

# AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Fire Chief Hal Carlson

*On behalf of the Aurora Fire Department personnel, I respectfully submit for review the 2011 Annual Report. This report is a summary of the accomplishments of the Aurora Fire Department over the last twelve months. It includes statistical data from all Fire Department divisions and contains information regarding the various and diverse activities of the department.*

*In summary, 2011 was an extremely challenging year. The economic climate created numerous budgetary constraints. Administrative staff and department members strived to meet the high level of services that the citizens of Aurora have come to expect from the Aurora Fire Department.*

*I wish to thank all the members of our department for their dedication to this organization and ask them to continue to push us to further greatness. We sincerely appreciate the support of all the City officials and residents of Aurora for the opportunity to serve them.*

*Fire Chief Hal Carlson*

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Deputy Chief John Lehman

*The Aurora Fire Department, much like all other City departments, was tasked in 2011 with providing the same service level with a reduced budget and less manpower. The Fire Department budget was funded to \$34,631,000.00, allowing the Department to support its nine firehouses, vehicles and equipment, and a staff of 195.*

*The men and women of the Aurora Fire Department should be proud of their efforts in 2011. When faced with difficult times, they all met the challenges head on and worked through them.*

*The Department continues to seek supplements to our operating budget and explore opportunities through grants. In 2011 we applied for a video conferencing grant through F.E.M.A., which would allow us to conference with all nine fire stations. This would allow for some great training opportunities while still being able to provide coverage to first due territories.*

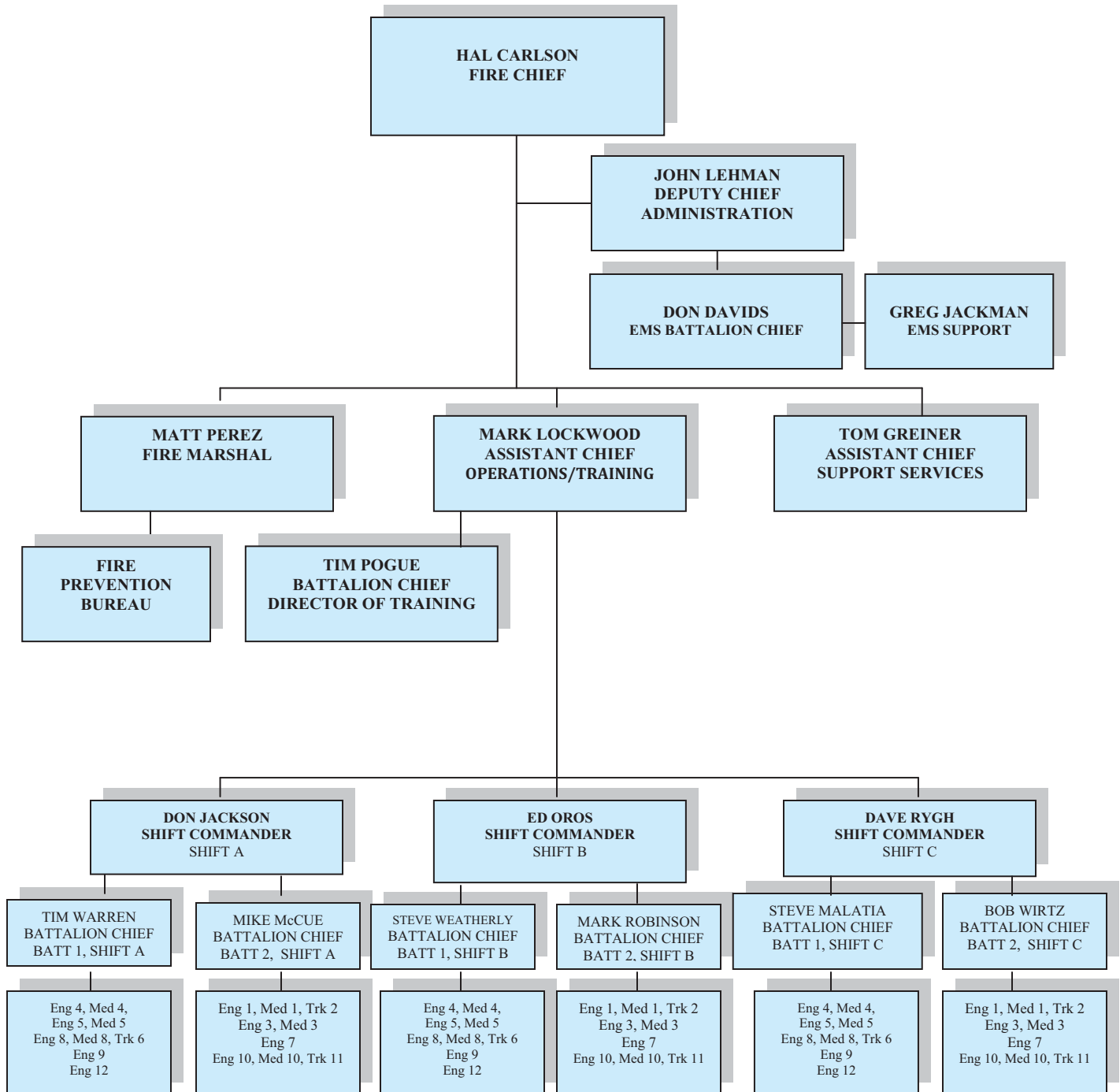
*The economic downturn had an effect on operations in January of 2011, with the “brownout” of Truck Company #11 on the City’s far West side. Thankfully that was able to be reversed in September 2011, returning us to full normal operations of all frontline equipment.*

