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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

I am pleased and honored to present to you the 2007 Wilmette Fire Department Annual Report. As you review this report you will find that 2007 was another busy year for the Wilmette Fire Department.

In addition to responding to emergencies, training, and providing fire prevention and education activities there were some significant events in 2007.

2007 began with the promotions of Lieutenant Michael McGreal to Deputy Chief, Lieutenant Thomas Robertson to Duty Chief, Firefighter/Paramedic Anthony Bucci to Lieutenant, and Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Bergquist to Lieutenant.

The Fire Department was put to the test on August 23rd as a devastating storm swept through the Village and neighboring communities. Wilmette was declared a disaster area by both the Federal Government and the State of Illinois. The department responded to 360 emergency calls over a 24 hour period stretching crews to their limits. Through hard work and forethought by training for an emergency of this nature, fire crews were able to mitigate several life threatening emergencies and protect critical infrastructure of the Village of Wilmette. No fire department personnel were injured during this significant event, a testament to our commitment to safety.

In September the department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$750,000 through the Department Of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG). The grant was for the purchase of a new ladder truck and was one of the largest awards issued in 2007. "The primary goal of the AFG program is to help fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services (EMS) organizations meet their firefighting and emergency response needs." Congress appropriated a total of \$547 million to carry out the activities of the 2007 AFG program. Wilmette is expecting to take delivery of the new ladder truck during the summer of 2008.

Another fire department milestone was entering into an agreement with the Regional Emergency Dispatch (RED) Center to provide fire and emergency medical dispatch services for the Village of Wilmette. RED Center is an efficient multi-jurisdictional organization that directly facilitates a cost effective method for delivering fire, EMS and specialized rescue operations dispatch.

From the Wilmette Fire Department, we want to thank everyone who helped to make 2007 a safe and successful year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. Dominik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

James W. Dominik
Fire Chief, Village of Wilmette

WILMETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORY

- 1893 The Wilmette Fire Department was formed when the first water supply system was installed. Fire Station One was located downtown and used the church bell to alert the volunteers. Fire Station Two was located one mile west.
- 1899 A larger, more centrally located station was built at Central and Park Avenue, where the Post office now stands.
- 1905 A horse drawn cart was purchased which carried a 45- gallon tank, a 25 foot extension ladder, and a 10 foot roof ladder. Walter Zibble was hired as the first full time employee of the department, he tended to the department's two horses, Charlie and Snake.
- 1916 Station One relocated to 831 Green Bay Road. The Department purchased its first motorized fire engine.
- 1918 The Weber and Allen garage (Imperial Motors site) burned to the ground, to date one of Wilmette's costliest fires.
- 1920 Palm Sunday tornado ravages Wilmette.
- 1921 Walter Zibble became the first full-time Fire Chief until his retirement in 1946. The department purchases its first ladder truck.
- 1936 A local mortician donates an ambulance to the fire department. The police took over transporting patients to the hospital from 1943-1956.
- 1956 Two new station wagons were purchased and the fire department resumed ambulance service.
- 1958 The last volunteer firefighter retires marking the end of volunteer firefighters in Wilmette. A second fire station was added.
- 1966 An extra alarm fire broke out in the Encyclopedia Britannica building at 1150 Wilmette Avenue.
- 1974 The first paramedics were trained and certified.
- 1975 Wilmette Fire Department is staffed with 44 full-time sworn members
- 1978 A fireworks explosion at 1221 Cleveland kills one civilian and injures several firefighters.
- 1991 An extra alarm fire gutted the Melange Restaurant in the Plaza Del Lago shopping center.
- 1994 A three alarm fire broke out on the 8th floor of the 1420 High-rise Apartments resulting in one fatality.
- 2005 A fire destroys the Terrace Restaurant at the Park District Golf Course.
- 2007 Wilmette is awarded a \$750,000 grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the purchase of a new Tower Ladder. Wilmette Fire Department increased staffing to 45 full time sworn members. A devastating storm swept through town on August 23rd. The fire department responded to over 360 emergency calls in a 24 hour period.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) – is a nonprofit corporation that promotes continuous quality improvement by providing training and career resource information to the fire and emergency service agencies and personnel that serve communities throughout the United States.

In addition, CPSE serves as the governing body for the essential entity organizations that offer accreditation, education, and certification services to first responder and fire service industry professionals and agencies. CPSE's dedicated board members individually contribute a wealth of experience and fresh ideas to the progression of the industry.

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) - The mission of the Illinois Department of Public Health is to promote the health of the people of Illinois through the prevention and control of disease and injury.

Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) - An intergovernmental agency comprised of municipalities, fire protection districts, and other organizations located in the Chicago metropolitan area that have combined energies and resources to create a regional, state-of-the-art public safety training facility. NIPSTA is located in Glenview, Illinois. The mission of NIPSTA is to develop and provide high quality, cost-efficient educational programs that address the training requirements of fire, police, EMS, public works, hazardous material, and disaster response personnel.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) – NFPA is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA serves as the world's leading advocate of fire prevention and is an authoritative source on public safety.

Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA) – OSHA'S mission is to prevent work-related injuries, illnesses, and deaths by issuing and enforcing rules (called standards) for workplace safety and health.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) - Assistance to firefighters grants (AFG) provides financial assistance directly to fire departments and non-affiliated EMS organizations to enhance their abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The primary goal is to help fire departments meet their firefighting and emergency response needs.

Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) – In 1970, the MABAS system was established to provide a swift, standardized and effective method of mutual aid assistance for extra alarm fires and mass casualty incidents. The MABAS system is divided into 20 Divisions throughout the State of Illinois comprised of over 300 agencies.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Wilmette Fire Department is to provide a selfless organization of people who hold devotion to duty above personal risk, who count sincerity of service above personal comfort and convenience, and who strive unceasingly to find better ways of protecting the lives, homes and property of their fellow citizens.

