

GLENSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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AND GLEN ELLYN COUNTRYSIDE**



**2022
ANNUAL REPORT**





Chief's Welcome & Notes



Thank you for your interest in the Glenside Fire Protection District annual report. We hope you find the material herein useful and informative.

As the country shifted out of the Covid-19 pandemic state, 2022 proved to be a very busy and productive year for the fire district. The Glenside Fire Protection District resumed many of the pre-pandemic community engagements which were sorely missed. It was so satisfying to once again have our firefighters pay visits to school classrooms, participate in the Glendale Heights Health & Safety Fair and resume an active public safety role at the Glendale Heights Founders Day Festival.

The fire district had a significant administrative change in personnel as Deputy Chief John Kolarik retired and in September and we welcomed Jeff Buccola to the Deputy Chief position. A lifelong DuPage County resident, Deputy Chief Buccola has had a long and successful career in the fire service which includes serving 20 years with the West Chicago Fire Protection District. We are truly fortunate to be able to bring Deputy Chief Buccola on board and we know he will be a huge asset to our fire district.

The Glenside Fire Protection District conducted a strategic planning session in May and effectuated an organizational strategic document that will serve as a roadmap towards achieving our goals over the coming years. The new strategic plan aims the fire district at improving and modernizing our services and preparing the fire district to align with the changing needs of our community and society.

The fire district added a new fire engine to its fleet in May. The 2022 Ferrara pumper carries 1,000 gallons of water with a fire pump capable of pumping 1,500 gallons of water per minute. The new Engine 58 was placed into service in June and will help to protect our community for many years to come.

The Glenside Fire Protection District made many improvements and modifications in 2022. Our personnel engaged in several interagency training opportunities which will increase emergency operations efficiency and make for safer emergency scenes. The fire district modernized several technological systems which will greatly aid us with records management and provide tools and analytics to help us identify at-risk areas in our fire district. All of the improvements and modifications we made were in line with the four cornerstones the Glenside Fire Protection District is built upon: Service, Training, Education and Community.

The Glenside Fire Protection District could not have had any measurable success without the hard work and dedication of every one of our firefighters, fire officers, administrative support staff, and our appointed and elected officials. The Glenside Fire Protection District promotes a team approach towards serving and protecting our residents and as Fire Chief, I feel our team does an exceptional job of this. Our residents are part of our team as well. If you should ever have any thoughts or considerations on how we can better serve you and our community please feel free to reach out to me to share your thoughts. Again, I thank you for your interest.

Richard Cassady Fire Chief
The Glenside Fire Protection District

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Glenside Fire District 2022

Our Mission Statement

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“We’re There and We Care”



Annual Report 2022

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 2,711 requests for service in 2022, an increase of 2.23% over 2021. Of the total responses 1,822 were Emergency Medical Services related and accounted for 67.2% of all calls this year (same percentage as 2021). Our Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians logged 1,811 ambulance runs on which 837 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 included 64 fire specific incidents (down 22.9% from 2021) and 104 hazardous condition incidents (with no fire, up 20.9% from 2021). There were also 396 false alarm or false calls, down 14.5% from 2021.



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 Jeff Buccola 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 2022 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!



FINANCIAL REPORT **GLENSIDE FIRE PD**

Executive Summary

The Glenside Fire Protection District has an annual financial audit completed by an outside independent auditor pertaining to its annual financial report (AFR). Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). The auditor has recognized that the District has a strong net position that has increased during the past fiscal year.

