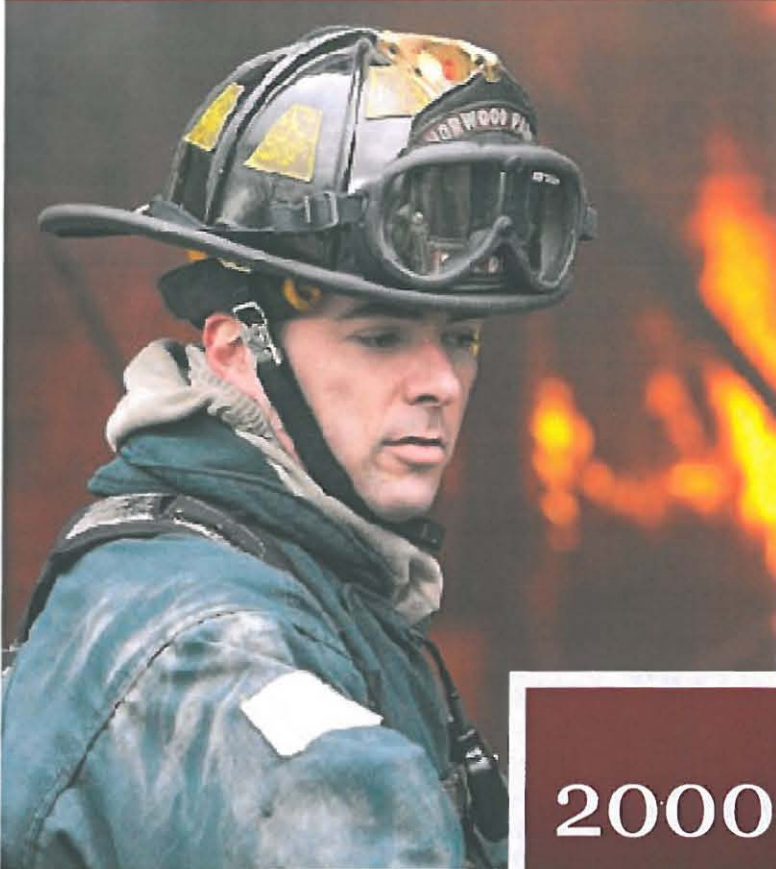


Norwood Park Fire Protection District



2000-2010 Report



Serving Norridge, Harwood Heights and Norwood Park Township

In memory of



Chris "Goldy" Goldsworthy

A great friend and dedicated family man who always had time to lend an ear and would put a smile on your face. His career and life were cut way too short. We were all blessed and privileged to call him our brother.

-Lieutenant David Blondell

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Introduction

Welcome! It is our pleasure to offer you a glimpse into the past ten years of service the Norwood Park Fire Protection District has offered to its communities. This is designed to give you an overall look into the Fire Protection District, how it operates, and is a who/what and why we are for the residents we serve.

As such, this introduction to your fire service is not intended to be a comprehensive look into the specific details of a Fire Protection District. For the purposes of this document, we intend to focus on the past decade of service to our community, from the new millennium (year 2000) through 2010.

We at the Norwood Park Fire Protection District take great pride in our service to you and the community, and we welcome your feedback to our department. It is our great pleasure to offer you this look at the Fire Department's first ten in the new millennium!

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Chief's Statement

As the Fire Chief of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District, it is my great honor to present to you this report detailing all of the significant accomplishments and collected data of your fire department from the years 2000 through 2010.



The Norwood Park Fire Protection District is well known for its ability to provide highly skilled and prompt response to those in need, as well as its community involvement and improvements in the quality of life of our residents. It is with tremendous pride that I introduce you to the department and its personnel as the last decade has developed them.

The responsibility of overseeing this dynamic environment falls to the Trustees and Commissioners of our fire district. The dedicated professionalism of trustees Andrew Skyba, Robert Martell, Paul Szczurek, James Chmura, Wayne Jarosz, Doug Strempek, and Mark Lymperopulos, along with Commissioners Carmen Rinaldi, Jerome Kolaski and Andrew Golebiowski have supported every aspect of our department's success.

The new generation of promoted officers and new hires are carrying on this mandate through their hard work, skilled training and education. Promoted were Chief Kevin Stenson, Deputy Chief John Kovalcik, Commanders Paul Striedl and Dave Blondell, Lieutenants Art Koszczuk, Stan Koy, and Claude Erlewein. Hired within these ten years were Firefighters Jeff Peistrup, Leigh Unger, Alan Nagrocki, Brad Virgils, Dan Davila, Paul Kossifologos, Larry Curran, Matt Mattio, and most recently Jim Cotiguala and Stephen Swank.

Chief's Statement Cont'd

As I invite you to review this report, I would like to acknowledge those who have honored our department with their public service. Former Trustees Donald Gelsomino, Joseph Hadfield, Dominic Sulimowski, Ralph Ghilarducci and Stan Gialo. Former Commissioners Marvin Menconi, Kevin Gaynor, Doug Strempek, Mark Lymperopulos, and especially Tom Green.

It is also my privilege to pay tribute to those who have retired after many years of distinction and service to our district. Chief Dennis Stefanowicz, Deputy Chief Ray McGovern, Commander Carmen Rinaldi, Commander Charles Stec, and Firefighter Rich Doyle . Also taken from us at age 38 was Firefighter Christopher Goldsworthy, to whom this report is dedicated. To these firefighters, as well as all those who came before them we offer our most humble thanks. They have built the very foundation of today's fire service, and we are caretakers to their legacy. Thank You!

Norwood Park Fire Protection District Mission Statement

The mission of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District is to protect and serve our community and its residents with prompt and professional services while providing fire suppression, emergency medical services, fire prevention through public education, rescue and response to hazardous spills or leaks while ensuring the utmost safety of our members. We provide our citizens with a well equipped and highly trained emergency response team that is capable of alleviating the effects of disasters, tragedies and other threats to life and property.

Training Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Norwood Park Fire Department Training Division to provide the highest quality training, instruction and evaluation to our members. This is intended to prepare our department to serve our community in the most effective and efficient means possible and to ensure personal safety as we deliver this service.

Deputy Chief's Statement



As Deputy Chief, it is my responsibility to assist Chief Stenson in the planning, organizing, and directing of operations at the Norwood Park Fire Protection District. Together, we develop and implement the department goals and objectives, as well as delegate authority and responsibility for meeting them, in order to help the department operate efficiently and effectively.

The Deputy Chief is directly responsible for the supervision, management, evaluation and coordination of the overall activities of the fire district, and since 2005 I have had the opportunity to oversee these areas, as well as act in the absence of the Fire Chief to accomplish the objectives. These have been tumultuous years for many people, and the changes that have taken place in our society have truly left their mark on the fire service as well. Many of the greatest challenges have left us with the greatest benefits, and our fire personnel have been able to take advantage of training opportunities unheard of before the new millennium. As a proactive organization, the fire service has noted all areas of improvement while under this microscope of public awareness, and is mandated to become a better service to you than it has ever been. It is truly rewarding to manage this facet of the Fire District, and be a part of the growth of your fire department!