OUR VALUES

Honesty ...in both our leadership and our employees, leading to the highest level of trustworthiness.

Integrity ...in our dealings with each other and those we serve, always adhering to a sound code of moral and ethical conduct.

Teamwork ...as we believe that availing ourselves of each person's talent enhances the services we deliver and that cooperation improves our relationships.

Commitment to Excellence ...demonstrating itself through consistent professionalism, pride, and a positive attitude.

Knowledge ...as it forms the foundation for effective decisions, actions, and increased safety.

Respect ...for each person as an individual, an attitude that recognizes the worth of others and exhibits compassion for those in need.

OUR VISION

The Members of the Wilmette Fire Department...

- strive to be role models in the community and leaders in our profession.
- will be accountable to those we serve, each other and any fire service organizations we interact with.
- are committed to providing the best public service through innovative training, education and equipment.
- will take the fire department into the future through productive teamwork, open and honest communications and participative decision-making throughout the organization.
- are committed to our values, mission, and dedicated to our fire service profession.

Our organization is driven to provide a cost effective and efficient fire department while honoring our values, accomplishing our mission and achieving our goals.

2007 PERSONNEL

FIRE CHIEF

James W. Dominik

DEPUTY CHIEF

Michael A. McGreal

ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF

Richard W. Ciccione

DUTY CHIEF

Jeffrey S. Gorr

Charles Orth

Thomas C. Robertson

LIEUTENANT

Paul E. Bergquist
Anthony D. Bucci

Mark A. Cacchione
Raymond Ridolfi

John R. Storm
Al V. Vilches

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

Arthur A. Amidei
Kenneth J. Barton
Jennifer L. Bazan
James R. Bentz
John A. Blomquist
Robert B. Boczek
Robert C. Brill
Lance W. Burns
Timothy S. Clemens
Blake E. Eastman
Chris J. Eder
Scott W. Ewen

Joseph N. Falkovitz
David P. Grajewski
Michael S. Halterman
Patrick T. Harrington
Robert C. Hughes
Michael J. Isaacson
James R. Johnson
Louis J. Klausning
Timothy M. Ludford
Frank J. Mager
Ryan R. Menzies

Michael M. Minogue
John J. Okonek
Jason Perkiser
Ryan Petty
John S. Ramaker
Ryan D. Schmidt
Thomas E. Simon
Jason B. Wilk
James C. Winter
Gary A. Wokurka
Benjamin M. Wozney

SECRETARY

Karen B. Steiner

MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

Joe Bass

PERSONNEL CHANGES

PROMOTIONS



Deputy Chief Michael McGreal



Lieutenant Anthony Bucci



Lieutenant Paul Bergquist

NEW EMPLOYEES



FF/PM Jason Perkiser



FF/PM Ryan Petty

YEARS OF SERVICE

20 YEARS

Thomas Robertson
Joseph Falkovitz

25 YEARS

Arthur Amidei
James Winter

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Wilmette Fire Department's strategic plan was recently updated after an in-depth Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Analysis of the organization and its activities. Throughout this analysis the organization stays focused on its mission, vision and values statements. These statements provide the core values of the organization and act as a guide to evaluate our organization. The current strategic plan is a management plan for the organization to help address the needs identified during the SWOT analysis. This document serves as a planning tool to direct the current and future activities of the Fire Department in an effort to provide the best possible service to the community for the next five years.

The Strategic plan is currently comprised of nine sections. These nine sections highlight the following:

- **Training:** Proper training of personnel is necessary to provide the highest quality service.
- **Personnel:** Provides the people needed to meet the organizational objectives.
- **Capital Improvements:** Items necessary for long term needs.
- **Equipment and Vehicles:** The resources needed to deliver the services to the community.
- **Computer Equipment:** Information necessary to manage and evaluate the organization and its service delivery.
- **Diversity:** The organization feels that a diversified workforce is beneficial to the community.
- **Response Time Analysis:** Essential to effectively deliver Fire and EMS services to the community.
- **Risk Analysis:** Evaluation of the hazards to the community for pre-emergency planning.
- **Codes and Ordinances:** Legal guidance to minimize risk of life and property loss.

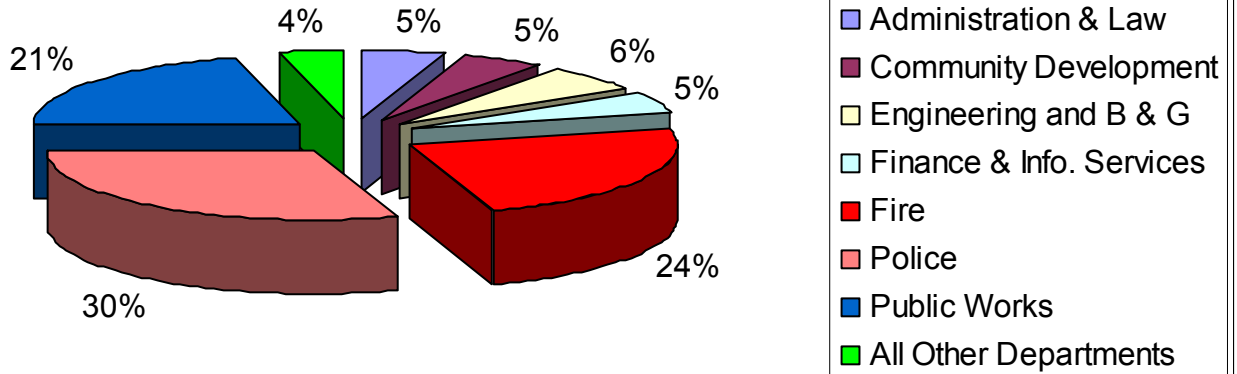
A copy of the Wilmette Fire Department Strategic Plan is available on the Village's web site.

