



GLENSIDE

Fire Protection District

*Proudly serving Glendale Heights
and Glen Ellyn Countryside*



2021

Annual Report





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Chief's Welcome & Notes



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the members of the Glenside Fire District, thank you for your interest in the District and we hope you find our annual report useful and informative.

The year 2021 came with some major changes at the Fire District. Perhaps the biggest change was that Chief Russell Wood retired in October after serving 12 years as the Fire Chief making him the second longest serving Chief in Glenside's history. On October 15th I had the honor of being sworn in as the 6th Fire Chief in Glenside's history. I am looking forward to serving the District and the community in my new position and intend to continue providing leadership in an organization that is committed to delivering top notch care and services to the public.

The vacancy of the Deputy Chief position necessitated a search for a qualified candidate who could step into this vital role within our organization. The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association assisted the District in conducting an assessment center for a group of top applicants for the position. After an extensive evaluation, the District moved to appoint John Kolarik to the position of Deputy Chief. Deputy Chief Kolarik brings with him nearly 30 years of experience in the fire service including the last 23 years with the Schaumburg Fire Department and will be an asset to Glenside for years to come.

Another major change that took place this year was the hiring of three additional full-time sworn firefighters to our roster expanding it from 12 to 15 full-time firefighters. Nick Berghaus and Mark Bjorklund were sworn into office in June along with Matt Kaiser who had served 5 years with us as a part-time firefighter. In early January we also welcomed Firefighter/Paramedic Todd Goranson to the ranks when he was sworn in filling the vacancy left open due to a resignation. All of the new firefighters will make welcome additions to our organization.

The challenges that we faced in 2020 with the COVID-19 pandemic again continued to challenge us throughout 2021. Community transmission of the disease and the disease variants remained at a high level through much of the year, however, with better supply chains for PPE in place, better knowledge and understanding of the disease and the availability of vaccinations for our personnel, we were in a much stronger position to face the health crisis than we were in 2020. The significance of this preparation was critical for our District because 2021 brought with it 2,654 calls for service which was up 12% from 2020! Our personnel have worked tirelessly through this pandemic for two years now and I cannot express how proud I am of their courage, resilience and dedication to their job in serving the public during this crisis.

Moving into 2022 the Fire District continues to recognize the essential role we have in our community as partners, stakeholders and neighbors and we will continue to put our efforts into ensuring the health and safety of our community. If ever you have any thoughts or suggestions as to how we can improve or expand our services, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard Cassady, Fire Chief

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Glenside Fire District 2021

Our Mission Statement

The Glenside Fire Protection District is dedicated to preserving the quality of life and property of our residents and businesses by providing diverse, high quality services that answer the needs of our community. We will participate actively in the community through education and prevention, serving as a role model that is identifiable, accountable, and one that lets the community know:

“We’re There and We Care”



Annual Report 2021

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.

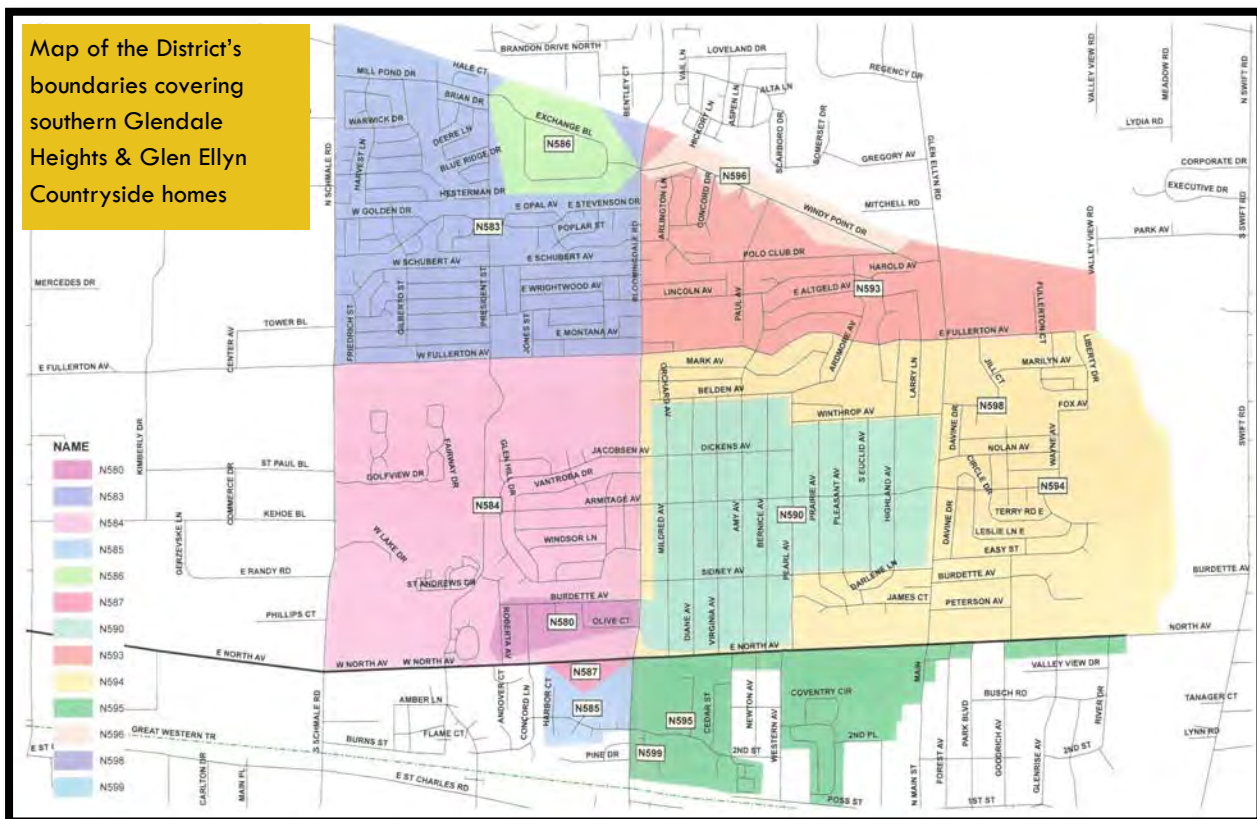
District members responded to 2,652 requests for service in 2021, an increase of 13.43% over 2020. Of the total responses 1,798 were Emergency Medical Services related and accounted for 67.8% of all calls this year (367 more EMS calls than 2020). Our Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians logged 1,691 ambulance runs on which 847 of those provided advanced life support (ALS) services to patients. The District provided services to residents with two in-service and one back-up ambulance, two engines, one truck and five other vehicles.

Fire data includes 83 fire specific incidents and 86 hazardous condition incidents (with no fire, down 39.4% from 2020). There were also 463 false alarm or false calls, down 10.79% from 2020.



Glenside Fire District History

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 4 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.



Glenside District Profile

The Glenside Fire Protection District, formed by its citizens in 1969 was organized under the general laws of the State of Illinois providing for the organization and operation of fire protection districts and is now under the provisions of the Fire Protection District Act of the State of Illinois, as amended (70 ILCS 705/0.01 et seq.). The District is located in west suburban DuPage County, approximately 25 miles West of the City of Chicago.

Each day, 24 hours a day, a minimum of five persons are on duty to respond to a variety of emergency incidents. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. an administrative staff of five additional personnel are on duty. Fire Chief Richard Cassady and Deputy Chief John Kolarik manage the daily operations. The three Trustees are elected by the citizens of the fire district to administer the funds and set policies for the District. The three Commissioners are appointed by the Board of Trustees and serve to support the hiring and promotional processes of full-time firefighters for the District.

Board of Trustees

Nicholas Kosiara, President

Richard Osborn, Secretary

J. Martin Olsen, Treasurer

Board of Commissioners

John Tautkus, Chairman

Javier Guzman, Secretary

Raymond Rodriguez

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 an ISO Class 2 rating and was OSHA inspected during 2017 with no violations.

The District provides a full range of services to its residents including, but not limited to: fire suppression and emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, fire prevention and public education, juvenile fire setters and various community events.

Enjoy our annual report on the proud history of The Glenside Fire Protection District!

Glenside District Budget

The Glenside Fire Protection District, uses tax payers dollars to cover the expenses of the District on a fiscal year basis. The 2021 operational budget for the District totaled \$4,869,856 and covered the basic needs to run and provide fire and emergency services to the residents within the District. Approximately 62% of the operations budget is comprised of wages and salaries for the District's employees and is broken down by category in the following expense chart.



An additional budget amount of \$2,005,702 is allocated to cover the Firefighters Pension Fund, anticipated Capital expenditures and the Tort Liability Fund.

The Glenside Firefighters Pension Fund for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021 is 76.10% funded with an ending balance of \$17,256,615.

The administration and Board of Trustees for the Glenside Fire Protection District strive to be fiscally responsible with the taxpayers' money by ensuring that every dollar spent is for necessary expenses and is utilized for not only today but the future success of the fire station and the services provided to its residents.

The Glenside Annual Financial Report is always available to the public for review and can be requested via written request to info@glensidefire.org or via our website. These financial statements are audited on an annual basis in conforming with the regulations of the Text of Laws Relating to Illinois Fire Protection Districts and State Fire Marshal.

STATION PURCHASES/PROJECTS

The Glenside Fire Protection District made a few capital expense purchases in 2021 beginning with a new front-line engine. The engine is manufactured by Ferrara Fire Apparatus. The final cost of the engine with all necessary equipment (radios, lettering, etc.) will be just over \$725,000. The vehicle is expected to be delivered in late Spring of 2022.



Another round of eight sets of full turnout gear or PPE—personal protective equipment was purchased as old gear is deemed non-compliant based on age and must be rotated out of service. Each firefighter has two sets designated to them and each set costs approximately \$2,400 which resulted in a total of \$18,921 in capital expenses.

Concrete work on the front apron was completed at the entrance to the apparatus engine bay. Installation of replacement gutters around the building and new heating coils were installed to prevent the formation of ice dams in the winter months. A new furnace was purchased for the West side of the apparatus bay near the loft area. In all, totaling just over \$26,500.

Stryker Lucas Devices - auto chest compression systems purchased in January 2021 where put into use upon receipt on both ambulances. They were immediately used on a patient. Everyone who has used the device has recognized the value and expressed their appreciation. CPR can continue on a patient even as you are bringing them down stairs. Pictured left are AO Joe Taylor and LT Steve Lipowski providing the demonstration to the board members.



STATION PURCHASES/PROJECTS

The Glenside Fire District invested in some station upgrades during the calendar year of 2021. The station is now over 15 years old and progress never stands still. The District invested in a new technologies conferencing and streaming solutions equipment for the training room and the apparatus floor. COVID-19 pushed for virtual attendance at meetings and some training evolutions. Not allowing visitors, the District followed Illinois State mandates related to COVID guidelines. The District attempted to run business as usual during unprecedented times. Conferencing technology equipment for the station training room and apparatus bay was just under \$66,000.



A Genesis Heavy Rescue Extrication Package was purchased to replace the old outdated Amkus Jaws of life and power unit combo. The new package features battery powered cells that are just as effective and faster to put into service for use.

Extrication equipment had been considered by several vendors in late 2020. The new Genesis combination equipment arrived in early 2021 and was put into service immediately for use by the firefighters.



A demonstration takes place in the pictures immediately above and left of the extrication equipment that was purchased.



FOREIGN FIRE BOARD

Foreign Fire Insurance Board

In 2010, the Glenside Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board (FFIB) was created within the District. The purpose of the Board is 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 out of state insurance companies with policies in state to provide to all fire departments. In 2021, more than \$42k was received and disseminated by the Board.

