

LINCOLNWOOD

Fire Department

2025 Annual Report



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A message from the Chief...



Welcome to the Lincolnwood Fire Department's 2025 Annual Report. We are pleased that you have taken the opportunity to view it. You will find a vast number of statistics demonstrating our workload indicators and annual call volume.

We are a full-service agency providing fire suppression efforts, Emergency Paramedical Services, rescue, fire prevention, public education, inspectional services, and special team capabilities. The department responds to over 3,300 calls annually.

The mission of the Lincolnwood Fire Department is to provide multidiscipline professional services in the areas of fire, rescue and emergency medicine dedicated to exceeding the evolving needs of our community.

The Lincolnwood Fire Department is dedicated to serving and protecting each person with an appreciation of their diversity and identity. The Lincolnwood Fire Department has a common set of values that all members strive to express through their work and personal contact with others. These values are the cornerstone of all actions and decisions by our personnel, who are our most important asset.

On behalf of all the professional and proud members of the Lincolnwood Fire Department, thank you for the opportunity to serve you. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Finally, I would like to extend my profound gratitude and appreciation to the Village, our elected officials, Village Administration, and all members of the Lincolnwood Fire Department for collectively supporting our vision, values, and mission. Together, we look forward to the next year filled with new endeavors.

Sincerely,

Barry Liss

Fire Chief

Mission Statement

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Values

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Vision

We proudly serve the changing needs of our community by providing the highest quality services with...

Loyalty

Integrity

Nobility

Compassion

Originality

Leadership

Neutrality

Wisdom

Open Mindedness

Objectivity

Dedication

Foresight

Innovation

Responsibility

Excellence

The Lincolnwood Fire Department pledges a commitment to preserving the quality of life. We protect lives, property and the environment with compassion, vigilance, and the utmost dedication.