Please note that this plan is a dynamic document that serves as a guide, which can and should change as the community, department and environment change. What does not change is our core mission, which is protecting lives and property of the community we serve.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

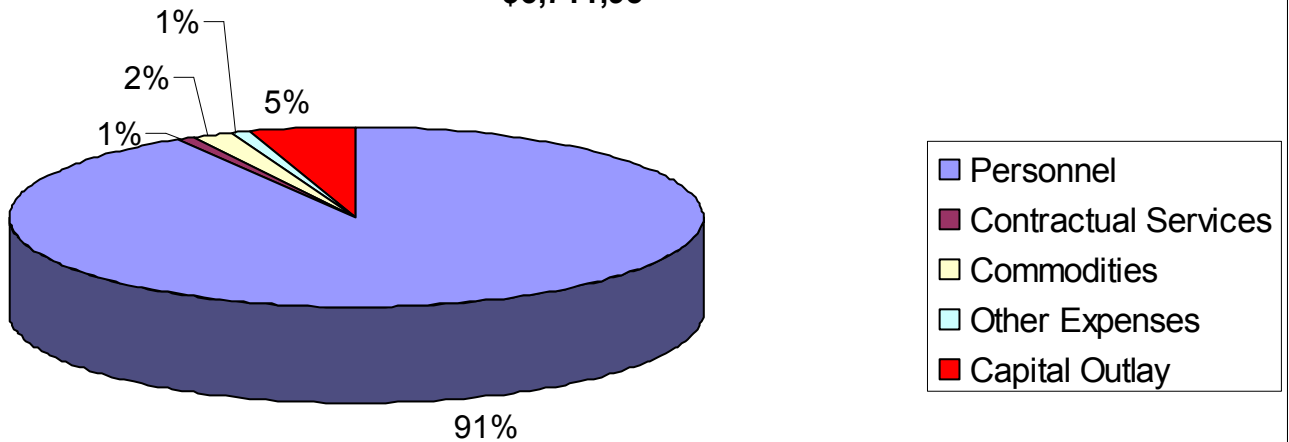
Village of Wilmette 2007 Budget

\$67,767,391



2007 Fire Department Budget

\$6,711,93



2007 WILMETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Personnel	\$6,124,755
Contractual Services	\$74,370
Commodities	\$115,160
Other Expenses	\$62,300
Capital Outlay	\$335,350

FIRE STATIONS AND APPARATUS



STATION 26

Fire Department Headquarters

1304 Lake Avenue
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

847-251-1101 (phone)
847-853-7704 (fax)
Emergency 911

Engine 26	FD-206	1989 E-One 1500 GPM Pumper
Ambulance 26	FD-212	2006 Ford 450 Ambulance
Truck 26	FD-204	1985 E-One 1250 GPM Aerial Ladder
Battalion 26	FD-213	2006 Ford E250 Command Van
Squad 26	FD-201	1999 Navistar Heavy Rescue Squad
Boat 26	FD-214	2000 Avon Inflatable Boat
Utility 26	FD-207	2000 Ford F250 Utility Vehicle
Chief Vehicle	FD-208	2002 Ford Crown Victoria
Deputy Chief Vehicle	FD-210	2001 Ford Explorer
Fire Prevention Van	FD-203	1997 Ford E150 Van



