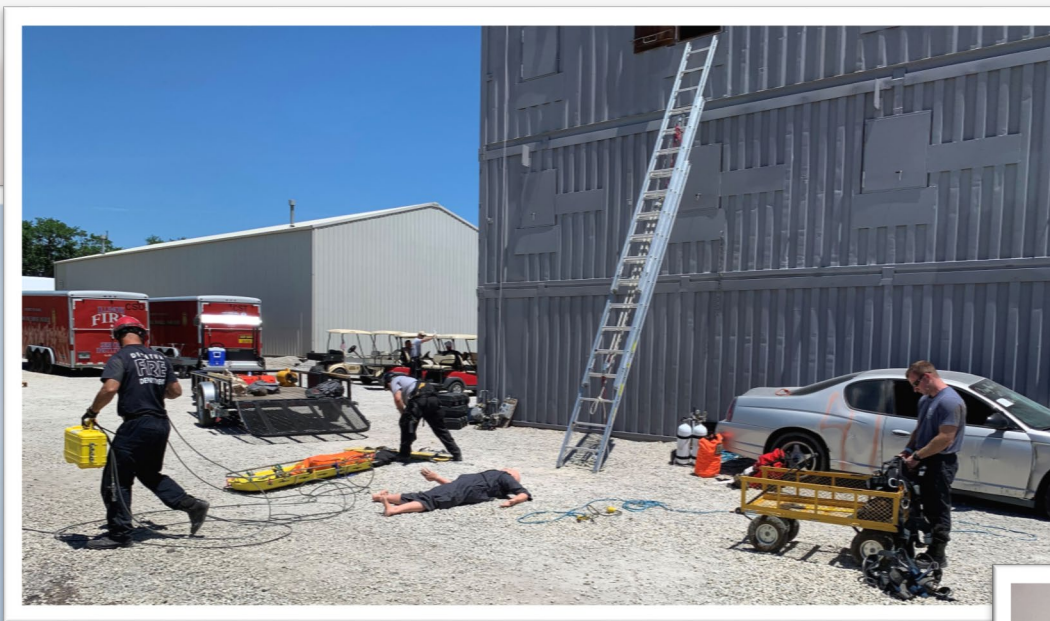


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A message from the Chief



Jon Stratton
Fire Chief

As we close out our busiest year in the history of the Plainfield Fire Protection District, our members continue to prepare and respond to the needs of the community regardless of the challenges they face. If anything, this past year has reminded us that the challenges we face make us stronger which was reflected in the work performed by our members. From battling fires to treating those impacted by covid, our members have gone above and beyond to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our community. This year has brought out the best in the members of the Fire District. We are always ready and proud to serve the community.

Within the annual report, you will see highlighted some of our major accomplishments and statistics over the past year. These accomplishments would not be possible without the support of the Fire District Board of Trustees, representatives from the Village of Plainfield, City of Crest Hill, Will County, Kendall County, neighboring fire departments and districts, and our dispatch center WESCOM. It is a pleasure to work with these dedicated professionals to provide the highest level of service to the residents, businesses, and visitors within the Fire District.

With a 10% increase from 2020, the Fire District responded to 5,069 calls for service in 2021. Even with the increased demand for service, we continued to be an organization that remained engaged within the community. Though covid may have changed our traditional methods of teaching we adapted and held our open house as a drive-through venue to educate the community on the importance of fire safety. We continued to support the Toys for Tots initiative sponsored by the USMC. With the support of the USMC, Meijer, the Fire District, and private donors we were able to provide over \$10,000.00 in gifts to children during the holiday season. We continued to support Community Risk Reduction programs to include CPR training, car seat installations, blood drives, smoke and carbon monoxide alarm installations, and several other community-based initiatives and events.

Caring for the health and safety of the community is a vital component of the service we provide, however, we also emphasize the health and safety of our personnel. Whether it be procedural changes to safely care for the community during the pandemic or the implementation of health and fitness initiatives, the Fire District health and fitness programs ensure members can perform their duties to the best of their abilities. Thanks in part to our Peer Fitness Team, members have access to programs that deal with mental health, nutrition, and fitness. The goal is to reduce injuries and ensure personnel can enjoy a healthy and successful career.

In planning for the future many new initiatives have taken place to meet the needs of our growing community. These include the purchase of a new ladder truck that will be assigned to fire station 1 and a new ambulance that will be assigned to our fire station 4. Additionally, the Fire District is working on securing land for future fire station locations due to the expansion of growth within the fire district boundaries.

In closing, it has been my pleasure to serve the community as your Fire Chief working side by side with the brave men and women of this organization. The actions of our personnel in 2021 are a testament to why we chose to be in the public safety profession and the importance first responders play within the community. Know that the men and women of the Fire District will continue to respond in your time of need and we thank you for your continued support.

Plainfield, IL



Plainfield Town Hall

Plainfield is a prosperous and bustling Village, located 35 miles southwest of Chicago, with a population of 44,980 residents. Easily accessible, the Village is close to several interstates and state highways making it an excellent place to live, own a business, or simply spend the day shopping and dining in our historic downtown.

Downtown Plainfield, which is the heart of the community, is a vibrant, pedestrian-focused destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment. Each year, downtown is home to a number of special events including Plainfield Fest, classic car nights, movies, and concerts. Plainfield is also home to the Lake Renwick Heron Rookery, numerous historic districts and landmarks, a wonderful park and trail system, and the DuPage River which provides numerous outdoor recreational opportunities.

At the crossroads of the historic Lincoln Highway and Route 66, Plainfield continues to build upon its already rich history. The Village Government is well positioned to accommodate growth and welcomes new commercial and industrial development to help parallel the success of its residential expansion.



Downtown Plainfield at Dawn

The Plainfield Fire Protection District



PFPD Administration Campus

The PFPD is located in the northwest corner of Will County in northeast Illinois. It was formed in 1935 and currently covers an area of 54 square miles to include Plainfield and Wheatland Townships in Will County and portions of Na-Au-Say and Oswego Township in Kendall County. Between 2004-2005, the District transitioned into a Full-Time/Combination Department when it hired its first full-time EMS Coordinator and Officers. Since that time, it has grown to accommodate 7 Chief officers, 15 Lieutenants, 54 Full-Time FF/PMs and 4 Part-Time FF/PM or EMT-Basics. Together, the PFPD responds to the nearly 45,000 residents that call the Village or Township home. PFPD is a member of the Illinois MABAS team and operates in Division 15. Additionally, the Fire Prevention Bureau conducts regular inspections, fire prevention classes and code enforcement. Because of the District's dedication to the community and commitment to improvement, it continues to hold an Insurance Service Office (ISO) Class 1 rating. The better the ISO rating translates into cost savings for the homeowner.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fire Protective Services have been in place in Plainfield since December 5th, 1888 in the form of the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Stations and Locations



"A Cut Above the Rest"



Station 1
14415 S. Coil Plus Drive



Station 2
23806 W. 135th Street



Station 3
25001 W. 119th Street



Station 4
15930 S. Frederick Street



Headquarters Campus
23748 W. 135th Street

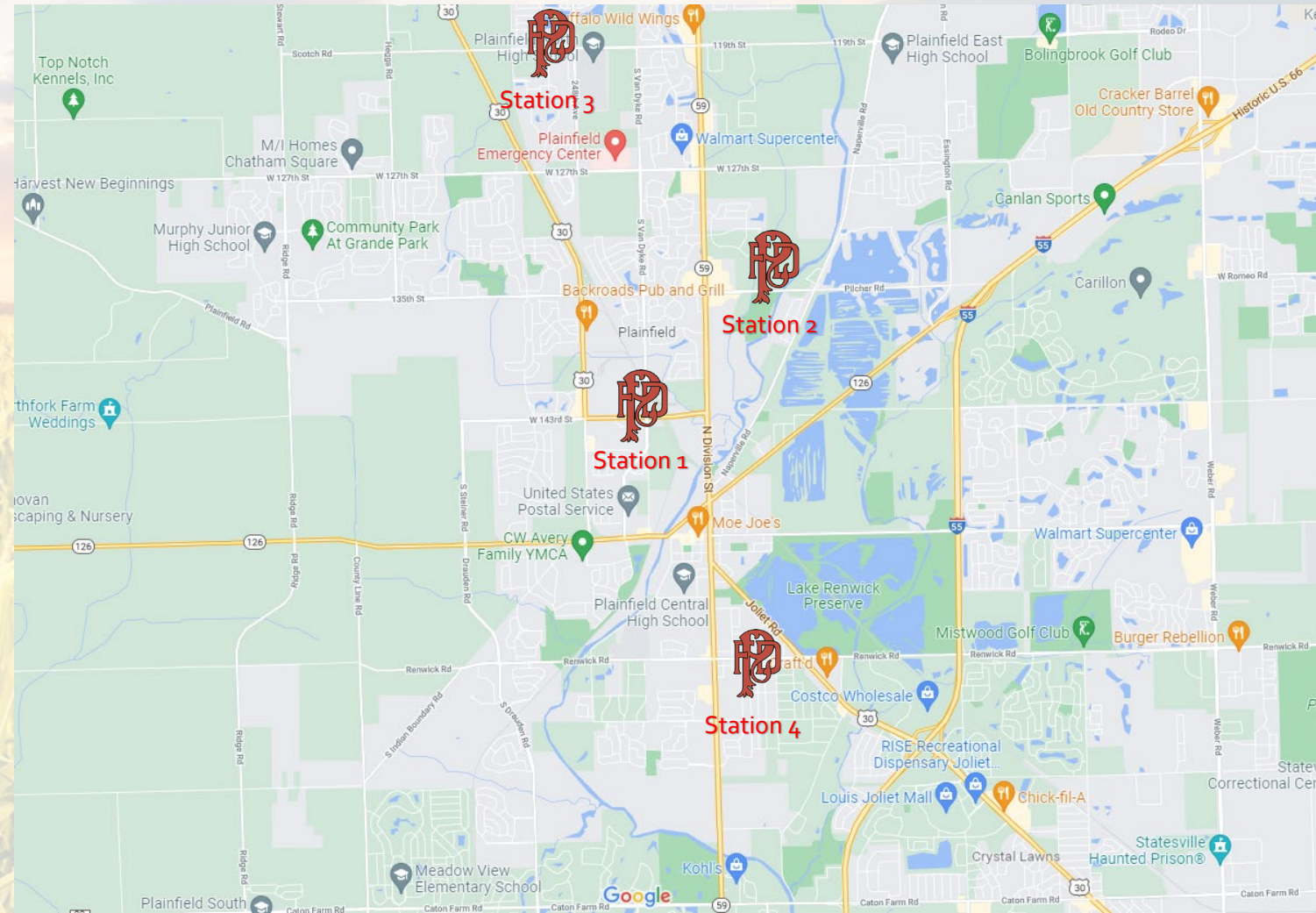
Stations and Locations

The Fire District's stations are strategically placed along the Route 59 corridor for easy access to the main highways (Route 30, Route 126, and Route 59) and Interstate 55 with room for future development to the west of the Village. Each station is specifically staffed with the personnel and equipment needed to best suit the anticipated calls in the District.

