


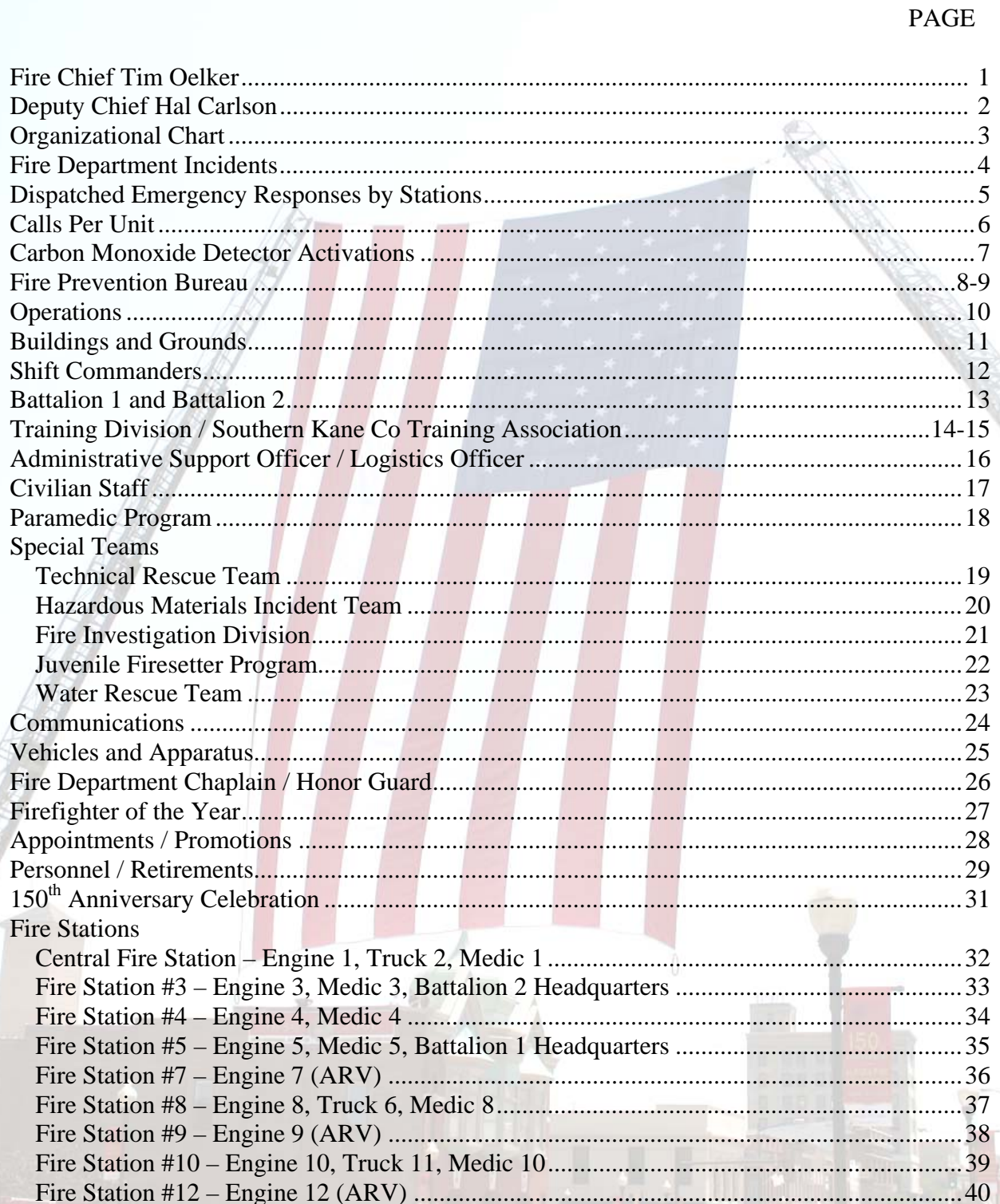
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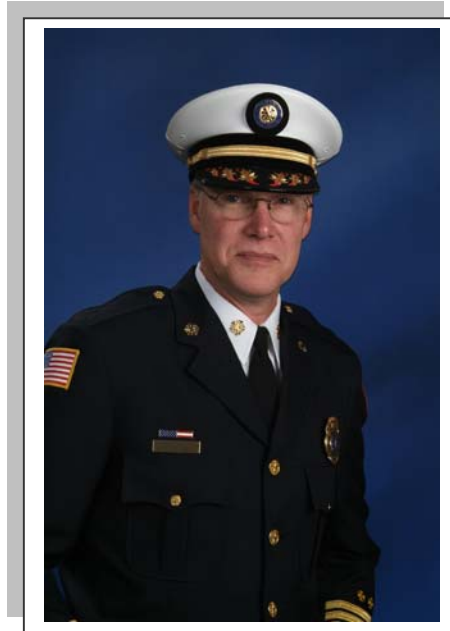
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**Fire Chief Timothy Oelker**

*On behalf of the Aurora Fire Department personnel, I respectfully submit for review the 2006 Annual Report, an illustration of the department's most significant accomplishments of the last twelve months. Included within the 2006 Annual Report is statistical data from several divisions, which serve as examples of the department's various and diverse activities.*

*In 2006 the City and Fire Department embraced a new way of doing business. Following the Franklin Covey goal-setting program, the Fire Department aligned itself to support two of the City's Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) and established one of its own. It is a constant challenge to remain focused on these goals among our emergency response and daily duties, but the department and its members have demonstrated their commitment to this process and will go forward in 2007.*

*In May 2006 the City received notification from the Insurance Service Office (ISO) that its Public Protection Classification (PPC) had been elevated from a Class 3 to a Class 2.*

*2006 was a year of celebration as the department recognized its 150<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary with a three-day event in June.*

*The long-awaited Fire Station #8 replacement project is well underway and is scheduled for completion in late 2007.*

*To that end, through the efforts of all the members of our department, I wish to thank the residents of Aurora for the opportunity to serve them, and extend my sincere appreciation to City officials for their continued support in our advancement of life safety initiatives Citywide.*

*Fire Chief Tim Oelker*

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**Deputy Chief Hal Carlson**

*The continued support of the City Administration has given the Aurora Fire Department the ability to respond to over 15,000 calls for fire/rescue and EMS services in 2006.*

*The implementation of new ambulance fees went into effect March 1, 2006; these rates had remained unchanged since 1993. The increase will provide additional revenues to the City of Aurora and will more closely reflect the cost of the services provided. The department also took delivery of a new ambulance, Medic 4, in December 2006.*

*The long-awaited groundbreaking for the new Fire Station / Call Center on the East side of Aurora took place in late summer. This building will replace the current Fire Station #8 at McCoy and Gregory and will be completed in the fall of 2007. The City and the Aurora Fire Department will continue to support the Regional Training Facility run by the Southern Kane County Training Association.*

