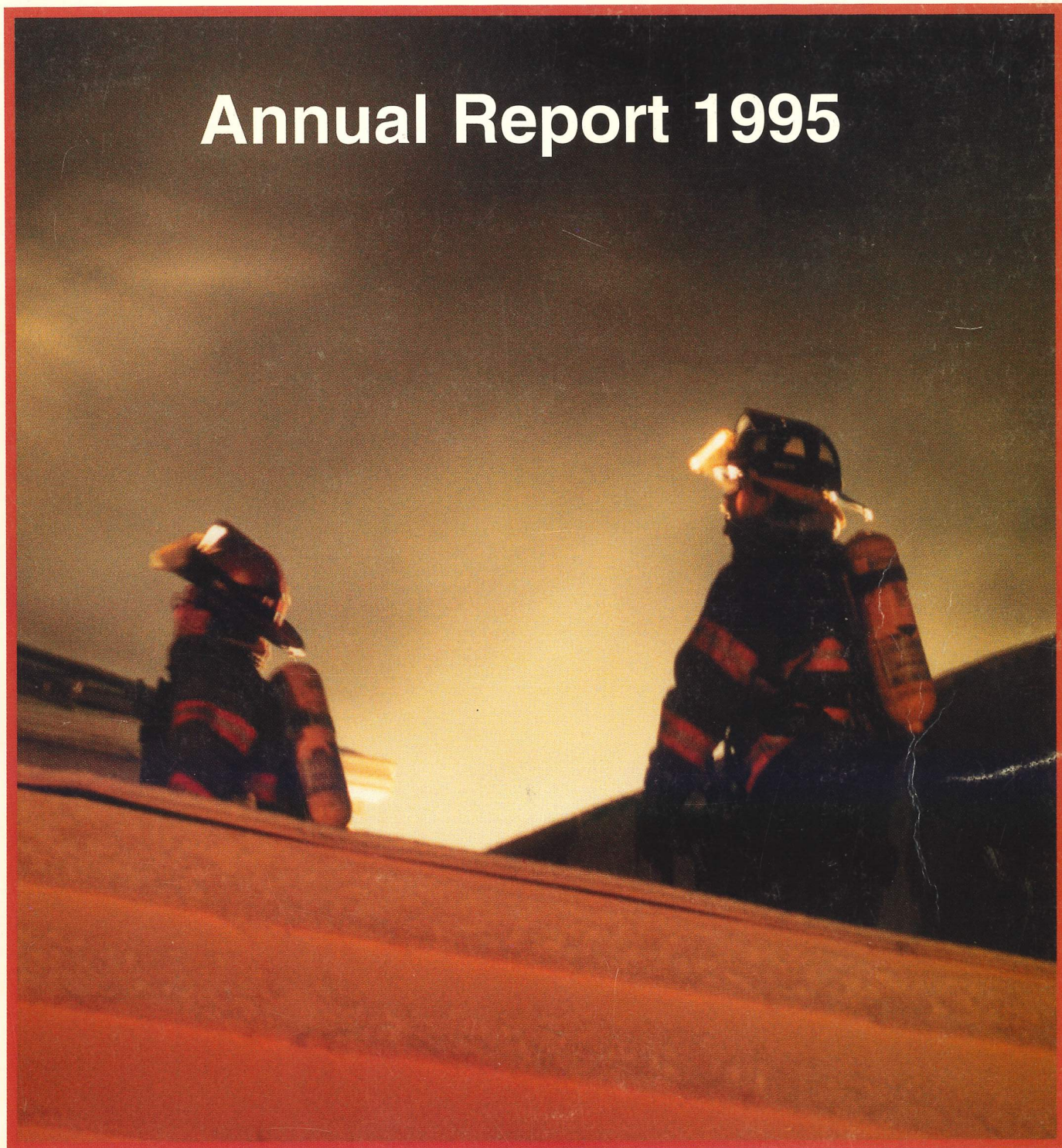


Annual Report 1995



**McHenry Township
Fire Protection District**

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THE MCHENRY TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROUDLY PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1995.

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OUR SUCCESSES ARE ACHIEVED BY THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF THE TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF OUR DEPARTMENT.

The earliest known organized firefighters protected the City of Rome. In 24 B.C. , Emperor Caesar Augustus formed a group of 600 servants to be stationed by the gates of the city for the express purpose of fighting fires. Rome was divided into districts. The group was organized by a ranking system of officers and ordinary firefighters--an organization similar to that used by today's larger fire departments. The Corps, as they were called, patrolled the town and checked for fires. They were equipped with bushels and axes, fought fires and enforced fire prevention. The Corps warned all households that fires could be caused through negligence. During this time, the first fire pump was invented. It was hand operated and used as a double force pump. With the fall of Rome, the fire pump was forgotten, as well as the fall of an organized and well-equipped fire department such as Europe was not to know again for another thousand years.

FIRST FIRE ORGANIZATION IN AMERICA

In 1647, Peter Stuyvesant, the new Dutch Governor of New Amsterdam (later called New York) appointed a group of men as fire masters. They formed the first fire organization in America. Surveyors of buildings, they patrolled the streets carrying wooden noisemakers to arouse people in case of fire. They also performed fire prevention work and imposed fines on violators. Because of the great wealth in New Amsterdam, fire risk was given more serious consideration and the first municipal fire brigade was formed.

