



# FULLY INVOLVED

McHenry Township Fire Protection District - Annual Report and Newsletter

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## Our Mission

The McHenry Township Fire Protection District is dedicated to providing the highest level of fire and rescue services to the communities it serves, through the commitment, preparedness, continuing education and training of its most valuable assets, its members, who work to assure the safety of the District's citizens on a daily basis.

## Highlights 2010

- Conducted Officer Testing for Battalion Chief/Shift Commander Position.
- Conducted Officer Testing for a Deputy Chief Of Operations.
- All radio equipment including transmitters, receivers, mobile radios and portable radios were converted to Narrow Band.
- 500' of 5" hose was added to 6 Fire Engines for Rural Water Supply.
- Upgrade the department computer system by installing Comcast fiber-optic lines to each of the 4 stations. The computer upgrades increase the speed and ability to write fire and EMS reports.
- Trustee Chris Bennett was reappointed and Alan Weaver replaced Trustee Phil Bartmann who resigned as a Trustee after 45 years of service to the McHenry Township Fire Protection District.
- Rudy Horist was sworn in as the new Deputy Chief of Operations on June 17, 2010. Deputy Chief Horist served as a career firefighter for the City of Elgin from January 26, 1986 where he served as the training officer, lieutenant, captain and assistant chief. Deputy Chief Horist is responsible for the management of emergency operations.
- In 2010 the MTFPD initiated an EMS Peer Review Committee consisting of individuals that review every single EMS report. The purpose of the committee is an internal oversight to review all EMS activity.
- Firefighter Jerry Schillaci with assistance from MTFPD members sold over 1,000 pink tee-shirts in support of the American Cancer Society. Firefighters wore pink tee-shirts both on and off duty to show their support for the American Cancer Society as well.
- In 2009, the MTFPD upgraded electric fixtures and gas appliances in an effort to reduce costs. A 12 month review of gas and electric charges indicated an 18.5% savings over the previous year. The upgrades to gas and electric fixtures and appliances were paid for by a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity—Bureau of Energy and Recycling.
- Officer Testing for Company Officers including Captain and Lieutenant was completed. Dave Harwood finished Number 1 on the lieutenants list and will fill the vacant lieutenant position.
- Assistant Chief Joe Krueger completed the Executive Fire Officer program. Chief Krueger is the first chief officer in the history of the McHenry Township Fire Protection District to complete the 4 year Executive Fire Officer program at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The 4 year program included Chief Krueger attending a 2-week class in Emmitsburg each of the 4 years and then returning home and writing an extensive research paper on a topic specific to the class he attended that year. Congratulations Chief Krueger on the completion of a fantastic program. Your hard work and dedication to the fire service is obvious and very much appreciated.

# McHenry Township Fire Protection District

## Chief Tony Huemann



**Tony Huemann**  
Chief

Welcome to the second version of "Fully Involved". "Fully Involved" is the McHenry Township Fire Protection District's (MTFPD) way of communicating with each and every resident of the fire district by illustrating the continued activities of all the firefighters, paramedics, EMT's and officers that make the McHenry Township Fire Protection District work so well.

In 2010 the MTFPD responded to 4,888 emergency calls. All of those calls were answered by part-time personnel that make up our 160 person fire department. The fire district employs part-time personnel to fill 13 positions (Paid On Premise or P.O.P.) each and every day of the year. There are 4 stations in the fire district and there are 3 firefighters/paramedics/EMT's at each station that jump between an ambulance and an engine depending on the type of incident that is dispatched. There is also a part-time shift commander that is responsible for managing personnel and daily activities such as training, public education events, station maintenance and vehicle maintenance.

In the event that an incident is too large or too complicated, the Paid On Call (P.O.C.) firefighters are requested to respond from home or work to support the POP personnel by responding to the incident with additional apparatus and equipment. This system works well due to the willingness and dedication of all of our personnel to participate during their days off, at night, on weekends and on holidays.

There are other reasons why the MTFPD works so well. There are 2 full-time Assistant Chiefs that manage the day to day activities of the Fire Prevention Bureau, EMS activities and the training activities. There is a part-time Deputy Chief that manages the

daily schedule and the big task of vehicle maintenance and there is also a full-time Deputy Chief that manages the day to day emergency operations.

There are 3 full-time administrative people that manage the day to day business of the fire district. There is a Business Manager and 2 Secretaries that assist all of us with reports, paying bills, purchase order requests, payroll, creation of the monthly Trustee Packet and management of the annual budget.

Finally, the MTFPD is very fortunate to have 5 Trustees that are businessmen from the community. The 5 Trustees oversee the financial aspect of the fire district and I report directly to them at a monthly meeting. In 2010, Trustee Phil Bartmann retired from the MTFPD after serving as firefighter, lieutenant, captain, assistant chief and trustee since 1964. Alan Weaver who is a career firefighter with the Wauconda Fire Department and lives in Lakemoor, replaced Trustee Phil Bartmann on the Board. Trustee Weaver has been and will continue to be a great addition to the fire district.

I would like to personally take this opportunity to thank the firefighters, company officers, chief officers, administrative staff and trustees for their hard work and dedication to the McHenry Township Fire Protection District. Because of you — our organization is respected and viewed as one of the best fire districts in the State of Illinois. "Thank You".

