



Aurora Fire Department



2014 Annual Report

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Fire Chief John S. Lehman

The Aurora Fire Department is proud to have served the Citizens of this City for the last 159 years. We have always been dedicated to preserving our history and continue to strengthen our bond to the Aurora Regional Fire Museum. I am personally thankful to David Lewis, Debbie Davis and the Board of Directors of the museum for all that they do to secure those stories and physical pieces of our history.

The men and women of the Aurora Fire Department continue to provide the highest level of service to the community we protect. Thank you to the Exchange Club of Aurora for their continued support with their Firefighter of the Year Program. This year's nominees were recognized for their superior actions while operating at the scenes of fires, accidents scenes, and medical emergencies. We also want to recognize the fact that we have countless other firefighters saving lives on a daily basis that go unrecognized.

In 2014 the Emergency Management Agency for the City of Aurora saw a significant change. Early in the year, the agency was transferred from the oversight of the Police Department to the Fire Department. A new EMA Director, Joseph Jones, was named to head this Division. He reports directly to the Fire Chief. The City of Aurora was also approved for a 100% grant funded drill in Emmittsburg, MD for 2015 where 75 City of Aurora employees and outside stake holders will work on a weeklong disaster drill focused on the City of Aurora. This will assist us in our constant efforts to be as prepared as we can to serve our community in the event of manmade or natural disasters. As a Department tasked with these emergency responses we continue to make ourselves as self-sufficient as possible. The City of Aurora, Fire Management, and Local # 99 of the Aurora Fire Department continue to demonstrate that a relationship based upon respect and professionalism can lead to a productive working environment.

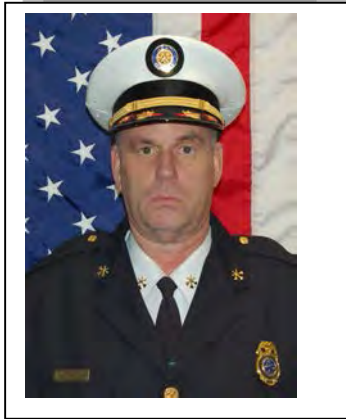
As we see technology and our ability to process information accelerated, we are driven to attempt to keep pace. All of our ambulances, and soon, all Battalion Chiefs will have wireless tablets which will assist in helping to do all of our jobs more efficiently. Our ability to send real time images from the field to the emergency room or the operations center will have great value as we go paperless.

I am proud to be given the ability to lead an organization of professionals who are the product of our rich history and tradition in the Aurora Fire Department.

Thank you, Chief John S. Lehman

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Deputy Chief Thomas Greiner

In 2014, the Aurora Fire Department responded to over 17,000 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.

In taking advantage of ever evolving technology, the use of mobile tablets for the department's ambulances have been implemented. These devices will allow the paramedics the ability to complete patient care reports while care is being provided as well as capture patient signatures as required. The tablets also contain other applications that provide information that will enhance the efficiency of patient care.

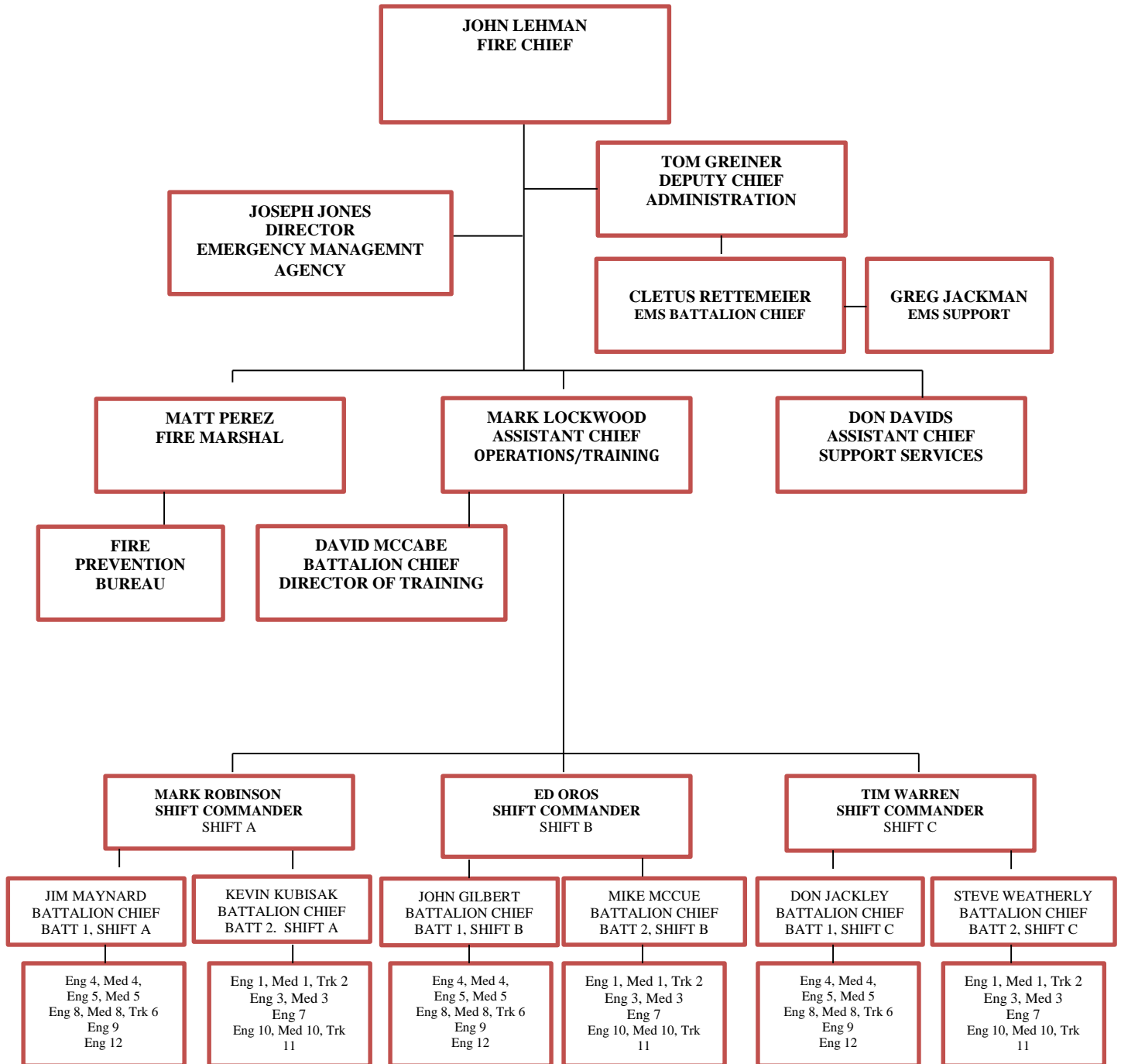
In addition to responding to emergencies, the Aurora Fire Department participated in numerous events such as block parties, school fire prevention programs, and public safety initiatives. Also, the Fire Department's Emergency Medical Division provided paramedics at many City events to assure expedient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

