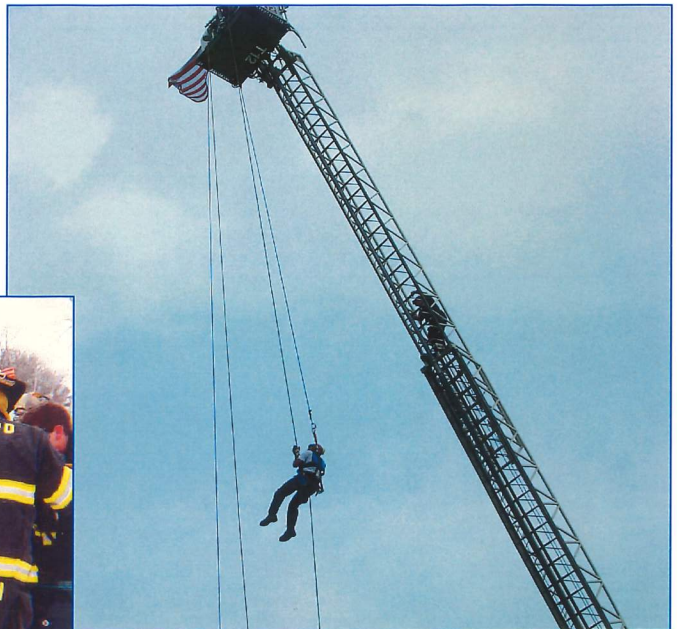
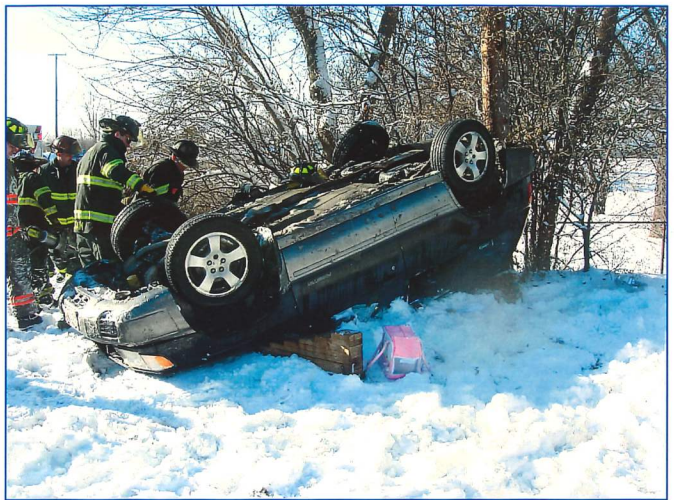


McHenry Township Fire Protection District

2005 Annual Report



Assistant Chief Steve Laing retired from his full time position as the Chief of Fire Prevention Bureau on October 1, 2005 having served as the first firefighter to work full time for the District. Chief Laing was hired by the District in the spring of 1987 to set up the Fire Prevention Bureau. Chief Laing has directed the Fire Prevention Bureau for nineteen years. Chief Laing continues to work part-time to train his successor.



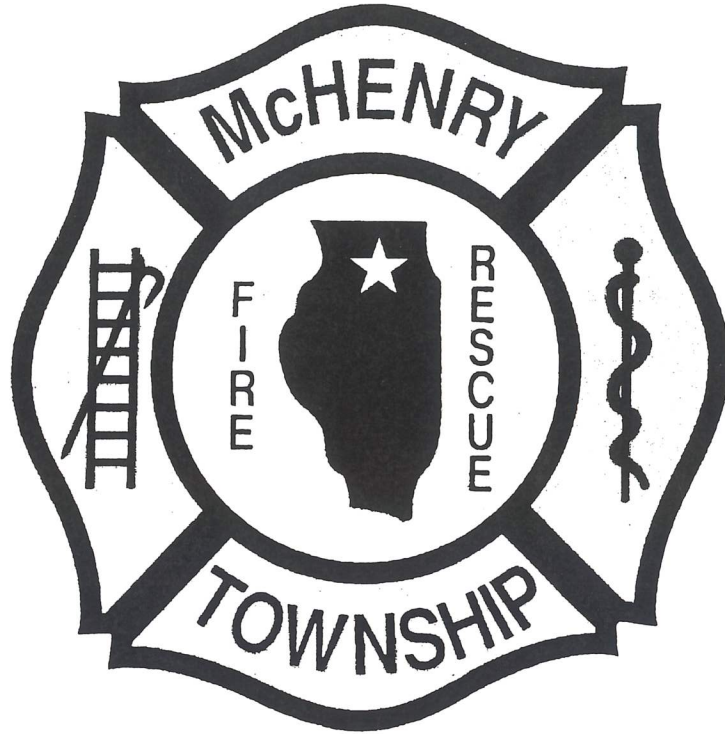
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McHenry Township Fire Protection District

Introduction



The McHenry Township Fire Protection District proudly presents its 2005 Annual Report:

M MEMBERS
T TRUSTEES
F FRIENDS FOREVER
P PEOPLE WE PROTECT
D DEDICATION AND DUTY

Our successes are achieved by the dedication and commitment of the Trustees, Officers and Members of our Department.

McHenry Township Fire Protection District

History

In 1939, the McHenry Township Fire Protection District was formed as a taxing body. Until this point, all fire protection was provided by the City of McHenry, which donated its only fire engine to this new District.

Originally all vehicles were housed at McHenry City Hall on Green Street until 1955. A referendum was approved to build the Fire District's first building on Elm Street in McHenry. This building housed Company One until 1987 when it was razed. The current building was dedicated in June 1988. This building serves today as the Headquarters station and district office.

In 1954, Company Two was organized in Johnsburg with eleven members. In 1963 Company Two moved from its rented quarters to a new station located on Chapel Hill Road. That location housed the Company until 1990 when the building was sold and a new and expanded station was constructed on Wilmot Road. Late in 1999, construction began to complete sleeping quarters on the second floor of the station.

In 1951 The Lily Lake Volunteer Fire Department was organized as a Non-Profit Corporation. In 1955 talks began to merge with the Fire District. The consolidation took place in 1956 and then became known as Company Three. The Company operated out of the Village of Lakemoor Municipal building. In 1971, the district purchased land and a station was built on the corner of Lily Lake Road and Route 120. In 1994 additional property was purchased and the original building was razed and replaced with a new facility. In 2001 an additional adjacent home was purchased, which allowed room for sleeping quarters to be added to the station.

In the early days the Fire District did not handle any ambulance service. Originally these services were handled by the local funeral homes. Later, Johnsburg Rescue Squad and McHenry Area Rescue Squad were formed to provide these and other services. These organizations were not tax supported. In 1983, the Fire District placed a referendum before the taxpayers asking to support an Ambulance Tax for the district. The referendum passed and in 1983 the McHenry Area Rescue Squad merged with the Fire District followed by Johnsburg Rescue Squad in 1990.

Over the years, with the change in technology, several methods of alerting members of a call were used. Originally a blast of a steam whistle from a factory on Borden Street; a siren blowing for two minutes located at each station; to each member having a telephone in his home; to the first portable receiver the size of a ladies purse that was tone activated and gave a voice message; to a pager which is worn on a belt which does the same function.

Other historical facts include the inception of the Paid On Premise (P.O.P) program on June 1, 1986 with 26 members participating at the onset. After several months of preparation, an additional P.O.P. program began February 1, 1997 at Station Two. On January 1, 1998, an additional 12-hour crew was instituted at night at Station One providing immediate ambulance response, twenty-four hours per day. This was the first time in the district's history that a station was manned twenty-four hours. May 1, 2000 was the start of twenty-four hour coverage at Station Two. In addition, an assigned Duty Officer was required to stay at one of the stations as a shift commander. May 1, 2001 staffing began at Station Three with a twelve hour day shift. May 1, 2002 Station Three was staffed twenty-four hours per day with all stations' crews responding as jump companies. Call demand increased in Station One Still Area and an additional two people were added twenty-four hours per day on November 1, 2004. On October 1, 2005, an additional position was created taking the daily staffing to 4 three person jump companies. With the Shift Commander, the minimum staffing was set at 13. At that time new response procedures were put in place allowing duty crews to handle 95% of the District's calls.

