



Aurora Fire Department



2013 Annual Report

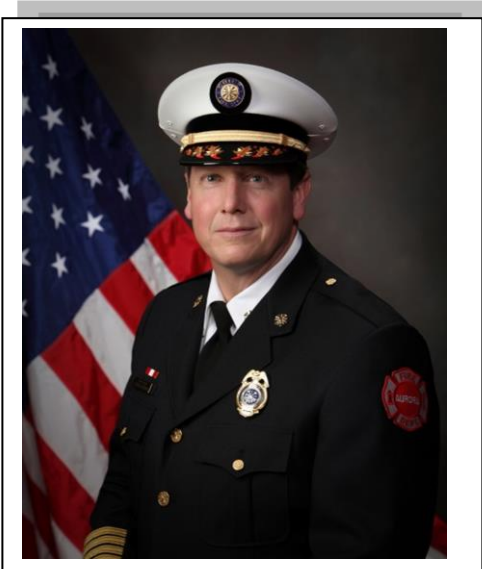
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Fire Chief John S. Lehman

As I reflect back on 2013 it is difficult to remember all that we have accomplished when much concentration is focused on moving forward. The Men & Women of the Aurora Fire Department continue to strive on a daily basis to live our mission which is to provide essential fire suppression, special operations, and emergency medical services to the citizens of Aurora with an elevated level of expertise.

This mission is a small representation of the volume of lives protected and saved on a daily basis and was exemplified by this year's Fire fighter of the Year recipient and nominees. Thank you for the recognition that the Aurora Chapter of the Exchange Club gave to our Department and specifically to the Men & Women honored this year for their heroic efforts and the saving of countless lives in 2013. Those who serve their fellow man in the profession of firefighting do not do so for the accolades and, all who are recognized, are humbled by the experience.

In 2013, we have a much more professional look in the Aurora Fire Department with all members in new dress uniforms. It has been over 30 years since the Aurora Fire Department had formal dress uniforms and it has long been a goal to outfit our members so we can look as sharp as we feel when we represent the City of Aurora Fire Department.

This past year we have also made significant strides in enhancing our communications with the community and internally. Lt. Craig Mateski was named our Public Information Officer and has made great progress on getting public safety announcements as well as incident information out to local media. Also Lt. Jim Rhodes has helped the general public understand better how the Fire Department operates and provides important safety tips through his monthly articles in the Beacon Newspaper.

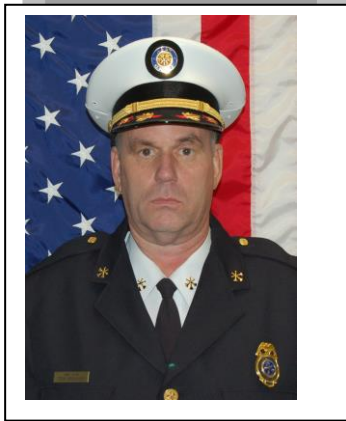
Organizationally we are communicating better with the use of our new video conferencing system. This allows us to connect with all nine fire stations at one time in order to train, conference, and to get important information out to our people in the field.

I am confident that as we continue to be mindful of operating in a very tight economy, we are able to still provide the critical services necessary to our citizens. I look forward to 2014 and helping to guide the Men & Women of the Aurora Fire Department in their contributions to the rich history and traditions of our service.

Thank you, Chief John S. Lehman

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Deputy Chief Thomas Greiner

In 2013, the Aurora Fire Department responded to over 15,000 emergency calls. In effort to deliver the highest level of service to Aurora's citizens and visitors, the 195 uniformed members train every day in all areas pertaining to their duties. The recent implementation of video conferencing equipment in all nine fire stations assures that didactic training can take place while maintaining a high state of readiness to respond since the fire companies can remain in their assigned territories.

In addition to responding to emergencies, the Aurora Fire Department participated in numerous events such as block parties, school fire prevention programs, and public safety initiatives. Also, the Fire Department's Emergency Medical Division provided paramedics at many City events to assure expedient deployment in the event of an emergency.