*Deputy Chief John Lehman*

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### STAFF PERSONNEL



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### FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS

	<u>2010</u> <u>CALLS</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>CALLS</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
<b>EMS</b> - One Medic Unit Response (Advanced Life Support)	11,504	11,768	+2%
<b>STILL ALARMS</b> - One Engine Response	1,911	1,947	+2%
<b>FULL STILL ALARMS</b> - Two Engines, One Truck Automatic Fire Alarms; Office, Commercial, Residential	542	521	-3%
<b>BOX ALARMS</b> - Two Engines, One Truck, One Medic, One Command Officer (Structure Fires; Residential Commercial, Mercantile)	311	352	+12%
<b>HAZ-MAT</b>	226	221	-2%
<b>CARBON MONOXIDE</b> -One Truck or One Engine	447	444	-6%
<b>EXTRICATIONS</b> - One Engine, One Truck, One Medic, Command Officer	56	51	-9%
<b>WATER INCIDENTS</b> - Two Engines, One Truck, One Medic, Rescue 23, Command Officer	13	7	-46%
<b>RELEASE</b> - One Truck (Rescue, Lock-Outs, Etc.)	93	206	+55%
<b>TECHNICAL</b> - Two Engines, One Truck, One Squad, Rescue One, One Medic, Command Officer	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	15,104	15,517	+.3%
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROPERTY LOSS</b>	\$2,311,704	\$2,842,949	+3%
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTENTS LOSS</b>	\$1,073,599	\$1,639,632	+5%



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<b>FIREFIGHTER DEATHS</b>	0	0
<b>FIREFIGHTER INJURIES</b>	31	39
<b>CIVILIAN DEATHS</b>	0	6
<b>CIVILIAN INJURIES</b>	0	12

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### 2011 Dispatched Emergency Responses

	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	329	226	202	218	214	385	224	174	157
FULL STILL ALARMS	323	192	142	141	140	138	80	123	80
BOX ALARMS	244	165	108	203	85	124	50	78	56
HAZ-MAT	41	22	21	32	15	44	31	21	25
CARBON MONOXIDE	156	8	5	10	1	138	51	65	51
EXTRICATIONS	23	21	15	33	3	25	9	11	7
WATER INCIDENTS	7	4	2	4	3	1	0	1	0
RELEASE	82	3	1	1	1	12	1	10	0
LOCKOUTS	37	1	0	1	0	59	2	10	8
TECH RESCUES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEDICAL EMERGS	<u>2,969</u>	<u>2,137</u>	<u>2,360</u>	<u>2,182</u>	<u>1,239</u>	<u>1,603</u>	<u>826</u>	<u>1,693</u>	<u>537</u>
TOTAL	4,213	2,779	2,856	2,825	1,1701	2,529	1,274	2,186	921
TOTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN 2011:	<b>21,284</b>								



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### CALLS PER UNIT

		2010	2011	CHANGE
<b>ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSES</b>	<b>ENGINE 1</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>+2%</b>
	<b>ENGINE 3</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>-2%</b>
	<b>ENGINE 4</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>+2%</b>
	<b>ENGINE 5</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>+7%</b>
	<b>ENGINE 7</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>+6%</b>
	<b>ENGINE 8</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>-4%</b>
	<b>ENGINE 9</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>-2%</b>
	<b>ENGINE 10</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>+6%</b>
	<b>ENGINE 12</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>TRUCK COMPANY RESPONSES</b>	<b>TRUCK 2</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>+18%</b>
	<b>TRUCK 6</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>-1%</b>
	<b>TRUCK 11</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>-42%</b>
<b>MEDIC UNIT RESPONSES</b>	<b>MEDIC 1</b>	<b>2,856</b>	<b>2,920</b>	<b>+2%</b>
	<b>MEDIC 3</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>+4%</b>
	<b>MEDIC 4</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>+2%</b>
	<b>MEDIC 5</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>+4%</b>
	<b>MEDIC 8</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>-2%</b>
	<b>MEDIC 10</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>1,676</b>	<b>+5%</b>
<b>BATTALION CHIEF RESPONSES</b>	<b>BATT 1</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>+4%</b>
	<b>BATT 2</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>+9%</b>
	<b>CAR 24</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>+8%</b>