I hope each and every resident of the fire district enjoys "Fully Involved" as much as we enjoy serving the residents of the fire district.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. T. Huemann". The signature is fluid and cursive.

### FULLY INVOLVED

Welcome to the McHenry Township Fire Protection District's second edition of "Fully Involved". The term "Fully Involved" in the fire service means that fire has totally consumed an automobile, a garage, a house or commercial building. A fully involved fire means great danger for occupants and potentially greater danger for the firefighters who enter the building to save lives and property. Before entering a building that is fully involved, firefighters prepare themselves through training and education and by having the right tools and equipment with them to make a difference on the fire without putting each other in an unsafe condition.

The intent of "Fully Involved" is to educate residents on fire and rescue operations and to illustrate yearly activities of the McHenry Township Fire Protection District. We are proud to present "Fully Involved" and we hope that after viewing "Fully Involved" you will feel more involved and more aware of the activities of the McHenry Township Fire Protection District.

# McHenry Township Fire Protection District

## District Trustees



**Allen Miller**  
President



**Robert J. Meyer**  
Secretary



**Christopher J. Bennett**  
Treasurer



**Mark L. Justen**  
Trustee



**Alan Weaver**  
Trustee



**Wayne Amore**  
Business Manager



**Vern Manke**  
Business Manager

## Chief Officers



**Tony Huemann**  
Chief



**Phil Gust**  
Deputy Chief

Deputy Chief  
in charge of  
Special Projects  
and Scheduling



**Rudy Horist**  
Deputy Chief

Deputy Chief  
in charge of  
Operations



**Joe Krueger**  
Assistant Chief

Training Chief



**Mike Majercik**  
Assistant Chief

Fire Prevention  
Bureau and EMS Chief

Retired after serving  
the district as a  
business manager  
for 14 years.

## Captains



**Joseph Foreman**  
Captain



**Frank Graham**  
Captain



**Loren Pitzen**  
Captain



**Dave Karls**  
Captain



**Frank Rodgers**  
Captain



**Kevin Shay**  
Captain

## Lieutenants



**Mark Amore**  
Lieutenant



**Jeffrey Bartmann**  
Lieutenant



**Jennifer Bazan**  
Lieutenant



**James Chancellor, Jr.**  
Lieutenant



**Brian Diedrich**  
Lieutenant



**Jonathan Diedrich**  
Lieutenant



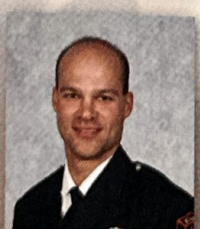
**Robert Fritch, Jr.**  
Lieutenant



**Dave Huemann**  
Lieutenant



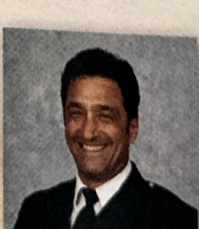
**Chris Mann**  
Lieutenant



**William Oeffling**  
Lieutenant



**Paul Polep**  
Lieutenant



**Thomas Ruggero**  
Lieutenant



**Matthew Yegge, Jr.**  
Lieutenant

# Personnel

## Station 1

Ackerman, Nick  
 Amos, James  
 Baldocchi, Kristal  
 Bock, Jeffrey  
 Butler, Timothy Fire Prevention Bureau  
 Casey, Sean  
 Childs, Mike  
 Diedrich, Mark  
 Eckert, William  
 Fisher, Jeremy  
 Foreman, Joseph Captain  
 Foreman, Leora  
 Freund, Justin  
 Freund, Kathleen  
 Harwood, David  
 Horist, Andrew  
 Hult, Fredrick  
 Johnson, Jeremiah  
 Johnston, David  
 Keats, James  
 Kornfeind, James  
 Kuhl, John  
 Malenius, Edwin  
 Mann, Chris Lieutenant  
 Merkel, Pete  
 Miller, Paul  
 Nieman, Robert  
 Nootens, Joseph  
 Oeffling, Aimee  
 Oeffling, William Lieutenant  
 Oliver, Anthony  
 Polep, Paul Lieutenant  
 Ramel, Chris  
 Ross, Kurt  
 Rzeszutko, William  
 Santopadre, Paul  
 Santoyo, David  
 Shay, Kevin Captain  
 Shay, Ryan  
 Smith, Chris  
 Smith, Ron  
 Solinski, Wally  
 Stephens, Christopher  
 Szyjka, Philip  
 Thennes, Allen  
 Thennes, Connie  
 Thome, Bryan  
 Ursini, Paul  
 Wojcik, Jennifer  
 Winkelman, Joseph  
 Yegge, Matthew, Jr Lieutenant  
 Young, Michael  
 Zujewski, Robert