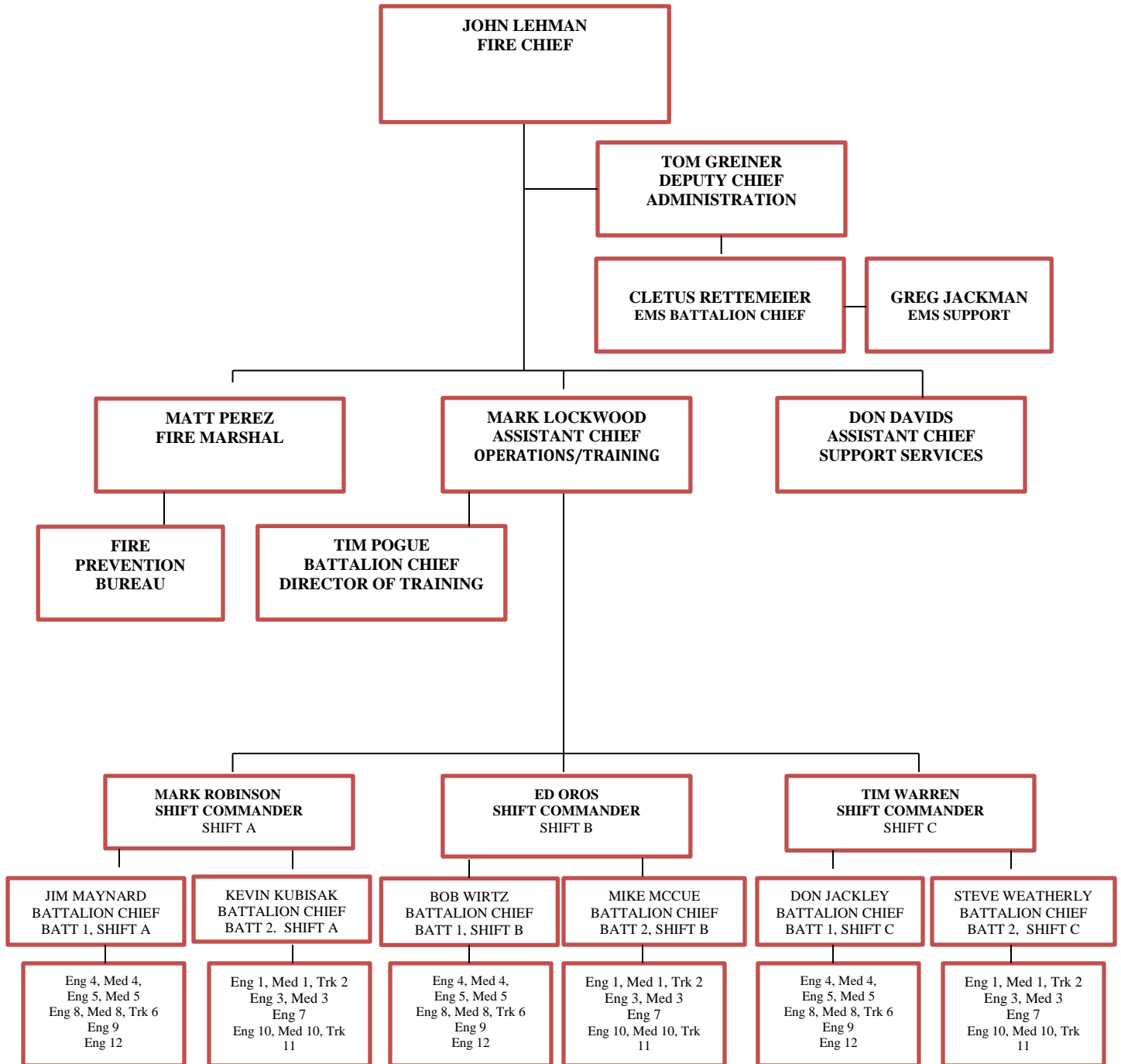
The members of the Aurora Fire Department strive to be the best and consider it an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of the City of Aurora.

Deputy Chief Thomas Greiner

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STAFF PERSONNEL



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FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS

	<u>2012</u> <u>CALLS</u>	<u>2013</u> <u>CALLS</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
EMS - One Medic Unit Response (Advanced Life Support)	12,307	12,256	-4%
STILL ALARMS - One Engine Response	1,902	1820	-4%
FULL STILL ALARMS - Two Engines, One Truck Automatic Fire Alarms; Office, Commercial, Residential	535	512	-4%
BOX ALARMS - Two Engines, One Truck, One Medic, One Command Officer (Structure Fires; Residential Commercial, Mercantile)	341	298	-13%
HAZ-MAT	227	256	+13%
CARBON MONOXIDE -One Truck or One Engine	349	369	+6%
EXTRICATIONS - One Engine, One Truck, One Medic, Command Officer	62	64	+3%
WATER INCIDENTS - Two Engines, One Truck, One Medic, Rescue 23, Command Officer	4	7	+75%
RELEASE - One Truck (Rescue, Lock-Outs, Etc.)	204	190	-7%
TECHNICAL RESCUE - Two Engines, One Truck, One Squad, Rescue One, One Medic, Command Officer	1	0	-100%
TOTAL CALLS	15,932	15,772	-1%
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROPERTY LOSS	\$3,349,182	\$2,261,145	-32%
TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTENTS LOSS	\$1,348,808	\$1,627,518	+21%
FIREFIGHTER DEATHS	0	0	
FIREFIGHTER INJURIES	48	53	
CIVILIAN DEATHS	1	0	
CIVILIAN INJURIES	12	1	