In 1717, Boston established America's first fire department. On September 30, 1718, the first fire society was formed. It was the beginning of the volunteer firefighter who was to play an important role in American history. In that same year, the fire engine arrived in Boston from England. Each member responded to a fire alarm with personal equipment, which consisted of a bucket and a bag bearing the society's emblems, a bed key and a screwdriver.

Benjamin Franklin organized the first fire organization in Philadelphia in 1752, he founded the first successful American fire insurance company, the "Philadelphia Contributorship for the Insurance of Houses from Loss by Fire". The Company's fire mark was called the "hand-in-hand" because it showed the right hands of four men gripping one another's wrists. Beneath this symbol of unity and strength, appeared the number of the insurance policy. The towns had no permanent firefighters and the American volunteer received no pay.

During America's formative years, the fast growing City of New York was providing money and legislation to increase the personnel of its volunteer firefighting forces and to keep its fire equipment in good condition.

In 1811, Tommy Franklin became Chief engineer and assumed a role never practiced before. Because of his sincere personality and leadership, his role was accepted. Franklin's successors had little trouble continuing with the same authority, and for 25 years, New York was the only American City to have a fire department under a unified command.

After the Revolutionary War, the volunteer firefighting then spread throughout the country. In the past, many famous Americans such as George Washington, John Hancock, Alexander Hamilton, Samuel Adams and Paul Revere served as volunteers and the age of the American volunteer firefighter began. As America grew and changed, so did the volunteer fire service.

Today's firefighters, although better equipped and better educated, still face the same dangers as the firefighters of old. The time has not yet arrived that fire does not exist. Although the fire service is staying up with today's progressive advancements, it appears there will always be a need for firefighters as long as people and flammable substances exist.

HISTORY OF THE M.T.F.P.D. FIRE DISTRICT

In 1938, the McHenry Township Fire Protection District was formed as a taxing body. Up to that point, all fire protection was provided by the City of McHenry which donated its fire engine to the new District.

All vehicles were originally housed at City Hall, until 1956, when a referendum passed to construct the Fire District owned building.

In 1954, Company #2 was organized in Johnsburg. In 1963, the original Johnsburg station was built and a third station was built in Lakemoor, in 1971.

The McHenry Area Rescue Squad merged into the Fire District in 1983 and the Johnsburg Rescue Squad merged in 1990.

Other historical facts include the inception of a Paid-on-Premise program on June 1, 1986, with 26 personnel originally participating.

In 1987, Steve Laing was appointed as a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. On October 27, 1988, the ISO rating dropped from 9 to 6 in rural areas resulting in a substantial decrease in insurance rates.

The Duty Officer Program began in 1989.

The District has had five fire chiefs in its brief history. Gus Freund served from 1939 until 1950; Harold "Red" Hobbs from 1950-1960; Ed Justen from 1960-1969; Glen Peterson from 1969 until 1986.

Chief Bennett started his fire service career on January 1, 1968, and was appointed Chief in 1986 and continues to serve today.

Today, the three fire stations of the District provide service to an area of approximately 60 square miles with a population of approximately 40,000 citizens, 29 pieces of equipment and 118 volunteers. In 1995, a total of 2,650 calls were run, an average of seven calls per day with a 4 minute response time and according to a run survey by Firehouse Magazine, the McHenry Township Fire Protection District continues to be the busiest all-volunteer fire department in the State of Illinois.

ADMINISTRATION

Ed Guettler Trustee	Allen Miller Trustee	Jim Althoff Trustee President	Dan Schmitt Trustee	Bob Meyer Trustee
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Chris Bennett
Fire Chief

Wayne Amore Deputy Chief	Phil Gust Deputy Chief	Phil Bartmann Assistant Chief	Brad Toman Business Manager
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Company 1	Company 2	Company 3	Steve Laing Code Enforcement	Pat Nelson Secretary	Tony Huemann Training
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Joe Foreman Captain	Loren Pitzen Captain	Steve Gould Lieutenant	Tony Oliver Inspector	Rose Kouba Secretary
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Kevin Shay Captain	Pat Arnold Captain	Bob Fritch Lieutenant	Frank Graham Inspector
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Dave Karls Lieutenant	Dan Gallagher Lieutenant	Linda Brady Public Education
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Kevin Long Lieutenant	Jeff Bartmann Lieutenant
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Tom Ruggero Lieutenant	Brian Diedrich Lieutenant
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COMPANY #1 MEMBERS

CAPTAIN	JOE FOREMAN
CAPTAIN	KEVIN SHAY
LIEUTENANT	DAVE KARLS
LIEUTENANT	KEVN LONG
LIEUTENANT	TOM RUGGERO

MARK AMORE
SCOTT ANDERSON
JERRY BERES
LINDA BRADY
PATTI BURGER
TIM BUTLER
CINDY BYRON
ED CURRY
CAROLYN DAVIS
MARK DIEDRICH
LEORA FOREMAN
KATHY FREUND
KEN GANDY
NANCY GANDY
FRANK GRAHAM
LARRY GUMM
DENISE HARKINS
BOB HODGES

BILL HOMO
JEFF HUEMANN
MARK JUSTEN
RON KRUMSEE
JOHN KUHL
KEVIN KUTZ
BRENT LANE
TONY LOPORCHIO
ED MALENIUS
AIMEE MANN
CHRIS MANN
JOHN McCAULLEY
RICH MCMILLAN
TOM MICHELSEN
BILL MILBRATZ
JOE NOOTENS
LYDIA NOOTENS
TONY OLIVER