In 1987, Steve Laing was appointed as a part-time Code Enforcement Officer for the District. This now gave the district a foundation to build a complete Fire Prevention Bureau under the authority of Steve Laing. On July 1, 1996 Steve was appointed Assistant Chief and became the District's first full time employee.

The Fire District has had six Fire Chiefs in its brief history. Gus Freund served as Chief from 1939-1949; Harold "Red" Hobbs from 1949-1960; Ed Justen from 1960-1969; Glen Peterson, the longest serving Chief, from 1969-1986; Chris Bennett from 1986-1998; Wayne Amore was appointed Chief in 1998. Each of the six Chiefs started their career with McHenry Township Fire Protection District and was appointed to the position by the Fire District's Board of Trustees.

The McHenry Township Fire Protection District is a taxing authority and is funded from Real Estate taxes. The Fire District's Trustees are responsible for collection of and distribution of the tax dollars. The five members of the Board of Trustees are appointed by the McHenry County Board and serve for three-year terms.

The District protects approximately fifty-six square miles with a population of approximately fifty thousand people. Included in the coverage area is most of McHenry Township and portions of Nunda Township along with all or parts of the municipalities of Bull Valley, City of McHenry, Holiday Hills, Village of Johnsburg, Village of Lakemoor, McCullom Lake, Ringwood and portions of unincorporated McHenry County.

In the fall of 2002 the question of a \$0.15 tax increase in the District's ambulance fund was placed on the ballot. This was the first time since 1983 that the District went to the people it protects asking for an increase in the tax rate. The issue was approved 7,466 to 6,001.

On December 22, 2004, the District signed a three year employment agreement with Chief Wayne Amore to be the first full time Fire Chief in the District's 65 year history effective May 1, 2005.

2005 ANNUAL REPORT CHIEF WAYNE AMORE

The Fire District hit a new milestone in its history by responding to 3,931 calls for help during 2005. This volume represents an 8% increase from the 2004 call volume at 3,633. The 2005 volume is an average of 10.77 calls per day vs. the 2004 average of 9.95 calls per day. 79% of the total calls for the year were ambulance or medical assistance type calls. Approximately 5% of the 3,931 calls were fire calls. During the year, we responded to sixteen structure fires with the balance of the fires being auto, grass, rubbish etc..

During the year, the District received notice that the Grant request from Department of Homeland Security for installation of vehicle exhaust system was approved. This marked the third consecutive year that McHenry Township Fire Protection District received a Federal Grant totaling in excess of \$600,000.00. The District used these funds to replace equipment and install the exhaust system that would have been paid for with local tax dollars.

During the year, the District took delivery of two new vehicles. A new Dive Truck was added to the fleet which replaced a 1976 vehicle. This vehicle allows each of the District's ten divers to store their dive gear on the vehicle and is designed for the divers to get dressed while enroute to a dive call. In addition, the District purchased an All Terrain Vehicle which is used for special events, rescue on bike paths, parks and remote off road locations.

During the year the District installed a new station alerting system in all stations. With the health of the firefighters in mind, the new system is designed as a "heart saver". With the new system when the alerting tones are received, they now start off at a reduced volume and increase to full volume. Thus, saving the shock to the heart of a full volume tone awaking firefighters from a deep sleep.

The District purchased a new compressor to replace a fifteen year old SCBA Breathing air compressor. The new compressor has the capacity to fill three bottles at one time in its explosion proof fill area. The auto fill feature has safety in mind which allows the machine to regulate the flow of air versus the old manual flow. With the storage tanks attached to the system, it can fill fifty empty bottles without turning on the compressor.

In June seven of our members took time off their full time jobs and attended the State of Illinois Fire College. This week long training is presented by Illinois Fire Service Institute on the grounds of University of Illinois in Champaign. Our District and members are committed to further their education in the fire service. In addition to this and other off-site training, our District logged over 6,400 hours of continuing in-house training to keep up with the changing environment of the fire service and refresh existing techniques.

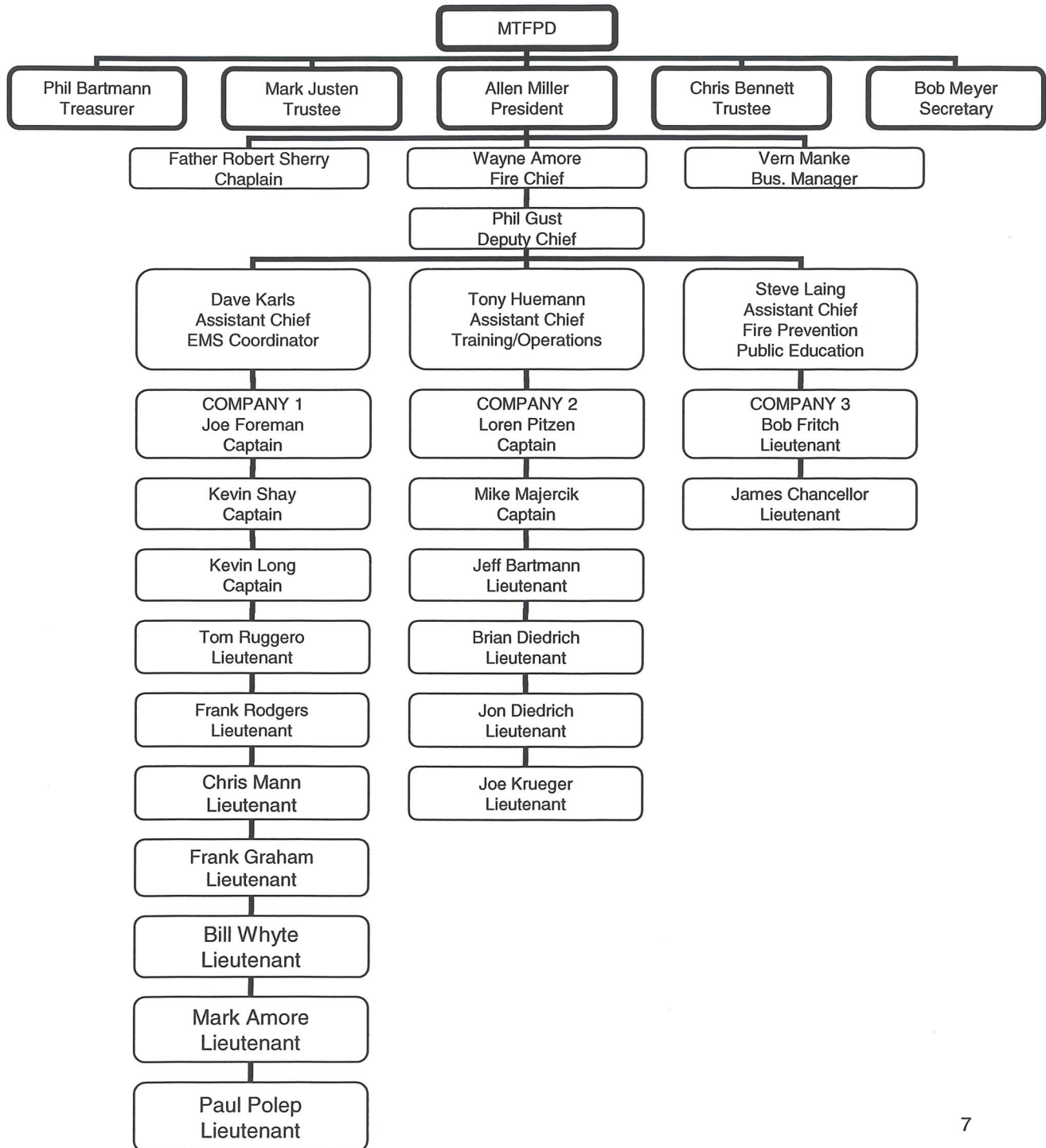
At the annual testing for new members thirty-five applicants attended the mandatory orientation. Twenty-seven took the physical ability test which includes evaluations such as climbing the 100' ladder truck, dragging a charged hose line 50', climbing a ground ladder with a shoulder load of hose and various other physical tasks. In the end we selected eight candidates to become probationary members bringing our part-time membership to the current level of 152.