Training Division's Vision Statement

- The Division of Training is responsible for the initial training and the continued skills development for all Firefighters, Fire Officers and Emergency Medical Service personnel
- To fulfill those requirements, the Training Division is dedicated to creating and providing quality training programs that reflect the needs and changing responsibilities of the district.
- All Training is focused on providing and maintaining the highest quality emergency services at both fire and medical responses to the residents of our fire district.
- We believe in the achievement of excellence in our services through dedication, teamwork and open communication.

Department Familiarization

The Norwood Park Fire Protection's district comprises of a 6.5 square mile area consisting of the Village of Norridge, the Village of Harwood Heights, and the Norwood Park Township (in unincorporated Cook County). The Norwood Park Fire Protection District serves approximately 25,000 residents in a mix of residential and commercial occupancies (with a variety of light manufacturing, religious, and educational facilities).

It is the mission of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District to serve these communities and their residents with prompt and professional services such as fire suppression, emergency medical services, fire prevention (through fire investigation, inspections, and public education), and rescue/response to hazardous material incidents.

We provide our citizens with a well equipped and highly trained emergency response team that is capable of mitigating the effects of disasters, tragedies and other threats to life and property while ensuring the utmost safety of our members.

As of 2010, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District serves with a staff of 37 (24 civil service, 1 administrative, and 12 through contract services). The department is organized with 3 shifts arranged on a 24/48 hour schedule (with the exception of the Chief, Deputy Chief, Fire Inspector, and Administrative Assistant). Each of the shifts is organized with a Shift Commander, Lieutenant, and a crew of 9 Firefighters and Firefighter/Paramedics.



Department Personnel 2012

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President James Chmura

Treasurer Robert Martell

Secretary Doug Strempek

Trustee Wayne Jarosz

Trustee Mark Lymperopulos

Trustee Andy Skyba

Trustee Paul Szczurek

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Andrew Golebiowski

Jerry Kolaski

Carmen Rinaldi

CHIEFS

Chief Kevin Stenson

Deputy Chief John Kovalcik

FIRE INSPECTOR

Lieutenant Daniel Johnson



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Cynthia Stec

CHAPLAIN

Father Fred Tomzik

BLACK SHIFT

Commander David
Blondell

Lieutenant Claude
Erlewein

Rich Appelhans

Randy Davis

Jeff Peistrup

Leigh Unger

Jim Cotiguala

Bob Erskine

Mark Blondell

Mark Taubensee

John Dixon

RED SHIFT

Commander Stanley
Grygiel

Lieutenant Stanley
Koy

Joey Irsuto

Steven Henmueller

Ron Schneider

Alan Nagrocki

Stephen Swank

Daniel Bolger

Rick Ford

Nicholas Kania

Brian Krueger

GOLD SHIFT

Commander Paul
Striedl

Lieutenant Arthur
Koszcuk

Brad Virgils

Dan Davila

Paul Kossifologos

Larry Curran

Matthew Mattio

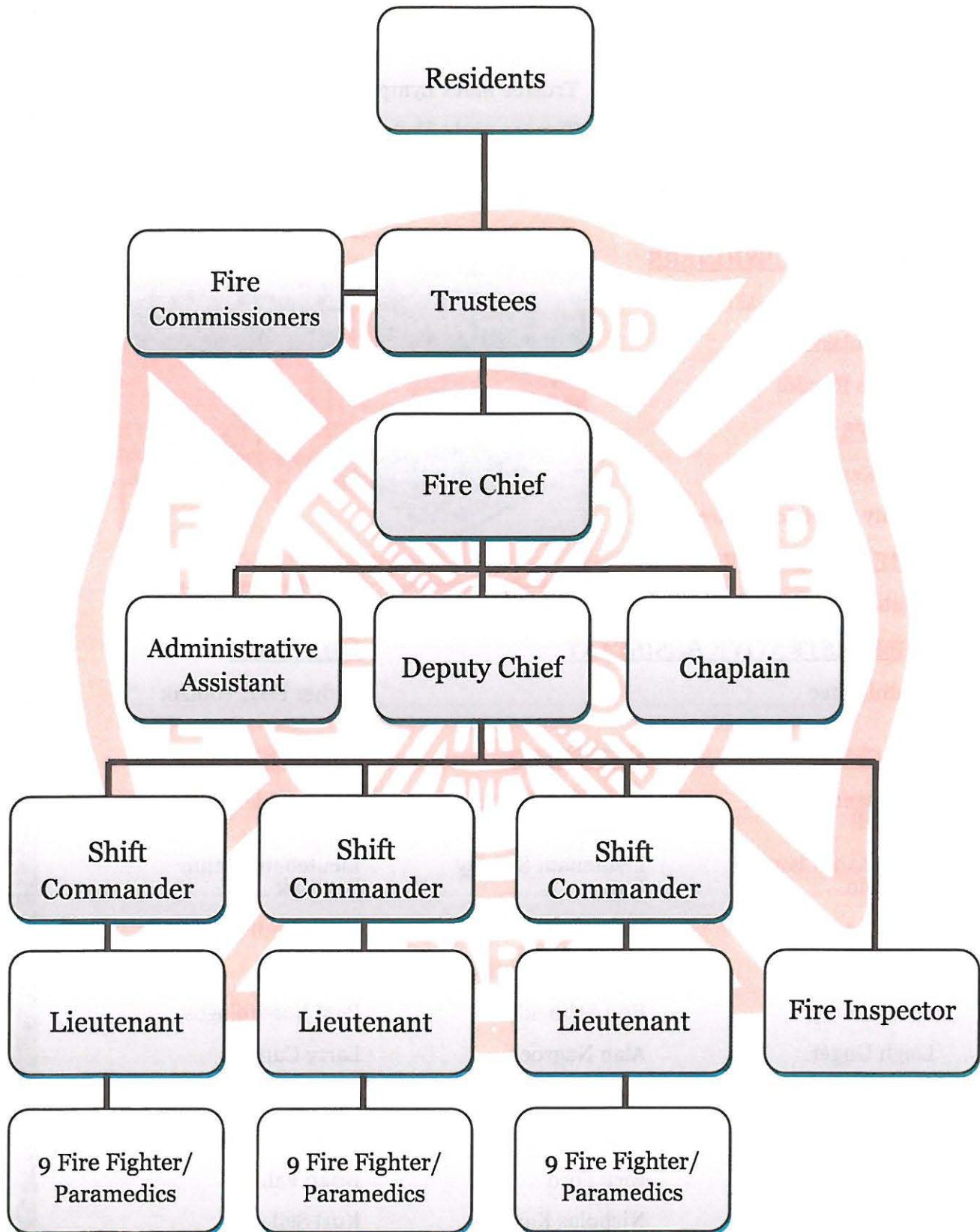
Phil Pawlowski

Brian Fahey

Kurt Seiler

Dave Sanchez

Organizational Structure



Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)

MABAS

The Norwood Park Fire Protection District is part of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) in the state of Illinois. MABAS, in partnership with IEMA (Illinois Emergency Management Agency), has established a statewide, non-discriminatory mutual aid response system for fire, EMS and specialized incident operational teams. This system provides an effective and efficient mutual aid response when the incident is beyond the capabilities of the affected community.