The Glenside Foreign Fire Insurance Board completed another great year, focusing on the needs of the District and its members. The Board oversees expenditures aimed at a variety of needs ranging from health and safety to everyday basic needs. The FFIB has been instrumental in providing a number of benefits for our firefighters. To assist our members in their continued education, the FFIB provides scholarships made available to all employees of the District. Annually, the FFIB allocates \$3,000 for technical training or an individual member's pursuit of a formal college degree.

The Board has also been instrumental in improving the quality of life spent while at the station. The purchase of a custom built dining table provides ample room to facilitate everything from in-formal training to dinner. Another purchase authorized by the Board, was the Assignment Board (pictured right) on both the apparatus bay floor and in the living quarters. This board aids in scheduling, daily duties, and general announcements. Custom boards such as the one pictured here allow the firefighters to express their pride in the District.

Perhaps one of the best additions, the filtered drinking water stations, continue to be used by our firefighters. The station is designed to reduce the amount of plastic drinking bottles to be recycled. To date, the drinking station has eliminated the equivalency of more than 13,000 disposable plastic bottles.

GLENSIDE FPD
STATION 58

DATE: 12/16 SHIFT: Red

ENGINE 58 CH# 19

OFFICER: LIPPONEUR
ENGINEER: MALINOSKI
FIREFIGHTER: DEBELENZCH
FIREFIGHTER:

TRAINING:

MEDIC 58 CH# 23

DRIVER: BERGHAUS
MEDIC: GUEVARA
ATTENDANT:

MISC: MAIN O2 LEAK

MEDIC 59 CH# 14

DRIVER: GRAVINA
MEDIC: Z
ATTENDANT:

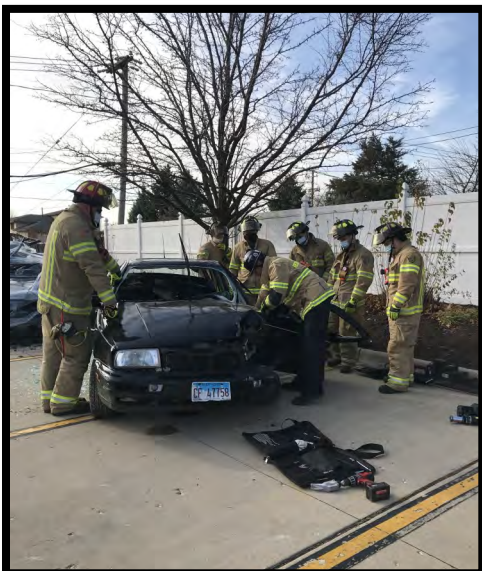
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FOREIGN FIRE BOARD

In 2021, the board also approved expenditures for a new smoker for upstairs and a new vending machine to be placed downstairs in the training area, which the union members will maintain. Other expenses included new additional fitness equipment for the continued enhancement of the workout room as well as a Genesis extrication combination tool.

Future purchases are consistently being considered by the Board and funds are set aside through a reserves process for larger purchases.



The board members as of 2021 were: Chief Cassady, Lieutenant Lipowski, Lieutenant Pacie, FF Hammond, AO Hauser and FF Malinoski.

Pictured left, Lt Cavanaugh and crew perform a series of vehicle extrication techniques on donor cars. Each year, the District acquires several cars to be cut up using a variety of tools and equipment. Many of the tools are acquired with funds made available by the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board.

District Programs



Sharps Disposal Program

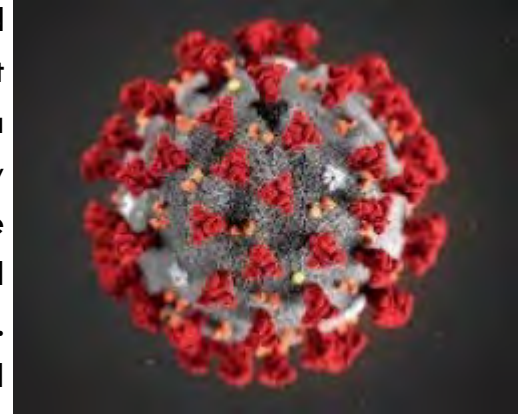
The District is proud to continue to be the leaders in DuPage County fire districts with the Sharps Disposal Program implemented in 2015. In 2017, the Village of Glendale Heights waste disposal company, Republic Services, contracted to partner with us and now provide a supplemental payment to the program annually. Donations are also accepted from all non-residents who are able. If needed, 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 reduce their carbon footprint within our environment. Programs in Cook County have grown and DuPage is looking to implement their own changes in the new year.



THE 2ND YEAR OF COVID-19

The COVID-19 ongoing global pandemic, also known as the coronavirus pandemic was originally identified in December, 2019 in Wuhan, China and was declared a pandemic in March of 2020. The pandemic continued through the calendar year of 2021 providing additional challenges to the District and its' staff. COVID-19, is caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and is a virus that spreads through the air, by human contact or via contaminated surfaces. Social distancing (a minimum of six feet) and face masks became the new norm for everyone. Preventive measures to reduce the chance of infection continued in 2021 as our personnel provided emergency medical services to those affected. Personnel were required to quarantine at home and follow the CDC guidelines as family and fellow emergency responders became ill.



By the end of calendar year 2021, the pandemic had claimed 6 million lives up from the 2.4 million deaths attributed in 2020. The responses to the pandemic have resulted in global, social, and economic disruption. The pandemic led to the cancellation of numerous events. Sporting events, closing of educational and public areas, as well as widespread supply shortages all fell victim to the pandemic. In 2021 we saw the additional effects of the variants, Alpha through Omicron wreak havoc as well.



Pictured above left, the District's new COVID policies and required social distancing.

Pictured above right, Black Shift share their COVID thank you meal on behalf of the District. Each shift was given an allotment to pickup a meal at the District's cost as an appreciation for their continued dedication.

Cited: www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic

THE 2ND YEAR OF COVID-19

The District once again provided manpower and assistance to get an emergency tent up and running the same day it was requested through MABAS Division 12. The outside shelter was utilized by AMITA Glen Oaks staff to screen patients for Covid-19 before allowing them to enter the hospital.



Pictured from 2020 is the hospital staff and local fire/police who assisted with putting up the tent (left)

Healthcare workers on the front lines of the pandemic continue to risk exposure to the coronavirus daily. Posing obvious risks to their physical health and mental well-being, healthcare workers, firefighters, police officers and other essential workers felt the strain the pandemic presented. By the end of 2021, healthcare workers continued to experience burnout, stress, and feelings of despair given the circumstances. For some, the affects of the pandemic have been compared to a war zone and being on the front lines.

Trying to keep spirits up and in a cooperative effort with the Glendale Heights PD, AO Hauser and the shift firefighters did a drive by recognition for a very sick little girl (right). The poster was signed by everyone at the fire station sending her well wishes.



Training Center Building

What appears to be an average home in the neighborhood on the outside is really quite different on the inside. Since the Fire District purchased this home, adjacent to the fire station in August of 2017, many of the members have worked diligently to transform the inside into a very valuable training facility.

Purchasing the house allowed our members to donate or build simulated furnishings to create a true mock up of a fully furnished home on the inside which can get splashed with water or banged around without worry about the accumulation of harmful mold.

The contents and layout of the home are constantly being changed to create new training environments for the firefighters. Manipulation of rooms in the home are constantly updated and changed to challenge the firefighters and to refresh basic skills.



A variety of training is completed in the home annually and is organized by the District's training division. As seen in the picture above, training exercises and evolutions are performed on a regular basis utilizing the internal and external areas of the house. Outside organizations like the Village of Glendale Heights Police Department and VOGH ESDA - Emergency Services and Disaster Agency can utilize the training facility as well when pre-planned. Cooperative training exercises are also made available to neighboring departments and other organizations like MABAS Division 12.

Training Center Building

House Training Evolutions and RIT took place in February— even in the winter months training still continues! Shown below, the lead engine staged while training takes place so the shift can respond as needed to an emergency.



The property is being used to train firefighters in disciplines such as single family structural firefighting, emergency medical services, hazardous materials and specialty rescue responses.



In the pictures above, firefighters practice removing a “downed” firefighter from a basement using life-safety rope.

Training Center Building

The smoke machine was used inside to simulate a fire on the second floor of the home during this Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) drill.



The training division members are continuously working to change and improve the props, patterns and simulations in and out of the training house.

Practicing in a non-hazardous environment assists firefighters to improve their speed, proficiency and readiness for performing on an emergency scene when they arrive on calls. Assessments are completed after training exercises to discuss what went right and what went wrong for learning opportunities.

The training center allows for a variety of drills to practice for the firefighters including forcible entry, hose advancement, and other critical training exercises.



Incidents and Fire Loss

**WE DIDN'T
SKIP
A BEAT
IN
2021!**

2,652 CALLS

**An increase of 13.4% of
total calls**

**367 more EMS calls
than 2020 or 38.8%
than the previous year**

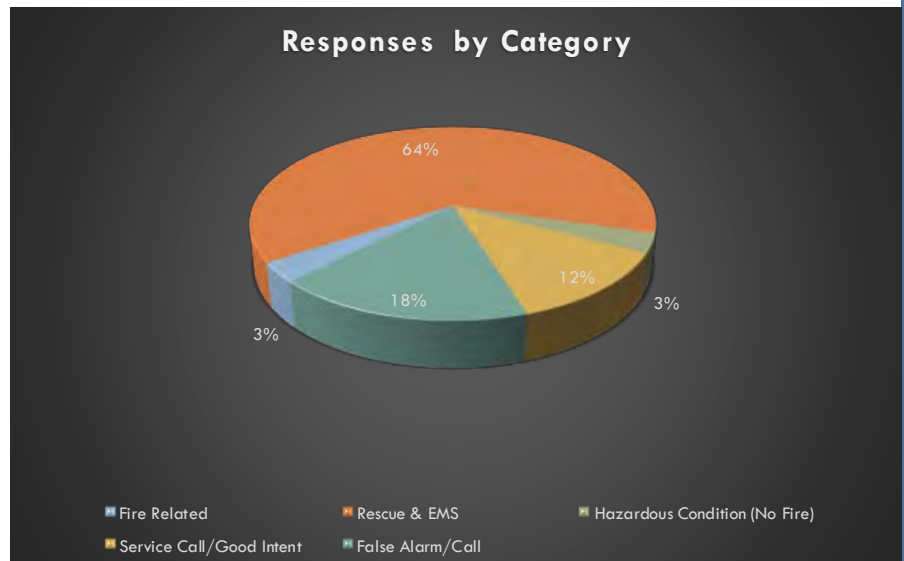
**The busiest year for call
volume in 25 years!**

BREAKDOWN OF RESPONSES / CALLS IN 2021

Call Analysis:

Fire Related:	86
Rescue & EMS:	1,691
Hazardous Condition (No Fire):	86
Service Call/Good Intent Calls:	326
False Alarm/False Calls:	463
Total:	<u>2,652</u>

Responses by Category



Incidents and Fire Loss



Sometimes the year starts off with a mutual aid call and our personnel are called to stage for a fire. This call was a multi-alarm house fire on Nugent in Addison.

Here the crew is waiting to receive orders on a rotational basis to be called to duty!

There were seven auto aid and mutual aid calls in 2021 for Addison FPD.



Noteworthy Facts:

- Responded to 79 request for automatic aid in 2021
- Responded to 40 mutual aid calls for assistance
- Received 184 automatic aid responses
- Received 44 mutual aid calls

The difference between automatic aid and mutual aid lies with a pre-arranged (written) agreement between two neighboring agencies.

Typical aid for the Glenside District is given and received between:
Carol Stream, Bloomingdale, Addison, & Roselle fire departments.