In October the District responded to a reported residential structure fire at 2:05 a.m.. Within the initial dispatch it was reported that people were trapped in the building. Upon arrival the first engine company preformed flawlessly, from proper placement of the engine, to advancing the proper hose line, determining the location of the victims, ventilating the building to recovering the victims. The engine crew led by Lt. Paul Polep, FF/PAR Phil Ried and FF/EMT-B Guy Miller did what they were trained to do and did an exceptional job. Additional following companies assisted in the recovery, CPR and transportation to the hospital. Unfortunately the outcome of the call was not good. A mother and her two children perished in the fire. This is the first time in over thirty years of the District's history that the loss of life was of this magnitude in a single fire. As the Chief of this department, I could not have been more proud of the actions of not only the first responding engine but, additionally, the entire department who were on the scene that morning attempting to save life and property.

The District started a new residential smoke detector program in November. Any resident who needs a smoke detector or needs a battery should call the District office. We will send out a crew to verify that smoke detectors are working. If they are not, we will install a new detector at no charge on each level of the home for the protection of the occupants.

I was appointed to Chief of the District on May 8, 1998. At that time I was given the opportunity to select my Chief Officer Staff. I selected Deputy Chief Phil Gust, Asst. Chief Steve Laing, Asst. Chief Dave Karls and Asst. Chief Tony Huemann. As a team I feel we have made great strides to advance the department in many ways over the last seven plus years. Asst. Chief Tony Huemann retired from the department in September with twenty-two years of dedicated service to the District. Asst. Chief Steve Laing, who was the District's first full time employee, went to part time status as of October. He will remain with the department until his replacement is hired and he trains that person. Deputy Chief Gust intends to retire this year and move out of state. With these changes we will appoint two people full time to these vacated positions. The new staff will continue to move the department forward in an aggressive and progressive manner.

Administration



McHenry Township Fire Protection District

Members of Company 1

Captain Joe Foreman
Captain Kevin Shay
Captain Kevin Long
Lieutenant Mark Amore
Lieutenant Frank Graham
Lieutenant Chris Mann
Lieutenant Paul Polep
Lieutenant Frank Rodgers, Jr.
Lieutenant Tom Ruggero
Lieutenant William Whyte

James Amos	Kathleen Freund	Ed Malenius	Kurt Ross
William Baehne	Daniel Gudgeon	Aimee Mann	William Rzeszutko
Patricia Bahr	Christopher Gumm	Char McLear	Paul Santopadre
Kristal Baldocchi	Christopher Hallgren	William Mears	Guy Smale
Jennifer Bazan	Ryan Harding	Christopher Meuret	Chris Smith
Jerome Beres	David Harwood	William Milbratz	Dennis Smith
John Birk	Robert Hedberg	Guy Miller	Ronald Smith
Shane Boehmke	Steven Hill	Robert Nieman	Walter Solinski
David Borst	Andrew Horist	Joseph Nootens	Phillip Szyjka
James Bove III	Jeff Huemann	Lydia Nootens	Allen Thennes
Timothy Butler	Frederick Hult	Joshua Novak	Connie Thennes
Sean Casey	David Johnston	William Oeffling	Bryan Thome
Ed Curry	James Keats	Anthony Oliver	Randy Trost
Mitch Czech	Jennifer Kokesh	Scott Osel	Collin Weldon
Carolyn Davis	James Kornfeind	David Reid	Joseph Winkelman
Mark Diedrich	John Kuhl	Michael Reid	Matthew Yegge
William Eckert	Ty Kurth	Michael Reiken	Michael Young
Thomas Farb	Kevin Kutz	David Robaczewski	Robert Zujewski
Leora Foreman			

McHenry Township Fire Protection District

Members of Company 2

**Captain Mike Majercik
Captain Loren Pitzen
Lieutenant Jeff Bartmann
Lieutenant Brian Diedrich
Lieutenant Jon Diedrich
Lieutenant Joseph Krueger**

Thomas Bak	Kevin Knutilla	Al Robel
Cynthia Bertulis	Walter Kochan	Ronald Schaefer
Reggie Blount	Cari Lanan	Jerry Schillaci
Timothy Boutin	Timothy Manning	Gus Schmid
Mark Buchanan	John McCaulley	John Scott
William Comstock	Louis Matthiesen	Diana St. Clair
Bryan DeBaets	Carlos Medina III	Guy Stedman, Jr.
John De Groot	Ryan Neiss	Robert Stermer, Jr.
Peter Diedrich	William Nethaway	Dennis Storlie
Daniel DiPerna	Justin Norris	David Thoren
Daniel Gallagher	Roger Oland	John Weber
William Hintz	Dan Olenick	Peter Weber
David Huemann	Glenn Richter	Jennifer Winkler
Joseph Huemann	Phillip Ried	Kelly Wuchter
Thomas Huemann	Rudy Rivera	

McHenry Township Fire Protection District

Members of Company 3

Lieutenant James Chancellor

Lieutenant Robert Fritch

Craig Allen

Steve Gould

Amanda Gundlach

Steven Kearns

Kathleen Kempster

Michael Kempster

William King

Richard Kozak

Jason Lobue

Frank Oswald

Christopher Rohde

Fran Woloszynski

SPECIALIZED RESCUE TEAMS

SRT TEAM

Jim Bove III
Mark Buchanan
Jim Chancellor
Bill Eckert
Dan Gudgeon
Chris Gumm
Frederick Hult

Jim Kornfeind
Chris Mann
Char McLear
Dave Reid
Mike Reid
Mike Reiken
Chris Rhode

Frank Rodgers
Bill Rzeszutko
Paul Santopadre
Ron Schaefer
Guy Smale
Dennis Storlie
Bryan Thome

DIVE TEAM/BOAT HANDLERS

Bill Baehne
Jeff Bartman
Jennifer Bazan
Jim Chancellor
Brian Diedrich
Jon Diedrich

Jeff Huemann
Tom Huemann
Frederick Hult
Mike Majercik
Chris Mann
Louis Matthiesen