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STAFF PERSONNEL



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FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS

	<u>2013</u> <u>CALLS</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>CALLS</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
EMS - One Medic Unit Response (Advanced Life Support)	12,256	13,309	+8%
STILL ALARMS - One Engine Response	1,820	2,133	+17%
FULL STILL ALARMS - Two Engines, One Truck Automatic Fire Alarms; Office, Commercial, Residential	512	550	+7%
BOX ALARMS - Two Engines, One Truck, One Medic, One Command Officer (Structure Fires; Residential Commercial, Mercantile)	298	312	+4%
HAZ-MAT	256	269	+5%
CARBON MONOXIDE -One Truck or One Engine	369	501	+26%
EXTRICATIONS - One Engine, One Truck, One Medic, Command Officer	64	64	0%
WATER INCIDENTS - Two Engines, One Truck, One Medic, Rescue 23, Command Officer	7	9	+2%
RELEASE - One Truck (Rescue, Lock-Outs, Etc.)	190	202	+6%
TECHNICAL RESCUE - Two Engines, One Truck, One Squad, Rescue One, One Medic, Command Officer	0	0	0%
OTHER MISC - ZETRON - TEST INCIDENTS	<u>0</u>	<u>26</u>	+100%
TOTAL CALLS	15,772	17,375	+10%
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROPERTY LOSS	\$2,261,145	\$3,968,251.00	+7%
TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTENTS LOSS	\$1,627,518	\$4,042,851.00	+14%
FIREFIGHTER DEATHS	0	0	
FIREFIGHTER INJURIES	53	71	
CIVILIAN DEATHS	0	0	
CIVILIAN INJURIES	1	8	

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2014 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	268	252	182	205	217	478	247	193	263
FULL STILL ALARMS	270	192	159	117	159	131	103	188	68
BOX ALARMS	204	149	115	198	70	101	42	86	61
HAZ-MAT	32	32	23	43	22	39	42	38	28
CARBON MONOXIDE	133	11	10	21	1	166	53	104	67
EXTRICATIONS	33	22	24	44	4	3	9	13	7
WATER INCIDENTS	9	6	6	8	5	4	3	4	1
RELEASE	66	0	0	1	0	18	0	19	0
LOCKOUTS	41	0	0	0	0	54	1	0	1
TECH RESCUES		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEST INCIDENT /ZETRON	7	6	6	5	0	3	1	2	5
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	<u>3465</u>	<u>2595</u>	<u>2682</u>	<u>2432</u>	<u>1178</u>	<u>1833</u>	<u>1055</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>604</u>
TOTAL	4528	3265	3207	3074	1656	2854	1556	2636	1105