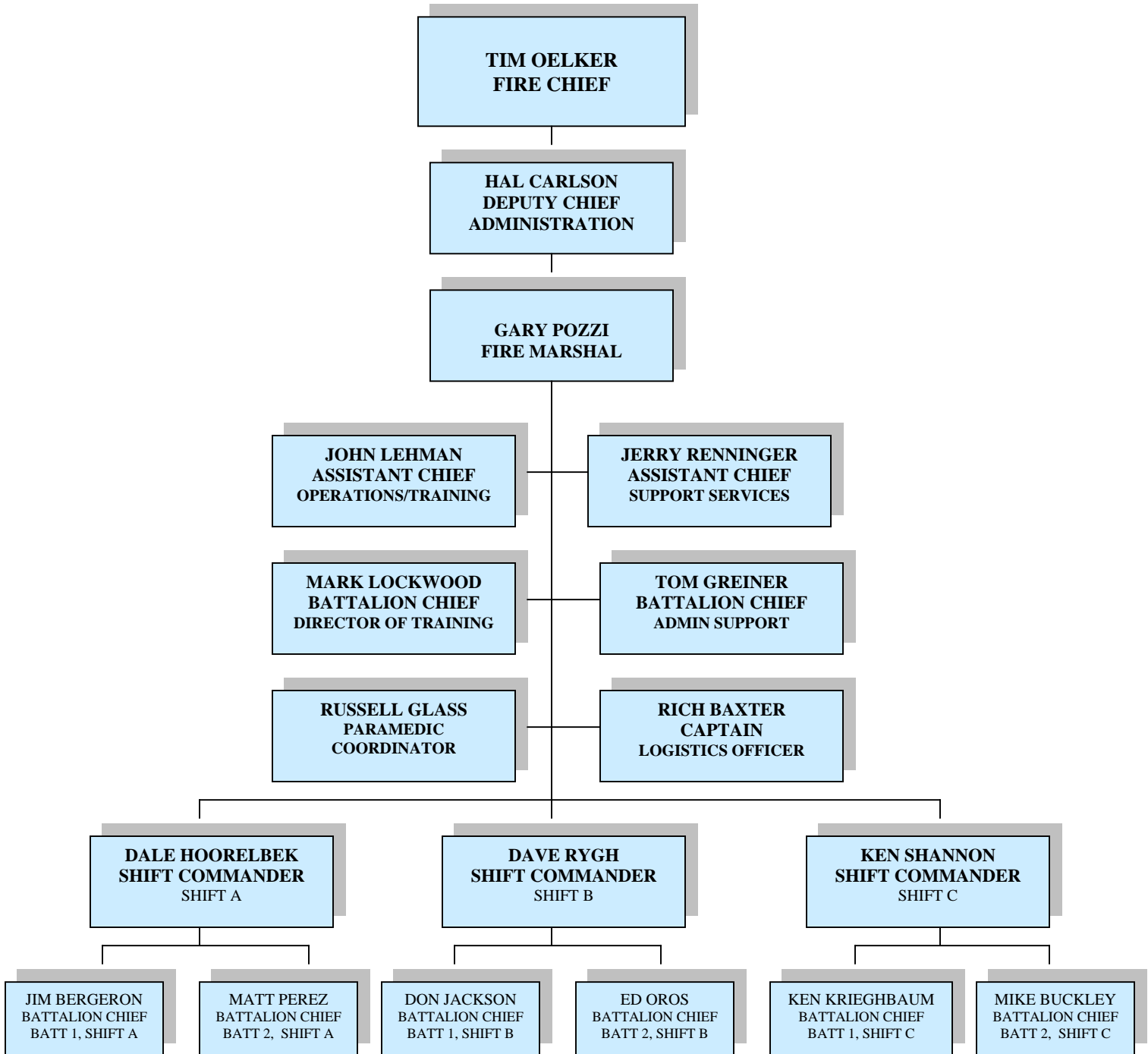
*The Aurora Fire Department successfully completed our Wildly Important Goal (WIG) of reducing response times by 10% in 2006. We also set up a system to report suspicious activity to the Aurora Police Department to help support the City's WIG of reducing shootings by 20%. The improved ISO rating of 2, which was achieved in 2006, will help support the City's WIG of attracting new business and investors to the City. The department's remaining WIG, to implement a personal fitness standard, was enthusiastically supported by our employees.*

*Deputy Chief Hal Carlson*

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### STAFF PERSONNEL



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### FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS

	<u>2005 CALLS</u>	<u>2006 CALLS</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
<b>EMS - One Medic Unit Response (Advanced Life Support)</b>	10,307	10,951	+ 6%
<b>STILL ALARMS- One Engine Response</b> (Vehicles, Lockouts, Brush, Rubbish, or Other Fire Outside of Structure)	1,718	1,747	+ 2%
<b>FULL STILL ALARMS - Two Engines, One Truck</b> Automatic Fire Alarms; Office, Commercial, Residential)	1,177	1,107	- 6%
<b>BOX ALARMS - Two Engines, One Truck, One Medic, One Command Officer</b> (Structure Fires; Residential, Commercial, Mercantile)	406	365	- 10%
<b>HAZ-MAT</b>	299	308	+ 3%
<b>CARBON MONOXIDE - One Truck or One Engine</b>	259	257	- 1%
<b>EXTRICATIONS - One Engine, One Truck, One Medic, Command Officer</b>	81	101	+ 25%
<b>WATER INCIDENTS - Two Engines, One Truck, One Medic, Rescue 23, Command Officer</b>	8	4	- 50%
<b>RELEASE - One Truck (Rescue, Lock-Outs, Etc.)</b>	237	277	+ 17%
<b>TECHNICAL – Two Engines, One Truck, One Squad, Rescue One, One Medic, Command Officer</b>	1	0	
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	14,493	15,117	+ 6%
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROPERTY LOSS</b>	\$3,680,944.	\$2,401,178.	- 35%
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTENTS LOSS</b>	\$3,303,344.	\$ 792,660.	- 76%
<b>FIREFIGHTER DEATHS</b>	0	0	
<b>FIREFIGHTER INJURIES</b>	49	96	
<b>CIVILIAN DEATHS</b>	0	1	
<b>CIVILIAN INJURIES</b>	4	7	

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### Dispatched Emergency Responses By Fire Station 2006

	CENTRAL								
	FIRE STATION	FIRE STA 3	FIRE STA 4	FIRE STA 5	FIRE STA 7	FIRE STA 8	FIRE STA 9	FIRE STA 10	FIRE STA 12
STILL ALARMS	275	188	195	170	157	288	216	158	276
FULL STILL ALARMS	562	307	334	200	275	331	232	268	172
BOX ALARMS	254	191	127	218	92	98	48	90	59
HAZ-MAT	80	44	39	44	24	46	31	35	35
CARBON MONOXIDE	80	9	5	11	1	114	21	50	6
EXTRICATIONS	54	43	35	64	10	44	19	20	10
WATER INCIDENTS	3	2	2	3	0	2	2	1	0
RELEASE	108	0	0	1	0	16	0	13	0
LOCKOUTS	49	1	1	1	0	76	2	23	5
TECH RESCUES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEDICAL EMERGS	3,077	1,981	2,044	2,045	1,082	1,674	892	1,522	499
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,542</b>	<b>2,766</b>	<b>2,782</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>2,689</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>1,062</b>
<b>TOTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN 2006:</b>	<b>21,882</b>								

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### CALLS PER UNIT

		<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSES	ENGINE 1	1,292	1,261	- 2%
	ENGINE 3	851	849	- 1%
	ENGINE 4	978	982	+ 1%
	ENGINE 5	783	768	- 2%
	ENGINE 7	1,641	1,641	-
	ENGINE 8	1,032	1,045	+ 1%
	ENGINE 9	1,282	1,463	+ 14%
	ENGINE 10	693	818	+ 18%
	ENGINE 12	1,093	1,062	- 3%
TRUCK COMPANY RESPONSES	TRUCK 2	1,136	1,142	+ 1%
	TRUCK 6	782	765	- 2%
	TRUCK 11	542	527	- 3%
MEDIC UNIT RESPONSES	MEDIC 1	2,907	3,070	+ 6%
	MEDIC 3	1,864	2,021	+ 8%
	MEDIC 4	1,955	2,096	+ 7%
	MEDIC 5	2,011	2,107	+ 4%
	MEDIC 8	1,598	1,662	+ 4%
	MEDIC 10	1,387	1,521	+ 10%
BATTALION CHIEF RESPONSES	BATT 1	425	399	- 6%
	BATT 2	418	382	- 9%
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### 2006 Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation Notice of Monthly Findings

MONTH	LESS THAN 10 P.P.M.	10 P.P.M. OR MORE	100 P.P.M. OR MORE	TOTAL
JANUARY	19	4	0	23
FEBRUARY	16	4	1	21
MARCH	11	3	1	15
APRIL	10	2	0	12
MAY	11	4	0	15
JUNE	4	2	0	6
JULY	11	6	0	17
AUGUST	12	2	2	16
SEPTEMBER	12	2	0	14
OCTOBER	19	4	2	25
NOVEMBER	15	2	1	18
DECEMBER	26	10	0	36
<b>2006 TOTALS</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>218</b>



