

GLENSIDE Fire Protection District

*Proudly serving Glendale Heights
and Glen Ellyn Countryside*



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"We're there and we care"

Annual Report 2017



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Chief's Welcome & Notes



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the members of this department, I want to thank you for your interest and I hope this report will help you to better understand some of the services we provide and the involvement that we have within our community.

We continue to offer a wide range of educational programs such as senior safety classes, CPR and monthly instruction to second graders. Additionally, our fire prevention bureau has a variety of residential and commercial inspection services as well as a lock box access program for our residents who might have health or mobility issues. We respond to both emergency and non-emergency situations and have agreements with our surrounding communities to share emergency services when we are committed to an incident and unable to respond. Our department takes pride in the level of participation that we have within our community and the organizations that we are affiliated with. We strive to be role models as well as good stewards of the public's trust.

We are excited that at the end of 2017 we were able to pay off the bonds for which the taxpayers had approved funding for the rebuilding of our fire station that was completed in 2004.

During the past year we were able to purchase a residential property next to the fire station and are using it as a training center. This purchase will allow us to further expand our training and improve our skills for fire, medical and rescue responses. We are excited about this opportunity and the training that we can conduct within our jurisdiction. We hope that the residents, visitors and those who work within this community are reassured knowing that there are professional, well trained individuals on duty that can respond and assist them in times of need.

Also during the past year we promoted a twenty year member of the department to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief. Deputy Chief Rich Cassady brings a strong work ethic, knowledge base and great personal skills. We welcome Rich to this new role, and are confident that he will continue to perform well and remain a valuable asset to the department and the community.

Our "sharps" disposal program has grown over the last year and are proud to announce that we properly disposed of and kept over 1,395 pounds of sharps out of the landfills. We are still one of the few places in DuPage County where individuals can safely dispose of their needles and sharp medical devices.

Thank you for your support and interest in our department, and may you and your family enjoy a safe and productive 2018. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns regarding our department.

Sincerely,

Russell J. Wood
Fire Chief

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Our Mission Statement

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Annual Report 2017

The members of the Glenside Fire Protection District take great pride in providing the residents and visitors of the District with quality cost effective care each and every day.

District members responded to 2,431 requests for service in 2017, a decrease of 5.7% over 2016. Of the 2,431 responses 1,627 were for Emergency Medical Services which accounted for 67% of all calls this year (5% over 2016 numbers). Our Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians had contact with 1,642 patients and provided advanced life support to 845 of them.

Fire data includes 77 fire specific incidents and 106 hazardous condition incidents (with no fire). There were also 106 service related calls with the primary reason to assist with a lock-out and 253 smoke detector activation calls (no fire) of the 434 total false alarm related calls.



The Glenside Fire Protection District

The Glenside Fire Protection District was created in June of 1969 through a referendum approved by the voters of the Glen Ellyn Countryside unincorporated area and the voters of the Village of Glendale Heights. In October of 1970 a new fire station was dedicated and held 6 pieces of fire equipment and provided a training room and living areas for the firefighters. In 1984 there was an addition of two long apparatus bays on the west side of the original building and in 1994 a two phase renovation project was started. The first phase, the renovation of the apparatus bays and the underground fuel storage tanks was completed during 1994. However, the second phase, the demolition of the meeting room and living areas of the original building and the construction of new living areas and administrative offices had to wait for funding. In March of 2002 the residents of the Glenside Fire Protection District voted to approve a 3 million bond issue to renovate the 32 year old fire station. On July 31, 2004 the dedication of the renovated fire station was opened to the citizens for their inspection. The building which was funded by the citizens is expected to serve the community for the next century.

Each day, 24 hours a day, a minimum of five persons are on duty to respond to a variety of emergency incidents. Monday thru Friday from 8AM until 4:30PM an administrative staff of five additional personnel are on duty. Fire Chief Russell Wood and Deputy Chief Richard Cassady manage the daily operations. Three Trustees, Nick Kosiara, Sharon Christopher, and Richard Osborn, were elected by the citizens of the fire district to administer the funds and set policies for the District. And three Commissioners, John Tautkus, Marty Olsen and Javier Guzman were appointed by the Board of Trustees and served in the calendar year of 2017 to support the hiring and promotional processes of full-time firefighters for the District.

The District is a multi-million dollar operation protecting 34,000 citizens in the community 24 hours each day 365 days each year. The District is proud to have a new ISO Class 2 rating and was OSHA inspected during 2017 with no violations.

Glenside Fire Protection District Receives High Marks with Improved Insurance Rating



The Glenside Fire Protection District (Glendale Heights) was recently evaluated by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). ISO's staff collects information from over 48,000 fire protection agencies in communities throughout the United States, analyzes relevant data and assigns a Public Protection Classification (PPC) — a number from 1 to 10 (1 being the highest and best). A community's Public Protection Classification is mainly based on three areas of a community's fire protection capabilities: emergency communications, fire department operational capabilities, and water supply. Additionally, it includes a community risk reduction section that recognizes community efforts to reduce losses through fire prevention, public fire safety education, and fire investigation. Some insurance companies use this information to help determine property insurance premiums.

Since 2009, the fire district had been rated a Public Protection Class of 3 in the Village limits and rural areas. On January 26th, 2017, the Glenside Fire Protection District was awarded an improved Public Protection Class (PPC) score of 2. This places Glenside near the top of all fire departments in the United States for its ability to respond to emergencies.

Businesses and residents may see a reduction in their insurance premiums as a result of this improved rating. The fire district recommended that homeowners and business owners check with their insurance carrier regarding the new ISO rating of 2.

The staff of the Glenside Fire Protection District with assistance from the Village of Glendale Heights put forth a significant amount of time and effort in making this evaluation a success, and the Class 2 rating is a significant improvement and achievement.

Purchasing for the Future - New Training Center

In August, 2017 the District Board of Trustees chose to pursue an opportunity to expand the Glenside property and purchased the foreclosed home next to the parking lot on the Fullerton Ave. side.