TOTAL EMERGENCY
RESPONSES IN 2014

23,881

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CALLS PER UNIT

		2013	2014	CHANGE
ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSES	ENGINE 1	1,010	1137	+12%
	ENGINE 3	760	832	+9%
	ENGINE 4	716	853	+1%
	ENGINE 5	754	847	+1%
	ENGINE 7	1,527	1656	+8%
	ENGINE 8	1,103	1164	+5%
	ENGINE 9	1,316	1556	+18%
	ENGINE 10	731	885	+2%
	ENGINE 12	1,025	1105	+7%
TRUCK COMPANY RESPONSES	TRUCK 2	775	867	+1%
	TRUCK 6	546	588	+7%
	TRUCK 11	431	514	+19%
MEDIC UNIT RESPONSES	MEDIC 1	2,878	3379	+17%
	MEDIC 3	2,288	2566	+12%
	MEDIC 4	2,298	2703	+17%
	MEDIC 5	2,285	2470	+8%
	MEDIC 8	1,737	1809	+4%
	MEDIC 10	1,730	1922	+11%
BATTALION CHIEF RESPONSES	BATT 1	335	340	+1%
	BATT 2	320	302	+5%
	CAR 24	39	65	+6%

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2014 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	79	23	6	108
FEBRUARY	49	8	0	57
MARCH	43	4	2	49
APRIL	25	2	0	28
MAY	18	7	3	28
JUNE	17	2	1	20
JULY	12	3	2	17
AUGUST	18	4	0	22
SEPTEMBER	17	5	2	24
OCTOBER	17	3	2	22
NOVEMBER	33	5	1	39
DECEMBER	30	10	2	42
2013 TOTALS	358	77	21	456

**** *Approx. 19.50% increase from 2013***

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Emergency Management Agency



Coordinator Joseph Jones

The City of Aurora's Emergency Management Agency is responsible for providing an integrated and comprehensive emergency management system that coordinates city and community resources to protect life, property and the environment through preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery from all natural and man-made hazards that may impact our city. The agency coordinator serves as the Emergency Operations Center Manager during disasters and large scale incidents. The agency is part of the State of Illinois Emergency Management Agency and is available to provide mutual aid to county agencies and the state itself. The Aurora Emergency Management Agency participates on several county and state committees and teams; the Kane County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee, Kane County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Illinois Terrorism Task force (ITTF), ITTF Emergency Management Committee, Illinois Incident Management Team and the Illinois Emergency Management Services Association.

The Emergency Management Agency has four volunteer divisions that perform functions at various incidents and other events. These responders provide incident scene lighting, traffic control, and severe weather monitoring. On weekends EMA volunteers conduct neighborhood patrols in order to provide extra eyes and ears for the police. In addition, the City of Aurora's Emergency Management Agency provides Community Response Team (CERT) training to the citizens of Aurora and surrounding communities.

The agency is host to a vehicle and equipment fleet that supports its mission.

- 32 foot Field Operations Support Trailer equipped with generators, satellite communications, radios and monitors.
- Lighting truck with elevating boom lighting that provides 4,000 watts of scene light.
- Pickup truck with scene lighting capabilities and traffic control capabilities.
- Utility truck use for transportation and traffic control assignments.
- 20 foot shelter supply trailer that has a supply capacity to support 100 people.
- 16 foot Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trailer.
- Four 60K State of Illinois generators and one 30K State of Illinois generator.
- One 42,000 BTU portable heating and air conditioning unit.
- A cache of variable size portable generators to support operations.



Emergency Volunteers Services assisting Aurora Police with traffic control at a motor vehicle accident August 25, 2014

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Emergency Management Agency – 2014 (continued)

The Aurora Emergency Management Agency Emergency Volunteer Services (EVS) contributed a total of 1,709.30 personnel hours during 2014.

Types of event resulting in volunteer call out	Total hours on event
Call outs not weather related; Traffic, Scene Lighting	109.67
Weather Spotting	109.75
Work night activities	74.33
Community Patrol	336.35
Emergency Volunteer meetings and training	127.67
Community Emergency Response Training classes	157.00



Light Truck participating in the National Night Out
On August 5, 2014



Fire Extinguisher training with CERT students

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



FIRE MARSHAL MATT PEREZ

2014 INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED

<u>FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU</u>		<u>FIRE COMPANIES</u>	
Routine Inspections	219	Routine Inspections	3,662
Re-Inspections	56	Re-Inspections	246
School Crisis Meetings	112	Complaint Inspections	7
Special Inspection (Includes Referrals, complaints, certificate of acceptance, Hazmat, tanks, fire lanes, posting corridors, & misc.)	349	Total Fire Companies Inspections:	3,915
Construction (Includes construction, tents, trailers, certificates of occupancy)	12		
Total Fire Prevention Bureau Inspections :	748		

TOTAL 2014 INSPECTIONS: 4,663

2014 PERMITS ISSUED

Installation of Above- and Below-Ground Fuel Tanks	0
Building Fire Suppression Systems	6
Building Fire Alarm Systems	5
Building Hood Suppression Systems	2
Operational Permits (Propane, Hazardous Material, Assembly)	38
Fireworks	9
Open Burning	71
Outdoor Fireplaces	87
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	218

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU – 2014 (continued)