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### FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



**FIRE MARSHAL GARY POZZI**

### 2006 INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED

<b>FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU</b>		<b>FIRE COMPANIES</b>	
Routine Inspections	226	Routine Inspections	3,591
Re-Inspections	77	Re-Inspections	461
Special Inspections (Includes referrals, complaints, COA's, hazmat, tanks & misc)	1,420	Complaint Inspections	12
Construction (Includes construction, tents, trailers, CO's)	216		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,939</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,064</b>

**TOTAL 2006 INSPECTIONS = 6,003**

### 2006 PERMITS ISSUED

Installation of Above- and Below-Ground Fuel Tanks	31
Building Fire Suppression Systems	152
Building Fire Alarm Systems	189
Building Hood Suppression Systems	18
Operational Permits (Propane, Hazardous Material, Assembly)	65
Tent	39
Fireworks	9
Open Burning	49
Outdoor Fireplaces	102
<b>TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>654</b>

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# FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU - 2006

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<u>OTHER ACTIVITIES - 2006</u>	<u>FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU</u>	<u>FIRE COMPANIES</u>
FIRE PROTECTION (Includes fire test, fire suppression, evacuation plans)	58	
PLAN REVIEWS	32	
FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS	27	352
FIRE DRILLS	10	115
HYDRANT FLOW TESTS	12	2,122
LOCK BOXES SOLD	102	
VIOLATIONS ISSUED (Blocked exits, blocked corridors, failure to comply)	33	
ALARM RESPONSES BY FIRE COMPANIES		1,405
FALSE FIRE ALARM VIOLATIONS:		
Chargeable – No Fine Issued	351	
Chargeable – Fine Issued	265	
Not Chargeable	668	
Cooking Food	121	
CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ACTIVATIONS		219

During Fire Prevention Month in October 2006, the Aurora Fire Department presented 203 Fire Prevention Programs to 7,566 children and adults and 40 tours to 1,401 citizens.

Members of the Fire Prevention Bureau had several opportunities to provide fire safety information to the public during their 82 hours of volunteer service. They participated in Downtown Alive, the Phillips Park Fall Festival, Team Firestopper, and two City of Aurora Expos.



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### OPERATIONS



**ASSISTANT CHIEF JOHN LEHMAN, OPERATIONS**

The Operations Office oversees the Training Division as well as the fire suppression and rescue operations of the Aurora Fire Department. The Operations Office directs all special teams. In 2006, the Aurora Fire Department responded to over 15,294 calls for emergency service.

The Operations Office is also responsible for the department's involvement in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). This system aids fire departments throughout the State of Illinois who are able to request assistance and support from other member departments in the event of an emergency response.

The Aurora Fire Department has teamed with MABAS Division XIII to provide Hazardous Materials coverage to the Division.

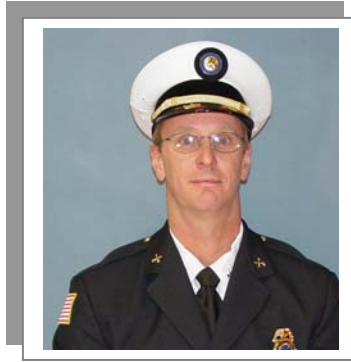
The Aurora Fire Department has a vested interest in the Southern Kane County Training Association. In 2006 this training organization continued to be a leader in the State of Illinois in providing firefighter training. The site itself has also seen great progress in 2006, with the creation of the collapse pile, as well as a residential collapse building. The burn tower construction has been completed and the tower is operational. The Aurora Fire Department sees this as a valuable training tool for the future of our organization.

The Operations Department continues to provide the resources and training necessary for our firefighters to accomplish their jobs safely and effectively. We look forward to a safe and productive 2007 for the men and women of the Aurora Fire Department.

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### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



**ASSISTANT CHIEF JERRY RENNINGER**  
**SUPPORT SERVICES**

In addition to numerous maintenance projects at various fire stations, many of which were completed by on-duty personnel, the following projects were completed:

<b>Station 1</b>	Roof repairs Phone system replaced Main entrance sign reworked	Gear storage racks Diamond plate trim on apparatus floor Exterior stairway to museum
<b>Station 3</b>	Furnace replacement Exterior soffit repaired and painted	
<b>Station 4</b>	Building power socket reworked Front sump drain reworked	
<b>Station 5</b>	Repairs to asphalt parking lot Sprint cellular tower reworked Exterior lighting repairs	
<b>Station 7</b>	Routine maintenance	
<b>Station 8</b>	Necessary maintenance only (new station groundbreaking)	
<b>Station 9</b>	Routine maintenance	
<b>Station 10</b>	Exterior trim paint	
<b>Station 12</b>	Exterior trim paint	

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### AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT BATTALION CHIEFS / SHIFT COMMANDERS



Battalion Chief Dale Hoorelbek  
"A" Shift



Battalion Chief Dave Rygh  
"B" Shift



Battalion Chief Ken Shannon  
"C" Shift

The Battalion Chiefs / Shift Commanders' responsibilities are assigned by the Fire Chief. They coordinate and direct all operations for their respective shifts as directed by department policy.



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### BATTALION 1



Battalion Chief J. Bergeron  
Shift A



Battalion Chief Don Jackson  
Shift B

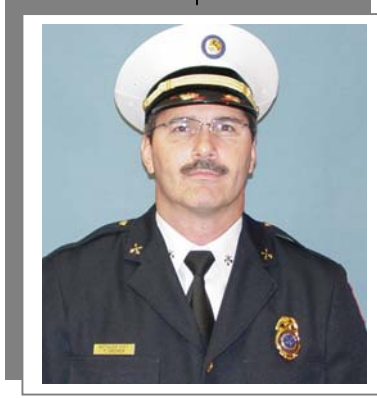


Battalion Chief Ken Kriegbaum  
Shift C

### BATTALION 2



Battalion Chief Matt Perez  
Shift A



Battalion Chief Ed Oros  
Shift B



Battalion Chief Mike Buckley  
Shift C



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### TRAINING DIVISION



BATTALION CHIEF MARK LOCKWOOD

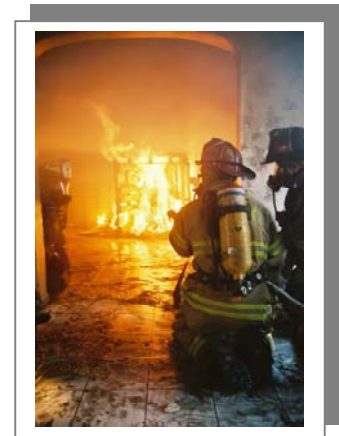
A great deal of training was accomplished in 2006 with a total of 74,861 hours of “regularly” scheduled training. In addition, there were 77 firefighters who participated in various special teams and fire training totaling 3,480 hours.

The Aurora Fire Department submitted 30 claims for reimbursement to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Division of Personnel Standards and Education. These included training for Firefighter II and III as well as Fire Prevention Principles, Tactics and Strategy, Management, Fire Service Instructor, Fire Apparatus Engineer and Haz-Mat Technician.

Some of the classes, seminars and courses attended by our firefighters were: **Fire Company / Command Officers Class, Smoke Divers, R.I.T. Under Fire, Engine and Truck Company classes, Hazardous Materials classes, Technical Rescue classes, Arson classes, Fire Department Instructors Conference**, as well as many **Live Fire Training Evolutions** in acquired structures. Fire Command personnel had attended a National Fire Academy; Command and General Staff Functions, as part of the National Incident Management curriculum. A few members attended classes at the National Fire Academy in Emmetsburg, Maryland.



Live fire training was conducted at numerous sites in the Aurora area in 2006.



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### TRAINING DIVISION (continued)

#### SOUTHERN KANE COUNTY TRAINING ASSOCIATION

In accordance with a signed Intergovernmental Agreement with the Southern Kane County Training Association and the North Aurora Fire Protection District, the Aurora Fire Department continued its efforts to establish a regional training facility at 300 Butterfield Road in North Aurora. This facility is open and is being used by its members and associate members, as well as a host for Illinois Fire Service Institute and Southern Kane County Training Association classes.