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### 2011 CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ACTIVATION NOTICE OF MONTHLY FINDINGS

MONTH	LESS THAN 10 PPM	10 OR MORE PPM	100 PPM OR GREATER	TOTAL
January	34	14	1	49
February	37	12	4	53
March	22	6	0	28
April	19	5	1	25
May	23	5	1	29
June	12	4	0	16
July	24	12	2	38
August	17	2	0	19
September	23	5	1	29
October	18	12	0	30
November	22	12	2	36
December	32	4	1	37
2011 TOTALS	283	93	13	389

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### FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



FIRE MARSHAL MATT PEREZ

### 2011 INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED

<u>FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU</u>		<u>FIRE COMPANIES</u>	
Routine Inspections	270	Routine Inspections	5,240
Re-Inspections	18	Re-Inspections	512
Special Inspection (Includes Referrals, complaints, certificate of acceptance, Hazmat, tanks, fire lanes, posting corridors, & misc.)	780	Complaint Inspections	0
Construction (Includes construction, tents, trailers, certificates of occupancy)	3		
	1,071		5,752
<b>TOTAL 2011 INSPECTIONS = 6,922</b>			

### 2011 PERMITS ISSUED

Installation of Above- and Below-Ground Fuel Tanks	4
Building Fire Suppression Systems	102
Building Fire Alarm Systems	111
Building Hood Suppression Systems	10
Operational Permits (Propane, Hazardous Material, Assembly)	111
Tent Permits	14
Fireworks	8
Open Burning	35
Outdoor Fireplaces	50
<b>TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>445</b>

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### FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU – 2011 (continued)

OTHER ACTIVITIES - 2010	FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU	FIRE COMPANIES
FIRE PROTECTION - (Includes fire test, fire suppression, evacuation plans)	31	
PLAN REVIEWS -	24	
FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS	20	295
FIRE DRILLS	7	244
HYDRANT FLOW TESTS	1	2,370
LOCK BOXES SOLD	18	
VIOLATIONS ISSUE (Blocked exits, blocked corridors, non-compliance, failure to comply)	5	
FALSE FIRE ALARM VIOLATIONS – (Jan-Jun)		
Chargeable - No Fine Issued		
Chargeable - Fine Issued	388	
Not Chargeable	132	
Cooking Food	585	
	49	
CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ACTIVATIONS -		397

During Fire Prevention Month in October 2011 the Aurora Fire Department presented 153 Fire Prevention Programs to 5,202 children and adults, and 23 tours to 512 citizens.

36 families were assisted during Team Firestoppers in March and October 2011.



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### OPERATIONS



ASSISTANT CHIEF MARK LOCKWOOD  
OPERATIONS

The Operations Division is responsible for delivering emergency services to those citizens who live in, work in, and visit the City of Aurora. Operations Division members respond to all calls for emergency services, including incidents involving fires, emergency medical services, technical rescue response, release of hazardous materials, and water rescue, to name a few. Mutual Aid responses are provided to surrounding fire departments who are members of MABAS Division 13.

In 2011 the Aurora Fire Department responded to over 15,500 calls for emergency service. The City is divided into two Battalions, with Battalion 1 on the east side of the Fox River and Battalion 2 on the west side. Each battalion operates under the direction of a Battalion Chief assigned to oversee the coordination of 5 Fire Companies. Apparatus assigned to the Operations Division are designed to address the wide spectrum of emergency responses within the City of Aurora, as follows:

- 9 Engine Companies charged with extinguishment and designated as Basic Life Support (BLS) units. 3 of these Engines are Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipped.
- 3 Truck Companies are designated to perform search and rescue, forcible entry, victim rescue, and extrication, to name a few.
- 6 ALS Ambulance Companies

Special Operations capabilities include:

- **Hazardous Materials Response Team:** Investigates and mitigates hazardous materials releases, including decontamination of both victims and responders at both large- and small-scale incidents.
- **Technical Rescue Team:** Provides the expertise necessary to perform specialized rescue operations in collapsed structures, confined space, trenches, and high angle rescue.
- **Water Rescue Team:** Charged with the life safety of all citizens in and around Aurora's waterways.

The Operations Division 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 2012 for the men and women of the Aurora Fire Department.