2010 New Member Swearing In

## Station 2

Bartmann, Jeffrey Lieutenant  
 Bertulis, Cynthia  
 Blount, Reggie  
 Boutin, Timothy  
 Buchanan, Mark  
 Comstock, William  
 Dammers, Chris  
 Diedrich, Brian Lieutenant  
 Diedrich, Jonathan Lieutenant  
 Diedrich, Peter  
 DiPerna, Daniel  
 Dwyer, Kevin  
 Gallagher, Daniel  
 Gallagher, Joshua  
 Haag, Brian  
 Huemann, Dave Lieutenant  
 Huemann, Joseph  
 Huemann, Thomas  
 Kelly, Jason  
 Knutilla, Kevin  
 Lanan, Cari  
 Loomis, Bryan  
 Manning, Timothy  
 McCauley, John  
 Medina, Carlos III  
 Miller, Gage  
 Miller, Guy  
 Oland, Roger  
 Pitzen, Loren Captain  
 Ried, Phillip  
 Rivera, Rudy  
 Robel, Alan  
 Robel, Todd  
 Schaefer, Ronald  
 Schillaci, Jerry  
 Schmid, Gustaff  
 Schulien, Matt  
 St. Clair, Diane  
 Stedman, Guy Jr  
 Stermer, Robert Jr  
 Storlie, Dennis  
 Thoren, David  
 Weber, Peter  
 Winkler, Jennifer  
 Wuchter, Kelly



## Introducing Our 2010 New Members

*Left to Right:* John Crispe, Joshua Gallagher, Jacob Kuthe, Matthew Heiderman, Mike Childs

## Station 4

Amore, Mark Lieutenant  
 Bazan, Jennifer Lieutenant  
 Biederer, Jake  
 Boeckmann, Collin  
 Bove, James III  
 Conley, Chris  
 Cossman, Kelly  
 Crispe, John  
 Czech, Mitchell  
 Eschner, Nick  
 Fenwick, Sean  
 Freund, Robert  
 Graham, Frank Captain  
 Gudgeon, Daniel Jr  
 Gumm, Christopher  
 Harding, Chris  
 Harding, Ryan  
 Harris, James  
 Hedberg, Robert  
 Karls, Dave Captain  
 Knoll, Kevin  
 Kuthe, Jacob  
 Mears, William  
 Nootens, Lydia  
 Osel, Scott  
 Reid, David  
 Reid, Michael  
 Reiken, Michael  
 Robaczewski, David  
 Ruggero, Thomas Lieutenant  
 Smale, Guy  
 Torkelson, Daniel  
 Weber, John  
 Weldon, Collin

## Station 3

Burris, Kevin  
 Chancellor, James Jr Lieutenant  
 Downey, Johnie  
 Fritch, Robert Jr Lieutenant  
 Gould, Steven  
 Heiderman, Matt  
 Kearns, Steve  
 Kempster, Kathleen  
 Kempster, M. J.  
 Rivera, Rudy  
 Kozak, Richard  
 Krejci, Aaron  
 Norton, Tim  
 Oswald, Frank  
 Rodgers, Frank Captain  
 Rohde, Christopher  
 Rusin, Steve  
 Schroeder, Tim  
 Studer, Joseph  
 Tolle, Chris  
 Verlinsky, Maksim  
 Webb, Matthew  
 Wilson, Edward  
 Woloszynski, Francesca



# McHenry Township Fire Protection District Personnel Accomplishments

## ADVANCED CAUSE & ORIGIN

MITCH CZECH

## AIRPORT FIREFIGHTER

KELLY COSSMAN

## CONFINED SPACE RESCUE OPERATIONS

NICHOLAS ESCHNER

## FIRE APPARATUS ENGINEER

CONNIE THENNES  
ANDREW HORIST  
CHRISTOPHER STEPHENS  
MAKSIM VERLINSKY  
ROBERT NIEMAN

## FIREFIGHTER II

JOHN CRISPE  
JOSH GALLAGHER  
MATT HEIDERMAN  
JACOB KUTHE

## FIREFIGHTER III

MAKSIM VERLINSKY  
DAVID HARWOOD  
JEREMIAH JOHNSON  
RYAN SHAY  
MATHIAS SCHULIEN  
KELLY COSSMAN  
BRIAN LOOMIS

## FIRE INVESTIGATOR

CHRISTOPHER TOLLE

## FIRE OFFICER I

KEVIN BURRIS  
DAVID HARWOOD  
ROBERT NIEMAN  
KEVIN KNOLL  
DAVID HUEMANN  
DAVID REID

## FIRE OFFICER II-PROVISIONAL

DAVID HARWOOD

## FIRE OFFICER III

MICHAEL MAJERCIK

## FIRE PREVENTION PRINCIPLES

CHRISTOPHER MANN

## FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR I

KEVIN KNOLL

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DAVID HARWOOD

## FIRE SERVICE VEHICLE OPERATOR

THOMAS RUGGERO  
WILLIAM OEFFLING  
PHIL SZYKA  
KEVIN SHAY  
DAVID HARWOOD

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FIRST RESPONDER-OPERATIONS

CHRISTOPHER GUMM  
BRYAN LOOMIS  
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JOSEPH KRUGER  
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## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT COMMAND

JOSEPH KRUEGER

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TIMOTHY BUTLER  
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RONALD SCHAEFER  
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MATTHEW YEGGE

## INTRO TO NATIONAL RESPONSE FRAMEWORK

DANIEL DiPERNA

## JUVENILE FIRESETTER INTERVENTION SPECIALIST

DIANA ST. CLAIR  
DANIEL GALLAGHER

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PAUL MILLER

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## NIMS MULTIAGENCY COORDINATION SYSTEM

WILLIAM MEARS

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M J KEMPSTER  
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## PUBLIC SAFETY DIVER