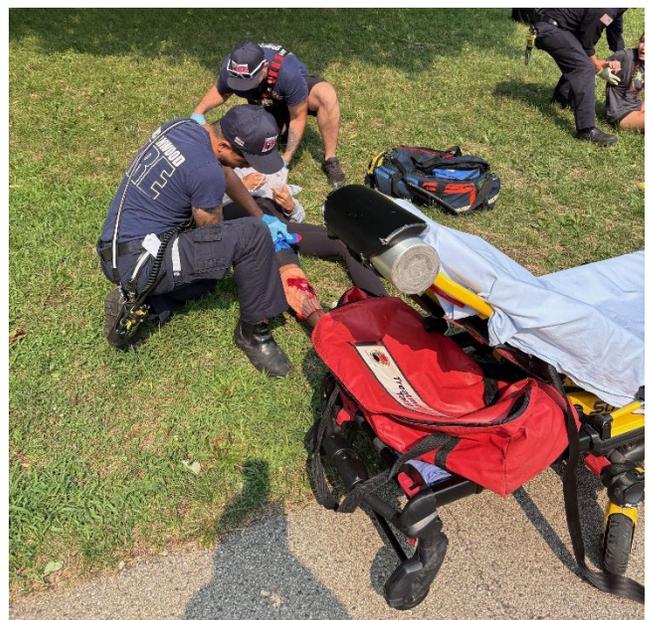


FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET

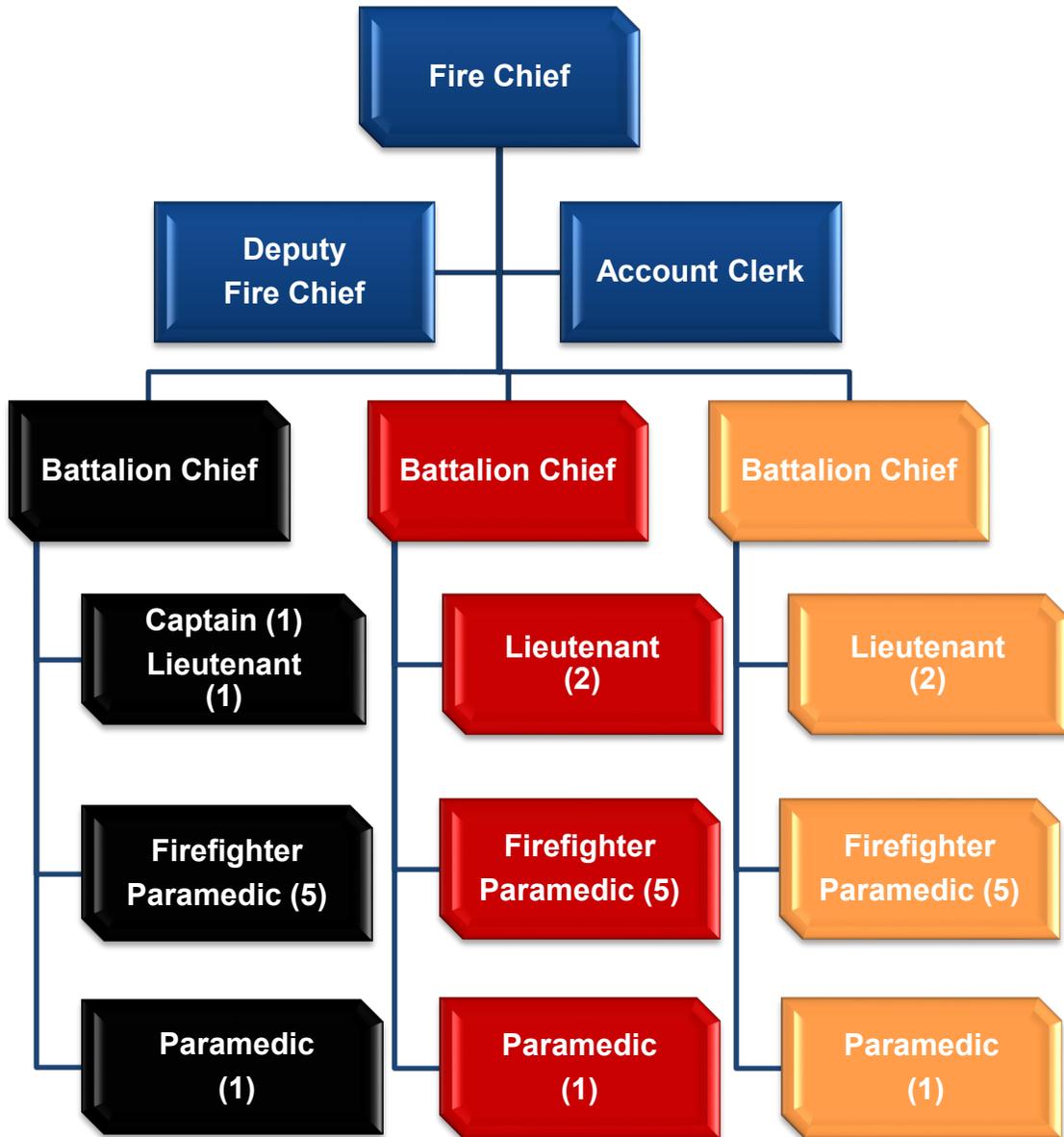
Description

Budget

Personnel	\$269,186
Services	\$4,280,861
Commodities	\$387,287
Capital	\$325,967
TOTAL	\$5,263,301



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ADMINISTRATION DIVISION



Barry Liss
Fire Chief
3 Years



Bryan Pierce
Deputy Fire Chief
25 Years



Russ Perez
Fire Inspector
6 years



Diana Casey
Account Clerk
2 Year

MEMBERSHPS

Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

Illinois Society of Fire Service Instructors

International Association of Fire Chiefs

MABAS Division 3

St. Francis Hospital EMS System

National Fire Protection Association

Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association

Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

National EMS Instructors

Northern Illinois Fire Inspectors



BLACK SHIFT



Keith Dawson
Captain
18 Years



Dane Costello
Battalion Chief
1 Year



Jon McFarlin
Lieutenant
2 Years



Michael O'Malley
FF/Paramedic
2 Years



James Axtt
FF/Paramedic
1 Year



Michael Humphrey
FF/Paramedic
1 Year



Daniel Loverde
FF/Paramedic
1 Year



Lucas Todd
FF/Paramedic
1 Year



Marco Trakos
FF/Paramedic
1 Year

RED SHIFT



Jacob Combs
Lieutenant
8 Years



Bryan Graham
Battalion Chief
21 Years



Sean Littledale
Lieutenant
4 Years



Adam Rivera
FF/Paramedic
3 Years



Andrew Pierce
FF/Paramedic
1 Year



Michael Patten
FF/Paramedic
2 Years



Adam Wagman
FF/Paramedic
1 Year



Ryan Frank
FF/Paramedic
1 Year



Joseph Fallon
FF/Paramedic
1 Year

GOLD SHIFT



Timothy Breslin
Lieutenant
27 Years



Jamie Bickley
Battalion Chief
1 Year



Eddie Arias
Lieutenant
5 Years



Ronald Schaefer
FF/Paramedic
14 Years



Allen Doucet
FF/Paramedic
2 Years



Anais Diaz
FF/Paramedic
1 Year



Zachary Mahmood
FF/Paramedic
2 Years



Thomas Slayton
FF/Paramedic
1 Year



Joshua Garate
FF/Paramedic
1 Year



Anthony McMahon
Paramedic
1 Year

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Life Saving Awards

On Friday, March 28, 2025, at approximately 19:17 hours, the department responded to the report of a motorcycle accident in the 6400 block of Lincoln. On arrival, department personnel found a 21-year-old male motorcyclist who was unresponsive suffering significant traumatic injuries resulting from a high-speed collision with a truck. Arriving within 6 minutes, paramedics quickly accessed and provided airway management and advanced life support stabilizing the patient before being transported to an area Trauma Center in critical condition. The patient ultimately survived this life-threatening event due in no small part to the expert teamwork and performance of advanced skills provided by all on scene personnel.

Therefore, in recognition of everyone's efforts and life-saving actions, the following personnel are presented with this Life Saving Award: Lieutenants Eddie Arias and Jacob Combs, Firefighter/Paramedics Zachary Mahmood, Ronald Schaefer, and Thomas Slayton, and Firefighter/EMT Anais Diaz.

On Sunday, July 13, 2025, at approximately 00:16 hours, the department responded to the report of a person with difficulty breathing in the 4500 block of Touhy. On arrival, department personnel found a 60-year-old male who was in severe respiratory distress followed quickly by a witnessed cardiac arrest. Immediate advanced life support was rendered, successfully restoring pulse and respirations followed by transportation to a local hospital. The patient ultimately survived this life-threatening event due in no small part to the expert teamwork and performance of advanced skills provided by all on scene personnel.

Therefore, in recognition of everyone's efforts and life-saving actions, the following personnel are presented with this Life Saving Award: Captain Keith Dawson, Lieutenant Jon McFarlin, Firefighter/Paramedics Josh Garate, Daniel Loverde, Ronald Schaefer, and Lucas Todd.

Unit Citation

On Friday, March 6, 2025, at 22:46 hours, the department responded to a structure fire of a two-story single-family residency located in the 3800 block of Pratt Avenue. Responding quickly, and arriving within 3 minutes, companies performed an immediate size-up, recognized they had a fire in the basement laundry room area and initiated an aggressive interior attack.

As a result of the effective and appropriate actions demonstrated by all department members on the fire ground, the fire was quickly and effectively controlled and extinguished without injuries or loss of life.

Therefore, in recognition of everyone's effort, quick action, effective tactical skills, proficiency, and dedication to service while performing their duties; the following personnel are presented with this Unit Citation Award: Battalion Chief Dane Costello, Lieutenant Jacob Combs, Firefighter/Paramedics James Axtt, Elizabeth Foster, Sean Littledale, Michael Patten, Andrew Pierce and Adam Rivera.

On Monday, November 10, 2025, at 14:16 hours, the department responded to a reported structure fire of a two-story single-family residency located in the 6500 block of St. Louis. Responding quickly, and arriving within 4 minutes, companies performed an immediate size-up, recognized they had a fire in the basement kitchen/laundry room and initiated their interior attack.

As a result of the effective and appropriate actions demonstrated by all department members, the fire was quickly and effectively controlled and extinguished without injuries or loss of life, and without causing further substantial damage to the home.