Station 1, located in the center of the District, houses two ambulances, a truck company and a brush truck.

Station 2 has a centralized squad company, ambulance, Battalion Chief and special teams vehicles.

Stations 3 and 4 house engines, ambulances and tenders.



Google snapshot of Plainfield with station locations

Governance, Executive and Organizational Leadership



The Boardroom at the Administration Campus



William Barnes
President
Board of Trustees



Thomas Paul
Secretary



Douglas Shreve
Treasurer



Robert Baish
Trustee



Theodore Peszynski
Trustee



Dale Hurley
Chairman
Board of Commissioners



William Anderson
Commissioner



Arnold Hartley
Commissioner

The Board of Trustees and Commissioners are the governing bodies that oversee the finances, ordinances, resolutions, testing, hiring and disciplinary matters for the District. They hold regular meetings at Headquarters Campus located on 135th Street, for meeting dates, please look at www.plainfieldfpd.org

Administration



Ryan Angelus
Fire Inspector



Fred Baldego
Maintenance



Mary Jo Fazio
Administrative
Assistant



Cheryl Hansen
EMS Coordinator



Nicole Irwin
Administrative
Assistant



Rick Kruger
EVT



Mary Ludemann
Fire Marshal



Alex Medina
Network
Administrator



Paul Stauffer
Maintenance
Supervisor

Local 4560



Doug Mullen
President



Andy Scott
Vice-President



Joe Baber
Secretary



Dennis House
Sergeant at Arms



Matt Deliberto
Treasurer



Rytis Juzolenas
Shift Steward - Gold



Brian Moody
Shift Steward - Black



Rob Underhill
Shift Steward - Red



Greetings, and Happy New Year.

The members of Local 4560 were proud to serve the citizens of the Fire District throughout 2021, and were happy to see some return to normalcy in everyday life.

After a year of limited interactions and activities, our membership was able to resume functions key to our success.

Education

Members of our Executive Board attended the 55th IAFF Convention as delegates, as well as the AFFI Combined Districts Meeting in Bolingbrook. Our members also attended training seminars ranging in topics from the current economic climate and its effects on collective bargaining, to the history of organized labor in the state of Illinois. We also sent some of our new members to the first annual AFFI New Member Conference in Bloomington, IL.

Fundraising

Supporting other local organizations and charities through fundraising has always been important to our membership, and on September 17th, we were proud to host our annual golf outing at Whitetail Ridge Golf Course in Yorkville, IL. Due to the hard work of the event's lead organizer, Brandon Wright, the outing was a success, and Local 4560 was able to donate \$2000.00 to Project Fire Buddies.

Retirements

Throughout 2021, we saw three of Local 4560's original members retire from Plainfield Fire.

FF/PM Joel Moore (16 years of service), FF/PM Adam Slick (16 years of service), and Paramedic Troy Hambly (37 years of service).

We thank them all for their years of dedicated service, and wish them the very best as they move on to the next chapter in their lives.

The members of Local 4560 are both proud and grateful for the opportunity to serve this community every day, and we look forward to continuing that service in 2022.

Sincerely,

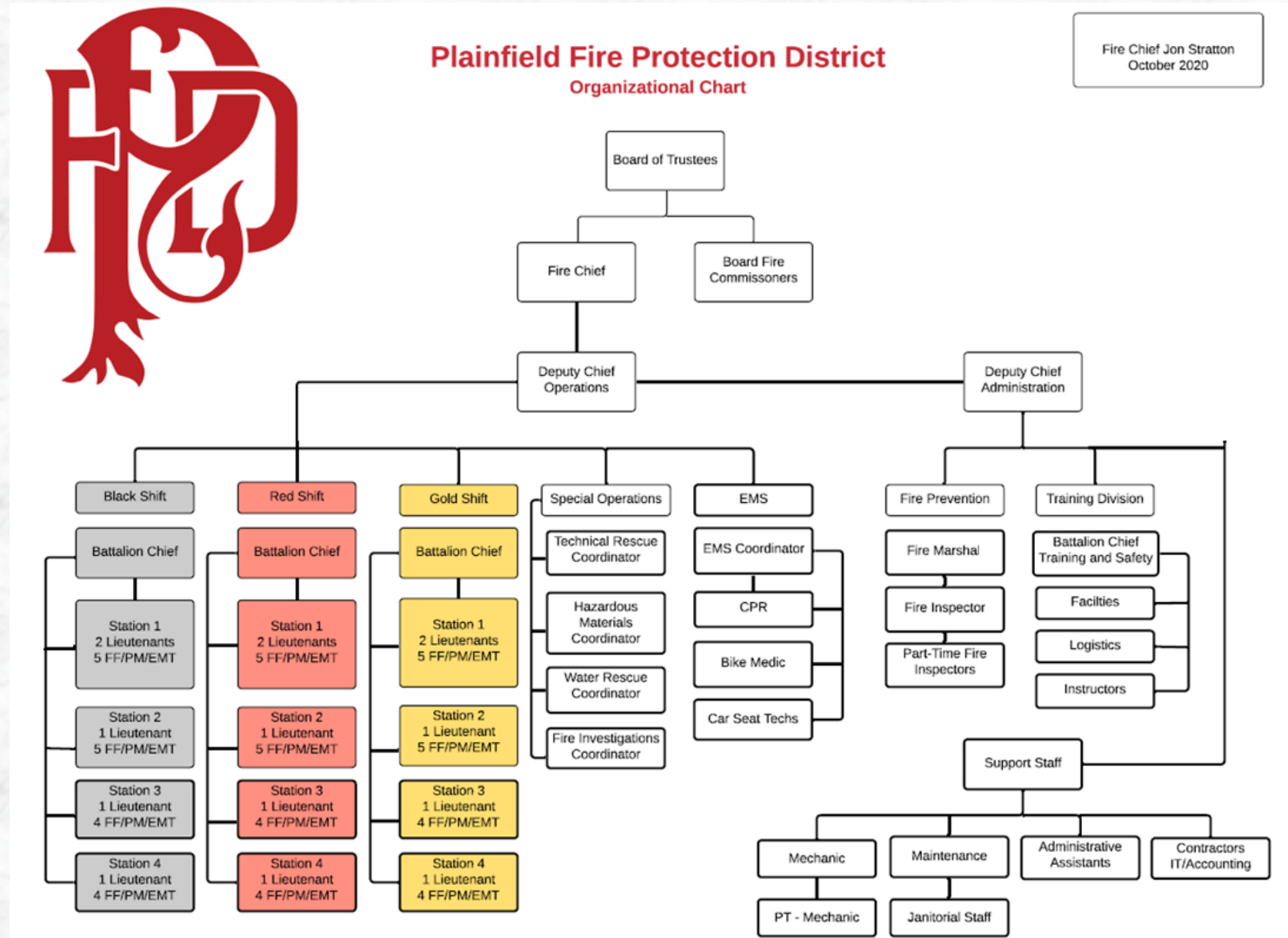
Douglas Mullen

President-Plainfield Local 4560

Leadership



One of the District's greatest attributes is the leadership of the upper management. As you can see from the flow chart, responsibility and span of control are disseminated outward from the Board of Trustees



Chief Officers

The Chief Officers are in charge of ensuring policy and procedure development and adherence, response algorithms, training criteria, safety and day to day operations of the Fire District.



Fire Chief



Deputy Chief



Battalion Chief



Jon Stratton
Fire Chief



Vito Bonomo III
Deputy Fire Chief of
Operations



Mark Reynolds
Deputy Fire Chief of
Administration



Vince Baudek
Gold Shift
Battalion Chief



Mike Obman
Black Shift
Battalion Chief



Scott Moore
Red Shift
Battalion Chief



Charles Kraft
Training & Safety
Battalion Chief

Line Officers

The Line Officers are in charge of ensuring policy and procedure adherence set by the administration. They are the leaders of the company and direct actions while in quarters, training, or on an incident.



Lieutenants

Matthew Deliberto
Bryan Gallup
Eric Jensen
Chad Johnson
Ryan Johnson



Brian Joseph
Robert Knowles
Patrick Murphy
Joseph Schroeder
Andrew Scott



Brian Stevens
Andrew Urbancic
Brandon Vainowski
Brandon Wright
Jered Zubaty

Firefighter/ Paramedics

The Firefighter/Paramedics of the Plainfield Fire Protection District are the backbone of the organization. The dedicated FF/PM's proudly provide life saving care and fire prevention services to the community



Jordan Armstrong



Joseph Baber



James Brereton



Joseph Broadus



Bill Cascone



Ray Crompton



Brandon Cymerman



Edward Eddy



Lorin Eichelberger



Jason Ewing



Marc Findlay



Mathew Giesen



Steve Hawkinson



Dennis House



Tyler Hunt



Jack Jirgl



Matt Jolly



Rytis Juzolenas



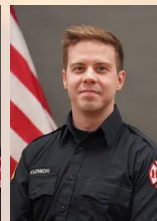
Brett Krasuski



Chad Krnac



Brennon Kuhn



Andrew Kuzmicki



Eric Lewis



Mike Lough



Chad Lovell



Chris Marchinski



Robert Martins



Chase Meadows



Brian Moody



Matthew Muehlbauer



Doug Mullen



Matthew Mullins



Zachary Randich



Kelly Rogina



Nick Sedlacek



Josh Serrato



Scott Sheldon



Brad Sherwood



Adam Slick



Sam Spagnoli

Firefighter/ Paramedics

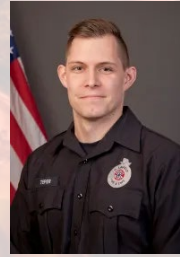
The PFPD employs 54 Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedics and 4 Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedics.



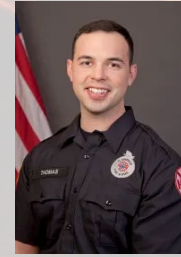
Jason Stone



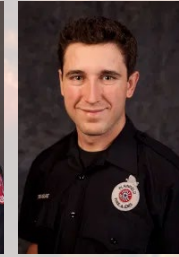
Steven Tatroe



Kevin Teper



Ryan Thomas



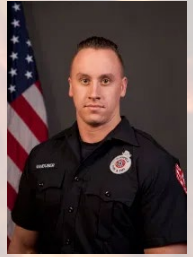
Jackson Treasure



Cameron Ulatowski



Robert Underhill



Kyle VanDuser



Justin Voss



Michael Walden



Eric Watkins



Mike Williams



Jenae Williamson



Kyle Zahrobsky



Rocco Zoccoli

Part-time



Rocky Christopher



Stan Czajkowski



Shannon Klinger

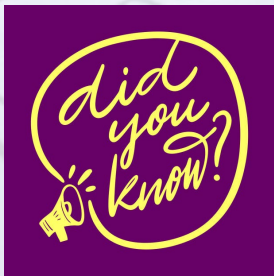


Carl Schultz



Fiscal and Operational Support

The Plainfield Fire Protection District continues to maintain a balanced budget while providing the best possible service to our community. Our budget process emphasizes fiscal responsibility and complete transparency.

