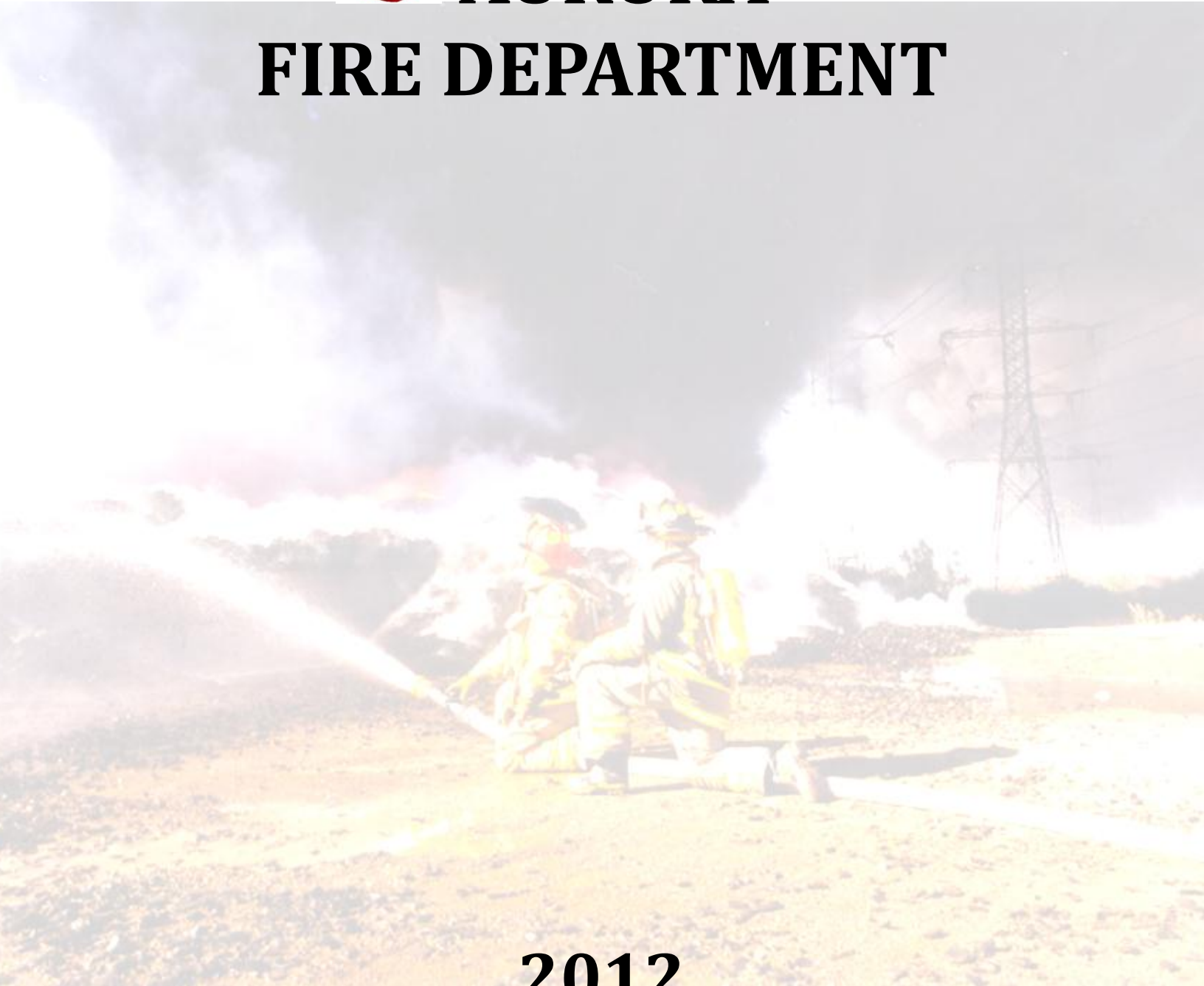




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Retired Fire Chief Hal Carlson

We, Thank Fire Chief Hal Carlson for his 30 years of service to the Men and Women of the City of Aurora.

He provided steadfast leadership in a difficult time. He will always be remembered by his Department as a calm and thoughtful leader.

The Men and Women of the Aurora Fire Department Thank You for your service!

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Deputy Chief John Lehman

At the Aurora Fire Department, we strongly believe in being involved in our Community.

The Aurora Fire Department supports some of the following nonprofit organizations: Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, United Way, Association for Individual Development, Rebuilding Together Aurora, Family Counseling Services, and Big Brother, Big Sisters.

Our nine stations located in neighborhoods across the city also anchor our position in the Community.