Introduction

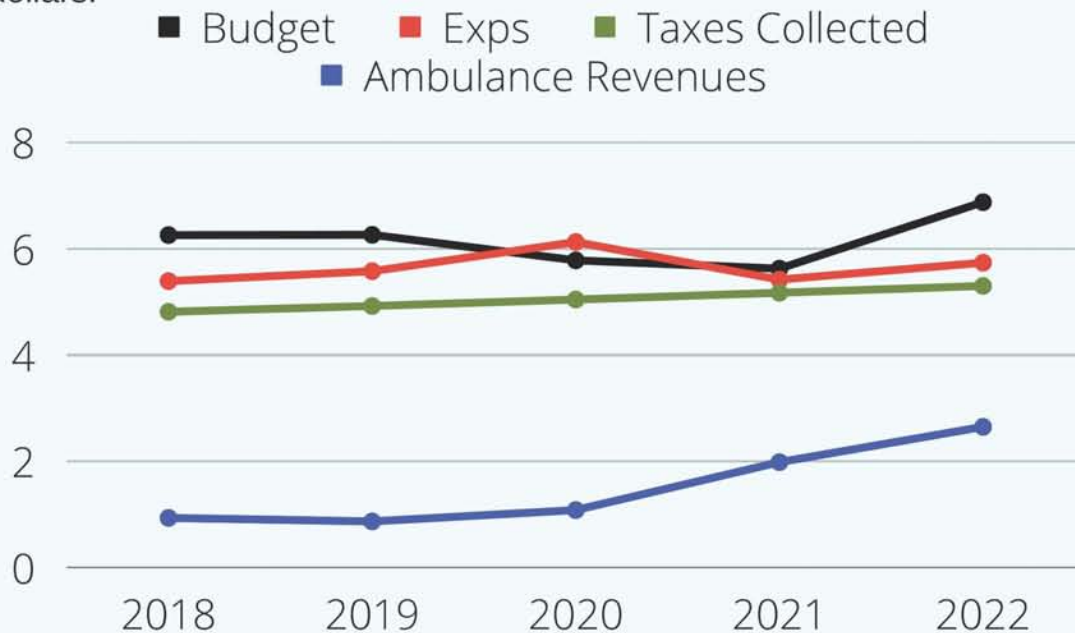
The Glenside District recognizes and follows the Text of Laws Relating to Illinois Fire Protection Districts and State Fire Marshal requirements as noted in Section 50 ILCS 310 - Finances: Government Account Audit Act. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements.

Our Mission

The District's Board of Trustees have policies set in place to complete balanced annual budgets as well as establishing a strong capital asset foundation with little to no long-term debt to the District's tax payers. The members of the District work hard to be fiscally responsible with the funds received from DuPage County on behalf of the District's tax payers.

Strategy & Implementation

The graph below depicts the District's budget and expenses for the last 5 years as reported (2018-2022). Graph is depicted in the millions of dollars.



Reporting

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances and for all those with an interest in the District's finances. The AFR for the District can be obtained via written request to info@glensidefire.org

The Glenside Fire Protection District, uses tax payers dollars to cover the expenses of the District on a fiscal year basis. The 2021-2022 operational budget for the District totaled \$4,325,416 and covered the basic needs to run and provide fire and emergency services to the residents within the District. Approximately 70% 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 \$2,550,142 is allocated to cover the Firefighters Pension Fund, anticipated Capital expenditures, Audit Fund and Tort Liability Fund. The Glenside Firefighters Pension Fund for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2022 is 70.80% funded with an ending balance of \$16,248,295.

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.

New Engine Arrival



The Glenside Fire Protection District made a few capital expense purchases in 2022 beginning with The Ferrara Fire Engine was received and put into service in June of 2022. The final cost of the engine with all necessary equipment (radios, lettering, etc.) was just over \$725,000.

Our oldest engine was sold to Lumber Ridge Fire Department in North Carolina in the amount of \$201,000 help pay for the new engine. Picture below on flatbed (bottom right).

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.



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.



BREAKDOWN OF RESPONSES / CALLS IN 2022

2022 Call Breakdown:

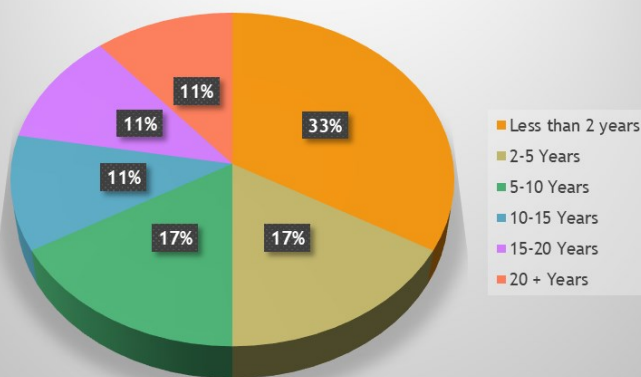
Fire Related:	64
Rescue & EMS:	1,822
Hazardous Condition	
(No Fire):	104
Service Call/Good Intent	
Calls:	325
False Alarm/False	
Calls:	396
Total:	<u>2,711</u>



2022 Call Analysis: There was an increase of 2.23% of total calls compared to 2021.

One of the busiest years for total call volume in over 25 years!