Incidents and Fire Loss



Pictured left: A car fire on February 21st is quickly extinguished on the side of the road. Referred to as a “lead out,” a firefighter is seen stretching hose towards the fire.

Firefighters wear full respiratory protection regardless of the type of fire. A self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) minimizes the risk of breathing in toxic fumes and gases.

A rollover accident on March 7th at North Ave and Diane Ave, picture right.

Please remember to exercise extreme caution when approaching an accident scene.



2021 Statistics showed:

- 82 motor vehicle accidents with injuries
- 12 motor vehicle accidents without injuries
- 3 motor vehicle accidents involving a pedestrian
- 4 extrication / rescue of victims from a motor vehicle accident

Incidents and Fire Loss

A garage fire on Flagstaff in Glendale Heights on March 9th (pictured below) shows then Deputy Chief Rich Cassady talking with a Carol Stream firefighter. Both Glenside and Carol Stream FPD firefighters worked to quickly bring the blaze under control. Neighboring agencies typically work alongside one another as mentioned previously.



Note:

There were 83 related fire incident type calls in 2021.

There were also 13 fire investigations completed by our own District Fire Investigators in 2021.

Statistics: We attended 49 structure fires in 2021 (includes auto/mutual aid calls) which resulted in a loss of an estimated \$869,900 in property loss; 28.35% of estimated value of the original property cost.

Passenger vehicle fires occurred 3 times in 2021 with an estimated \$74,100 in losses, accounting for 3.6% of fire specific related calls.

There were only 11 cooking fires recorded in 2021, resulting in 13.26% of fire related calls.



Incidents and Fire Loss

ChemTools Fire in June - Rockton, IL

The chemical fire that took place at Chemtool Incorporated manufacturing plant on June 14th burned for over 4 days causing a 3-mile evacuation of the area. Red Cross and the Salvation Army were on site to assist as needed. About 70 employees working that day on site were evacuated from the buildings before firefighters arrived on scene. There were no injuries to the plant's workers. A maintenance accident triggered the chemical fire causing hazardous conditions with fire and billowing black smoke plumes in the air. This extra alarm fire brought 167 fire departments, 26 MABAS divisions and over 350 personnel who responded to the scene working round the clock the first day to contain the fire.



Pictured above, FF Chris Wallin and other Glenside members provided staffing at Rockton Fire Station No. 1 while its crews were busy in rotations at the ChemTools hazardous materials fire. This was the largest mutual aid response in IL history.

Pictured below and right, a stream of foam is used to combat and contain the fires.



November 30, 2021

Firefighters rescue pets from blaze in Glendale Heights

BY JAKE GRIFFIN

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Glenside Fire Protection District firefighters rescued seven cats and three dogs from a house fire Monday afternoon, many of which had to be revived.

Fire Chief Rich Cassady credited his crews' quick response to the injured animals for saving their lives. Only one cat could not be

resuscitated, he said.

Firefighters were called to the single-family, one-story house on the 0-100 block of Nevada Avenue just before 4:45 p.m.

Cassady said neighbors alerted them after hearing a smoke detector going off inside the home.

The residents of the home were not inside at the time of the blaze, Cassady said.

Upon arrival, firefighter

encountered heavy smoke and extinguished a small fire in the kitchen within five minutes, Cassady said.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, but does not appear to be unattended cooking materials.

The home sustained about \$45,000 in damage and was deemed uninhabitable.

Firefighters remained on the scene for nearly three hours.

A garage fire late in the year on Fullerton Ave, backing up to the golf course, displaced one family as seen in the damage pictured below. LT Pacie and AO Hauser survey the scene (pictured right) as auto aid officers look on (pictured left).



Incidents and Fire Loss

A large house fire on Prairie Ave brought auto and mutual aid to the Glenside scene.

Black shift and Lt. Lipowski found themselves at a mid-morning fully involved structure fire. Fire Investigator Lipowski reported that the fire origin was undetermined and most likely accidental and either caused by a candle or was an electrical start due to the area of origin.



Engine 58 on scene providing water to the fire (pictured left) and Chief Cassady (pictured right)



Firefighter Kaiser followed by Lieutenant Lipowski (pictured left)

Firefighter Novielli (pictured right) performing over-haul operations



Incidents and Fire Loss



A house fire on Amy in the Glen Ellyn Countryside area in March brought auto aid companies, Chief Wood and DC Cassady to the scene.

Command positions across the street from the home (pictured left).

The fire started in the garage next to the sleeping area. There was one fatality while the other occupant and pets were able to exit safely with no injuries.

No hydrants in the unincorporated area of the District is a challenge for home fires. Larger tender and multiple auto aid companies assist in providing water to put on the fire (pictured below, utilizing the engine's pumps).



Noteworthy Facts:

Fire related calls: There were 14 building fires in District, accounting for 47% of all fire related incident calls (30).

Black Shift took the most calls in 2021 with 38.57% of all calls; the District was busiest on Tuesdays and slowest on Saturdays.

Around the Station



Weather in January is always a challenge not only at our own station but in response to emergency calls.

We forget to recognize the amount of work that goes into maintenance and care of our building and its grounds, because it is just done on a daily basis...

We forget sometimes to respect Mother Nature and what she can do. But we won't forget the amount of pride we have for The Glenside Fire Protection District!



Storm clouds on May 27, 2021 call for heightened weather awareness!



Utility Truck 58 as a plow in the winter

The Glenside Fire Protection District Personnel

TRUSTEES



Nicholas Kosiara, President
Serving Since 1990



Richard Osborn, Secretary
Serving Since 2013



J. Martin Olsen, Treasurer
Serving Since 2014

COMMISSIONERS



John Tautkus, Chairman
Serving Since 2013



Javier Guzman, Secretary
Serving Since 2017



Raymond Rodriguez
Serving the District For 13 years

ADMINISTRATION

Richard Cassady
Fire Chief
Serving Since 1991



John Kolarik
Deputy Chief
Serving Since 2021



Brad Butler
Fire Marshal
Serving Since 2019



Curt Shires
PT Fire Inspector
Serving Since 2006



Chris Cavanaugh
PT Fire Inspector
Serving Since 2021 in this role

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 Stephen Lipowski
Serving Since 1994



AO Joseph Taylor
Serving Since 2013



FF/PM Christopher Wallin
Serving Since 1993



David Wick FF/PM
Serving Since 2019

FF/PM Mark Bjorklund
Serving Since 2021



PSI PM/FF Diana Cruz
Serving Since 2021



Note: Pictures shown are according to the
roster as of December 31, 2021

Red Shift



LT Michael Pacie
Serving Since 2010



AO Brian Hauser, Jr.
Serving Since 2011



FF/PM Jeffery Hammond
Serving Since 2002



FF/PM Todd Goranson
Serving Since 2021

FF/PM Matthew Kaiser
Serving Since 2015



PSI PM/FF Timothy Conley
Serving Since 2020

Gold Shift



LT Chris Cavanaugh
Serving Since 2001



AO Kyle Lipponeur
Serving Since 2008

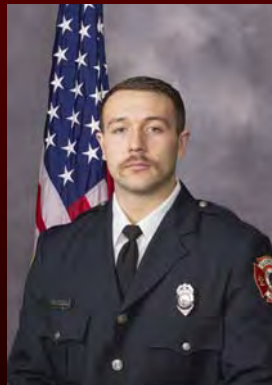


FF/PM Richard Malinoski
Serving Since 2015



FF/PM Kayla Debelevich
Serving Since 2020

FF/PM Nicholas Berghaus
Serving Since 2020



PSI PM/FF Michael Guevara
Serving Since 2018

PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS



Preston Cox
Serving Since 2021



Ryan Dlouhy
Serving Since 2017



Conor Glennon
Serving Since 2021



Gregory Gravina
Serving Since 2014



Robert Johnston
Serving Since 1998



Natalino Novielli
Serving Since 2007



Barry Redd
Serving Since 2021



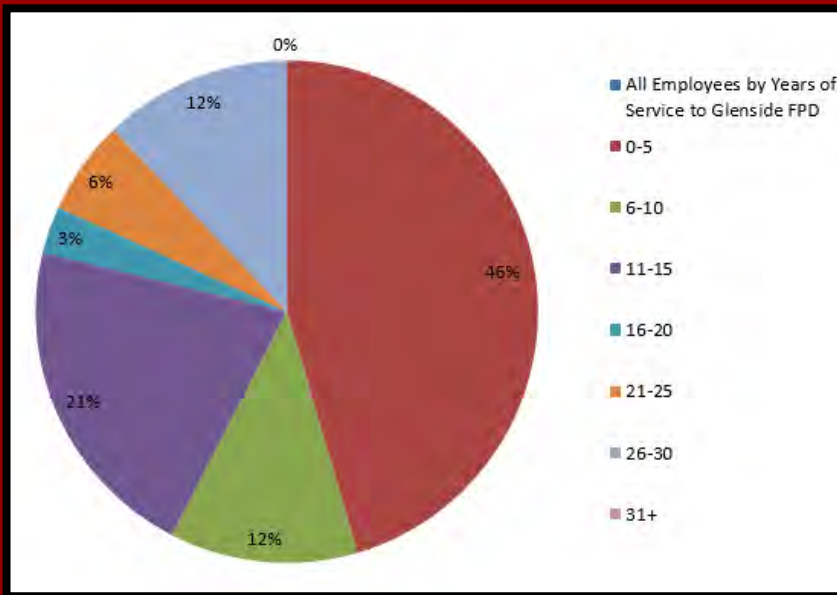
Michael Small
Serving Since 1994



David Zielinski
Serving Since 2007

Note: Pictures shown are according to the roster as of December 31, 2021. All full-time contract paramedics also serve as part-time firefighters for the District, but were not pictured on this page.

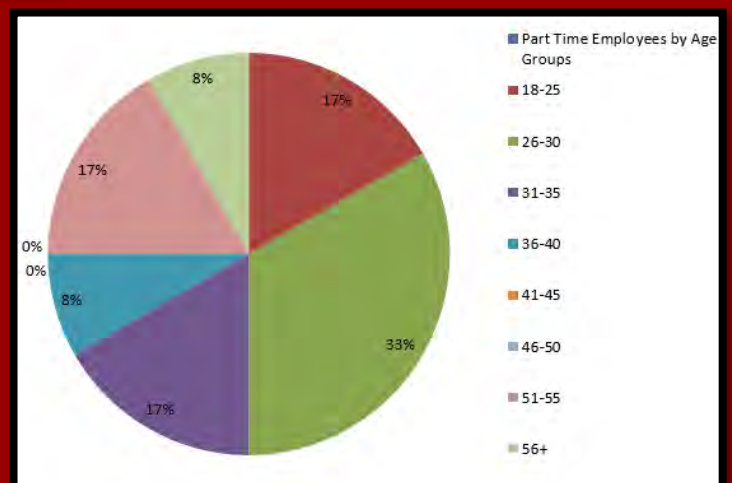
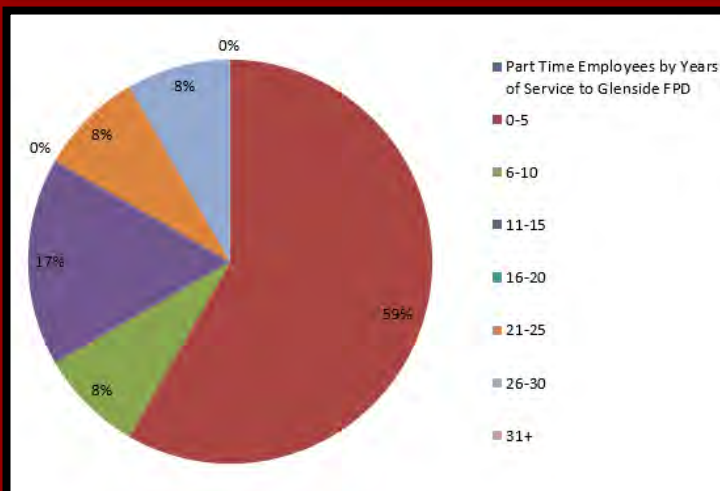
DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS



Graph charts show the demographics of the District members by years of service, all employees (left), and part-time (left center).