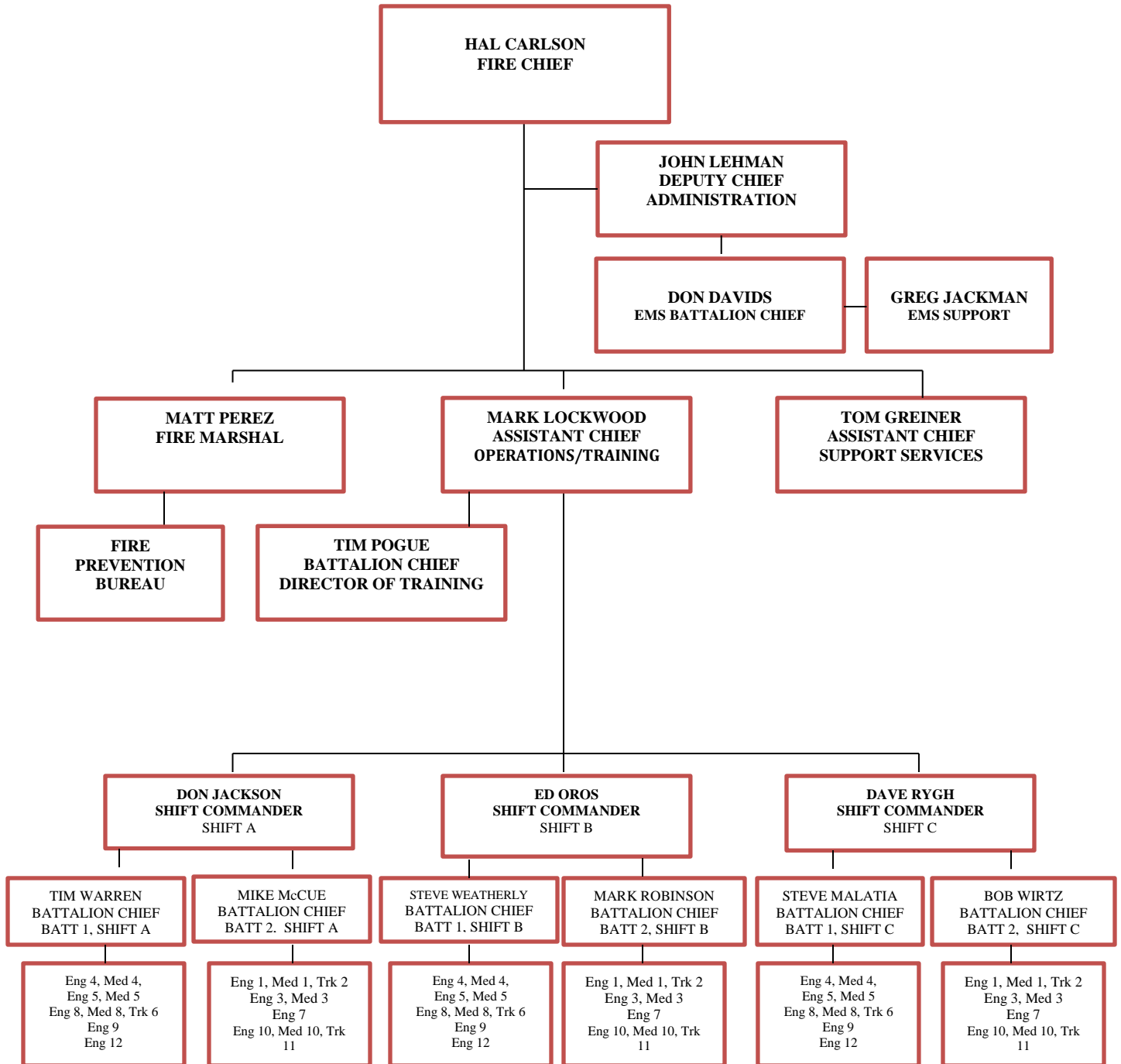
Every day the Men and Women of the Aurora Fire Department strive to provide the best emergency and medical services we can to residents and visitors of Illinois 2nd largest city.

Deputy Chief John Lehman

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STAFF PERSONNEL



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FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS

	<u>2011</u> <u>CALLS</u>	<u>2012</u> <u>CALLS</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
EMS - One Medic Unit Response (Advanced Life Support)	11,768	12,307	+5%
STILL ALARMS - One Engine Response	1,947	1,902	-3%
FULL STILL ALARMS - Two Engines, One Truck Automatic Fire Alarms; Office, Commercial, Residential	521	535	+3%
BOX ALARMS - Two Engines, One Truck, One Medic, One Command Officer (Structure Fires; Residential Commercial, Mercantile)	352	341	-3%
HAZ-MAT	221	227	+3%
CARBON MONOXIDE -One Truck or One Engine	444	349	-21%
EXTRICATIONS - One Engine, One Truck, One Medic, Command Officer	51	62	
WATER INCIDENTS - Two Engines, One Truck, One Medic, Rescue 23, Command Officer	7	4	-18%
RELEASE - One Truck (Rescue, Lock-Outs, Etc.)	206	204	-1%
TECHNICAL - Two Engines, One Truck, One Squad, Rescue One, One Medic, Command Officer	0	1	100%
TOTAL CALLS	15,517	15,932	+3%
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROPERTY LOSS	\$2,842,949	\$3,349,182	+16%
TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTENTS LOSS	\$1,639,632	\$1,348,808	+18%