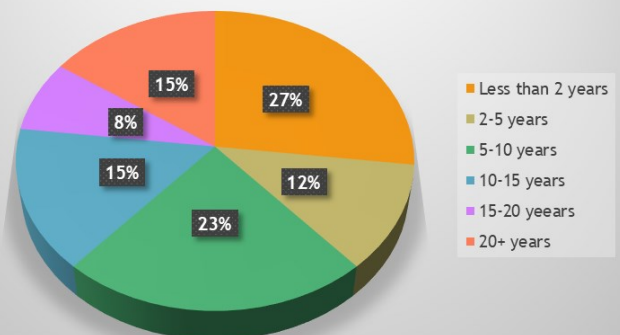
Full Time Firefighters Years of Service



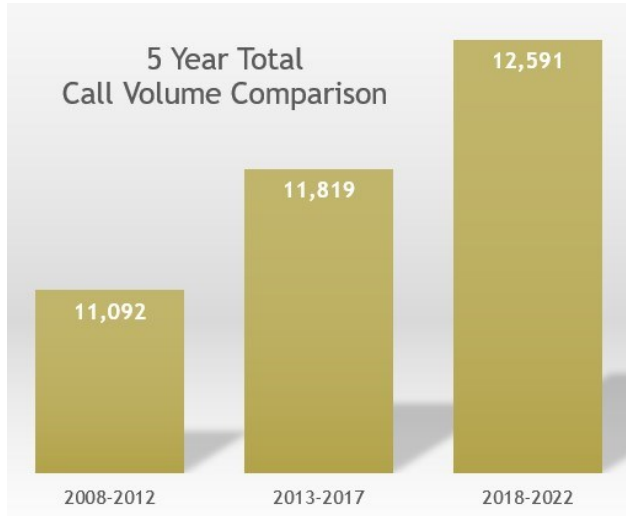
Full Time Firefighters in the graph pictured left, represent the bargained for employees under the collective bargaining agreement between the Glenside Fire Protection District and the Glenside Professional Fire Firefighters Association Local 3277.

All Firefighters in the graph pictured right, include Part-time, Full-time firefighters and Fire Chiefs.