NICHOLAS ESCHNER  
DANIEL TORKELSON

## RADIOLOGICAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE

BRIAN DIEDRICH

## RESCUE SPECIALIST-CONFINED SPACE

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## ROPE OPERATIONS

CHRISTOPHER STEPHENS  
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# McHenry Township Fire Protection District 2010 Training



- Total training hours for 2010 were 20,758. This is an increase of 53% over last year and averages out to 130 hours per firefighter.
- Physical training hours for 2010 totaled 3,551 hours. This averages out to 22 hours per firefighter.
- The MTFPD Training Committee was formed. The original committee consisted of 23 firefighters and fire officers. The committee established the following vision and mission:

### Vision Statement:

Through education, preparation and application, the MTFPD has the knowledge and skills to:

- ✓ Accomplish its mission safely.
- ✓ Exceed stakeholder training expectations.
- ✓ Provide services that exceed our customer's expectations.

### Mission Statement:

Provide learning opportunities for MTFPD personnel that:

- ✓ Increases the body of knowledge on topics relevant to their jobs.
- ✓ Exceeds stakeholder training expectations.
- ✓ Results in continuous improvement and service excellence.

- Major training activities for the year included:

- ✓ Firefighter search, rescue, suppression and survival training skills were practiced at an acquired structure on Ringwood Road in May.
- ✓ Surface ice rescue training was completed at the Possum Run Pit.
- ✓ The Fire District formed a swift water rescue team and nine members were trained to the level of Swift Water Technician II.
- ✓ A shielding system for trench rescue was purchased and firefighters were trained in use of the system as well as initial scene stabilization in the event of a trench cave-in.
- ✓ Two firefighters completed Technical Rescue Team training in Champaign, IL as part of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force.
- ✓ EMS proficiency testing was completed for all members.
- ✓ Rapid intervention training was completed in conjunction with firefighters from the Crystal Lake Fire Department at an acquired structure owned by MCC.

- 119 Illinois OSFM certifications were earned in 26 different specialties by MTFPD firefighters and fire officers.
- Three chief officers completed Executive Fire Officer course work at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD.

# McHenry Township Fire Protection District Stations and Staffing

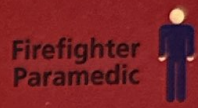
Minimum Daily Staffing = 13

**JUMP COMPANY EXPLANATION** - Each day is divided into two, 12 hour shifts with each shift consisting of 13 highly trained and dedicated part-time personnel. Each of these individuals are cross-trained as either a Firefighter-Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Firefighter-Paramedic. Twelve of these personnel are organized into four, three person crews with one crew assigned to each of our four stations. The remaining person assigned to shift is either a Captain or Lieutenant who serves as the Shift Commander for all four stations.

The crew at each station staffs either a fire engine or an ambulance depending on the type and location of an alarm. This provides the department the flexibility to send the type of vehicle most appropriate for a particular type of emergency. Two of our stations also have additional vehicles or specialized apparatus that can be staffed by either the on-duty crews or off-duty personnel who are notified to respond via pager.



Officer



Firefighter Paramedic

## Station 1 (HQ)

3610 W. Elm St. - McHenry



Apparatus and Staffing



## Station 2

3710 Johnsborg Rd. - Johnsborg



Apparatus and Staffing



## Station 3

809 Rand Rd. - Lakemoor



Apparatus and Staffing



## Station 4

6300 Dartmoor Rd. - McHenry



Apparatus and Staffing



# McHenry Township Fire Protection District 2010 Equipment & Vehicles

Equipment Number	Year	Manufacturer	Type
BAT. 12	2009	Chevrolet Tahoe	Shift Commander
1202	2010	Chevrolet Impala	Chief Huemann
1204	2010	Chevrolet Impala	Deputy Chief Horist
1206	2010	Chevrolet Impala	Asst. Chief Majercik
1207	2008	Chevrolet Impala	Asst. Chief Krueger
1210	2009	Pierce	Engine
1211	1992	Pierce	Squad
1212	2008	Pierce	Aerial Ladder Tower
1221	2009	Pierce	Engine
1222	1994	Pierce	Engine
1223	1986	International	Tanker
1224	1996	Pierce	Squad
1234	1997	Pierce	Engine
1244	1992	Pierce	Engine
1245	1994	Pierce	Engine
1251	2007	Ford	Ambulance
1252	2011	Ford	Ambulance
1253	2010	Ford	Ambulance
1254	2008	Ford	Ambulance
1255	2006	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
1283	2007	Zodiac Futura Commando	Dive Boat
1284	2011	Ford	Utility Pickup Truck
1285	2011	Ford Fusion	Fire Prevention Bureau
1286	2007	Chevrolet Suburban	Reserve Command Vehicle
1287	2003	Dodge Caravan	Fire Prevention Bureau
1288	2011	Ford Fusion	Fire Prevention Bureau
1289	2011	Ford Fusion	Fire Prevention Bureau
PUB ED	2001	Surrey Safety Trailer	Fire Prevention Bureau



## McHenry Township Fire Protection District NEW EMS Equipment

Pictured here is a brand new 2011 Ford F450 ambulance that was recently put in service at St. 2 in Johnsburg, IL. This ambulance was built by Osage ambulance in Linn, MO. It is a Type I ambulance and is the first ambulance that the district purchased on the 450 chassis. The district operates a total of 5 ALS ambulances out of 4 stations.