Therefore, in recognition of everyone's effort, quick action, effective tactical skills, proficiency, and dedication to service while performing their duties; the following personnel are presented with this Unit Citation Award: Acting Battalion Chief Jacob Combs, Lieutenant Jon McFarlin, Firefighter/Paramedics Anais Diaz, Michael Patten, Andrew Pierce, Adam Rivera, and Adam Wagman and Paramedic Anthony McMahon.

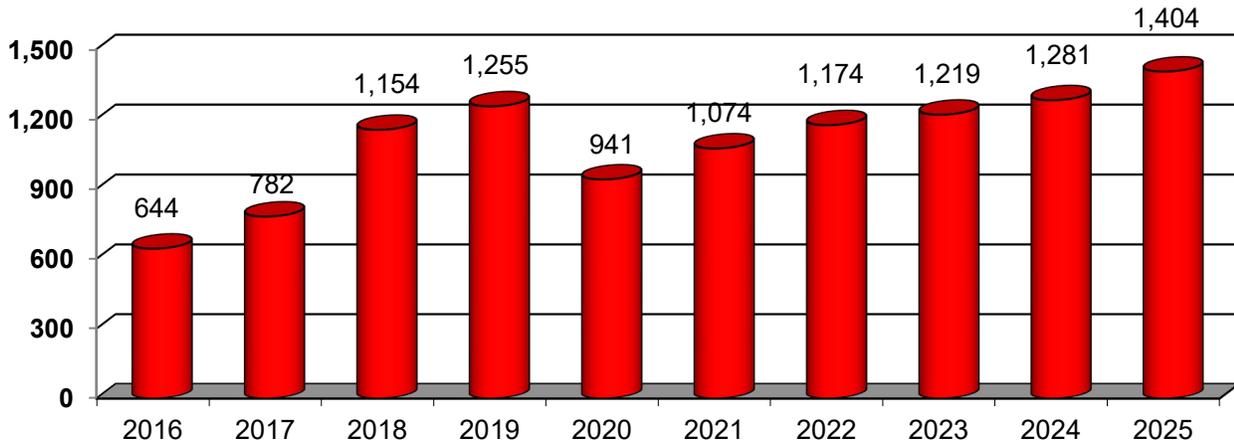
On Friday, November 14, 2025, at approximately 20:39 hours, the department responded to the report of a 54-year-old female suffering from an unknown medical emergency onboard a CTA bus in the 3300 block of McCormick. On arrival, responding personnel quickly assessed the patient and determined they were unresponsive and suffering from an opioid overdose complicated by respiratory compromise. Personnel provided advanced life support treatment, advanced airway management, followed appropriate protocols and subsequently transported the patient to a local hospital arriving in an improved condition.

Therefore, in recognition of everyone's efforts and life-saving actions; the following personnel are presented with this Unit Citation Award: Lieutenant Timothy Breslin, Firefighter/Paramedics Anais Diaz, Joshua Garate, Ronald Schaefer and Paramedic Anthony McMahon.