PAUL POLEP
MIKE REID
FRANK RODGERS
CRISTINE ROPER
RON SCHAEFER
RAY SIMON
TOM SLUGA
DENNY SMITH
PHIL SZYJKA
AL THENNES
CONNIE THENNES
TOM UTTICH
RONALD WAGNER
SCOTT WHITE
TIM WIRFS
JOE ZELEK
BOB ZUJEWSKI



COMPANY #2 MEMBERS

CAPTAIN	PAT ARNOLD
CAPTAIN	LOREN PITZEN
LIEUTENANT	JEFF BARTMANN
LIEUTENANT	BRIAN DIEDRICH
LIEUTENANT	DAN GALLAGHER

BILL BETKE	BRIAN OLENICK
DARRELL BIRKHOFF	DAN OLENICK
BILL COMSTOCK	PHIL RIED
JON DIEDRICH	RUDY RIVERA
DAN DIPERNA	AL ROBEL
PHIL FREUND	JUDY ROBEL
BOB HAAG	JOHN SCOTT
MIKE HAAG	DICK SEABORN
BILL HINTZ	WILEEN PETERSON
JIM HOPP	GREG SOBIESK
RICH HUEBNER	GUY STEDMAN
DAVE HUEMANN	DAN STEFKA
JOE HUEMANN	JOEL TAYLOR
TOM HUEMANN	JUDY TAYLOR
TONY HUEMANN	DAVE THOREN
FRED HULT	LISA WALIMA
PAT KING	DIANE WILKINSON
MIKE MAJERCIK	JOHN WILKINSON
ROGER OLAND	



COMPANY #3 MEMBERS

LIEUTENANT

BOB FRITCH

LIEUTENANT

STEVE GOULD

JAMES CHANCELLOR

DAVE FREEMAN

NANCY FRITCH

RICHARD GENGLER

ELIZABETH KAMRAT

BILL KING

DEB MAYO

DIANE MILBRANDT

DAWN POTTER

JAY RASMUSSEN

BILL WHYTE

EQUIPMENT

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT-VEHICLES

1208	1990	PIERCE	ENGINE
1209	1979	MACK	ENGINE
1210	1995	PIERCE	ENGINE
1221	1995	PIERCE	ENGINE
1222	1992	PIERCE	ENGINE
1235	1979	MACK	ENGINE
1234	1974	MACK	RESERVE ENGINE
1211	1992	PIERCE	SQUAD
1224	1981	INTERNATIONAL	SQUAD
1253	1976	CHEVEROLET	SQUAD
1212	1984	PIERCE	LADDER TOWER
1223	1986	INTERNATIONAL	TANKER
1254	1991	FORD	AMBULANCE
1255	1995	FORD	AMBULANCE
1256	1989	FORD	AMBULANCE
1257	1993	FORD	AMBULANCE
1258	1996	FORD	AMBULANCE
1271	1991	DODGE	GRASS FIRE TRUCK
1272	1989	DODGE	GRASS FIRE TRUCK
1202	1996	JEEP CHEROKEE	CHIEF
1289	1994	JEEP CHEROKEE	CHIEF
1288	1993	CHEVROLET	OFFICER
1285	1991	CHEVROLET	OFFICER
1286	1989	CHEVROLET	OFFICER
1284	1995	CHEVROLET	UTILITY PICK-UP
1287	1974	CHEVROLET	UTILITY PICK-UP
1280	1984	DIVE BOAT	
1281	1978	FORD	DIVE/RESCUE TRUCK
1283	1995	HOVERCRAFT	

1994 CALLS

2,534 TOTAL

	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
G	1	0	7	2	11	3	9	69	G
H	0	1	11	11	6	6	76	25	H
I	0	0	9	3	24	69	73	16	I
J	1	4	48	45	28	44	18	20	J
K	6	9	37	152	240	81	10	2	K
L	8	17	46	267	289	49	32	76	L
M	6	8	29	34	78	17	4	24	M
N	7	3	5	28	19	17	4	6	N
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1995 CALLS