The MABAS system in Illinois is split into geographical areas called divisions, and Norwood Park belongs to Division 20.

Division 20 members include: Bellwood, Bensenville, Berkeley, Broadview, Elmwood Park, Franklin Park, Hillside, Leyden Township FPD, Maywood, Melrose Park, Northlake, River Grove, Rosemont, Schiller Park, Stone Park and Westchester.



MABAS also offers specialized operations teams for hazardous materials, underwater rescue/recovery, technical rescue and incident management teams. MABAS allows smaller fire departments to be able to allocate resources and personnel at large scale incidents. Our agreement with Division 20 allows us to have the resources and personnel of 17 departments, if a situation calls for such. Our fire district benefits in that we are able to use resources that we would never be able to afford if we did not belong to MABAS. In return, this allows our fire department to be prepared and able to handle any situation which may arise.

Specialized Teams

Car Safety Seat Installation

Since the year 2000, The District has maintained a Child Passenger Safety program for new parents and older children. These technicians are available by appointment to inspect child safety seats for use, and to install and educate families



on their installation in motor vehicles. Each technician completed a 40 hour class on Car Safety Seat construction and use in vehicles, and is required to train regularly on changes to the industry and laws on child restraint use, as well as attend out of district courses and Safety Seat Checks statewide.

The current Child Safety Seat Technicians include Lieutenant Stan Koy, and Firefighters Jeff Peistrup and Brad Virgils.

CPR & First Aid

The Norwood Park Fire Prevention District continues to provide a CPR and First Aid certification program. With changes in technology and the standards of CPR and First Aid, there have been many changes over the past decade. Every 5 years, the CPR curriculum is evaluated and adjustments are made to improve its performance through accumulated data. In addition, 2005 saw a big campaign, pushing for the use of AEDs. Over the past decade, over 1,000 individuals have been certified in CPR and First Aid by our three personnel members certified to teach: Kurt Seiler, Brian Fahey and Cyndi Stec.

Fire Investigation Team



All fires in the district are investigated for origin and cause. The area where the fire is started, along with the ignition source is determined. In the event of arson, the investigators aid in finding who is responsible, allowing justice to be served. The fire investigators work with all police authorities, as well as the Illinois States Attorney's Office, in cases where prosecution is needed.

Training has become far more rigorous in recent years. Each fire investigator is required to complete 100 "points" or training hours, along with recertification every 4 years. All fire investigators are certified through the State Fire Marshal's Office in Springfield. Our department has 4 fire investigators: Cmdr. Stanley Grygiel, Lt. Daniel Johnson, Lt. Claude Erlewein, and Lt. Arthur Koszczuk.



Over the past 10 years, there have been numerous changes in fire investigation. The number of fire investigators in Division 20 has increased greatly, affording each department more help with investigations. In addition to more man power, Division 20 also has a vehicle, specifically used for investigations, called FIU1 (Fire Investigative Unit 1). FIU1 supplies all the tools needed to properly investigate a fire.

Specialized Teams

Fire Prevention Bureau

The Fire Protection Bureau plays a vital role in fire prevention and fire safety in the community. The Bureau, overseen by Lieutenant Daniel Johnson, inspects all commercial businesses yearly, and inspects target hazards such as Harlem Irving Plaza, nursing homes, schools and day care centers twice yearly. In addition to inspections, pre-plan, and plan review of all new buildings are done through the individual municipality as well as the Fire Prevention Bureau. Alarm tests, sprinkler tests and occupancy inspections are also conducted.

The Bureau has seen many changes in the past decade. In keeping up with technology, electronic record keeping was implemented in 2008. All inspections, as well as any paper documentation for a specific address, are inputted into a computer program, and kept on file for easy access.

International Fire code 2009 and Life Safety code 2000 are the newest codes followed by the Bureau. They also keep current with the newest changes in the field of construction, and attends monthly trainings conducted by the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association.



Hazardous Materials Team

The Norwood Park Fire Protection District Hazmat Team handles any hazardous material situations that may occur, including terrorism or chemical incidents. Our Divisional team is a state recognized team and is available 365 days a year. We have a number of Hazardous Material Technicians as well as Hazardous Material Operations trained personnel at our disposal.



Changes are something that we deal with everyday in the dynamic political and economic environment we live and work in. Now, more than ever, we are prepared for acts of terrorism from abroad and from within the United States. In 2010, a new Division 20 Hazardous Material vehicle was purchased and is stationed at Norwood Park. We are always updating equipment as it becomes available.



To keep up with these changes, Division 20 holds monthly training, which consists of full scale drills, and refresher classes. There are also monthly meetings for the coordinators from each department. Members of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Hazmat Team include Cmdr. Dave Blondell, Lt. Claude Erlewein, FF Richard Appelkans, FF Ron Schneider, and FF Dan Davila. Lt. Erlewein is the Division 20 Hazmat Coordinator.

Specialized Teams

Honor Guard

The Norwood Park Fire Protection District Honor Guard currently has been steadily increasing in number, currently consists of 6 members. The Honor Guard serves as representatives of the District at funerals, ceremonies, and various events in the community. The Honor Guard currently trains before every event, and is working to have quarterly training with other Honor Guards in the Division. Norwood Park Fire Protection District Honor Guard Members include:

Lieutenant Daniel Johnson

Firefighter Rich Appelhans

Firefighter Randy Davis

Firefighter Ron Schneider

Firefighter James Cotiguala

Firefighter Stephen Swank



Juvenile Firesetter Intervention

The fire service offers families a beginning intervention for people who are at risk for developing fire setting problems. State certified Juvenile Firesetter Intervention specialists interview the family and review incidents with them in a non-hostile environment. The goal of this team is to mitigate fire setting behaviors through education, and to recommend, as necessary, outside sources of help for families needing more assistance. Our Juvenile Fire Setter Team consist of Deputy Chief John Kovalcik, Lt. Stanley Koy and FF. Steven Henmueller.

Trench Rescue/ High Angle Team

In addition to responding to EMS and fire calls, there are also various technical rescue calls that our technical rescue team responds to. These include structural collapse, trench collapse, confined space entrapment, high angle rescue, and water rescue.



We have purchased and have been provided with new equipment every year. With our District's resources and the resources available from Division 20, our team can handle any rescue situation that may occur.