The property will be used to train firefighters in disciplines such as single family structural firefighting, emergency medical services, hazardous materials and specialty rescue responses. The new training center has been used several times already in 2017.

Pictures below are of the modified interior rooms and some training exercises that took place.



Station Projects

Foreign Fire Insurance Board

The Glenside Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board was created within the department to receive and authorize the expense of funds for the maintenance, use and benefit of the District as well as its members, as designated by Illinois State Statute. The Illinois Municipal League collects 2% of fire related taxable premiums from all insurance companies in the state and provides it to all fire departments.

The Glenside Foreign Fire Insurance Board completed another great year of focusing on the needs of the District and its members. In 2017, the board approved expenses for replacement of all kitchen chairs in the living quarters as well as the admin kitchen areas. They also approved the purchase and completed installation themselves on filtered water bottle stations for both the main and lower levels. Between both stations, the equivalent of 2500 disposable plastic bottles were eliminated from the waste system.



The board also continues to approve money to be spent on kitchen supplies that benefit all shifts and employees. A variety of other items were also purchased including turnout gear bags, stereo for the apparatus bay, a new food smoker for upstairs and providing heart scans to all employees of the District toward increased awareness of personal health. Personal cancer screening is also being pursued.

In addition, the board also continues to earmark money designated to be used on the new workout/exercise room going into the basement of the District, along with the relocation of the Quartermaster's supplies to the apparatus bay area.

District Grants

Sharps Disposal Program

The District is proud to continue to be the leaders in DuPage County fire districts with the Sharps Disposal Program implemented in 2015. We continue to use a portion of the IPRF Safety Grant money to support the cost of the Sharps Program and assist not only the citizens of the District but we also never turn away anyone disposing of sharps.

The program has grown since its inception (see the disposal chart below) and is not only appreciated by those utilizing the program but encourages everyone to **acknowledge their ecological footprint impacting our environment.** It is the District's hope that other fire departments will soon follow.



Incidents and Fire Loss



Weather can often times be a challenge in the fire service. Strong winds can cause trees to be uprooted (as pictured above left on June 29th), cause power lines to come down (transformer fire also pictured above right), and cause other hazardous conditions to residents and firefighters. There were 106 hazardous condition incidents in 2017 or 4.36% of all calls, with two distinct severe weather calls.

July 21, 2017 brought heavy rains to the area with multiple shelf clouds (pictured bottom left) moving through the area at high speeds and dumping 8-12 inches of rain at a time.

And in February, 2017 a downed power line across North Ave and a school bus made for a particularly hazardous condition.



Courtesy of C. Wallin



Incidents and Fire Loss



April 19th firefighters found a car versus pole on Leslie Lane (above pictures) upon arriving on the scene. Staging was necessary to secure the scene and block the street from residents until utility companies arrived.

There were 4 vehicle fires with this one (pictured below) on Placid Ave in August. A single hose was laid to put out this fire.



Noteworthy Facts:

There were 7 cooking fires accounting for 10% of all home related fire calls in our District and 28% of all fire incident calls. Cooking area fires caused approximately \$37,510 in damages down by 48% compared to 2016.

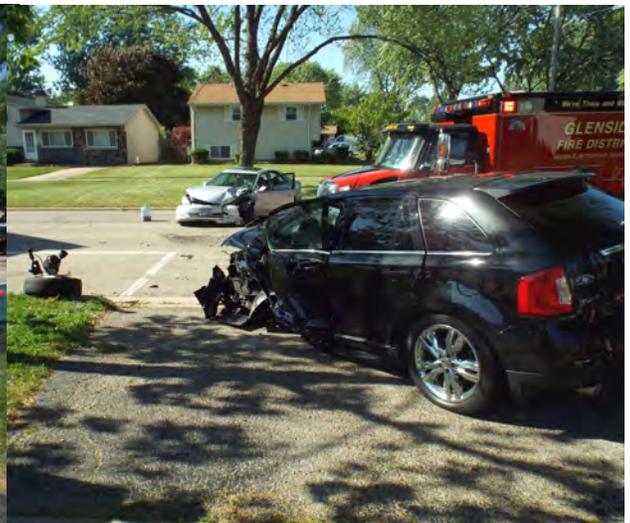
106 hazardous condition calls (with no fire) were primarily related to gas leaks, carbon monoxide and power lines being down.

Red Shift took the most calls in 2017 with almost 36.5% of all calls and were the busiest on Thursdays.

Incidents and Fire Loss



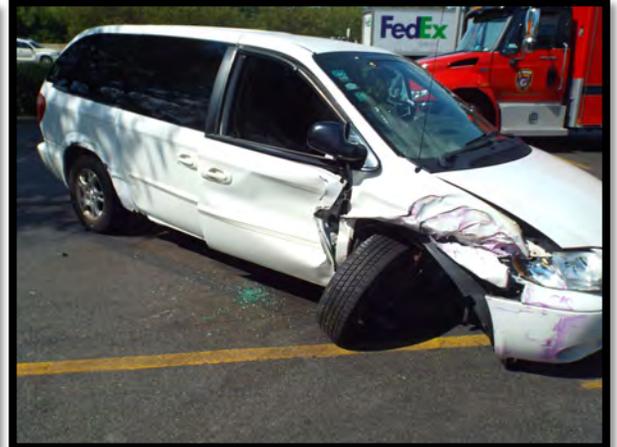
On June 1st a stove caught fire on Marilyn Ave causing damage to the range and kitchen. Glenside received assistance from our neighboring departments including a ladder truck from Carol Stream FPD.



On June 10th a two vehicle collision at John St. and Fullerton Ave scattered the roadway with debris. The accident blocked traffic on Fullerton Ave for a short time as the fire department cared for the patients and the vehicles were cleared from the road.