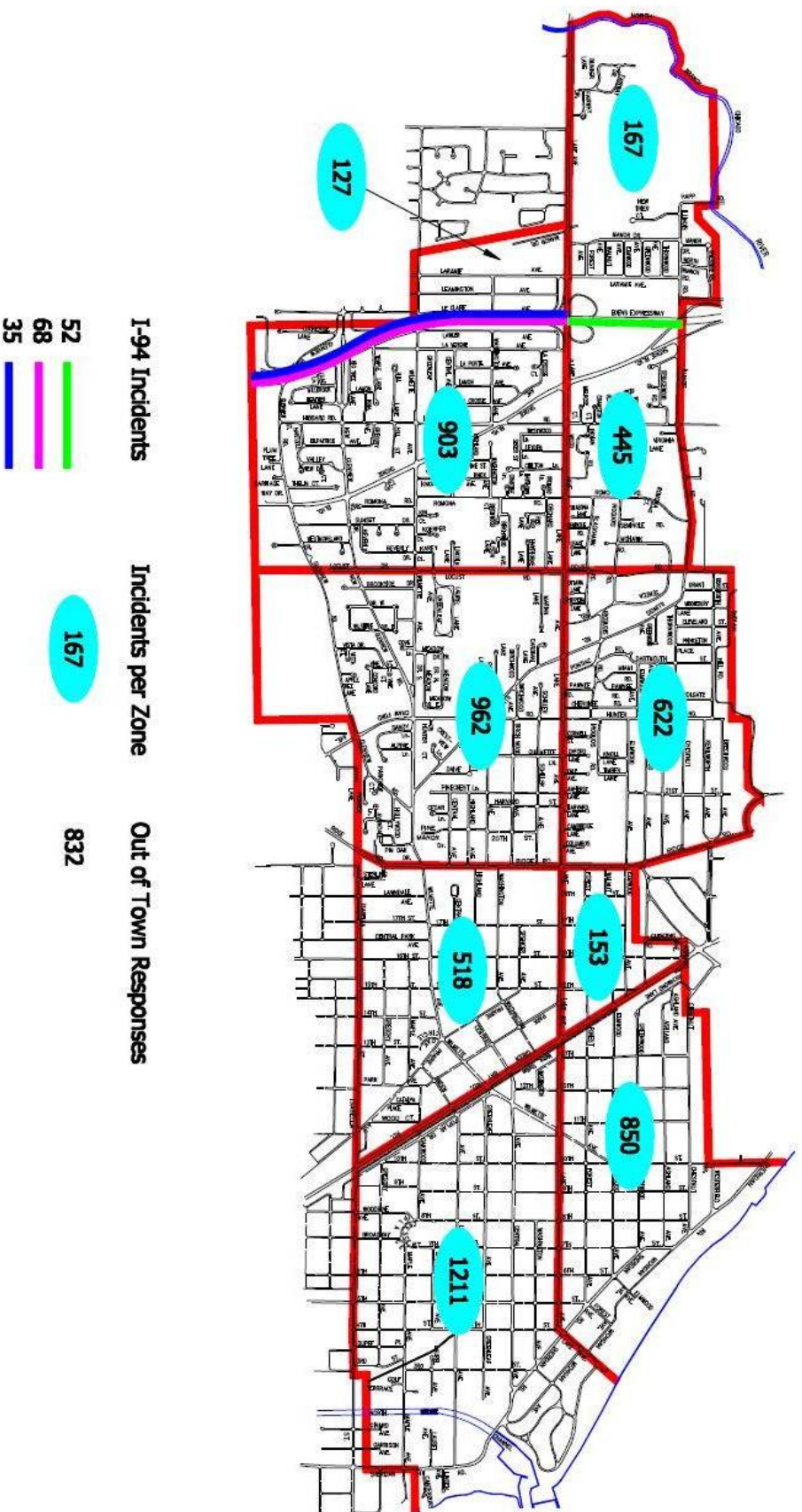
STATION 27

747 Illinois Road
Wilmette, IL 60091

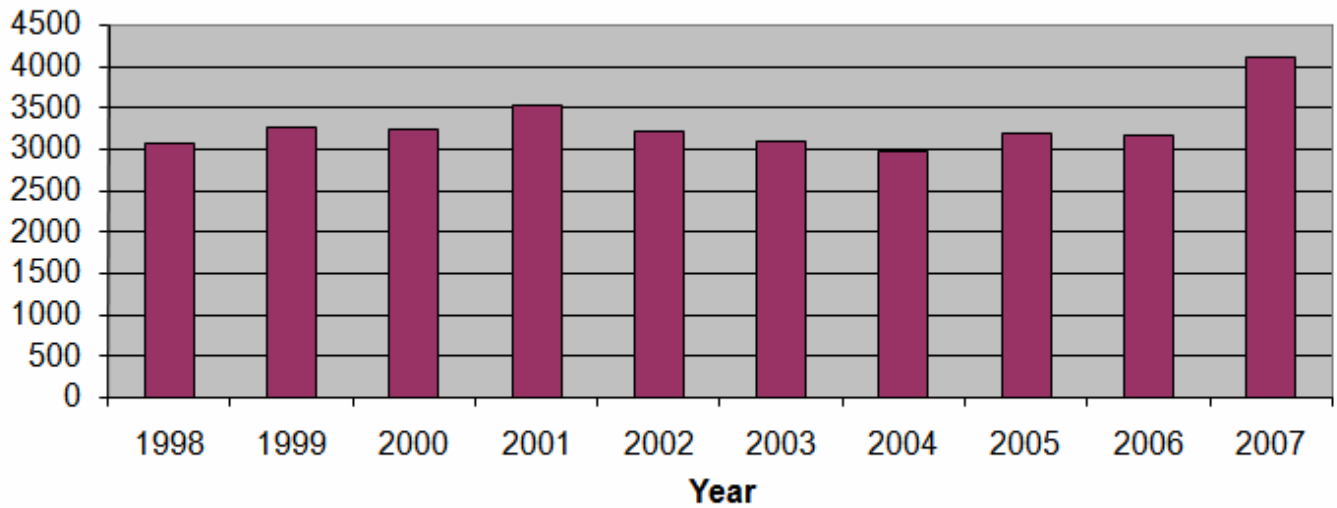
847-853-7659 (phone)
847-853-7707 (fax)
Emergency 911

Engine 27	FD-205	1996 E-One 1250 GPM Pumper
Ambulance 27	FD-211	2001 Ford 350SD Ambulance
Engine 26R	FD-202	1989 E-One 1500 GPM Pumper
Ambulance 26R	FD-209	2000 Ford 350SD Ambulance
Fire Safety House	FD-215	2003 Scotty Fire Safety House

