



# McHenry Township Fire Protection District



# 2023 Annual Report

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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 asset, its Members, who work to assure the safety of the District's citizens on a daily basis.*



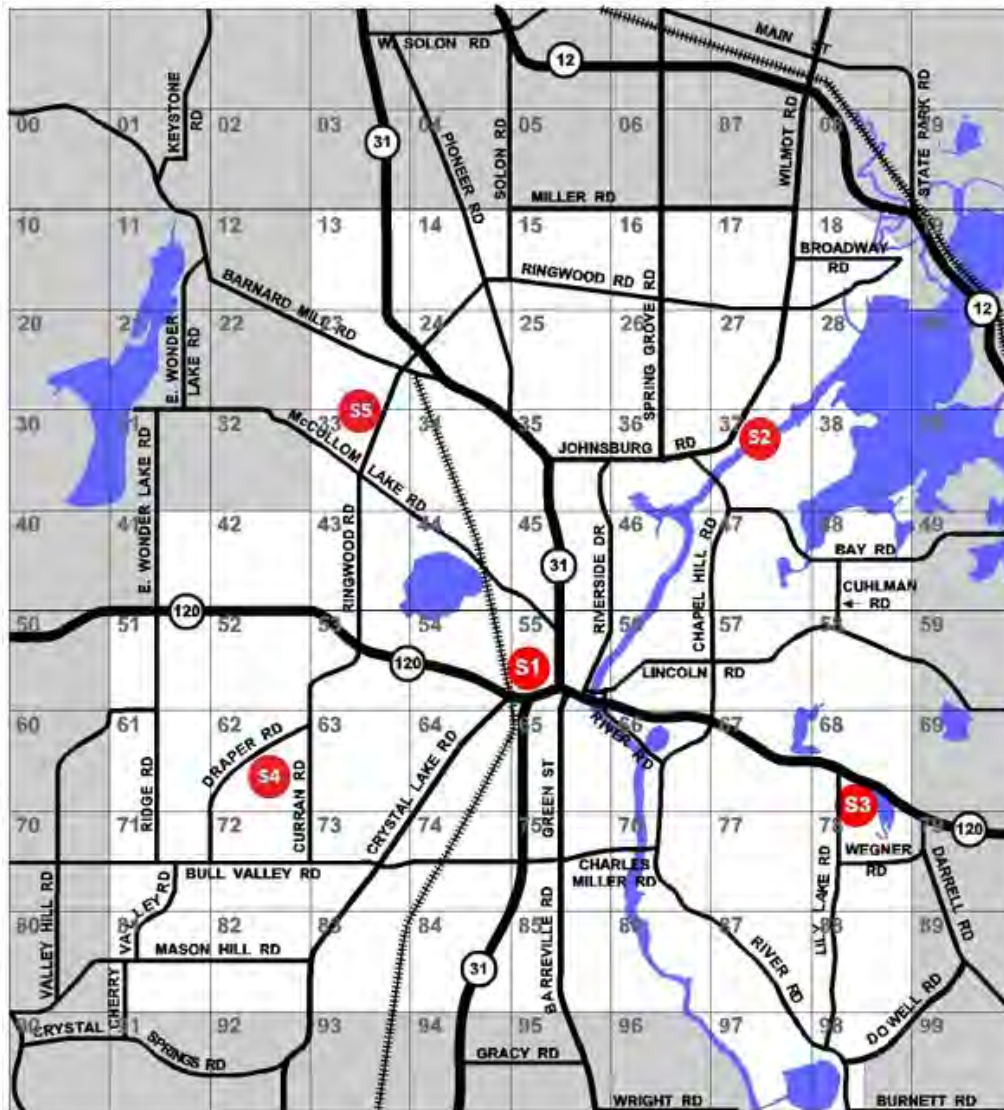
# MTFPD COMMUNITY

Proudly serving since 1939

Approximately 55,000 Residents

56 Square Miles

Protecting the communities of Holiday Hills, Johnsburg, Lakemoor, McCullom Lake, McHenry, Ringwood, portions of Bull Valley, Island Lake and Wonder Lake, and unincorporated McHenry County.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



It is my pleasure to present the 2023 Annual Report for the McHenry Township Fire Protection District. For the past 84 years our department has taken pride in providing a high level of professional and compassionate service to the communities that we serve.