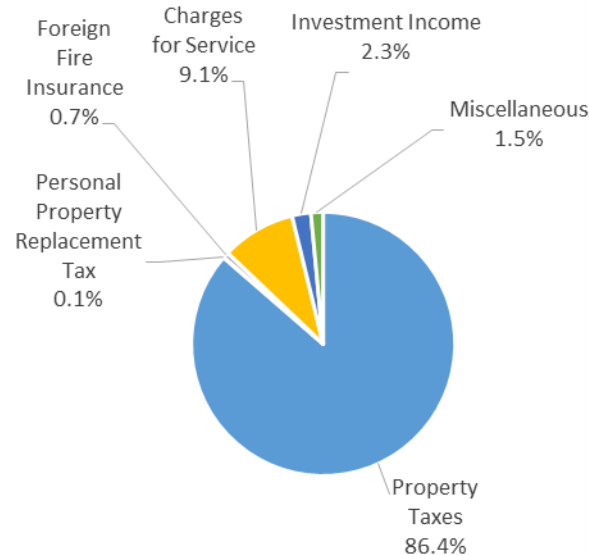


PFPD is a Government Finance Officers Association recipient of the Certification of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting since 2017.

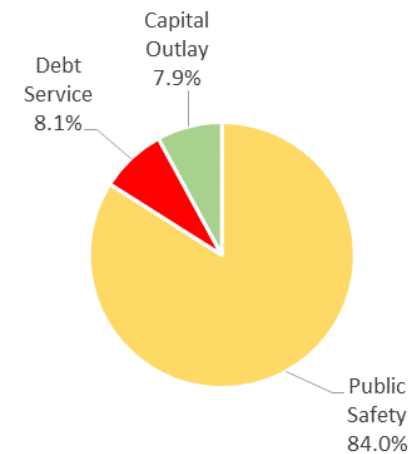


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REVENUE							
	Property Taxes		14,629,881	14,853,432	15,408,211	15,830,628	16,279,846
	Personal Property Replace		11,792	12,454	11,322	14,237	12,582
	Foreign Fire Insurance		175,551	190,498	98,728	121,349	127,469
	Charges for Service		1,414,280	1,958,778	2,015,728	1,818,639	1,713,020
	Investment Income		107,516	146,844	235,233	593,672	435,735
	Miscellaneous		1,221,047	179,082	212,656	104,291	281,786
		Subtotal	17,560,067	17,341,088	17,981,878	18,482,816	18,850,438
		% Diff	7%	-1%	4%	3%	2%
			Audited 2016	Audited 2017	Audited 2018	Audited 2019	Audited 2020
EXPENDITURES							
	Public Safety		13,845,799	14,838,248	14,629,803	14,510,345	14,632,968
	Debt Service		1,206,463	1,029,744	1,782,111	1,265,526	1,406,883
	Capital Outlay		1,570,105	1,354,653	680,769	1,770,393	1,384,143
		Subtotal	16,622,367	17,222,645	17,092,683	17,546,264	17,423,994
		% Diff	11%	4%	-1%	3%	-1%

REVENUE



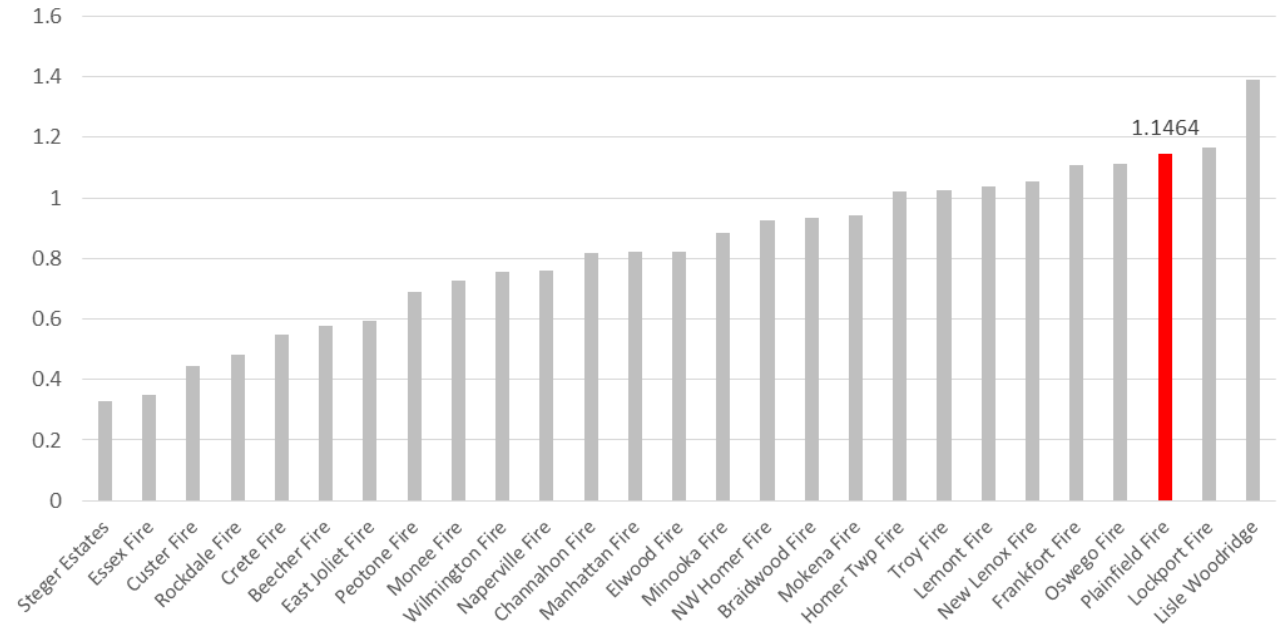
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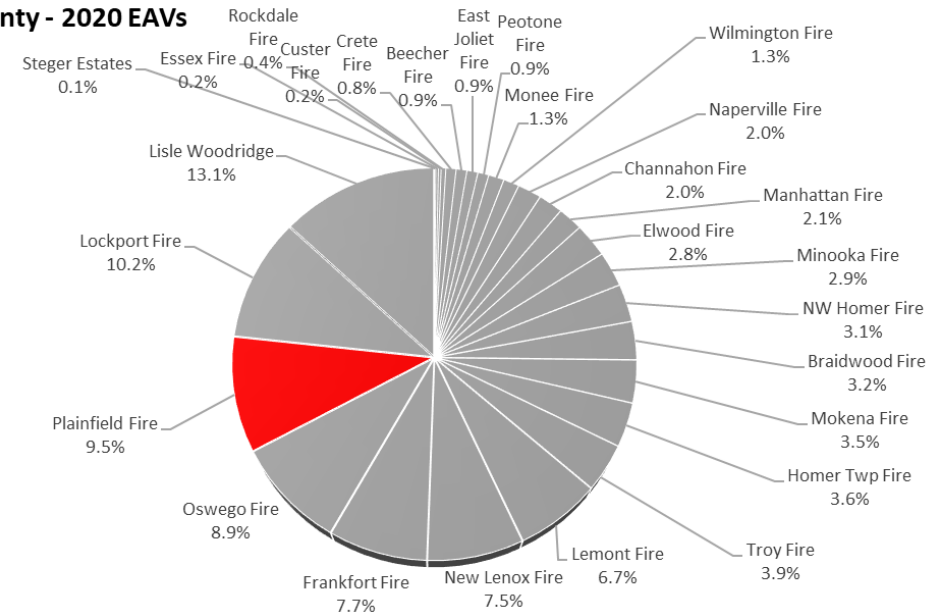
Fiscal and Operational Support

While property taxes make up the largest revenue stream for the District, we strive to maintain a moderate tax rate in comparison to surrounding districts while covering the 3rd largest in equalized assessed value (EAV) in the following comparable.

Will County - 2020 Tax Rates



Will County - 2020 EAVs



Grants



In 2021 the District was successful in obtaining a total of \$41,190 in grant funding. We are thankful for the organizations that generously provided funding to us and are very excited to see the equipment purchased and used during training and on calls. Here is a breakdown of the grants and what was purchased.

\$1,000 from American Water and \$40,190 from Illinois Public Risk Fund.



Funds from the grants purchased firefighting equipment, exhaust removal systems for the fire stations, and engaged the services of Ready Rebound to assist in getting employees back to work quicker who are off due to injury.