	FIRE PREVENTION <u>BUREAU</u>	FIRE <u>COMPANIES</u>
OTHER ACTIVITIES - 2014		
FIRE PROTECTION - (Includes fire test, fire suppression, evacuation plans)	40	
PLAN REVIEWS -	10	
FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM (not including programs during Fire Prevention Month in October)	6	53
FIRE DRILLS	7	62
HYDRANT FLOW TESTS	5	1,330
LOCK BOXES SOLD	64	
FALSE FIRE ALARM VIOLATIONS –		
Chargeable - No Fine Issued	637	
Chargeable - Fine Issued	340	
Not Chargeable	609	
Cooking Food	167	
CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ACTIVATIONS	456	

During Fire Prevention Month in October 2014 the Aurora Fire Department presented 325 Fire Prevention Programs to 7,808 children and adults, 46 tours to 6,776 citizens and participated with 10 specials (events/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 2014, the Aurora Fire Department responded to over 17,300 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 2015 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 2014, 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 3 and 7, carpet cleaning at all fire stations and furnace cleaning and evaluation at all stations. The Parking lot at fire station 3 was overlaid with asphalt and 2 concrete approach lanes at station 10 were replaced. The above ground diesel fuel tank at station 8 was repainted and lettered.

A major roofing project was completed at Central Fire Station that involved, removal of the original ballast and roof membrane, insulation replacement, adding additional insulation and installation of a new roof membrane system.

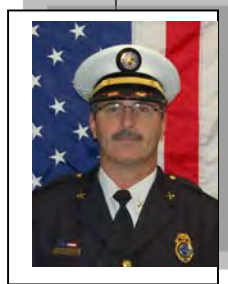
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AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT BATTALION CHIEFS / SHIFT COMMANDERS



Battalion Chief
Mark Robinson
"A Shift"



Battalion Chief
Ed Oros
"B Shift"



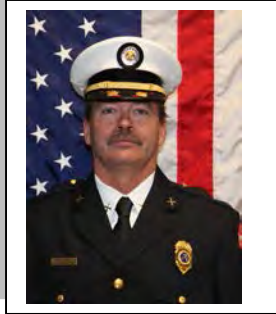
Battalion Chief
Tim Warren
"C Shift"

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.

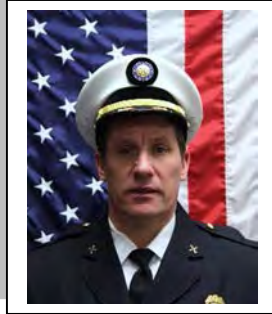
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BATTALION 1



Battalion Chief Kevin Kubisak
Shift A

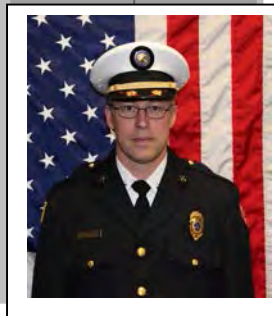


Battalion Chief John Gilbert
Shift B



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 Dave McCabe
Training Director

During 2014, there were a total of 70,396 regular training hours. In addition, 76 firefighters spent 4,540 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.

In August 2014, eight 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.

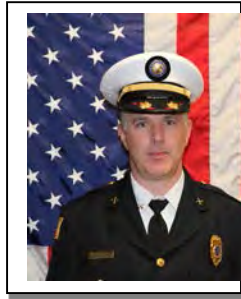
In January, all personnel completed CPR re-certification. In April, May, and October, companies trained on the burn tower in North Aurora.

During 2014, the Aurora Fire Department submitted 32 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 Instructor, Fire Apparatus Engineer, Incident Command, Vehicle Operator and Haz-Mat Technician.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION



Battalion Chief Cletus Rettenmeier
EMS Battalion Chief



Greg Jackman
EMS Support Officer

Aurora Fire Department Paramedics responded to 13,309 calls for assistance related to ambulance operations during 2014. They assessed 14,051 individuals and transported 10,119 patients to the hospital. In addition, three alternate response vehicles (ARV's) responded to 2,337 requests to assist in the treatment of sick and injured patients.

101 Paramedics, 83 EMT/Basics, and 5 First Responders served the City of Aurora at the close of 2014. In December, the following firefighters, Thorn Ackmann, Delmar Krieghhbaum, Daniel Ledger, Beau McKay, Joshua Murray and Michael Weber completed their paramedic training.

In February 2014, 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 376 individuals in 2014.

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 2014. 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.

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TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM



Assistant Chief Mark Lockwood
TRT Team Leader

The Aurora Fire Department Technical Rescue Team is comprised of 20 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
Dan Polizzi



Lt. Will Torres, Shift Leader
Shift 2

Deputy Chief Tom Greiner
Battalion Chief Cletus rettenmeier
Lt. Randy Leek
Lt. Chuck Przybylski
Dwayne Love
John Ross



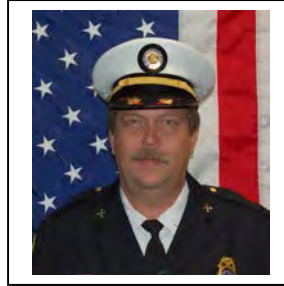
Captain Pete Doyle, Shift Leader
Shift 3

Battalion Chief Don Jackley
Lt. Chris Oros
Bob Kulovitz
Mike Hoffman
Richard Dahleen
Dave Dacanay

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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, Big Rock and Sugar Grove, have worked together for the past several years as a division-wide team that includes 70 members.