This past year we continued our transition to a combination fire department that employs both professional full-time and professional part-time personnel. The successful progression of this transformation, among other achievements, stands as a testament to the dedication and commitment of our members.

The McHenry Township Fire Protection District, in 2023, answered a record 7,596 calls for service. This rate of response situates the department as one of the most active fire protection districts in the state of Illinois. The professional force, comprised of Firefighters, Paramedics, EMT's, and Officers, includes a blend of experienced members and recent additions to the team.

The year 2023 was marked by several significant accomplishments. Some of these include:

- Maintaining fiscal responsibility by operating as a combination fire department, employing both full-time and part-time professional Firefighters, EMT's, Paramedics, and Officers.
- The ongoing evaluation of our service delivery model to ensure effective and cost-efficient service to their communities.
- Hosting the annual Awards Night, where department members were honored for a combined total of over 345 years of service to the District.
- Completing the remodeling of Fire Station 2 in Johnsburg.
- Conducting comprehensive testing for full-time Firefighter, Lieutenant, and Battalion Chief positions.
- Hiring 13 full-time and 7 part-time Firefighters and a new Public Education Coordinator.

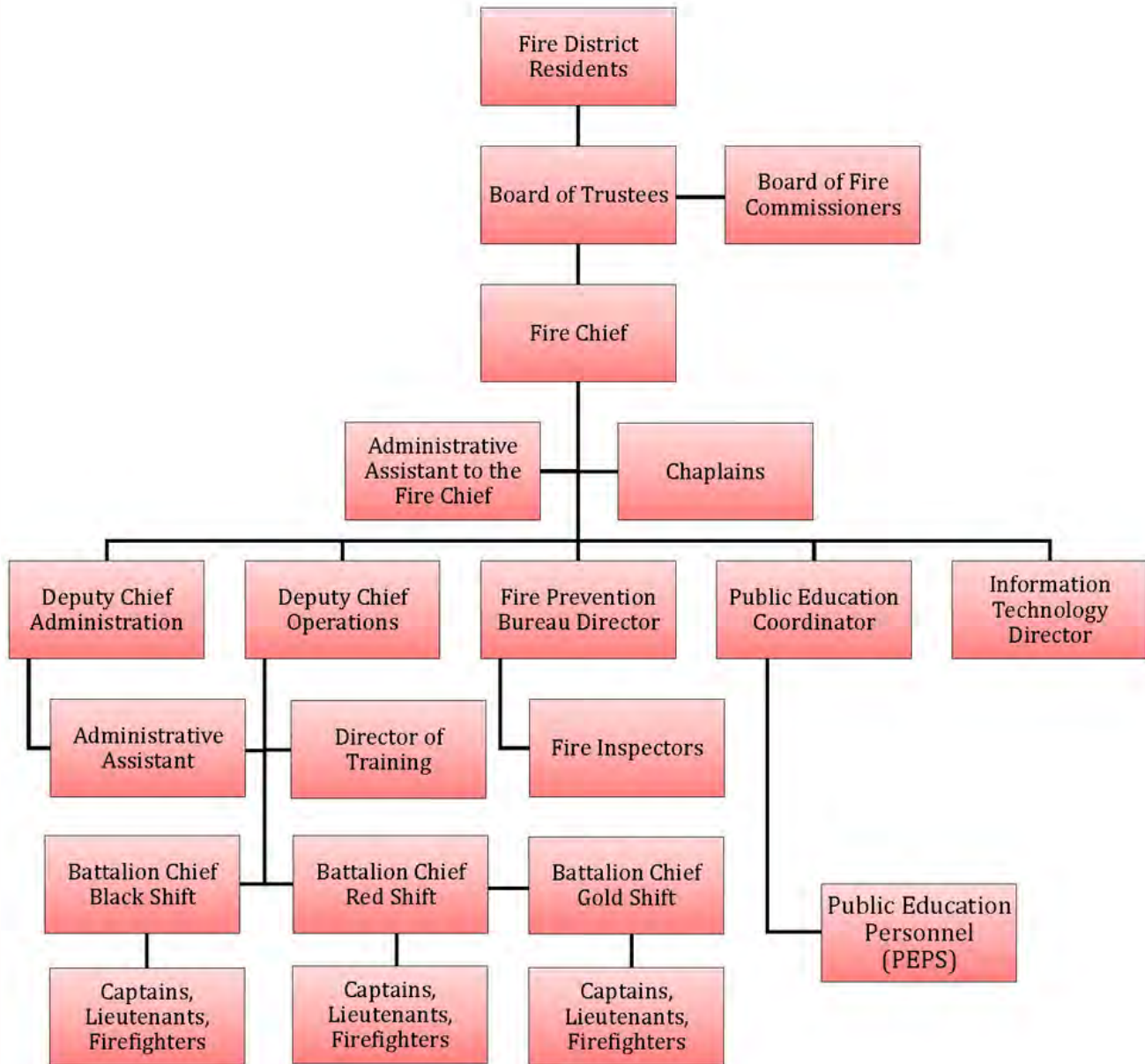
I am thankful to our Board of Trustees who continue to provide guidance, vision, and support the operation of the fire district while remaining fiscally responsible to the taxpayers.