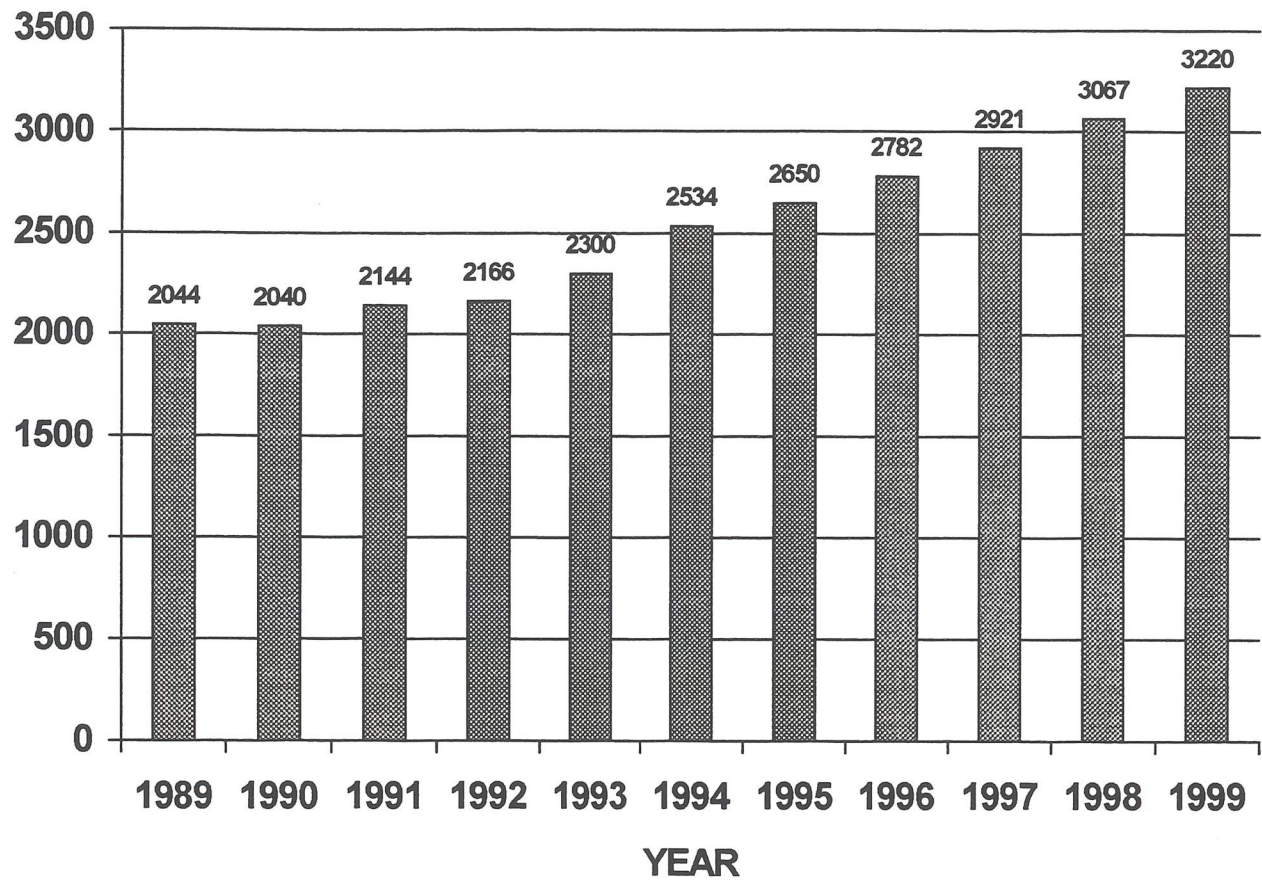
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I	0	1	4	0	19	36	41	9	I
J	1	2	26	34	21	21	11	15	J
K	2	8	41	126	148	40	5	1	K
L	5	9	50	157	172	23	16	35	L
M	6	2	15	25	53	15	1	17	M
N	1	2	3	20	14	14	2	8	N
O	0	1	0	0	2	0	15	12	O
P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	P
	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

CALLS

YEARLY INCIDENTS



MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

- How many active members?
- 118

- Average age of members ?
- 36.6 years

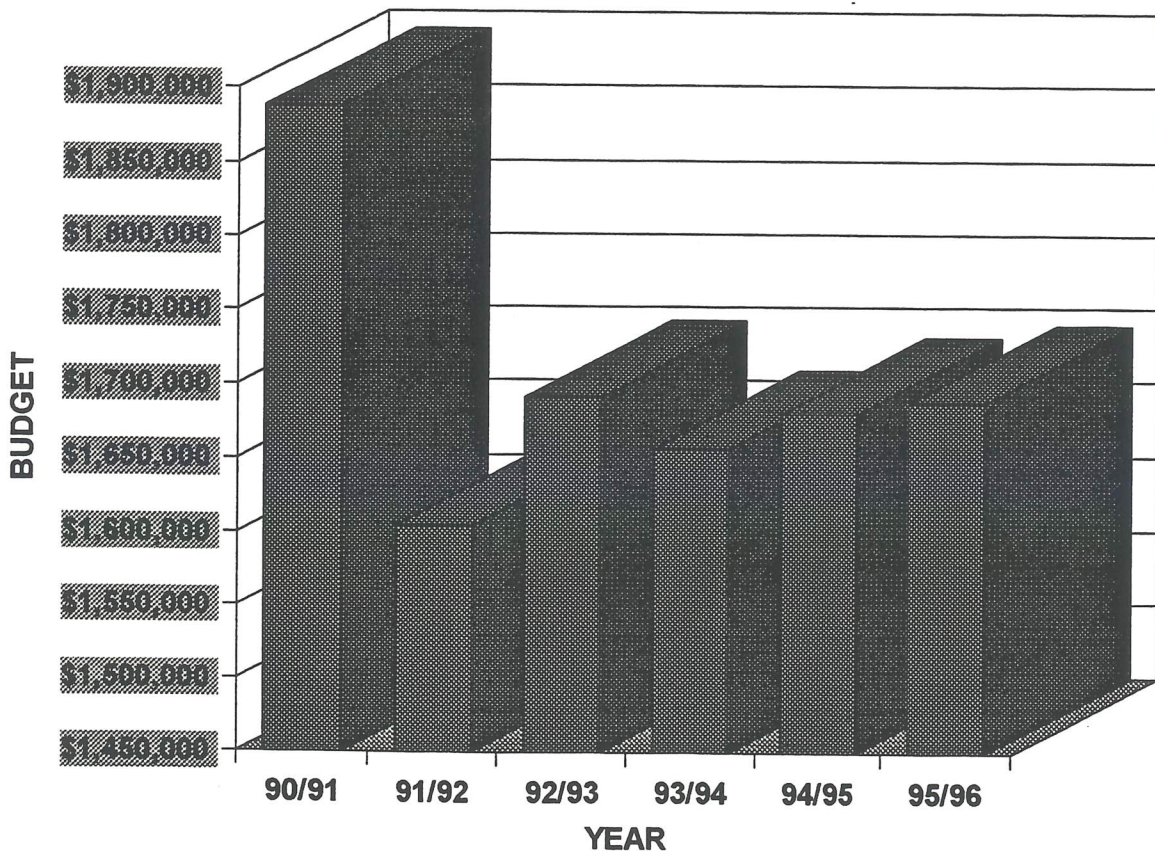
- Average time on department?
- 9.92 years