All FF's Years of Service

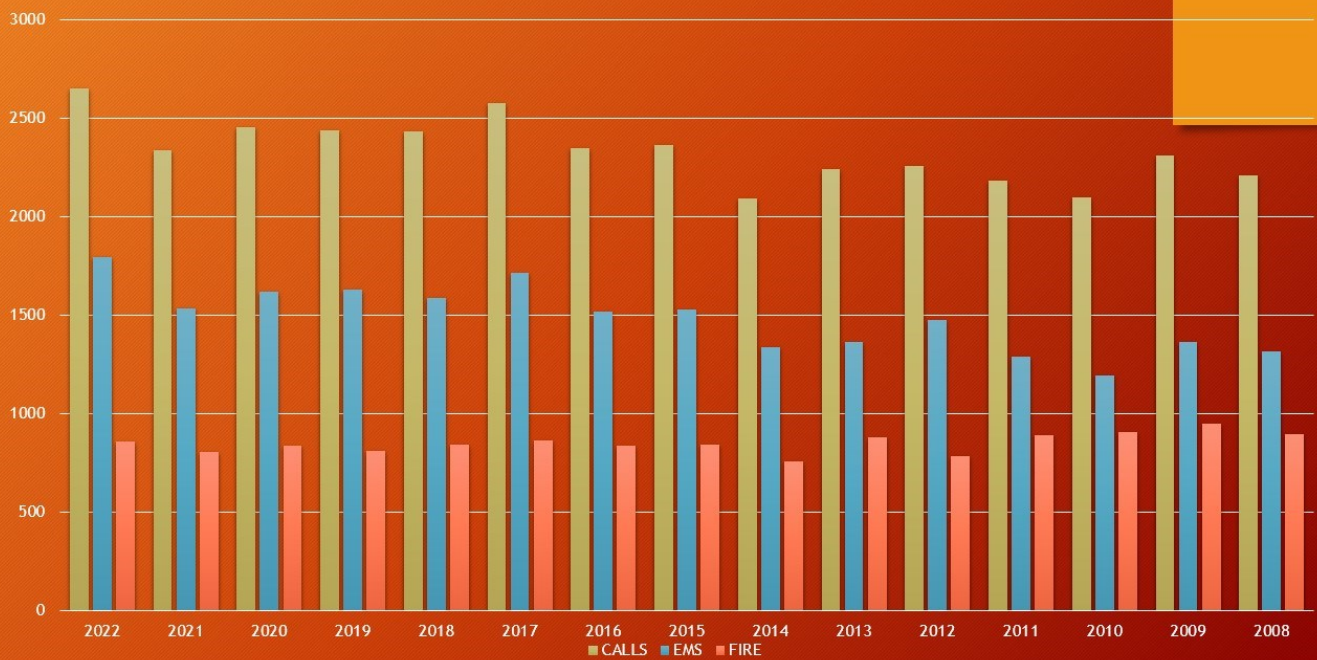


HISTORICAL LOOK AT RESPONSES FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS



YEAR	CALLS	EMS	FIRE	%EMS
2022	2711	1822	889	67%
2021	2653	1794	859	67%
2020	2336	1532	804	65%
2019	2454	1619	835	66%
2018	2437	1628	809	67%
2017	2431	1588	843	65%
2016	2579	1717	862	66%
2015	2349	1515	834	64%
2014	2366	1526	840	64%
2013	2094	1338	756	64%
2012	2243	1363	880	61%
2011	2256	1473	783	65%
2010	2181	1291	890	59%
2009	2100	1195	905	57%
2008	2312	1365	947	59%

CALLS FOR SERVICE 2008-2022



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



Jeff Buccola
Deputy Chief
Serving Since 2022



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 Dave Zielinski
Serving Since 2022



PSI PM/FF Vacant Position



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 1999



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



Nicole Maslowski
Serving Since 2022



Natalino Novielli
Serving Since 2007



Michael Small
Serving Since 1994

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.

GLENSIDE AWARDS 2022



Glenside 2022 service awards were hosted by The Glenside Fire District and the Board of Trustees. Emcees for the event were Chief Rich Cassady assisted by DC John Kolarik. 5 year anniversaries were recognized by The District for our employees.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



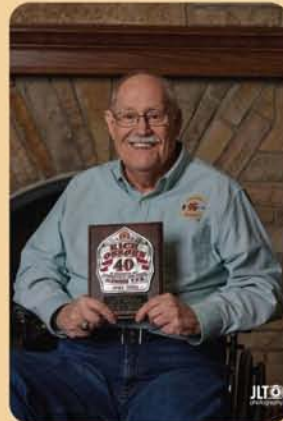
In Remembrance - Chief Ralph Blust
Trustee Sharon Christopher

5 Years of Service - Firefighter Ryan Dlouhy
Firefighter Greg Gravina
Commissioner Javier Guzman
Firefighter/PM Matt Kaiser
Firefighter/PM Rick Malinoski
Trustee Marty Olsen

10 Years of Service - Secretary Alex Galanopulos
Acting Officer Brian Hauser
Lieutenant Mike Pacie



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



15 Years of Service - Admin Asst Laura Haiden
Fire Inspector Curt Shires
20 Years of Service - Lieutenant Chris Cavanaugh
30 Years of Service - Chief Richard Cassady
Trustee Nick Kosiara
40 Years of Service - Trustee Rich Osborn
Retirement - Fire Chief Russ Wood



GLENSIDE FIRE WELCOMES DEPUTY CHIEF JEFF BUCCOLA

Deputy Chief Jeff Buccola joins the Glenside administration team and was sworn in on September 13, 2022. DC Buccola was a Battalion Chief in West Chicago and was a Chief Officer in Glen Ellyn with a combined 17 years of officer experience. He comes to Glenside with a total of 30 years of fire service experience.