The technical rescue team is led by Lt. Claude Erlewein, and includes FF. Ron Schneider, FF Dan Davila, FF Larry Curran and FF Matt Mattio. The team holds monthly training sessions which are full practical evolutions. In addition, the team leaders from

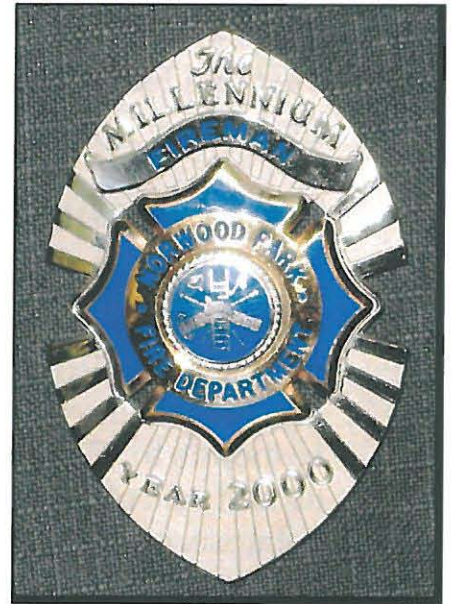
each department in Division 20 meet monthly.

First 10 in the New Millennium

The past 10 years of service has marked many milestones for the Norwood Park Fire Protection District. We take a look back at some of the most memorable moments. These snapshots define what the department has been, and helps to understand what we will become in the next decade!

2000

To honor and celebrate the Millennium, Norwood Park displayed special badges throughout the year.



2001

Norwood Park Fire Protection District's Firefighters collected over \$62,000 during 2 boot days in September. The money collected was donated to widows and orphans of Firefighters who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks. In addition, NPFD holds an annual memorial service to honor the fallen.



History from 2000-2012

2002

In the 14 years since the fire department rehabbed and began operating out of an old factory at 7447 Lawrence, it became clear the needs of the fire service were outgrowing the facility available. It was decided to add a state of the art training room with a full basement and rear apparatus bay.

On March 5th, Gasoline ignited by accident destroyed Jerry's Auto Repair in a 2 alarm fire, becoming the largest fire the District responded to that year. Smaller, but no less dangerous house fires on Summerdale and New England were just two of the other fires the Department fought that year.



2003—2004

The years of 2003 and 2004 were focused on improving the fire and life safety on a community level. New windows tablets were purchased to improve department efficiency, and the department was featured in a Chicago Tribune article on child passenger safety. In the fall of 2003, Secretary of state Jesse White visited a joint police and fire demonstration for high school students called Operation: Prom Night.

These years were not without their losses, however. The department said goodbye to retired Lieutenant (and later Commissioner and Trustee) Heinz C. Beer in August of 2004, and at one call a vehicle actually drove through the front of a garden apartment, destroying a living room, bathroom and kitchen before finally coming to rest against the rear wall (miraculously, no one was hurt in the incident).



2005

Norwood Park firefighters battled a 5-alarm fire on April 5th. The largest of all fires in the district that year was started by the smallest item, an unattended candle. After the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Kevin Stenson, John Kovalcik and Carmen Rinaldi set out to New Orleans, Louisiana as part of a nationwide effort to provide relief to that beleaguered city. Later that year, the department rallied around a blood drive in Firefighter Chris Goldsworthy's name, in which 106 pints of blood were yielded for Heartland Blood

Center. The year was rounded out with the promotions of Kevin Stenson to Fire Chief and

John Kovalcik to Deputy Chief.



History from 2000-2012

2006

In 2006, the firehouse welcomed a new mascot. The Dalmatian was named Ember in a contest during the annual open house. In the same year, Norwood Park responded to Bellwood for a multi alarm fire. A new thermal imaging camera, was purchased, allowing search and rescue personnel to locate people by their body heat. Following through on the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives, new workout equipment was added to the station to promote fitness and



2007

Addressing the emergency medical response needs in the community, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District added 12 lead heart monitors to their fleet of advanced life support Ambulances. The firefighters Day Room was remodeled to adjust for the changes in the fire station over the past couple years.



2008

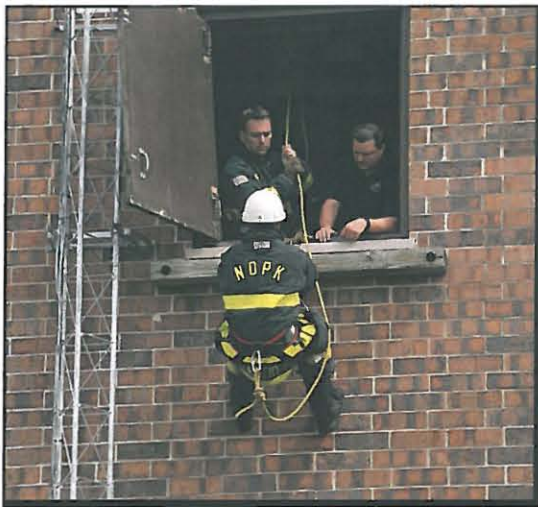
After over 25 years of service, Tom Green retired from Norwood Park Fire Department as a Commissioner, capping off decades of service to his community and firehouse, which started just after World War II when he was a volunteer. The fire department received a FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety grant which was used to create a unique fire prevention comic for children. The 195,000 comics were distributed nationwide. The renovation of the firehouse continued with the remodeling of the kitchen. The green end loader was sold and a snow plow was purchased for use on Squad 110, reducing maintenance and fuel costs in wintertime.



2009

Commissioner Marvin Manconi Retired in 2009, after decades of service to the district.

The firehouse also received a grant from Dell, allowing us to purchase 4 computers to replace the outdated systems in use.



2010

With the purchase of the HALO Bailout System, Firefighters now wear harnesses in their gear, allowing for easy access if the situation arises where they need to repel from a building.

A Look Ahead Great strides have been made in just the past two years at the firehouse. The department reached a major milestone in having it's ISO (Insurance Service Organization) classification lowered, which



translates into saved money for the residents of our community as well as better response to incidents. Engines 101 and 103 were retired, and a new Engine 101 went into service in spring of 2012. The Norwood Park Fire Department prides itself on keeping the organization and members always prepared to answer the call, 24/7!