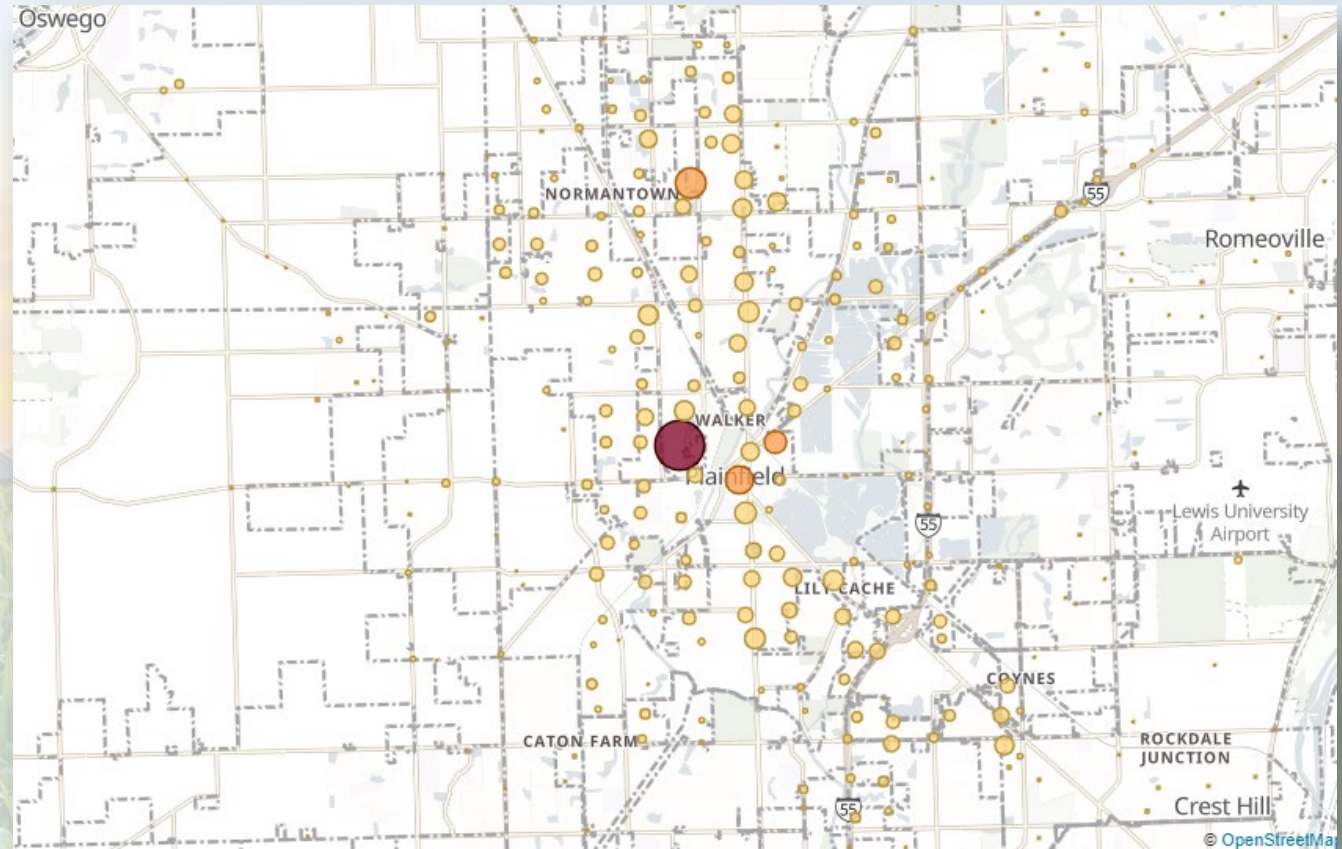
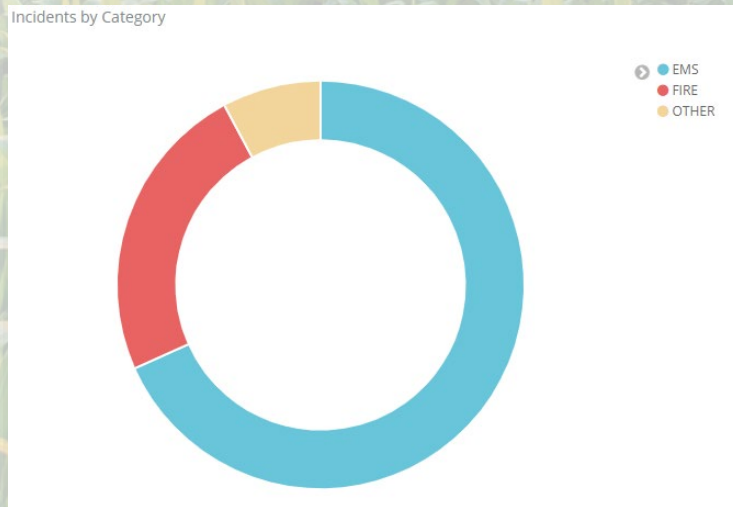
Response Data

In total, PFPD responded to 5,069 calls. Those calls break down as follows;

3,459 EMS - 68%

1,209 Fire - 24%

401 Other - 8%

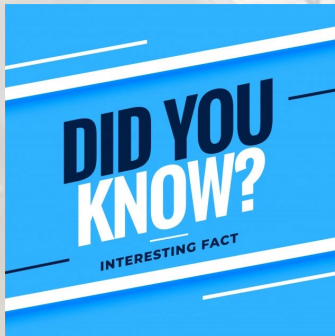


2021 set a new response record for the District by cresting 5,000 calls for the first time in its history increasing last years calls by 10.17%

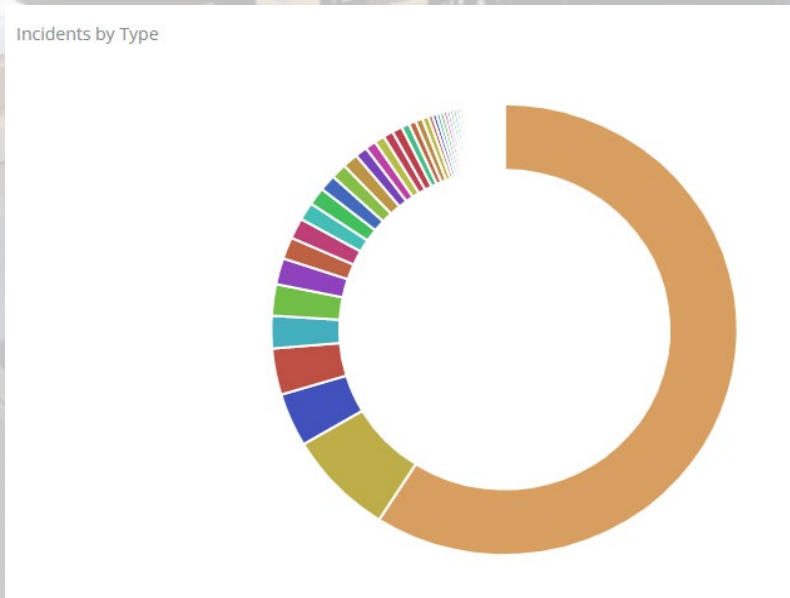
Although COVID-19 continued to plague 2021 a general increase of EMS, Fire and Other calls were relative.

Call Type

This is a list of abbreviated calls types the District responds to. As you can see, there are a myriad of calls, EMS and Fire, that companies respond to at all hours of the day, 7 days a week. The fire service predominantly provides EMS care to the community but is prepared for anything.



That firefighters still rescue cats from trees.....along with dogs, birds, toy planes, model rockets and almost anything else you can imagine.



- ▶ EMS call, excluding ve...
- Motor vehicle accide...
- Dispatched & cancell...
- Smoke detector activ...
- Assist police or other ...
- Alarm system activati...
- Cover assignment, st...
- Assist invalid
- Carbon monoxide de...
- Gas leak (natural gas ...
- Smoke detector activ...
- False alarm or false c...
- No Incident found on...
- Detector activation, n...
- Alarm system sounde...
- Power line down
- Building fire
- Emergency medical s...
- Motor Vehicle Accide...
- Smoke or odor remo...
- Smoke scare, odor of...
- Medical assist, assist ...
- Unintentional transm...
- Person in distress, Ot...
- Brush or brush-and-g...
- Passenger vehicle fire
- Unintentional transm...
- Lock-out
- Service Call, other
- Water or steam leak
- Carbon monoxide inc...
- Public service assista...
- Cooking fire, confine...
- Public service
- Unauthorized burning
- Authorized controlle...
- Animal rescue
- Arcing, shorted electr...
- Mulch fire
- Removal of victim(s) f...
- Electrical wiring/equi...

- Police matter
- System malfunction, ...
- Breakdown of light b...
- Excessive heat, scorc...
- Outside rubbish, tras...
- Rescue, EMS incident,...
- Road freight or trans...
- Sprinkler activation d...
- CO detector activatio...
- Fire, Other
- Gasoline or other fla...
- Good intent call, Other
- Overheated motor
- Steam, Other gas mis...
- Trash or rubbish fire, ...
- Vehicle accident, gen...
- Defective elevator, n...
- Dumpster or other o...
- Fires in structure oth...
- Hazardous condition,...
- Heat from short circu...
- Lock-in (if lock out , u...
- Overpressure ruptur...
- Chemical hazard (no ...
- Chemical spill or leak
- Commercial Compact...
- Extinguishing system ...
- HazMat release inves...
- Heat detector activati...
- Mobile property (vehi...
- Motor vehicle/pedest...
- Oil or other combusti...
- Outside equipment fire
- Outside rubbish fire, ...
- Prescribed fire
- Severe weather or na...
- Sprinkler activation, n...
- Steam, vapor, fog or ...
- Swimming/recreation...