Wilmette Fire Department 2007 Emergency Responses

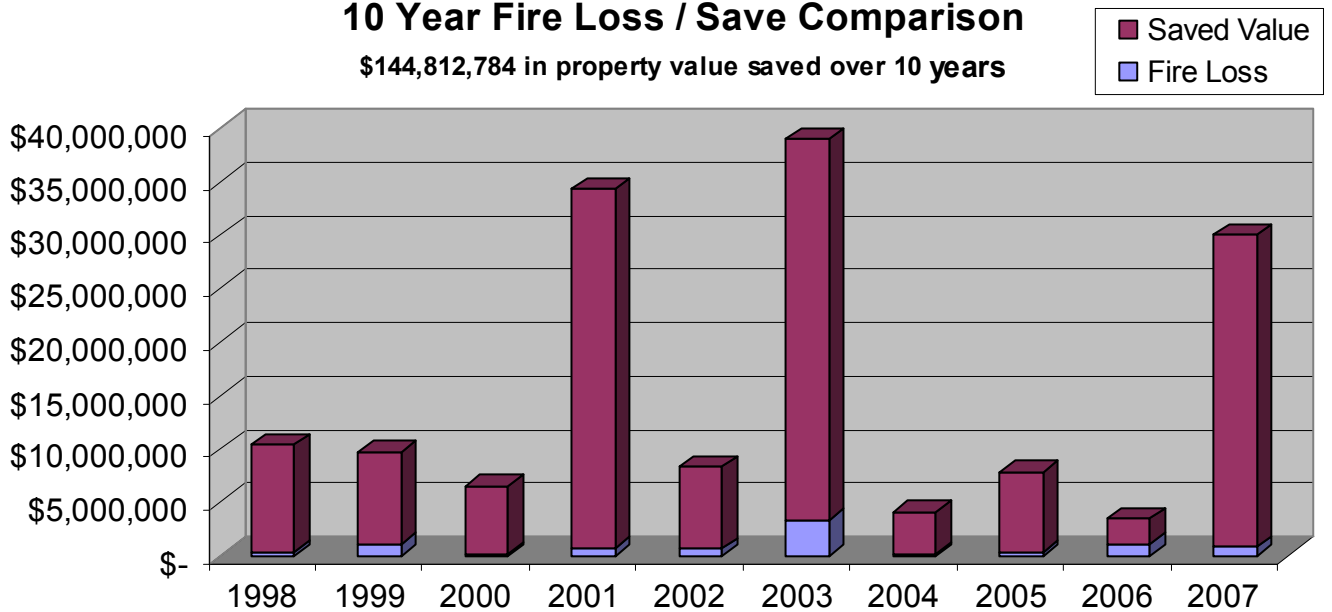


10 Year Incident Response Comparision

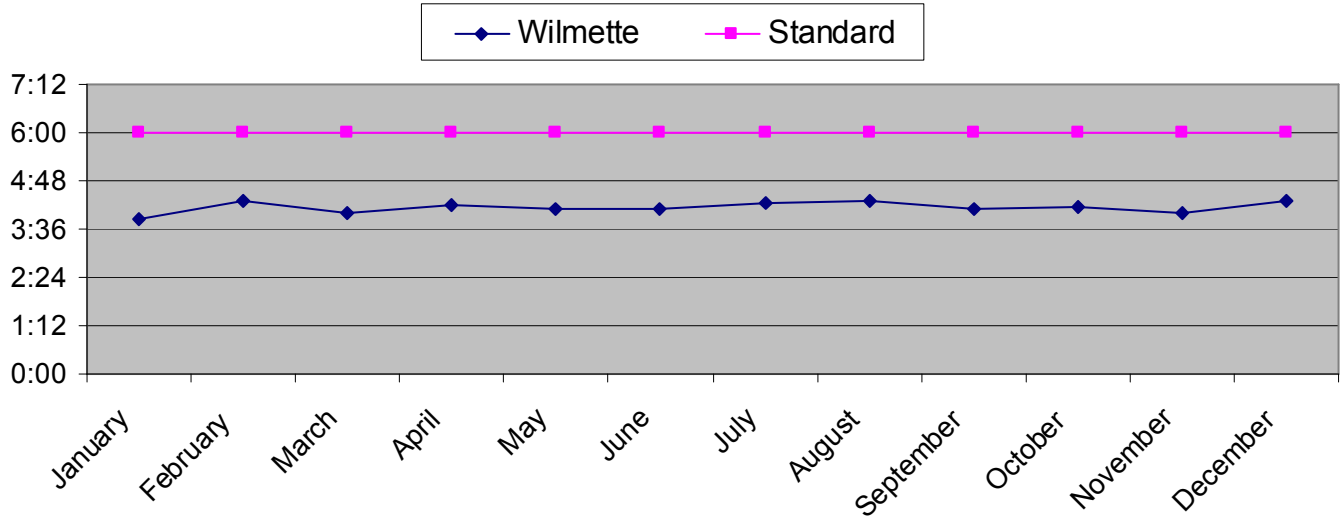


10 Year Fire Loss / Save Comparison

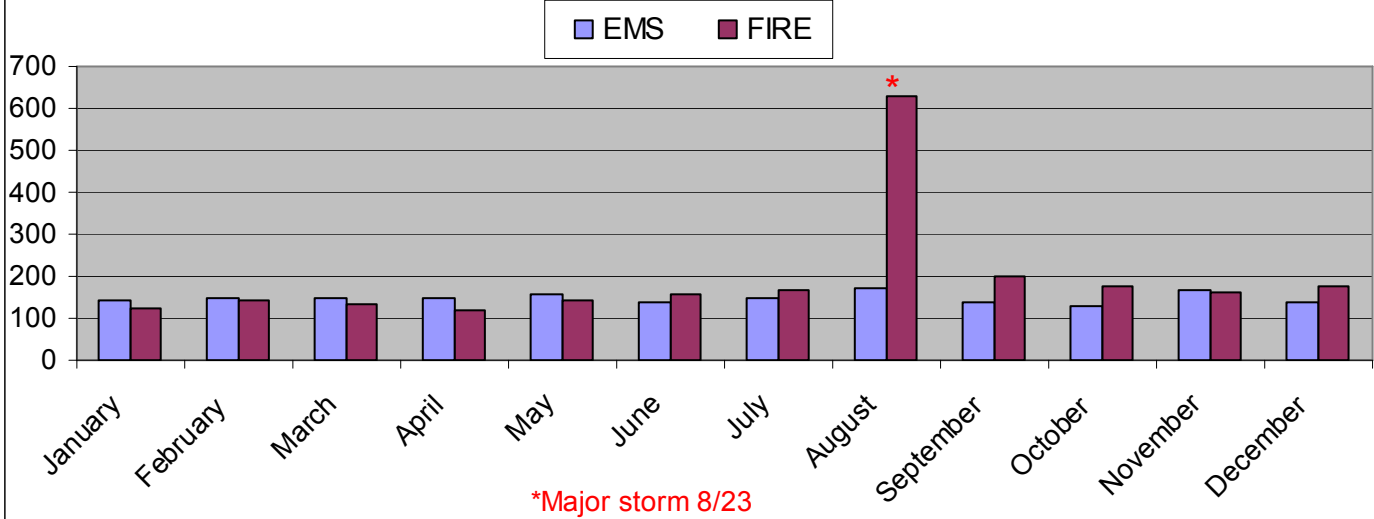
\$144,812,784 in property value saved over 10 years