Pictured here are 2 cardiac monitors the district uses. The first is a Zoll AED PRO defibrillator carried in our command car as well as all 4 of our front line engines. The second picture is a Zoll E Series Monitor that we carry on all 5 of our ALS ambulances. These monitors were bought in 2009 and are capable of completing 12 lead EKG's that we can send directly to the emergency room doctor from the field.

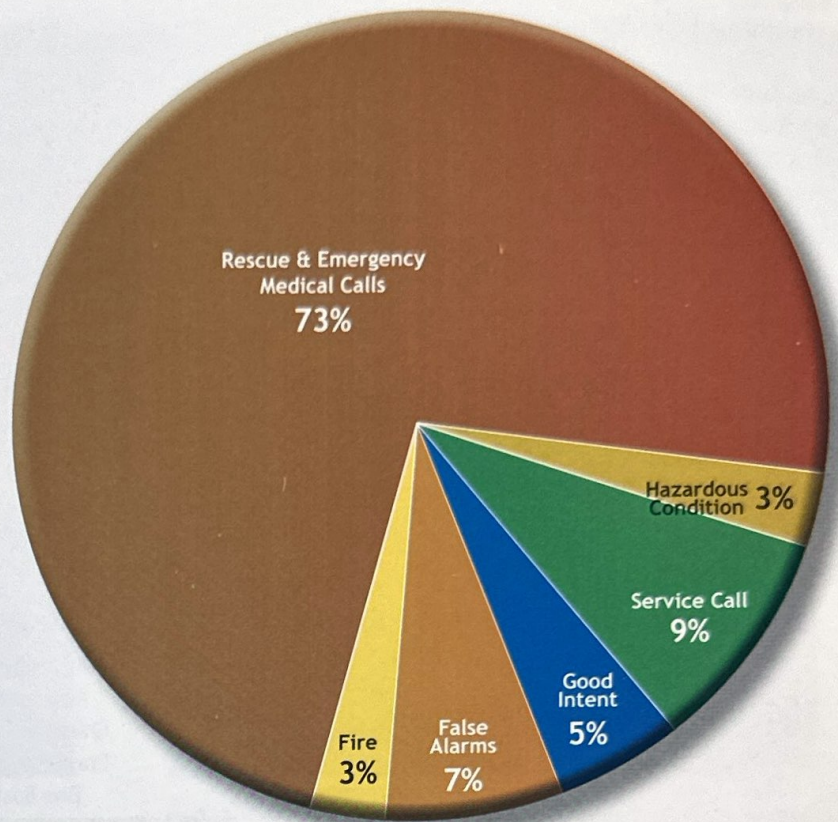
This picture is a bariatric tarp, made by Ferno that we carry on our 5 ALS ambulances. These tarps are used to assist in lifting our larger bariatric patients.



## 2010 Facts and Figures Incident Type

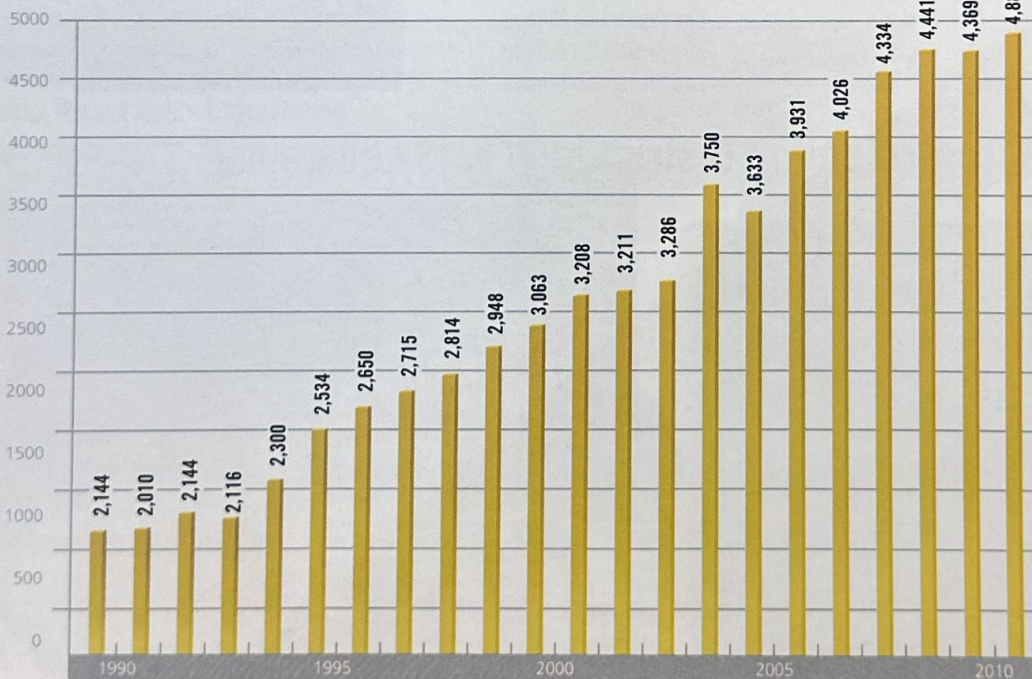
### 2010 Call Breakdown by Incident Type

Our busiest response activity is for Rescue Calls, which account for 73% of our total incident responses. The majority of these incidents are for medical emergencies; however, this category also includes motor vehicle accidents and technical rescue incidents. Nine percent of our responses are for service calls - the majority of which are to provide lifting assistance for those with mobility issues. False Alarm and Good Intent incidents combined account for 12% of our incident responses. These include both unintentional activation of fire alarm systems and calls from the public that turn out to be unfounded. Hazardous Condition incidents consist of primarily carbon monoxide incidents, natural gas leaks and gasoline spills. They account for 3% of our alarm activity. Finally, fire incidents, which include building fires, vehicle fires and brush fires account for 3% of our incident activity overall.