- Total combined years of experience?
- 1,170 years

YEARS ON DEPARTMENT

● < 2 YEARS	14
● 2-3 YEARS	6
● 3-4 YEARS	11
● 4-5 YEARS	5
● 5-10 YEARS	31
● 10-20 YEARS	39
● 20+ YEARS	12

MTFPD BUDGET/LEVY



Apparatus Replacement

- 1995 Add a Command Vehicle
- 1995 1258 re-chassis
- 1996 1224/1253 replaced
- 1997 1235 replaced
- 1997 1256 replaced
- 1998 1209 replaced

TO: TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE McHENRY TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

It is with great pleasure that we present the McHenry Township Fire Protection District's 1995 annual report. This year we have added sections in the report for several of our firefighters/paramedics to comment on how they perceive our organization, as well as a letter from the Emergency Medical Service Director.

1995 was an extremely busy year for our department, both in call activity and goals accomplished. Response activity increased by 5% over the prior year, to 2659 calls. Our personnel, even with this sizable increase, handled the activity with no noticeable impact. Rescue calls still account for better than 70% of our runs.

Administratively, the new positions of Computer Manager (Joe Zelek), Chief Engineer (Tim Wirfs), and Business Manager (Brad Toman) will most certainly improve our operation. Each of these individuals have accepted these new challenges with tremendous enthusiasm. The installation of computers in our apparatus will assist in our response times and quality of service for years to come.

The training division which is headed by Deputy Chief Amore and Tony Huemann are developing new and exciting programs for our personnel. Identifying internal and external customer needs are addressed through continued education such as the Brunacin, Seminar.

Code Enforcement Officer, Steve Laing and Public Education Coordinator , Linda Brady, have brought both of these very important areas of our department to new levels. Our CPR training group, administered by Joe Nootens, is continuing to instruct many of the personnel in our local businesses and civic groups. This continues to be one of our best public relations efforts.

The elimination of officer elections and conversion to officer appointments, along with reviews and evaluations, will help strengthen the line officer position.

Development and implementation of a two year wage revision is yet another step in professionalizing our organization and maintaining a communication line with our personnel.

The firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics of our department continue to provide excellent service, and their commitment to education and training along with the desire to improve, is second to none. There is no question that our personnel are our most valued asset. Our dedication to remain a volunteer, paid on call department has not changed, and the entire department is committed to this challenge. The next several years will be critical to our department's success with new laws being passed, additional responsibilities thrust in our direction, and increases in call activity. These are all being met as an opportunity by the members of the McHenry Township Fire protection District to excel, as the largest volunteer paid on call, department in the State of Illinois. The commitment of the Trustees, Officers and Members of the McHenry Township Fire Protection District, in meeting the demands of our ever changing service, will ensure our future success.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Bennett, Chief

As I write this report for 1995's activities, one thing keeps coming to mind that I didn't think I would ever witness. In June of 1996, it will be ten years since the inception of the Paid-on-Premise Program. This program is only a portion of our overall EMS goals, but the longevity that has been achieved is a tribute to the men and women of the McHenry Township Fire Protection District. There were many skeptics when we started the program that said it would only be a short term fix and that within a couple years, we would have to hire full time personnel to staff the daytime ambulance. What a great reflection on all the personnel that have made this program such a success.

Even though we have had to make some changes to insure that all the shifts are covered with adequate personnel, everyone puts forth a great deal of effort to see that calls are answered in a timely manner and with appropriate crews. Company officers at all stations do an excellent job of overseeing their respective EMS activities.

A standing EMS committee meets periodically to discuss equipment needs, response problems, and educational requirements. The committee is currently in the process of recommending a payroll change for EMTs and Paramedics to reflect the difference in training requirements at each level.

I'm pleased to report that all new members over the last two years (except 1 of the 14) were either already EMTs or Paramedics or have been to EMT class. Additionally, in the last two years we have gained two certified Paramedics that volunteered to go to school, one more is in provisional status, two others are currently in school, and two others came to us as new members that were already certified in another system and then became certified in our system.

Overall, I believe that our EMS service to the community is second to none.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Gust, Deputy Chief

As a recap of 1995 from my perspective, I find a very action-packed year is behind us. In reviewing our files, I am reminded of several things that took place. From purchasing new equipment, training activity, involvement in activities related to the fire service outside of our District and, of course, the increasing amount of calls we run.

In January, 1995, two new Pierce Lance pumpers were put in service. This is the first time in the District's history that two engines were purchased at the same time. In the long run, this was a substantial savings to the District. We were able to continue our plan of uniformity on our equipment purchases. Additionally, new air packs and tanks, a new pickup truck with snow plow, new bunker gear and helmets and a new ambulance were also purchased and received in 1995.

With training being of the utmost importance, a place to comfortably hold three company training in a classroom environment was an important issue which had to be addressed. The second floor at station two was utilized for this. Today, we have a room set up to accommodate 120 people with modern electronic equipment.

One related activity that kept me busy was my involvement as a member of the McHenry County College Fire Science Advisory Committee. I have served on this committee for the past four years. During this past year, I was happy to report that a student can now get an Associates Degree in Fire Science from McHenry County College. This should be a great resource for all Departments in McHenry County.