Incidents and Fire Loss

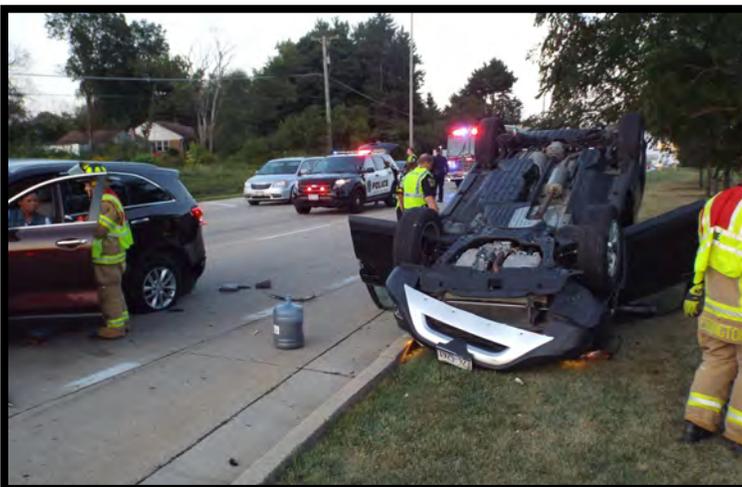
On June 29th a vehicle accident (below) occurred on North Ave causing one of the drivers to swerve and hit a local restaurant sign, giving another meaning to Drive Thru.



A rollover accident (bottom left) at North Ave and Glen Ellyn Rd occurred in the Westbound lanes on August 25th, fortunately no serious injuries were reported. Dumpster fires were more frequent than usual in the month of June with 2 of them occurring in two week's time.

Noteworthy Facts:

105 vehicle incidents occurred ranging from accident with injuries to rescue and extrication
4 of those incidents were vehicle fires accounting for 5% of all fires for the District



The Glenside Fire Protection District Personnel

TRUSTEES



Nicholas Kosiara, President
Serving Since 1990



Sharon Christopher, Treasurer
Serving Since 1991



Richard Osborn, Secretary
Serving Since 2013

COMMISSIONERS



John Tautkus, Chairman
Serving Since 2013



J. Martin Olsen, Secretary
Serving Since 2014



Javier Guzman
Serving Since 2017

ADMINISTRATION

Russell Wood
Fire Chief
Serving Since 1989



Richard Cassady
Deputy Chief
Serving Since 1997



Curt Shires
Fire Marshal
Serving Since 2006

Katherine Little
PT Fire Inspector
Serving Since 2016



Laura Haiden
Administrative Asst
Serving Since 2007



Alexandra Galanopulos
Secretary
Serving Since 2012



FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS and FULL-TIME PARAMEDICS ON DAILY SHIFTS