The site now has an operational four-story “can prop” used for SCBA training, search, confined space, laddering, rappelling and many, many other drills. The five-story burn tower/taxpayer is also up and functioning and used to provide live fire conditions during fire evolutions.

Several members of the Aurora Fire Department have been trained as Safety Coordinators at the facility. They will be responsible for the proper and safe use of the facility during the live fire evolutions.

The Southern Kane County Training Association continues to seek funding through grants and other avenues.



Pictured at left :  
4-story “can prop”.



Pictured above:  
Structural Collapse House



Pictured at right:  
Burn Tower



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Battalion Chief Tom Greiner  
Administrative Support Officer

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

As Administrative Support Officer, Battalion Chief Tom Greiner assists Administration with budget development, internal affairs, and departmental investigations. He assists the Support Services Office in the areas of communications, computer systems, building and grounds, and other administrative duties. He directs and supervises the Logistics Officer and works in conjunction with the Operations Office and Training Department in the development of command level training programs.

The Administrative Support Officer is the SCBA/Respiratory administrator for the department and is responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable regulations.

He works with the Fire Marshal to oversee and coordinate the Department's preplan program. Battalion Chief Greiner serves on the Northeastern Illinois Communications Consortium, a multi-agency committee formed to plan for future communications requirements.

Battalion Chief Greiner is the Grants Coordinator and Grievance Officer for the Department.

Over 350 preplan drawings were submitted by the individual fire companies for digitization and installation into the vehicle laptop computers in 2006. The ability of a company to obtain information on an occupancy that they are responding to will enhance safety and efficiency.

The year 2006 saw an improvement in interagency communications. Software was purchased that enabled the in-house programming of the department's VHF portable radios. The ability to program the radios allows more efficient communications when assisting neighboring fire departments.

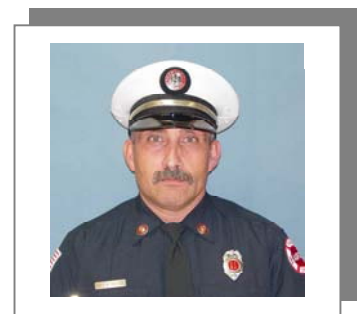
### LOGISTICS OFFICER

As Logistics Officer for the Department, Captain Rich Baxter works under the supervision of the Administrative Support Officer. His primary responsibility is to ensure that minimum daily staffing is maintained. He also makes recommendations for transfers to maintain equal manning levels on each of the three shifts.

Captain Baxter is responsible for the administration of the clothing and protective equipment replacement program, including the authorization and disbursement of issued clothing and equipment.

He coordinates and tracks semi-annual cleaning of protective equipment, maintains uniform and protective equipment inventories, and prepares bid specifications for uniforms and protective equipment contracts. He acts as Records Manager for the department and is in charge of departmental supplies.

The Logistics Officer advises the Fire Chief on operational issues for compliance with Labor Agreements. He assists the Administrative Support Officer to ensure compliance with all Local, State and Federal respiratory protection mandates. He also provides support to the Administrative Staff with payroll/workers' comp issues as required.



Captain Richard Baxter  
Logistics Officer

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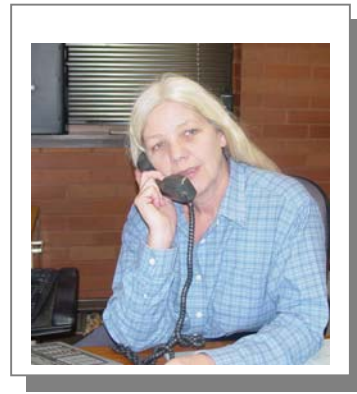
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### CIVILIAN STAFF

#### CENTRAL FIRE STATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE



Dixie Gump  
Administrative Aide

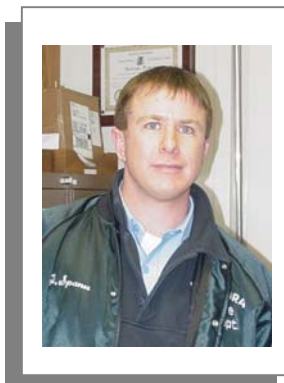


Linda Hansen  
Administrative Secretary

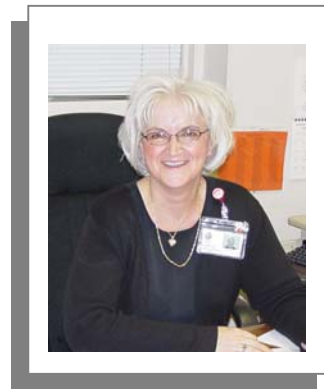
#### FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Marty Wolding  
Fire Inspector



Jon Spanu  
Fire Inspector



Irene Pelan  
Administrative Secretary

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### PARAMEDIC PROGRAM



RUSSELL GLASS  
PARAMEDIC COORDINATOR

The Aurora Fire Department EMS Division was very active at the System, Region, and State levels during 2006. In particular, at the State level the Aurora Fire Department helped to solve a number of serious issues regarding EMT testing and communication. Department Paramedics responded to 12,112 calls for assistance related to ambulance operations and treated 10,687 individuals in 2006. In addition, 3 Alternate Response Vehicles (ARVs) made 2,439 responses to assist the EMS Division in treatment and transport of the sick and injured. 95 Paramedics, 80 EMT/Basics, and 22 First Responders served the City of Aurora at the close of 2006.

In April 2006, the EMS Division trained a group of Paramedics in QA,QI of the computerized run report system. In November, 2006 Aurora became the largest department and first system in the State to provide seamless information from pre-hospital to IDPH by way of protected Internet.

2 EMT/Basics successfully completed the Paramedic Program at the Southern Fox Valley EMS System in August 2006 and passed the Illinois Department of Public Health exam.

The Aurora Fire Department CPR Team certified 406 individuals in 2006. 25 AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) located throughout the City were upgraded to the new American Heart Association standards. 80 Firefighter/EMTs received EMT-Basic expanded scope skills to improve the level of service we provide to the City. Over 200 firefighters received updated CPR training utilizing the Q-CPR ability of our heart monitors, and in December 2006 replacement AEDs were placed in service on our BLS trucks and engines.

Members of the EMS Division attended numerous school science fairs, community groups, business and career day events, and talked with over 1,000 students regarding Fire Department careers in 2006. The EMS Division supported a number of local events during the year, such as Downtown Alive, Walter Payton's "Sweetness Run", the Aurora Sports Festival, and Aurora University's football and commencement events. Aurora Fire Department ambulances and Paramedics covered EMS details at numerous East and West Aurora High School football games throughout the year.

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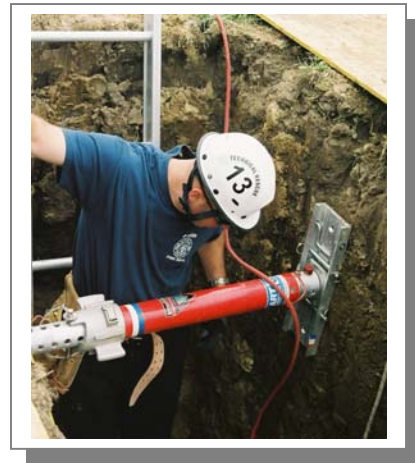
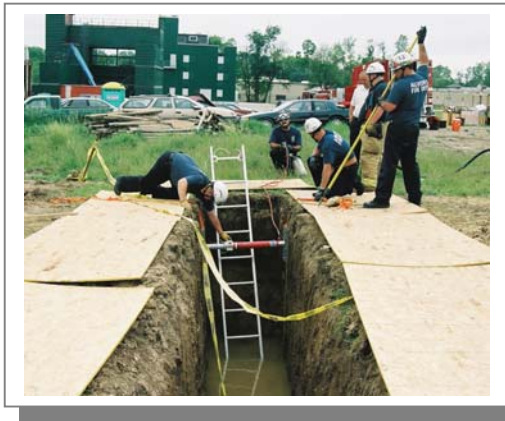
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### TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM