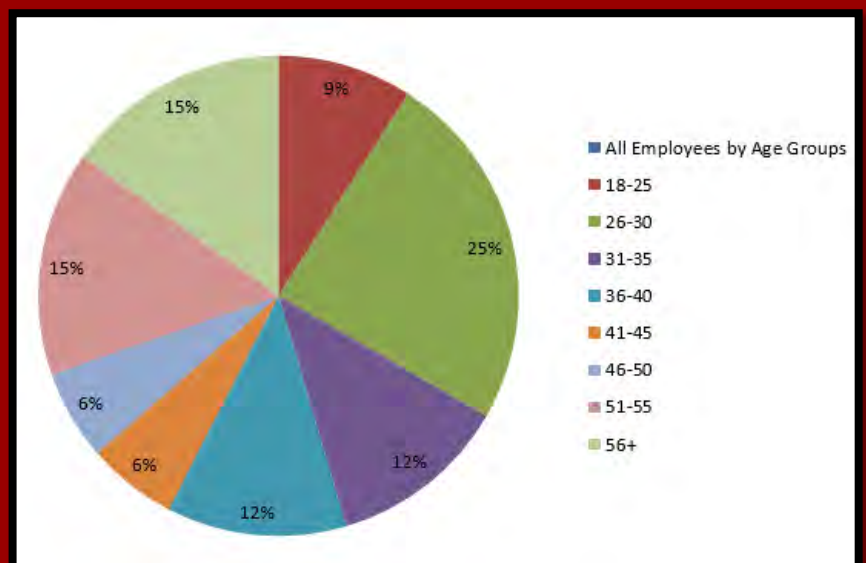
Note:

PSI contract employees working part-time for the District were included in the part-time numbers. Half of the part-time work force has less than five years of service experience with us.



Age graph charts of Part-time (above) and of all employees (right) of the District as of December 31, 2021 identifies the two largest percentage groups of employees. Almost half of all employees are 30 years of age or younger .

Note: Trustees and Commissioners are not included in these statistics.



Board Meetings & Special Recognition

Chief Russell J. Wood Retirement

Chief Russ Wood made the decision to retire in October, 2021. The District held a special ceremony to recognize the well-earned event on the app floor for all personnel and family.

Chief Wood received a photo book of all pictures on file with the District from his 34 year career, his Chief's helmet—signed by all active members as a keepsake and an acrylic remembrance containing all of his fire service badges. Chief Wood's career with the Glenside District covered a variety of roles and responsibilities. He also sat on the Pension Board and the Foreign Fire Insurance Board.



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Photographer David
Genty, VOGH and
Laura Haiden

Chief Russell J. Wood Retirement



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RETIREMENT BIO FOR CHIEF RUSSELL J. WOOD

Fire Chief Russell Wood of the Glenside Fire Protection District is retiring after 32 years of service to the District and his community.

Glenside Fire Protection District History (1989 – 2021):

1989 – Part-time Firefighter/EMT

1997 – Part-time Fire Inspector (8 years)

2005 – Appointed Deputy Chief (3 years)

2008 – Appointed Fire Chief (13+ years)

Served on Glendale Heights, Youth Commission, Health and Safety Fair Committee, GAP, active with Glendale Heights Fest and Patriot Day Planning of events.

Active member of all fire related organizations listed:

Du-Comm Board, DuPage County Fire Chiefs Association, Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, International Association of Fire Chiefs, MABAS Division 12, Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, and Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts.

Avid supporter of the Hundred Club of DuPage County, Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, Illinois Fire and Police Commissioners, Illinois Fire Service of Administrative Professionals, The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Queen Bee School District and the Village of Glendale Heights.

Personnel With the District

Swearing-in of Todd Goranson

The District kicked off the new year by swearing in Firefighter/Paramedic Todd Goranson as a new member of the District. Todd's family and friends attended to watch him recite the oath of office and become Glenside's newest full-time employee. District members welcomed Todd with orientation full force on his first day as he is run through hose testing pictured below. Additional pictures of board meeting event with Trustee Kosiara and Chief Wood.



Todd's family pictured to the left, above and Todd along with members of his shift. The district continued to hold its ceremonies of 2021 on the apparatus bay floor due to COVID restrictions, instead of the traditional training room location. Masks and social distancing were recognized differently based on the time of the year.

Personnel With the District

Swearing-in of Chief Richard Cassady



Richard “Rich” Cassady began his career with the District in 1992 as a Paid on Call member and was hired to the full-time firefighter position in 1997. He became AO—Acting Officer in 2011 and Deputy Chief in 2017. He served as Pension Board President for many years and also sat on the Glenside Professional Firefighters Association Local 3277 Board as well. He will be recognized in 2022 for his 30 years of service with the fire district.

Chief Cassady was sworn in as Fire Chief on October 12, 2021 as the District’s sixth fire chief. He assumed the role on October 1st when previous Chief Russ Wood retired, but waited to share the day and celebration along with the start of the new Deputy Chief replacing him.



Chief Cassady (above) addressing the crowd and pictured (right) with family and friends witnessing this key day in his fire service career.



Personnel With the District

Swearing-in of Deputy Chief John Kolarik

John Kolarik was sworn in as Deputy Chief of the District on October 12, 2021 in front of the Board, District members, friends, family and past co-workers. DC Kolarik came to us from Schaumburg Fire Department after a previous 24 year career with them. DC Kolarik became the eighth Deputy Chief for the Glenside District.

We look forward to the contributions of DC Kolarik to the Glenside District and its members.



Personnel With The District

Swearing-in of Firefighter Nicholas Berghaus

The District welcomed new full-time firefighter/paramedic Nick Berghaus to the Glenside Family on July 13th at the Board of Trustees Meeting. Mr. Berghaus served as a PSI contract medic and part-time firefighter/paramedic with the District one year prior to being sworn in. We look forward to the start of his new career.



Pictures: Oath of Office led by Trustee President Nick Kosiara (upper left and right); ceremony was led by Chief Wood on the apparatus floor with Glenside members, friends and family in attendance; the tradition of “pinning” (lower left) and in front of the marquee sign, with welcome message (lower right).



Personnel With The District

Swearing-in of Firefighter Mark Bjorklund

The District welcomed new full-time firefighter/paramedic Mark Bjorklund to the Glenside Family on August 11th at the Board of Trustees Meeting. President Kosiara led Mr. Bjorklund with the Oath of Office. Many of Mark's family members joined him for this exciting start to his career.



Pictures: Oath of Office led by Trustee President Nick Kosiara (upper left); newly sworn candidates with Chiefs Wood and DC Cassady (upper right); in front of the marquee sign, with welcome message (lower left); having his badge pinned on by his grandfather (lower right).



Personnel With The District

Swearing-in of Firefighter Matthew Kaiser

The District welcomed new full-time firefighter/paramedic Matthew Kaiser to the Glenside Family on July 13th at the Board of Trustees Meeting. Many of Matt's family members joined him for this exciting start to his career.

Matt has been with the District in a part-time firefighter capacity for six years prior to his oath of office.



Pictures: President Kosiara led Matt with the Oath of Office (upper left); in front of the marquee sign, with welcome message (upper right); Matt saying a few words to the audience and his immediate family members (lower pictures).



Board Meetings & Special Recognition

Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts (IAFPD) Recognition

Trustee Nick Kosiara was recognized for his 30 years of service with the Glenside Fire District and was nominated for the Trustees' Outstanding Service Award. He could not attend the IAFPD conference in June to receive the recognition in person, so representative Marvin Hill (Barrington Countryside FPD) of the IAFPD attended the August 10th Board of Trustees Meeting to make the presentation.



Featured in the 2021 IAFPD conference highlights recap, Nick was listed with the other recipients. Trustee Kosiara was recognized for his service to the District, and other fire service related impacts like participation on the DuComm Executive Board, Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts (NIAFPD), Glendale Heights Youth Commission and Glen Ellyn Countryside Civic Organization (GECCO).

Fire Chief Ralph Blust's Passing

The Glenside District members mourned the loss of former Fire Chief Ralph Blust, who served the District from 1994 through 2004. Chief Blust passed away on July 28th and was recognized at the station with bunting, on its Facebook page in a formal announcement and at the 2022 service awards.

CHIEF RALPH BLUST (1994-2004)

Under the leadership of Chief Blust, the District underwent a major renovation and completion of a new fire station. The fire station was now 20 years old and was originally built for volunteer operations. After a successful referendum, the administrative offices and living quarters was rebuilt on site. Chief Blust saw that the entire fleet of apparatus was updated as he introduced the quint concept and heavy duty chassis for its ambulances in the process. The updated fleet included a vehicle replacement schedule and capital funding allocations for future replacements. Chief Blust updated all of the districts policies, procedures, rules and regulations. The district grew its information technology with servers, emails, and remote access. Security for the station became important after the 9-11 attack on our country and Chief Blust incorporated security cameras and electronic access to its members when the station was rebuilt. Highly trained and prepared members was a top priority for Chief Blust and he instilled that within the district by increasing education and training levels for all members. The full-time staffing level remained the same under Chief Blust but part-time members were used to supplement the full-time staff. Two part-time Fire Inspectors were added to ensure the community remained fire safe.



OSFM Certifications

Chief Fire Officer - Richard Cassady

Incident Safety Officer - Kyle Lipponeur, Joe Taylor

Fire Apparatus Engineer - Nicholas Berghaus, Mark Bjorklund, Matthew Kaiser

Fire Service Vehicle Operator - Nicholas Berghaus, Mark Bjorklund, Preston Cox, David Wick

Vehicle Machinery Operations - Nicholas Berghaus

Rope Operations - Mark Bjorklund

Smoke Divers Certificate - Kayla Debelevich, Brian Hauser

New Fire Orientation -

Nicholas Berghaus, Mark Bjorklund, Preston Cox, Diana Cruz, Conor Glennon, Jack Glodzik, Matthew Kaiser, Barry Redd

New Firefighter Orientation includes a ten-day orientation process in which candidates work through a detailed program to evaluate their current knowledge level and provide training on Glenside specific policies, procedures and equipment. During this process candidates participate in multiple fire and ems related drills utilizing various equipment carried on Glenside Apparatus. Candidates are also given a thorough tour of the Fire District in which the various Target Hazards and intricacies such as the non-hydrated areas are pointed out.

Also during this time, candidates complete the process of entering the Good Samaritan Emergency Medical Services System which for Paramedics includes a written exam, skills assessment, and clinical experience in a system Emergency Department. Following the ten-day orientation process, candidates then continue to work on completion of a Candidate Orientation Book which involves approximately a year long process of meeting objectives and demonstrating competencies which are laid out in this manual.

District Training in 2021

Training Classes & Exercises



Extrication training for all shifts took place in March of 2021.

Fortunately for the benefit of our firefighters and continued training efforts, our residents and personal contacts think of us and donate vehicles to the District for the training of our personnel.

New extrication tools purchased are battery operated for quicker deployment and ease of use on emergency scenes.



District Training in 2021

Training Classes & Exercises



Hazardous Materials training takes place in-house in the apparatus bay with mock simulations for decontamination efforts after an incident (pictured left). Here you see technicians going through the multi-step process after an incident.