Justin Norris
Danny Olenick
Rudy Rivera
Dave Robaczewski
Chris Smith
Rob Stermer

HAZMAT TEAM

Char McLear
Mike Young

Rudy Rivera

Bill Rzeszutko

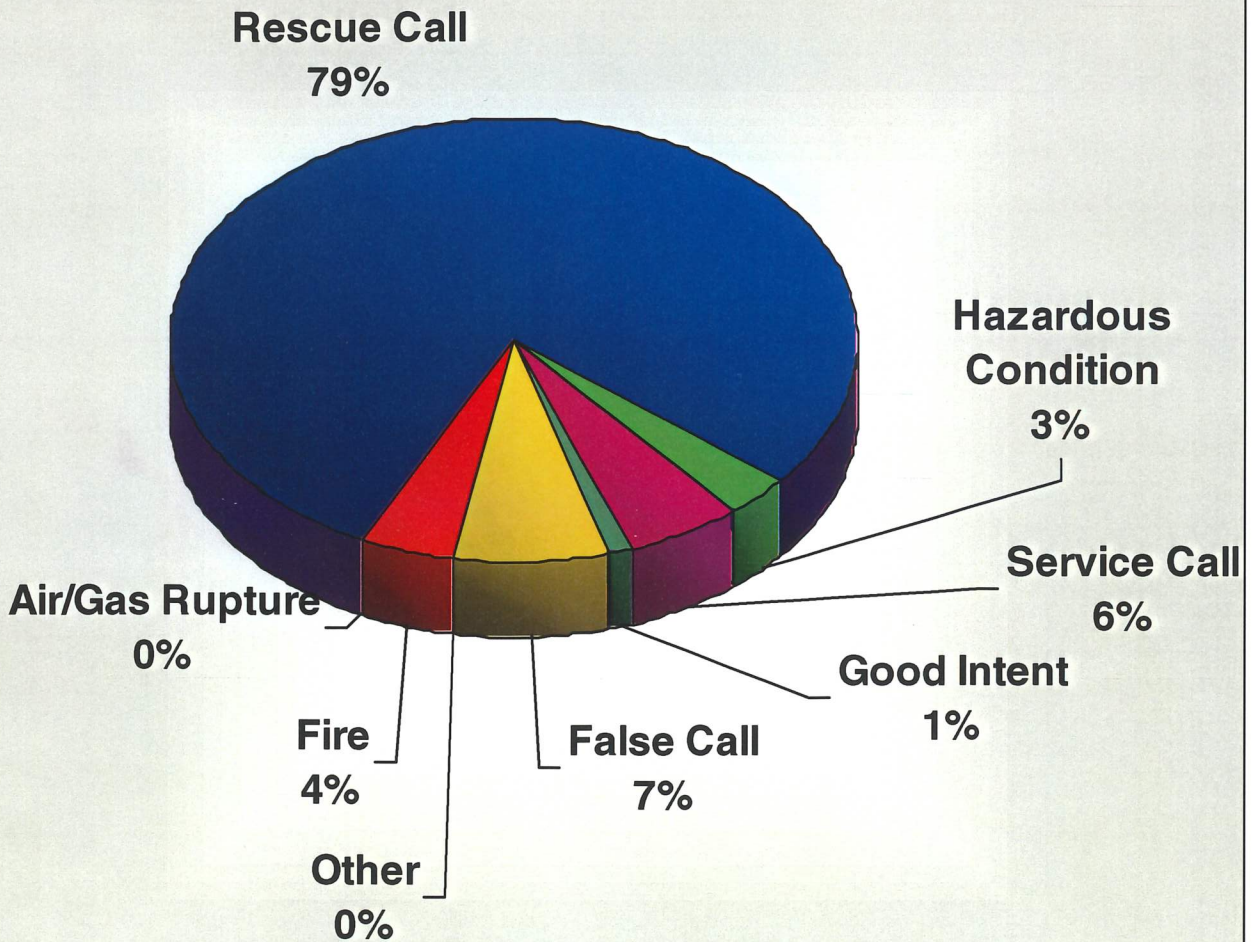
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2005 EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES

<u>Equipment Number</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Type</u>
1200	2004	Chevrolet Tahoe	Shift Commander
1202	2002	Chevrolet Tahoe	Fire Chief
1208	1990	Pierce	Engine
1210	1995	Pierce	Engine
1211	1992	Pierce	Squad
1212	1984	Pierce	Aerial Ladder Tower
1221	1995	Pierce	Engine
1222	1992	Pierce	Engine
1223	1986	International	Tanker
1224	1996	Pierce	Squad
1234	1997	Pierce	Engine
1235	1979	Mack	Engine
1252R	1999	Ford	Ambulance
1252	2001	Ford	Ambulance
1251	2004	Ford	Ambulance
1251R	1999	Ford	Ambulance
1253	2003	Ford	Ambulance
1271	1991	Dodge	Grass Fire Truck
1272	1989	Dodge	Grass Fire Truck
1280	1984	Hurricane	Dive Boat
1281	2005	Alexis	Dive/Water Rescue Truck
1282	2005	Polaris Ranger	ATV
1284	1995	GMC	Utility Pickup Truck
1286	2000	Chevrolet Tahoe	Fire Officer Vehicle
1287	2003	Dodge Caravan	Fire Prevention Bureau
1288	1999	Chevrolet Tahoe	Fire Officer Vehicle
1289	1999	Chevrolet Tahoe	Fire Prevention Bureau



2005 Call Breakdown Incident Type





2005 Grid

3,931 Calls

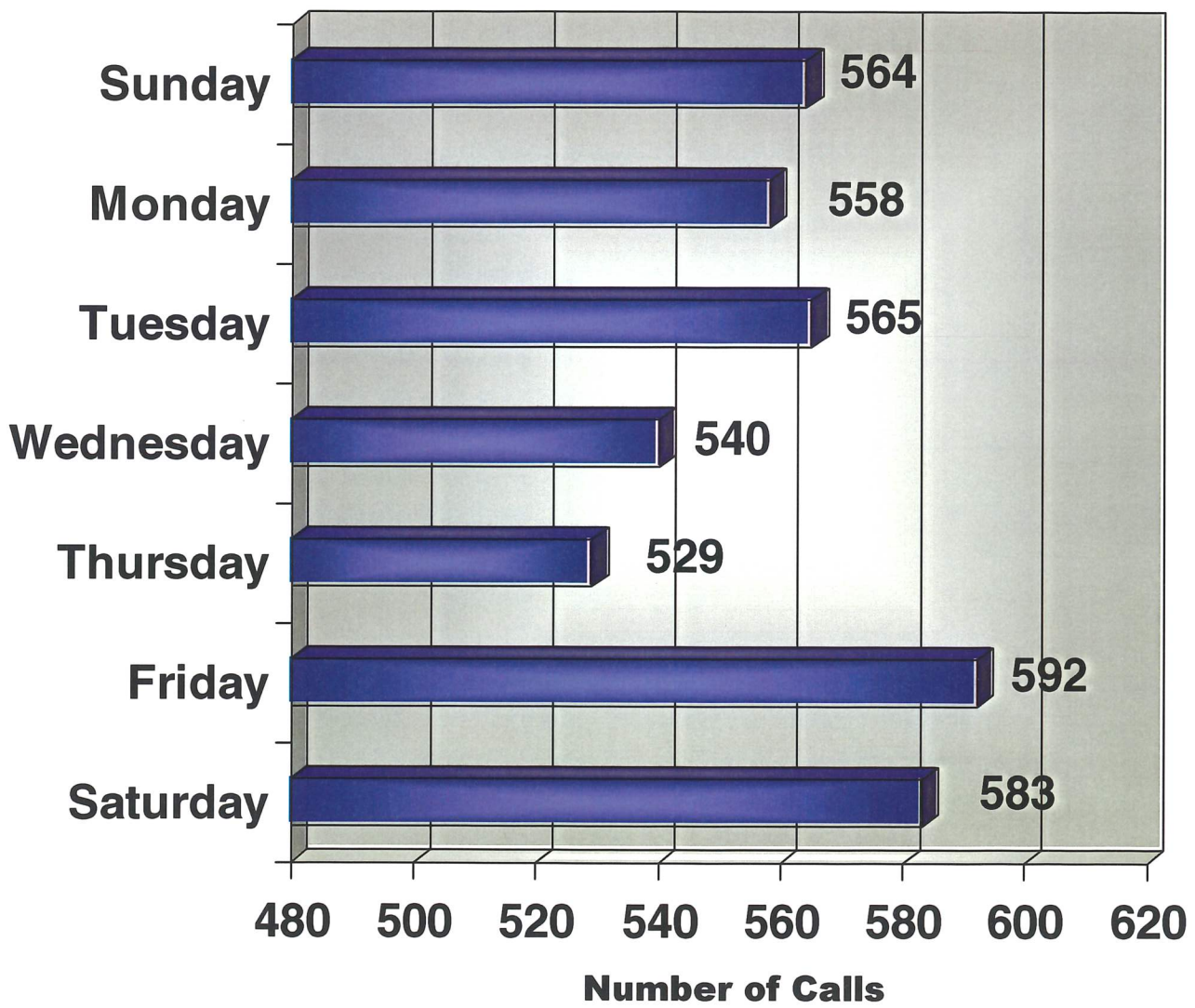


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I	1	0	4	1	54	74	81	12	I
J	1	11	74	71	99	70	22	32	J
K	9	16	91	257	575	121	18	13	K
L	21	26	134	317	318	55	35	146	L
M	10	2	40	89	147	33	4	75	M
N	4	5	3	47	58	37	4	2	N
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2005 Calls by Day of Week