Summary of Vehicles

Vehicle Overview*

*As of 2012

Ambulances

Vehicle Identification	Year	Vehicle Description	Purchased
105	2010	Ford Ambulance	2010
106	2007	Ford Ambulance	2007
112	2005	International Ambulance	2004

Engines

Vehicle Identification	Year	Vehicle Description	Purchased
101	2012	Pierce	2012
102	2001	Pierce	2000

Squad

Vehicle Identification	Year	Vehicle Description	Purchased
107	2002	Chevy Impala	2002
108	2005	Chevy Impala	2005
109	2009	Chevy Impala	2009
110	1992	Ford Utility Vehicle/ Plow	1992
111	2010	Chevy Tahoe	2009

Truck

Vehicle Identification	Year	Vehicle Description	Purchased
104	1994	Pierce Aerial	1994

Summary of Vehicles



Certifications

Certifications*

Basic Operations Firefighter

John Dixon
Stephen Swank

Fire Apparatus Engineer

Rich Appelhans
Dave Blondell
James Cotiguala
Larry Curran
Dan Davila
Randy Davis
Claude Erlewein
Stanley Grygiel
Steven Henmueller
Joey Irsuto
Daniel Johnson
Nicholas Kania
Paul Kossifologos
Arthur Koszczuk
John Kovalcik
Stanley Koy
Matthew Mattio
Alan Nagrocki
Phil Pawlowski
Jeff Peistrup
Ron Schneider
Kevin Stenson
Paul Striedl
Leigh Unger
Brad Virgils

Fire Department Incident

Safety Officer

Dan Davila
John Kovalcik
Brian Krueger
Ron Schneider

Fire Investigator

Claude Erlewein
Stanley Grygiel
Daniel Johnson
Arthur Koszczuk
Ron Schneider

Fire Officer I

Rich Appelhans
Dave Blondell
Larry Curran
Dan Davila
Randy Davis
Claude Erlewein
Stanley Grygiel
Steven Henmueller
Joey Irsuto
Daniel Johnson
Paul Kossifologos
Arthur Koszczuk

John Kovalcik
Stanley Koy
Brian Krueger
Alan Nagrocki
Jeff Peistrup
Ron Schneider
Kevin Stenson
Paul Striedl
Leigh Unger
Brad Virgils
Fire Officer II
Claude Erlewein
Stanley Grygiel
Arthur Koszczuk
John Kovalcik
Brian Krueger
Ron Schneider
Kevin Stenson
Paul Striedl

Fire Prevention Officer

Stanley Grygiel
Daniel Johnson
John Kovalcik
Fire Service Instructor I
Rich Appelhans
Dave Blondell
Larry Curran
Dan Davila
Randy Davis
Claude Erlewein
Stanley Grygiel
Steven Henmueller
Joey Irsuto
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Fire Service Instructor II

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Steven Henmueller
Joey Irsuto
Daniel Johnson
Arthur Koszczuk
John Kovalcik
Stanley Koy

Brian Krueger
Ron Schneider
Kevin Stenson
Paul Striedl

Fire Service Vehicle

Operator

James Cotiguala
John Dixon

Firefighter II

Rich Appelhans
Dave Blondell
Mark Blondell
James Cotiguala
Larry Curran
Dan Davila
Randy Davis
Claude Erlewein
Bob Erskine
Brian Fahey
Stanley Grygiel
Steven Henmueller
Joey Irsuto
Daniel Johnson
Nicholas Kania
Paul Kossifologos
Arthur Koszczuk
John Kovalcik
Stanley Koy
Brian Krueger
Matthew Mattio
Alan Nagrocki
Phil Pawlowski
Jeff Peistrup
Ron Schneider
Kurt Seiler
Kevin Stenson
Paul Striedl
Leigh Unger
Brad Virgils

Firefighter III

Rich Appelhans
Dave Blondell
Larry Curran
Dan Davila
Randy Davis
Claude Erlewein
Stanley Grygiel
Steven Henmueller
Joey Irsuto
Daniel Johnson
Paul Kossifologos
Arthur Koszczuk
John Kovalcik
Stanley Koy
Brian Krueger
Matthew Mattio
Alan Nagrocki

Certifications

Phil Pawlowski
Jeff Peistrup
Ron Schneider
Kevin Stenson
Paul Striedl
Leigh Unger
Brad Virgils

Hazardous Materials

Awareness

Rich Appelhans
Dave Blondell
Mark Blondell
Daniel Bolger
James Cotiguala
Larry Curran
Dan Davila
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Claude Erlewein
Bob Erskine
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Jeff Peistrup
Ron Schneider
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Leigh Unger
Brad Virgils

Hazardous Materials First

Responder - Operations

Rich Appelhans
Dave Blondell
Mark Blondell
Daniel Bolger
James Cotiguala
Larry Curran
Dan Davila
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John Dixon
Claude Erlewein
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Hazardous Materials

Incident Command

Rich Appelhans
Dave Blondell
Claude Erlewein

Hazardous Materials

Technician A

Rich Appelhans
Dave Blondell
Dan Davila
Claude Erlewein
Ron Schneider
Kevin Stenson

Hazardous Materials

Technician B

Rich Appelhans
Dave Blondell
Dan Davila
Claude Erlewein

Juvenile Firesetter

Intervention Specialist

Steven Henmueller
John Kovalcik
Stanley Koy

Rescue Specialist -

Confined Space

Larry Curran
Claude Erlewein
Arthur Koszczuk
Matthew Mattio
Ron Schneider

Rescue Specialist -

Confined Space/Trench

Rescue Awareness

Claude Erlewein
Stanley Grygiel
Arthur Koszczuk
Alan Nagrocki
Jeff Peistrup
Ron Schneider
Kurt Seiler
Kevin Stenson
Leigh Unger

Rescue Specialist -

Roadway Extrication

Randy Davis
Brian Krueger

Ron Schneider

Rescue Specialist - Structural

Collapse Awareness

Stanley Grygiel
Daniel Johnson

Rescue Specialist - Vertical I/

Ropes and Rigging

Claude Erlewein
Arthur Koszczuk
Ron Schneider

Rescue Specialist - Vertical

II/High Angle

Larry Curran
Claude Erlewein
Matthew Mattio

Rope Operations

Larry Curran
Dan Davila
Matthew Mattio

Structural Collapse

Operations

Claude Erlewein

Technical Rescue Awareness

Mark Blondell
Daniel Bolger
James Cotiguala
Larry Curran
Dan Davila
John Dixon
Claude Erlewein
Nicholas Kania
Paul Kossifologos
John Kovalcik
Brian Krueger
Matthew Mattio
Alan Nagrocki
Ron Schneider
Stephen Swank