Black
Shift



Lt Walter Siewierski
Serving Since 1986



AO Michael Pacie, Jr.
Serving Since 2010



FF/PM Christopher Wallin
Serving Since 1993



FF/PM S. Isaac Evans
Serving Since 2012

PM/FF Spencer Spathis
Serving Since 2012



PM/FF Michael Doyle
Serving Since 2017



Note: Pictures shown are according to the roster as of December 31, 2017

Red Shift



Lt Stephen Lipowski
Serving Since 1994



AO Brian Hauser, Jr.
Serving Since 2011



FF/PM Kyle Lipponeur
Serving Since 2008



FF/PM Nicholas James
Serving Since 2017

PM/FF Gregory Ostrand
Serving Since 2014



PM/FF Jacob Errington
Serving Since 2013

Gold Shift



Lt Chris Cavanaugh
Serving Since 2001



AO Jeffery Hammond
Serving Since 2002



FF/PM Joseph Taylor
Serving Since 2013



FF/PM Richard Malinoski
Serving Since 2015

PM/FF Katherine Little
Serving Since 2009



PM/FF Robert Gill
Serving Since 2015

PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS



John Brennan

Serving Since 2017



Ryan Dlouhy

Serving Since 2017



Matthew Kaiser

Serving Since 2015



Natalino Novielli

Serving Since 2007



Robert Johnston

Serving Since 1998



Miguel Martinez

Serving Since 2017



Matthew Lisciandrello-Alvarez

Serving Since 2017



Michael Small

Serving Since 1994

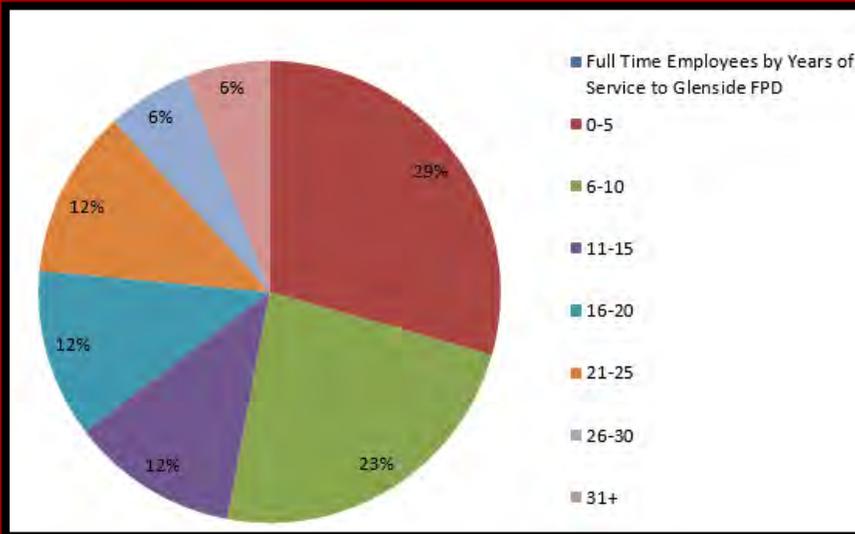


David Zielinski

Serving Since 2007

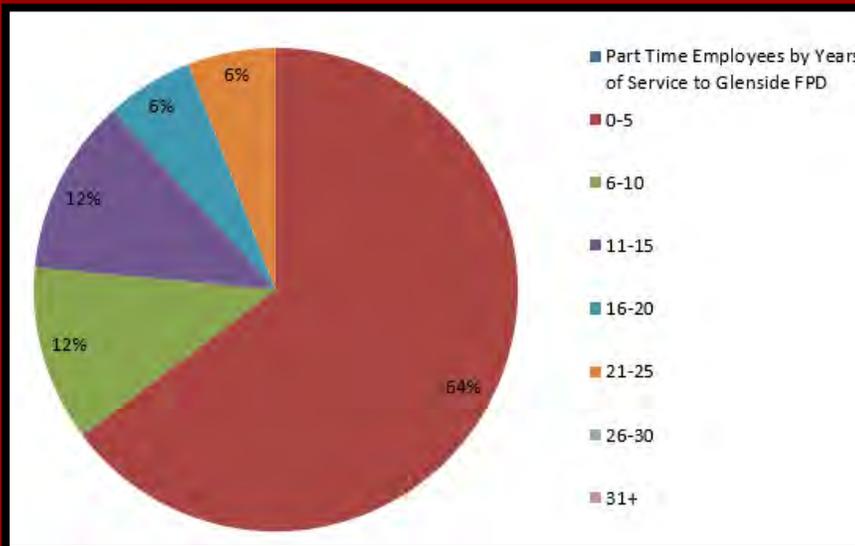
Note: Pictures shown are according to the roster as of December 31, 2017. All full-time contract paramedics also serve as part-time firefighters for the District, but were not pictured on this page.

DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS



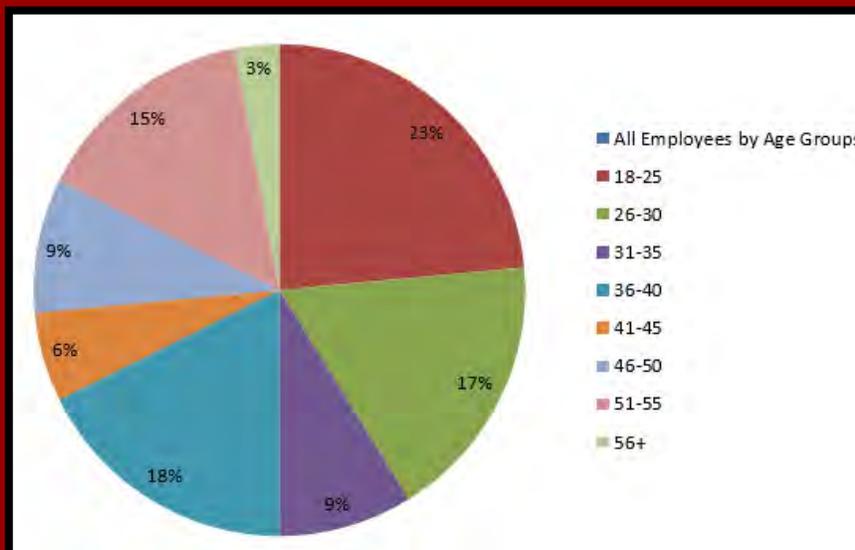
These charts show the demographics of the District members by years of service, both full-time and part-time (left and center).

Note: PSI contract employees were included in the part-time numbers.



An age graph chart (bottom) of all employees of the District as of December 31, 2017 identifies the largest percentage of employees, or almost one quarter of employees are 25 years of age or younger.

Note: Almost half (47%) of the District's part-time employees also fall in this same percentage.



Personnel With The District

Swearing-in of Deputy Chief Richard Cassady

On January 10th the Glenside Board of Trustees selected Richard Cassady as their new Deputy Chief for the Fire District. Rich Cassady began his career with the District in 1992 as a part-time firefighter, began his full-time career in 1997 and was Acting Officer of Black Shift before making the change over to the Administration side of the District.



Swearing-in of Firefighter Nicholas James

On February 12th the Glenside family welcomed Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic Nicholas James to the District. Nick James' family and fiancé were present for the ceremony.



Trustee Kosiara leading the oath of office and congratulating Firefighter James.



Board Meetings & Special Recognition

Swearing-in of Commissioner Javier Guzman

On April 11th the Glenside family welcomed Javier Guzman to the position of Fire Commissioner for the District. Javier's family joined him for the swearing-in ceremony.



Illinois State Police Recognition

In May, 2017 Firefighter/Paramedic Rick Malinoski was recognized by the Illinois State Police in an awards ceremony for his assistance to state troopers on May 22, 2016 for an unconscious subject who had overdosed on heroin by Interstate 55 roadside. Rick and his mother were driving by and Rick stopped to provide assistance in the use of Narcan to the subject, which resulted in saving the life of the individual.



Recognition and Awards

2016 Service Awards

The District recognized milestone anniversaries for employees through service award acknowledgements. The 2016 Service Awards ceremony was held at the Glendale Lakes in February, 2017 and recognized the following employees for their years of dedicated service to the Glenside Fire Protection District (through June, 2017).



Administrative Staff for the District planned and organized the event for personnel that evening. Chief Wood and Deputy Chief Cassady were the emcees for the recognition and awards banquet. Attendees were welcomed at the door, then mingled and socialized awaiting dinner, awards presentations and recognitions.



Recognition and Awards



5 Year Anniversary Recognitions

Firefighter/PM Louis DiGioia
Secretary Alex Galanopulos
Acting Officer Brian Hauser, Jr.

10 Year Anniversary Recognitions

Admin Asst Laura Haiden
Fire Marshal Curt Shires



Glenside
Fire Service Awards
2016

Recognition and Awards

25 Year Anniversary Recognitions

Trustee Sharon Christopher

25 Year Anniversary Recognitions

Deputy Chief Rich Cassady



25 Year Anniversary Recognitions

Trustee Nicholas Kosiara

30 Year Anniversary Recognitions

Lieutenant Walter Siewierski



Recognition and Awards



Retirements – James Reid, Deputy Chief

Jim Reid was with the District for three years between 2013 and early 2017. He finished his fire service career with the Glenside Fire District, completing 29 total years of service. Due to personal reasons, he retired sooner than he had planned to and moved to his dream retirement location in Florida with his wife. We wish him the best of luck.