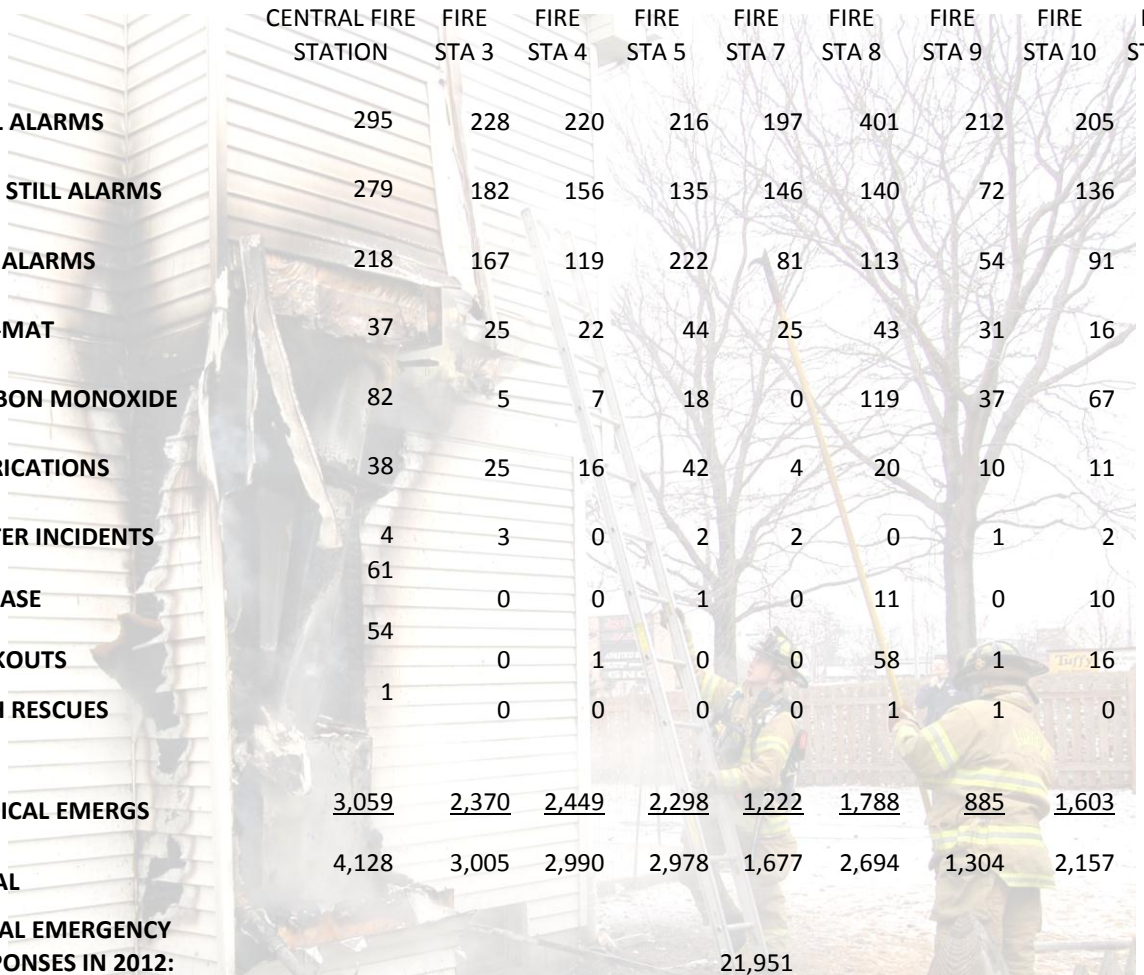


FIREFIGHTER DEATHS	0	0	
FIREFIGHTER INJURIES	39	48	
CIVILIAN DEATHS	0	1	
CIVILIAN INJURIES	12	12	

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2012 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	295	228	220	216	197	401	212	205	169
FULL STILL ALARMS	279	182	156	135	146	140	72	136	70
BOX ALARMS	218	167	119	222	81	113	54	91	70
HAZ-MAT	37	25	22	44	25	43	31	16	22
CARBON MONOXIDE	82	5	7	18	0	119	37	67	61
EXTRICATIONS	38	25	16	42	4	20	10	11	5
WATER INCIDENTS	4	3	0	2	2	0	1	2	0
RELEASE	61	0	0	1	0	11	0	10	1
LOCKOUTS	54	0	1	0	0	58	1	16	5
TECH RESCUES	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
MEDICAL EMERGS	<u>3,059</u>	<u>2,370</u>	<u>2,449</u>	<u>2,298</u>	<u>1,222</u>	<u>1,788</u>	<u>885</u>	<u>1,603</u>	<u>615</u>
TOTAL	4,128	3,005	2,990	2,978	1,677	2,694	1,304	2,157	1,018
TOTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN 2012:	21,951								

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CALLS PER UNIT

		2011	2012	CHANGE
ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSES	ENGINE 1	1,031	1,116	+8%
	ENGINE 3	726	732	+1%
	ENGINE 4	750	784	-4%
	ENGINE 5	770	782	2%
	ENGINE 7	1,711	1,680	-2%
	ENGINE 8	986	1,109	+3%
	ENGINE 9	1,280	1,302	-2%
	ENGINE 10	740	723	-2%
	ENGINE 12	926	1,021	-9%
TRUCK COMPANY RESPONSES	TRUCK 2	973	858	-12%
	TRUCK 6	585	534	-9%
	TRUCK 11	241	414	+42%
MEDIC UNIT RESPONSES	MEDIC 1	2,920	3,051	+4%
	MEDIC 3	2,157	2,369	+9%
	MEDIC 4	2,390	2,504	+5%
	MEDIC 5	2,217	2,353	+6%
	MEDIC 8	1,603	1,771	+9%
	MEDIC 10	1,676	1,600	+5%
BATTALION CHIEF RESPONSES	BATT 1	341	381	+10%
	BATT 2	348	388	+10%
	CAR 24	61	71	+14%

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2012 CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ACTIVATION NOTICE OF MONTHLY FINDINGS