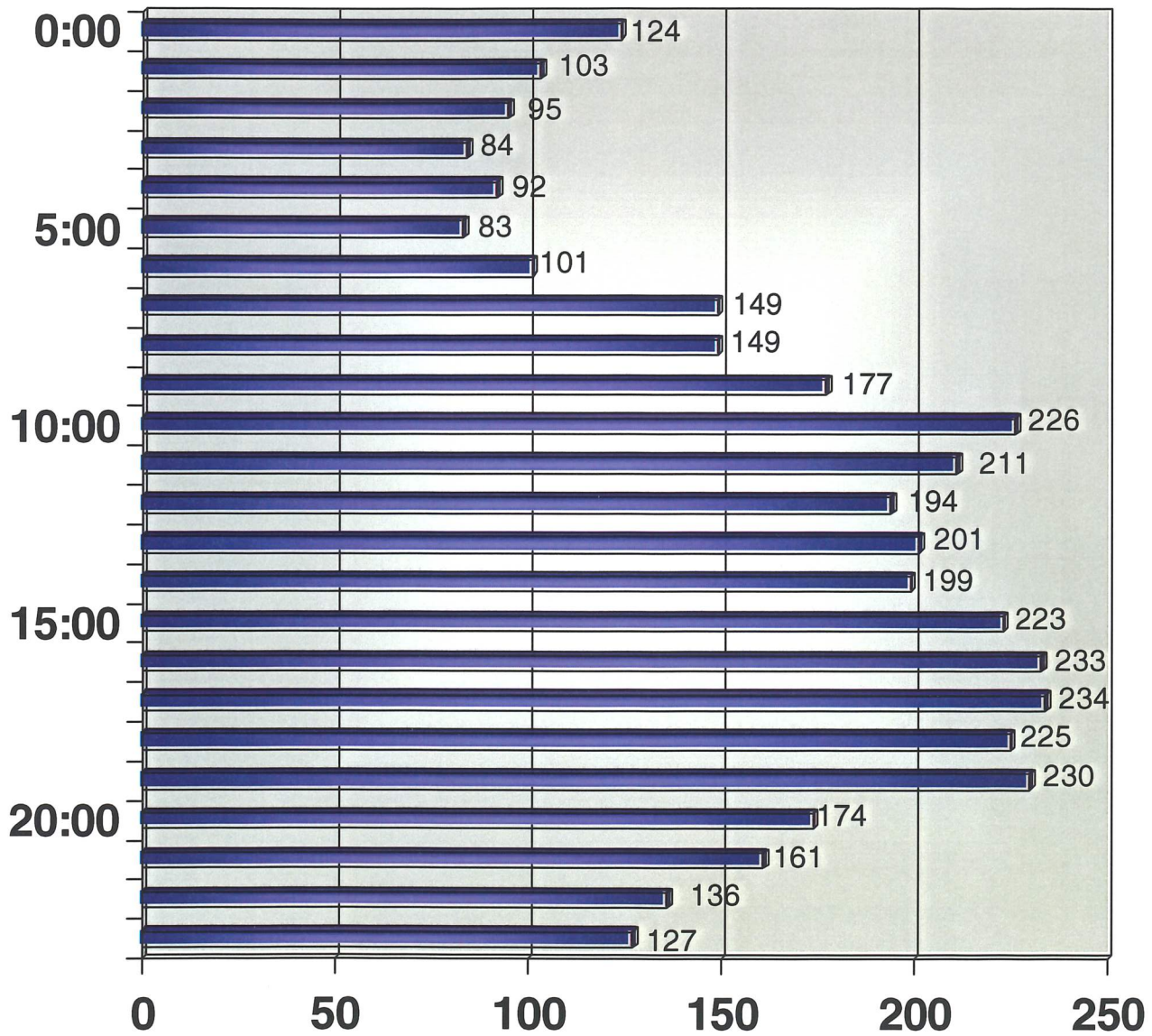
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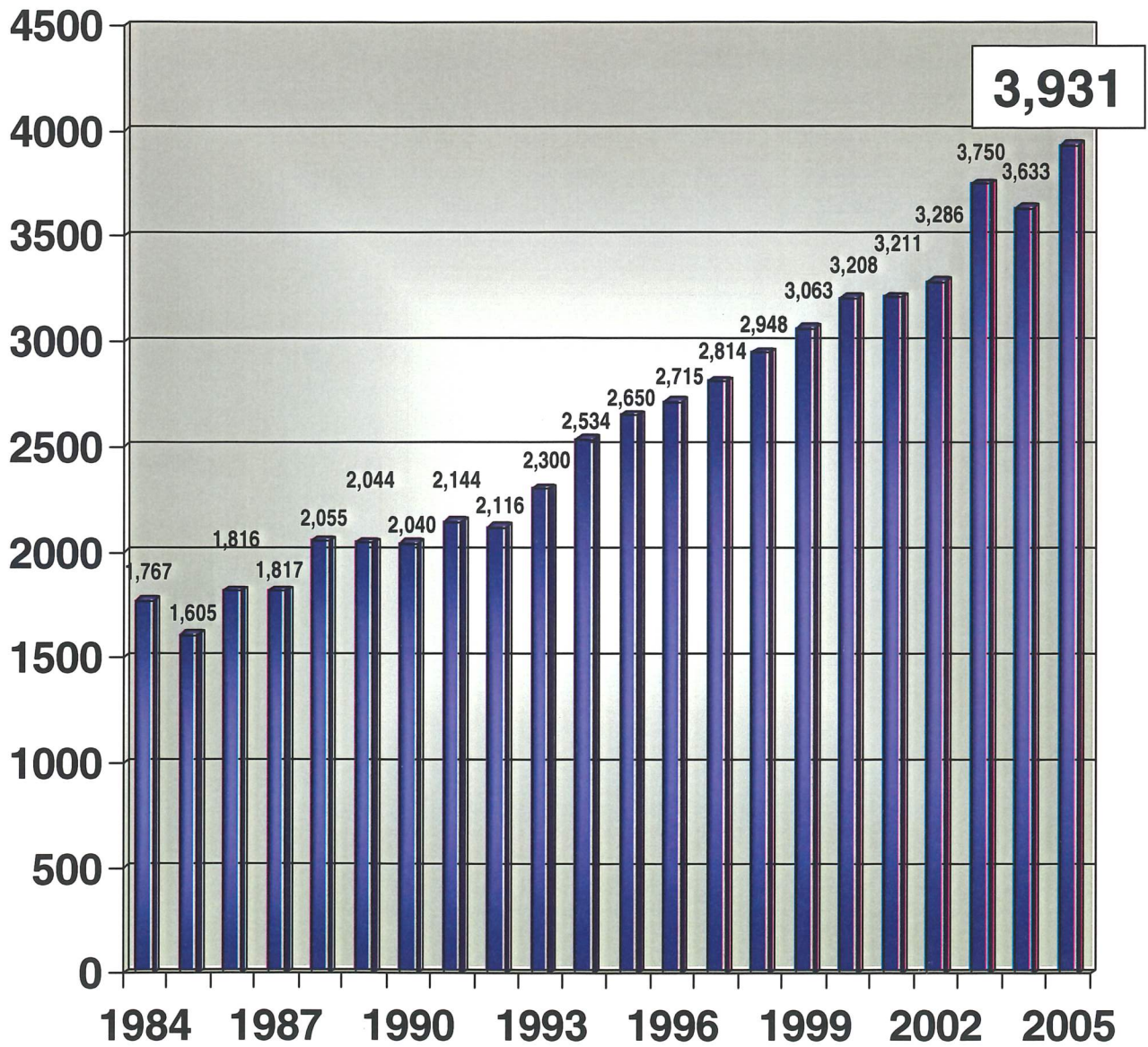
2005 Alarm Time Analysis