Battalion Chief Mark Lockwood, Team Leader

The Aurora Fire Department Technical Rescue Team is comprised of 21 highly trained individuals, dedicated to responding to disasters and serving the citizens of Aurora and the United States. Members receive extensive training in tactics, techniques and specialized equipment dealing with *Vertical Rescue, Trench Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, and Structural Collapse Rescue.*



#### SHIFT 1

Lt. Don Jackley, Shift Leader

Lt. Tim Pogue  
Rafael Alvarez  
Chris Oros  
Chris Temes  
Will Torres

#### SHIFT 2

Lt. Dave Watson, Shift Leader

Batt Chief Tom Greiner  
Lt. Steve Kish  
Randy Leek  
Dwayne Love  
Clint Rafac  
John Ross

#### SHIFT 3

Capt. Randy Brokaw, Shift Leader

Lt. Petee Doyle  
Lt. Cletus Rettenmeier  
Bob Kulovitz  
Tony Nelson  
Chuck Przybylski  
Mike Zelensek

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### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT TEAM

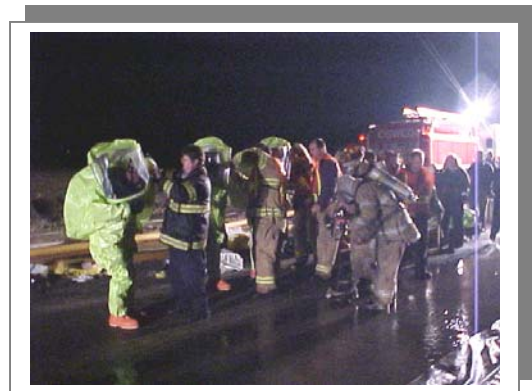


Lt. Joe Bartholomew, Haz-Mat Response Team Coordinator

The Aurora Fire Department Haz-Mat Response Team (HMRT) has 30 members with 23 at the Tech B level, 7 at the Tech A level, 10 with chemistry training, and 9 with ICS training. Eleven of our team members instruct at the Southern Kane County Training Association and three of our members teach at the Illinois Fire Service Institute, Haz-Mat Division.

The Aurora Fire Department Haz-Mat Response Team (HMRT) is also a member of MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Division 13, which incorporates most of Kane County. The Aurora Fire Department HMRT and other members of MABAS Division 13, including department members from Batavia, Elburn, Geneva, Montgomery, North Aurora, St. Charles and Sugar Grove, has recently formed a Division-wide Team that includes 72 members.

In 2006 the Aurora Fire Department responded to 308 hazardous materials response calls, including spills, leaks and unknowns. 297 of these calls were Level 1 responses (1-2 Company responses) and 38 were multi-unit responses, which included natural gas leaks and multi-company odor investigations.



Members of the Aurora Fire Department Haz-Mat Team responded to a chlorine leak in Oswego in December 2006 with the MABAS Division 13 Haz-Mat Response Team.

The Aurora Fire Department HMRT conducts monthly Training Drills including suit training, use of monitors, tabletop drills, and a department-wide decontamination drill. Four mandatory MABAS 13 Haz-Mat drills are held each year for all division personnel.

#### SHIFT 1

Lt. Steve Kish, Shift Leader

Batt Chief Jim Bergeron  
 Lt. John Becker  
 Pete Bray  
 Dave Heinke  
 Jason Larson  
 Jason Mosshamer  
 Tim Schomer  
 Paul Smith

#### SHIFT 2

Capt. Don Davids, Shift Leader

Batt Chief Dave Rygh  
 Capt. Mark Robinson  
 Capt. Bob Wirtz  
 Lt. Gary Avram  
 Lt. Dave Watson  
 Phil Bergeron  
 Jason Demas  
 Todd McChurch  
 Clint Rafac  
 John Ross  
 Bob Strange

#### SHIFT 3

Lt. Andy Silagyi, Shift Leader

Capt. Mike McCue  
 Capt. Tim Warren  
 Lt. Pete Doyle  
 Lt. Rick Lockman  
 Dave Hurd  
 Marty O'Brien  
 Harvey Redmon  
 Scott Schuster  
 Tom Shore  
 Chuck VanHorn

# AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### FIRE INVESTIGATION DIVISION



FIRE MARSHAL GARY POZZI, ARSON COORDINATOR

The Aurora Fire Department Investigations Bureau investigated 55 fires during 2006. First listed as suspicious, undetermined, or incendiary resulted in losses in excess of \$2.5 million dollars.

Seven arrests were made in 2006. Law enforcement agencies that assisted the Aurora Fire Department include the DuPage and Kane County Fire Investigation Task Forces, Aurora Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The Kane and DuPage County States Attorney's Offices also assisted the Aurora Fire Department with legal counsel in some of our arson cases.

The networking of resources, manpower, training, communications and legal expertise has had a major impact on the increased number of arrests and convictions.

The Department appreciates the efforts of all our Fire Investigators for their professionalism and dedication.

#### SHIFT 1

Gary Krienitz, Lead Investigator

James Lobbins  
Aaron Stawikowski  
Steve Wedll

#### SHIFT 2

Steve Whitmer, Lead Investigator

Lt. Gary Avram  
Lt. Steve Weatherly  
Matt Anslow  
Javan Cross

#### SHIFT 3

Brett Svendsen, Lead Investigator

Jason Morthland  
Corey Fryer



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### JUVENILE FIRESETTER PROGRAM



**Battalion Chief Ed Oros**  
**Lead Investigator**

During 2006, members of the department who are trained in the area of Juvenile Firesetting counseled eleven youths who were known to have started fires, one of which resulted in a monetary loss. For the fourth consecutive year, there was a significant reduction in the number of fires started by juveniles. We believe this is due a combination of aggressive fire prevention programs in the schools and increased public education and awareness. The responsibility of our Juvenile Intervention Specialists is to measure the youths' level of risk in relationship to the probability of setting more fires. We provide an educational program designed for their level of understanding. In some cases, other agencies are asked to assist or intervene. Property damage resulting from juvenile firesetters was lower than the previous three years.

There are currently 13 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Team members.

#### **SHIFT 1 TEAM MEMBERS**

John Jackson  
Gary Krienitz  
Paul Smith

#### **SHIFT 2 TEAM MEMBERS**

Lt. Gary Avram  
Jeff Herrick  
Jim Rhodes  
Ric Torres

#### **SHIFT 3 TEAM MEMBERS**

Aaron Garcia  
Chris Kjellesvik  
Craig Mateski  
David McCabe  
Jason Morthland

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### WATER RESCUE TEAM



Captain Mike McCue, Dive Team Leader

At the close of 2006, the Aurora Fire Department Water Rescue Team had a roster of 20 active members.

In 2006 heavy rainfall created high water levels and fast moving currents in the Fox River. Local and outlying law enforcement agencies called for assistance throughout the year for weapons and other evidence recovery as well as for homicide investigations. The Water Rescue Team also assisted the Haz-Mat Team in containment and clean-up of chemicals that spilled into local retention ponds in the area.

Training continued to be a high priority in 2006. Training at the Southern Kane County quarry proved to be invaluable as the team participated and took runners-up honors at the Lynwood Fire Department Dive Team Challenge. Sixteen team members took part in the event that included dive challenges ranging from missing fisherman to evidence documentation. Ten events made for a great day of training for all who attended.



Members of the Aurora Fire Dept Water Rescue Team participated in the Lynwood Dive Team Challenge on September 16, 2006.

During 2006, the members attended dry boat training, which included ice diving and surface rescue. Three members of the team took part in a one-day training seminar dealing with safety issues and new standards that will become effective in the near future for all public safety divers.