Pictured below: Firefighters train on drafting and the use of portable water storage tanks. The District covers unincorporated Glen Ellyn / Countryside which does not have fire hydrants. Our fire engines carry 1000 gallons and use portable tanks or water shuttles if necessary to meet our needs.

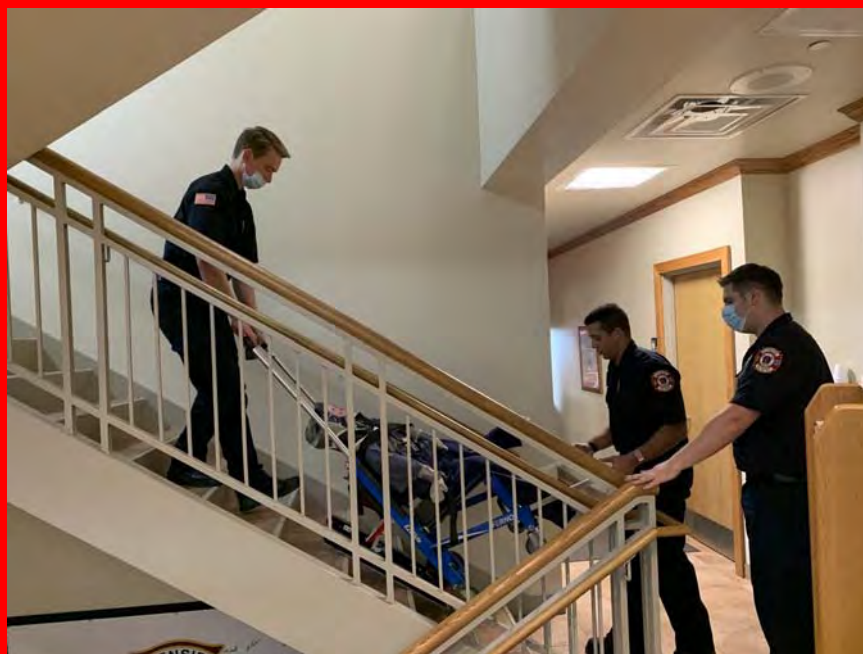


Fun Fact: Atmospheric pressure (101kPa (14.7 lbs f/in²) limits the height in which we (or anyone) can raise water. In the picture shown, water is being drafted (sucked) from the tank into the fire truck. The maximum distance this can be accomplished is 33.9 ft. Practically speaking, if the tank was 34 ft. below the pump, a fire engine would not be able to draft water.

District Training in 2021

Training Classes & Exercises

The power stair chair continues to be an instrumental tool for the paramedics when moving a patient. The chair enables paramedics to move patients from upper levels in their homes to an awaiting cot and helps to alleviate lifting injuries to the firefighters. New paramedic Diana Cruz receives training on the chair while Part-time employee FF Preston Cox assists and Acting Officer Joe Taylor plays the role of the patient. (Pictured below, left)



Wednesday Night & Company Drills

Career and part-time members train together every Wednesday night. Training covers a number of disciplines such as structural firefighting, hazardous materials responses, technical rescue, and EMS to name just a few. Wednesday night drill training was put on hold in March of 2020 due to Covid and continued through most of 2021. Training was primarily conducted either outside or at the Training House located adjacent to the fire station. Having the onsite training house worked in the favor of District employees.

Full-time firefighters averaged more than 400 total hours of training in 2021. This equates to an average of 4 hours a day is devoted to perfecting their skills.



Training Classes & Exercises

A mass casualty training drill took place in the early part of July, utilizing the training house next door. Paramedic Conley led the drill with his past experience of incident management for mass casualty response situations and had his family in tow participating as wounded individuals.

Pictured below: it's all hands on deck for this training drill! Everyone has an assignment to assess, treat and eventually transport the injured.



Family members and some off duty firefighters were able to assist with the drill by volunteering to become injured civilians.





Training Classes & Exercises

Master stream training for all shifts took place at Camera Park in the first week of June. A training video was taken for future reference and logged into the new Target Solutions training platform. District firefighters pictured below train on aerial water operations as well as use of the Deck Gun mounted on top of the fire engine.

Fun Fact: Fire Engines carry water and focus their efforts on fire suppression. Fire Trucks carry ladders and concentrate on rescue and ventilation efforts; however both are interchangeable.



Pictured left is Firefighter Goranson, Novielli, Szymanek and others participating at a multi-company live fire training exercise in Addison, IL. Drills of this nature are held several times a year to maintain the necessary skills and abilities.

District Training in 2021

Training Classes & Exercises

An Active Shooter Drill took place at the Glendale Heights Aquatic Center in cooperation with the Glendale Heights Police Department. This drill simulates a prime example of the police and fire department working in conjunction to remove victims from an active shooter incident. Unfortunately, these types of responses are becoming more prevalent nationwide. Understanding each others' role is vital to the successful outcome.



Pictured above are Glenside District members Acting Officer Brian Hauser and Part-time FF Barry Redd taking part in the drill.

Glenside History—20 Years Ago

Apparatus—20 Years Ago in 2001

Nothing much has changed, well that's not true!

Take a look at the apparatus for the District just 20 years ago. From white ambulances to yellow fire trucks. What a difference 20 years can make. One thing is certain though, Glenside has always had quality and dependable equipment.

The average life span of an apparatus is much dependent on its use; however, most ambulances serve the District 10 years and can have over 100,000 miles on them when they are replaced. Fire engines like the ones shown below typically last 20 years. To extend the life expectancy, fire engines will serve half of their expected life span in a front-line status and the second half in a reserve capacity. This formula extends the life span and decreases the frequency of replacement.



Glenside Community Commitment



On December 18th, Glenside embraced the opportunity to assist in welcoming home Bensenville police officer Steven Kotlewski who was shot and injured in the line of duty. A procession of over 100 police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, transported officer Steven Kotlewski from a Wheaton rehabilitation hospital to his home in Roselle. Officer Kotlewski was hospitalized for more than a month. The procession travelled North on Bloomingdale Road through Glendale Heights. District members were present for the procession.



Glenside Fire Protection District's red shift assisted the Village of Glendale Heights PD with the Special Olympics awareness by hosing down Police Officer Ryan Sheehan for the Polar Plunge. The high temperature on this day reached a chilly 37°! Many of the Glendale Heights police officers did a number of fundraising initiatives in 2021 including the Polar Plunge, Cop on Top at the local Dunkin Donuts, and No Shave November. All of the money raised from these programs was donated to the Illinois Special Olympics.

Glenside Community Commitment...

Duckling Rescue! — Spring, 2021



Engine 58 was dispatched for the “special duty” call in spring of 2021, which turned out to be a Good Samaritan call in need of help rescuing ducklings from a sewer drain.

Lt. Lipowski, FF Goranson, and FF Wallin were able to collect all ducklings safely and return them to their mother waiting patiently nearby.



Left: Gold shift members posed for a photo with the best boys and girls from Canine Companions. Canine Companions is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs at no charge to the recipient. Once a month Canine Companions uses Glenside to gather and train their puppies, handlers, and soon to be service dogs.

Right: On duty Red shift members attended the annual Fishing Derby sponsored by the Village of Glendale Heights, Sports Hub, Glendale Heights Police Department FOP Lodge 52, and the Glenside Fire Protection District Local 3277! The Fishing Derby takes place every year at Heritage Park.



Glenside Community Commitment...

Patriot Day 2021



Pictures courtesy of
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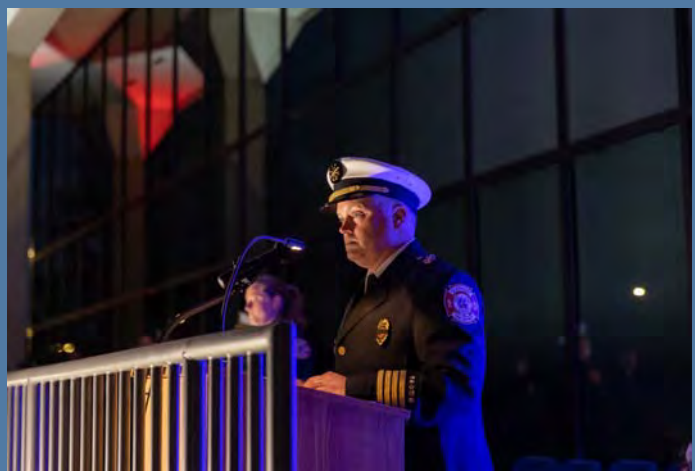
Glenside Community Commitment...

2021 marked the 20th anniversary of September 11, 2001!

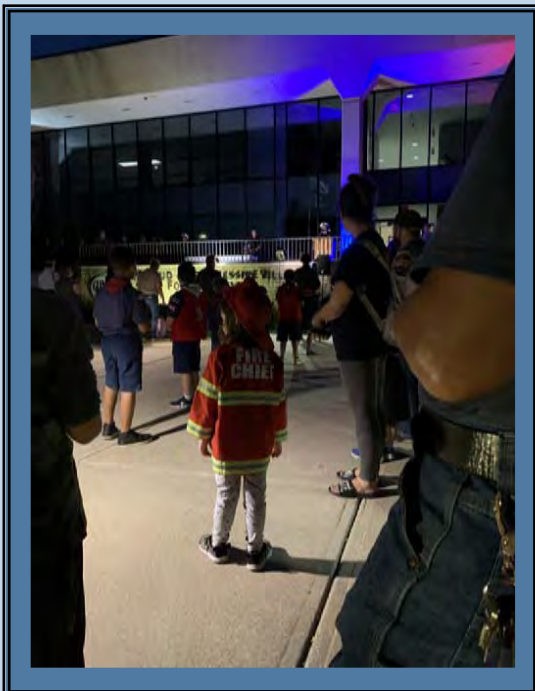
American flags were placed along Fullerton Avenue as part of the Silent Parade route, and 2,977 American flags were planted in front of the Glendale Heights Village Hall by the Kiwanis Club of Glendale Heights in remembrance of the victims lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

The 9/11 annual remembrance stands as tribute to the victims of the attacks on September 11, 2001 against our country. We take a stand to remember this important historical time in the fire service and to remind others that

“We will never forget!”



Pictures courtesy of David Genty, VOGH



Community Involvement!

“Show and Shine” Car Show: The Village of Glendale Heights was revved up for the 38th annual “Show and Shine” Car show and swap meet. After the Covid-19 pandemic, show-goers were excited to get back out during the hot weather to enjoy the festivities.

Glenside Fire participated in the show with our new public education pop-up tent pictured at the bottom of the page.

AO Hauser and FF Debelevich also brought out Quint 58 and set up the aerial ladder. Pictured to the right is a picture of the car show taken from the tip of the 75ft ladder!



Public Education at the show: FF Debelevich helped children with our new fire extinguisher training prop. The prop uses life-like extinguishers and LED flames that extinguish after proper use of the extinguisher. It was a big hit with the kids and adults!



Community Involvement!

National Night Out: National Night Out turned out to be a great event this year. The Village of Glendale Heights Police, Bloomingdale Fire Protection District and Glenside FPD were all on scene making themselves accessible to the public.

Demonstrations with the fire apparatus and equipment were shown to the attendees. Families were also provided information, safety tips, and give-a-ways. Chief Cassady (pictured below, left) was hands on and caught in the act of showing children the rear cab of Glenside Engine 58.



Christmas Sharing: Once again, the annual Christmas Sharing event looked a little bit different due to ongoing precautions for the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of clothing and toys, Christmas Sharing asked for monetary donations this year to purchase food and gift cards for the participating families.