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### BUILDING & GROUNDS



Assistant Chief Tom Greiner  
Support Services

<b>Station 1</b>	Interior Painting Landscaping
<b>Station 3</b>	Interior Painting New Apparatus Floor Ventilation System
<b>Station 4</b>	Interior Painting Routine Maintenance
<b>Station 5</b>	Interior Painting Routine Maintenance
<b>Station 7</b>	Interior Painting Routine Maintenance
<b>Station 8</b>	Routine Maintenance
<b>Station 9</b>	Routine Maintenance
<b>Station 10</b>	Carpet Replacement Improvement to Sign
<b>Station 12</b>	Interior Painting Routine Maintenance



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### AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT BATTALION CHIEFS / SHIFT COMMANDERS



Battalion Chief Don Jackson  
"A Shift"



Battalion Chief Ed Oros  
"B Shift"



Battalion Chief Dave Rygh  
"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 Tim Warren  
Shift A



Battalion Chief Steve Weatherly  
Shift B



Battalion Chief Steve Malatia  
Shift C

### BATTALION 2



Battalion Chief Mike McCue  
Shift A



Battalion Chief Mark Robinson  
Shift B



Battalion Chief Bob Wirtz  
Shift C

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### TRAINING DIVISION



Battalion Chief Tim Pogue  
Training Director

Aurora Firefighters had a total of 65,949 combined regular training hours during 2011. In addition, 81 firefighters spent 1,840 hours training for “Special Teams” and Illinois Fire Institute classes, including Fire Officers, Haz-Mat Technician, Winter Fire College, and the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire College held at the University of Illinois.

In February and March 2011 all fire companies participated in a driver training course held at the Phillips Park Aquatic Center. In April, companies trained on the burn tower at the Southern Kane Country Training Center in North Aurora. In May, Officers attended an in house inspections class while others trained at the burn tower. In July, all available personnel attended a helicopter class at Station 4. In November and December, companies trained at the burn tower along with members of the Naperville Fire Department.

During 2011, the Aurora Fire Department submitted 46 claims for reimbursement to the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, Division of Personnel Standards and Education. These included training for Firefighter II and Firefighter III, as well as specialized training such as Fire Prevention Principles, Tactics and Strategy, Management, Instructor, Fire Apparatus Engineer, Incident Command, Vehicle Operator, and Haz-Mat Technician.

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### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION



Battalion Chief Don Davids  
EMS Battalion Chief



Greg Jackman  
EMS Support Officer

2011 was a busy year for members of the EMS Division. EMS Support Officer Greg Jackman attended numerous local, regional and State level meetings and events to support the Aurora Fire Department on EMS related issues. Battalion Chief Davids continued to attend the State EMS Advisory Board to represent Region IX on EMS issues. These meetings are held in Springfield and include members from all EMS regions in the State of Illinois. He also attends the Region IX EMS and trauma meetings.

Aurora Fire Department Paramedics responded to 11,766 calls for assistance related to ambulance operations during 2011. They treated 11,919 individuals. In addition, three alternate response vehicles (ARV's) responded to 2,404 requests to assist in the treatment of sick and injured patients.

96 Paramedics, 86 EMT/Basics, and nine First Responders served the City of Aurora at the close of 2011. In December, two Firefighters completed their Paramedic training.

In February 2011, all ten ambulances passed the Illinois Department of Public Aid (IDPH) and Southern Fox Valley EMS inspections and all four ARV's (Paramedic engines) successfully passed inspection by IDPH in September. Three replacement ambulances (Medic 3, Medic 4 and Medic 5) were placed into service in 2011.

The Aurora Fire Department CPR team certified 59 individuals in 2011.

Members of the EMS Division and the Aurora Fire Department attended numerous school science fairs, community groups, business and career day events, and talked with over 1,000 students regarding fire service careers in 2011. Aurora Fire Department ambulances and paramedics covered EMS details at numerous Aurora high school football games at all four school districts throughout the year.

The EMS division assisted with a number of events during the year, such as Downtown Alive, the Aurora Sports Festival, and Aurora University's football and commencement events.



Aurora Firefighters Clinton Thompson (above left) and Daniel Polizzi (above right) graduated from Paramedic School on December 19, 2011.

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### TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM



Assistant Chief Mark Lockwood  
TRT Team Leader

The Aurora Fire Department Technical Rescue Team is comprised of 18 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.*



Captain Don Jackley, Shift Leader  
Shift 1

Lt. Chuck Przybylski  
Rafael Alvarez  
Dan Murphy  
Chris Temes



Lt. Will Torres, Shift Leader  
Shift 2

Assistant Chief Tom Greiner  
Battalion Chief Tim Pogue  
Dwayne Love  
Clint Rafac  
John Ross



Captain Pete Doyle, Shift Leader  
Shift 3

Captain Cletus Rettenmeier  
Lt. Randy Leek  
Lt. Chris Oros  
Dan Ahasic  
Bob Kulovitz



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### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT TEAM



Battalion Chief Don Davids  
Haz-Mat Team Leader

The Aurora Fire Department Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) has 30 members, with 21 at the Tech B level, nine at the Tech A level, ten with chemistry training, and nine with ICS training. Several of our team members instruct at the Southern Kane County Training Association and two of our members teach at the Haz-Mat Division of the Illinois Fire Service Institute. The Aurora Fire Department 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, have worked together for the past several years as a Division-wide team that includes 70 members.