Retirements – William Wilson, Commissioner

Bill Wilson served as Fire Commissioner of the Fire District from 2008 until 2017. During his time he assisted with 2 Lieutenant testing cycles and 4 Full-time Firefighter testing cycles. Thank you for your years of service.



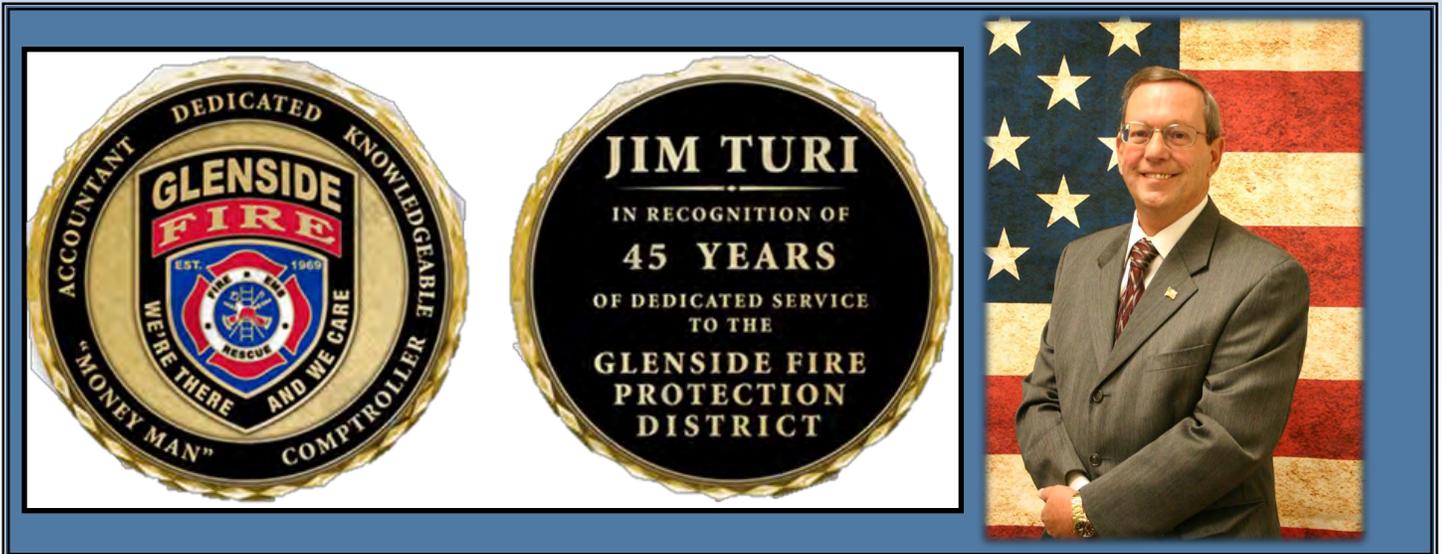
Retirements - Paramedic/FF Donald Sparks

Don Sparks has been a full-time paramedic/firefighter with the District for 20 years. His service years did not fall in the time frame of the service awards, but he resigned from the District in late 2017 to relocate to Missouri to be closer to family. He has started a new paramedic career there. We wish him the best of luck.

Recognition and Awards

Special Recognition of 45 Years — Comptroller James Turi

Jim Turi started as the accountant for the Glenside Fire District in 1972. He held the role of Comptroller/Controller for the District over that time period and assisted six Fire Chiefs during his duration. Jim retired in August and unfortunately passed away in November due to health related issues. His dedication to the District over the years was greatly appreciated and he will truly be missed.



District Training in 2017

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY—65,888 TOTAL HOURS:



60,065 Apparatus, equipment checks, etc.

982 Driving related training

1,032 EMS related training (including 448 hours of Good Sam EMSS continued education)

924 Fire Prevention Bureau - including pre-plans, alarm testing & walk-thrus, fire alarms, also includes 95 hours specific to Public Education

183 Live Fire Training Exercises (with 51 attendees)

230 Hazardous Materials/Conditions Training

2,472 All remaining categories including meetings, BBP, fire hose, ladders, officer training, rescue, ropes, ventilation, ice/water rescue, fitness training, detection and suppression systems, confined space, etc.



May, 2017 Firefighters participated in live fire drills and practiced forcible entry on doors at Elmhurst Fire Department's tower. Search and rescue as well as ladder evolutions and thermal imaging camera usage training and awareness was also completed over a three day period.

Live Fire Training in 2017



June, 2017

Firefighters participated in live fire drills at the IFSI (Illinois Fire Service Institute) downstate. This is a voluntary training exercise that occurs annually, coordinated by Training Officer Cavanaugh.



August, 2017 Live fire training took place at Addison's Tower for Wednesday evening training night. Weekly training is provided to all employees.

District Training in 2017

Training Classes & Exercises

EMS Training

In June, 2017 Lieutenant and EMS Coordinator Lipowski led EMS training which was highlighted with the use of a mannequin. Continued education in the EMS field is required monthly for all paramedics.



Extrication Training

Exercises and training were provided to all shifts and part-time firefighters on use of various extrication tools and methods in October, 2017.

Noteworthy: The District recorded 65,888 hours of training for firefighters and EMT's in 2017 during 1,745 classes. Equal to over 1,400 hours per person.



District Training in 2017

Training Classes & Exercises



New construction at the local animal hospital provided opportunity for inside and outside training on a business building before demolition commenced. District personnel used the opportunity to train on hose line advancement, victim search and removal, roof ventilation, self-rescue techniques and overhaul operations.