## 2010 Facts and Figures Fire/Rescue Calls

### Fire/Rescue Calls 1989-2010



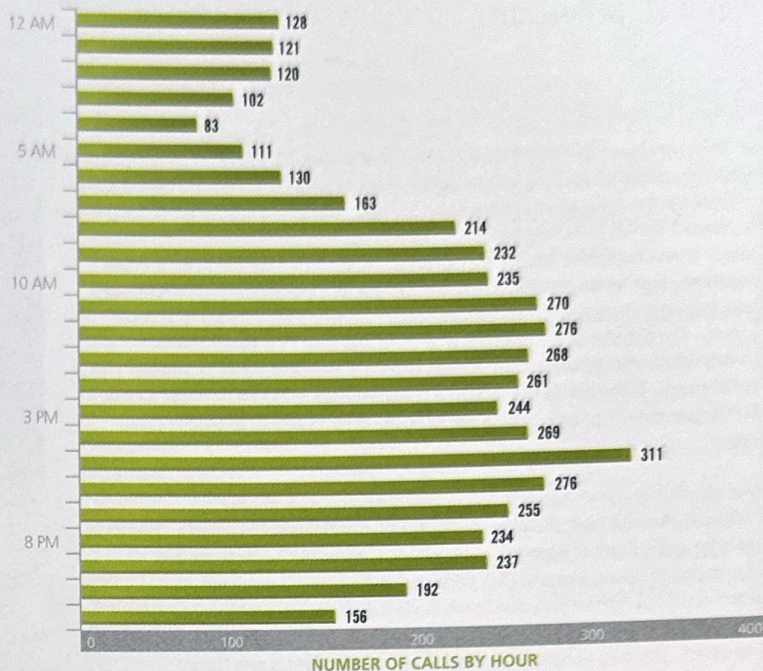
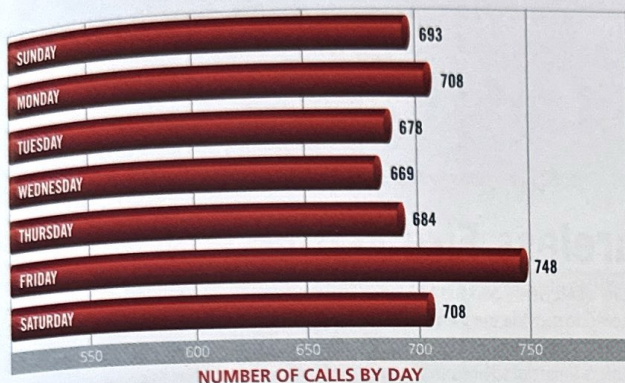
The Fire District responded to 4,888 calls for help in 2010. Although this was a 12% increase compared to 2009, the district has experienced an annual increase of 3.5% in call volume over the past ten years.



# 2010 Facts and Figures Number of Calls

## Number of Calls by Day and Alarm Time

Along with an understanding of where our incidents occur, it is also important to know when they occur. While our incident activity is consistent from day to day, there is a marked increase in volume between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.