In 2011 the Aurora Fire Department responded to 221 hazardous materials response calls, which include, single engine responses for minor spills and gas leaks and team responses for larger incidents. In additions AFD truck companies handled 444 calls for possible elevated levels of Carbon Monoxide

The Aurora Fire Department HMRT conducts monthly training drills, including suit training, use of monitors, tabletop drills, and a department-wide decontamination drill. Four MABAS 13 Haz-Mat drills are held each year for all division personnel. The Aurora Fire Department HMRT assisted with several Division 13 full team incidents and other advisory requests.



In 2011 Division 13 HMRT was issued by MABAS, 6 new level A entry suits for use when vapor protective clothing is required. The team currently carries 6 additional suits for a total of 12 suits. We also began to participate in the ILEAS PRND program and received personal radiation detectors and radio isotope identification devices. Several team members participated as evaluators in Champaign at the 2011 Hazmat team validation.



Paul Smith, Shift 1 Leader

Battalion Chief Mike McCue  
Dave Heinke  
Greg Jackman  
Dave Heinke  
Jason Larson  
Todd McChurch  
Tim Schomer



Capt. Andy Silagyi, Shift 2 Leader

Battalion Chief Mark Robinson  
Lt. Rick Lockman  
Michael Adamovich  
Phil Bergeron  
John Bonior  
Shane Clements  
Steve Koeberl  
Clint Rafac  
John Ross  
Scott Schuster  
Rob Strange



Lt. Steve Kish, Shift 3 Leader

Lt. Jason Demas  
Richard Dahleen  
Dave Hurd  
Jeff Kerley  
Harvey Redmon  
Tom Shore

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### FIRE INVESTIGATION DIVISION



**LT. GARY KRIENITZ**  
**ARSON COORDINATOR**

The Aurora Fire Department Investigations Bureau investigated 37 fires during 2011, resulting in approximately \$4,550,000 in losses to buildings and contents. Five of these fires were determined to be electrical, five were accidental in nature, 13 were the result of arson, one was the result of a juvenile firesetter, and 13 were undetermined in cause. The department's Fire Investigation Team was comprised of 12 members at the close of 2011.

Law enforcement agencies that assisted the Aurora Fire Department included the DuPage and Kane County Fire Investigation Task Forces, Aurora Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. One individual faced charges of arson in connection with a fire in Aurora during 2011.

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.



**Matt Anslow, Lead Investigator**  
**Shift 1**

Kevin Becker  
Mike Kaufman



**Jason Morthland, Lead Investigator**  
**Shift 2**

Battalion Chief Steve Weatherly  
Corey Fryer  
Del Kriegbaum  
Kevin Leverage



**Steve Wedll, Lead Investigator**  
**Shift 3**

Lt. Brandon Matson  
Chris Prieboy

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### JUVENILE FIRESETTER PROGRAM



Lt. David McCabe  
Lead Investigator

During 2011 members of the department who are trained in the area of Juvenile Firesetting counseled 11 youths who were known to have started fires. For the eighth consecutive year, there was a significant reduction in the number of fires started by juveniles. We contribute this to a combination of aggressive fire prevention programs in the schools as well as 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.

There are currently 10 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Team Members.

#### SHIFT 1

Lt. Craig Mateski  
Aaron Garcia

#### SHIFT 2

Jeff Herrick  
Batt Chief Ed Oros  
Chris Kjellesvik  
Ricardo Torres

#### SHIFT 3

Lt. Dave McCabe  
Lt. Jim Rhodes  
Lt. Jack Westphall  
Jeff Kerley

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### WATER RESCUE TEAM

The Aurora Fire Department Water Rescue Team had a roster of 22 members at the close of 2011.

The Aurora Fire Department Water Rescue Team continues to train shift personnel on water rescue techniques and has proven invaluable. We continue to work with the Aurora Police Department in weapons recovery as well as provide mutual aid services to surrounding communities and law enforcement agencies.



**Captain Steve Chivari, Shift Leader  
Shift 1**



**Captain Jim Maynard, Dive Team Leader  
Shift 2**



**Bob Kulovitz, Shift Leader  
Shift 3**

Battalion Chief Mike McCue  
Matt Anslow  
Marcos Coronado  
Todd McChurch  
Aaron Stawikowski

Lt. Mark Matkovich  
Lt. Will Torres  
Alan Backhaus  
Aaron Calhoun  
Mike Hess  
Kevin Nickel  
Kevin Molitor

Lt. Steve Kish  
Lt. Jim Rhodes  
Bob Chance  
Mike Chomiak  
Mike Eley  
Jason Equi  
Mark Long

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### Communications/Technical Support



Assistant Chief Tom Greiner  
Support Services

2011 completed the first full year of the use of the new Harris Open Sky Radio System. During this year, mobile radios were installed in the Aurora Fire Department's fleet and radios were installed at the desks of the Fire Department Administrative Personnel in order to keep abreast of the daily events.