Busiest Unit
Ambulance

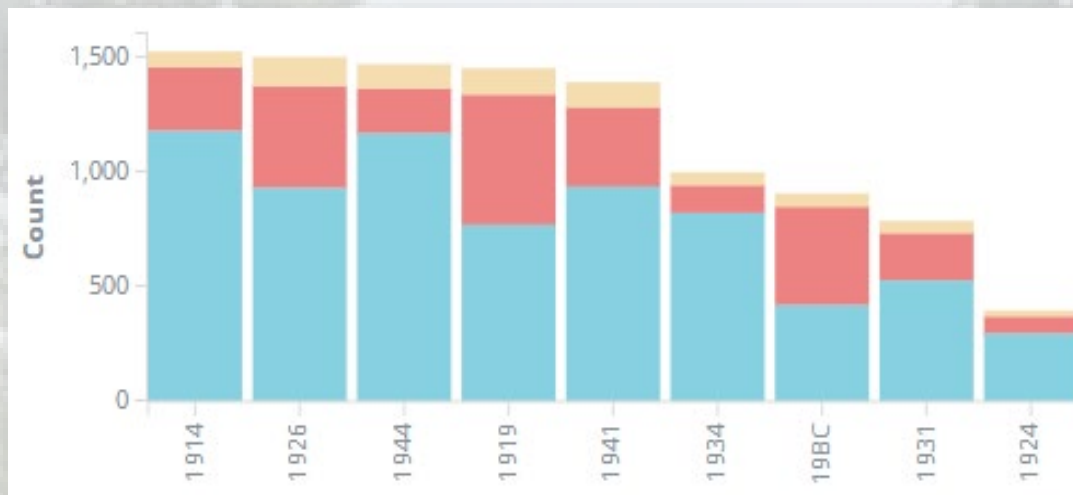
1914

1,180 EMS

227 Fire

68 Other

Total: 1,549



Busiest Fire
Apparatus

1926

932 EMS

442 Fire

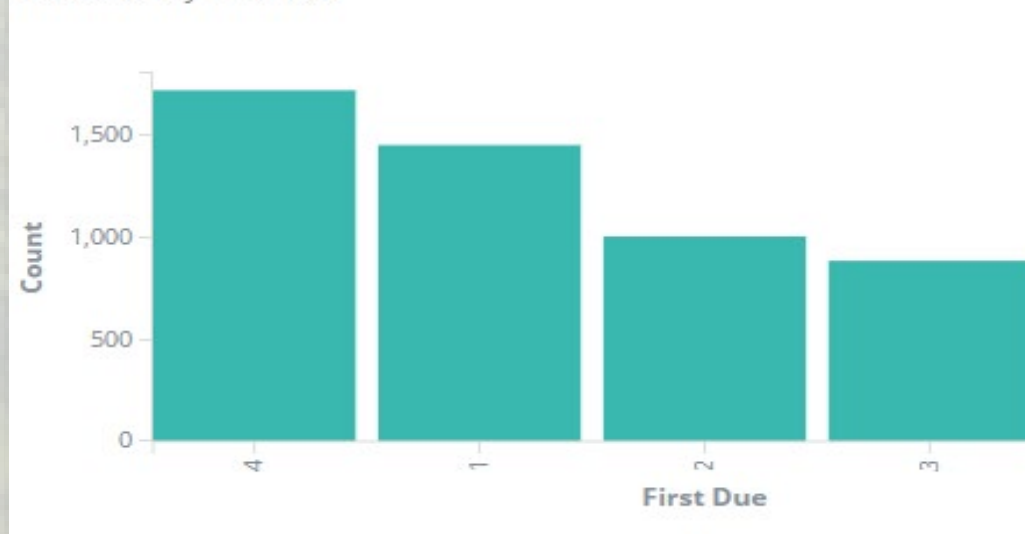
127 other

Total: 1,511

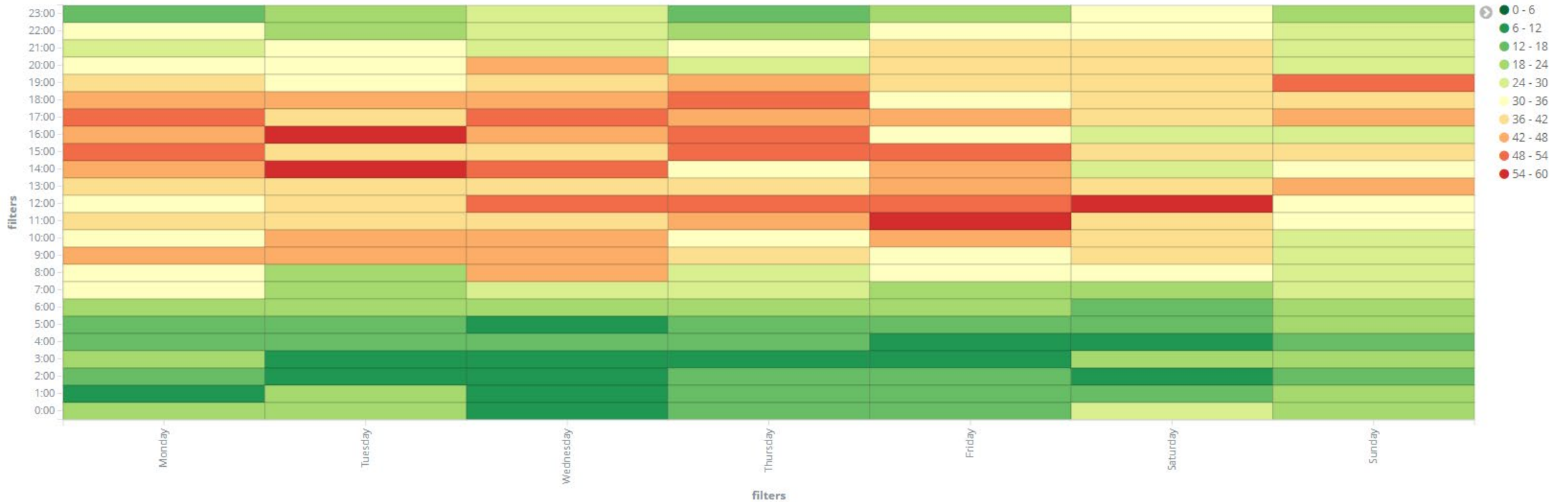


Every station has a response area assigned to it. These areas are called “still districts”. Station 4 still district generated 1,718 calls for the year followed closely by Station 1 with 1,450 calls. Stations 2 and 3 combined for an additional 1,901 calls. Some calls require multiple vehicles to respond. In total, the District had 10,775 vehicle responses.

Incidents by First Due



Hour of Day Heatmap



Listed here is the breakdown of times that the District responded to in 2021. Low volume of calls are presented in green and move up to high frequency annotated in red. The majority of calls on average occurred between 10am and 6pm, Monday through Sunday.



Plainfield FPD has agreements in place to respond with Joliet, Naperville, Oswego, Troy, Romeoville and Lockport fire departments in the event of major incidents or multiple calls are simultaneously occurring within the PFPD District. So don't be surprised if you see one of these departments at your door first.

Information Technology

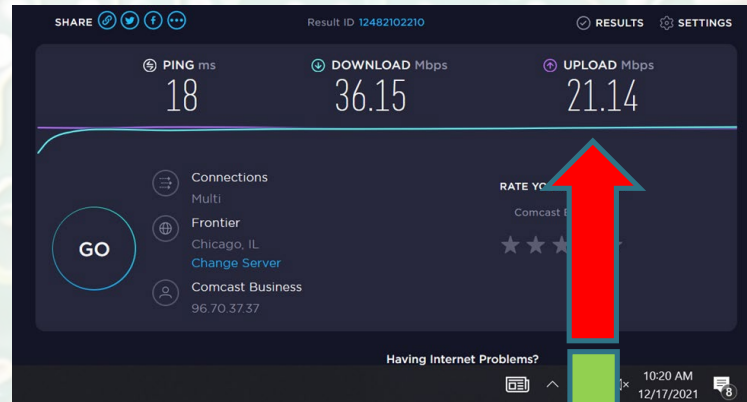


Alex Medina
Network
Administrator

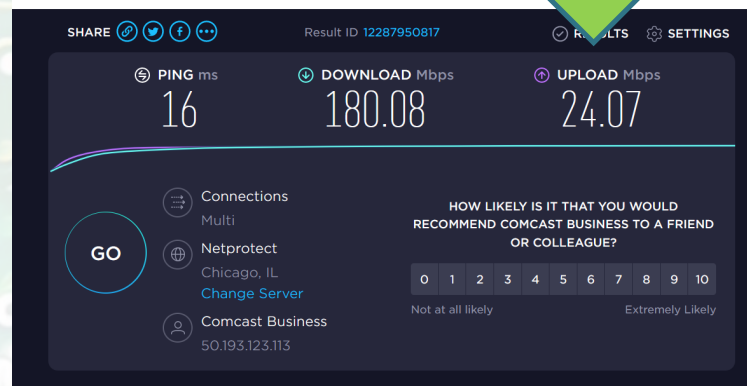
The Information Technology (IT) Division had a busy 2021 securing, servicing, and upgrading over 50 mobile devices and 60 laptop and desktop computers. Over the past year, IT helped to improve our overall system health and operating capabilities in several areas. Though Information Technology is not as exciting as a fire engine responding with its lights and siren activated, the importance of a robust and secure system is a top priority for the Fire District.

One of the primary areas was to find a reporting system that could be utilized to capture all the Fire District's incident data and meet the requirements for submitting incidents to the National Fire Incident Reporting System. Over 8 months, IT met with various vendors and was able to find a system that allowed us to transfer existing data into the new system, capture data, report incidents to the national database, and perform and track fire prevention activities. This new system streamlined data entry and puts more of our operating systems into one platform.

Information Technology



Before and After



In addition to data entry, we were able to upgrade our computer-aided dispatch system that alerts our firefighter/paramedics when a 911 call is dispatched. This upgrade allowed us to minimize hardware utilized to operate the system and allows for easier troubleshooting when there is a problem with the system. This system is broadcasted over several TV monitors around the fire station that not only broadcast 911 call information but also provide a dashboard for members to view pertinent information that the fire district disseminates improving internal communications.

The internal workings of the entire computer system were upgraded as well. New Ethernet cables and connections were installed allowing for faster Wi-Fi speeds and decreasing the number of incidents involving poor connectivity around the fire stations. The Wi-Fi infrastructure was also upgraded at all fire stations providing higher speeds to our computer systems and devices. Additional securities were put in place with the upgrading and configuration of new Firewall systems to further enhance the cyber security of the fire district's system.

Emergency Medical Services



Cheryl Hansen
EMS Coordinator



Jack Jirgl
Paramedic

The “fire service” is actually dominated by EMS calls. In 2021, 68% of calls for Plainfield were EMS related.

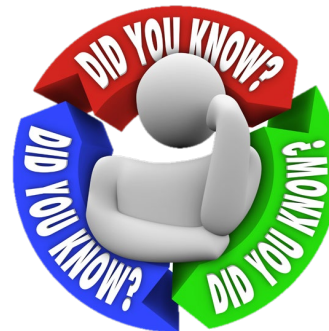
It's hard to believe that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a part of our daily life for nearly two years! In spite of the challenges covid has put in our way, we continue to strive to provide the best possible care for the residents and visitors we serve. In addition to our monthly Continuing Education (CE) provided by Silver Cross Hospital, we have full-time Paramedic Jack Jirgl providing training to each crew, every month and one on one assistance when needed, he also assists the EMS Coordinator.

The field of EMS and EMS providers remains ever-evolving both personally and technologically. We do our best to stay on top of both, trying new techniques or revisiting the old ones, and watching for promising new products. In June of 2021 we took possession of a new Horton Ambulance which is housed at station #2 on 135th St. and ordered another for station #4.

We are committed to being patient advocates; assisting with other things like observing for unsafe conditions, providing resources, helping someone in or out of their car; up and down stairs or just holding a hand to calm a patient, family member or friend. In 2021 our EMS providers responded to 3,459 ambulance requests.

If you have questions about EMS operations, billing questions, or have a resource need, please contact the EMS Office at: 815.733.7313.

Cheryl Hansen



CPR Report



Bryan Gallup
AHA Certified CPR
Coordinator



The Plainfield Fire Protection District is an authorized provider of American Heart Association training, as well as a CTC (Community Training Center). In general, we average over 50 classes per year and certify over 200 students in CPR, AED, and First Aid skills at our Headquarters building and at local businesses. This year was a little different. The COVID-19 pandemic shut down classes for a good majority of the year. Due to that, we were not able to continue with our mission to certify as many people as possible.

CPR saves lives. More than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur each year. Sadly, 88% of those people will die because CPR is not immediately started. Studies show that if CPR is started right after cardiac arrest is recognized, that can double or triple that person's chance of survival. Whether it is a certification course, or just a Hands Only presentation, we feel that it is important that everyone have some form of CPR training.

The classes that we offer are: BLS (Formerly Healthcare Provider), Heartsaver AED, Adult First Aid and CPR/ AED, Pediatric First Aid and CPR/AED, and hands on skills sessions for online classes. A list of classes as well as the schedule are available on our website, which also allows participants to register for the class of their choice.

Authorized Provider
of CPR and ECC Courses

American Heart
Association
Learn and Live...

Fire Marshal Report



Mary Ludemann
Fire Marshal

marshal

The Fire Marshal oversees the day-to-day operations of the Fire Prevention Bureau. Ensuring that the Fire District's codes and ordinances are up to date and relevant. Conducting occupancy inspections, new construction inspections, witnessing fire protection system acceptance tests and special inspections relating to code enforcement and fire protection system issues. Reviewing construction plans for fire and life safety code compliance. Keeping duty crew's up to date on building developments and responding to FOIA requests about buildings and land. The Fire Marshal also provides public information and community outreach through fire and life safety education presentations, live radio segments, press releases and social media updates.