In 2014 the Aurora Fire Department responded to 268 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 456 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 received a new CWA/TIC detector from MABAS to replace the APD 2000.

In 2014 the AFD Hazmat team worked with the Naperville Fire Department and MABAS Division 16 on functional exercise that simulated a crude oil train incident and fire. Seven team members attended Crude by rail training at the TICI in Pueblo Colorado.



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
Dave Hurd
Jeff Kerley

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FIRE INVESTIGATION DIVISION



CAPT. GARY KRIENITZ
ARSON COORDINATOR

The Aurora Fire Department Investigations Bureau investigated 39 fires during 2014 resulting in a total estimated property dollar loss of \$ 2, 500,000. Eight (8) of these fires were determined to be accidental in nature, seven (7) were the result of arson, and 24 were undetermined in cause. Many of these undetermined fires remain open cases pending more information and lab results. Three (3) arrests were made in connection with fires in Aurora during 2014.

This excludes the FAA center \$ loss. ATF and the FBI provided a dollar loss of equipment of \$4,453,406.00

This past year we have made tremendous advances with the Aurora Police Department Investigations and the Evidence Technicians. Each shift crossed trained with the police department. The team also conduct a live fire scene reconstruction of an arson. The police department also sent an officer to the fire investigation class so they could better assist our department.



Mike Kaufman , Lead Investigator
1st Shift Matt Acuff
Chris Temes



Jason Morthland, Lead Investigator
2nd Shift Lt. Matt Anslow
Del Krieghbaum
Kevin Leverage
Garrett Oros

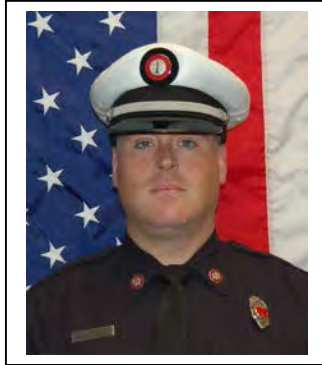


Capt. Gary Krienitz, Team Leader
3rd Shift Batt. Chief Steve Weatherly
Lt. Brandon Matson
Dan Ahasic
Shane Cummins
Chris Prieboy
Steve Wedll

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JUVENILE FIRESETTER PROGRAM



Battalion Chief David McCabe
Lead Investigator

Members of the Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Team worked with 19 youths during 2014. Although that was an increase from the 11 during 2013, there was no significant property loss or injuries attributed to any of these youths.

Juveniles who have a history of setting fires, or believed at risk of playing with fire, are referred to the program for a risk assessment and education. If needed, they are referred to proper agencies for further intervention and counseling. Juveniles are entered into the program by concerned relatives, outside agencies, the juvenile legal system, or fire officers at the scene of an incident believed to be cause by a youth.

12 Aurora Fire Department members served on the JFS team in 2014.

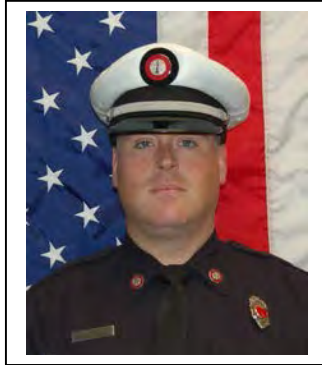
Juvenile Fire Setters Intervention Team Members:

SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
Lt. Craig Mateski	Batt Chief Ed Oros	Lt. JimRhodes
Lt. Steve Buono	Lt. Bob Warren	Lt. Ed Heitz
Lt. Chris Kjellesvik	Ricardo Torres	Tomas Contreras
Jason Mosshamer		Aaron Garcia

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CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIANS TEAM



Battalion Chief David McCabe
Team Leader

The Child Passenger Safety Team stayed busy in 2014, teaching the proper installation and use of car seats to 396 people throughout the year. These installations can take up to an hour apiece, depending on the seat and the vehicle it is being installed in. The technicians complete these installations in addition to all the other work that firefighters have to do throughout the day.

Safe Kids Worldwide and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration designed the four-day class that all of the team members took to learn proper installation of the various types of seats. Each member also takes a refresher class every two years to stay apprised of changes in car seat laws, as well as new car seat designs. Eight dedicated members of the department currently serve on the Child Passenger Safety team.

SHIFT 1

Mike Chomiak III
Nick Handell

SHIFT 2

Capt. Ray Garner
Aaron Calhoun
Dwayne Love
Kevin Nickel

SHIFT 3

Kevin Becker



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WATER RESCUE TEAM

The Aurora Fire Department Water Rescue Team had a roster of 19 members at the close of 2014.