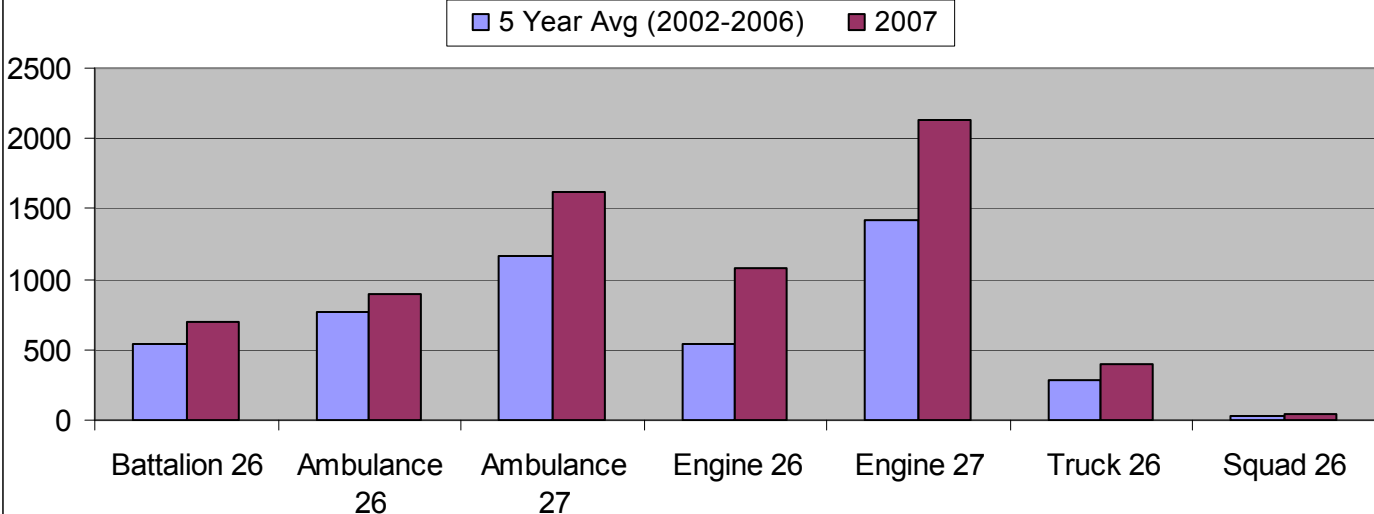
2007 Average Response Times



2007 Call Totals

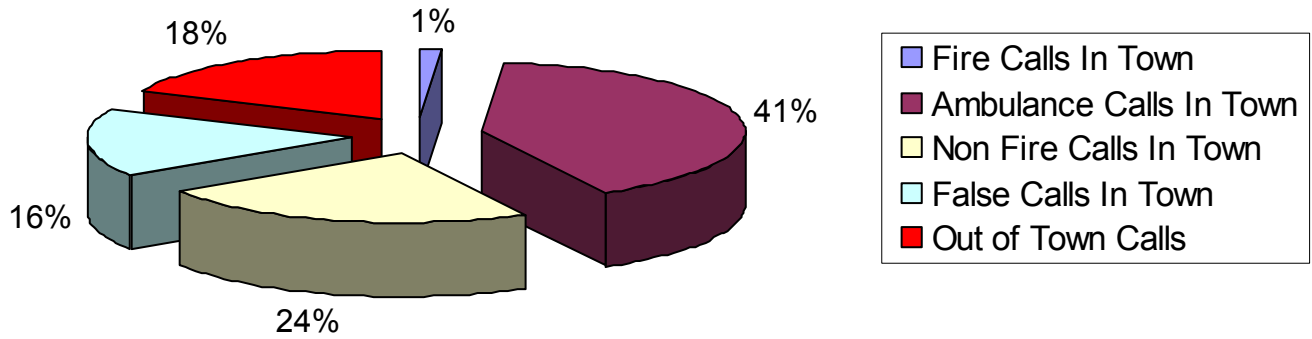


Vehicle Responses



Total Incident Calls

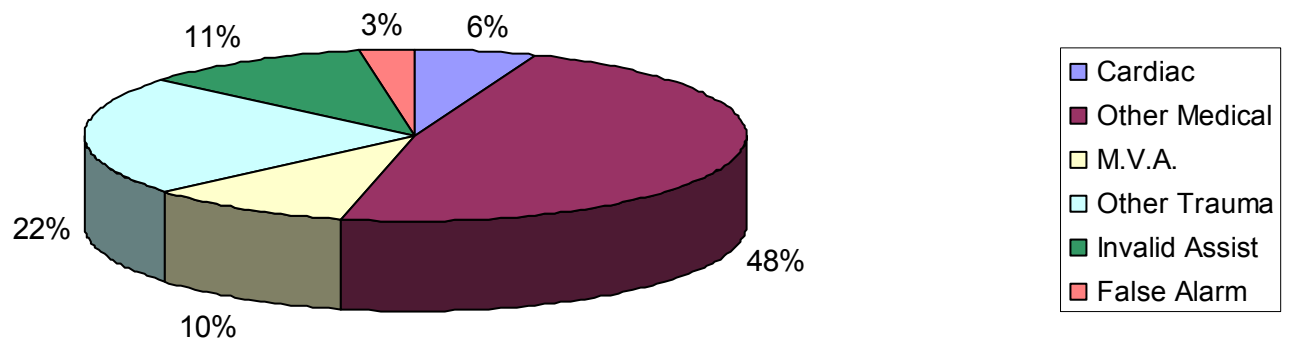
4104 Calls



Nature of Ambulance Calls Total

1782 Ambulance Calls

1206 Transports



ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is a self-assessment process. The overriding principle involved when establishing an accreditation program is that of validating performance. With the development of an international fire service accreditation process, a method has been created that focuses on the evaluation of the activities and services an entity provides to protect life and property. For each topic or subject area in the self-assessment process, a description of what the department is doing to address various issues is required. The Department is required to analyze the effectiveness and efficiency of the activity as it currently exists and then plan for the future. The self-assessment process focuses on collecting and organizing the necessary references and exhibits to complement and demonstrate the services listed within the accreditation model.