District Training in 2017

Training Classes & Exercises

Training exercises at 1074 Michael Dr took place in November, 2017 and shortly thereafter a kitchen fire occurred at 1042 Michael Ct in December that turned into a box alarm incident.

Reinforcing why training and pre-planning are so important at a variety of buildings in the District, especially those with challenges. The fire marshal will coordinate with the trainees during these exercises to address any special circumstances.



"Fire Safety Training"



Training & Certifications for 2017

OSFM and NIMS Certificates

Fire Officer II - Michael Pacie

Fire Officer I Provisional - Brian Hauser, Jr. and
Christopher Wallin

Hazardous Materials Incident Command - Brian Hauser, Jr.

Vehicle and Machinery Operations - Richard Malinoski

Rope Operations - Robert Gill

Advanced Technician Firefighter - Jacob Errington, Brian Hauser, Jr.

Fire Service Vehicle Operator - Robert Gill, Gregory Gravina,
Matthew Kaiser

Fire Apparatus Engineer - Robert Gill

ISFSI Live Fire Instructor - Chris Cavanaugh

Fire Investigator (Recertification) - Kyle Lipponeur

Juvenile Firesetter Interventionist - Michael Pacie

IDPH Lead Instructor - Kyle Lipponeur

IDPH Paramedic - Robert Gill

Certified Trustee - Nicholas Kosiara, Sharon Christopher and
Richard Osborn

Certified Pension Trustee - Richard Cassady, Sharon Christopher
and Joseph Taylor

Training & Certifications for 2017

Extrication Training on a donated vehicle.



Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations - John Brennan, Ryan Dlouhy, Joshua Garrison, Valerie Klamp, Matthew Lisciandrello-Alvarez, Miguel Martinez

Basic Operations Firefighter - John Brennan, Ryan Dlouhy, Joshua Garrison, Valerie Klamp, Matthew Lisciandrello-Alvarez, Miguel Martinez

Technical Rescue Awareness - John Brennan, Ryan Dlouhy, Joshua Garrison, Valerie Klamp, Matthew Lisciandrello-Alvarez, Miguel Martinez

NIMS 100, 200, 700 & 800 - John Brennan, Ryan Dlouhy, Joshua Garrison, Valerie Klamp, Matthew Lisciandrello-Alvarez,

Miguel Martinez

Glenside Community Commitment

Let's Get Involved...We Help When and Where We Can...

National Night Out took place on August 1, 2017 and the firefighters were there to make sure the kids had fun and learned about fire safety, too! (picture right)

The District was represented by Chief Wood, DC Cassady and Fire Marshal Shires at the village's annual Christmas senior luncheon held at the Glendale Lakes Golf Course in December, 2017 (below).



We're There and We Care...

Concerned citizens called the station and firefighters went to assist a mother duck and her babies who had fallen into a drain. Mom and babies are safe.



Glenside Community Commitment...

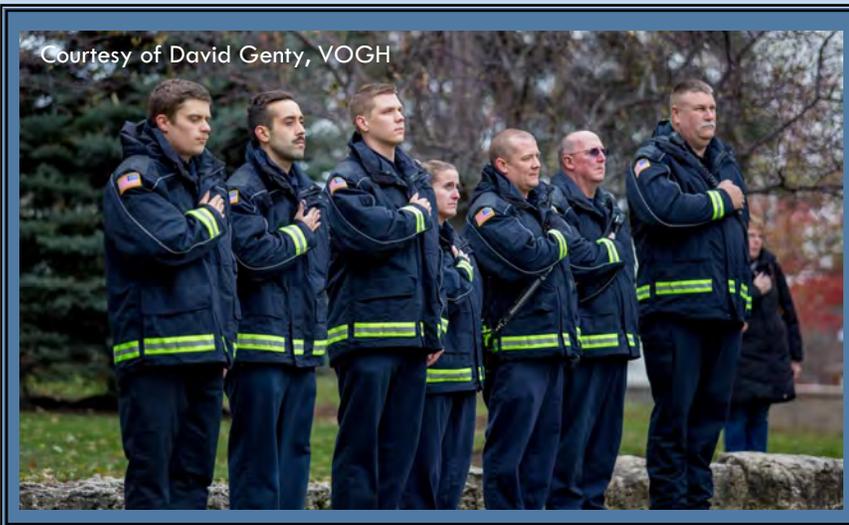


Day of Reading 2017

Fire Marshal Curt Shires read to 3rd grade students this year at Pheasant Ridge Primary School. Day of Reading occurs annually in the schools within the District and we are invited each year to participate. This literacy event is designed to help Pre-K through Third Grade students develop the literacy foundation they need to become lifelong learners.

The District is proud to be a part of this annual program in our schools.

Glenside Community Commitment...



Veterans Day 2017

Our shift members joined the Village of Glendale Heights personnel at Veterans Memorial Park for a tribute and day of remembrance honoring our military veterans.

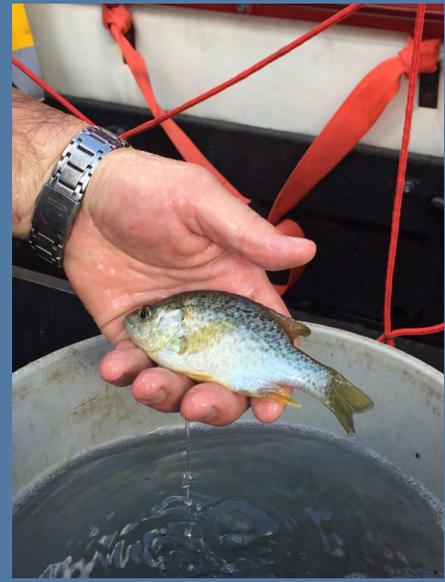


Chili Cook-Off 2017

Firefighter Isaac Evans (right) headed up the Glenside team (above) this year and brought home the 1st place Award for popularity and taste for the second year in a row (2016 was canceled due to weather)! Way to go!