GLENSIDE FIRE WELCOMES FIREFIGHTER DAVE ZIELINSKI

Firefighter David Zielinski was hired as a full-time firefighter/paramedic with the District in October of 2022. Dave started his work as a part-time firefighter/EMT with the District in September of 2007, 15 years earlier. His service continued as a contract paramedic for the District before being hired full-time. We were happy to hire "one of our own!"



The Five Steps in the Day of a Firefighter

STEP
01



Begin Shift at 0730

Roll call and vehicle checks start out the 24 hour day for the shift. An overview of the day's events are reviewed by the Chief Officer.

STEP
02



Training

Any training scheduled for the day usually occurs in the AM hours - training can be continued education for EMS or Fire related.



Calls and Emergency Responses

An average of 7.42 calls occur on any given day of the year. Calls come through DuComm Services and 9-1-1 dispatching. Everything stops and the call becomes the priority. Reports to follow!

STEP
03



STEP
04



Assignments

Daily, weekly, monthly checklists are also observed to care for the station maintenance including laundry, lawn care, building maintenance and a variety of other tasks.

STEP
05



Duties and Responsibilities

Daily physical fitness is encouraged and required to stay fit to perform the duties of a firefighter. Public education tasks and other assignments round off the day!

TRAINING

TRAINING STATS



Chiefs

Chief Cassady and Deputy Chief Buccola had a combined 472 hours of training in 2022. Note: DC Buccola started with the District in August of 2022



Full-time Firefighters

Total Hours of Training Recorded: 8,232

Average hours per Firefighter was: 549



Part-time Firefighters

Total Hours of Training Recorded: 3,731

Average hours per part-timer was: 466



Totals

Total Hours of Training Recorded: 12,435 Hours

Average hours per person was: 497 Hours

Note: these numbers do not include other Admin employees



SHIFT STATISTICS 2022

	Black	Red	Gold	Total
SUNDAY	126	110	114	350
MONDAY	134	136	132	403
TUESDAY	152	115	128	395
WEDNESDAY	131	125	132	388
THURSDAY	121	134	136	391
FRIDAY	136	137	138	411
SATURDAY	113	116	144	373
TOTALS	913	873	924	2,711

Analysis: Gold Shift took the most calls in 2022

Friday was the busiest day of the week in 2022

RESPONSES BY UNIT 2022

CHIEF 58

45

DEPUTY CHIEF 58

110

MEDIC 58

1,965

MEDIC 59

665

ENGINE 58

1,636

QUINT 58

31

UTILITY 58

4

TOTAL

4,456



PUBLIC EDUCATION PROFILE



Social Media Outlets

Website: www.glensidefire.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Glenside

Public Education Services

- 2nd Grade School Program
- Station Tours / Apparatus Displays
- Village of Glendale Heights and Community Involvement
- Fire Prevention / Education Programs
- Emergency Lock Boxes
- Classes to the public - CPR/AED, First Aid, Friends and Family CPR
- Fire Extinguisher Classes
- Home Fire Safety Inspection - installation of smoke detectors
- My Medical Information



Public Education Overview

Vision

To provide the best public service program through education, training and implementation to our community to keep the residents safe and knowledgeable about fire safety needs. This will assist families in their efforts to prevent, plan and practice daily fire safety and assist the District firefighters in keeping everyone safe.

Mission

Glenside's public education program goals are to follow the four main principles of fire safety. Teach our residents how to prevent fire events through the common principles of prevention, detection and communication, occupant protection, containment and extinguishment.





Our Service

Glenside continues to be active in the Village of Glendale Heights and community activities and events. The annual Health and Safety Event reaches 500 to 1,500 residents annually. Through public classes held, parties in the park, National Night Out, various school events and social media the District continues to strive to educate as many people as possible about fire safety.