The primary goal for 2007 was to work towards completing Strategic and Specific Recommendations outlined by the on-site peer assessment team during the 2006 re-accreditation site visit. Several of these goals are milestone events in the Wilmette Fire Department, these goals are listed below under major activities.

- Maintained National Accreditation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE).
- Prepared and submitted the Annual Compliance Report as required by the CPSE within the specified time requirements.
- Developed and implemented an Activity Tracking Spreadsheet to enable Program managers and Supervisors to track the progress of major projects.
- Continue National Incident Management System (NIMS) training for all personnel.
- Added timed evolutions to the annual training competencies.
- Reinstated the 15 year replacement program for the department's emergency vehicles in the Capital Improvement Plan.
- Received a grant in the amount of \$750,000 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for the purchase of a new 100' Tower Ladder.
- Awarded a contract to the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center for emergency dispatch services.
- The Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Duty Chief and two Lieutenant vacancies were filled by internal candidates. Two firefighters were hired, one being an additional hire intended to reduce overtime. A Management Assistant position was also filled to strengthen administrative services.

APPARATUS VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Maintain the most reliable Fire and EMS Apparatus and Equipment possible for the Village of Wilmette.

The replacement, preventive maintenance, and repairing of all of the Fire Department Apparatus and Support Equipment.

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Scheduled and performed needed repairs to all Fire Department Apparatus. Applied any upgrades and changes to vehicles and support equipment in accordance with NFPA standards. Practiced preventative maintenance on all apparatus. Processed documentation and recording of the apparatus maintenance records.
- Chairperson for the Emergency Vehicle Technician Certification Committee Fire Pump and Accessories Examination.
- Maintained the EVT Master Level III in both the Fire and EMS Tracks.
- Committee member for OSFM Fire Service Vehicle Operator Certification.
- Replaced 1995 Ford Type I Ambulance
- Ordered replacement Ford E-250 for Command Van

MAJOR ACTIVITIES IN 2007:

- Attended the Emergency Vehicle Technician and Illinois Fire Apparatus Mechanics seminars.
- Attended EVTCC Validation Conference in Jacksonville, Florida.
- Placed in service a 2007 replacement ambulance.
- Developed specifications and assigned a bid contract to E-One of Ocala, Florida to build A 95" Midmount Aerial Platform.



DIVE RESCUE

The goal of the Dive Team is to provide trained certified divers for the hazards within Wilmette's borders and to the Mutual aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division III Underwater Rescue and Recovery team.

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed all mandatory training requirements of the MABAS Division III Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team.
- Hosted an annual MABAS Division III training dive at the lakefront.
- Completed annual department classroom ice rescue training.
- All active members completed their required training, which included ice dives, night dives, swift water and a dive hosted by the Wilmette Fire Department.
- Maintained rigid hull inflatable boat.
- Assisted the Wilmette Water Plant with annual maintenance projects at the intakes.

Dive Team Members

Dive Master, Deputy Chief Michael McGreal
Art Amidei, Firefighter/Paramedic (over 20 years)
Tim Clemens Firefighter/Paramedic
Joe Falkovitz, Firefighter/Paramedic
Ben Wozney, Firefighter/Paramedic
John Ramaker, Firefighter/Paramedic
Rob Hughes, Firefighter/Paramedic

Thomas Robertson, Lieutenant/Paramedic
Scott Ewen, Firefighter/Paramedic
Jason Wilk, Firefighter/Paramedic
John Okonek, Firefighter/Paramedic
Gary Wokurka, Firefighter/Paramedic

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

This program provides for regular training of department personnel in aspects of hazardous materials response and control. Also provides the equipment used in this situation and regular testing and maintenance of this equipment.

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Air monitoring equipment was maintained with no significant down time of equipment.
- Attended required training with MABAS Division III Hazardous Materials Team.
- Wilmette MABAS Division III Hazardous Materials Team members responded to incidences within the Division.
- In May, Wilmette participated in a State wide Hazardous Materials Drill in Glenview at The NIPSTA training center.
- In April several members attended The Midwest Hazardous Material Planning and Response Conference.

Hazardous Materials Team Members

Lieutenant Ray Ridolfi, Team leader
Duty Chief Charles Orth
Firefighter/Paramedic James Winter

Lieutenant Paul Bergquist
Firefighter/Paramedic John Blomquist

TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM (TRT)

The Fire Department is being called on to provide rescue services in many different specialties. The Technical Rescue Specialist is trained and equipped to mitigate emergencies involving above ground, below ground, confined space and structural collapse incidents.

The program is designed to provide trained and properly equipped Rescue Specialists in the event of an emergency. The members are part of the MABAS Division III Technical Rescue Team, this is a special response team, which when called will bring up to 90 trained and equipped Technical Rescue Specialists to any given location. The TRT member is also responsible for continued education in the form of monthly drills and outside classes. It is their responsibility to share this knowledge with other members of the department.

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Attended and participated in required drills and annual skills review.
- Responded to any emergencies that required assistance.
- Shared any knowledge or technical expertise with department members.
- Members attended and facilitated required monthly drills.
- Wilmette TRT members responded to a trench collapse in Niles.
- Member Rob Brill attended a Vehicle/Machinery Technician Course.

Technical Rescue Team Members:

Lieutenant Anthony Bucci, Team leader
Scott Ewen, Firefighter/Paramedic
John Storm, Lieutenant/Paramedic
Tom Simon, Firefighter/Paramedic
Rob Brill, Firefighter/Paramedic

Ben Wozney, Firefighter/Paramedic
Lance Burns, Firefighter/Paramedic





EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

The program is designed to provide trained and properly equipped paramedics in the event of a medical emergency.