The Water Rescue Team continues to train personnel on the latest rescue techniques as well as maintaining their basic S.C.U.B.A skills. An ice diving class is planned for later winter of 2015 to certify all our members in this type of diving. We continue to provide mutual aid services to surrounding communities and law enforcement agencies. The Aurora Fire Department Water Rescue Team responded to nine (9) calls in 2014.



**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**

Batt. Chief Michael McCue
Lt. Matt Anslow
Lt. Will Torres
Aaron Calhoun
Michael Hess
Kevin Molitor
Kevin Nickel



**Bob Kulovitz,
Shift Leader
Shift 3**

Lt. Steve Kish
Lt. Jim Rhodes
Jason Equi
Jacob Erdmanis

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Communications/Technical Support



Assistant Chief Don Davids
Support Services

The Aurora Fire Department completed an upgrade to the Harris radio system. All department portable and mobile radios received software upgrades. This upgrade provides enhanced voice transmission and improved coverage areas. We also continue 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.

The department moved forward with implementing a new scheduling software that should be in service in early 2015 to allow for enhanced employee scheduling and web access.

Numerous fire station printers were replaced or upgraded. Computer tablets were purchased to allow Command Staff remote access to AFD systems.

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 deployment of tablet computers to use in the field for enhanced patient care documentation.

The fire department continues 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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VEHICLES AND APPARATUS

The following vehicles were put into service in 2014, replacing aging frontline vehicles.



Medic # 1



Engine # 3 & Engine # 4



Medic - # 8

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CIVILIAN STAFF

CENTRAL FIRE STATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE



Roseann Hernandez
Administrative Aide



Linda Hansen
Administrative Secretary II

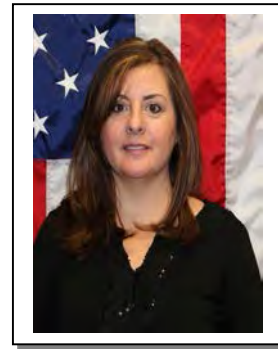
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Jon Spanu
Fire Inspector



Anna Ishmael
Fire Inspector



Dora Soto
Administrative Secretary

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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2014



Class of 2014
Burn down training

Eight firefighter Aurora Fire Dept. recruits graduated from our Fire Academy along with two Plainfield Fire District Recruits.

They began their employment with the Aurora Fire Department on August 1, 2014.

Pictured above are: (First row l- r: Jennafir Reidle (Plainfield Fire Protection Dist), Jeffrey Bryant, Jr., Javier Fernandez, Brett Piekarski (Plainfield Fire Protection Dist.)
(Second row l-r: Eduardo Ibarra, Christopher Davison, Michael Casey, Michael Sheahan, Lucas Hanson, Zachary Knasko)

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2014 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

The Exchange Club of Aurora hosted the 2014 Firefighter of the Year Awards luncheon at the Gaslite Manor on October 21, 2014. Eight firefighters were nominated for the award. The keynote speaker at the event was our very own Capt. Ray Garner.

Nominees for Aurora's 2014 Firefighters of the Year were:

- ❖ **Private Mike Donato and Private Kevin Leverence** were nominated for their actions on a call on December 24, 2013, who started and for one hour maintained chest compressions on a woman whose heart had stopped just after a hospital transport.
- ❖ **Lieutenant Jason Demas, Private Jeff Dehler and Private Dan Kveton** were nominated for their actions on a call on January 27, 2014 on I-88 involving a semi-trailer truck, IDOT help truck and Illinois State Trooper vehicle incident.
- ❖ **Captain Gary Krienitz, Private Jason Larson and Private Dan Murphy** for their actions when responding to a Motel Fire on January 10, 2014. Upon arrival, the crew were informed of possible victims inside the building. The crew pulled their hose line to the unit where the fire was located. As Pvt. Larson manned the hose line, Capt. Krienitz began a search for victims. One victim was located on a bed and was removed from the room. Capt Krienitz, returned to the room to continue searching for another victim, he was joined in the search by Pvt. Murphy. The second victim was located under a pile of clothing. Both victims were unconscious when found. Both victims were transported to local hospital by Aurora Paramedic units and later transferred to the burn unit of Loyola University. Due to the quick actions and good search techniques of crew members, both victims recovered and were subsequently discharged from the hospital.

Captain Krienitz, Private Jason Larson and Private Dan Murphy were presented with the Exchange Club of Aurora's 2014 Firefighter of the Year Award.