Training Program Manager

John Kovalcik

Trench Operations

Larry Curran
Ron Schneider

Trench Technician

Ron Schneider

Vehicle and Machinery

Operations

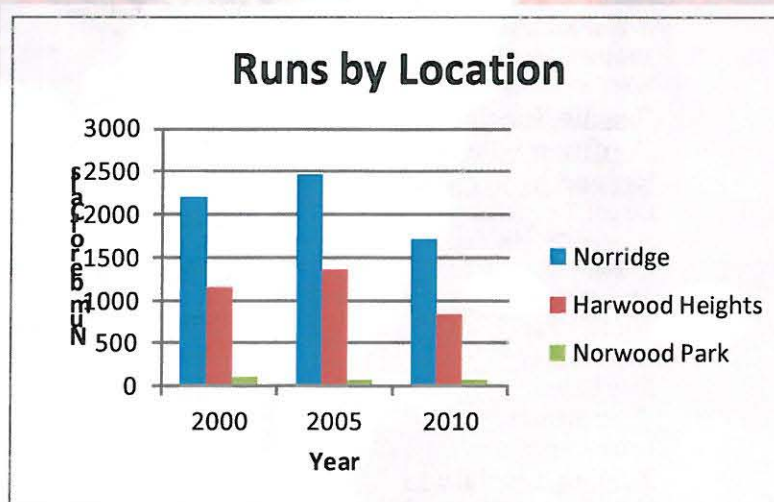
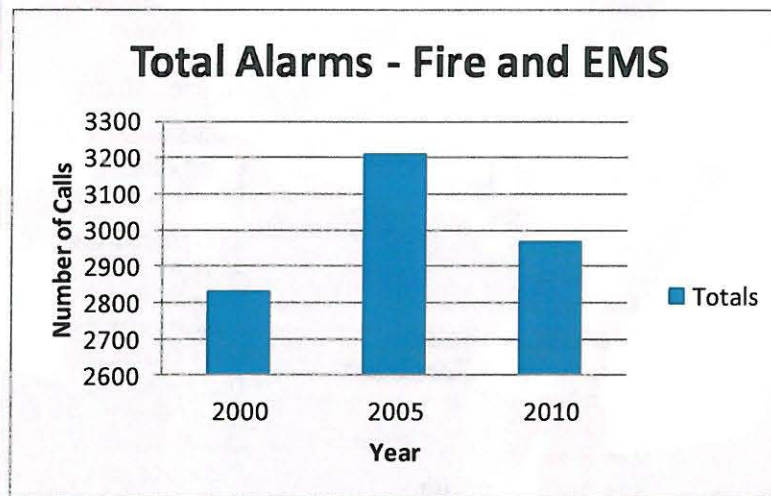
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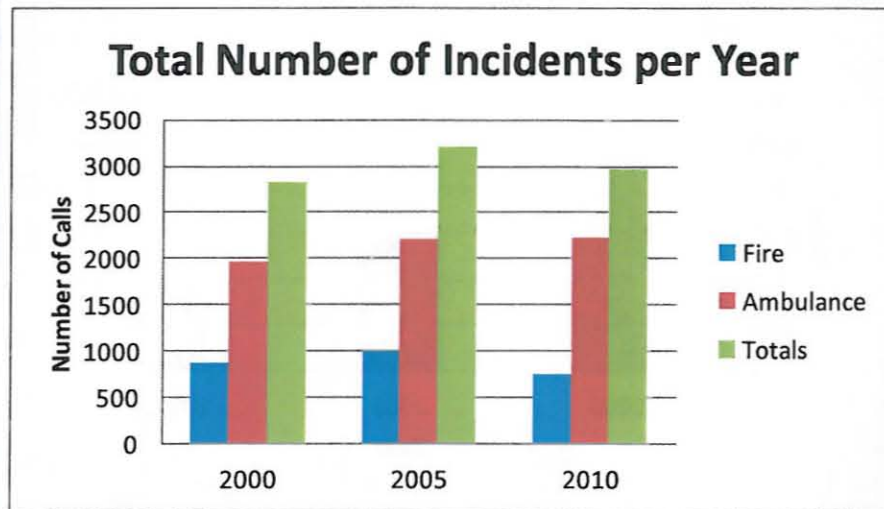
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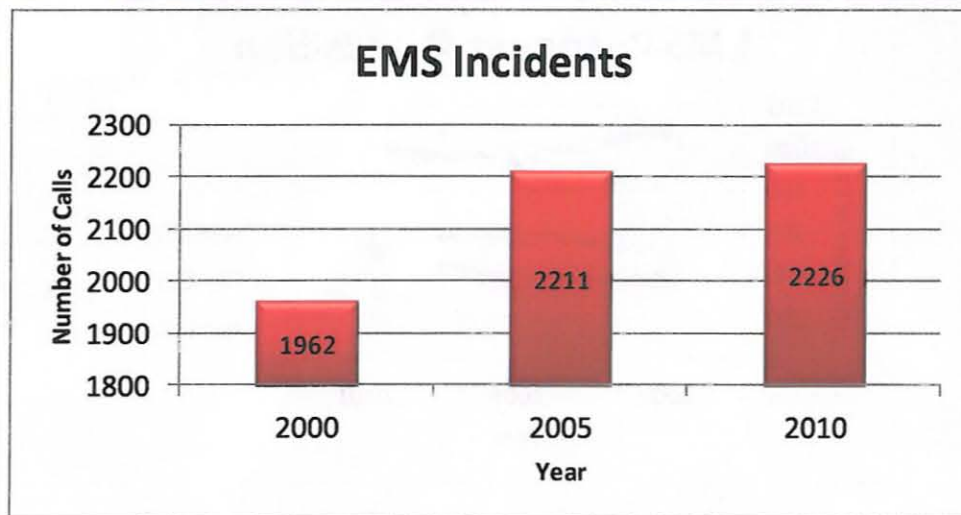
The next section is a summary of runs over the past ten years. Call volume has dropped as automatic fire alarm systems were upgraded throughout the district. The reduction in false alarms reduces the chances of an incident occurring while apparatus is responding. This results in better and safer response for 911 calls and medical emergencies.



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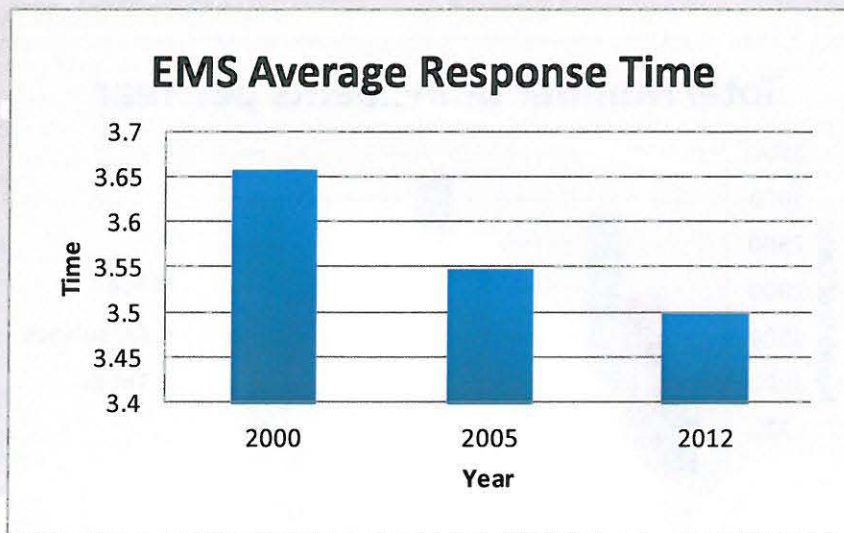


Of the complete call volumes within the district, medical response is almost double compared to fire incidents. As fire alarms are upgraded and buildings are brought up to code with retrofitted alarm and sprinkler systems, fire incidence drops.