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2013 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	239	202	186	201	177	445	218	161	176
FULL STILL ALARMS	237	185	138	116	140	144	90	161	67
BOX ALARMS	187	137	104	190	70	105	39	59	71
HAZ-MAT	30	24	29	39	21	42	38	26	25
CARBON MONOXIDE	105	2	2	11	1	125	44	80	56
EXTRICATIONS	39	31	21	36	3	27	11	9	7
WATER INCIDENTS	7	6	4	5	2	4	5	3	1
RELEASE	45	4	0	0	1	12	2	18	0
LOCKOUTS	49	1	2	0	2	58	2	14	5
TECH RESCUES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	<u>2,951</u>	<u>2,302</u>	<u>2,266</u>	<u>2,257</u>	<u>1,110</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>867</u>	<u>1,790</u>	<u>617</u>
TOTAL	3,889	2,894	2,752	2,855	1,527	2,722	1,316	2,321	1,025

TOTAL EMERGENCY
RESPONSES IN 2013

21,301

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CALLS PER UNIT

		2012	2013	CHANGE
ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSES	ENGINE 1	1,116	1,010	-9%
	ENGINE 3	732	760	+4%
	ENGINE 4	784	716	-9%
	ENGINE 5	782	754	-4%
	ENGINE 7	1,680	1,527	-9%
	ENGINE 8	1,109	1,103	-1%
	ENGINE 9	1,302	1,316	+1%
	ENGINE 10	723	731	+1%
	ENGINE 12	1,021	1,025	0%
TRUCK COMPANY RESPONSES	TRUCK 2	858	775	-1%
	TRUCK 6	534	546	+2%
	TRUCK 11	414	431	+4%
MEDIC UNIT RESPONSES	MEDIC 1	3,051	2,878	-6%
	MEDIC 3	2,369	2,288	-3%
	MEDIC 4	2,504	2,298	-8%
	MEDIC 5	2,353	2,285	-3%
	MEDIC 8	1,771	1,737	-2%
	MEDIC 10	1,600	1,730	+8%
BATTALION CHIEF RESPONSES	BATT 1	381	335	-1%
	BATT 2	388	320	-2%
	CAR 24	71	39	-5%

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2013 CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ACTIVATION NOTICE OF MONTHLY FINDINGS

MONTH	LESS THAN 10 P.P.M.	10 OR MORE P.P.M.	100 P.P.M. OR GREATER	TOTAL
JANUARY	47	7	2	56
FEBRUARY	31	6	4	41
MARCH	23	4	0	27
APRIL	24	2	0	26
MAY	10	8	1	19
JUNE	19	5	0	24
JULY	7	5	0	12
AUGUST	9	5	0	14
SEPTEMBER	17	8	0	25
OCTOBER	15	9	0	24
NOVEMBER	37	7	0	44
DECEMBER	50	7	0	57
2013 TOTALS	289	73	7	369

**** *Approx. 21% increase from 2012***

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



FIRE MARSHAL MATT PEREZ

2013 INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED

<u>FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU</u>		<u>FIRE COMPANIES</u>	
Routine Inspections	195	Routine Inspections	2847
Re-Inspections	61	Re-Inspections	239
School Crisis Meeting	101		
Special Inspection (Includes Referrals, complaints, certificate of acceptance, Hazmat, tanks, fire lanes, posting corridors, & misc.)	560	Complaint Inspections	0
Construction (Includes construction, tents, trailers, certificates of occupancy)	34		
	951		3086

2013 PERMITS ISSUED

Installation of Above- and Below-Ground Fuel Tanks	0
Building Fire Suppression Systems	8
Building Fire Alarm Systems	8
Building Hood Suppression Systems	1
Operational Permits (Propane, Hazardous Material, Assembly)	52
Fireworks	10
Open Burning	44
Outdoor Fireplaces	84
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	207

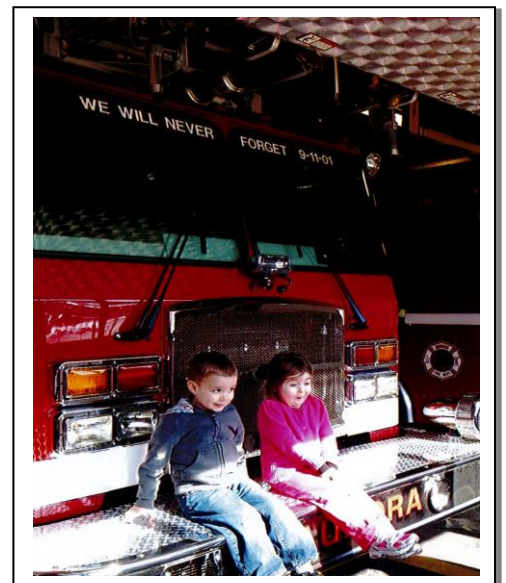
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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU – 2013 (continued)