As I review the increasing call activity, I am reminded of the dedication of our members, the sacrifice of time from their families and jobs is a credit to each member. This community owes each of them a big THANK YOU.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne R. Amore
Deputy Chief

Nineteen Ninety Five was marked with some significant events. Major personnel changes tested the mettle of our Paramedics and EMTs. At one point, Company Two was down to nine Paramedics who shared sixty night crew assignments each month along with covering day calls very successfully. Luckily, this situation began correcting itself within a few months, but hats must go off to these fine ladies and gentlemen who carried the heavy load in a time of need.

We had anticipated that we would complete our ISO testing in the early fall. It didn't happen. For a number of reasons, the testing has been put off until the summer and fall of 1996. Ron Schaefer has been working diligently getting hose and engine testing completed and documented. We will now begin the hose testing processes again, giving us three complete years of the required data. Also, our new training officer, Tony Huemann, is completing and organizing training records which are needed for the ISO inspection. Joe Zelek, our MIS officer, is bringing our software to a level where it will be an extreme asset at the time of the inspection. We have met with ISO representatives and are confident that a reduction to a class four can be expected. While we find that our constituents will not benefit greatly by a reduction from our present class six to a class four, this step must be accomplished on our way to a class two or one--our ultimate goal.

Work on specifications and the bidding process was completed on the traffic signal pre-emption system. Bids are in and we will begin trying to acquire funding during the second quarter of 1996.

The temporary District training facility was completed at Station Two during the summer and has been in use since November. It is filling the gap until a permanent facility is built and equipped.

Nineteen Ninety Five was an exciting year with many milestones achieved. Most importantly, our mission was accomplished without major injury or worse.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Bartmann, Asst. Chief

The review of 1995 on the financial end was excellent. McHenry Township Fire Protection District rechassisd two ambulances, put two Pierce Lance pumpers into service, purchased a new pick up truck with snow plow, bought new equipment and still stayed on budget.

My job as Business Manager of the McHenry Township Fire Protection District is to oversee day-to-day activities and the financial end of the fire department. I, as the Business Manager, will explore different avenues to decrease spending, at the same time letting the McHenry Township Fire Protection District give the same excellent quality of service to the community. I have implemented some changes that have already decreased the cost of spending. We need to keep spending at a minimum so the taxpayers do not have a tax increase because the McHenry Township Fire Protection District needs to make a major purchase.

McHenry Township Fire Protection District rechassisd two ambulances this year. Rechassisng is when the truck part of the ambulance gets replaced. The box of the ambulance stays the same. McHenry Township Fire Protection District is now in the process of purchasing a new Rescue Squad for 1996. A Rescue Squad is a support truck that carries equipment and firemen to a fire or rescue scene. This particular Rescue Squad will cost the McHenry Township Fire Protection District \$221,000. This will be paid in full, with no increase in the community's taxes. We are able to do this by careful planning and saving. We are trying to make this a top notch department. The key to this success is careful planning and dedication of the firemen.

A huge amount of the credit for this advanced, McHenry Township Fire Protection District, success is the Board of Trustees. The Trustees always have time to listen to the firemen's concerns and requests for new equipment. The trustees have made some very intelligent decisions in the past. I appreciate all of their help and guidance for the future.

I am looking forward to the many challenges that I will be faced with as the Business Manager. I will give each situation 110% of my attention to achieve the best possible outcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Toman
Business Manager

It is with a great deal of pride that I submit to you the annual report of activities and accomplishments of the Public Education Division for the Fire Prevention Bureau.

As the Public Education Coordinator, my primary responsibilities are to implement and maintain educational programs for the citizens of our community. It has been my goal to teach children and adults that most fires are preventable and are not accidents. It is essential to continue to find methods to teach individuals this sense of responsibility.

It has been proven that by providing quality public education for both fire prevention and life safety issues, we can help reduce the amount of accidents, fires, property loss, fire related injury and death.

The Public Education Division of the McHenry Township Fire Protection has demonstrated that effective programs directed at education, have increased awareness in our community.

My continued goal as Coordinator is to continue to implement all programs that have been successful, tailor those that have fallen short of our expectations and to introduce new programs and materials to achieve continued success.

TO RECAP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Coordinated a successful elementary school fire prevention program with an emphasis on burn prevention. Saw many classrooms of students tour the various stations.
- Provided McHenry, Johnsburg and Nunda Libraries with additional books on fire and life safety for their "mini firehouses". This will continue on an annual basis.
- Added new materials to our "Firefighter Role Play Box" for early education of the pre-school age children in our community.
- Expanded upon the Juvenile Fire Setter Identification and Counseling Program. With referrals coming from all over the County, children are being seen on a scheduled weekly basis. Results have been documented and are favorable.
- Worked with the High School District and school organizations to help students with effective decision making and alcohol awareness. During May of 1996, we will once again sponsor "Operation Prom Night", a mock alcohol related accident.
- Currently serving on the board of the McHenry County Task Force on aging. This is a very good avenue to stay in touch with our seniors.
- I am active on the McHenry Community College EMS Advisory Board and recently appointed to the EMS Advisory Board of the College of Lake County. This enables me to be informed of advances in EMS and to help implement courses in the fast growing fields of emergency medicine and fire science.
- Became an active member of the "McHenry County Safe Kids Chapter". This national organization deals with keeping children safe by teaching their parents accident prevention.
- Continued positive association with the media to help promote special events and community awareness.