Aurora 2014 Firefighters of the Year



[Pictured left to right:
Private Dan Murphy,
Captain Gary Krienitz
and Private Jason Larson]

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CONGRATULATIONS 2014 RETIREES



Batt. Chief Tim Pogue
Retired 1/17/14
Served the City of Aurora and
its citizens for 19 years



Pvt John Paul retired 2/16/14
Served the City of Aurora and its
citizens For 18 years and 10 months



Batt. Chief Robert Wirtz
retired 3/7/14
Served the City of Aurora
and its citizens for 25 years



Pvt. Steve Szilage Sr
Retired 4/7/14
Served the City of Aurora and
its citizens 20 years



Lt. Chuck Wonderling retired 6/08/14
Served the City of Aurora and its citizens
22 years and 11 months



Pvt Tony Nelson retired 9/9/14
Served the City of Aurora and its
citizens For 26 years and 1 month



Lt. Ron Thomalla retired 10/28/14
Served the City of Aurora and its citizens
27 years and 6 months



Capt. Gerald Groesch
Retired 11/01/14
Served the City of Aurora and its
citizens 28 years and 6 months



Lt. John Barrett retired 12/04/14
Served the City of Aurora and its citizens
20 years and 8 months

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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
Pvt. Randy Rieckert
Pvt. Keith O'Donnell

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. Ed Heitz
Lt. Al Torres
Pvt. Mike Chomiak III
Pvt. Beau McKay
Paramedic Mike Adamovich
Paramedic Kevin Hoffman
Pvt. Thorn Ackmann
Pvt. Robert Burdue
Pvt. Angelo R Minneci
Pvt. Alicia Pedrie

Captain Mark Matkovich
Lt. Tim Schomer
Lt. Brian Youhanaie
Pvt. Aaron Calhoun
Pvt. Greg Keigher
Pvt. Del Krieghbaum
Pvt. Garrett Oros
Pvt. Dan Ledger
Paramedic John Dixon
Paramedic Matt Schroeder

Captain Gary Krienitz
Lt. Eric Calkins
Lt. Matt Anslow
Pvt. Shane Cummins
Pvt. Mike Weber
Pvt. Jacob Ermanis
Pvt. Josh Murray
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

SHIFT 2

SHIFT 3

Engine Company #3

Lt. Steve Oros, Jr.
 Pvt. Angelo Minnici
 Paramedic Dan Heinke

Lt. Chuck Przybylski
 Pvt. Phil Bergeron
 Paramedic Kevin Nickel

Captain Greg Frieders
 Pvt. Bob Campbell
 Paramedic Steve Milakis

Medic #3

Sr. Paramedic John Paul
 Paramedic Dan Bateman

Paramedic Dwayne Love
 Paramedic Shawn Clements

Paramedic Brett Svendsen
 Paramedic Dave Christenson

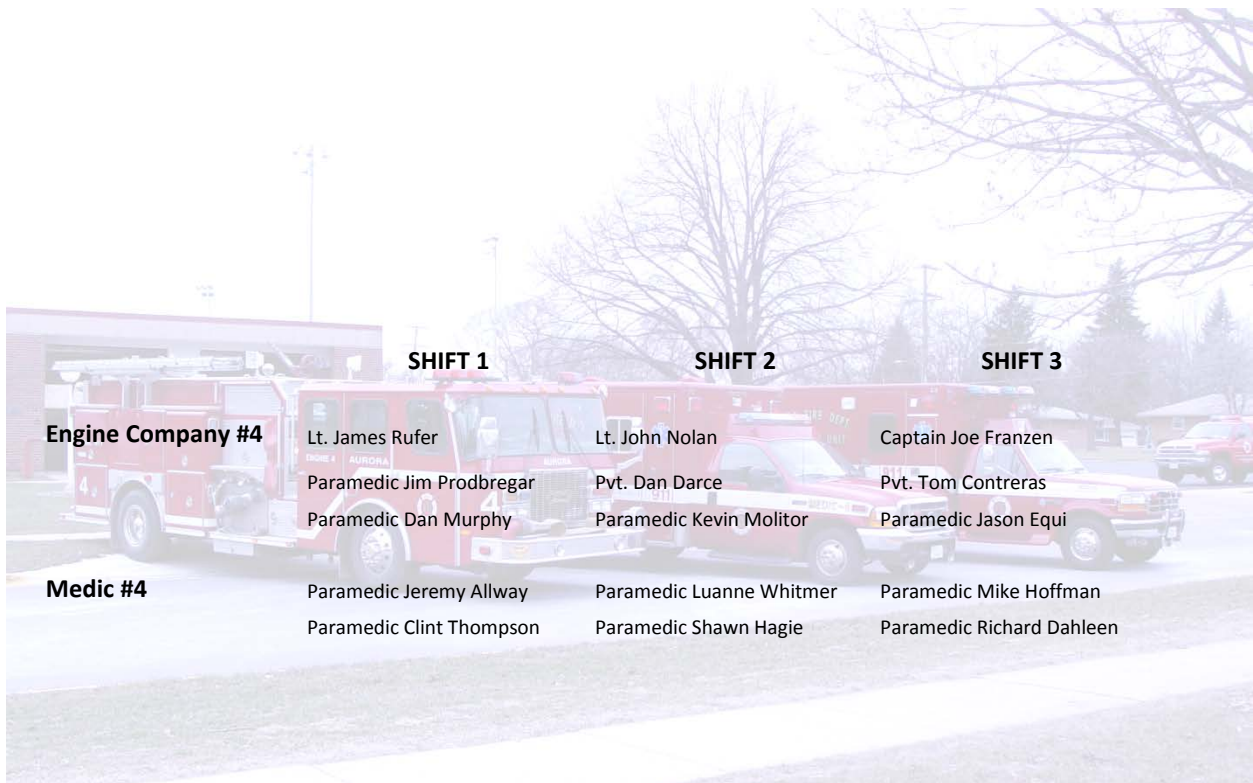
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Station 4