	FIRE PREVENTION <u>BUREAU</u>	FIRE <u>COMPANIES</u>
OTHER ACTIVITIES - 2013		
FIRE PROTECTION - (Includes fire test, fire suppression, evacuation plans)	26	
PLAN REVIEWS -	8	
FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM (not including programs during Fire Prevention Month in October)	17	205
FIRE DRILLS	4	84
HYDRANT FLOW TESTS	3	1,775
LOCK BOXES SOLD	39	
VIOLATIONS ISSUE (Blocked exits, blocked corridors, non-compliance, failure to comply)	15	
FALSE FIRE ALARM VIOLATIONS –		
Chargeable - No Fine Issued	446	
Chargeable - Fine Issued	376	
Not Chargeable	544	
Cooking Food	176	
CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ACTIVATIONS	369	

During Fire Prevention Month in October 2013 the Aurora Fire Department presented 242 Fire Prevention Programs to 6,839 children and adults, 31 tours to 6,817 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 2013, 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 five 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 2014 for the men and women of the Aurora Fire Department.

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BUILDING & GROUNDS



Assistant Chief Don Davids
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 2013, 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.

Some other projects included, sealcoating and striping parking lots, a furnace replacement at station 9, carpet cleaning at all fire stations and furnace cleaning and evaluation at all stations.

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AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT BATTALION CHIEFS / SHIFT COMMANDERS



Battalion Chief
Mark Robinson
"A Shift"



Battalion Chief
Ed Oros
"B Shift"



Battalion Chief
Tim Warren
"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 Kevin Kubisak
Shift A



Battalion Chief Robert Wirtz
Shift B



Battalion Chief Don Jackley
Shift C

BATTALION 2



Battalion Chief Jim Maynard
Shift A



Battalion Chief Mike McCue
Shift B



Battalion Chief Steve Weatherly
Shift C

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TRAINING DIVISION



Battalion Chief Tim Pogue
Training Director

During 2013, there were a total of 70,808 regular training hours. In addition, 143 firefighters spent 4784 hours training for "Special Teams" and Fire Institute Schools, including Fire Officers Class, Haz-mat Technician class, Fire Investigations, and the Annual Fire College at the University of Illinois. These figures set a new record number of training requests that were approved for outside the department training.

In August 2013, six new recruits began their careers with the Aurora Fire Department. They completed a seven week Firefighter II program, as well as 40 hours of Hazardous Materials Operations training.

In April, November, and December, companies trained on the burn tower in North Aurora. In July and August, all companies combined training via classroom and hands on with BNSF. In October, there was 100% participation in a sexual harassment class that was held at Central Station.

During 2013, the Aurora Fire Department submitted 39 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 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 Cletus Rettemeier
EMS Battalion Chief



Greg Jackman
EMS Support Officer

During 2013 there were some significant changes in the EMS Division. In June, Captain Cletus Rettenmeier was promoted to Battalion Chief and put in charge of the EMS Division. He filled the vacancy created by the promotion of Don Davids who was promoted to Assistant Chief of Support Services.

The ambulances were provided with EZIO, an intraosseous device that will assist in providing IV access to patients whose vascular access is difficult or compromised. It is efficient and the department has had a higher success rate with patients using this device. Medic 10 was outfitted with a new Stryker power cot. New ambulances will be outfitted with this new cot as well. In November, the department applied for a grant to purchase new cardiac monitors and training simulators through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).

Aurora Fire Department Paramedics responded to 12,575 calls for assistance related to ambulance operations during 2013. They assessed 12,079 individuals and transported 8758 patients to the hospital. In addition, three alternate response vehicles (ARV's) responded to 2,480 requests to assist in the treatment of sick and injured patients.

97 Paramedics, 89 EMT/Basics, and 5 First Responders served the City of Aurora at the close of 2013. In December, Michael Chomiak III, completed his paramedic training.

In February 2013, 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 117 individuals in 2013.

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 2013. 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 Firefighter Mike Chomiak III graduated from paramedic school on December 16, 2013.