One of the many challenge's covid brought to 2021 included impacting how we performed our duties in the fire prevention bureau. New processes and methods had to be created and developed that would allow us to continue to provide services throughout the year. However, some of our traditional events like our annual fire prevention week open house was a drive through with static displays of our equipment. We gave out over 200 kid bags and 150 adult swag bags. We delivered fire safety messages to our elementary and middle schools during October. We continue to look forward to new and improved ways to deliver fire and life safety education messages in 2022.

During 2021 we were able to continue our active participation in inspector training that was offered through webinars and in person. Staying current with training allows us to keep up with evolving construction methods, business trends and processes, fire protection system technology and fire and life safety educational messaging and outreach methods and material. These exchanges of information become even more necessary during 2021 as everyone adapted to new methods and best practices to accomplish our mission.

Fire Inspector Report



Ryan Angelus
Fire Inspector

The Fire Inspector's primary focus is annual fire inspections, re-inspections, Knox Box key updates, fire alarm and fire sprinkler system issues, fire and life safety education presentations in the preschools, schools, displays at community events and fire extinguisher training for area businesses.

Fire Inspector Ryan Angelus is also an EMT, Fire Investigator and on the Fire District's Dive Team.

Fire Inspector Stan Czajkowski is also a part-time Firefighter/Paramedic and Fire Investigator.

Fire Inspector Brian Moody is a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic and on the Fire District's Dive Team.

As we look forward to 2022 the Fire Prevention Bureau will be:

Continue to improve our community fire and life safety outreach.

Ensure our fire and life safety educational efforts and fire prevention efforts are in-line with Community Risk Reduction principals and strategies.

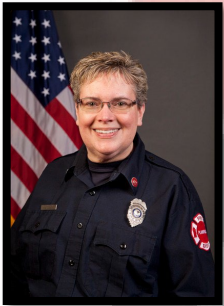
Participate in and implement Community Risk Reduction programs for the Fire District.

Strive for efficient fire inspection processes using Image trend inspection software and iPads.

Update our codes and ordinances to the 2021 editions to be relevant with building/construction trends and emerging technologies.

Continue to build upon our working relationship with the Village of Plainfield, City of Crest Hill, Will County and Kendall County Building Departments, Code Enforcement Departments and Planning Departments for efficient operations and open communication.

Fire Prevention Bureau



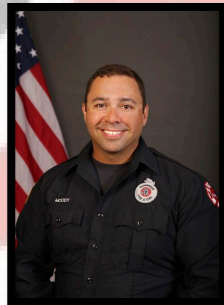
Mary Ludemann
Fire Marshal



Ryan Angelus
Fire Inspector

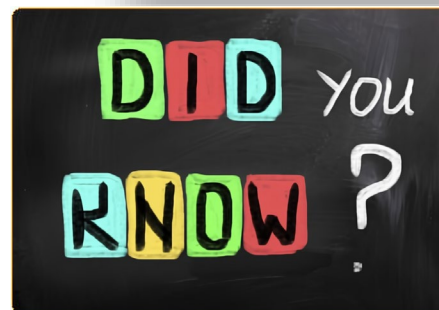


Stan Czajkowski
Fire Inspector



Brian Moody
Fire Inspector

Our fire and life safety code enforcement mission is accomplished through annual commercial and multi-family fire and life safety inspections. Existing buildings that undergo a change in use are inspected to ensure the building design/layout and fire protection systems in place meet the requirements for the proposed new use and make the building owner/occupant aware of any changes required to bring the building and respective new use into code compliance. Plan reviews of construction projects and new fire protection systems are completed to ensure proposed buildings and systems meet the minimum codes and standards. New construction buildings and renovations/remodels of existing buildings are inspected during all phases of construction to check for continued compliance with the fire and life safety codes and standards during construction. Acceptance tests of new fire protection systems, such as fire alarm systems, kitchen hood fire extinguishing systems, fire sprinkler systems and fire pumps are observed to verify that the system functions as intended at the time it is put into service. We strive to maintain strong working relationships with the Code Enforcement, Planning and Building Departments within the municipalities and counties we serve.



October is Fire Prevention Month. Don't be surprised to see us in your child's school giving safety talks.

Fire Prevention and Education



Our fire and life safety education mission is accomplished through a variety of methods intended to reach as many members of our community as possible. Traditionally we gave fire and life safety presentations in preschools, schools, to scout groups, community groups and to the business community, however those activities were temporarily suspended during 2021. Instead, we recorded our typical fire and life safety presentations and shared them with local schools and on our Facebook page. Other outreach methods we focused more on were through the Fire District's website, press releases, radio interviews and social media.

Fire prevention and fire and life safety education are integral part of community risk reduction. The 5 E's of community risk reduction include **Education, Enforcement, Engineering, Economic Incentive and Emergency response.**

Education is accomplished through presentations and messages that seek to enhance fire and life safety knowledge about potential risks in our community and how to prevent or mitigate them. Examples include teaching the importance of fire home escape plans, testing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, the importance of having an emergency kit and emergency family plan as well as teaching life-saving skills like CPR and First Aid. Education also includes explaining the fire code to business and building owners, so they understand the importance of keeping their building code compliant.

Fire Prevention seeks to improve fire and life safety through **Enforcement** of the fire and life safety code through inspections and code enforcement. Enforcement is also ensuring our codes are up to date and relevant with respect to changes in building construction methods and materials, technology, new industries and processes.

Engineering is accomplished through the use of fire protection systems and keeping up with fire protection system technological advancements. Engineering methods seek to reduce the risk of injuries and deaths. Examples include smoke alarms, fire sprinkler systems and child safety seats in cars.

Under the **Economic Incentive** category, the Fire District and the Village of Plainfield partnered to provide financial assistance in the form of a grant for the implementation of eligible fire and life safety improvements to commercial and/or mixed-use buildings in the traditional downtown area. This program was developed to enhance fire and life safety in the historic downtown. Economic Incentive is also accomplished through educating how fire and life safety practices reduce the risk of a fire, death or injury loss and how voluntary code compliance also avoids outstanding code violation fines. Economic incentive also includes the Fire District's free smoke and carbon monoxide alarm installation program for residents.

Emergency Response gives the opportunity for residents and businesses to have direct contact with emergency providers on the incident. Such interactions give real time assistance on how to reduce risk in the setting. An example of this would be while responding to an activated fire alarm in the home, fire companies discover the detectors have expired or are low on battery power. This provides an opportunity to discuss how to maintain the system, replace batteries and ensure proper placement of the detectors providing a reduction of future risk.

Emergency Vehicle Maintenance



Rick Kruger
Emergency Vehicle Technician



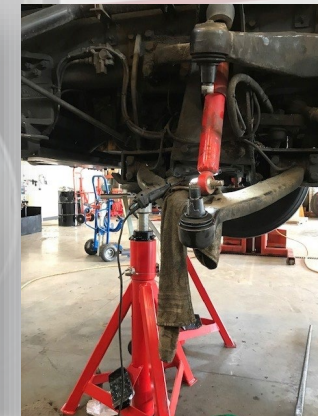
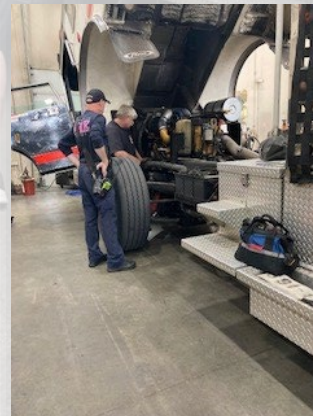
Steve Hawkinson
Emergency Vehicle Technician

The EVT's at Plainfield are specially trained and entrusted to maintain millions of dollars worth of District apparatus. They average 2000 hours a year including time off duty to repair the apparatus when they break. Emergency Vehicle Technicians must have the technological and electrical skills to repair and maintain the specialized equipment found in ambulances, fire apparatus, and other emergency vehicles.

The EVT team completed 71 preventive maintenances for the year. Everything from oil changes and electrical wiring to chassis, suspension, and hydraulics are completed in house at the District Vehicle Maintenance Facility to include complete tire replacement of 5 vehicles and 4 complete brake replacements.

2021 also saw the following;

- New (1924) ambulance delivered and placed in service
- New (1919) ladder truck ordered
- New (1944) ambulance ordered



Special Operations Group

Plainfield's Special Operations Group currently consists of five divisions: Technical Rescue, Water Rescue, Hazardous Materials, Arson Investigation and Training. In all, about 50 members share the responsibility of responding to specific incidents that require the use of specialized tactics and equipment. Every division of the Special Operations Group possesses the ability to overcome any obstacle that may come before them. From building collapse and environmental emergencies, to water rescue and cause and origin investigations, we have the knowledge and know-how to succeed.

The training division continually adds exciting and innovative classes to its list of activities. As the facility continues to expand, so too does the opportunity for quality education and training for our neighboring departments. Looking to the future, we hope to become a regional training facility for northern Illinois covering everything from new recruit academy to specialized rescue. Not exclusive to Plainfield, the group works in conjunction with local, municipal, county, state and federal teams to help where and when it can. "Anywhere, Anytime" is our motto and we will always stand by it.



Technical Rescue



FF/PM Matt Mullins
Team Leader



FF/PM Ed Eddy
Asst. Team Leader



Lt. Brian Joseph
Asst. Team Leader

The Plainfield Technical Rescue Team (TRT) operates as a member of the MABAS Division 15 Technical Rescue Team. The team consists of 21 department members trained in a variety of rescue disciplines such as Rope / High Angle, Confined Space, Trench, Structural Collapse, and Vehicle / Machinery.

The team trains on a monthly basis covering multiple topics from the disciplines listed above. In addition to the scheduled trainings, many members also attended training courses throughout the year. These courses included Rope Rescue Technician, Tower Rescue, The Paratech Academy, and Level 1 SPRAT (Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians).

The Plainfield TRT team was also fortunate enough to purchase additional equipment in 2021 to further expand the team's capabilities. This equipment includes a Harken Rope Winch, New Supplied Air Escape Bottles, Drager Four Gas Meter, and Replacement Rope and Hardware.