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. Nathan Costner Pvt. Robert Dunn Paramedic Jason Larson	Captain John Gilbert Pvt. Steve Whitmer Paramedic John Ross	Lt. Steve Kish Pvt. Mark Long Pvt. Dan Ahasic
Medic #5	Paramedic Todd McChurch Paramedic Jeff Smitley	Sr. Paramedic Tony Nelson Paramedic Rob Strange	Paramedic Robin Krantz Paramedic Steven Gutzmer

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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. Jason Smith Pvt. Charles Niemeier	Lt. Robert Warren Pvt. Jeff Herrick Pvt. Ray Torres	Lt. Kris Tappendorf Pvt. Tim Bergeron Pvt. Dave Hurd
Medic #8	Sr. Paramedic John Nagy Paramedic Dan Polizzi	Paramedic Kevin Leverence Paramedic Mike Donato	Paramedic Pete Bray Paramedic Dave Dacanay
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

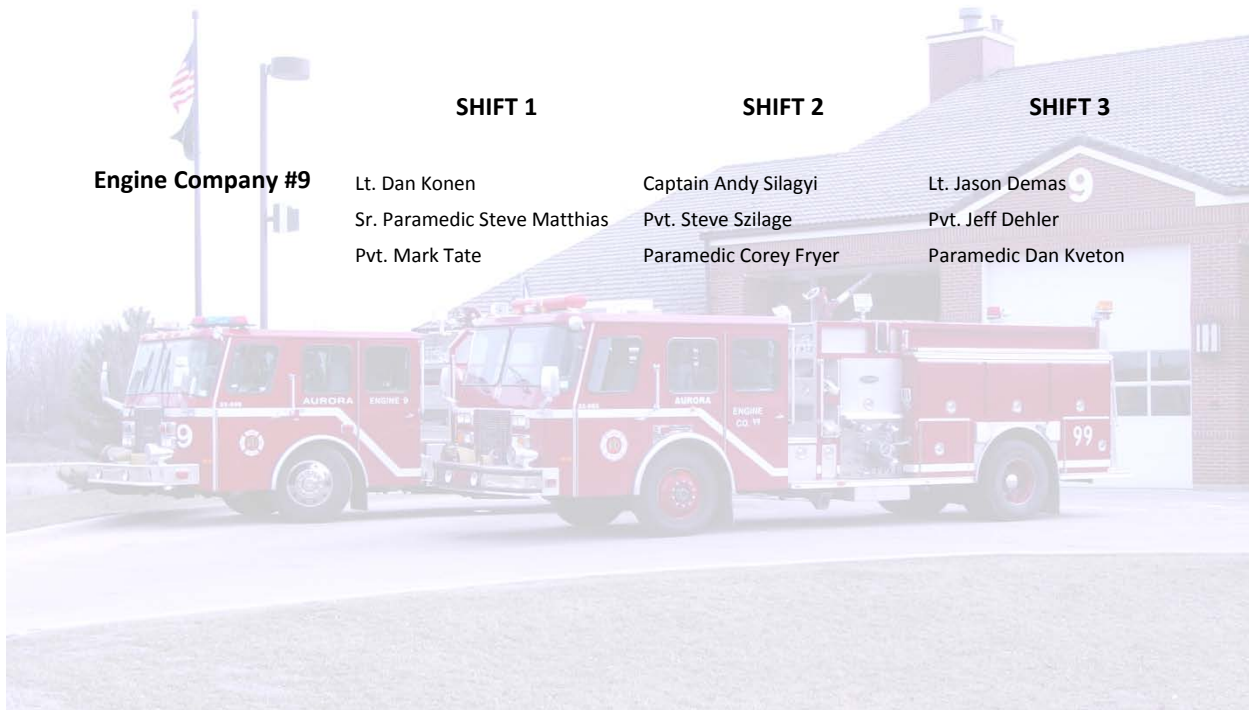
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Station 9

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. Jeff Dehler
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. Alan Backhaus Pvt. Christ Temes	Captain Ray Garner Pvt. Scott Schuster Pvt. Abe Sprinkle	Lt. Jim Rhodes Pvt. Matt Lichtenberger Pvt. Andy Smith
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. Rafael Alvarez Pvt. Tom Shore	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

SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
Lt. John Barrett	Lt. Randy Leek	Captain Eric Mueller
Pvt. Jerry White	Pvt. John Jackson	Sr. Paramedic Kevin Noble
Paramedic William Nutter	Paramedic Chris Kjellesvik	Pvt. Dennis Schmitz