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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.*



Pvt. Rafael Alvarez, Shift Leader
Shift 1

Dan Murphy
Chris Temes
Matt Acuff



Lt. Will Torres, Shift Leader
Shift 2

Deputy Chief Tom Greiner
Battalion Chief Tim Pogue
Lt. Randy Leek
Lt. Chuck Przybylski
Dwayne Love
John Ross



Captain Pete Doyle, Shift Leader
Shift 3

Battalion Chief Cletus Rettenmeier
Battalion Chief Don Jackley
Lt. Chris Oros
Bob Kulovitz
Richard Dahleen

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT TEAM



Assistant Chief Don Davids
Haz-Mat Team Leader

The Aurora Fire Department Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) has 26 members, with 20 at the Tech B level, four 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 2013 the Aurora Fire Department responded to 256 hazardous materials response calls, which include, single engine responses for minor spills and gas leaks and team responses for larger incidents. In addition, AFD truck companies handled 369 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. AFD upgraded air monitoring equipment and received a new PID from MABAS to replace an existing unit.

In 2013 the AFD Hazmat team and EMS division members worked with the METRA Passenger line on a small scale drill that simulated a passenger train striking a vehicle in the Hill yard in Aurora. AFD on shift personnel responded, evaluated and treated and transported all victims with good success.



Paul Smith, Shift 1 Leader

Battalion Chief Mark Robinson
Michael Adamovich
Dave Heinke
Jason Larson
Todd McChurch
Tom Shore



Capt. Andy Silagyi, Shift 2 Leader

Battalion Chief Mike McCue
Lt. Tim Schomer
Phil Bergeron
John Bonior
Shawn Clements
Steve Koeberl
John Ross
Scott Schuster



Lt. Jason Demas, Shift 3 Leader

Capt. Dave McCabe
Lt. Steve Kish
Pete Bray
Richard Dahleen
Steve Gutzmer
Dave Hurd
Jeff Kerley
Tom Shore

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FIRE INVESTIGATION DIVISION

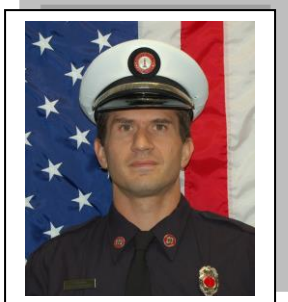


LT. GARY KRIENITZ
ARSON COORDINATOR

The Aurora Fire Department Investigations Bureau investigated 39 fires during 2013, resulting in approximately \$3,750,000 in losses to buildings and contents. 15 of these fires were determined to be accidental in nature, 11 were the result of arson, and 13 were undetermined in cause. The department's Fire Investigation Team was comprised of 15 members at the close of 2013.

Law enforcement agencies that assisted the Aurora Fire Department included the Du Page and Kane County Fire Investigation Task Forces, Aurora Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Two individual faced charges of arson in connection with a fire in Aurora during 2013.

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.



Lt. Gary Krienitz, Lead Investigator

Shift 1

Matt Acuff
Mike Kaufman
Chris Temes



Jason Morthland, Lead Investigator

Shift 2

Del Krieghbaum
Kevin Leverage
Garrett Oros



Matt Anslow, Lead Investigator

Shift 3

Batt Chief Steve Weatherly
Lt. Brandon Matson
Dan Ahasic
Shane Cummins
Chris Prieboy
Steve Wedll

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JUVENILE FIRESETTER PROGRAM



Capt. David McCabe
Lead Investigator

The 12 Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Team members worked with 11 youths who either started fires or were deemed to be at-risk for fire playing during 2013. Youths are referred to our programs by concerned relatives, other public or private agencies, or by fire officers at a fire scene when the juvenile is believed to be the offender.

The only fire started by a youth in 2013 was a structure fire on October 13th to a set of townhomes. The total dollar loss to the structure and contents was \$1.2 million. No other juvenile fire setting event in Aurora this past year resulted in property damage or loss.

Juveniles that the team comes into contact with are given risk assessments by team members, and educated on the risks of playing with fire. Those that are determined to be an “extreme risk” of future fire playing are referred through the proper channels for counseling.

Nationally, children set 50% off all fires, and juvenile fire setting is the leading cause of home deaths among youths.*

Juvenile Fire Setters Intervention Team Members:

SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
Lt. Craig Mateski	Batt Chief Ed Oros	Lt. Dave McCabe
Lt. Steve Buono	Chris Kjellesvik	Lt. Jim Rhodes
Jason Mosshamer	Ricardo Torres	Aaron Garcia
		Jeff Kerley

* *Juvenile Firesetting Statistics, University of Massachusetts, 2011;*
<http://facultysites.necc.mass.edu/pzipper/files/2010/11/Juvenile-Firesetting-Statistics.pdf>

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CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIANS TEAM



Captain David McCabe
Team Leader

The Child Passenger Safety Technicians of the Aurora Fire Department taught and demonstrated 385 proper child seat installations to parents, grandparents, and other caregivers during 2013.

Besides the normally scheduled appointments at the stations, the Aurora Fire Department conducted its first car seat check event on July 20th, in cooperation with State Representative Stephanie Kifowit. 16 car seats were checked during the three-hour event.