I am honored to serve as your Fire Chief and to present the following organizational information including 2023 statistics and accomplishments.

Rudy Horist  
Fire Chief



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The McHenry Township Fire Protection District has a Board of Trustees consisting of 5 members appointed by the McHenry County Board. The Board of Trustees provides the strategic direction and financial oversight for the District.



Allen Miller  
President



Chris Bennett  
Treasurer



Bob Meyer  
Secretary



Joe Doherty  
Trustee



Kurt Rodewald  
Trustee



# **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

The McHenry Township Fire Protection District has a Board of Fire Commissioners consisting of 3 members. This Board is appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Fire Commissioners is responsible for testing, appointing, promotions, and disciplinary hearings of the sworn full-time personnel of the Fire Protection District.



**Donna Schaefer**  
Chairman



**Jack Stanaszek**  
Secretary



**Tony Huemann**  
Fire Commissioner





# PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The McHenry Township Fire Protection District has a Pension Board of Trustees consisting of 5 members. This Board is either elected by the members of the Pension Fund or appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees for 3-year terms. The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees serves as an Ex-Officio member of the Pension Board.



Steve Spraker  
President



Ryan Mastandrea  
Secretary



Chris Bennett  
Ex-Officio



Rudy Horist  
Trustee



Mike Majercik  
Trustee



Mark Wolter  
Trustee



# CHIEF OFFICERS



Rudy Horist  
Fire Chief



Steve Spraker  
Deputy Chief of Administration



Karen Bush  
Deputy Chief of Operations



Dave Harwood  
Battalion Chief  
Gold Shift



Mike Majercik  
Battalion Chief  
Red Shift



Kevin Sears  
Battalion Chief  
Black Shift



# SUPPORT STAFF



**Jennifer Bopp**  
Administrative Assistant



**Melissa DiSalvo**  
Administrative Assistant



**Joe Zelek**  
IT Director



# CHAPLAINS

In 2023, The MTFPD Chaplain Team responded to numerous calls for service, including fatalities, fires, and funerals.

Our Chaplains are also integrally involved with ways to provide emotional and spiritual support to MTFPD personnel.



Chaplain Mike Hein



Chaplain Paul Martin



# CAPTAINS



Chris Gumm



Dave Karls



Mike Kempster, Jr.



Bill Oeffling



# LIEUTENANTS



Brandon Barta



Mark Buchanan



Jim Chancellor, Jr.