MONTH	LESS THAN 10 PPM	10 OR MORE PPM	100 PPM OR GREATER	TOTAL
JANUARY	36	7	0	43
FEBRUARY	27	8	0	35
MARCH	23	4	1	28
APRIL	21	1	2	24
MAY	13	1	0	14
JUNE	16	5	0	21
JULY	21	9	0	30
AUGUST	14	7	0	21
SEPTEMBER	9	4	0	13
OCTOBER	17	2	0	19
NOVEMBER	30	6	0	36
DECEMBER	20	2	1	23
2012 TOTALS	247	56	4	307

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



FIRE MARSHAL MATT PEREZ

2012 INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED

<u>FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU</u>		<u>FIRE COMPANIES</u>	
Routine Inspections	134	Routine Inspections	3896
Re-Inspections	14	Re-Inspections	17
Special Inspection (Includes Referrals, complaints, certificate of acceptance, Hazmat, tanks, fire lanes, posting corridors, & misc.)	595	Complaint Inspections	0
Construction (Includes construction, tents, trailers, certificates of occupancy)	8		
	751		3913
TOTAL 2012 INSPECTIONS = 4,664			

2012 PERMITS ISSUED

Installation of Above- and Below-Ground Fuel Tanks	0
Building Fire Suppression Systems	3
Building Fire Alarm Systems	3
Building Hood Suppression Systems	1
Operational Permits (Propane, Hazardous Material, Assembly)	131
Fireworks	11
Open Burning	36
Outdoor Fireplaces	92
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	277

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU – 2012 (continued)

	FIRE PREVENTION <u>BUREAU</u>	FIRE <u>COMPNIES</u>
OTHER ACTIVITIES - 2012		
FIRE PROTECTION - (Includes fire test, fire suppression, evacuation plans)	61	
PLAN REVIEWS -	4	
FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS		
Fire Extinguisher Training (245 Attendees)	22 10	190
Public Safety Talks (305 Attendees)	12	
FIRE DRILLS	9	99
HYDRANT FLOW TESTS	0	2,315
LOCK BOXES SOLD	32	
VIOLATIONS ISSUE (Blocked exits, blocked corridors, non-compliance, failure to comply)	5	
FALSE FIRE ALARM VIOLATIONS – (Jan-Jun)		
Chargeable - No Fine Issued	248	
Chargeable - Fine Issued	188	
Not Chargeable	254	
Cooking Food	32	
CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ACTIVATIONS	305	



During Fire Prevention Month in October 2012 the Aurora Fire Department presented 115 Fire Prevention Programs to 6,839 children and adults, 42 tours to 742 citizens and participated with five specials (parades).

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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 2012 the Aurora Fire Department responded to over 15,900 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 and seek innovative resources, techniques and training for our Firefighters to accomplish their jobs safely and effectively. We look forward to a safe and productive 2013 for the men and women of the Aurora Fire Department.

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BUILDING & GROUNDS



Assistant Chief Tom Greiner
Support Services

The Aurora Fire Department has nine fire stations strategically located throughout the city. The Company Captain at each station is responsible for routine maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds. Major maintenance projects are coordinated through the Support Services office.

In 2012 minor repairs and upkeep were performed by the dedicated members of the Aurora Fire Department. Some of the stations had more involved projects such as carpet, flooring, and fixture replacement as well interior and exterior painting.

A major project accomplished in 2012 was the replacement of the emergency back-up generator at Central Station. The replacement generator is a six-year old unit that previously provided emergency power to the 911 Dispatch Center at the former Police Department building. The original Fire Department generator, installed in 1980, only powered a limited number of circuits. The replacement unit now powers the entire building which will allow Fire Department Administration to continue to function in the event of a power outage.

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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 64,207 combined regular training hours during 2012. In addition, 133 firefighters spent 2,592 hours training for “Special Teams” and Illinois Fire Institute classes, including Fire Officers, Haz-Mat Technician, Winter Fire College, and Child Passenger Car Seat Installations Class.

In March, April, July, August and September 2012 all fire companies participated in a various training course held at the Jericho Circle site. In October, November and December all companies trained on the burn tower at the Southern Kane County Training Center in North Aurora. Also in December, all company officers attended a class for the department’s new video conferencing equipment.

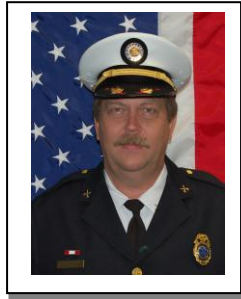
During 2012, the Aurora Fire Department submitted 9 claims for reimbursement to the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, Division of Personnel Standards and Education. These included training for Firefighter II and Haz-Mat Operations.



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION



Battalion Chief Don Davids
EMS Battalion Chief



Greg Jackman
EMS Support Officer

2012 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 12,307 calls for assistance related to ambulance operations during 2012. They treated 12,438 individuals. In addition, three alternate response vehicles (ARV's) responded to 2,718 requests to assist in the treatment of sick and injured patients.

96 Paramedics, 86 EMT/Basics, and 8 First Responders served the City of Aurora at the close of 2012. In December, five Firefighters completed their Paramedic training.

In February 2012, all ambulances passed the Illinois Department of Public Aid (IDPH) and Southern Fox Valley EMS inspections and all ARV's (Paramedic engines) successfully passed inspection by IDPH in September.

The Aurora Fire Department CPR team certified 576 individuals in 2012 which include all AFD members, Aurora Police Department and City of Aurora employees.