Number of Calls



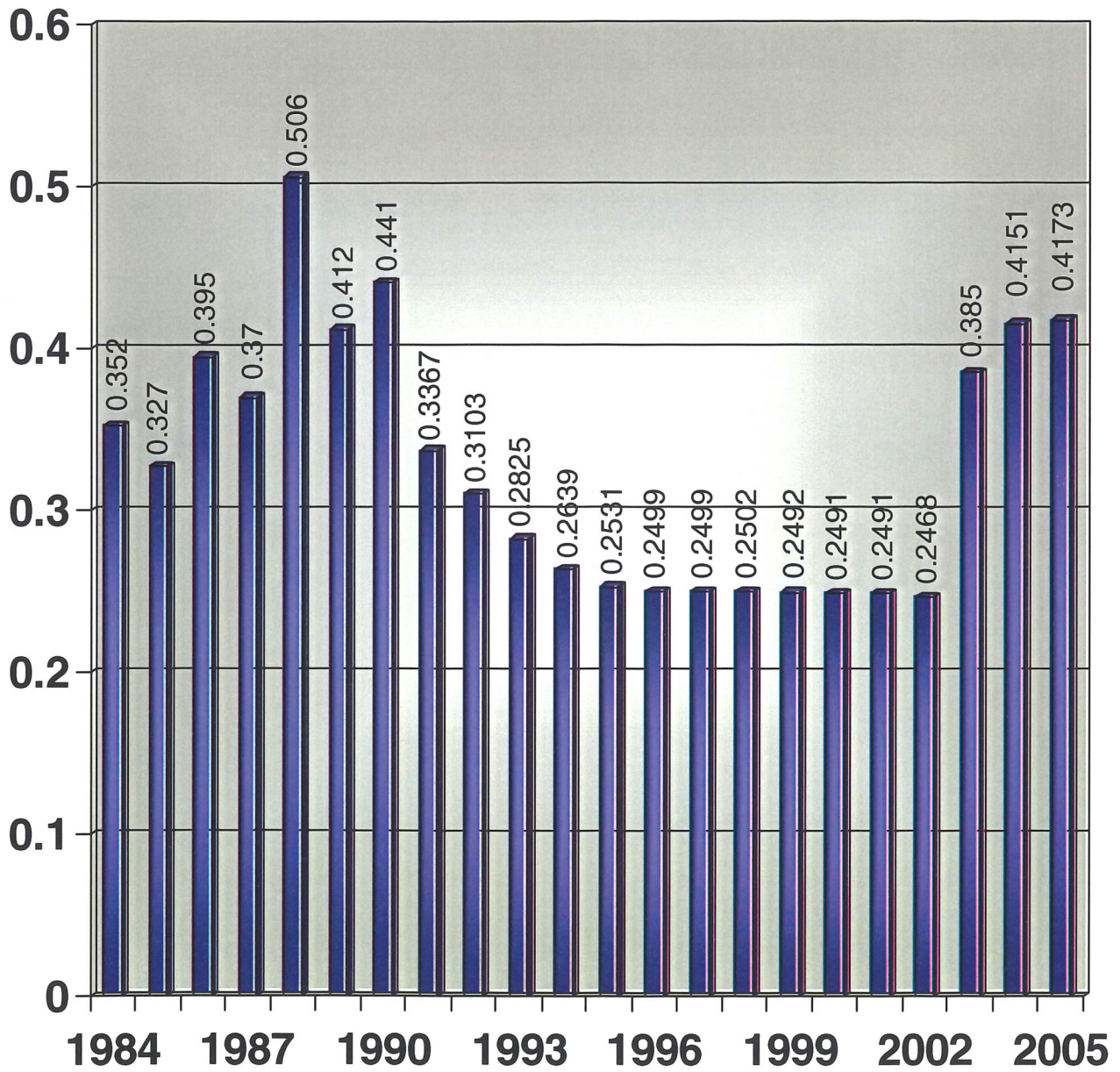


Fire / Rescue Calls 1984 - 2005



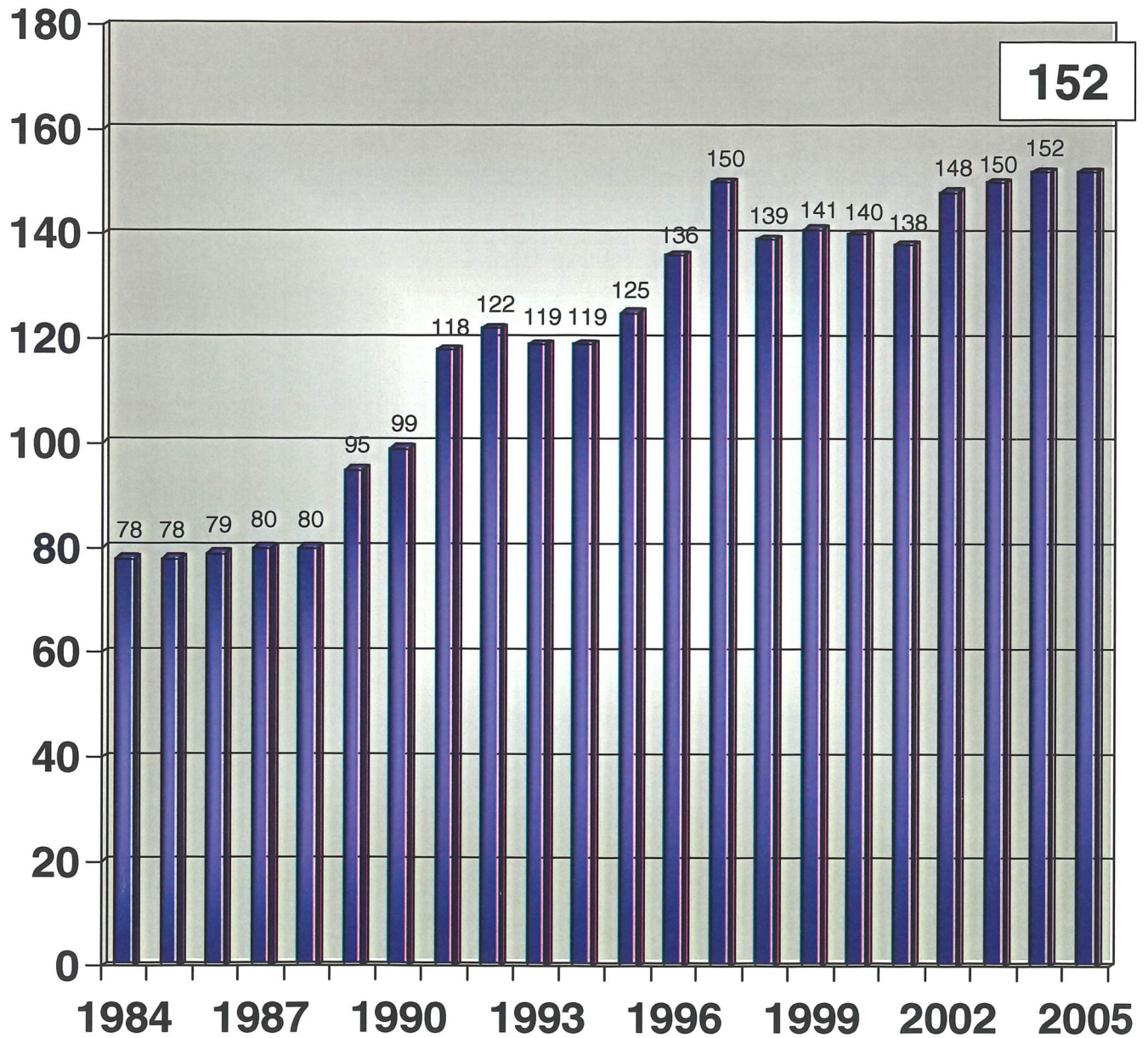


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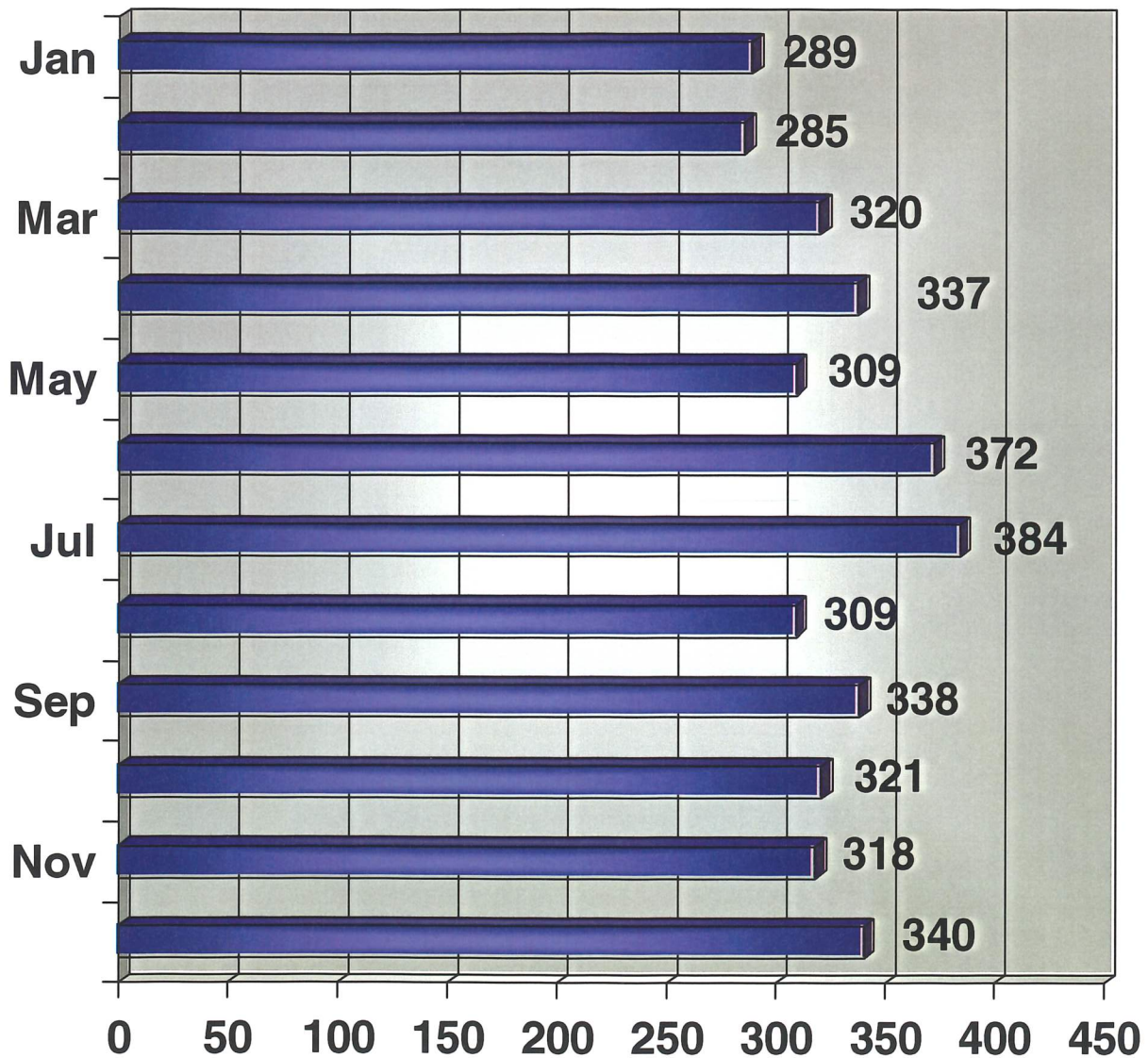


Personnel 1984 - 2005





2005 Calls by Month Number of Calls



2005 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- District purchased Ranger All Terrain Vehicle
- Updated accounts payable and payroll software
- Back-up dispatching set up at McHenry County Sheriff Office
- Upgraded rescue/ventilation saws in the District
- Replaced 2000' of fire hose
- Applied for Federal Grant to resurface bay floors at three stations
- Received Federal Grant for Vehicle Exhaust System at three stations
- Upgraded Station Alerting system in three stations
- Chief Wayne Amore employed as first full time Fire Chief
- Seven members attended week long Fire College at U of I
- Hosted 5 "Breakfast with the Chief" programs
- New member testing for 35 applicants
- Took delivery of new Freightliner Dive Truck
- Donated old Dive Truck to McHenry Police Department for evidence vehicle
- District approves \$25,000 Term Life Insurance for all members
- Sidewalks in front of Station One replaced
- District Adopted 457 Retirement Program for all employees
- Eight new members brought on to department taking staffing to 152
- Used MCC building for specialized training for entire summer
- Replaced SCBA Breathing Air Compressor
- Three Chiefs attended International Chiefs Convention
- Neiderman Vehicle Exhaust System installed at three stations
- Deployed four members for two weeks to New Orleans for aid
- Hosted Open House and Coloring Contest at three stations
- Hosted "First In Officer" Class
- Additional person added to daily staff bringing total to 13 on duty 24/7
- Conducted District Officer Testing
- Rolled out new residential smoke detector program
- Approved job descriptions for full time Deputy Administrator and Fire Marshal
- Continued Juvenile Fire Setter Program
- Public Education Division instructed 579 students in twenty-one 4th grade classes on "Learn not to Burn"
- Created a new Street Guide for District Responses
- Handled 3,931 calls for aid without any serious injury to our members

**2005 ANNUAL REPORT
PERSONNEL, PAID ON PREMISE, APPARATUS AND
EQUIPMENT
DEPUTY CHIEF PHIL GUST**