#### SHIFT 1

Lt. Tim Pogue, Shift Leader

Lt. Tim Pogue  
 Lt. John Becker  
 Lt. John Gilbert  
 Lt. Jim Maynard  
 Randy Kramp  
 Mark Matkovich  
 Will Torres

#### SHIFT 2

Lt. Norb Weber, Shift Leader

Capt. Don Davids  
 Lt. Steve Chivari  
 Lt. Steve Kish  
 Bob Chance  
 Jason Demas  
 Kevin Molitor  
 Jim Rhodes

#### SHIFT 3

Capt. Mike McCue, Shift Leader

Lt. Pete Doyle  
 Bob Kulovitz  
 Steve Milakis  
 Chuck Przybylski  
 Chuck VanHorn



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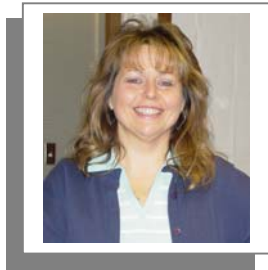
### COMMUNICATIONS / TECHNICAL SUPPORT



Assistant Chief Jerry Renninger  
Support Services

Throughout 2006 work has continued in the many existing projects previously begun. Improvements and updates with the Remote Access mapping software continue. Work has begun to expand the wireless network within the City. The Verizon network currently in use in our vehicle laptops will eventually be supplemented by the City Metro Fi Project, which has been in progress since midyear. The systems will eventually work together to get maximum city coverage and signal strength.

The Northeastern Illinois Communications Consortium (NICC), which includes the Aurora Fire Department, continues to gather information towards the next generation of a digital communications system to replace the current analog system in use.



Cindy Vlnar, of the City of  
Aurora MIS Department,  
provides technical support to  
the Aurora Fire Department.

Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) work was reestablished and has become a citywide project. The AVL project will aid in reducing emergency response time to our citizens by dispatching the closest unit through the CAD System.

The Emergency Vehicle Preemption project continued throughout the year and is in the final phase of completion. To date, 121 intersections have incorporated the Opticom preemption system with another 41 intersections left to be completed. The remaining traffic signals lie within the state highways within the City.

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### VEHICLES AND APPARATUS



In December 2006 the department took delivery of replacement MEDIC 4, a 2006 Ford E450 purchased from Life Line Emergency Vehicles.

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### FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN



Pastor Gerald Rygh, former Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and recently retired from Our Savior Lutheran Church, serves as Chaplain for the Aurora Fire Department. Pastor Rygh was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa and moved to the Aurora area in 1970. He received a Bachelors degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, a Bachelor of Theology degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, and his Doctorate in 1983. Pastor Rygh is father to Battalion Chief Dave Rygh and father-in-law to Assistant Chief John Lehman.

Chaplain Rygh regularly rides along in both battalions and gives spiritual guidance necessary to our diversified department.



### FIRE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD

50 Aurora Firefighters volunteer their time to serve on the Aurora Fire Department Honor Guard. In addition to standing guard at funeral services of department members and their families, the Honor Guard participated in the City of Aurora Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Veteran's Day parades. They proudly marched in the department's 150 Anniversary Parade held June 24, 2006. They also posted colors at events such as the annual Firefighter of the Year Awards Ceremony. Two members of the AFD Honor Guard have been inducted into the AFFI (Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois) Honor Guard.



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### FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

On October 31, 2006 the Aurora Exchange Club hosted the annual Firefighter of the Year award ceremony and luncheon at the Gaslite Manor in Aurora. The featured speaker at the luncheon was retired Chief Andy O'Donnell. Nominees for Aurora's 2006 Firefighter of the Year were:



- Lt. Glen Hasenheyer, Pvt. Bob Warren, Pvt. Chris Prieboy, Paramedic Gary Krienitz, and Paramedic Kevin Becker for their lifesaving efforts at a paramedic call on March 1, 2005.
- Battalion Chief Don Jackson, Pvt. Mark Matkovich, Pvt. Aaron Stawikowski, Paramedic Bill Nutter, Paramedic Jeff Smitley, Lt. Glen Hasenheyer, Pvt. Will Torres, and Pvt. Pete Bray for their lifesaving efforts at a paramedic call of March 7, 2005.
- Pvt. Dave Heinke for his lifesaving efforts on August 15, 2006 while off duty at a health club in Aurora.

Pictured above at the Firefighter of the Year luncheon held October 31, 2006 are (l-r): Kevin Becker, Chris Prieboy, Lt. Glen Hasenheyer, Gary Krienitz, Deputy Chief Hal Carlson, Dave Heinke, Exchange Club President Phillip DeLaFuenta, Battalion Chief Don Jackson, Aaron Stawikowski, Mark Matkovich, Jeff Smitley, Will Torres, Peter Bray and Fire Chief Tim Oelker. Also nominated but unable to attend the luncheon were Bob Warren (below, left) and Bill Nutter (below, right)



Firefighter David Heinke (pictured above) was named Aurora's 2006 Firefighter of the Year



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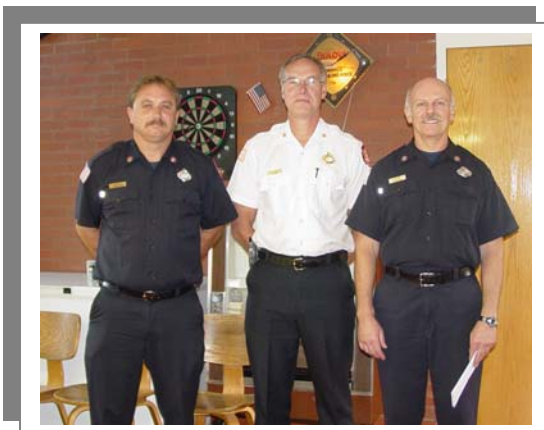
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### 2006 APPOINTMENTS / PROMOTIONS



Pictured at left: Newly appointed Battalion Chiefs Don Jackson, Ken Kriegbaum and Ed Oros were honored at a reception held January 24, 2006 at Central Fire Station.

Below, a promotion ceremony was held at the Aurora Regional Fire Museum on March 9, 2006 to honor the following individuals on their promotions: Pictured left to right are: Lt. Jerry Groesch, Lt. Steve Kish, Lt. Jim Maynard, Lt. Kevin Kubisak, Captain Steve Malatia and Captain Mark Robinson. Not pictured: Captain Greg Mewmaw



Pictured at left: A promotional ceremony was held at Central Fire Station on June 23, 2006 to honor Lt. Chuck Wonderlmg and Captain Randy Brokaw on their promotions.

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### PERSONNEL

Three Firefighters, Battalion Chief Brad Westrom, Lt. Jerry Womack, and Captain Ray Pfeiffer retired on regular pensions during 2006.

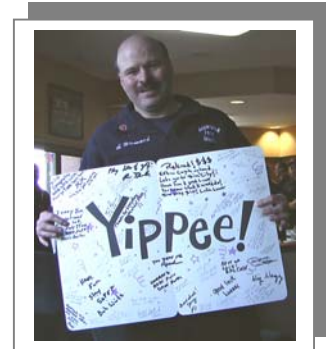
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207 Sworn Uniformed Fire Department Members  
2 Civilian Fire Inspectors  
3 Secretaries  
212 Total Fire Department Personnel



Pictured at left: Battalion Chief Brad Westrom retired on January 15, 2006 after more than 30 years on the department.

Pictured at right (top): Lt. Jerry Womack retired February 28, 2006 after almost 23 years on the department.



Pictured at right (bottom): Captain Ray Pfeiffer retired June 19, 2006 after more than 30 years with the department.



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### EXPLORER POST #99

The Aurora Fire Department Explorer Post #99 brought some new and exciting changes to the program. Entering its sixth year, Post #99 welcomed fifteen new members, keeping the post membership at a steady 35 participants.

Post #99 continued with their fundraising efforts throughout the year and played a major role with the department's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in June. Post #99 took on the responsibilities of helping with the auto extrication challenge, children's events, grounds keeping, and other tasks.

In 2006 a decision was made to increase Officer responsibilities within the Post and began the process of testing for all ranks, including Battalion Chiefs, Captains and Lieutenants. Past members who completed the program and turned 21 in 2005 have returned to the Post as Associate Advisors and have taken on responsibilities and roles, which has benefited not only the Explorers themselves, but the overall success of the Post.