Glenside Community Commitment...



Fishing Derby 2017

The Glenside Professional Firefighters Association once again sponsored the donation and assisted with the stocking of fish for Lake Becerra for the annual Fishing Derby that took place in early October.

(Left) firefighters Wallin, Novielli and Zielinski assist young fishermen with lines in the water and provide information on the types of fish to be caught.



(Right) The crew met the truck from Missouri that provided the stock for the lake. The stock included a variety of small gaming fish and a few larger ones, too!



Glenside Community Commitment...



Courtesy of David Genty,

Memorial Day & Veteran Services 2017

Services took place on this day remembering those who have died in active military service for our country. Joined by Village personnel and members of the local VFW, a short ceremony was held and a 21 gun salute was executed to honor the fallen servicemen.

Trustee Richard Osborn (right) was present at the services representing the Glendale Heights VFW Post Local 2377 as a veteran of the United States Army.

Commissioner John Tautkus (below) was also present at the services representing his time as a veteran in the United States Army.



With class and respect the US flag (below) was draped from the back of the quint, and flown to recognize the tragic passing of in the line of duty death of Officer Raymond Murrell of the Bloomingdale Police Department in early 2017.



Community Involvement!



Fire Chief for a Day

St. Matthew's in Glendale Heights is raising money for a new playground set and asked the Fire District to contribute to their silent auction. The District provided time and talent through their Fire Chief For a Day Certificate.

We wish St. Matthew's the best of luck in raising the remaining funds needed to complete their project!

Station tours are available by appointment for groups.



Christmas Sharing

Administrative Staff and the Glenside Professional Firefighters Association donated funds toward the Village of Glendale Heights' Annual Christmas Sharing. Admin Staff went shopping this year for 11 children and have made this an annual tradition of giving back to the community.



Glenside Family For Charity

Chicagoland Tournament



"Honoring Our Fallen Heroes"



The Glenside Fire District and Glenside Professional Firefighters Association once again sponsored the 9th Annual Chicagoland Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and raised \$47,800 in this single day event. Administrative Assistant Laura Haiden was Chairperson of the event representing the District. The nine year event has donated over \$375,000 to the foundation. Support to the NFFF provides support groups, scholarships and other assistance to families who have lost a fire fighter in the line of duty. Eleven Illinois survivors and their families were presented with flags at dinner.



Courtesy of David Genty, VOGH

Bill Stephens

Courtesy of Mark Spoo, AFD

Public Education Events



Annual Public Education Events

The District and its members were once again present at various public education events held within our community as well as at our own station.

- ◇ Glendale Heights 5-Day Fest with fireworks, first aid tent and public education information provided
- ◇ Health And Safety Fair held at the Glendale Heights Sports Center
- ◇ Fishing Derby and Chili Cook-Off
- ◇ Various Parties in the Park sponsored by the Village
- ◇ National Night Out

See detailed report with public attendance summaries for a complete listing of events.

Annual In School Education Program

The District has continued to work with the administration for schools that reside within our District. The 2nd Grade Fire Safety Program has continued in the District 16 schools for the past 10 years. This past year, the students were evaluated at the beginning and end of the 7 month program.

- ◇ 55% of students went from fail to pass on the fire safety quiz, bringing all students to an acceptable fire safety knowledge level
- ◇ 85% of students increased their overall quiz score over the course of the program

Public Education Events



Public Events - Clockwise: FM Curt Shires Day of Reading at Pheasant Ridge, Demonstration at the Car Show, Deputy Chief Cassady with eighth graders from Glenside Middle school learning about the 9-11 Memorial, PT FF Zielinski at the Health Fair, Lt. Siewierski passing out batteries at the 2nd grade program completion, PT FF Greg Gravina & mom, DC Cassady with family at the Health and Safety Fair, as well as District members at tables, FF Wallin with the Teddy Bear clinic and Lt Siewierski addressing the crowd with a pub ed safety message (center)

Public Education Events



Public Events - Clockwise: FF Zielinski at Safety Town for Halloween, AO Pacie at the Fishing Derby—FF Ostrand and FF Gill assisting a fisherman and FF Novielli and FF Alvarez in attendance; FF Brennan at the candlelight vigil for 9-11 Services, FF Zielinski posing at the Health Fair, FF Wallin and FF Zielinski at the Fishing Derby, FF Lipponeur representing honor guard at the Memorial Day Service, (Center) Chief Wood and FM Shires at the VOGH business appreciation luncheon, personal protective gear at the tribute services. (Pictures courtesy of VOGH)

Public Attendance Summary

Description	# of Events	Public #Adults	Public #Children
2 nd Grade Fire Safety Program	11	49	1200
9/11 Memorial visits	2	8	430
AHA First Aid	4	26	0
AHA Health Care Provider CPR	3	7	0
AHA Heartsaver CPR	12	86	0
Block Parties	3	60	30
Blood Pressure Checks	12	205	0
Book Reading	2	4	100
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny	1	60	0
Breakfast with Santa	1	50	125
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony	1	75	100
Fire Extinguisher Training	0	0	0
Fishing Derby	1	30	39
Glendale Heights Fest	5	2500	500
Harvest Fest	1	40	30
Health and Safety Fair	1	400	200
How To Fest	2	7	7
Memorial Day Ceremony/Veterans Day	2	70	13
National Night Out	1	300	300
Park Party	1	20	35
Patriot Day Ceremony	1	30	60
Safety Saturday - DuPage County Fairgrounds	1	350	200
Safety Town	1	2	9
School Tour	4	14	221
Sporting Event Stand By	2	80	0
Scout Troop Tours	2	25	55
Senior Fire Safety Program	1	35	0
Shine and Show Car Show	1	300	60
Station Tour	10	40	189
Total Public Attendance:	89	4873	3903

Fire Prevention Bureau



In 2017 our Fire District certainly experienced an upturn in the economy as evidenced by the increase in occupancy of our buildings. We welcomed our two gambling businesses Shelby's and Stella's. We also welcomed Countryside Welding and their new building as well as Attainable Smiles, Animal Supply Company, Worry Free Community, Startex Industries, Switch Board Apparatus, Inc., Mueller Streamline Company, J.P. Simmons and Hydac took over another building. Two apartment buildings on Marilyn were converted into temporary living for DuPage County.