The Glenside Professional Fire Fighters Association and the Glenside Administrative Staff donated money towards the annual Village of Glendale Heights Christmas Sharing Program. We are looking forward to next year to return to buying actual gifts!

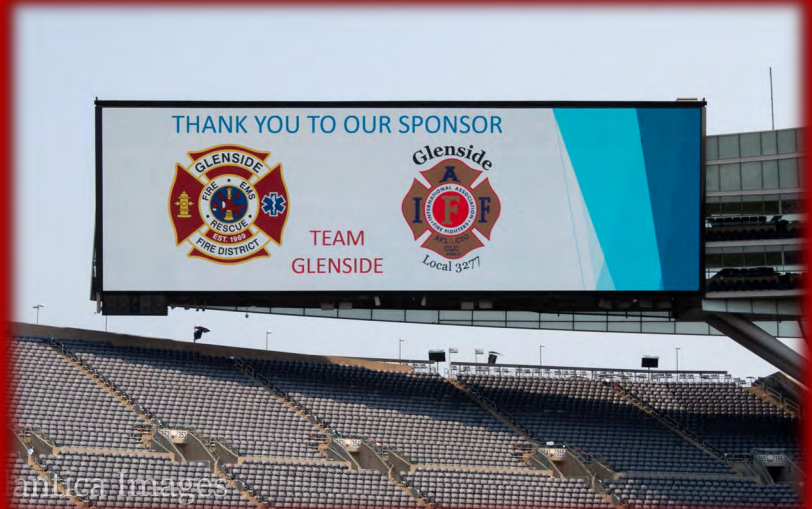
Community Involvement & Fundraising



Shown left is the group picture from the 2020 outing.

The Glenside Professional Fire Fighters Association Local 3277 held a fundraiser at Top Golf in Naperville in August of 2021. The money raised was just over \$3,304.74 and was used to support local charities, sponsor the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, make a variety of local donations toward Christmas sharing through the Village of Glendale Heights and other organizations in need. Besides the golf and buffet food provided, a raffle was held with items donated by local businesses and from personal inventories for the event. A great outing hosted by a caring and dedicated group of firemen.

The Firefighters Association Local 3277 continue to not only support local charities and needs within our own community, but for 12 years have also shown support to their fellow firefighters through donations to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Jumbo tron screen in Soldier's Field (pictured right) during the 2021 event.



The Glenside District and Glenside Professional Firefighters Association Local 3277 co-sponsored the event as a team and contributed. There were 49 climbs across the nation in support of the 9/11 recognition and 20th anniversary.

Community Involvement & Fundraising



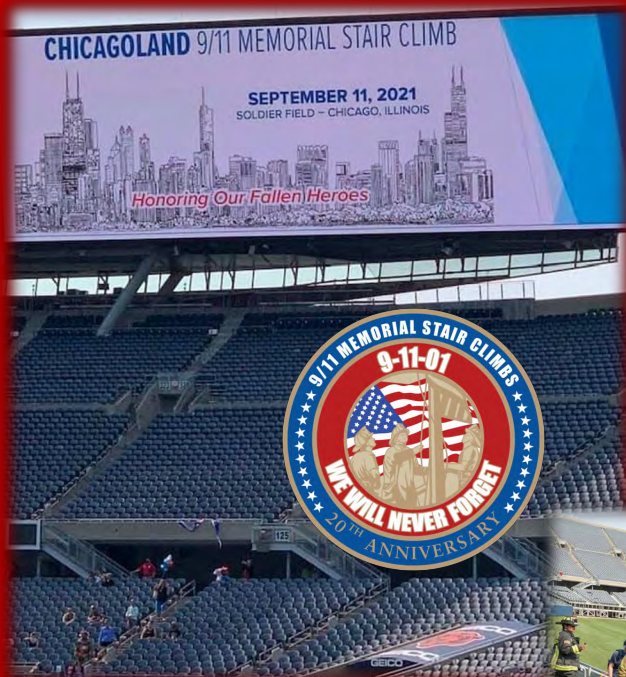
We successfully held our first in person live event — the Chicagoland Memorial Stair Climb benefitting the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The event was held in Soldier's Field in Chicago on Saturday, September 11th commemorating the 20th anniversary of this historical day. In memory of the September 11th attacks and to ensure that the fallen firefighters and EMS personnel are never forgotten.

The event raised just over \$58,205 for the NFFF. Glenside members started a fundraising team, made individual donations and participated in many ways for the event. Led by Administrative Assistant Laura Haiden the event was a huge success bringing out just over 500 people including volunteers. Many folks were in attendance at their own department or towns 9/11 memorial events and could not attend in person. Attendance for next year's event is expected to easily double.



Chief Rich Cassady and his family were present and participated in the event. Acting Officer Brian Hauser volunteered for colorguard during the open ceremony and Admin Haiden's entire family held different roles volunteering for the event.

Community Involvement & Fundraising



Pictured on this page a sampling of photographs from the day's event. Four volunteer photographers assisted with pictures and recorded not only the fire service involvement with the event, but also the civilian folks that attended and climbed to show their support! The event was also covered by news media reporters and social media enthusiasts.

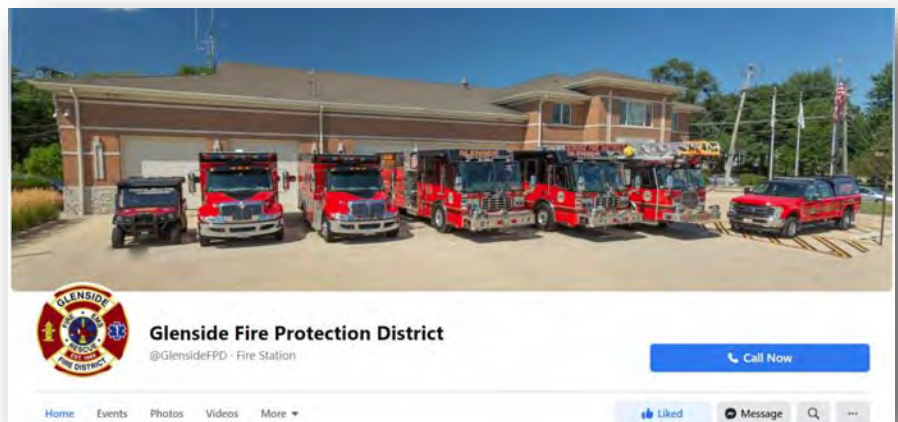
Public Education Events - Social Media

Facebook

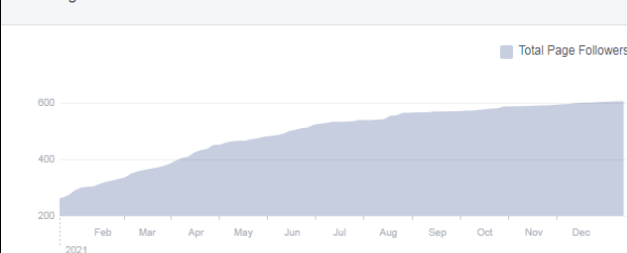
Assisting the Village of Glendale Heights with their annual Park Parties, Safety Town Summer Program, and July's Glendale Heights Fest, the Glenside Fire District will attend as many events as possible. Unfortunately, almost all Village events were canceled again in 2021! We took advantage of what opportunities we had to connect with our residents any way we could.

The Facebook page is maintained by the Public Education Coordinators AO Brian Hauser and Admin Laura Haiden on a regular basis. At the end of 2021 FF Kayla Debelevich was also added as a page administrator. We ended the calendar year of 2020 with 348 people followers on our Facebook page. At the end of 2021 we had increased our awareness and following to 606 followers!

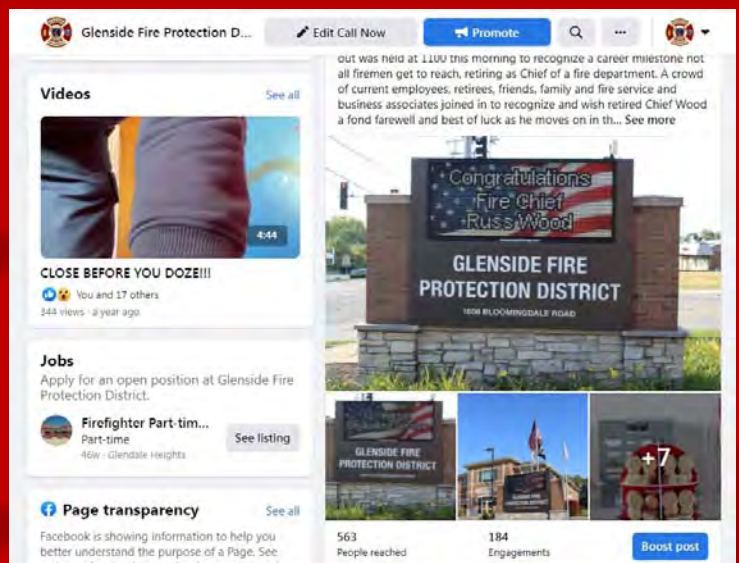
Safety tips, holiday greetings, CPR Training opportunities and a variety of other local information is shared on the page. Questions are answered within 24 hours of notification.



Total Page Followers: 606



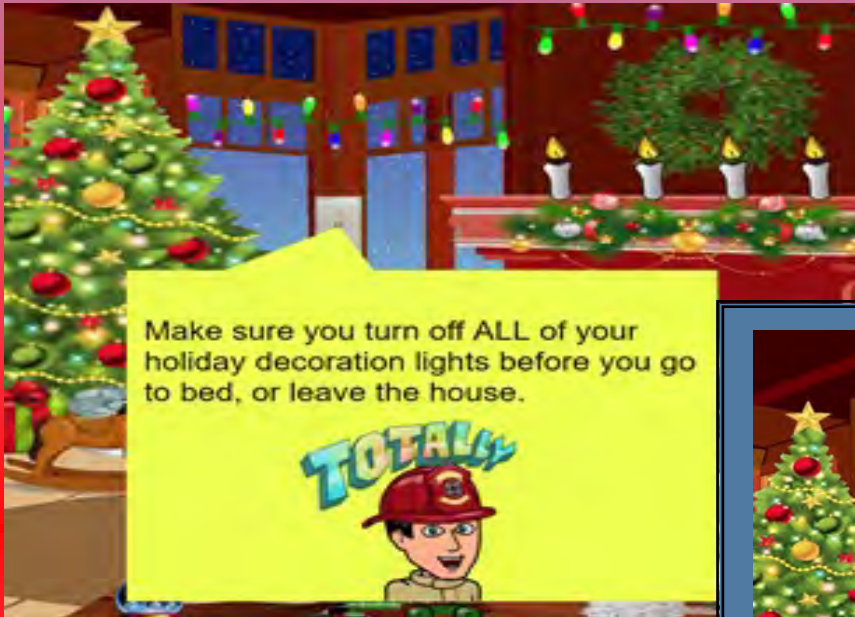
Total Page Likes: 582



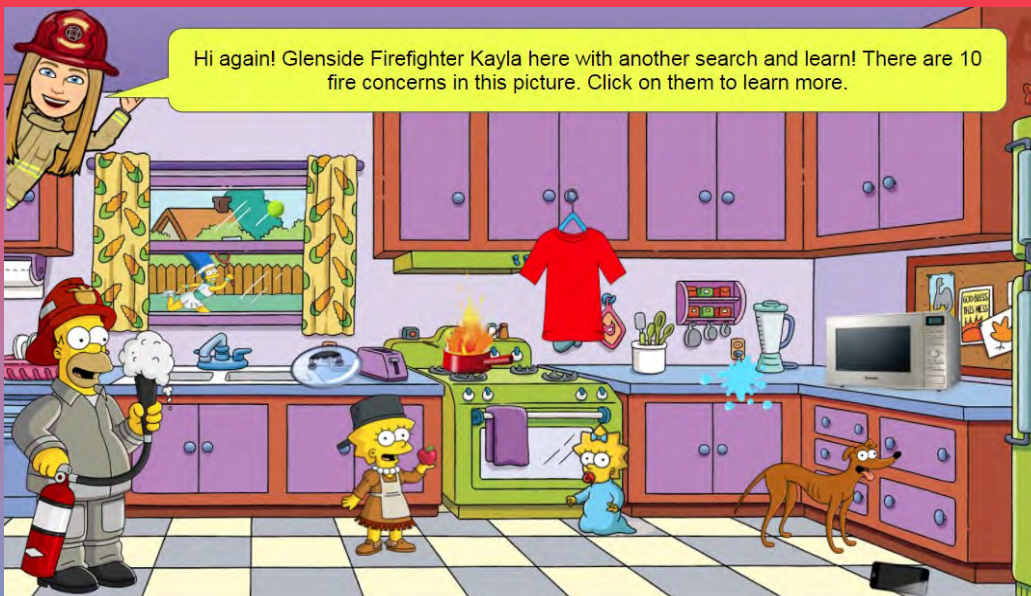
Public Education Events - Social Media

Virtual School Education Program

Pub Ed Coordinator Brian Hauser and FF Kayla Debelevich worked on a new interactive program to add to their 2nd grade program and to teach the kids a more fun way to learn about fire safety. Along with the teachers of District 16 they welcomed input to enhance the program and the results were amazing!