With the addition of new members and new Associate Advisors, Post #99 will continue to move forward in a positive direction in 2007 and beyond.



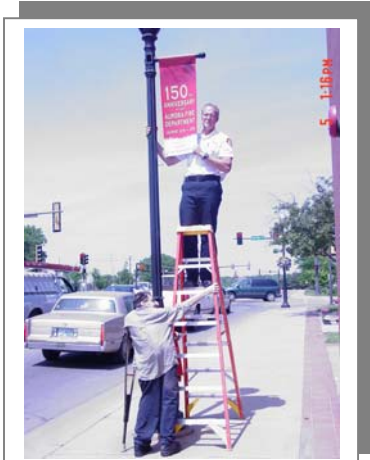
For more information, visit [www.afdpost99.com](http://www.afdpost99.com)

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### 150 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Aurora Fire Department celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a four-day celebration held June 22 through June 25, 2006. A parade held Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> included approximately 150 pieces of fire apparatus from Aurora and surrounding communities.



At left, Chief Tim Oelker and Aurora Regional Fire Museum Curator David Lewis hang the first banner announcing the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities.



At right, artist Tim Keber was commissioned to paint a mural on the apparatus room wall at Central Fire Station.



At left, the American flag hanging across Broadway clearly demonstrated the department's pride.



Those in attendance enjoyed firefighters' demonstrations such as the LPG tank fire simulator (at right), as well as extrication and rappelling competitions.



All department members, including retirees, were presented with commemorative badges indicating their seniority on the department. The badges were replicas of those worn by department firefighters during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



Pictured at left, a plaque was dedicated to honor firefighters killed in the line of duty at the site of the Woolworth building fire in 1934.

Pictured above, over 170 members of the department were in attendance for a panoramic photo taken to commemorate the department's anniversary.

For more photos of the event, visit [www.auroraregionalfiremuseum.org/150](http://www.auroraregionalfiremuseum.org/150)



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**Central Fire Station**  
75 North Broadway  
897-7821

### SHIFT 1

### SHIFT 2

### SHIFT 3

#### ENGINE COMPANY #1

Lieutenant John Schick  
Paramedic Mark Matkovich  
Pvt. Aaron Stawikowski

Lieutenant Steve Weatherly  
Pvt. Mark Classen  
Paramedic Jim Rhodes

Captain Mike McCue  
Paramedic Bob Kulovitz  
Pvt. Carlos Coronado

#### MEDIC #1

Paramedic Bill Nutter  
Paramedic Jeff Smitley

Paramedic Jim Podbregar  
Paramedic John Bonior

Paramedic Chuck VanHorn  
Paramedic Nathan Costner

#### TRUCK COMPANY #2

Captain Greg Petrs  
Pvt. Steve Buono  
Pvt. Chris Prieboy  
Paramedic Peter Bray

Lieutenant Steve Chivari  
Pvt. Eric Calkins  
Pvt. Randy Leek  
Paramedic Phil Bergeron

Lieutenant Andy Silagyi  
Pvt. Chuck Przybylski  
Pvt. Scott Schuster  
Paramedic John Eul

#### ROVING PERSONNEL

Captain Mike Chomiak  
Lieutenant Kevin Kubisak  
Lieutenant Jim Maynard  
Paramedic Paul Smith  
Pvt. Steve Wedll  
Paramedic Shawn Hagie  
Paramedic Shawn Clements  
Paramedic Jim Desomer  
Pvt. Marcos Coronado  
Pvt. Abe Sprinkle  
Pvt. Mike Kaufman  
Pvt. Keith O'Donnell

Captain Steve Malatia  
Lieutenant Chuck Wonderling  
Lieutenant Steve Kish  
Pvt. Felix Coronado  
Pvt. Steve Koeberl  
Pvt. Alan Backhaus  
Paramedic Todd McChurch  
Pvt. Mike Eley  
Pvt. Mike Hess  
Paramedic Rob Sittler  
Pvt. Dan Bateman

Captain Randy Brokaw  
Lieutenant Ron Thomalla  
Lieutenant Jerry Groesch  
Paramedic Corey Fryer  
Pvt. Tim Bergeron  
Paramedic Dan Ahasic  
Pvt. Robin Krantz  
Paramedic Dan Stroup  
Paramedic Jeff Dehler  
Pvt. Tom Shore

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**Station 3**  
 600 New Indian Trail  
 897-7823  
 Battalion 2 Headquarters

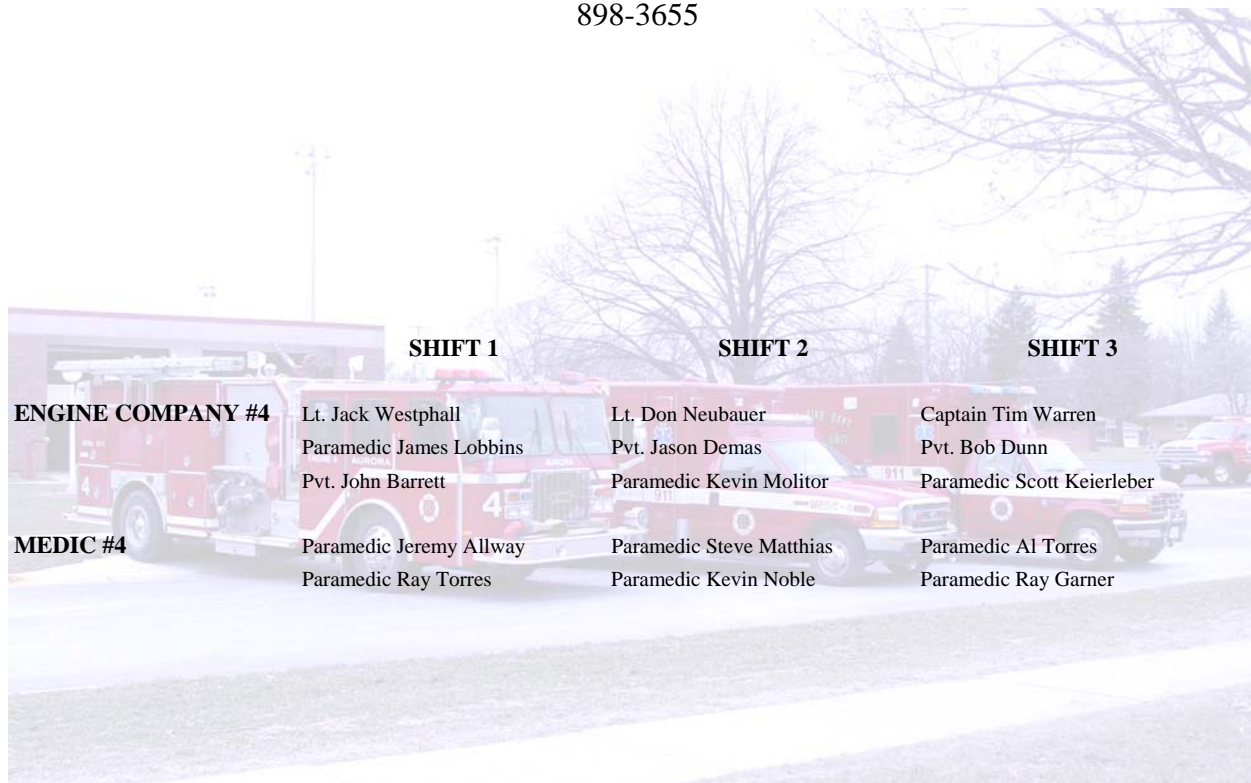
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<b>BATTALION 2</b>	Battalion Chief Matt Perez	Battalion Chief Ed Oros	Battalion Chief Mike Buckley
<b>ENGINE COMPANY #3</b>	Lieutenant Steve Oros, Jr. Paramedic Tim Schomer Pvt. Steve Szilage	Lieutenant Joe Franzen Pvt. Daniel Darce Paramedic Kris Tappendorf	Captain Al Judd Pvt. Dennis Schmitz Paramedic Brandon Matson
<b>MEDIC #3</b>	Paramedic Pete Hoffman Paramedic John Paul	Paramedic Bob Chance Paramedic Dwayne Love	Paramedic Tony Nelson Paramedic Jim Rufer