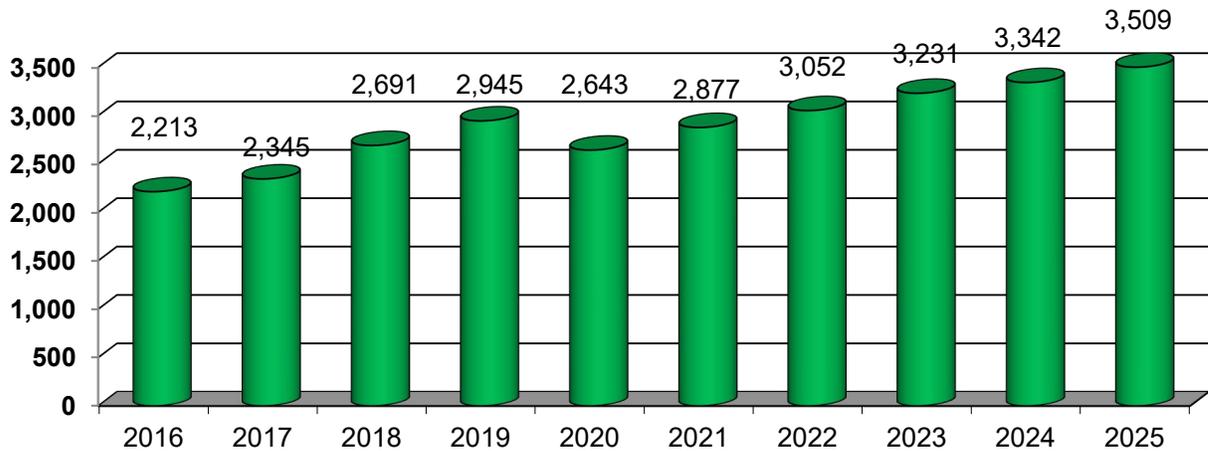


DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

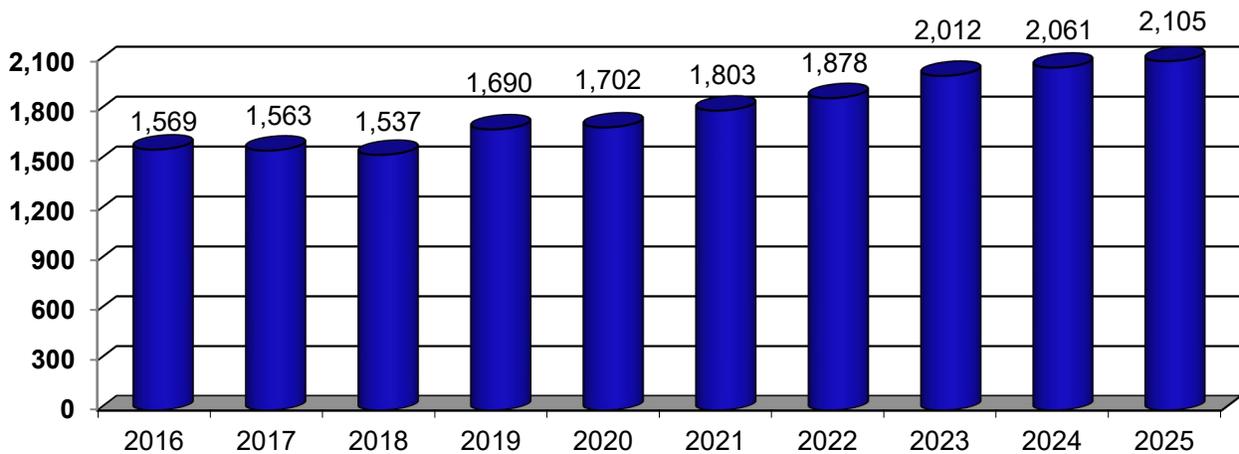
Fire Responses



Total Responses

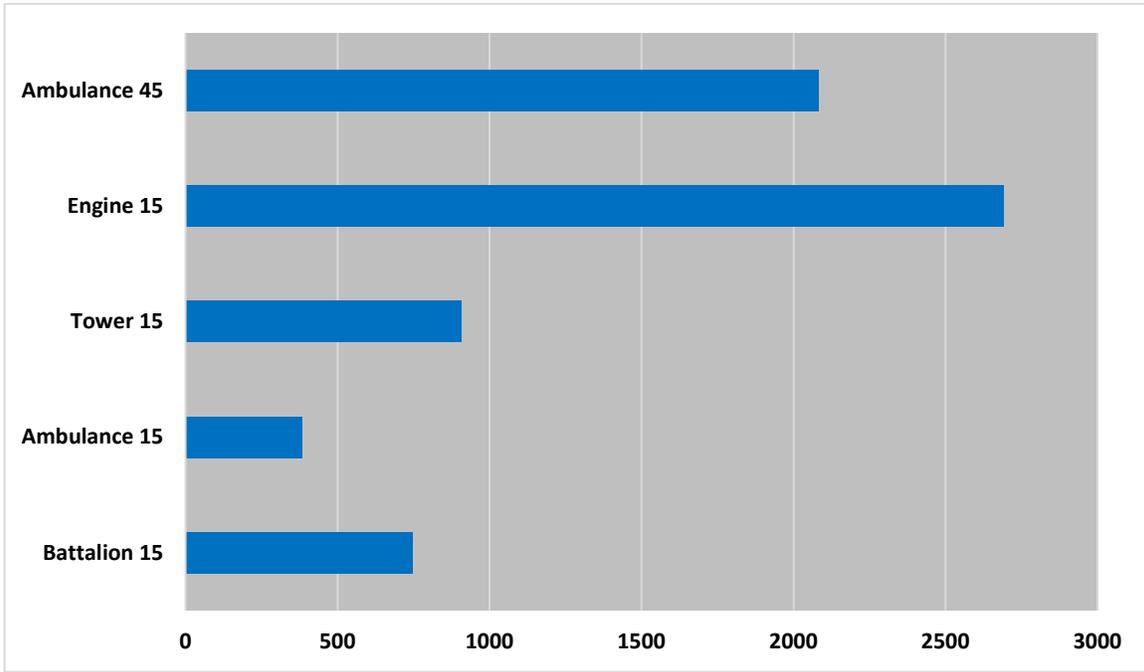


EMS Responses



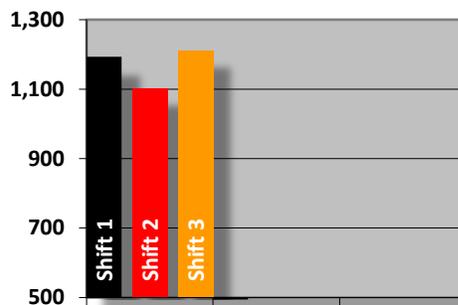
RESPONSE BREAKDOWN BY VEHICLE

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Ambulance 45	1,457	2,198	1,989	2,062	2,083
Engine 15	2,353	2,415	2,483	2,583	2,692
Tower 15	291	335	804	782	908
Ambulance 15	976	370	336	355	385
Battalion 15	565	610	608	663	748



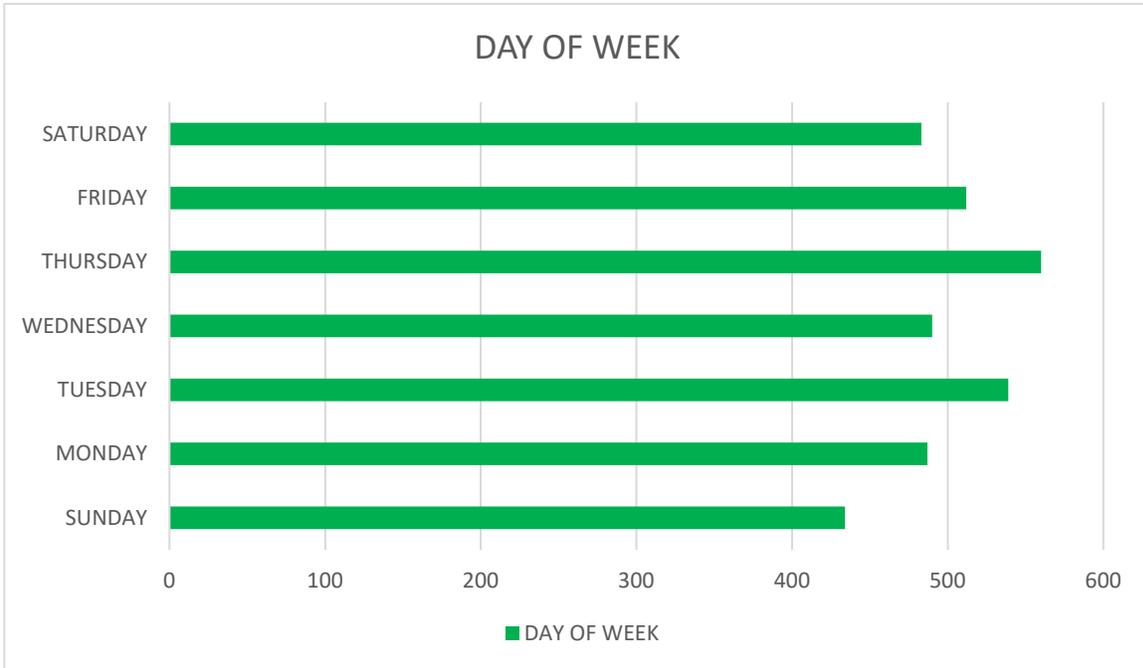
By Shift

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Shift 1 (Black)	963	1,003	1,108	1,134	1,193
Shift 2 (Red)	959	1,031	1,043	1,108	1,102
Shift 3 (Gold)	955	1,018	1,080	1,100	1,210