Although my report is supposed to reflect on the activities of 2005, I can't help but look forward to the fact that June of 2006 will be the 20th anniversary of the Paid on Premise Program (P.O.P.). This highly anticipated program was implemented in 1986 as a stopgap measure to insure adequate staffing for Emergency Medical Services calls. Previously, ambulance calls had been answered by former members of the absorbed McHenry Area Rescue Squad. The new P.O.P. program was established with a nominal hourly rate paid to members to staff an ambulance in the daytime hours. There were skeptics in the early days of this operation who didn't think the program would last. But almost 20 years later, the program has evolved into 3 fire stations being staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by 150 cross trained firefighter/EMT-Paramedics. Our service is unmatched by communities of similar size and population, and the success of this service continues to rest with the dedication and willingness of our members to staff our equipment and stations on a part-time basis, saving the taxpayers a great deal of money, yet providing a high level of service. For someone who has been involved from the inception, it has been a truly gratifying experience.

One of our main goals for 2005 was to maintain our staffing levels with the addition of one person at Station #1. This addition of personnel was to be a precursor of moving staff to the new Station #4. The timeline for planning and building the new station has fallen a little behind, but the staffing level we are maintaining will be a good indicator of whether we can continue to staff our Fire District on a part-time basis when we move into the new station in a couple of years.

We continue to meet our vehicle maintenance needs by working closely with our vendor to adjust the scheduling for service based on frequency of use. We anticipate replacing one ambulance in the coming year to keep us on an approximate 7 year replacement cycle. Our maintenance vendor, Wirf's Industries, is working with us closely this year to recommend some cosmetic and required maintenance on fire apparatus to keep our fleet in good running order. With the addition of our new dive vehicle and all terrain vehicle in 2005, we can meet our needs of specialty responses more efficiently.