Water Rescue

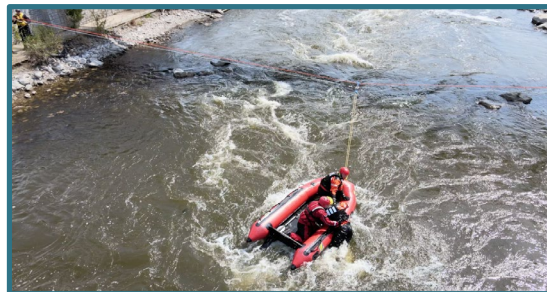


Lt. Brandon Vainowski
Team Leader



Lt. Andy Scott
Asst. Team Leader

The Water Rescue Team operates an 18 member team with specialties that include: Divers (10), Swift Water Rescue Techs (13), Sonar Operators (8), Line Tenders (8), and Boat Operators (18). Three new divers completed; Open Water, Advanced Open Water, Emergency Response Diver 1 and 2, Swift Water Tech 1, and will complete Ice Diver this winter. Other classes your Water Rescue Team has attended to further their knowledge and skills are; Underwater Extrication and Rigging, FEMA Swift Water Boat Operator, FEMA Swift Water Rescue 2. The team totaled 738 hours of training for the 2021 year. The team was deployed on 9 incidents within our community along with providing assistance to; Joliet, Lockport, Ottawa, Peru, Coal City, and Wilmington. The Water Rescue Team is proud to continue its versatility to operate in many different water atmospheres to provide the best for our community and the communities around us that may need assistance.



Hazardous Materials



Lt. Eric Jensen
Team Leader



FF/PM Eric Watkins
Asst. Team Leader

The PFPD Hazmat team is staffed by members of the Fire District trained in the operations up to the hazmat technician level. Several members are also trained to the incident command level. The Plainfield team members are also members of the MABAS Division 15 hazardous materials team. The MABAS Division 15 team consists of members from Plainfield Fire, Troy Fire, Elwood Fire, Minooka Fire and Oswego Fire.

In 2021, the team remained busy with our monthly trainings drills which included topics such as decontamination, metering & monitoring, hazmat science, leak control and PPE review and selection. Drills also saw our members perform annual inspections of equipment and calibration of our monitoring equipment. Foam operations were reviewed with Elwood FPD task force and members also trained regularly with Will County EMA and the Joliet FD hazmat team. Our team members participated in a joint air monitoring drill that was conducted at the Exxon Mobil Refinery. Participants included Exxon Mobil FD, Illinois EPA, U.S. EPA, Will County EMA and Will County Public Health. Team members also participated in a joint drill with our MABAS Division 15 Technical Rescue Team at the Illinois Marine Barge Terminal in Channahon. The teams conducted a simulated rescue of workers trapped in a chemical tank with a hazardous atmosphere. The team also trained on a rail car simulator and chlorine tank simulator that was provided by the Downers Grove Fire Department.

In 2021, team members were called upon to assist with fuel spills, a train versus semi accident and to investigate an unknown substance call within Plainfield. Team members also responded with the MABAS Division 15 team to a boat fire and fuel spill on the Illinois River near Seneca. For 2022 the team looks to further our training and readiness and hope to further our relationships with surrounding agencies to enhance our inter agency operability.



Investigations



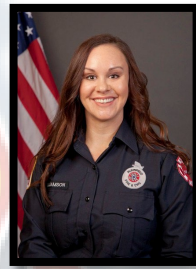
Lt. Bryan Gallup
Team Leader



Chief Jon Stratton
Investigator



Lt. Eric Jensen
Investigator



FF/PM Williamson
Investigator



FF/PM Czajkowski
Investigator



Insp. Ryan Angelus
Investigator

The Fire Investigation Team has 6 members and is a part of the MABAS Division 15 Investigation Team. Our members are trained in investigating the cause and origin of the fire to help determine if it is arson, accidental, or mechanically caused. The team responded to investigate over 20 fires within the MABAS Division, not including the various structure and vehicle fires within our own fire district.

Our investigators have logged over 100 individual training hours to perfect our craft of determining cause and origin. These hours are completed by attending seminars, training classes, online courses, and of course hands-on live fire investigating.

All of our investigators are active members of NAFI (National Association of Fire Investigators) and the IAAI (International Association of Arson Investigators).



Training



Charles Kraft
Battalion Chief
Training/Safety Officer

Total 2021 Training Hours: 26,165

Plainfield's training facility is located behind the Administrative Campus on 135th Street. The facility has grown from a gravel lot into a fully functioning training center.

The Fire District continued our partnership with the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute and provided them with a training location and support for the following classes:

Fireground Company Officer
Fireground Command Officer
Smoke Divers
Engine Company Operations
Truck Company Operations
Liquid Propane Fires

Illinois Fire Chiefs Association also hosted the following training classes at Plainfield FPD:

Training Program Manager
Incident Safety Officer
Advanced Company Fire Officer

With the growing demand of live fire needs on the training grounds the Fire District added 5 part time stokers to assist with training courses.

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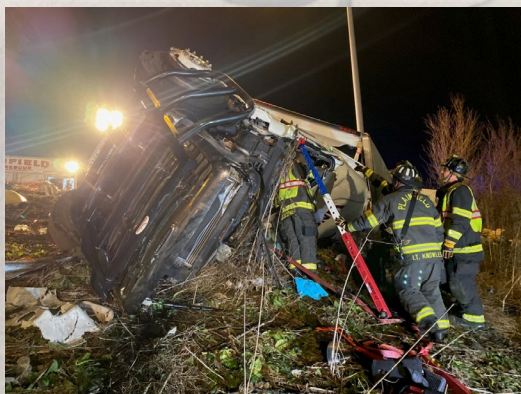
This year PFPD held it's first ever in house Rope Rescue Technician Class.



Training Statistics

This chart breaks down the percentage of hours spent completing specific trainings. You can see that 39+% is spent on our daily checks of the apparatus and equipment to ensure everything is working correctly.

In addition to the required daily trainings, each station has the ability to conduct independent trainings on their own. By shift and station, you can see how each one fares with training hours. Even the administration gets in on the action by attending trainings on how to improve the operational efficiency.



Training Type	Sum of Duration (hours)
0 - Daily Checks & Activities	39.41%
1 - Fire/Rescue	13.29%
2 - EMS	10.17%
3 - Compliance Training	3.80%
4 - Driver Training	1.67%
5 - Physical Fitness & Peer Training	2.55%
6 - Facility Training Drills	1.96%
7 - Outside Training	1.97%
8 - Monthly Specialty Team Training	3.34%
9 - Officers Training	18.52%
AICC Course	0.03%
Basic and Advanced Fire Fighter	0.06%
Chief Fire Officer	0.00%
Fire Prevention Bureau Training	0.15%
Probationary Employee	0.00%
Rescue	0.04%
Tally Books (Rope/HazMat/Inspector I/Fire-Arson)	2.37%
TS Course	0.66%
Grand Total	100.00%

Specialty Team Training	Sum of Duration (hours)
Haz-Mat Team Training	112
Tech. Rescue Team Training Drill	408
Water Rescue Training	476
Arson Investigation	54
Grand Total	529

Admin	636
Part-Time	1214

Gold	7860
1	1635
2	3194
3	1539
4	2121

Red	7950
1	2145
2	3076
3	2599
4	971

Black	7988
1	2146
2	2144
3	1236
4	1234



Training Highlights

Interagency training is key to promoting a fluid and cooperative working environment on incidents. The District routinely trains with the Plainfield Police on active shooter incidents, crowd control and environmental emergencies. Additionally, the special teams train with regional departments in Hazmat mitigation, Technical Rescue, and Water Rescue operations.

Dive Right in Scuba utilized the training facility to teach 2 underwater Extrication classes through Emergency Rescue Divers International.

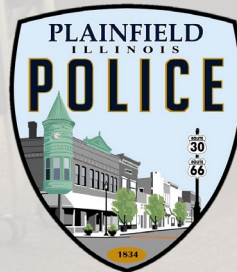
The following agencies also rented the training facilities to teach their members various firefighting and Rescue procedures: Lockport Fire, Oswego Fire, Romeoville Fire, Troy Fire and Lyondell Chemical.

Paratech Inc. utilized our facilities to hold one of their Paratech University Classes, this class brought in people from several states as far away as South Carolina and Georgia.

Fire District Training also included tender and rural water operations with some of our auto-aid companies of Joliet FD and Naperville FD.



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Instructors and Stokers



All of the live fire training evolutions are possible due to the hard work and commitment of the Training Divisions Instructors and Stokers. These individuals provide the knowledge and expertise to complete the required training objectives and create the realistic conditions that allow candidates and firefighters alike to acclimate and fortify their confidence and comfort in fighting structure fires, vehicle extrication and search and rescue amongst other disciplines.

Rytis Juzolenas

Matt Muehlbauer

Jared Zubaty

Bob Knowles

Ryan Thomas

Eric Jensen

Matt Deliberto

Matt Jolly

Scott Sheldon

Pat Murphy

Erik Watkins

Ed Eddy

Kevin Teper

Tyler Hunt

Chase Meadows

Zak Randich

Chuck Kraft

Lorin Eichelberger

Brett Krasuski

Chad Johnson

Brian Joseph

Justin Voss

Health and Wellness



Lt. Andy Scott
Peer Fitness Team Leader



Lt. Bryan Gallup
Peer Fitness Instructor



FF/PM Brian Moody
Peer Fitness Instructor

With the start of 2021 we continued our Strength Training Equipment Replacement Program. Stations 1, 2, and 4 received a custom Sorinex Apex Rack to replace the old smith machines. The Apex rack has a small foot print at 19 sq. ft. which allows more room for strength and conditioning. The rack provides its own storage for all of our equipment, along with adjustable pulley systems on each end. We added Jammer Arms, a landmine attachment, and adjustable implements for myofascial tissue release. The system provides for multiple users as well as a variety of training options.



Mental, Physical, and Nutritional Health



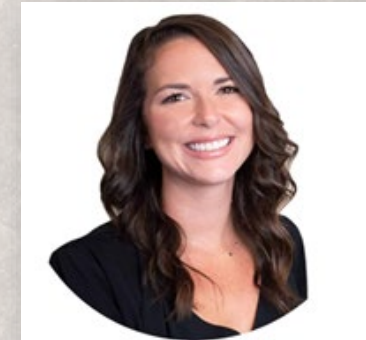
With the continuation of the covid pandemic the Health and Wellness Team had to get creative to provide training for the district. With the inability to provide physical training the team utilized the time to focus on nutrition and mental health. Lisa Desilet, the IAFF Nutrition Consultant provided basic nutrition education for fire service members. Molly Jones, L.S.W. Is the clinical coordinator for the IAFF Center of Excellence and provided basic mental health strategies for fire service members. Megan Lautz, CSCS, TSAC-F and registered dietician presented on Performance Nutrition for firefighters. All of our educational opportunities were presented via our video conference technology.



Lisa Desilet



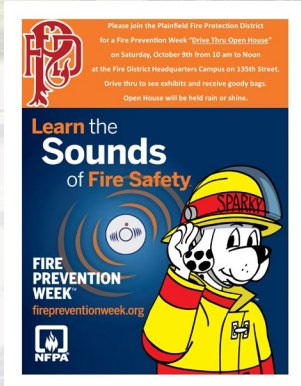
Megan Lautz



Molly Jones, L.S.W.

As 2021 drew to a close new programs to increase member movement and mobility were developed to start in 2022. In the upcoming year the Health and Wellness Team is looking forward to new initiatives and training to increase our resiliency and customer expectations.