Community Activities

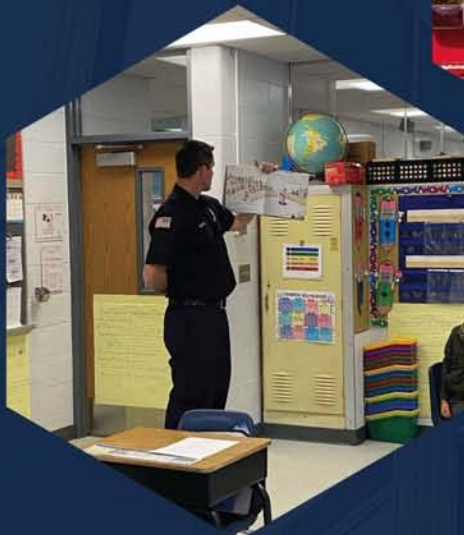
- 1** Glendale Heights Fest in July is the Village of Glendale Heights event of for summer excitement. A fireworks show is the highlight of the five day event in addition to the rides on the midway. Pictured above, our fire inspectors review their checklists to ensure the rides are safe before the fun begins!
- 2** The Village of Glendale Heights holds a variety of annual recognition days including Memorial Day Services, Patriot Day (pictured right), Veterans Day (pictured below), etc.
- 3** The District and its members have a cohesive relationship with the Village and its members enabling everyone to focus on providing meaningful involvement within the community and the citizens we all serve!





Impacting the Future

- 1 From working in the schools with second grade students to teaching kids at summer camp about basic fire safety (pictured above) to sharing our love of the fire service, our public education instructors ROCK!
- 2 Day of Reading is always a hit when the firefighters come to class! Below left and center, Firefighters Zelek and Hauser share the love of reading to the students.
- 3 Questions galore from the inquisitive students in the bottom right picture... everyone wants to know if there is a dog at the firehouse! And they all want to know how to become a firefighter.





Giving Back

1 Glenside Fire Protection District and the Glenside Professional Firefighters Association Local 3277 often partner to give back to the community where the need is recognized. Efforts include Christmas Sharing which provides gifts and support to families in need (pictured above) and serving our seniors lunch (pictured below and right) among the many items and efforts.

2 The Glenside District went global with assisting the Country of Ukraine during their time of need as so many across the United States took action to help. Bunker coats, pants and other equipment were donated and



Fire Prevention Bureau

In 2022, the Glenside Fire Protection District's Fire Prevention Bureau continued to move forward improving our services, technology, and efficiency. We are glad to report that Lt/Inspector Chris Cavanagh and Fire Marshal Curt Shires remain an integral part of the bureau's continued success offering their experience, wisdom, dedication, and unique perspectives.

With the assistance of our I-Pad based fire inspection program, we continue to close in on our primary goal which is to offer an annual fire inspection for the over six hundred occupancies that currently reside within our fire protection district. The extra responsibility of entering all new contact information and data into Image Trend has slowed us down a bit, however we hope to complete this monumental task by the end of 2024.

BRYCER, our third-party compliance engine, has surpassed all our expectations. Except for two small multi-family occupancies, BRYCER has successfully accepted and is tracking every annual, semi-annual, quarterly, 3/5-year inspection and testing reports for fire alarms, sprinklers, standpipes, fire pumps, kitchen hood suppression, kitchen hood cleaning, special suppression, fire doors, and gas detection systems. In 2023, we will add standby and emergency generators to the list of required inspections.

The demand for plan review, inspection, and testing continues to increase and by year's end we had reviewed a record 161 plans. As we wait for the inevitable transition to an all-digital plan review, we will continue to research, evaluate, plan, and prepare.

Our commitment to educating and assisting our older adult community was a shared responsibility between the Fire Prevention Bureau and the Public Education Team. Together, we resumed our in-person safety presentations at the community center and maintained our smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector and residential key box installation programs.

A special thanks to all the members of the Public Education Team for their dedication, compassion, and commitment to educating not only our older adults, but also all the residents of Glendale Heights.

Respectfully,

Brad Butler, Fire Marshal
Curt Shires, PT Fire Marshal
Lt Chris Cavanaugh, PT Fire Inspector



CHICAGOLAND 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB

September 10, 2022
Soldier Field - Chicago IL

Honoring Our Fallen Heroes



Pictures from the 2022 event at Soldier Field in Chicago, including many Glenside Fire members and family who participated in the event





GLENSIDE

Fire Protection District

*Proudly serving Glendale Heights
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New Engine Arrival



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