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 2012. 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 Jeff Kerly, Jason Matile, Kevin Hoffman, Dave Dacanay and Garrett Oros graduated from Paramedic School on December 17, 2012



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TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM



Assistant Chief Mark Lockwood
TRT Team Leader

The Aurora Fire Department Technical Rescue Team is comprised of 17 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
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 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 2012 the Aurora Fire Department responded to 227 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 349 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 2012 the AFD Hazmat team members worked with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad on a small scale Hazmat drill that simulated a leaking Anhydrous Ammonia car located in the Eola Rail yard in Aurora. Hazmat team members and on shift personnel responded, evaluated and mitigated the simulated leak with good success.



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
Tom Shore

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FIRE INVESTIGATION DIVISION



LT. GARY KRIENITZ
ARSON COORDINATOR

The Aurora Fire Department Investigations Bureau investigated 57 fires during 2012, resulting in approximately \$3,150,000 in losses to buildings and contents. 16 of these fires were determined to be accidental in nature, 21 were the result of arson, four were the result of a juvenile firesetter, and 16 were undetermined in cause. The department's Fire Investigation Team was comprised of 12 members at the close of 2012.

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 2012.

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 2012 the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Team worked with 13 youths, including completing comprehensive fire risk assessments and working with them one-on-one to increase fire danger awareness. If needed, the youths are referred to outside agencies for counseling. Youths are brought into the program by parents concerned with their fire play, because of information gathered during a fire department response, or because they were ordered to complete the program by the legal system.

Children start 50% of all fires, and juvenile fire setting is the leading cause of home deaths among children. This is why the team works to deter future fire setting by these youths.

There are currently 11 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Team members.

SHIFT 1

Lt. Craig Mateski
Aaron Garcia
Lt. Steve Buono

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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CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIANS TEAM

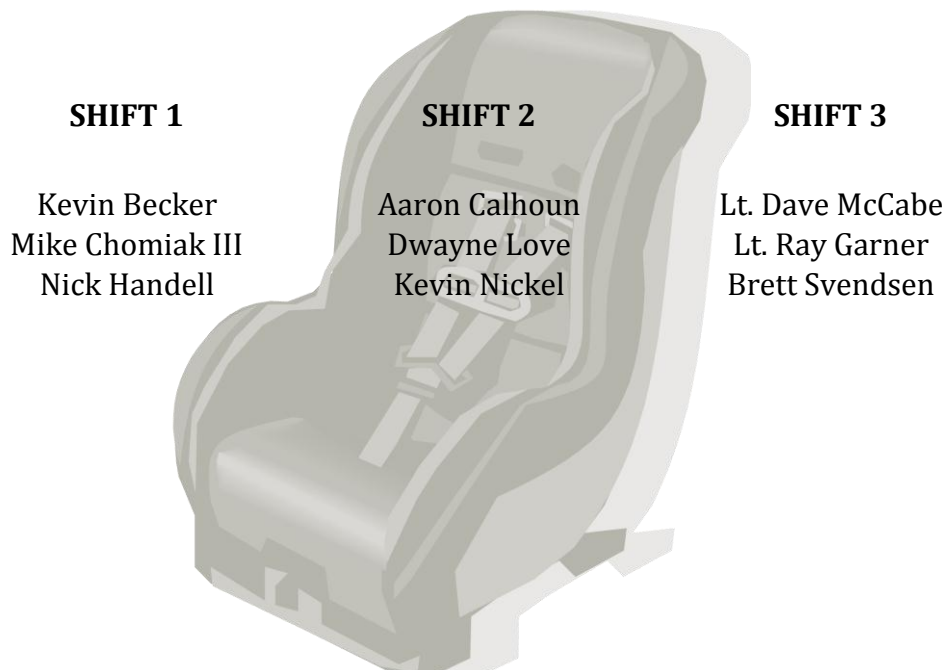


Lt. David McCabe
Team Leader

The members of the department who are trained in the area of child passenger safety technicians taught and demonstrated 87 proper child seat installations to parents, grandparents and other caregivers during the last three months of 2012, when statistics started being kept.

Each team member is required to complete a four day initial class, as well as an eight hour update class every two years to keep- apprised of changes in laws, as well as developments in child seat design and installations.

There are currently nine members on the team.



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WATER RESCUE TEAM

The Aurora Fire Department Water Rescue Team had a roster of 22 members at the close of 2012.

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

A new CAD to Fire Station Alerting system interface was installed and configured at the 911 Dispatch Center. The interface will allow more expedient alerting of fire units by alerting multiple stations simultaneously rather than one at a time.

Twelve fire vehicle laptop computers were replaced as the old units approached the end-of-service life. Several fire stations received additional monitors or dispatch printers so that call information would be available in different areas of the building. Some of the desktop computers were also replaced in order to support the new operating system platform.

Installation of the FEMA grant funded teleconferencing equipment took place in all nine fire stations. The use of teleconferencing will allow fire units to stay in their respective territories for required training sessions.



Cynthia Malatia
City of Aurora
MIS Department

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CIVILIAN STAFF

CENTRAL FIRE STATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE



Roseann Hernandez
Administrative Aide



Linda Hansen
Administrative Secretary II

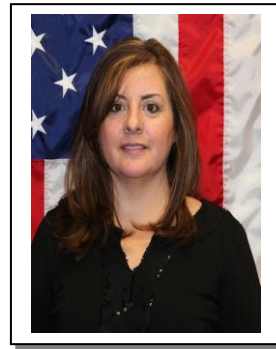
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Jon Spanu
Fire Inspector



Anna Ishmael
Fire Inspector



Dora Soto
Administrative Secretary

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VEHICLES AND APPARATUS

The following vehicles were put into service in 2012, replacing aging frontline vehicles.