# 2010 Facts and Figures Incident Occurrence



**Station 1**  
3610 W. Elm Street  
McHenry, Illinois

**2282 Calls**  
47%



**Station 2**  
3710 Johnsburg Road  
Johnsburg, Illinois

**915 Calls**  
19%



**Station 3**  
809 Rand Road  
Lakemoor, Illinois

**445 Calls**  
9%

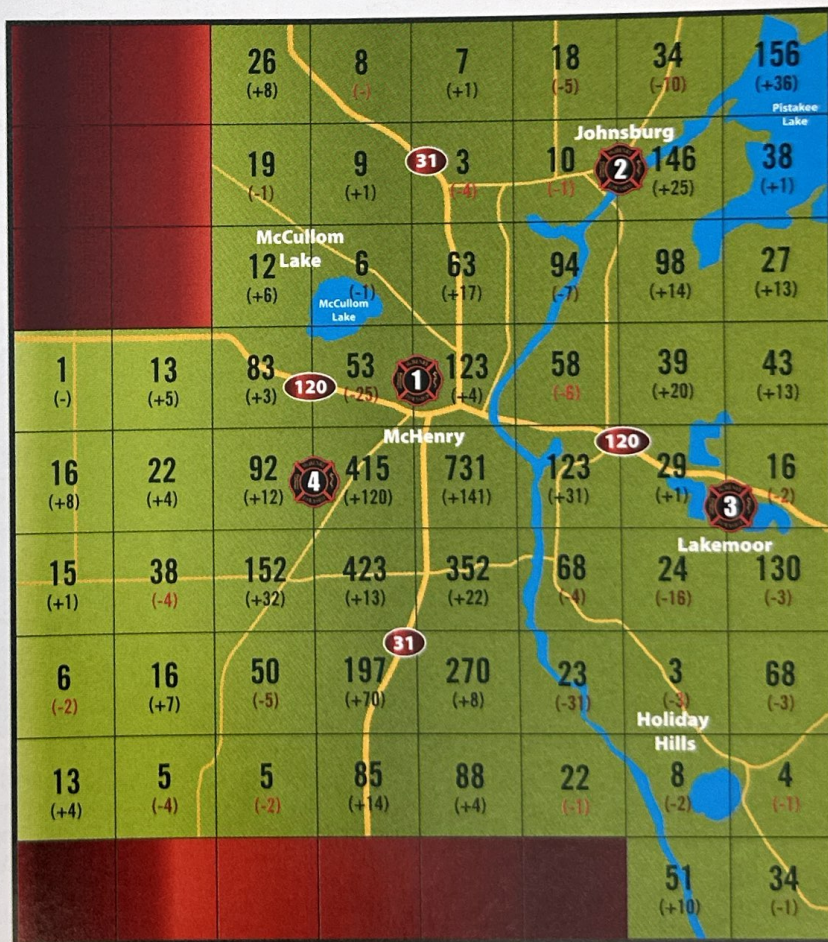


**Station 4**  
6300 Dartmoor Road  
McHenry, Illinois

**1139 Calls**  
23%

**Out Of District**  
**107 Calls**  
2%

An important activity in our emergency response planning is analyzing where our incidents occur. To accomplish this task, historical incident data is tracked and plotted onto a map in one square mile increments. This information in conjunction with other risk-assessment data is used to identify staffing and equipment requirements as well as the effectiveness of our current and planned fire station locations. As this chart shows, the majority of our incident activity continues to occur in the downtown City of McHenry area.



# Fire Prevention Bureau

## Premise File Info

The McHenry Township Fire Protection District is proud to announce the implementation of an exciting new program designed to assist you and/or your loved ones in the event of an emergency. On August 28, 2009, Senate Bill 2057 - The Illinois Premise Alert Program (PAP) Act was approved and incorporated in the State of Illinois legislative law. State legislators recognized the need to ensure that consistently high levels of public safety services are available to all members of the state, including citizens who may require special consideration in order to access services. The purpose of the program is to assist and direct the public safety workers who are responding and assisting citizens who may have disabilities or special needs. If you would like to read a copy of the act, it can be accessed on the MTFPD internet site at [www.mtffd.org](http://www.mtffd.org) or on the Illinois General Assembly's web page.

### How can this program benefit you or someone you care about?

The Illinois Premise Alert Program (Public Act 96-0788) provides for Public Safety Agencies in the State of Illinois to allow people with special needs to provide information to Police, Fire and EMS personnel to be kept in a database. The information can then be provided to responders dealing with situations involving a special needs person. The notification expires two years after the date it was submitted. You may update or renew it at any time by filing a new form.

### How can you enroll yourself or a loved one in this program?

The MTFPD Premise Alert Program "Form" can either be downloaded from the district's website at [www.mtffd.org](http://www.mtffd.org), or by picking it up in person at the Fire District Administrative Office. Complete the form and return it to the McHenry Township Fire Protection District, 3610 W. Elm Street, McHenry, IL 60050.

## Fire Hydrants *Snow Removal*

In the event of a fire emergency, could firefighters find the fire hydrant near your home?

Snowstorms can cause plenty of traffic headaches, but MTFPD wants people to be aware of a secondary problem that may develop.

When you're working with a shovel or a plow, please pay attention to where you are putting your mounds of snow. Too many times these piles can end up on top of a fire hydrant making it difficult or near impossible for firefighters to find. The fire department can lose precious amounts of time looking for a fire hydrant, or having to shovel one out, so we can connect to it. Try to prevent hydrants near your home or business from being buried.

We're asking people to "Adopt-A-Hydrant" on their street and keep it clear of snow in the winter. Clearing a 3 foot area around the hydrant in your yard or your neighbor's yard could be life saving. The few minutes that it takes to do this, could truly make the difference between life and death. Please dig them out if they are buried.

## Smoke Alarm *Check It Every Six Months!*

One of the best ways to protect yourself and your family is to have a working smoke alarm that can sound fast for both a fire that has flames, and a smoky fire that has fumes without flames. A smoke alarm greatly reduces your chances of dying in a fire. Be sure to place a smoke alarm within 15 feet from every sleeping room. Check the batteries monthly and change them twice per year when you change your clocks.

Need help testing your unit or putting new batteries in?

Call the District at 815.385.0075 and we'll send someone out to make sure that your detector is fully functional.



## Fire Facts Did you know...

### CARELESS SMOKING FIRES

According to the American Burn Association, about 900 people in the United States die each year in fires started by cigarettes, and about 2,500 are injured. About 100 of the fire deaths each year are children and nonsmokers. Nationally, annual human and property costs of fires caused by careless smoking total about \$6 billion. In 2007, there were more than 130,000 cigarette related fires.