Each team member initially completes a four day class in order to join the team. This course is developed by Safe Kids Worldwide, with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National Child Passenger Safety Board being program partners. An eight hour update class every two years keeps team members apprised of changes in laws, as well as developments in child seat design and installation. There are currently 9 members of the Child Passenger Safety team.

SHIFT 1

Capt. Ray Garner
Kevin Becker
Mike Chomiak III
Nick Handell

SHIFT 2

Aaron Calhoun
Dwayne Love
Kevin Nickel

SHIFT 3

Capt. Dave McCabe
Brett Svendsen



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WATER RESCUE TEAM

The Aurora Fire Department Water Rescue Team had a roster of 17 members at the close of 2013.

The past year proved to be one of great change and improvement to equipment and training in every aspect of our team. Our S.C.U.B.A. equipment was updated to a fully redundant system and completely interchangeable. Funds were allocated for the purchase of individually fitted dry suits for each of our members. 2013 also saw the purchase of a new inflatable pontoon style rescue boat. The new boat is a vivid testament to the Department's dedication to provide the best possible service to our community.

The past year in training was nothing less than epic, 2013 marks a year where every active diver was trained and certified in three critical areas of rescue diving.



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

Alan Backhaus
Mike Chomiak III
Marcos Coronado
Mike Eley
Todd McChurch



**Captain Mark Matkovich,
Shift Leader
Shift 2**

Lt. Will Torres
Aaron Calhoun
Mike Hess
Kevin Molitor
Kevin Nickel



**Bob Kulovitz,
Shift Leader
Shift 3**

Lt. Matt Anslow
Lt. Steve Kish
Lt. Jim Rhodes
Jason Equi

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Communications/Technical Support



Assistant Chief Don Davids
Support Services

Aurora Fire Department participated in the beginning stages of an upgrade to the Harris radio system. This upgrade will provide enhanced voice transmission and better coverage areas. The department also began a needs assessment to establish guidance for a replacement of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, a project that will continue for the next 2-3 years.

To complete the project that began last year, the remaining vehicle laptop computers were replaced with new Panasonic CF31 units and numerous fire station desktop computers were replaced or upgraded.

We continued an on-going project of installing Mutual Aid VHF radios in replacement vehicles to provide for interoperable communications with outside departments and agencies.

Department paramedics began an evaluation of tablet computers to use in the field for enhanced patient care documentation. Tablet computers should be deployed in early 2014.

The Fire department transitioned into working closely with the City Of Aurora MIS department for technical and computer assistance with great success. This should enhance our technical abilities and reduce computer related down time issues.

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CIVILIAN STAFF

CENTRAL FIRE STATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE



Roseann Hernandez
Administrative Aide



Linda Hansen
Administrative Secretary II

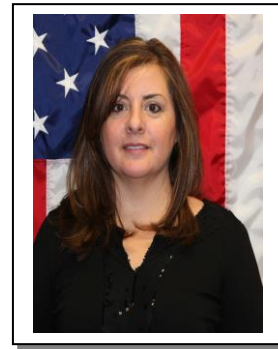
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



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 2013, replacing aging frontline vehicles.



Engine # 9



Fire Inspector Vehicle



EMS – Car # 26

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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2013



Class of 2013 at 1195 Church Rd Aurora, IL
Burn down training

Six firefighter recruits graduated from our Fire Academy. They began their employment with the Aurora Fire Department on August 9, 2013. Pictured above are: (bottom row l- r) Matt Schroeder, Alicia Pedrie (second row l-r) Robert Burdue, Donna Feil, Batt Chief Tim Pogue, Eric Heinz, and Doolin Galloway

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2013 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

The Exchange Club of Aurora hosted the 2013 Firefighter of the Year Awards luncheon at the Gaslite Manor on October 22, 2013. 17 firefighters were nominated for the award. The keynote speaker at the event was David Lewis, Curator of the Aurora Regional Fire Museum.

Nominees for Aurora's 2013 Firefighter of the Year were:



Paramedics Ric Torres and John Bonior, as well as Capt. Mark Matkovich, Pvt. Scott Schuster and Pvt. Abe Sprinkle (pictured to left) were nominated for their actions when responding to a scene of a motorcycle vs. car crash. On-scene medical care helped the victim have better odds of recovery.

[Pictured to left: Chief Lehman, Paramedic Ric Torres, Captain Mark Matkovich and Pvt. Abe Sprinkle. – missing Pvt. Schuster]

Paramedics Kevin Leverage, Michael Donato, Lt. Robert Warren, firefighters Jeff Herrick and Ray Torres (pictures to right) were nominated for their lifesaving efforts in stabilizing a victim who had gone into cardiac arrest



[Pictured to right: Chief Lehman, Pvt Jeff Herrick, Pvt. Ray Torres, Paramedic Mike Donato, Paramedic Kevin Leverage and Lt. Robert Warren]

Aurora 2013 Firefighters of the Year.