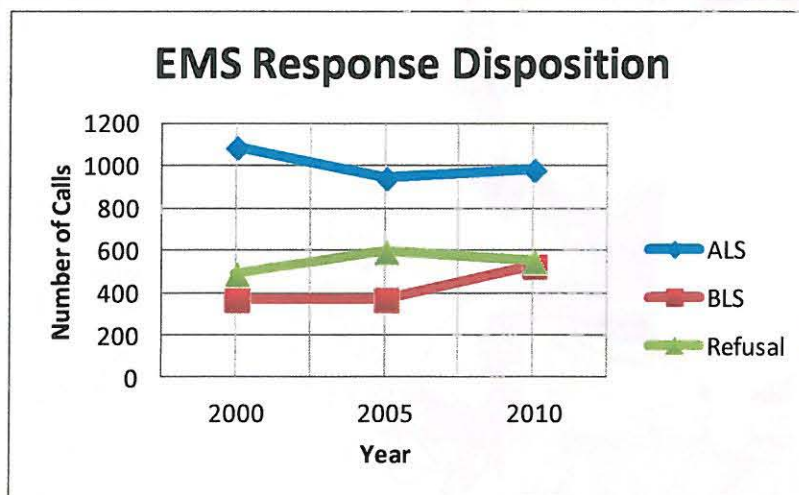


Ambulance call numbers remain fairly stable as the district responds to EMS calls.

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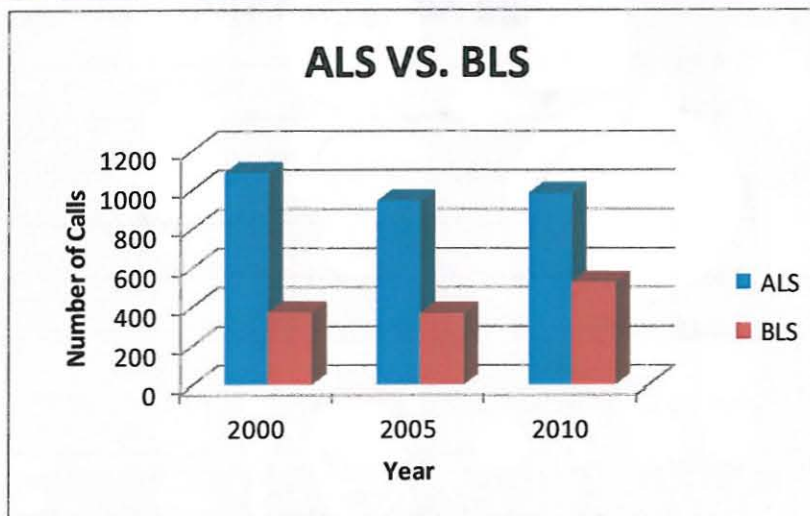
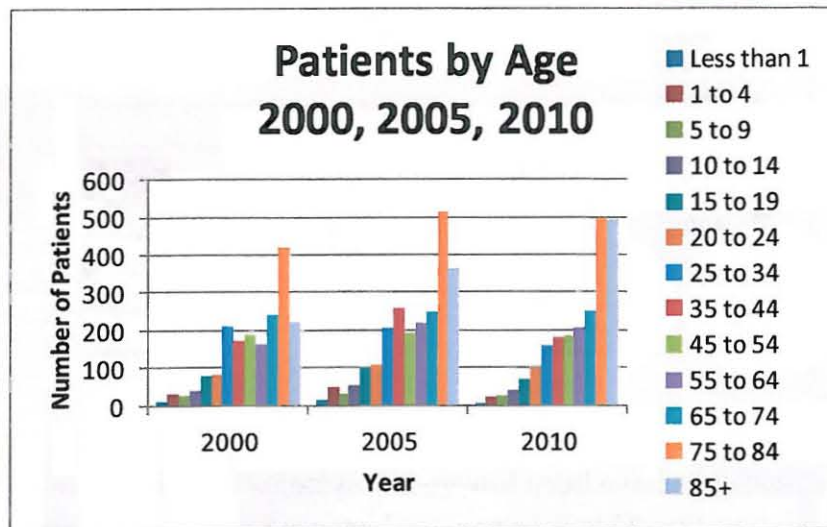


Response times are the most closely examined by Fire Department staff and personnel. In a cardiac incident a person can develop brain damage within four to six minutes of the oxygen supply being disrupted. Reducing response time to the scene reduces the overall trauma to the individual suffering from a medical emergency. Quick access to emergency services, followed by stabilization and transport to the nearest hospital gives our residents the best chances for a good recovery!

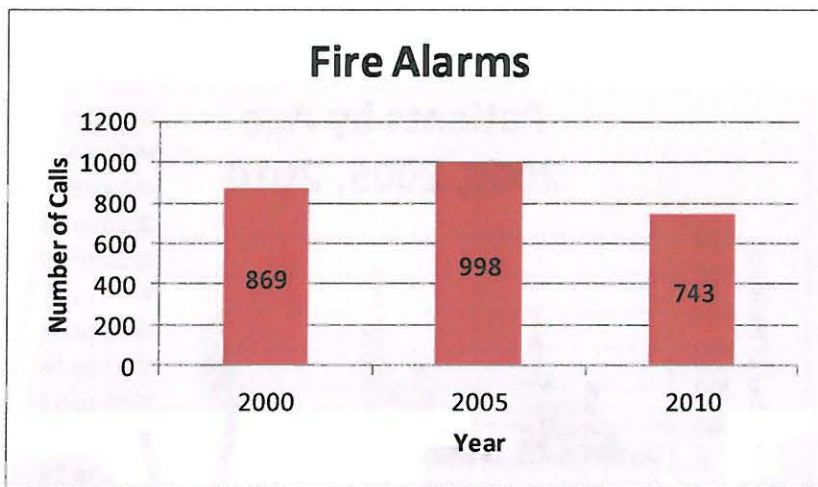


Patients are triaged based on their signs and symptoms by the paramedics, and transported with a doctors notification either basic life support (oxygen and vitals) or advanced life support (using the heart monitor and medications as our hospital system permits). Some patients refuse transport after being treated, and are also reflected in this chart.