Cynthia Malatia  
City of Aurora  
MIS Department

Firefighter lapel microphones that were not available at the time of migration were provided for each portable radio. The microphones were designed to hold up in hostile fire environments as well as be operated by Firefighters in protective gear.



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### CIVILIAN STAFF

#### CENTRAL FIRE STATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE



Dixie Gump  
Office Coordinator



Linda Hansen  
Administrative Secretary

#### FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Marty Wolding  
Fire Inspector



Jon Spanu  
Fire Inspector



Anna Ishmael  
Administrative Secretary

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### VEHICLES AND APPARATUS



Three 2010 Ford Med Tec Ambulances were put into service in 2011, replacing three aging frontline vehicles, Medic 3, Medic 4 and Medic 5



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### FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

Pastor Gerald Rygh, former Pastor of St. Mark's 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 Deputy Chief John Lehman. Chaplain Rygh regularly rides along in both battalions and gives spiritual guidance necessary to our diversified department.



### SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 - WE WILL NEVER FORGET



In September 2011, the City of Aurora hosted a ceremony in remembrance of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our country. The event, which was held at Aurora Central Fire Station, honored the families who lost loved ones and saluted the bravery of emergency responders.

The event honored the memory of four Aurora military personnel who perished in Iraq while serving our country in the wake of the attacks.



Darien resident Tom Jones, who was in the World Trade Center South Tower on September 11, 2001, was the keynote speaker for the event and shared his recollection of the events that took place.

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### 2011 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

The Exchange Club of Aurora hosted the 2011 Firefighter of the Year Awards luncheon at the Gaslite Manor on October 25, 2011. Seven firefighters were nominated for the award. The keynote speaker at the event was Aurora Fire Department Chaplain Gerald Rygh.

Phil Bergeron, Alan Backhaus, Clint Rafac, Joe Bledsoe and Lt. Dave Trammell (pictured at right) were nominated for their actions in resuscitating a 45-year old female who was unconscious and not breathing due to a reaction to a new prescription medication. The patient was present at the Awards luncheon to express her appreciation for their life-saving actions.



Tim Schomer, (pictured at left) was nominated for his off duty actions at a fire that ignited as the result of downed electrical wires after a thunder storm. In addition to alerting residents of the danger, he led an elderly resident to safety and was commended by the North Aurora Police Department for his actions.

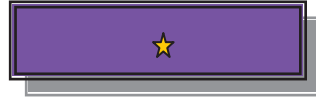
Jason Matile (pictured at right) was named 2011 AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR by the Exchange Club of Aurora for his courage and determination in battling back from serious injuries suffered as the result of a motorcycle accident and returning to full duty on the department in 2011. Jason joined the Aurora Fire Department in October 2007 after completing the Explorer Post #99 program.



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### 2011 AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS



**Letters of Recognition** for lifesaving actions while treating two gunshot victims on January 7, 2011:

Lt. Jim Rufer	Pvt. Joshua Murray
Lt. Ron Thomalla	Pvt. Tony Nelson
Pvt. Matt Anslow	Pvt. Dan Polizzi
Pvt. Michael Chomiak III	Pvt. Harvey Redmon
Pvt. John Eul	Pvt. Darrin Richardson
Pvt. Robin Krants	

**Unit Citations** awarded for actions at the scene of a structure fire with civilian casualties on May 15, 2011:

Deputy Chief John Lehman	Pvt. Matt Acuff	Pvt. Mike Kaufman
Asst Chief Mark Lockwood	Pvt. Jeremy Allway	Pvt. Dan Kellogg
Asst Chief Tom Greiner	Pvt. Rafael Alvarez	Pvt. Jerry Knizek
Fire Marshal Matt Perez	Pvt. Dan Bateman	Pvt. Kevin Leverage
Battalion Chief Mike McCue	Pvt. Kevin Becker	Pvt. James Lobbins
Battalion Chief Tim Warren	Pvt. Joe Bledsoe	Pvt. Jason Morthland
Captain Don Jackley	Pvt. Aaron Calhoun	Pvt. Keith O'Donnell
Lt. Gary Krienitz	Pvt. Michael Chomiak III	Pvt. John Paul
Lt. Craig Mateski	Pvt. Marcos Coronado	Pvt. Brian Radde
Lt. Steve Oros, Jr.	Pvt. John Eul	Pvt. Paul Smith
Lt. John Schick	Pvt. Aaron Garcia	Pvt. Aaron Stawikowski
Lt. Jack Westphall	Pvt. Dave Heinke	Pvt. Chris Temes
	Pvt. Kevin Hoffman	Pvt. Clinton Thompson
	Pvt. Greg Jackman	Pvt. Jerry White



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### RETIREMENTS

One Aurora Firefighter retired during 2011.