[pictured left to right: Pvt. Tomas Contreras , Pvt. Dan Kveton, Lt. Kris Tappendorf, Annie Prosser, Paramedic Dan Ahasic, Pvt. Jerry White and Paramedic Brett Svendsen]

On the evening of March 9, 2013 the Aurora Fire Department responded to a report of a car in the water at the Eola Rd. exit ramp of I-88.

Engine 9 arrived on the scene and found a car upside down in a retention pond. While Lt. Kris Tappendorf was suiting up in a cold water rescue suit, firefighter/paramedic Dan Kveton entered the water, tied to a line being tended by firefighter Tim Bergeron and did a quick sweep of the car.

Lt. Tappendorf joined Firefighter Kveton and soon located a 14 year old female who was unconscious and not breathing. Lt. Tappendorf and Firefighter Kveton quickly moved the victim to land and to the waiting hands of firefighter/ paramedics.

Lt. Kris Tappendorf , Pvt. Dan Kveton and Pvt. Tim Bergeron are examples of the dedicated and devoted personnel who work for the Aurora Fire Department. Their actions embody the truest sense of fulfilling their calling as firefighters, to guard the lives of our neighbors and protect their property.

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CONGRATULATIONS 2013 RETIREES



Lt. Tom Wagner
Retired on
1/16/13
after serving the
City of Aurora and
its citizens for 29
years 9 months.



Pvt Jaime Lobbins
retired on 1/25/13
after serving the
City of Aurora and its
citizens for
22 years and 4 months.



Battalion Chief
Dave Rygh retired
on 5/2/13
after serving the
City of Aurora and
its citizens
27 years and 1 day.



Battalion Chief Steve
Malatia retired on
9/5/13
after serving the
City of Aurora and its
citizens 30 years.



Lt. Rick Lockman
retired on 11/27/13
after serving the
City of Aurora
and its citizens
30 years and 2 months.

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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. Alan Backhaus

Lieutenant Dan Osman
Pvt. Mark Classen
Paramedic Jason Matile

Captain Peter Doyle
Paramedic Bob Kulovitz
Pvt. Carlos Coronado

Medic #1

Paramedic Rick Handell
Paramedic Matt Acuff

Paramedic Clint Rafac
Paramedic Joe Bledsoe

Sr. Paramedic Bob Chance
Paramedic Jeff Kerley

Truck Company #2

Captain Steve Chivari
Pvt. Paul Smith
Pvt. Mike Eley

Lt. Will Torres
Pvt. Roman Azua
Pvt. Aaron Stawikowski

Lt. Glen Hasenheyer
Pvt. Brain Radde
Pvt. Steve Wedll

Roving Personnel

Captain Toby Gill
Lt. John Nolan
Lt. Ed Heitz
Pvt. Mike Chomiak III
Paramedic Dan Kellogg
Pvt. Beau McKay
Paramedic Kevin Hoffman
Paramedic Adam Adamovich
Pvt. Thorn Ackmann
Pvt. Angelo R Minneci
Pvt. Robert Burdue

Captain Mark Matkovich
Lt. Tim Schomer
Lt. Nathan Costner
Pvt. Aaron Calhoun
Pvt. Greg Keigher
Pvt. Del Kriegbaum
Paramedic Dave Dacanay
Pvt. Garrett Oros
Pvt. Dan Ledger
Paramedic John Dixon
Paramedic Matt Schroeder
Paramedic Alicia Pedrie

Captain Dave McCabe
Lt. Eric Calkins
Lt. Matt Anslow
Pvt. Joshua Murray
Pvt. Mike Weber
Pvt. Jacob Ermanis
Pvt. Josh Murray
Paramedic Steve Gutzmer
Paramedic Doolin Galloway
Paramedic Donna Feil
Paramedic Eric Heinz

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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. Angelo Minnici
 Paramedic Dan Heinke

Medic #3

Sr. Paramedic John Paul
 Paramedic Dan Bateman

SHIFT 2

Lt. Chuck Przybylski
 Pvt. Phil Bergeron
 Paramedic Kevin Nickel
 Paramedic Dwayne Love
 Paramedic Shawn Clements

SHIFT 3

Captain Greg Frieders
 Pvt. Bob Campbell
 Paramedic Steve Milakis
 Paramedic Jason Equi
 Paramedic Dave Christenson