Community Outreach



Due to covid, the District took a new approach to the open house by having a "Drive-Thru" event. Overall, it remained a very successful event.



The Chiefs made a Meijer run for some holiday cheer. The gifts purchased were used in the Toy's for Tots program.

The mission of the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is to collect new toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts for the needy children in the community. Plainfield is privileged to have such generous donors like Meijer along with private donations from the community. The District thanks everyone in the community for your continued support in this charity. For more information visit <https://joliet-il.toysfortots.org> and be sure to visit one of our stations to make a donation.



The PFPD decorates each fire station with a holiday wreath that has red lights for the annual, area wide, holiday fire safety campaign "Keep the Wreath Red". This aims to raise awareness of fire safety during the holiday season. If there's a fire caused by a holiday decoration, a red light will be replaced with a white light. The goal is as stated in the campaign name...**KEEP THE WREATH RED** throughout the holiday season.



Community Outreach



The Chief John Eichelberger Public Safety Scholarship is given yearly by the Plainfield Fire Protection District Foundation, an internal department of the District. It is named in honor of Chief John Eichelberger who dedicated 40 years to the Department, retiring in 2015. The Scholarship awards four \$1000 scholarships annually to students from within the Plainfield Fire Protection District. The applicants must plan to major in the Fire Service, Public Safety, Medical or Emergency Services at a fully accredited state or private university or college (preferably in Illinois).

Recipients are chosen based on grades; financial need and acceptance and proof of full-time enrollment at an acceptable institution.

Congratulations to;

Tricia Andar (PNHS)

Jessica Gruben (PNHS)

Mathieu Arsenault (PCHS)

Brayden Ruland (PCHS)



**Chief John D. Eichelberger
Retired
1985-2015**



Car Seat Installation

If you would like to have your child's car seat inspected for correct installation and use, you may call our car seat hotline at 815.733.7333 or email Kelly Rogina at krogina@plainfieldfpd.com



Kelly Rogina

Explorer Program



Brett Krasuski
Explorer Program
Administrator

E X P L O R E R S



Keegan Daly



Logan Kuhel-Trimmer



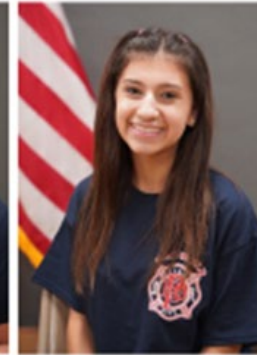
Kyle Mulford



Scott Pasch



Daniel Riggs



Mia Velasco



Chase Vlazny

The Explorer Program is open to youths 16-21 years old who express interest in becoming a member of the emergency or fire service fields. As an explorer you will join a fire company and learn the day to day operations, function as a member of a crew and train as firefighters do with the use of turnout gear, SCBA, tools, and hose loads and lead outs.

If you're interested in becoming an Explorer email FF/PM Brett Krasuski at bkrasuski@plainfieldfpd.com

Promotions, New Hires, and Retirements



On April 12th, 2021 the District welcomed Brad Sherwood & Cameron Ulatowski into the Firefighter/Paramedic ranks.

Bryan Gallup was promoted to Lieutenant on July 16th, 2021.



On September 3rd, 2021 Sam Spagnoli, Robert Martins, Nicholas Sedlacek & Steven Tatroe joined the Firefighter/Paramedic ranks.

Congratulations to Paramedic Troy Hambly on his retirement after 37 years of service to the Plainfield Fire Protection District!



Recognizing our own

Both Bryan Gallup and Brian Joseph were awarded educational scholarships through the Illinois Fire Chiefs.



On 6/4/2021, Units of the Plainfield Fire Protection District arrived on the scene of the dual drowning at the Plainfield Fishing Resort located on Renwick Road. With the assistance of good Samaritans, WCSO, and Plainfield PD the two victims were pulled from the water and given medical care until transported to the hospital. For their actions in rescuing the two drowning victims, Joshua Santos, David Ibarra, Damoni Myers, Omar Ortiz and Sabastian Barraza were awarded certificates of bravery along side Plainfield Police Officer Ricardo Robles and members of the Will County Sheriff's Office. Members of the responding companies received unit citation ribbons and/or AED/CPR save ribbons.



D/C Mark Reynolds



B/C Chuck Kraft



B/C Scott Moore



LT Ryan Johnson



LT Bryan Gallup



LT Brian Joseph



FF/PM Williamson



FF/PM Marchinski

The Unit Citation Ribbon is awarded to each member who performed with a unit which exhibited exceptional professional skill and conduct during



FF/PM Armstrong



FF/PM Brereton



FF/PM Stone



FF/PM Eddy



FF/PM Hawkinson



FF/PM Tyler Hunt



FF/PM Broadus



FF/PM Crompton

The CPR/AED Save Award is awarded to any personnel who is principally involved in saving the life of another person and whose personal actions were directly responsible for the lifesaving act



Remembering the Fallen

Twice a year the memory of firefighters who lost their lives in the service of their country are memorialized. The firefighters and victims of 9/11 are remembered and the Illinois Firefighters who passed are remembered at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial located in Springfield.



The U.S Fire Administration has reported 136 line-of-duty deaths of firefighters in 2021.



2021 was the 20 year anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center.



Closing Statements



Jon Stratton
Fire Chief

Thank you for taking the time to read our annual report. We believe this report summarized the major accomplishments made by our personnel and showcased the great work our men and women do daily. There is no doubt that we will face more challenges in 2022, however, the members of the Fire District will continue to adapt and provide the best service possible. As in the motto used by our Special Operations Group “Anywhere – Anytime” we will continue to serve this community regardless of the situation. It continues to be my honor to serve you as your Fire Chief. Know you can continue to count on the Plainfield Fire Protection District in your time of need and expect nothing but professionalism.

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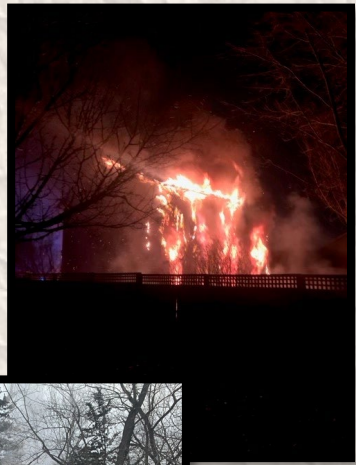
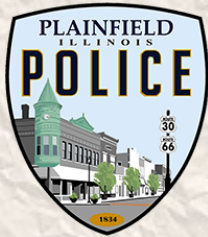
Car Seat install:

If you'd like to schedule a car seat check, please call **815-733-7333** and leave a message with your name, phone number and the best time to reach you. A technician will contact you to set up an appointment.

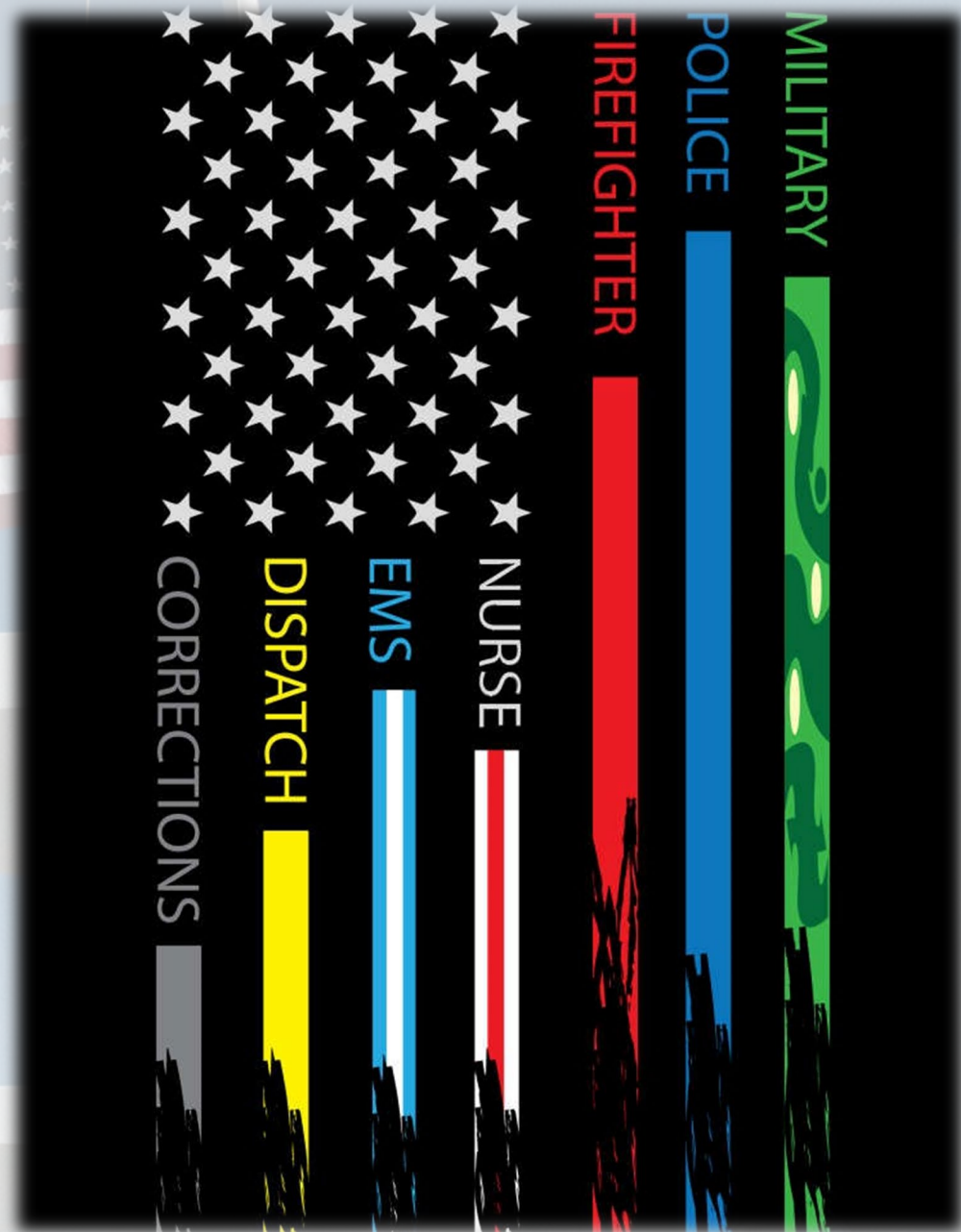
CPR and ACLS Classes:

Contact Bryan Gallup
bgallup@plainfieldfpd.com

Public and group tours when available:
Call Headquarters @ 815-436-5335 to arrange for a date and time.



The Plainfield Fire Protection District is a proud supporter of the American Armed Forces and Local Government Agencies.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the publication of this report. - Lieutenant Brian Joseph