Kelly Cossman



Brian Diedrich



Bill Eckert



Dave Huemann



M.J. Kempster



Kevin Knoll



Chris Kozel



Chris Mann



Ryan Mastandrea



T.J. Medlyn



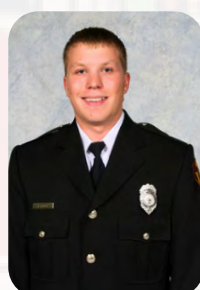
P.J. Merkel



Tim Norton



Josh Olmstead



Todd Robel



Pat Ryan



Max Verlinsky



Matt Webb



Pete Weber



Josh Wigutow



# FIREFIGHTERS / PARAMEDICS / EMT'S

Garrett Acker	Matthew Jordan	Kurt Ross
Micah Barcus	Josh Kaiser	Joe Ryan
Joe Biagi	Wes Kampert	Paul Santopadre
Collin Boeckmann	Jackson Kavanagh-Deehr	Sean Scarry
Will Bowen	Jake Kazimour	Jake Schroeder
Steve Brandl	Jim Keats	Augustus Siebert
Luke Brinkmann	Kevin Knutilla	Alec Siudak
Rhianna Brinkmann	Jim Kornfeind	Dalton Slater
Drew Calhoun	Paul Kubiak	Lindsay Slater
Jim Clingingsmith	Conner Lemke	Ryan Slaughter
Bill Comstock	Nick Lienhardt	Ron Smith
Luke Conrad	Jack Logan	DeDee St. Clair
Alex Demma	Brendon LoPresti	Paul Stanek
Taylor DeStefano	Adam Lukas	Rob Stermer Jr.
Gus Dimopoulos	Jonathan Maahs	Dennis Storlie
Dan Diperna	Brian Manka	Phil Szyjka
Todd Dombrowski	Mike Manka	Al Thennes
Johnie Downey	Nick Mann	Jacob Thoma
Sam Duggan	Joshua Martell	Coltin Thomas
Parker Fink	John McCaulley	Bryan Thome
Joe Finnegan	Ike McGuire	Joe Thompson
Jake Gasior	Brian McKay	Kerry Uhlhorn
Cayden Gerlinger	Carlos Medina	Steve Urban
Ethan Gosser	Ryan Mischke	Trent Verdonck
Bob Hanson	Ryan Moore	Joe Vuich
Jim Harris	Anthony Morris	John Weber
Matt Heiderman	Matt Moulyn	Collin Weldon
Ron Herman	Luke Nolan	Noah Wendt
Bryce Herr	Grant Ormsby	Ken Winger
Andrew Horist	Scott Osel	Joe Winkie
Blake Howard	Urbano Perez	Jenny Winkler
Spencer Hudzenko	Zach Perrone	Hunter Wulf
Marcus Huemann	Tony Posadas	Jackson Wulf
Leo Ibarra	Vince Puccini	James Younger
Abe Ibarra-Moreno	Nolan Rainey	
Adam Jayko	Anthony Romandine	



# **NEWLY SWORN IN** **FIREFIGHTERS / EMT'S / PARAMEDICS**

Joe Biagi  
Parker Fink  
Ethan Gosser  
Leo Ibarra  
Nick Lienhardt  
Brendon LoPresti  
Joshua Martell  
Ike McGuire  
T.J. Medlyn  
Tony Posadas  
Joseph Ryan  
Ryan Slaughter  
Jacob Thoma  
James Younger  
Noah Wendt  
Joe Winkie





# NEW HIRES

Will Bowen  
Cayden Gerlinger  
Bob Hanson  
Matthew Jordan  
Adam Lukas  
Nick Mann  
Ryan Mischke  
Zach Perrone  
Paul Stanek  
Jacob Szymanek



# PERSONNEL

Board of Trustees .....	5
Board of Fire Commissioners .....	3

## Civilian Employees

Administrative .....	2
Information Technology .....	1
Public Education .....	14
Fire Prevention Bureau .....	5
Training .....	1

**Total Fire District  
Personnel**

## Volunteer

Chaplain .....	2
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**171**

## Sworn Personnel

Fire Chief .....	1
Deputy Fire Chiefs .....	2
Battalion Chiefs .....	3
Captains .....	4
Lieutenants .....	22
Firefighters .....	106