## Wireless Fire Alarms

The City of McHenry and the McHenry Township Fire Protection District have partnered to provide our local alarm customers with a superior solution that will both assist with controlling operating costs while providing for a mutually-beneficial service that offers financial savings to the end users. An ordinance has been passed for the wireless alarm monitoring and can be viewed online at [www.ci.mchenry.il.us](http://www.ci.mchenry.il.us). This ordinance requires all those with existing connections to the city of McHenry's remote station to convert to the City of McHenry's Wireless Alarm Monitoring Network by December 1, 2011 and all others that are currently having alarms monitored remotely to connect by May 1, 2016.

Over the next three months, the City of McHenry and the McHenry Township Fire Protection District will be installing the wireless alarm network that will allow you to eliminate your current payments to Norshore (or your alarm vendor for monitoring services, not to be confused with maintenance service fees charged to maintain your alarm) and AT&T for the associated telephone line (do not cancel these services until a representative from the City or Fire District has confirmed that your alarm has been connected to the wireless network).

If you complete and return the monitoring agreement application to the City of McHenry prior to December 1, 2011, the City will waive the associated installation fee.

We appreciate your cooperation during the wireless alarm conversion process. Please do not hesitate to contact Assistant Chief Mike Majercik (815-385-0075, [majercikmike@fire.mtffd.org](mailto:majercikmike@fire.mtffd.org)) with any questions.

## Knox-Box® A Useful Firefighting Tool

There's no need to hide a key or rely on a neighbor to be home when an emergency strikes. A hidden key can be found by a burglar. And, your neighbor isn't home every hour of the day. The Residential Knox Box is always available once installed.

The Residential KNOX-BOX is ideal for individuals:

- With a history of medical problems
- Recuperating from a hospital stay
- Living alone
- Using an electronic calling or medical alert service

The Residential KNOX-BOX is a high security key safe that only local emergency responders can access. With a Residential KNOX-BOX installed, emergency responders can respond quickly, without forcing entry. They simply remove your entrance key stored inside, provide medical assistance and re-lock your door when they leave.

Have a residential Knox Box installed.

Contact the Fire Prevention Bureau for more information at 815.385.0075



# Open Burning of Landscape Waste Regulations

## McHenry County Public Health Ordinance Effective April 1, 2008

This Ordinance applies to all areas of McHenry County. If you live in a city with more stringent restrictions, the more restrictive rules apply.

### PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES

- ⊘ Burning of manure, garbage, construction debris, trash, etc. on any property in McHenry County.
- ⊘ Burning of landscape waste within 100' of a habitable structure (i.e. residence, school, etc).
- ⊘ Burning of landscape waste within 50' of a non-habitable structure (i.e. detached garage, barn, etc).

### RESTRICTIONS WHEN GREATER THAN 100' FROM A HABITABLE STRUCTURE AND 50' FROM A NON-HABITABLE STRUCTURE

- ✓ Only landscape waste and only on the property where the landscape waste was generated
- ✓ Only during the months of April, May, October and November on weekends only
- ✓ Only between dawn and dusk
- ✓ Only when the winds are less than 10 mph
- ✓ Must be supervised by an individual at least 18 years of age
- ✓ A fire extinguisher, garden hose or water source must be available at the burning site

### ENFORCEMENT

Any officer of the McHenry County Department of Health, law enforcement agency, fire department or fire protection district is authorized to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

### 500' EXEMPTIONS

Burning of on-site generated landscape waste 500' or greater from a habitable structure is allowed:

- 1) During any month of the year
- 2) On any day of the week
- 3) At any time of the day

**NOTE:** All other prohibitions / restrictions apply.

### OTHER EXEMPTIONS

- ✓ Recreational fires; not larger than 3' x 3' x 3', and excludes leaves, grass or shrubbery clippings
- ✓ Ceremonial fires (bonfires) larger than 3' x 3' x 3', and excludes leaves, grass or shrubbery clippings; permit required from McHenry County Department of Health
- ✓ Habitat Reclamation or Firefighter Training

*For additional questions please contact:*

**McHenry County Department  
of Health Environmental Division**  
2200 N. Seminary Ave - Woodstock, IL 60098  
815.334.4585 - [www.mcdh.info](http://www.mcdh.info)

# McHenry Township Fire Protection District 2010 Activities









**McHenry Township Fire Protection District**  
3610 West Elm Street  
McHenry, Illinois 60050

## Calendar of Events

### July 15, 2011

Ice Cream Social – Fiesta Days

### August 3, 2011

McHenry County College Kids Health and Safety Fair

### September 17, 2011

Touch A Truck at McHenry Township Park

### October 2, 2011

Open House 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

### October 2nd - October 8th, 2011

Fire Prevention Week

### November 6, 2011

End of Daylight Savings Time

*Change your clocks and change the batteries in your Smoke and CO Detectors.*

Contact the Fire Prevention Bureau for additional information at  
815.385.0075

## McHenry Township Fire Protection District Services Provided

- Fire Suppression
- Emergency Medical Service
- Medical Treatment with Advanced Life Support Ambulances
- Transportation to Hospital
- Fire Prevention Bureau
- Fire Inspections
- Plan Review
- Knox Box Program
- Public Education
- Fire Safety House
- Block Parties
- Fire and Arson Investigation
- Auto Extrication
- High Angle Rescue
- Water Rescue and Recovery
- Hazardous Materials Mitigation
- CPR Instruction



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