Pvt. Cary Lieser joined the Aurora Fire Department on July 25, 1988 and retired on February 16, 2011. Cary served as a Paramedic for six years.



### 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 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.



### EXPLORER POST #99



The Aurora Fire Department Post #99 was formed in 2002 with nine members, in conjunction with the Aurora Fire Department and the Boy Scouts of America. At the close of 2011, the Post was at its maximum capacity of 35 members between the ages of 15 and 20.



Members of Explorer Post #99 participated in several community events throughout the year such as emergency vehicle shows and area parades. Since its inception, seven former members of the Post have been hired as full-time Aurora Firefighters.

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75 North Broadway  
(630) 256-4000

#### SHIFT 1

#### SHIFT 2

#### SHIFT 3

#### Engine Company #1

Lieutenant John Schick  
Paramedic Chris Temes  
Pvt. Keith O'Donnell

Lieutenant Toby Gill  
Pvt. Mark Classen  
Pvt. Alan Backhaus

Captain Peter Doyle  
Paramedic Bob Kulovitz  
Pvt. Carlos Coronado

#### Medic #1

Paramedic Jeff Smitley  
Paramedic Dave Heinke

Paramedic Clint Rafac  
Paramedic Joe Bledsoe

Sr. Paramedic Kevin Noble  
Paramedic Bob Chance

#### Truck Company #2

Captain Don Jackley  
Pvt. Brian Radde  
Pvt. Aaron Stawikowski

Lt. Will Torres  
Pvt. Roman Azua  
Pvt. Eric Calkins

Lt. Glen Hasenheyer  
Pvt. Steve Wedll  
Pvt. Chris Prieboy

#### Roving Personnel

Captain Jim Maynard  
Lt. Bob Warren  
Lt. Brandon Matson  
Paramedic Jerry Knizek  
Pvt. Clint Thompson  
Paramedic Matt Acuff  
Paramedic Dan Kellogg  
Pvt. Kevin Hoffman  
Pvt. Dave Dacanay

Captain Steve Chivari  
Lt. Dave Trammell  
Lt. Kris Tappendorf  
Pvt. Jason Matile  
Pvt. Shane Cummins  
Pvt. Del Krieghbaum  
Pvt. Beau McKay  
Paramedic Kevin Leverence  
Paramedic Mike Donato  
Pvt. Garrett Oros  
Paramedic Mike Adamovich

Captain Eric Mueller  
Lt. Chris Oros  
Lt. Randy Leek  
Pvt. Tom Shore  
Pvt. Mike Chomiak III  
Paramedic Andy Smith  
Pvt. Dick Dahleen  
Pvt. Josh Murray  
Pvt. Dan Polizzi  
Pvt. Jeff Kerley

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### Station 3

600 New Indian Trail  
 (630) 256-4030  
 Battalion 2 Headquarters



#### SHIFT 1

#### Engine Company #3

Lt. Steve Oros, Jr.  
 Pvt. Anelo Minnici  
 Paramedic Dan Bateman

#### Medic #3

Sr. Paramedic John Paul  
 Paramedic Jerry White

#### SHIFT 2

Lt. Tom Wagner, Jr.  
 Pvt. Phil Bergeron  
 Pvt. Felix Coronado

Paramedic Dwayne Love  
 Paramedic Shawn Clements

#### SHIFT 3

Captain Greg Frieders  
 Pvt. Bob Campbell  
 Paramedic Jason Equi

Paramedic Brett Svendsen  
 Paramedic Nathan Costner



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### Station 4

800 Michels Avenue  
(630) 256-4040



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### Station 5

730 Hill Avenue  
 (630) 256-4050  
 Battalion 1 Headquarters

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<b>Engine Company #5</b>	Lt. Gary Krienitz Pvt. Jason Larson Paramedic Dan Murphy	Captain John Gilbert Pvt. Steve Whitmer Paramedic John Ross	Lt. Steve Kish Pvt. Mark Long Paramedic Matt Anslow
<b>Medic #5</b>	Paramedic Paul Smith Paramedic Nick Handell	Sr. Paramedic Larry Nelson Paramedic Rob Strange	Paramedic John Eul Paramedic Corey Fryer