# RETIREMENTS



**Dave Karls**  
Captain  
40 Years of Service



**Dave Thoren**  
Firefighter/Paramedic  
33 Years of Service



**Dan Diperna**  
Firefighter/EMT  
31 Years of Service



**Bill Oeffling**  
Captain  
27 Years of Service



**Mark Buchanan**  
Lieutenant  
27 Years of Service



**Tim Norton**  
Lieutenant  
15 Years of Service



**Brandon Barta**  
Lieutenant  
10 Years of Service



# **2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Continued to be fiscally responsible by operating as a combination fire department consisting of professional full-time and part-time Firefighters, EMT's, Paramedics, and Officers.
- Held annual Awards Night recognizing department members for a combined total of over 345 years of service to the District.
- Completed the remodeling of Fire Station 2 in Johnsburg.
- Replaced the overhead doors at Fire Station 1 in McHenry.
- Installed a tornado siren in Bull Valley. This expands the fire district's tornado siren program to 11 sirens.
- Began the implementation of a comprehensive Community Risk Reduction program.
- Hired 13 full-time and 7 part-time Firefighters and a new Public Education Coordinator.
- Expanded our efforts with School District 156 and McHenry County College to interact with students pursuing a career in the fire service or emergency medical services.
- Conducted a comprehensive testing process for full-time Firefighter, Lieutenant and Battalion Chief.
- Further implemented the professional development program with an emphasis on preparing individuals to serve as Acting Company Officers and Acting Battalion Chiefs.
- Continued the scheduled replacement of Firefighter personal protective equipment.
- Purchased six Stryker Power-Pro Cots for our ambulances.
- Installed a new records storage system.



# ANNUAL AWARDS

MTFPD would like to acknowledge the following members for their years of dedicated service:

Chris Bennett	55 Years
Dave Karls	40 Years
Bill Comstock	35 Years
DeDee St. Clair	30 Years
Michael Kempster, Jr.	25 Years
Dennis Storlie	25 Years
Chris Gumm	20 Years
Jim Kornfeind	20 Years
Paul Santopadre	20 Years
Kevin Knoll	15 Years
Tim Norton	15 Years
Max Verlinsky	15 Years
Jennifer Bopp	5 Years
Rhianna Brinkmann	5 Years
Gus Dimopoulos	5 Years
Josh Kaiser	5 Years
Ryan Moore	5 Years
Paul Martin	5 Years
Mike Hein	5 Years

