

# Aurora Fire Department

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

## Words from the Chief



### **Tradition, Honor, Excellence & Discipline**

On behalf of the Aurora Fire Department personnel, I respectfully submit for review the 2019 Annual Report, an illustration of the department's most significant accomplishments of the last twelve months.

The Aurora Fire Department is proud to have served the citizens of this city for 164 years. In those years there have been many challenging years the AFD has overcome. This past year brought us the tragic events of the mass shooting at Henry Pratt which resulted in five employees being killed and five Aurora Police Officers being shot. The Aurora Fire Department responded to this scene with professionalism and efficiency. The courage displayed by firefighters was heroic. The training with our police solidified the implementation of a Rescue Task Force which was thrust into the national spotlight during Pratt. We have received recognition on regional and the national level.

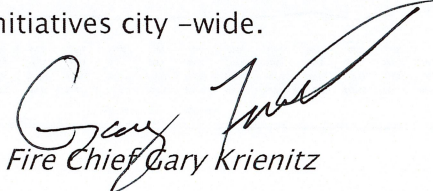
Our Fire Department responded to 19,422 calls in 2019 this is a 5.7% increase from 2018.

81.4% of those calls to 911 were EMS related.

We serve our citizens with not only fire and ambulance response, but also via our hazardous materials team, our SCUBA - dive team, technical rescue, fire investigations, child safety seat

installers and juvenile fire setter counselors. Firefighters also provide valuable fire safety education at every elementary school each October. The Fire Prevention Bureau along with Fire Inspectors provide code enforcement services, plan reviews, commercial inspections and life-safety education. The Fire Department also oversees the Emergency Management Agency for the City of Aurora. In 2107 the Federal Government awarded a 1.3 million dollar grant for us to conduct three years' worth of counter terrorism coordinated attacked preparedness training.

We will continue to adapt and innovate to meet the ever-changing needs of the City. Through the efforts of all the members of our department, we wish to thank the residents of Aurora for the opportunity to serve them, and extend our sincere appreciation to City of Aurora, Mayor Richard C. Irvin and City Council for their continued support in our advancement of life safety initiatives city -wide.

  
Fire Chief Gary Krienitz

**EMS Division:**



- Completed the City Of Aurora AED Replacement program.
- Provided 40 CPR/First Aid Classes To City Employees.
- Added 5 more mechanical CPR compression devices each ambulance.
- Purchase of 60 sets of ballistic protective gear for each riding position, along with 15 response bags with EMS supplies.
- Purchase of five "Stop the Bleed" kits to help train local teachers and other community groups. Preparing for an active shooter or large scale event.
- Aurora Fire along with Aurora Police and Other local community organizations continued to work with Hased House to improve the FUSE program.
- Aurora Fire had 150 state licensed paramedics & 59 EMT-B's to provide care to citizens and visitors in our community.

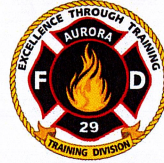
**Fire Prevention Bureau**

The Fire Prevention Bureau along with Fire Inspectors provide code enforcement services, plan reviews, commercial inspections and life-safety education.

Firefighters also provide valuable fire safety education at every elementary school each October.

In 2109 our Fire Prevention Bureau scheduled 172 programs/tours serving 4,611 students. Children of all ages enjoy the learning experience when interacting with our firefighters and exploring our vehicles.

**Training Division**



Aurora Fire Department's training mission is to ensure all personnel are able to safely and effectively perform the critical tasks required of their position and rank. With this vision, the annual training program is designed to meet professional standards, satisfy state mandates, federal mandates and provide a broad range of education and skill development. Based upon essential job functions, each employee achieves specific training objectives and obtains required levels of certification through the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Aurora Fire Department achieved planned training objectives for the year and members significantly enhanced their firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical service capabilities.

In 2019, 13 new firefighters successful passed the Aurora Fire Academy and were added to our ranks.



**2019 Aurora Fire Department Staff:**

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| 1 Chief             | 3 Fire Cadets        |
| 1 Deputy            | 2 Fire Inspectors    |
| 1 Fire Marshal      | 2 Admin Secretary    |
| 2 Asst. Chiefs      | 1 Office Coordinator |
| 11 Battalion Chiefs | 1 EMA Director       |
| 13 Captains         | 1 EMA Specialist     |
| 32 Lieutenants      | 145 Firefighters     |