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### Station 7

824 Kenilworth Avenue  
(630) 256-4070





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### Station 8

3770 McCoy Drive  
(630) 256-4080

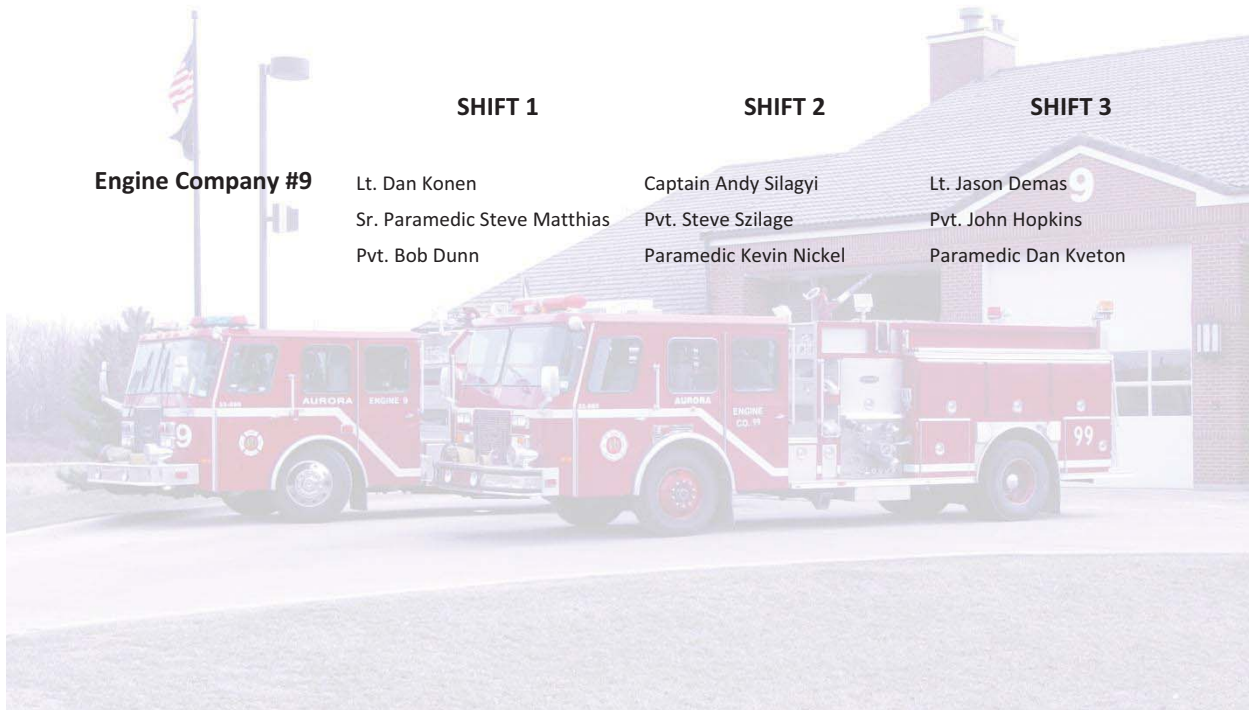
	SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
<b>Engine Company #8</b>	Captain Greg Mewmaw Pvt. Randy Rieckert Paramedic Chuck Niemeier	Lt. John Barrett Paramedic John Nagy Pvt. Jeff Herrick	Lt. Jim Rufer Paramedic Tony Nelson Pvt. Dave Hurd
<b>Medic #8</b>	Sr. Paramedic Aaron Garcia Paramedic Todd McChurch	Paramedic Mike Hess Paramedic Mike Hoffman	Paramedic Robin Krantz Paramedic Dave Christenson
<b>Truck Company #6</b>	Lt. Craig Mateski Pvt. Rafael Alvarez Pvt. Marcos Coronado	Lt. Chuck Wonderling Pvt. Ed Clark Pvt. Steve Szilage, Jr.	Lt. Ron Thomalla Pvt. Harvey Redmon Pvt. Darrin Richardson

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**Station 9**  
 2339 Diehl Road  
 (630) 256-4090



**Engine Company #9**

**SHIFT 1**

Lt. Dan Konen  
 Sr. Paramedic Steve Matthias  
 Pvt. Bob Dunn

**SHIFT 2**

Captain Andy Silagyi  
 Pvt. Steve Szilage  
 Paramedic Kevin Nickel

**SHIFT 3**

Lt. Jason Demas  
 Pvt. John Hopkins  
 Paramedic Dan Kveton

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**Station 10**  
 2390 West Illinois Avenue  
 (630) 256-4110

	SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
<b>Engine Company #10</b>	Lt. Chuck Przybylski Pvt. Brian Youhanaie Pvt. Abe Sprinkle	Captain Kevin Kubisak Paramedic Ricardo Torres Pvt. Scott Schuster	Lt. Jim Rhodes Pvt. Matt Lichtenberger Paramedic Dan Ahasic
<b>Medic #10</b>	Paramedic Kevin Becker Paramedic Jason Mosshamer	Sr. Paramedic James Lobbins Paramedic John Bonior	Paramedic Chris Kjellesvik Paramedic Shawn Toso
<b>Truck Company #11</b>	Lt. Javan Cross Pvt. Aaron Calhoun Pvt. Mike Kaufman	Lt. Scott Keierleber Pvt. Greg Keigher Pvt. Steve Koeberl	Lt. Steve Buono Pvt. Mike Eley Pvt. Rob Sittler

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### Station 12

2424 Haffenrichter Road  
(630) 256-4120