In the "Holiday Fire Prevention" virtual lesson, 2nd grade students had to find and click on 10 fire hazards they saw. The use of Google Slides and Bitmoji's were a fun way to connect with the children in this age group.



Left: In the "Kitchen Fire Prevention" virtual lesson, 2nd grade students needed to search and find 10 objects that they thought pertained to fire safety in the kitchen. After clicking a picture, a short video would play to elaborate on the subject matter.

Public Education Events - Social Media

Annual In School Education Program

Pub Ed Coordinator Brian Hauser worked with the teachers of District 16 to set up some Zoom time and greet the students while they were online with their teachers. The District has continued to work with the administration for schools that reside within our District. The 2nd Grade Fire Safety Program had continued in the District 16 schools for the past 11 years.

This past year, the students were provided four fire safety lessons, two in-person lessons, and two virtual lessons. Lessons included “Don’t Fear the Gear,” Holiday home fire safety, Kitchen fire safety, and “Close Before you Doze.”



The 2nd Grade Program was back in session in October of 2021, just outside the school for students.



Public Education Events - Social Media

Safety Town



AO Hauser, FF Hammond, and FF Bjorklund visited the Glendale Heights Summer Camp at Safety Town program. The children were able to experience firefighters in their gear as the firefighters demonstrated how to put on the gear. The children also got to check out the in's and out's of Engine 58. About 15 to 20 children were in attendance at this years summer camp.

A visit from the Cub Scouts



For the first year ever, Glenside's training house became available for tour. Local Cub Scouts were the first to visit the training house with FF Zielinski and AO Hauser. Glenside firefighters taught the Cub Scouts two important lessons: "Know two ways out," and "Close before you doze."



Public Education Events - Social Media

Public Education - Glendale Animal Hospital



In another “first” for Glenside Fire District’s public education sector, AO Hauser spent some time with members from Glendale Animal Hospital here in Glendale Heights. Initially the Glendale Animal Hospital sought training in fire extinguisher use and evacuation plans. After a fun day of training however, the staff at Glendale Animal Hospital convinced AO Hauser to run back to the station to grab a few CPR mannequins for a “down and dirty” lesson on CPR!





In 2021, the Glenside Fire Protection District's Fire Prevention Bureau continued to experience both growth and change. We sadly said goodbye to Inspector Jeremy Montgomery, welcomed new Inspector Lt. Chris Cavanaugh and continued to be blessed with the experience, wisdom and mentoring of Fire Marshal Curt Shires.

Our iPad based inspection program, initiated in mid-2020, has allowed us to reach annual inspection/ re-inspection numbers never seen in the history of the bureau. Our inspection/re-inspection rate for 2021 increased by over 300% helping us to quickly close in on our primary goal, which is to offer an annual fire inspection around 550 occupancies that currently reside within our fire protection district. We hope to report by the end of next year that we have reached our goal.



On January 1, 2021, we implemented our new enforcement and compliance program by teaming up with BRYCER, our third party compliance software, and began a new way of accepting, reviewing, organizing and tracking discrepancies for the hundreds of inspection reports that we are required to review. With the addition of BRYCER as a management tool, we were able to effectively accept all of the required annual, semi-annual and quarterly inspections, are currently tracking all discrepancies and have obtained over 91% compliance. We will continue to work towards 100 % compliance of all discrepancies documented within our fire protection, gas detection and life safety systems.



The demand for plan reviews began to increase as the year progressed. By year's end, we had reviewed 133 plans, witnessed 88 acceptance tests, inspected and approved 35 new business licenses and provided final approval for 25 new occupancies. For archiving purposes, we began to request and accept digital copies of as-builds. We are currently researching and evaluating new technology, which would give us the ability to conduct plan reviews using an all-digital submittal. This upgrade to digital plan reviews would place us in a ready position in the event the Village of Glendale Heights decided to move towards digital review technology.

Our hope to begin and complete phase 2 of our goal to scan and archive additional drawings including kitchen hood, kitchen suppression systems, architectural, mechanical and electrical drawings fell short due to a variety of circumstances. We will continue to look for time and opportunity to begin phase 2 of this important project in the upcoming year.





Fire Prevention Bureau

Our commitment to educating and assisting our older adult community was again impacted by the year's events, however we were able to safely continue to offer our smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector and residential key box installation programs. We look forward to the time when we can again deliver our message, in-person, that we care and we are always there to help make their lives better and safer.

A special thanks to Administrative Assistant Laura Haiden and Secretary Alex Galanopulos for their continued hard work, patience, understanding, humor and commitment to detail. Without their support and expertise, the Fire Prevention Bureau would not have been able to enjoy our many successes and accomplishments throughout the year.

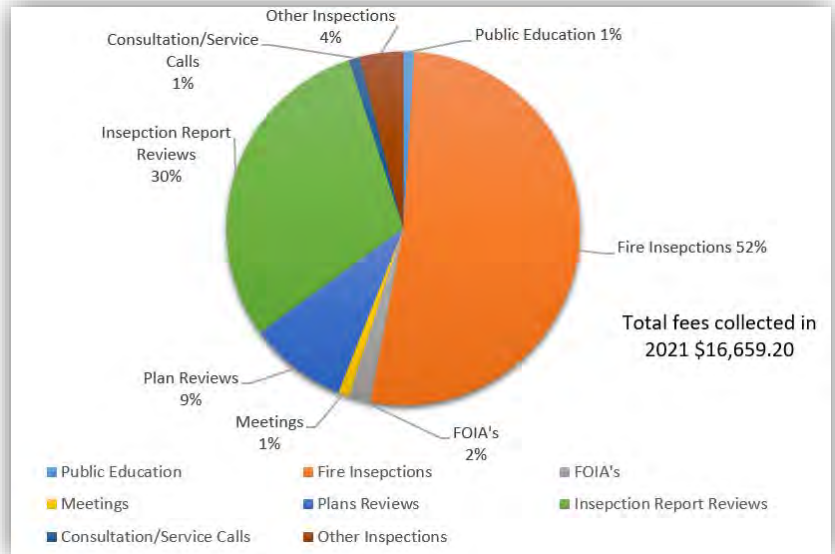
Brad Butler, Fire Marshal

Curt Shires, PT Fire Marshal

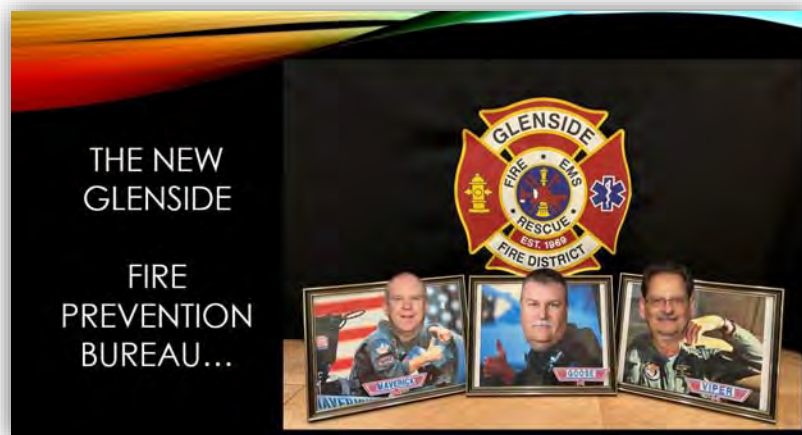
Chris Cavanaugh, PT Fire Inspector



VOGH Senior Luncheon Dec 2nd



Pie Chart breakdown of statistical data for work completed in the Fire Prevention Bureau 2021





The following pages provide reporting data generated from Firehouse Software, a National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). This is the compliant reporting and records management software system the District utilizes to track fire and emergency medical services (EMS) calls. This system also tracks the scheduling of firefighters, training, equipment, public education events and many other fire department related information that requires tracking. The District also tracks specific training, certifications, legal requirements and other data in Target Solutions.

EMS call records are supported by additional information through the Image Trend System and the billing process with an outside contracted billing company.

In 2021, the District increased their ambulance service rates with consideration to new Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) allowable rate increases. The District also added car fires to the billing process through Paramedic Billing Services.



Glenside Fire Protection District

Proudly serving Glendale Heights and Glen Ellyn Countryside

We're There and We Care!

RESPONSES BY UNIT 2021

CHIEF 58	9
DEPUTY 58	26
MEDIC 58	1,871
ENGINE 58	1,627
ENGINE 59	4
MEDIC 59	649
QUINT 58	11
INSPECTOR 58	7
INSPECTOR 59	4
UTILITY 58	17
TOTAL	4,225





ALS vs. BLS Transport Historical View

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
ALS Transports	617	549	686	760	703
BLS Transports	316	376	400	364	427
Refused Treat/Transport	112	139	208	231	362
Treated, Refused Transport	224	213	150	97	149
DOA	14	10	17	10	26
MPR	60	58	60	73	75
Treated, Transferred Care	45	12	8	12	16
Canceled/standby					
Transported by GSDE	933	925	1086	1124	1130
ALS Calls (Total)	774	672	782	825	993
BLS Calls (Total)	510	686	747	723	766
Total Runs	1433	1421	1589	1580	1851

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
ALS Transports	633	685	578	686	847
BLS Transports	400	492	401	340	454
Refused Treat/Transport	214	317	346	163	162
Treated, Refused Transport	223	180	102	194	115
DOA	16	17	17	24	20
MPR	51	43	4	40	58
Treated, Transferred Care	37	45	28	31	29
Canceled/standby				25	31
Transported by GSDE	1263	1177	979	1009	1301
ALS Calls (Total)	845	973	612	823	940
BLS Calls (Total)	797	785	418	615	847
Total Runs	1642	1829	1544	1503	1821