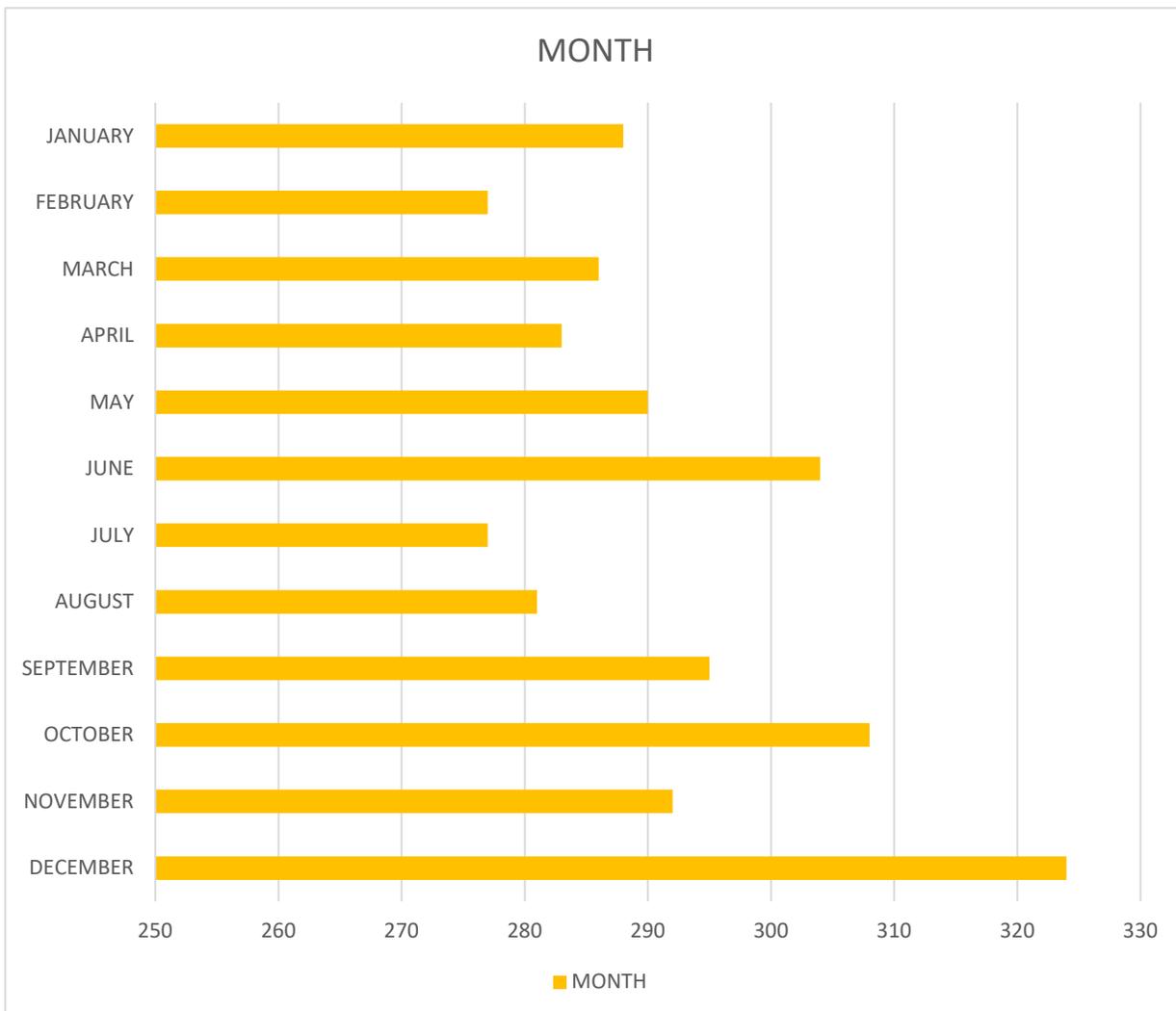
RESPONSES BY DAY OF WEEK

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
434	487	539	490	560	512	483