- Provided life safety classes to numerous civic organizations on topics ranging from “What to Do If My Carbon Monoxide Detector is Sounding?” to home escape and evacuation plans.
- Coordinated EMS training for EMT-B transitional courses as well as assisted Deputy Chief Gust with additional classes and record keeping.
- Positive interaction with the Chief, District and Company officers, Inspectors, office staff and committee members has made my job both enjoyable and more manageable. Nothing would have been possible without their continued support.
- My most important source of support has been from Steve Laing, Director of the Fire Prevention Bureau. He has given me the courage and support I needed to continue with all projects and the enthusiasm to tackle future endeavors, and for this I am most grateful.

I know that the future of the Public Education Division of the McHenry Township Fire protection District will be positive and continue to grow to become one of the most dynamic elements of the Fire District.

Fire Prevention is a job that must be addressed on a daily basis. That has become more evident with the amount of phone calls we receive for tours, classes or information on fire or life safety issues.

Education = Prevention. I am committed to those words and hope for improved results for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Brady
Public Education Coordinator

The Training Division is responsible for coordination of fire suppression, EMS and specialized rescue training within the McHenry Township Fire protection District.

Below are the training topics that will be covered throughout the year. Training sessions take place on the second, third and fourth Mondays of every month. When possible the fifth Monday of the month is utilized for three company drills.

FIRE SUPPRESSION

- Incident Command System - Radio Communication
- Engine Company Operations
- Truck Company Operations
- Water Supply
- Tactics and Strategy
- Critique fires within the district

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

- State of Illinois continuing education classes
- Auto Extrication
- Trauma
- Cardiac
- Medical Emergencies

SPECIALIZED RESCUE

- Confined space
- Trench Rescue
- Vertical Rescue
- SCUBA

The training division has developed a very aggressive training schedule for 1996. On the fourth Monday of each month starting in April, and running through September, the entire district membership will receive a high level of specialized training. Five areas of fire suppression training will be incorporated. They are: high rise fires, auto extrication, water supply, SCBAs and ground ladder operations. Throughout the year, other areas of fire suppression will be covered.

EMS will be taught on the third Monday of every month. These classes are mandated by the State of Illinois, and each member must attend these classes in order to stay certified in the medical field.

Most of the specialized rescue training is completed at outside schools. As classes become available, the training division coordinates the attendance of our membership to these classes. The training division is also responsible for coordinating all live burn training. Live burn training is very important, and the McHenry Township Fire Protection District will use every opportunity available to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Hueman

CLASS/SEMINAR	HOURS
Firefighter II	1,440
Emergency Medical Technician - Ambulance	960
Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic	1,200
Firefighter III	120
Fire Service related classes/seminars	240
EMS related classes/seminars	320
1995 Total Hours Attending Classes:	3,920

As Director of the Fire Prevention Bureau, my primary responsibilities of accountability are the Fire Inspection Division, Fire Investigation Team and the Public Education Division.

Accomplishments in these areas are as follows:

1. Fire Inspection Program
 - A. Inspectable occupants have increased to over 900 in number.
 - B. Multi-family occupants have also increased, requiring inspections of common areas.
 - C. All subject files have been entered into our computer program.
 - D. Inspector responsibilities have widened including follow up investigations.
 - E. Adjusting of schedules to meet the every day demands.
2. Fire Investigation Team
 - A. New camera equipment purchased by District.
 - B. Have developed in a professional manner by increased fire scene experience.
 - C. Have standardized all investigation report writing.
 - D. Have developed success through the team concept.
3. Public Education Division
 - A. Special projects throughout the year are cause for busy schedule.
 - B. Juvenile fire setter consulting being done by Linda Brady.
 - C. School programs and public education literature on a regular basis.
 - D. CPR programs to successfully educate the public.
 - E. Periodic media releases stressing fire and life safety.

The code enforcement aspect of the Fire Prevention Bureau also includes the following:

1. Guidance and assistance to fire inspectors for their regularly assigned duties.
2. Follow up investigations pertaining to fire alarm problems, complaints, etc.
3. Addressing continuing open burning problems.
4. Controlling all Fire Prevention Bureau correspondence.
5. Phase inspections of ongoing construction.
6. Staying updated on all applicable codes and standards.
7. Attend relative schools, seminars, etc.
8. Maintain good working relations with all building and zoning departments.
9. Project a professional atmosphere for our fire district in all areas associated with the Fire Prevention Bureau.

THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE

The time is now to bring the Fire Prevention Bureau up to strength.

The immediate future needs to be addressed today.

I would like to see us going in the following direction(s).

1. Allow the budget processes to have the Director of the Fire Prevention Bureau be a full time position.
2. Increase the Fire Prevention Bureau Fire Inspector positions to four (4).
3. Install a new position of secretary for the Fire Prevention Bureau. This would be a 20-24 hours a week position.
4. Increase the Public Education Coordinator position to full time, or utilize someone to assist the present coordinator, on a part time basis.
5. Fine tune the space (office) utilized by the Fire Prevention Bureau. Organize the office space, order new lateral file cabinets, remove all the old existing gray files, etc. Paint and decorate the Fire Prevention Bureau office space and stress a professional atmosphere re organization, etc.
6. Have the Director of the Fire Prevention Bureau carry out the necessary time required to tutor his staff to develop professionalism.
7. Set definite goals to attain completed inspection cycles in a given time.
8. Establish a committee to address the issue of residential fires. This committee would carry out the "Residential Fire Prevention Program".