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**Station 4**  
 800 Michels Avenue  
 898-3655



**SHIFT 1**

**SHIFT 2**

**SHIFT 3**

**ENGINE COMPANY #4**

Lt. Jack Westphall  
 Paramedic James Lobbins  
 Pvt. John Barrett

Lt. Don Neubauer  
 Pvt. Jason Demas  
 Paramedic Kevin Molitor

Captain Tim Warren  
 Pvt. Bob Dunn  
 Paramedic Scott Keierleber

**MEDIC #4**

Paramedic Jeremy Allway  
 Paramedic Ray Torres

Paramedic Steve Matthias  
 Paramedic Kevin Noble

Paramedic Al Torres  
 Paramedic Ray Garner

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**Station 5**  
 730 Hill Avenue  
 (630) 851-2825  
 Battalion 1 Headquarters

	<b>SHIFT 1</b>	<b>SHIFT 2</b>	<b>SHIFT 3</b>
<b>BATTALION 1</b>	Battalion Chief Jim Bergeron	Battalion Chief Don Jackson	Battalion Chief Ken Krieghbaum
<b>ENGINE COMPANY #5</b>	Lieutenant John Gilbert Pvt. Will Torres Paramedic Gary Krienitz	Captain Don Davids Pvt. Steve Whitmer Paramedic Dan Osman	Lieutenant Luther McDougle Paramedic Brett Svendsen Pvt. Jason Morthland
<b>MEDIC #5</b>	Paramedic Jerry Knizek Paramedic Jason Smith	Paramedic Wayne Sorensen Paramedic Dave Trammell	Paramedic Aaron Garcia Paramedic Dan Aloisio



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### Station 7

824 Kenilworth Avenue  
(630) 897-7831



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In July 2006 Captain Greg Mewmaw, Deputy Chief Hal Carlson, and the firefighters at Station #8 break ground for the new fire station / call center scheduled for completion in the Fall of 2007 near the site of the current station. (pictured at left)

### Station 8

100 North Gregory  
(630) 898-7030

	SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
<b>ENGINE COMPANY #8</b>	Captain Greg Mewmaw Paramedic Toby Gill Pvt. Randy Rieckert	Lieutenant Norb Weber Pvt. Clint Rafac Paramedic Javan Cross	Lieutenant Eric Mueller Pvt. Cary Lieser Paramedic Mark Long
<b>MEDIC #8</b>	Paramedic John Jackson Paramedic Chris Temes	Paramedic Jerry White Paramedic Bob Strange	Paramedic John Nolan Paramedic Dan Kveton
<b>TRUCK COMPANY #6</b>	Lt. John Becker Pvt. Brian Youhannaie Paramedic Randy Durham Pvt. Brian Radde	Lieutenant Gary Avram Pvt. Ed Clark Pvt. Jeff Herrick Paramedic Joe Bledsoe	Lieutenant Glen Hasenheyer Pvt. Mike Zelensek Pvt. Darrin Richardson Paramedic Kevin Nickel

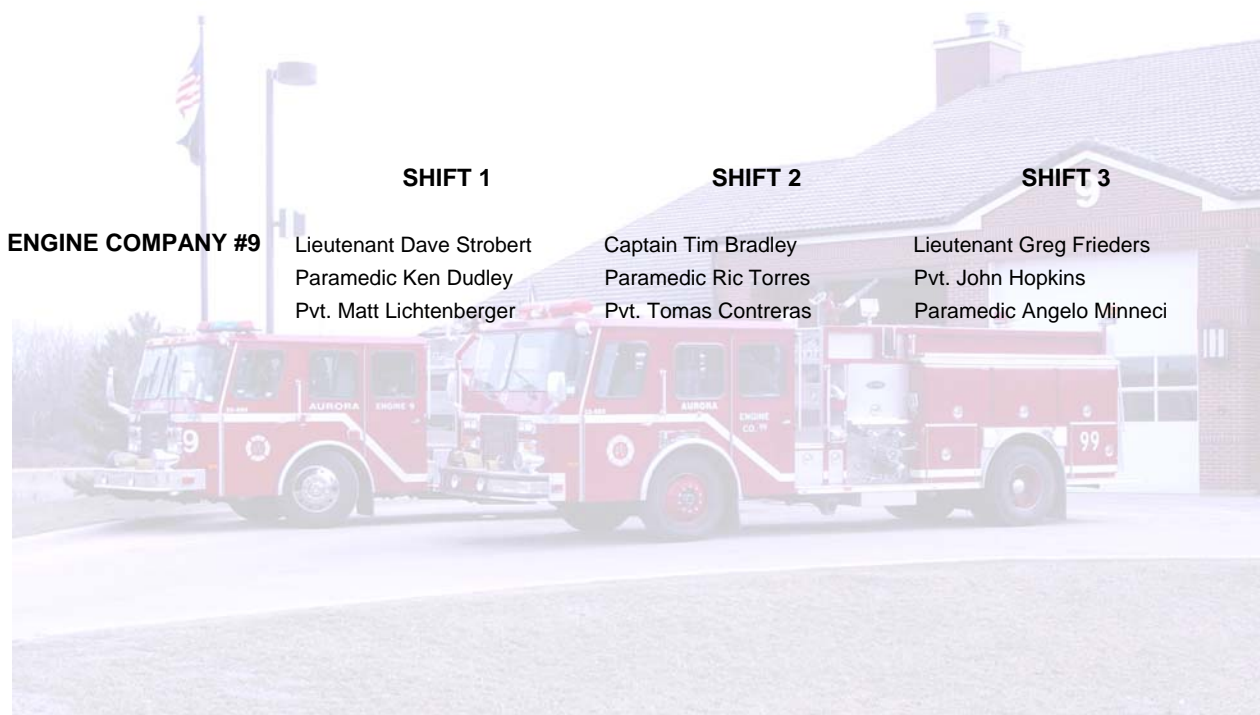
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### Station 9

2339 Diehl Road  
(630) 978-4675



#### SHIFT 1

#### ENGINE COMPANY #9

Lieutenant Dave Strobert  
Paramedic Ken Dudley  
Pvt. Matt Lichtenberger

#### SHIFT 2

Captain Tim Bradley  
Paramedic Ric Torres  
Pvt. Tomas Contreras

#### SHIFT 3

Lieutenant Greg Frieders  
Pvt. John Hopkins  
Paramedic Angelo Minnici

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### Station 10

2390 West Illinois Avenue  
(630) 897-0443

	SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
<b>ENGINE COMPANY #10</b>	Lieutenant Tim Pogue Pvt. Bob Warren Paramedic Jason Mosshamer	Captain Bob Wirtz Paramedic John Nagy Paramedic John Ross	Lt. Pete Doyle Pvt. Dave Hurd Paramedic Steve Milakis
<b>MEDIC #10</b>	Paramedic Bob Bruns Paramedic Kevin Becker	Paramedic Luanne Murray Paramedic Chuck Niemeier	Paramedic Dave McCabe Paramedic Chris Kjellesvik
<b>TRUCK COMPANY #11</b>	Lieutenant Joe Bartholomew Pvt. Ed Heitz Pvt. Rafael Alvarez Paramedic Dave Heinke	Lieutenant Dave Watson Pvt. Chuck White Pvt. Roman Azua Paramedic Matt Anslow	Lieutenant Lou Popp Pvt. Marty O'Brien Pvt. Harvey Redmon Paramedic Jason Equi



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### Station 12

2424 Haffenrichter Road  
(312) 499-0183



	SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
<b>ENGINE COMPANY #12</b>	Captain Larry Hankes Pvt. Ed Ward Paramedic Chris Oros	Lieutenant Tom Wagner, Jr. Paramedic Dan Konen Pvt. Mark Tate	Lieutenant Rick Lockman Pvt. Bob Campbell Paramedic Steve Milakis