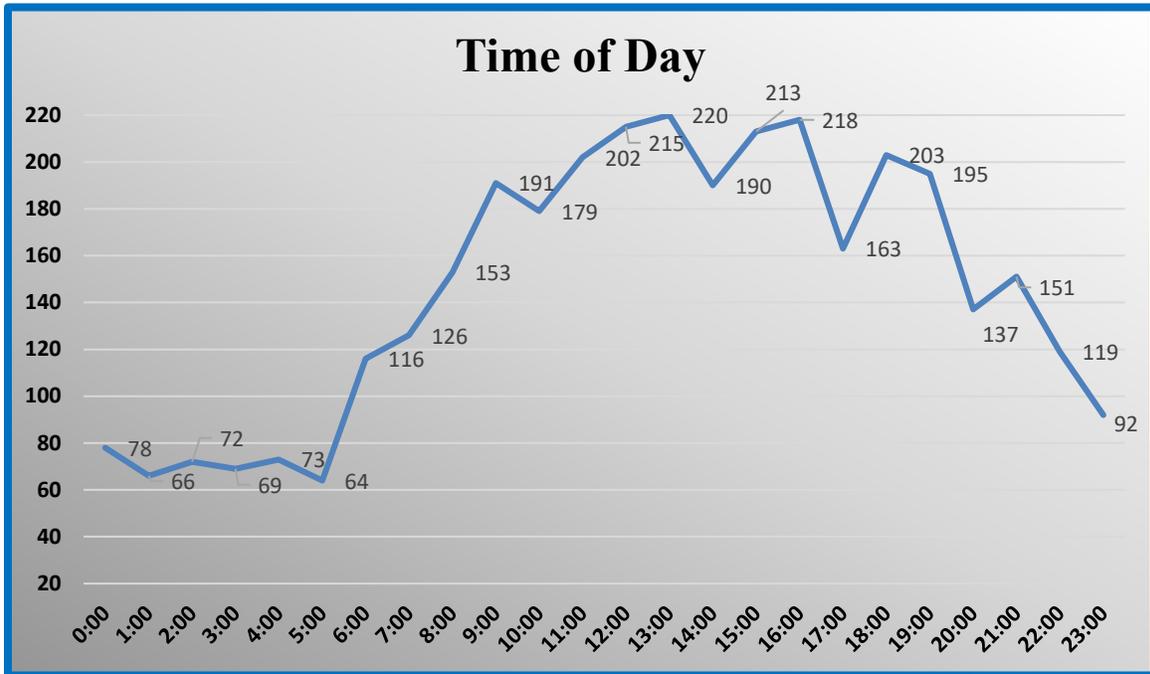


RESPONSES BY MONTH

January	288
February	277
March	286
April	283
May	290
June	304
July	277
August	281
September	295
October	308
November	292
December	324