The Fire Prevention Bureau of the McHenry Township Fire Protection District is a model bureau and we set the standards for the County. We are not a Fire District that is a follower, instead, we are the leaders. That leadership includes fire, EMS, the Fire Prevention Bureau, as well as the Trustees and their support.

The organizing of our Bureau was difficult and lengthy in time. The growth of our District responsibilities must be addressed in all areas.

Time and manpower must be addressed as a priority of the Bureau so we can continue to strive for a fire and life safe environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Laing, C.F.I.
Director - Fire Prevention Bureau

PERSONNEL PROSPECTIVE

The McHenry Township Fire Protection District is at a point where we are making enough runs to be full time, but are doing such a fine job and saving the taxpayers money, that we must stay with the paid on call program. We have the finest equipment and the best trained personnel. Many new programs have been started in the last ten years and I'm sure they will be expanded in the future. I can truly say I am proud to be a member and proud of my fellow members.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Michelsen
FF II

Upon your request, this is how I perceive the McHenry Township Fire Protection District.

The McHenry Township Fire Protection District has a sound training program. The terminal learning objectives are thoroughly explained and enabling learning objectives are presented in a logical order.

The women and men perform their duties with technical and tactical proficiency. Their performance is commendable.

The leaders and subordinates perform as a cohesive unit. They are an example for other districts to observe.

Respectfully submitted,

Rudy Rivera
EMT/FF II

I have been a proud member of this department for 10 years (this coming August). I would like to be here for at least another 10 to achieve my personal goal of 20 years service. To sum up my perception in one word would be "growth"! As our district has grown, so have we had to, and I think we've done a successful job. 1995 ended with 2,650 calls that were handled with very little problem. The areas of strength in our department (as I see it) are obviously our equipment. We have probably the best around. Programs that have been developed such as the F.I. Team, public CPR classes, public education in our schools are very good. Possibly, this accounts for the drop in the number of fire calls. This is a good thing! I also consider the change from electing officers to appointments as an improvement. Right now most of the same people are still in office but perhaps in the next year, there may be a new face here or there and hopefully some new "good ideas" and a fresh approach.

In conclusion I think the department basically runs pretty smoothly. It's like a second home to many of us. I hope we NEVER go full time, but if we do, I'll be first in line to apply.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Thennes
EMT-P/FF II

To the Members of the McHenry Fire Protection District,

I would like to take this opportunity to commend your department on your commitment to providing quality emergency medical care to the citizens of the McHenry Township Fire Protection District. In reviewing the EMS system statistics for 1995, your department once again, took the lead in reporting the greatest volume of EMS calls. It is certainly an accomplishment to operate a service at this level within the structure of a volunteer system. Your organization sets an example for many other volunteer services in demonstrating the ability to deliver a professional ALS service without the expense of a full-time departmental budget.

As we continue to experience growth within the McHenry Western Lake County EMS System, we can all look forward to new challenges. Challenge can create conflict. Looking back in time, we can see change and growth do not occur without difficulty. Yet time seems to heal unresolved feelings and bring closure to difficult issues. I am confident that you can face the changes ahead as we continue to evolve in McHenry County. Our challenge will be to face change in a positive manner without compromising the value system, which has been essential to our commitment to the delivery of EMS within our own Communities.

On behalf of the McHenry Western Lake County EMS System, I would like to thank you for your cooperation and contribution in providing prehospital care throughout the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Gallant, MD
Project Medical Center

Accomplishments for past twelve months

- **Computer Manager Position**
- **Chief Engineer Position**
- **1255 Re-Chassis**
- **New Radio System**
- **Added Dive Equipment**
- **New Pick-up/Snow-plow**
- **Training Room equipment @ Sta. 2**
- **Brunacini Seminar**
- **Public Education Video**
- **Response Increase 5%**
- **Awards Night**
- **Additional SCBA (16)**
- **New Bunker Gear & Helmets**
- **Intercom/Headsets**
- **Computers for Apparatus**
- **Officer Appointment Process**
- **Annual Report**
- **Officer Review/Evaluation**
- **New Business Manager**
- **Wage Increase over 2 years.**

TWELVE-MONTH CALENDAR 1995

January

1. Five year goals/Annual Report.
2. Call activity and growth response.

February

1. Review of Officer Appointments
2. Awards

March

1. Major budget items.
2. Apparatus replacement Co. 2 & Co. 3.

April

1. Physicals NFPA 1582.
2. Divisional/committee reports and wage review.

May

1. Uniforms
2. Test & interview for new members.

June

1. Evaluations and reviews.
2. Divisional and committee evaluations.

July

1. Special

August

1. ISO
2. ISO

September

1. Rescue Prevention Education
2. Rescue Prevention Education

October

1. Fire Prevention, Education and Code Enforcement.
2. Specials

November

1. Develop 12 month calendar.
2. Flow chart

December

1. State of the District Speech.

TWELVE-MONTH CALENDAR 1996

January

1. Specialized Memberships.
2. Special

February

1. Awards
2. Awards

March

1. Officer & Membership Reviews
2. Divisional Reports

April

1. 10 Year Plan/Major Budget Items.
2. 10 Year Plan.

May

1. District Annual Report
2. Test & interview for new members.

June

1. ISO
2. ISO

July

1. Rescue Prevention Education.
2. Rescue Prevention Education.

August

1. Rules & Regulations.
2. Special

September

1. Fire Prevention, Education
2. Code Enforcement

October

1. Officer Reviews.
2. Specials

November

1. Develop 12 month calendar.
2. Flow chart

December

1. State of the District Speech.