Engine 1



Truck 6



Medic 10



Engine 10



Batt 1 Vehicle

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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2012



Class of 2012 at Southern Kane County Training Center
burn down tower in North Aurora



Seven firefighter recruits were sworn in and began their employment with the Aurora Fire Department on October 19, 2012. Pictured above at graduation ceremonies on December 14, 2012 are: (l-r) Daniel Ledger, Thorn Ackerman, Michael Weber, Jacob Erdmanis, Angelo R Minnici, Steven Gutzmer and John Dixon.

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2012 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

The Exchange Club of Aurora hosted the 2012 Firefighter of the Year Awards luncheon at the Gaslite Manor on October 23, 2012. 15 firefighters were nominated for the award. The keynote speaker at the event was Aurora Fire Department Retired Captain Ray Pfeiffer.

Nominees for Aurora's 2012 Firefighter of the Year were:

- ❖ **Battalion Chief Tim Pogue, Pvt. Dwayne Love and Pvt. John Ross** (pictured at right) were nominated for their actions in assistance as The Departments' Technical Rescue team for a person that was trapped inside a sand hopper at a concrete plant.
- ❖ **Lieutenant Robert Warren, Pvt. Jason Larson, Pvt. Ray Torres, Pvt. John Bonior and Pvt. Steve Matthias** were nominated for their actions when responding to a vehicle accident with a victim in cardiac arrest. Through the use of early defibrillation, CPR and other advance treatments performed in an expedient manner, responding personnel were able to save the life of the victim.
- ❖ **Lieutenant Steve Kish, Pvt. Matt Anslow, Pvt. Corey Fryer, Pvt. Joshua Murray and Pvt. Mark Long** were nominated for their action responding to a call for a 55 year old female having chest pains. All personnel were engaged in providing the best possible care needed to prevent irreversible heart muscle damage that usually occurs in heart attack patients.
- ❖ **Lieutenant Brandon Matson and Pvt. Eric Calkins** were nominated for actions when responded to a house fire on the east side of Aurora. Upon arrival the firefighters were advised that there was a victim trapped in one of the bedrooms. Both commenced with search and rescue operations, despite the worsening heat and smoke conditions, and were successful in location the victim who was entangled in a cable between the dresser and bed.

Lieutenant Brandon Matson and Pvt. Eric Calkins were presented with the Exchange Club of Aurora's 2012 Firefighter of the Year Award. Lt. Brandon Matson joined the Department in August 2000 and has been a paramedic since January 2001. He was promoted to Lieutenant in January 2010. Pvt. Eric Calkins joined the Department in March 1997.



Aurora 2012 Firefighter
of the Year.

Lt. Brandon Matson (above left)
and Pvt. Eric Calkins (above right)

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2012 AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS



Medal of Valor awarded for actions while off duty aid to North Aurora Police at a fire that ignited as the result of downed electrical wires after a thunder storm on July 11, 2011:

Pvt. Tim Schomer

Unit Citations awarded for actions on Technical Rescue Team assisting Naperville Fire Dept. for a person trapped inside a sand hopper on February 6, 2012:

Battalion Chief Tim Pogue

Pvt. Dwayne Love

Pvt. John Ross

Letter of Recognition awarded for actions at the scene of a rollover accident on I-88 Toll Way on March 17, 2012:

Battalion Chief Robert Wirtz
Lt. Glen Hasenheyer
Lt. Ray Garner

Pvt. Kevin Noble
Pvt. Bob Chance
Pvt. Nathan Costner
Pvt. Tim Bergeron
Pvt. Steve Milakis

Pvt. Steve Wedll
Pvt. Mike Chomiak III
Pvt. Matt Anslow
Pvt. Mike Hoffman
Pvt. Jeff Dehler

Unit Citation awarded for action at the scene of a structure fire and rescue of occupant on July 26, 2012:

Lt. Brandon Matson
Lt. Jason Demas

Pvt. Eric Calkins
Pvt. Jeff Kerley

Pvt. Mark Classen

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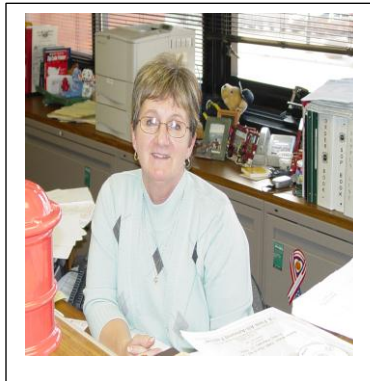
CONGRATULATIONS 2012 RETIREES



Pvt. Harvey Redmon retired after 22 years and 5 months with the department



Pvt. Jerry Knizek retired on a duty disability pension on March 29, 2012 after 16 years on the department.



Office Coordinator Dixie Gump retired after 27 years with the department.



Battalion Chief Don Jackson retired after almost 30 years on the job.



Fire Chief Hal Carlson retired after serving almost 30 years with the department.



Pvt. Dan Aloisio retired on a duty disability pension on December 5, 2012. After having served 19 years on the department.