We were fortunate over the last year to acquire new members already trained to firefighter and EMT levels, and we were able to incorporate them into the staffing system quickly. We anticipate conducting our annual orientation and test for new members again this coming year in an effort to maintain our current 151 member roster. Obviously, from year to year, we lose members from lack of participation, moving from the area, or for other personal reasons. Hopefully, we can replace them with as qualified persons.

**2005 ANNUAL REPORT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
ASSISTANT CHIEF STEVE LAING**

The year 2005 ended with the McHenry Township Fire Protection District having 16 structure fires, with a reported estimated loss of \$2,199,500. The District actually had 2 less structure fires than the reported 18 fires in 2004. However, the reported loss estimates were significantly higher in 2005. Two fires totaled \$1,050,000 in losses. This is reflective of the high end homes that have recently been built within our District.

The 2005 Fire Inspection Division is lead by Lt. Frank Graham. Other members are Firefighter/Paramedics Tim Butler, Mitch Czech and Ryan Harding. This group was very active participating in multiple areas of responsibility.

Lt. Graham conducts the Knox Box program along with assisting the other Inspectors with areas of concern. The Inspectors are regularly witnessing sprinkler system acceptance tests, fire alarm acceptance tests in new occupancies, compiling water flow testing for new buildings, etc. Tim Butler dedicates many hours working on the M.A.B.A.S. box cards, which must be updated as changes often occur. Mitch Czech is very active with the Learn Not to Burn in the elementary schools as well as coordinating the District's new smoke detector program. Aside from their fire inspections, this Division is very active and is a very positive, visible force in the District.

The Public Education group of people is very active the entire year. Below is a breakdown of the programs and activities that were offered in 2005.

- Contact people for station tours, demonstrations, public appearances, etc.
Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Reiken at Station #1
Firefighter/Paramedic Cindy Bertulis at Station #2
Firefighter/Paramedic Kathy Kempster at Station #3
These 3 individuals also are responsible for ordering all of the materials needed for various requests as well as the District Open House in October.
Jim Bove continues to offer his expertise in special projects and supports all Public Education activities.
- Puppet Program
Firefighter/Paramedic Cindy Bertulis, Firefighter/Paramedic Fran Woloszynski and Firefighter/EMT Kelly Wuchter presented programs to approximately 5,000 preschool children, elementary school students, teachers and parents. They schedule the events as well as set up the stage for the presentation. This is a terrific program!

- Learn Not to Burn Program
 Firefighter/Paramedic Mitch Czech and Firefighter/Paramedic Bill Rzeszutko conducted 21 classes in 2005. In these 21 classes there were a total of 579 fourth grade students. The class is taught one day a week for 7 weeks. The last class consists of a training session in the Safety Trailer. The school administrators look forward to Mitch and Bill scheduling classes each year.

- Special Activities
 Block Parties
 Station Tours
 Fiesta Days, Saufen und Spiel, Lakemoor Days and others
 Safety Trailer Programs
 Open House

The McHenry Township Fire Protection District Public Education Division is as active as many full time departments in the state. The activity levels and programs are conducted all year round by dedicated professionals who continue to deliver the fire and life safety message.

The fires in the District continue to be investigated in a professional manner. Firefighter Fred Hult and Lt. Frank Rodgers continue to carry out this difficult task. The Fire Inspectors remain available to assist in this area. Firefighter Dan Olenick, Firefighter/EMT Bill Milbratz and Firefighter/EMT Chris Gumm share photographing duties. Recently Firefighter/Paramedic Bill Eckert, Firefighter/Paramedic Jim Harris and Firefighter/EMT Guy Miller have received certification as Fire Investigators. In the future these individuals will assist with investigations.

Dee Dee St. Clair is continuing to serve as our Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist. Dee Dee receives most of her cases via the McHenry County court systems.

2005 was a busy, productive year in all Divisions within the Fire Prevention Bureau. The tragedy in October affected our entire membership. I pray that no one on the Department has to go through it again! The philosophy of all of us remains the same.

“All people deserve the right to live and work in a fire and life safe environment.”

Stay Focused

**2005 ANNUAL REPORT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION
ASSISTANT CHIEF DAVID N. KARLS**

Another year has passed and the dedicated members of the McHenry Township Fire Protection District have experienced another chapter in the history of this department. It was the busiest year on record for emergency responses of which 79% were emergency medical calls. We ended the year with a total of 3,931 emergency calls. The consistency remains to be the same year in and year out with E.M.S. calls being about 70-80% of calls in the Fire/Rescue services.

We currently are maintaining a roster of 152 members of which 72 members are certified Paramedics and the others Emergency Medical Technicians and Firefighters. We have two members currently in class at McHenry County College to become Paramedics and one member taking the training to become a paramedic through his career job. This class involves many hours to complete and those that choose to become an active Paramedic and obtain this certification are dedicated to making McHenry Township Fire Protection District a better department. The two members that completed this training were Kathy Kempster and Joe Winkelman. One of the other benefits we had this past year was that we added eight probationary members of which three were already certified State of Illinois Paramedics and one was completing the class to become a Paramedic. The State of Illinois requires at least one certified Paramedic on each call. By maintaining the roster at about 75 Paramedics, we can give good quality service to all requests for emergency medical responses in the District and surrounding towns when summoned.

With all the other services that we provide to the citizens, C.P.R. training saw an increase in activity due to the State law that all public athletic facilities and fitness clubs must have an A.E.D. (Automatic External Defibrillator) in its facility. Firefighter/Paramedic Tim Manning currently coordinates the C.P.R. program which involves teaching citizens the use of the A.E.D. Tim and the Instructors that teach the class do an outstanding job for the citizens and community groups that request this certification.

I would like to thank all those dedicated members and employees that make the Emergency Medical Services Division what it is today. A special thanks to the taxpayers who provide the funds to help maintain this department as one of the best departments in the State of Illinois.

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In 2005 the Training Division standardized all lesson plans by establishing a code for each category. As training was completed the lesson plan would provide the category, location, method and agency. This additional information provided an efficient way of entering training reports and increased the tracking ability of our training hours and the topics that were covered.

Beginning in March officers and their teams went to the McHenry County College Training Tower and conducted a drill on advancing hose lines. This drill allowed them to advance lines up stairways, enter through windows via a ladder and provide back up to an attack line. With the teams paired the training continued until November. Training at the tower will be conducted yearly on various topics.

The Baptist College located at Route 31 and Shamrock Drive was purchased by McHenry County College. McHenry County College allowed us to conduct training sessions on a daily basis. Firefighters conducted search and rescue drills which included Mayday, R.I.T. (rapid intervention team) along with firefighter removal.

In August the training division approached the McHenry Police Department regarding a joint training session at the Baptist College. After several planning meetings, the scenario would include multiple victims, triage and fire control with a Mayday. On August 22 at 6:00 p.m. the drill started with shots fired. Upon the arrival of the McHenry Police Department, it was determined that multiple victims had been wounded. Police then searched the three story building for the two shooters. A joint incident command was established and extra alarms were called. Assistance was provided by Crystal Lake, Nunda, Richmond, Spring Grove, Wonder Lake and Woodstock fire departments along with the McHenry County Police, E.S.D.A. and the McHenry Citizen Police Academy who portrayed the victims. After two hours the drill was complete and all 115 people who participated in the drill returned to Station One for a critique.

In October the McHenry Township Fire Protection District accepted the resignation of Assistant Chief Tony Huemann. As the training officer Tony provided the department with his knowledge and expertise in setting the standards of where we are today and where we should be going in the future.

A Large Vehicle Extrication class was held in December. This class was conducted by the Illinois Fire Institute and hosted by the McHenry Township Fire Protection District. The class covered the techniques needed to extricate victims from school bus and semi-truck accidents. This class was offered to all Division Five and Division Four departments with several departments participating.

The training division has established its 2006 schedule. The schedule will continue to provide the skills and knowledge needed to protect our growing community and keep our members safe.