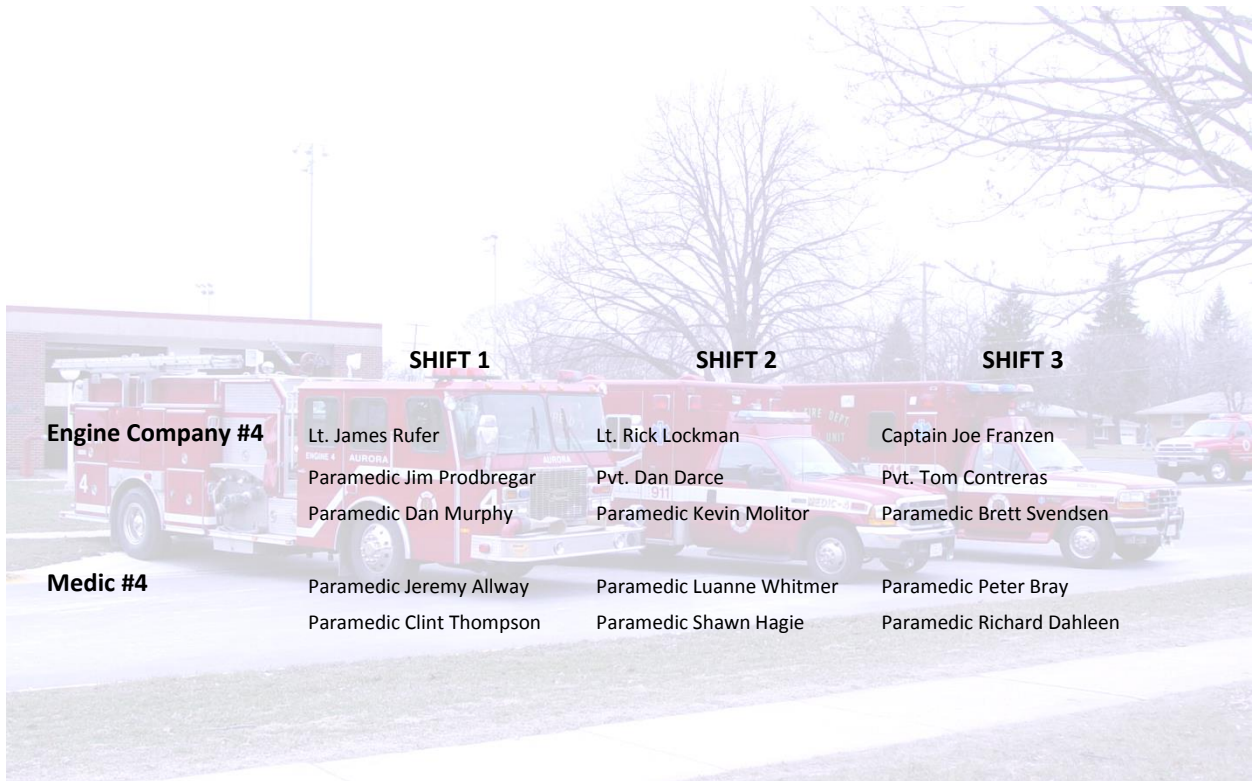
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Station 4

800 Michels Avenue
(630) 256-4040



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Station 5

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

	SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
Engine Company #5	Lt. Gary Krienitz Pvt. Robert Dunn Paramedic Dan Polizzi	Captain John Gilbert Pvt. Steve Whitmer Paramedic John Ross	Lt. Steve Kish Pvt. Mark Long Pvt. Tom Shore
Medic #5	Paramedic Todd McChurch Paramedic Jeff Smitley	Sr. Paramedic Tony Nelson Paramedic Rob Strange	Paramedic Andrew Smith Paramedic Dan Ahasic

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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 Pvt. Keith O' Donnell	Lt. Robert Warren Pvt. Jeff Herrick Pvt. Ray Torres	Lt. Kris Tappendorf Pvt. Jeff Dehler Pvt. Dave Hurd
Medic #8	Sr. Paramedic John Nagy Paramedic Chuck Niemeier	Paramedic Kevin Leverence Paramedic Mike Donato	Paramedic Robin Krantz Paramedic Mike Hoffman
Truck Company #6	Lt. Craig Mateski Pvt. Marcos Coronado Pvt. Mike Kaufman	Lt. Steve Keierleber Pvt. Ed Clark Pvt. Felix Coronado	Lt. Ron Thomalla Pvt. Darrin Richardson Pvt. Chirs Prieboy

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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. Mark Tate

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. Steve Buono Pvt. Jason Larson Pvt. Jason Smith	Captain Ray Garner Pvt. Scott Schuster Pvt. Abe Sprinkle	Lt. Jim Rhodes Pvt. Matt Lichtenberger Pvt. Shane Cummins
Medic #10	Paramedic Kevin Becker Paramedic Jason Mosshamer	Paramedic Ricardo Torres Paramedic John Bonior	Sr Paramedic Aaron Garcia Paramedic Shawn Toso
Truck Company #11	Lt. Javan Cross Pvt. Brian Youhanaie 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