Firefighter of the Year - Taylor DeStefano

Officer of the Year - Lieutenant Thomas Medlyn

Fire Chief Appreciation Award - Lieutenant Chris Mann

Company Commendation - Gus Dimopoulos and Marcus Huemann



# STATION 1

## 3610 W. ELM STREET, MCHENRY



Staffed 24/7 with minimum of 6 Personnel

Battalion 12, Truck 1281, Engine 1241, Ambulance 1251 & Ambulance  
1256

Responded to 3,963 Calls



# STATION 2

## 3710 JOHNSBURG ROAD, JOHNSBURG



Staffed 24/7 with 3 Person Jump Company

Engine 1242, Ambulance 1252 and Tender 1272

Responded to 1,187 Calls



# STATION 3

## 809 RAND ROAD, LAKEMOOR



Staffed 24/7 with 3 Person Jump Company

Engine 1243 and Ambulance 1253

Responded to 773 Calls





# STATION 4

## 6300 DARTMOOR ROAD, MCHENRY



Staffed 24/7 with 3 Person Jump Company

Engine 1244, Ambulance 1254 and Tender 1274

Responded to 1,036 Calls



# STATION 5

## 3705 RINGWOOD ROAD, RINGWOOD



Staffed 24/7 with 3 Person Jump Company

Engine 1245, Ambulance 1255 and Brush 1265

Responded to 637 Calls



# 2023 STATISTICS

## Number of Calls

Station 1 - 3,963

Station 2 - 1,187

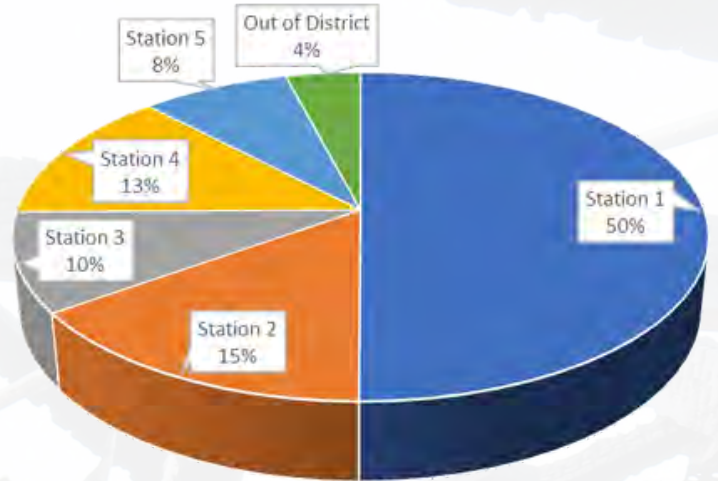
Station 3 - 773

Station 4 - 1,036

Station 5 - 637

*Out of District - 321 calls  
(Mutual Aid or Automatic aid to  
other departments)*