RESPONSES BY TIME OF DAY



STATION 15 – 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue



Reserve Apparatus



Administrative Vehicles



**2023 Ford Explorer
Fire Chief 1500**



**2025 Ford Explorer
Deputy Fire Chief 1501**

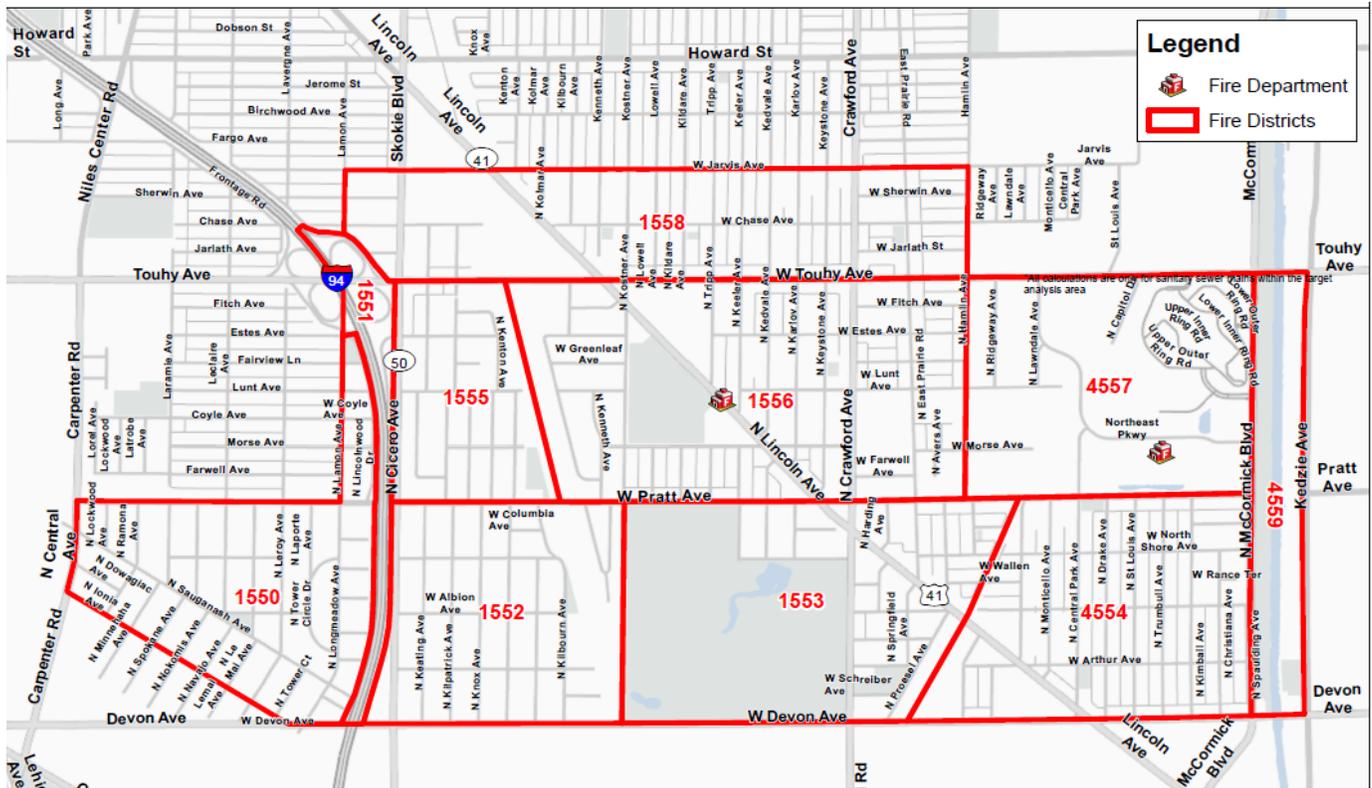


**2025 Ford Explorer
Fire Prevention Bureau**



**2015 Chevrolet Tahoe
Reserve Battalion**

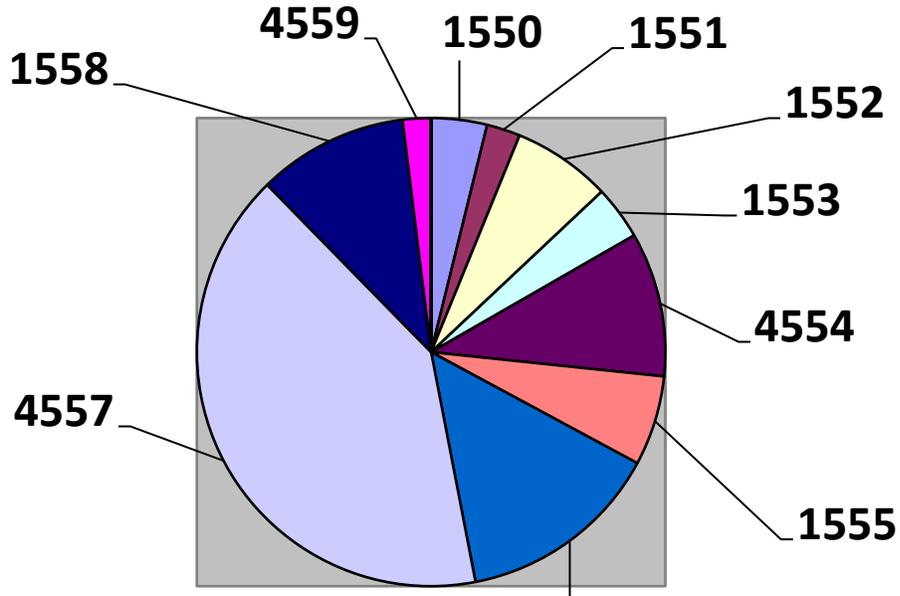
DEMOGRAPHIC RESPONSE ZONE MAP



RESPONSE ZONE CALL VOLUME

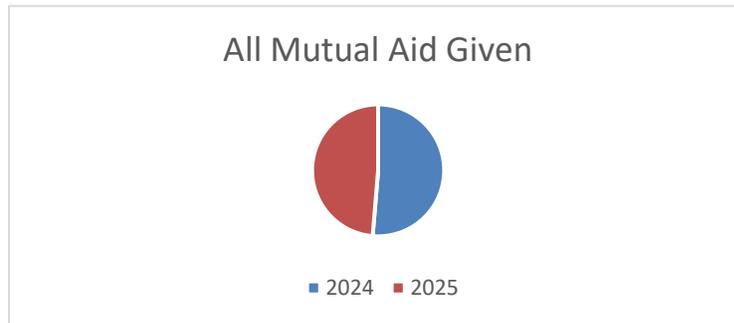
Demographic Zone	2024	2025
1550	157	83
1551	23	50
1552	248	147
1553	161	80
4554	292	215
1555	179	134
1556	471	304
4557	1,331	878
1558	385	224
4559	34	42

DEMOGRAPHIC RESPONSE ZONE CHART



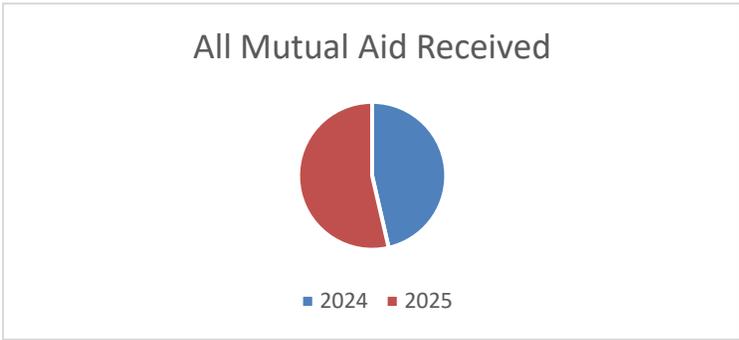
MUTUAL AID GIVEN

Villages/Towns	2024	2025
Evanston	11	7
Glenview	0	1
Highland Park	2	1
Long Grove	0	1
Niles	1	5
Park Ridge	0	2
Skokie	39	32
Wilmette	1	2
Winnetka	4	4
ALL MUTUAL AID GIVEN	58	55



MUTUAL AID RECEIVED

Villages/Towns	2024	2025
Chicago	1	1
Evanston	0	2
Des Plaines	1	4
Evanston	4	4
Glenview	1	4
Morton Grove	1	3
Niles	4	7
Skokie	72	72
ALL MUTUAL AID RECEIVED	84	97



AVERAGE BASELINE RESPONSE TIMES

Ambulance 45	2024	2025
Turnout Time	1:10	1:13
Travel Time	3:39	3:27
Total Response Time	4:49	4:40

Engine 15	2024	2025
Turnout Time	1:15	1:15
Travel Time	3:14	3:15
Total Response Time	4:29	4:30

Tower 15	2024	2025
Turnout Time	1:40	1:44
Travel Time	3:43	4:20
Total Response Time	5:23	5:04

Ambulance 15	2024	2025
Turnout Time	1:34	1:31
Travel Time	3:30	3:01
Total Response Time	5:04	4:32

Battalion 15	2024	2025
Turnout Time	1:08	1:05
Travel Time	2:57	2:48
Total Response Time	4:05	3:53

All Units / All Department	2024	2025
Turnout Time	1:21	1:19
Travel Time	3:24	3:36
Total Response Time	4:45	4:55

Turnout Time: The time stamped and calculated by CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) between the initial dispatch of an assignment to the report of the first enroute apparatus.

Travel Time: The time stamped and calculated by CAD between the turnout time and the first apparatus reporting on scene.

Total Response Time: The time calculated by CAD between the start of the turnout time and the end of the travel time.

CALL DELINEATION

Fire & Rescue

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Assembly	94	114	108	72
Education	11	16	13	23
Residential	742	744	752	854
Business/Mercantile	179	176	104	359
Streets	36	41	55	65
Highways	9	7	8	6
Other Occupancies	103	109	200	46
TOTALS	1,174	1,207	1,240	1,425

Emergency Medical Services

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Assembly	43	58	71	65
Education	9	14	8	14
Residential	1,336	1,423	1,464	1,522
Business/Mercantile	106	70	87	78
Streets	129	172	164	179
Highways	26	17	17	34
Other Occupancies	229	224	230	188
TOTALS	1,878	1,978	2,041	2,080



Concurrent Responses

Concurrent or multiple calls occur when new incidents are dispatched while another call is already in progress. These situations often require fire or EMS companies to **adapt their deployment strategies** to manage the additional demand. When local resources are fully committed, **mutual aid from neighboring jurisdictions** becomes essential to ensure that all simultaneous incidents receive an appropriate and timely response.

The following chart represents four years of data when multiple incidents are occurring concurrently.