We had departures as well, Radco a long time business left us but the building is already sold. Sub Zero has reduced their square footage and allowed for Nongshim to move in. Salt Creek BBQ was purchased by the Village and torn down, the Kabuki closed its doors.

Of interest is that the Islamic Education Center on Goodrich after two years completed phase one of its very large addition, The Glenwood Shopping Center at Glen Ellyn and North Ave has gone into bankruptcy. Residence on the Links I and II apartments are up for sale and have active buyers.

West Suburban Bank performed a major remodel, G. Stanley Hall school is undergoing major construction and Reskin School will be fitted with full fire sprinkler protection. Family in Faith Church broke ground for its Community Food Pantry, and the Glendale Animal Hospital built an entirely new modern building. Prior to demolition they allowed us to have extensive training on the old building.



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Medifil continues to expand into their two buildings on Windy Point with medical manufacturing. AMITA Hospital keeps us very busy with their aggressive modernization of their building. Most recently, the day surgery and behavioral health area changes. After 10 years of working with the Golfview townhomes we are in the final stages of updating their fire alarm systems to modern radios.

With the many large outdoor public assemblies we have annually in our fire district, we were asked to share our experiences with more than 60 fire marshals and officers from local departments and several from out of state. The Bureau put together a 3-hour seminar on "Outdoor public assemblies" for the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association. This type of training was the first of its kind in our area.



Below is a statistical summary for the 2017 Fire Prevention Bureau with 900 total Activities:

214 Fire alarm tests

498 Fire Inspections

33 Meetings

73 Plan Reviews

32 Consultations

11 Investigations

39 Fire related training sessions

Total fees collected \$10,818

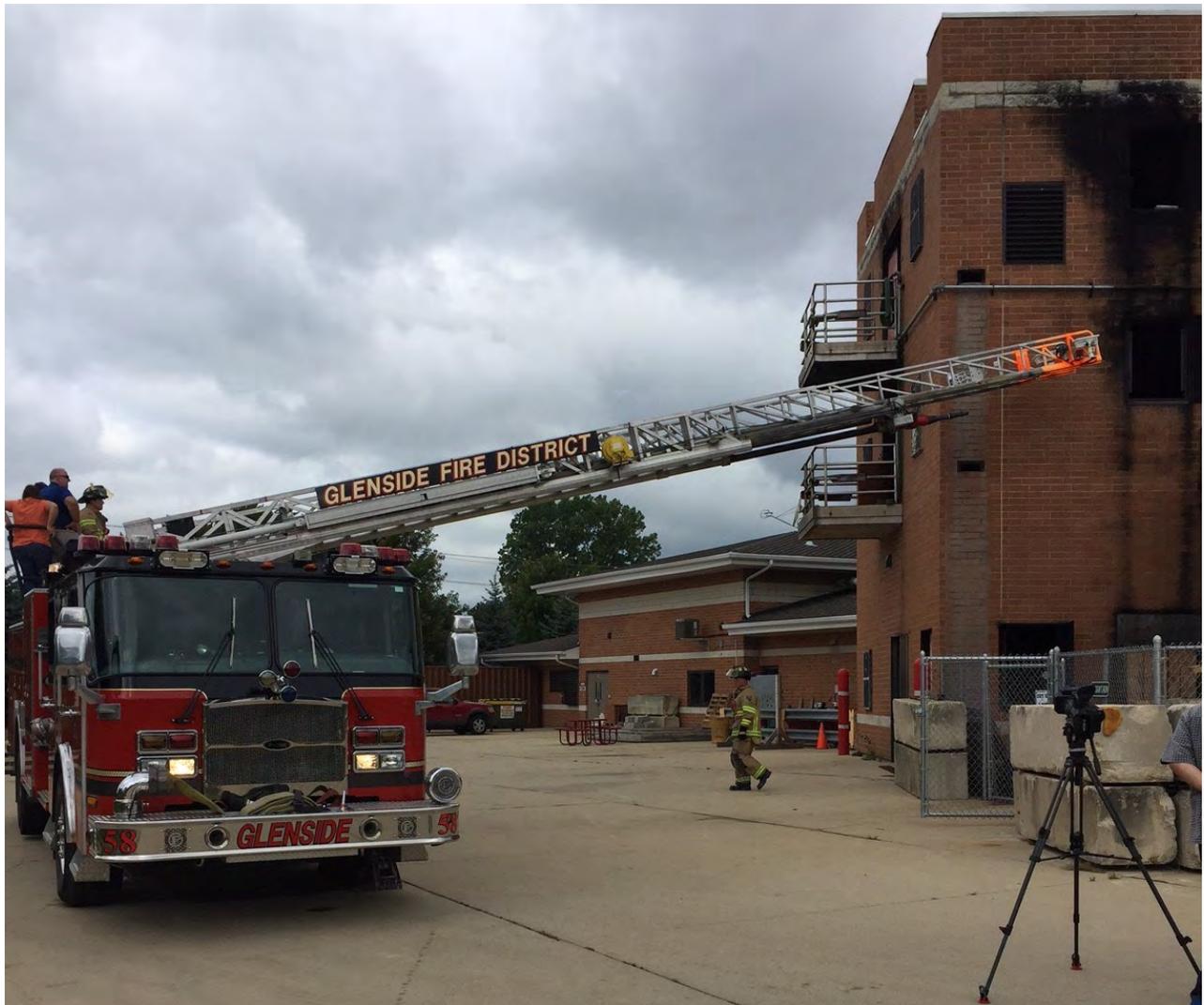
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