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Central Fire Station

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 Matt Acuff
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 Steve Chivari
Lt. Bob Warren
Lt. Steve Buono
Paramedic Jerry Knizek
Paramedic Clint Thompson
Paramedic Dan Kellogg
Pvt. Beau McKay
Pvt. Kevin Hoffman
Pvt. Dave Dacanay

Captain James Maynard
Lt. Dave Trammell
Lt. Kris Tappendorf
Pvt. Felix Coronado
Pvt. Jason Matile
Pvt. Greg Keigher
Pvt. Del Kriegbaum
Paramedic Mike Donato
Pvt. Garrett Oros
Paramedic Mike Adamovich

Captain Eric Mueller
Lt. Chris Oros
Lt. Randy Leek
Paramedic Jeff Dehler
Pvt. Mike Chomiak III
Pvt. Shane Cummins
Pvt. Josh Murray
Paramedic Dan Polizzi
Pvt. Jeff Kerley
Paramedic Mike Hoffman

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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 Minneci
 Paramedic Dan Bateman

Medic #3

Sr. Paramedic John Paul
 Paramedic Jerry White

SHIFT 2

Lt. Tom Wagner, Jr.
 Pvt. Phil Bergeron
 Paramedic Kevin Nickel

Paramedic Dwayne Love
 Paramedic Shawn Clements

SHIFT 3

Captain Greg Frieders
 Pvt. Bob Campbell
 Paramedic Nathan Costner

Paramedic Jason Equi
 Paramedic Dave Christenson

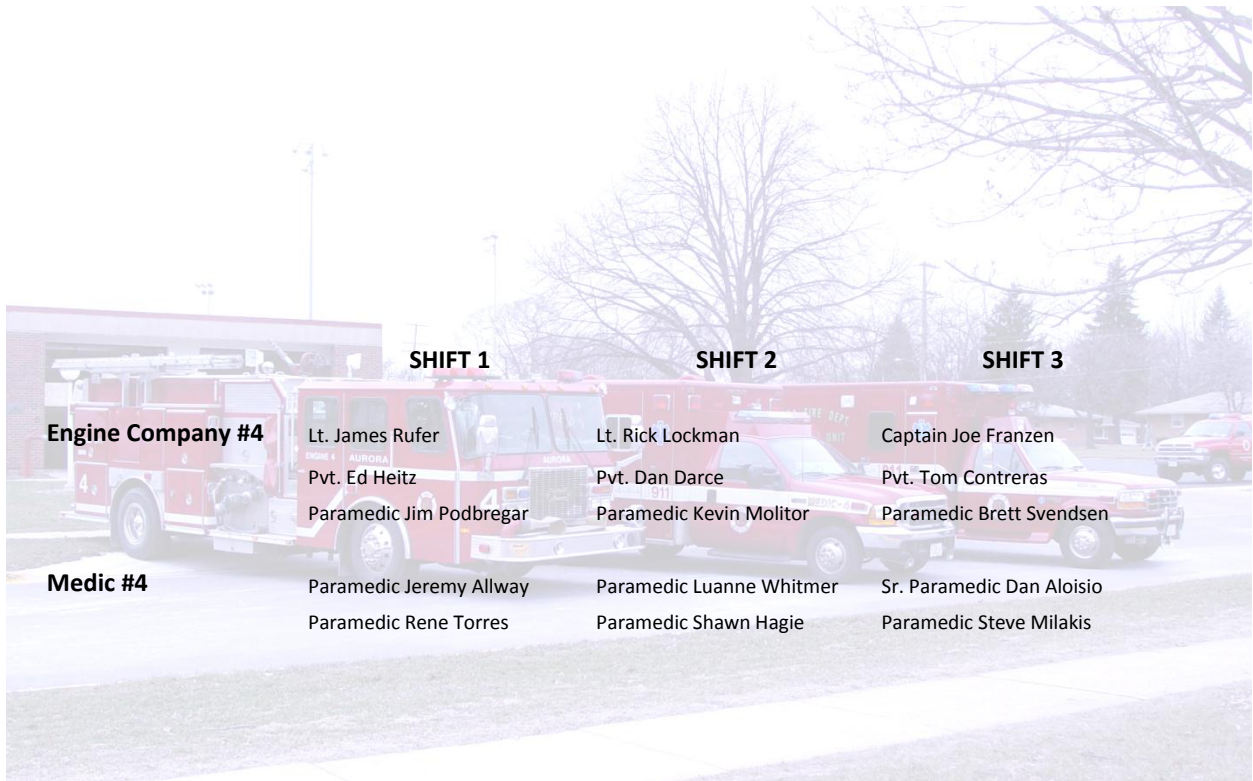
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Station 4

800 Michels Avenue
(630) 256-4040



	SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
Engine Company #4	Lt. James Rufer Pvt. Ed Heitz Paramedic Jim Podbregar	Lt. Rick Lockman Pvt. Dan Darce Paramedic Kevin Molitor	Captain Joe Franzen Pvt. Tom Contreras Paramedic Brett Svendsen
Medic #4	Paramedic Jeremy Allway Paramedic Rene Torres	Paramedic Luanne Whitmer Paramedic Shawn Hagie	Sr. Paramedic Dan Aloisio Paramedic Steve Milakis

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Station 5

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

	SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
Engine Company #5	Lt. Gary Krienitz Pvt. Robert Dunn Paramedic Paul Smith	Captain John Gilbert Pvt. Steve Whitmer Paramedic John Ross	Lt. Steve Kish Pvt. Mark Long Pvt. Tom Shore
Medic #5	Paramedic Jeff Smitley Paramedic Dan Murphy	Sr. Paramedic Larry Nelson Paramedic Rob Strange	Paramedic Andrew Smith Paramedic Richard Dahleen