The goal of the EMS Program is to increase the level of Advanced Life Support Emergency medical care to the Village of Wilmette, in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the St. Francis Hospital EMS System. The Illinois Department of Public Health mandates that each paramedic complete 30 hours of continuing education each year. The St. Francis EMS system has set up an in house training program with an instructor from St. Francis hospital for 28 of the required hours. The remaining 2 hours of training are completed from a variety of subjects including Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and trauma classes.

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Ensured that all paramedics' clinical requirements for 2007 were met.
- Ensured that all inventory logs and narcotic logs for ambulances and Med. engines were completed.
- Additional continuing education classes included: Infectious Disease, needleless sticks, Respiratory Review, Lung sounds, Street drugs, Gangs, Legal refusals, Meth labs, WMD, Pain study, Peds skills, Trauma review, Seizures, Drug dose review, Child abuse, Trauma review, Ambulance safety, 12 lead EKG review, CPAP, CVA, Conscious sedation, Cardiac review, SOP review, SOP exam, ETOH, PPE.
- Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) classes were completed by all personnel.
- All CPR instructors were re-certified and trained in the new American Heart Association guidelines.
- All members completed annual CPR recertification training.
- All members completed recertification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support.
- Six members attended the trauma/EMS symposium at Oakton Community College.
- FF. Blake Eastman attended EMT School at Highland Park Hospital. Paramedic school at St. Francis Hospital.
- FF/PM Ryan Schmidt tested into the St Francis EMS system and became a certified Paramedic in the system.



FIRE INVESTIGATION

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of the Fire Investigation Program is to provide an adequate, effective and efficient program directed toward identification of the causes and origins of fire and explosions, and to continue to train a sufficient number of employees to serve the needs of the Wilmette community effectively.

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The fire investigation team investigated over 60 fires ranging from dumpster or vehicle fires to fully involved structure fires.
- The investigation team assisted Winnetka, Kenilworth, Northfield and Glencoe in their fire investigation efforts.
- The team members participated in the Fire Investigator's Strike Force. Each member attended monthly meetings and training classes.
- The team attended several eight hour seminars on Fire Investigation Techniques.

Fire Investigation Team Members:

James W. Dominik, Fire Chief
Charles Orth, Duty Chief
Robert Boczek, Firefighter/Paramedic
James Bentz, Firefighter/Paramedic

Jeff Gorr, Duty Chief
Timothy Clemens, Firefighter/Paramedic
Lou Klausing, Firefighter/Paramedic



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Prevention Bureau manages five important functions which include: fire inspections, fire investigations, public and private education, legislation, and data collection and analysis. The Bureau is overseen by Assistant to the Chief Rick Ciccione and supported by all shift personnel.

OBJECTIVE:

The main objective of the Fire Prevention Bureau is to promote fire prevention and awareness through a proactive approach to fire and life-safety.

SPECIFIC DUTIES:

Issue permits for fire protection systems.

Provide public education and fire safety awareness programs.

Investigate fires for cause and origin.

Enforce fire, building, and life-safety codes and ordinances.

Conduct fire and life-safety inspections.

Review plans for fire protection systems and life safety systems.

Witness the testing of fire protection and life safety equipment.

Maintain public relations while responding to citizens' inquiries and fire-safety related concerns

NEW CONSTRUCTION AND SPRINKLER PLAN REVIEW:

Fire protection system plans, including fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems, and hood and duct suppression systems, are reviewed for compliance in relation to adopted codes and regulations. The Bureau has begun to address the increase in demand for plan reviews brought by the acceleration of new construction projects in recent years.

SCHOOL EVACUATION DRILLS:

Fire drills are conducted in all public, private, and parochial schools: By working with each school the department has helped improve the safety and welfare for administrators, teachers and students. The department measures the performance of these drills in order to gauge their effectiveness.



PUBLIC EDUCATION:

The most effective method of fire prevention is public education. Through the department's public education program in-service fire companies visit all private and public schools, where firefighters promote fire safety to approximately 2,700 children. The department's Fire Safety House, a mobile classroom that regularly visits parks and events in our community, further promotes fire safety. The department also provides public education for the senior community in Wilmette.

HYDRANTS / WATER SUPPLY

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The program guarantees that all the fire hydrants are located, inspected for damage or defects, and are accessible. This past year department shift personnel tested all hydrants and entered the test results into our database. All hydrants are flowed and records are kept on static and residual water flow on an annual basis. By comparing these numbers from year to year water system problems have been found and corrected. All data is collected and water flow numbers are submitted to the Water Department and the Public Works Department. All defects or mechanical problems found are documented and given to the Water/Sewer Department for repairs. The data collected is also used in preplan development and for fire water-flow calculations. Target areas for water distribution improvements have also been developed through the information gathered from the hydrant program. The inter-agency cooperation in developing long range goals for the water distribution system has also been a result of data collection and analysis of the entire water system.

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- All hydrants were inspected, flowed and tested and all data was recorded and entered into a database.
- The Public Works Department continues to repair all defects and damaged hydrants on a timely basis.
- Fire personnel are working with Public Works and Engineering to improve our mapping of hydrant locations.
- The Village contracted to have all the fire hydrants cleaned and painted.



TRAINING

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of the training program is to provide quality realistic training for the members of the Fire Department that meets both the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association and the State Fire Marshal's Office while filling the needs of the community. Each year the Department annually assesses the duties that are performed in the community, the needs of fire personnel and provides training that meets those requirements.

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Personnel participated in a joint training initiatives providing comprehensive training for all area fire departments.
- Personnel trained at various buildings scheduled for demolition.
- Personnel participated in area wide live fire training at Kendall College building in Evanston, this included a number of MABAS Division III departments. The Department also participated in live fire training in Northbrook involving a propane gas prop.
- Personnel attended NIPSTA for Driver/Operator, Supervisory, and other fire training.
- All personnel participated in joint training at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA).
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training was held for all personnel.
- Members participated in policy review training.
- Department members completed 15,985.50 hours of training for 2007 including EMS continuing education..



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HAVE A SAFE 2008!