## Percentage of Calls Per Station



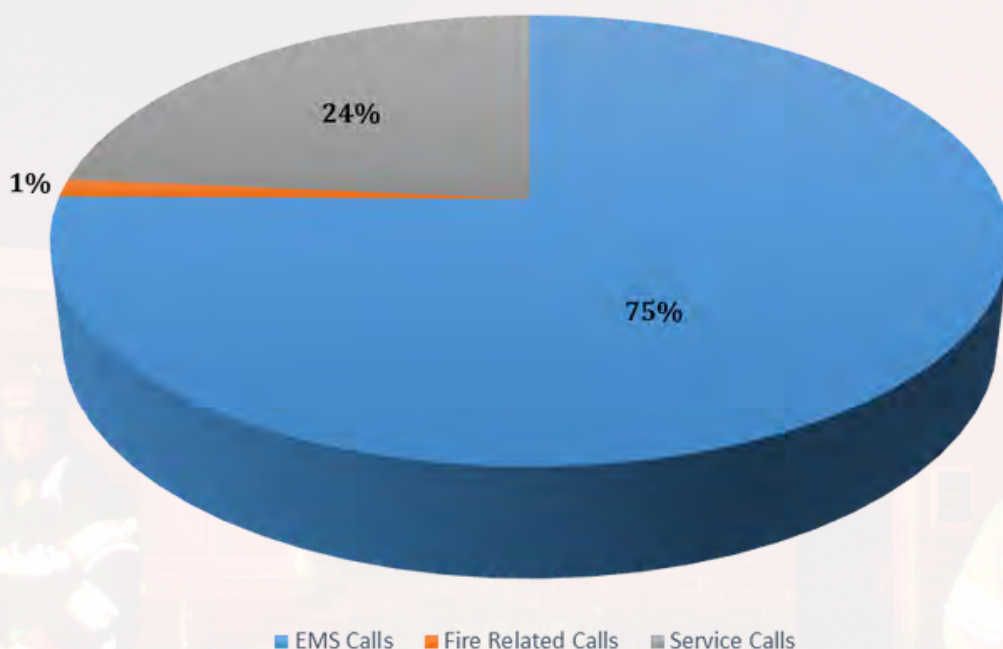
# 2023 STATISTICS

## **7,596 EMERGENCY CALLS IN 2023**

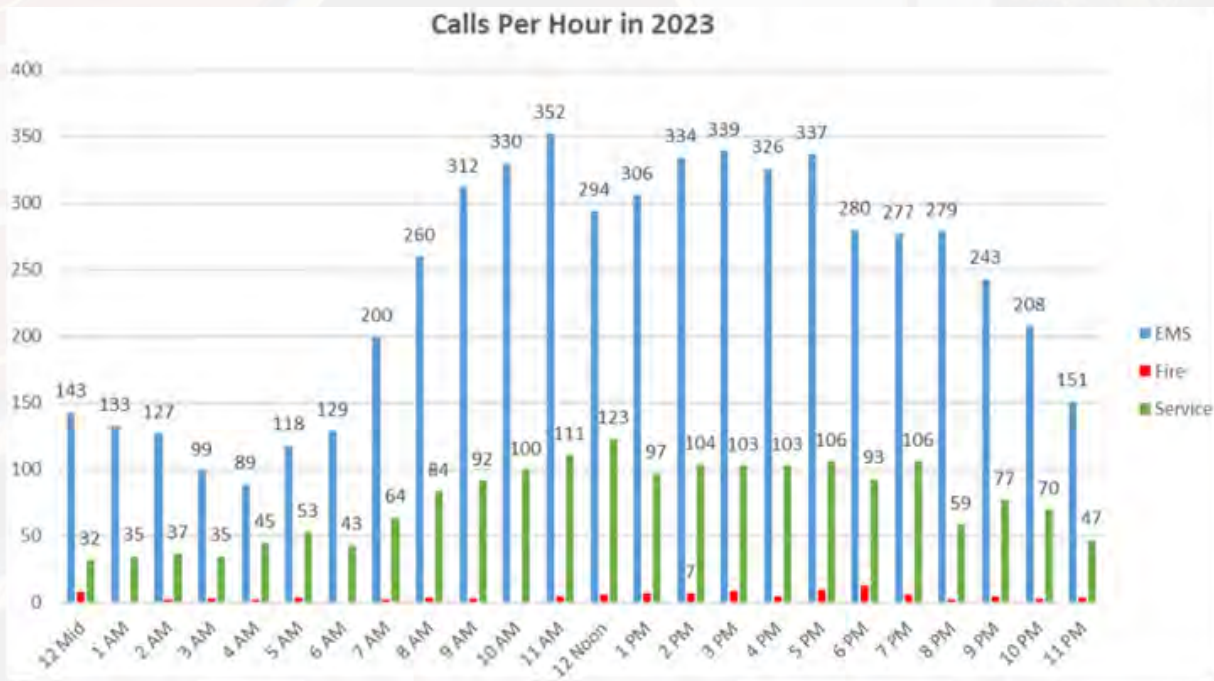
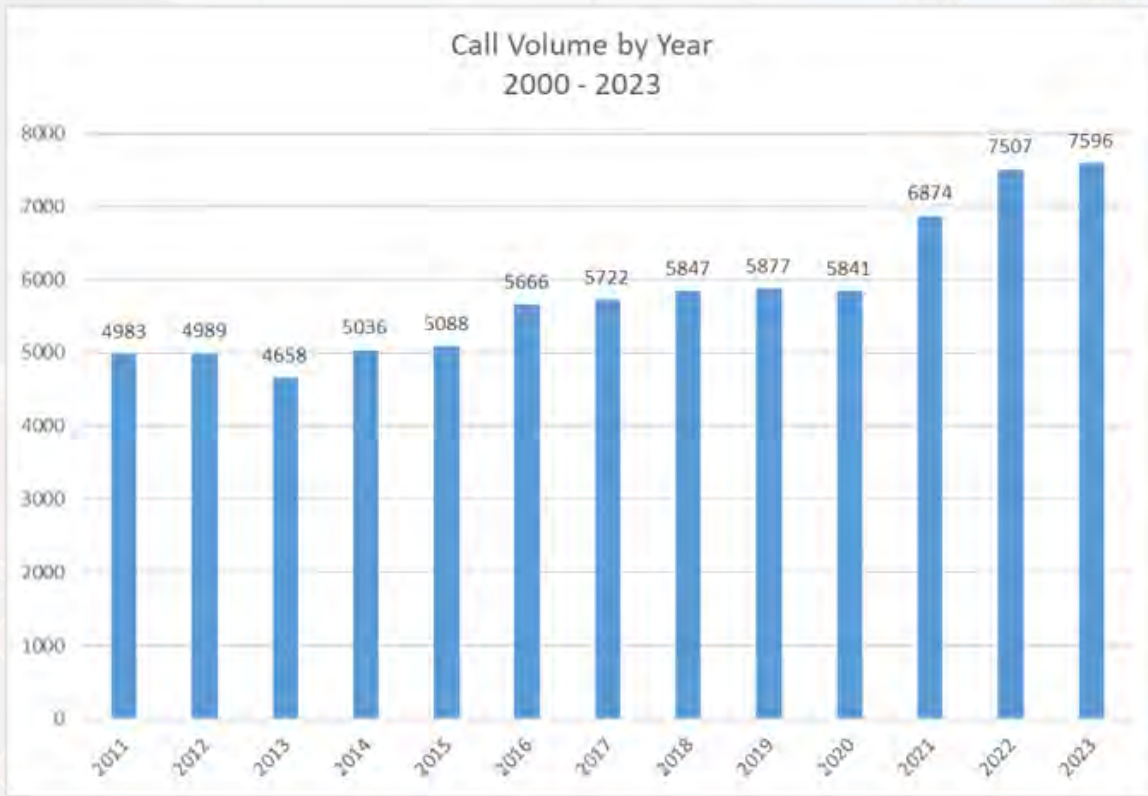
**5,667 EMS Related Calls**  
**6,064 Patients Treated**  
**3,022 Advanced Life Support**  
**1,523 Basic Life Support**  
**1,519 Non-Transport**