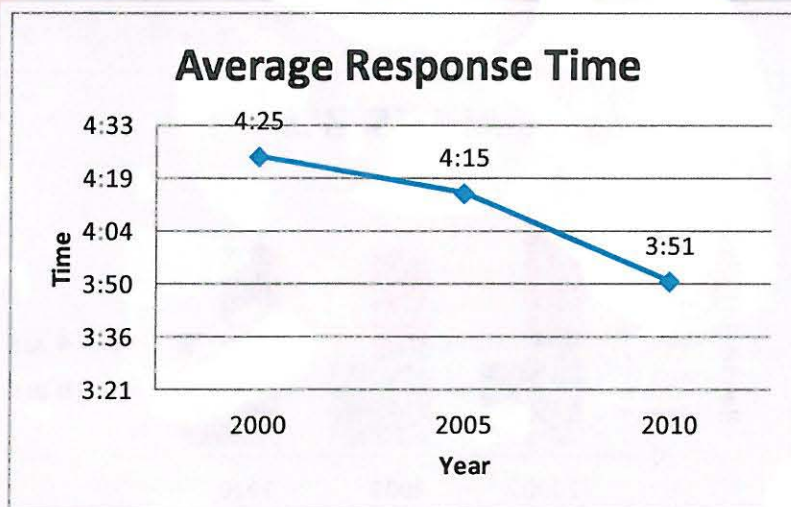
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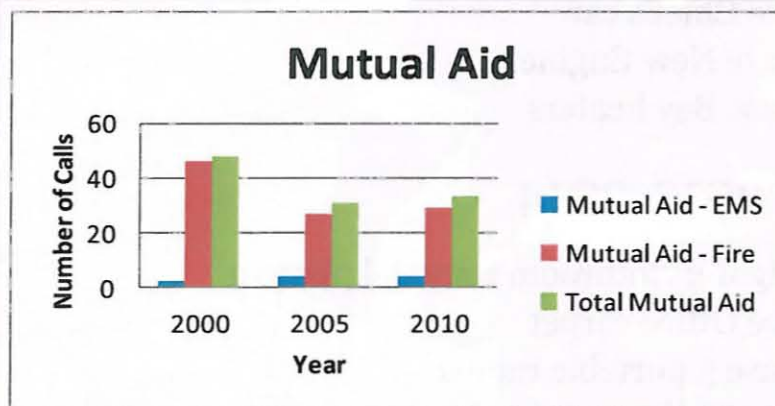
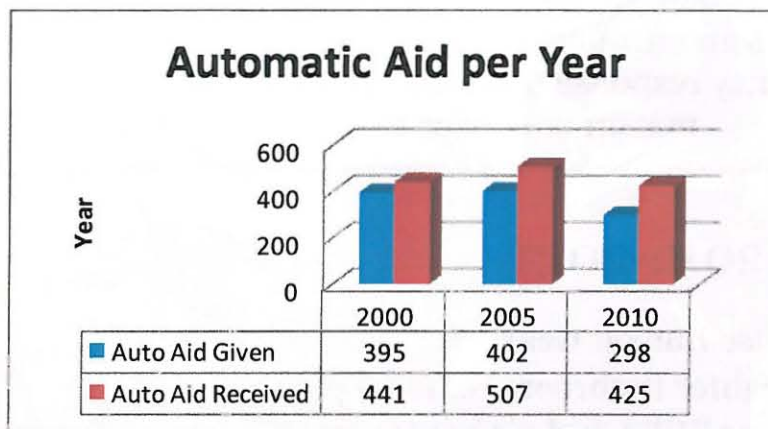
Fire alarm calls have been lowered as systems have improved throughout the community. This is important because all calls are taken as real emergencies, often reducing apparatus response to other in town emergencies. Now apparatus are freed up and aid from other towns is called in, making up the response gap in the event of a structure fire within the district.



Just as the medical emergencies have a time curve for rapid response, so too do fire emergencies. A fire can double in size or more every 30 seconds, culminating in what firefighters call a flashover (or total room involvement) in less than 10 minutes. Quick response gets first water on the fire, improving occupant survivability and reducing loss to personal belongings and the structure itself.

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The following graphs represent Automatic and Mutual Aid responses that was provided either to our district or from it. Automatic Aid is a system in which neighboring communities respond automatically in the event of a fire alarm, front loading manpower and equipment to the scene of a potential incident in order to mitigate it at it's earliest stages. For the Norwood Park Fire Protection District, we receive and provide Automatic Aid with Elmwood Park, Park Ridge, Schiller Park, and River Grove (the last one for pre defined target hazards within our respective communities). This gives the community in which the incident is developing almost double it's normal manpower and equipment response without seriously depleting the surrounding communities resources.



Mutual Aid operates differently in that, as an incident develops, the Incident Command must activate the system to acquire needed resources. This is done in larger scale EMS scenarios (such as mass casualty accidents), larger fires, and specialty and technical rescue incidents. The Incident Commander can either request a single resource (for example, an ambulance for when a communities EMS resources are already committed to other incidents), or a box alarm, in which pre-planned apparatus responses are requested for escalating incidents.

Norwood Park Fire Department 5 Year Capital Expenditures Plan

It is important to understand not only where the Norwood Park Fire Protection District has been in the last ten years, but what our plans are as the next decade unfolds. Below are listed the goals for servicing equipment and maintaining the infrastructure of your fire department. These are introduced in the barest of terms, as an introduction to some of the decisions outside of emergency response that have to be planned out in order to maximize service to the community.

Year 1: 2012-2013

- Purchase Bunker Gear x8
- Fire Fighter Bathroom remodel phase 1
- Purchase SCBA and air bottles
- Replace Chief's car
- Purchase New Engine
- Purchase Bay heaters

Year 2: 2013-2014

- Fire Fighter Bathroom remodel phase 2
- Replace Office carpet
- Purchase 3 portable radios
- Purchase 4" hose
- Seal coat parking lot
- Bedding
- Remodel office kitchen
- Remodel office side bathrooms
- Purchase Hurst tool
- Fire hose tester

Year 3: 2014-2015

- Fire Prevention vehicle
- Plymovent system
- Purchase Industrial extractor washer and dryer
- Purchase 3 portable radios
- Purchase 1¾ Hose
- New Ambulance
- Fire Fighter Bathroom remodel phase 3

Year 4: 2015-2016

- Purchase 3 Portable radios
- Purchase K 12 saws and chain saws
- Replace ceiling tiles
- Replace Carpet in training and FPB room
- Purchase 3" hose
- Utility vehicle to replace #110
- Remodel bathrooms Shift Commander, Lieutenant, Senior Man
- Repave parking lot

Year 5: 2016-2017

- Tuck pointing
- Purchase Office furniture
- Training tower
- Purchase 3 portable radios
- Purchase new Deputy Chief vehicle
- Remodel 3 office side bathrooms

Conclusion

There is no report that simply springs into existence without a great deal of hard work and effort. In preparing a report such as the one you've read, countless hours must be spent gathering and analyzing data, as well as creating the framework with which it is presented. The Norwood Park Fire Protection District would especially like to thank Megan Gaseor, a summer Intern at the fire department who both designed and managed this project under the guidance of Lieutenant Koy. These efforts were greatly helped by the photographs taken by countless members of the fire department and their families over the years, whom we graciously acknowledge for their contributions.

We welcome residents who want to know more to get to know us through the monthly Board of Trustee's public meetings, our annual Open House, and seeing us on the worldwide web at www.norwoodparkfire.org.

Thank You