	2022	2023	2024	2025
2 Incidents	109	153	141	168
3 Incidents	35	18	24	22
4 Incidents	3	6	1	6
5 Incidents	1	0	2	0
6 Incidents	0	0	0	2
TOTALS	148	177	168	198



Accomplishments

- Two new Ford SUV's were purchased and placed into service, replacing two older vehicles that had outlived their useful life and were becoming problematic and cost prohibitive to maintain. The new vehicles boast improved emergency visual and warning systems, newer mobile radios and computer linked to the dispatch center. One vehicle is assigned to the Deputy Fire Chief, and the other to the Fire Inspector of the Fire Prevention Bureau.
- Roads are dangerous, especially for the people that work on them. Collisions are a leading cause of injury and death for emergency first responders. When drivers don't move over because of distractions, weather conditions or other factors, the risk of collision is even higher. Safety Cloud by Haas Alert makes roads safer by alerting motorists to slow down approaching incidents and Safety Cloud can be installed on any emergency vehicle.



When emergency visual warning safety cloud automatically begins and approaching drivers in ways delivered over cellular networks screens warning drivers of a also receive digital alerts through navigation apps on their mobile devices. Digital alerts give

lights of the vehicle are activated, delivering digital alerts to nearby they can't miss. Digital alerts are to connected vehicle infotainment hazard or incident ahead. Drivers

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drivers more time to slow down and move over. Studies show that digital alerts reduce the risk of collision by up to 90% compared to lightbars and also reduce sudden stops and hard braking near roadside incidents by 80%.



- As EV vehicles become more prevalent, it becomes ever concerning to ensure the fire department has tools capable of addressing electric vehicle fires. Developed to prevent unpredictable vehicle movement by any Full or Hybrid Electric Vehicles (EVs) in an emergency situation as well as during regular maintenance, the department is now outfitted with two of these EV Emergency Plugs.

• The department incorporated Wireless connectivity for increased safety in tough environments by including the Lunar handheld device on each of the newer self-contained breathing apparatus worn by responding personnel. LUNAR is a handheld, wireless device to help keep a crew connected when it matters most, in the most unpredictable situations. LUNAR can be used by every firefighter on-scene, on or off air, is equipped with Firefighting Assisting Search Technology (F.A.S.T) providing distance and direction, edge detection enhanced thermal imaging and connectivity to provide an “all-in-one” safety solution.



AFFILIATE AND SUPPORT AGENCIES

Paramedic Services of Illinois, Inc.

Since 1989, Paramedic Services of Illinois (PSI) has been providing contractual paramedic/firefighter services to the department. PSI currently provides the department with 18 Firefighter/paramedics, 5 Lieutenants, 1 Captain, 3 Battalion Chiefs and 1 Deputy Fire Chief distributed over three shifts, operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Reflecting nearly 33 years of service, the Village and PSI have developed a long and successful relationship.



Skokie Public Safety Answering Point

Skokie Public Safety Answering Point or PSAP provides emergency 9-1-1 communications services to police, fire, and emergency medical services. The Skokie 9-1-1 center is situated in the Skokie Police Headquarters facility on Niles Center Road. Serving the Villages of Lincolnwood and Skokie, the center receives requests for Police, Fire, and EMS via 9 incoming 9-1-1 lines. In 2022 the center processed over 43,000 9-1-1 phone calls and 97,698 non-emergency phone calls while dispatching over 67,500 police, Fire and EMS incidents. The center works extremely efficiently to provide a high level of service to our communities.

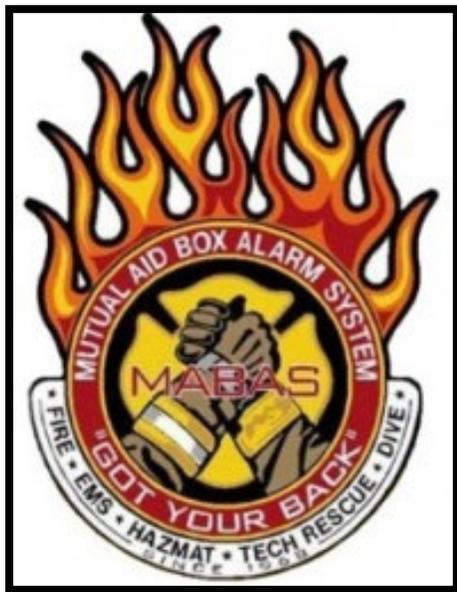
Presence Saint Francis Hospital Emergency Medical Services System



Ascension Saint Francis Hospital Emergency Medical Services System located in Evanston has more than forty-five years as an Illinois Department of Public Health approved Paramedic Resource Hospital. Sait Francis represents 8 municipal departments and 4 private EMS providers. Saint Francis has been dedicated to providing high quality pre-hospital education and continuing education for paramedics serving the Village of Lincolnwood and the surrounding metropolitan area. Saint Francis is one of five EMS Systems that make up EMS Region 10 within the State of Illinois, covering a large geographic boundary served by the other hospitals of Skokie Hospital, Evanston, Highland Park, and Condell

AFFILIATE AND SUPPORT AGENCIES *(Cont.)*

Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)



The Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) was established in the late 1960's to provide and coordinate in an automated, effective and efficient manner, the response of mutual aid fire, EMS and specialty team personnel and equipment during emergencies and disasters in support of any agency faced with an incident that exhausts all their internal capabilities and available resources. Today, the MABAS organization includes approximately 35,000 of Illinois' 40,000 firefighters who staff emergency response units including more than 1,500 fire stations, 2,495 engine companies, 469 ladder trucks, 1,100 ambulances (mostly paramedic capable), 297 heavy rescue squads, and 788 water tenders. Fire/EMS reserve (back-up) units account

for more than 1,000 additional emergency vehicles.

Our Division, Division 3, is comprised of 18 municipal fire departments and fire protection districts located in the northern suburban area of Cook County. RED Center, the MABAS 3 dispatch center, is also a member. Division 3 also supports teams specializing in response to hazardous material, water rescue, technical rescue, and fire investigation incidents, utilizing a cost effective and consolidated approach. All MABAS Division 3 members meet monthly, affording an opportunity to strategically plan, discuss and coordinate activities, needs assessment and training. Additionally, MABAS Division 3 agencies participate in multi-agency training, gaining operational familiarization when operating at a large-scale event.



VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD

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