Ambulance - Mutual Aid Given vs. Received

	2018			2019			2020			2021 Re- ceived	
	Given	Received		Given	Received		Given	Received		Given	Received
January	3	4		3	2		2	3		1	1
February	3	9		2	7		3	5		3	2
March	6	8		4	9		4	4		2	4
April	4	7		4	7		2	3		1	2
May	6	0		2	2		2	0		5	2
June	6	11		4	0		2	4		2	4
July	1	1		9	2		5	1		3	8
August	1	5		3	0		1	2		8	10
September	7	3		0	10		3	2		2	9
October	2	4		7	3		3	2		4	10
November	3	2		7	1		4	3		3	10
December	3	3		7	4		1	4		4	17
Total	45	57		52	47		32	33		38	79
+/-		-12			5			-1			-41

	2014			2015			2016			2017	
	Given	Received		Given	Received		Given	Received		Given	Received
January	4	0		4	0		6	0		8	6
February	3	3		4	0		5	1		4	0
March	3	0		5	4		6	6		7	1
April	3	0		9	6		4	1		4	5
May	7	1		6	5		7	1		5	2
June	4	1		5	8		12	2		2	3
July	1	2		8	6		5	5		7	0
August	4	5		10	6		4	5		2	3
September	2	4		4	5		8	4		2	15
October	11	2		11	1		4	4		2	4
November	4	2		9	3		5	0		5	6
December	6	2		7	2		8	1		8	9
Total	52	22		82	46		74	30		56	54
+/-		30			36			44			2



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Annual Report Aid Responses by Department

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2021} And {12/31/2021}

Type of Aid	Count	Type of Aid	Count
ADSN Addison Fire Protection District		EGRV Elk Grove Village	
Mutual aid received	3	Mutual aid given	1
Automatic aid received	22		1
Mutual aid given	3		
Automatic aid given	4	ENGINE 29 Carol Stream Engine	
	32	Automatic aid received	1
			1
ADSN 130 Medic			
Mutual aid received	1	GLYN Glen Ellyn Fire Protection District	
	1	Automatic aid received	3
		Mutual aid given	5
ADSN 137 Tower Ladder		Automatic aid given	10
Automatic aid received	1		18
	1		
		ITAS Itasca Fire Protection Dist.	
BC 28 Carol Stream Battalion Chief		Mutual aid given	2
Automatic aid received	1	Automatic aid given	1
	1		3
BLMD Bloomingdale Fire Protection District		LOMB Lombard Fire Department	
Mutual aid received	7	Automatic aid received	1
Automatic aid received	47		1
Mutual aid given	14		
Automatic aid given	31	MEDIC 29 Carol Stream Ambulance	
	99	Mutual aid received	1
		Automatic aid received	3
BLMD M-21 Medic 21			4
Mutual aid received	1		
	1	NWMSU Mobile Stroke Unit	
		Mutual aid received	6
BLMD M-23 Medic 23		Automatic aid received	9
Mutual aid received	1		15
	1		
		ROCK Rockton Fire Department	
CRST Carol Stream Fire Protection District		Mutual aid given	1
Mutual aid received	26		1
Automatic aid received	72		
Mutual aid given	7	ROSE Roselle Fire Department	
Automatic aid given	15	Mutual aid received	1
	120	Automatic aid received	17
		Automatic aid given	9



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Annual Report Aid Responses by Department

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2021} And {12/31/2021}

Type of Aid	Count
ROSE Roselle Fire Department	
	27
WARN Warrenville Fire Protection District	
Automatic aid given	1
	1
WEGO West Chicago Fire Department	
Automatic aid received	1
	1
WFLD Winfield FPD	
Automatic aid received	1
Automatic aid given	3
	4
WHTN Wheaton Fire Department	
Mutual aid received	2
Automatic aid received	13
Mutual aid given	2
Automatic aid given	3
	20
WOOD Wooddale Fire Protection District	
Mutual aid given	4
	4
YCFD York Center Fire Protection District	
Automatic aid received	1
	1

Day/Shift		Count	Percent- age
Sunday			
1 Black		143	5.39%
2 Red		116	4.37%
3 Gold		103	3.88%
		362	13.65%
Monday			
1 Black		176	6.63%
2 Red		112	4.22%
3 Gold		120	4.52%
		408	15.38%
Tuesday			
1 Black		148	5.58%
2 Red		112	5.42%
3 Gold		120	4.75%
		418	15.76%
Wednes- day			
1 Black		145	5.46%
2 Red		113	4.26%
3 Gold		118	4.44%
		376	14.17%
Thursday			
1 Black		138	5.20%
2 Red		115	4.33%
3 Gold		119	4.48%
		372	14.02%
Friday			
1 Black		163	6.14%
2 Red		108	4.07%
3 Gold		117	4.41%
		388	14.63%
Saturday			
1 Black		110	4.14%
2 Red		98	3.69%
3 Gold		120	4.52%
		328	12.36%

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Annual Report Incidents by Day of Week/Shift
Alarm Date Between 01/01/2021 and 12/31/2021



Incident Notes:

In 2021 the percentage of least calls came in on both Saturdays and Sundays.

The percentage of most calls occurred on Tuesdays, then Mondays.

Black Shift took the most calls in 2021 by 6.5% over the other two shifts.

Total Incidents by Shift		
Day/ Shift	Count	Percent
1 Black	1,023	38.57%
2 Red	806	30.40%
3 Gold	823	31.03%
	2,652	100%



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Annual Report Year-to-date Incident Participation

Activity Date Between {01/01/2021} And
{12/31/2021}

Staff Id/Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
1139 Anderson, Kyle	36	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	1.62
1128 Berghaus, Nicholas	61	72	54	37	0	6	35	62	50	36	44	35	492	18.55
1146 Bjorklund, Mark	0	0	0	0	0	7	59	59	45	39	48	70	327	12.33
1126 Butler, Brad	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	4	0.15
1141 Casciola, Gino	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.22
1010 Cassady, Richard W	2	4	14	2	4	0	3	4	6	3	4	1	47	1.77
1006 Cavanaugh, Chris T	40	42	39	28	49	21	30	60	56	65	33	20	483	18.21
1134 Conley, Tim	32	41	42	51	58	40	50	45	40	38	31	56	524	19.75
1147 Cox, Preston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	30	36	56	135	5.09
1144 Cruz-Arenas, Diana	0	0	8	5	15	14	7	5	5	0	44	81	184	6.93
1138 Debelevich, Kayla	46	34	16	23	44	36	37	43	50	31	36	37	433	16.32
1110 Dlouhy, Ryan	16	45	27	29	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	132	4.97
1148 Glennon, Conor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	24	0.90
1143 Glodzik, Jack	0	0	28	56	66	58	4	0	0	0	0	0	212	7.99
1140 Goranson, Todd E	37	32	29	33	32	38	47	44	44	50	34	60	480	18.09
1088 Gravina, Gregory	5	15	25	19	29	37	25	53	54	54	42	22	380	14.32
1135 Greengard, James	50	51	41	36	51	52	26	45	58	58	9	0	477	17.98
1121 Guevara, Michael	67	68	71	47	79	74	46	86	58	48	54	56	754	28.43
1011 Hammond, Jeffery C	26	18	0	0	19	25	36	44	42	51	32	27	320	12.06
1060 Hauser, Brian R	34	44	35	45	41	45	23	50	36	32	46	59	490	18.47
1145 Johnson, Sydney	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.22
1018 Johnston, Robert D	41	0	13	10	9	14	26	8	8	11	15	69	224	8.44
1095 Kaiser, Matthew	12	34	33	27	36	29	61	47	36	40	30	64	449	16.93
1150 Kolarik, John	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	5	0.18
1004 Lipowski, Stephen D	17	51	29	22	35	36	39	51	2	52	20	50	404	15.23
1029 Lipponeur, Kyle M	42	46	40	35	36	31	34	54	48	52	34	33	485	18.28
1033 Little, Katherine A	47	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	2.75
1102 Malinoski, Richard	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	35	35	125	4.71
7002 Matteson, Rachel	0	0	7	4	14	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	1.20
1131 Montgomery, Jeremy	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.03
9000 NO GLENDSIDE PERSONNEL, 0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	8	0.30
1028 Novielli, Natalino G	30	32	29	43	58	41	41	66	32	48	15	0	435	16.40
1013 Pacie, Michael J	40	52	23	49	30	40	47	54	30	9	23	47	444	16.74
1149 Redd, Barry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	15	0	0	28	1.05
1137 Rhodes, Dan	7	4	7	10	9	0	0	2	20	25	0	0	84	3.16
1016 Small, Michael R	26	11	11	17	16	14	14	18	15	20	17	15	194	7.31
1142 Szymanek, Michael	0	0	33	40	32	38	22	0	0	0	0	0	165	6.22
1079 Taylor, Joseph R.	13	46	54	29	32	29	44	59	39	34	46	42	467	17.60
1009 Wallin, Christopher T	52	57	36	49	36	62	54	53	37	49	5	25	515	19.41



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Activity Date Between {01/01/2021} And
{12/31/2021}

Staff Id/Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
1127 Wick, David	37	40	45	29	55	25	37	43	57	43	40	83	534	20.13
1000 Wood, Russell J	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.18
1023 Zielinski, David G	19	34	35	15	29	27	40	35	30	30	26	34	354	13.34
0 Zz-No, Callbacks	2	5	4	1	8	0	3	5	3	2	1	3	37	1.39

Total Runs by Month											
Jan	197	Feb	219	Mar	195	Apr	190	May	229	Jun	215
Jul	219	Aug	278	Sep	228	Oct	226	Nov	190	Dec	266

Grand Total Runs: 2,652



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Annual Report Incident Type Report

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2021} And {12/31/2021}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	49	1.84%	\$869,900	90.12%
112 Fires in structure other than in a building	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	11	0.41%	\$9,000	0.93%
118 Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
130 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, Other	1	0.03%	\$2,000	0.20%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	3	0.11%	\$74,100	7.67%
132 Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
150 Outside rubbish fire, Other	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	4	0.15%	\$5,000	0.51%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
160 Special outside fire, Other	1	0.03%	\$500	0.05%
162 Outside equipment fire	1	0.03%	\$500	0.05%
163 Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion	1	0.03%	\$1,510	0.15%
	83	3.12%	\$962,510	99.72%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat(no fire)				
240 Explosion (no fire), Other	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
243 Fireworks explosion (no fire)	1	0.03%	\$700	0.07%
251 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
	3	0.11%	\$700	0.07%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with	1,584	59.72%	\$0	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	82	3.09%	\$0	0.00%
323 Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	12	0.45%	\$0	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
350 Extrication, rescue, Other	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
381 Rescue or EMS standby	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
	1,691	63.76%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
400 Hazardous condition, Other	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	35	1.31%	\$0	0.00%



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Alarm Date Between {01/01/2021} And {12/31/2021}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
424 Carbon monoxide incident	15	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring),	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	25	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
461 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
	86	3.24%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
500 Service Call, other	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
510 Person in distress, Other	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	48	1.81%	\$0	0.00%
520 Water problem, Other	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	5	0.18%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	7	0.26%	\$0	0.00%
542 Animal rescue	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
554 Assist invalid	107	4.03%	\$0	0.00%
555 Defective elevator, no occupants	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
561 Unauthorized burning	8	0.30%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	17	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
	205	7.73%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	95	3.58%	\$0	0.00%
622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch	22	0.82%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	4	0.15%	\$0	0.00%
	121	4.56%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
712 Direct tie to FD, malicious false alarm	3	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	18	0.67%	\$0	0.00%
734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	12	0.45%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	10	0.37%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	0.07%	\$0	0.00%



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Alarm Date Between {01/01/2021} And {12/31/2021}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
7 False Alarm & False Call				
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	7	0.26%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	301	11.34%	\$2,000	0.20%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	5	0.18%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	88	3.31%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	13	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
	463	17.45%	\$2,000	0.20%

Total Incident Count: 2652

Total Est Loss:

\$965,210

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