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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
Engine Company #8	Captain Gerald Groesch Pvt. Randy Rieckert Paramedic Chuck Niemeier	Lt. John Barrett Paramedic John Nagy Pvt. Jeff Herrick	Lt. Jack Westphall Paramedic Tony Nelson Pvt. Dave Hurd
Medic #8	Sr. Paramedic Aaron Garcia Paramedic Todd McChurch	Paramedic Mike Hess Paramedic Kevin Leverage	Paramedic Jason Smith Paramedic Robin Krantz
Truck Company #6	Lt. Craig Mateski Pvt. Marcos Coronado Pvt. Mike Kaufman	Lt. Steve Keierleber Pvt. Ed Clark Pvt. Aaron Calhoun	Lt. Ron Thomalla Pvt. Darrin Richardson Pvt. Mike Eley

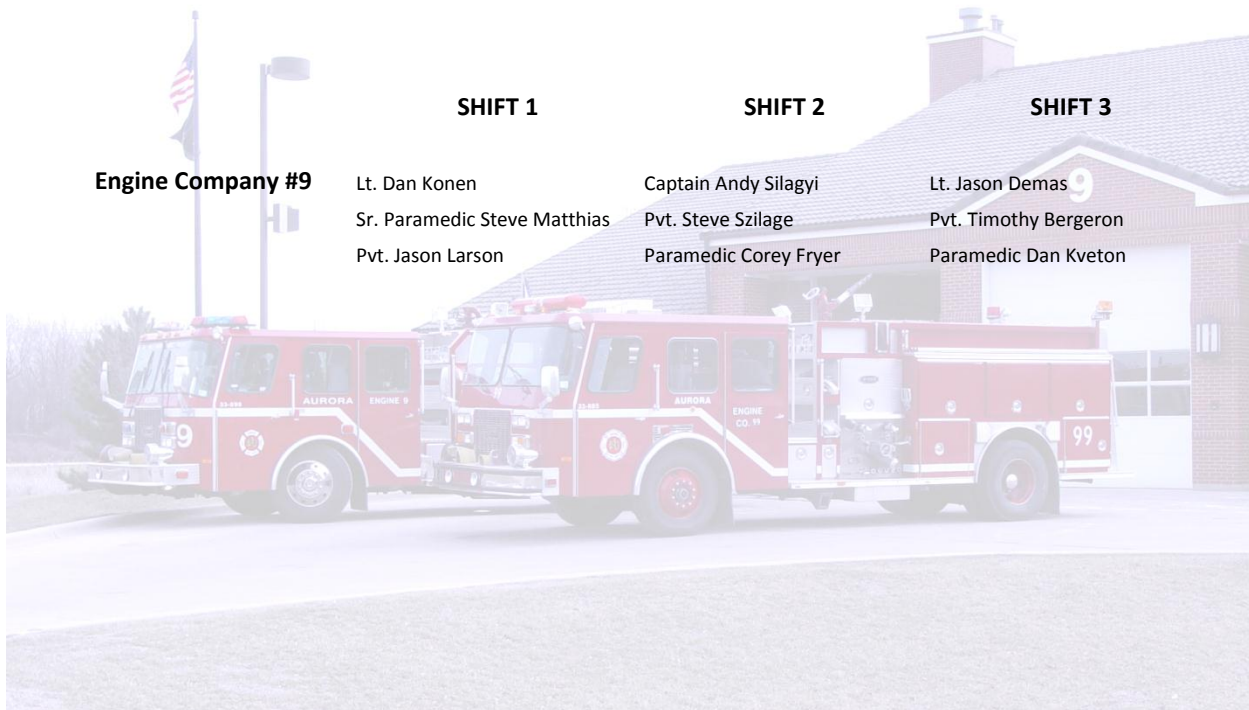
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Station 9

2339 Diehl Road
(630) 256-4090



Engine Company #9

SHIFT 1

Lt. Dan Konen
Sr. Paramedic Steve Matthias
Pvt. Jason Larson

SHIFT 2

Captain Andy Silagyi
Pvt. Steve Szilage
Paramedic Corey Fryer

SHIFT 3

Lt. Jason Demas
Pvt. Timothy Bergeron
Paramedic Dan Kveton

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Station 10

2390 West Illinois Avenue
(630) 256-4110

	SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
Engine Company #10	Lt. Chuck Przybylski Paramedic Kevin Becker Pvt. Abe Sprinkle	Captain Kevin Kubisak Paramedic Ricardo Torres Pvt. Scott Schuster	Lt. Jim Rhodes Pvt. Matt Lichtenberger Paramedic Peter Bray
Medic #10	Paramedic Jason Mosshamer Paramedic Nicholas Handell	Sr. Paramedic James Lobbins Paramedic John Bonior	Paramedic Shawn Toso Paramedic Dan Ahasic
Truck Company #11	Lt. Javan Cross Pvt. Aaron Calhoun Pvt. Rafael Alvarez	Lt. Chuck Wonderling Pvt. Steve Szilage Jr. Pvt. Steve Koeberl	Lt. Brandon Matson Pvt. John Hopkins Pvt. Rob Sittler

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Station 12

2424 Haffenrichter Road
(630) 256-4120



Engine Company #12

Lt. Ray Garner

Pvt. Mark Tate

Pvt. Matt Anslow

SHIFT 2

Lt. Dan Osman

Pvt. John Jackson

Paramedic Chris Kjellesvik

SHIFT 3

Captain Cletus Rettenmeier

Sr. Paramedic John Nolan

Pvt. Dennis schmitz