**112 Fire related calls, including 18 structure fires.**

**1,817 Service calls including invalid assists, automatic/mutual aid, smoke detector activation and power lines down.**



# 2023 CALL VOLUME



# FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



**Brent Innes**  
Fire Prevention Bureau Director



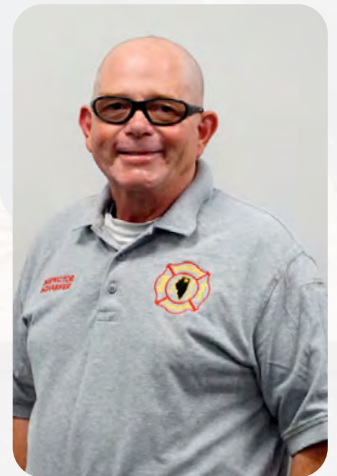
**Tim Boutin**  
Fire & Life Safety  
Inspections



**Carlos Medina**  
Fire & Life Safety  
Inspections



**Dave Santoyo**  
Fire & Life Safety  
Inspections



**Ron Schaefer**  
Special Projects



# FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

## 2023 Totals

Plan Reviews.....	14
Inspections.....	1,491
Re-Inspections.....	378
System Tests.....	79
Fires Investigated.....	21
Community Risk Reduction.....	22
Bureau Response to Calls.....	56
Fire Alarm Follow-up.....	115
Public Contact.....	164
FOIA Requests.....	48
Incoming Bureau Emails.....	3,422
Prep-Plans.....	339
Continuing Education.....	54.5
School and Business Fire Drills.....	31
Knox Boxes Installed.....	10
Special Event Inspections.....	24
Fire Extinguisher Training/Business.....	5
School/Daycare Inspections.....	36
Multi-Family Residentials.....	237
Businesses.....	1,117
Assemblies.....	157
Factories.....	92
Mercantile.....	210
Storage Facilities.....	106
High Hazard Occupancies.....	5
Institutional.....	15
Utility.....	7

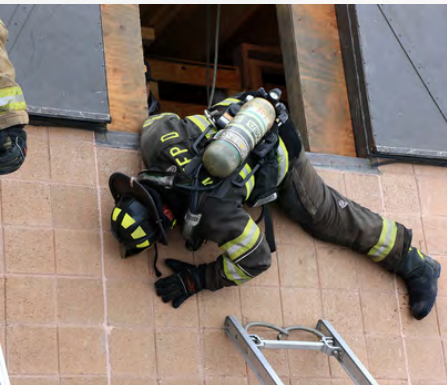
*Inspections: There are approximately 2104 mixed occupancies, including schools, multi-family structures, and commercial businesses within 56 square miles of the McHenry Township Fire Protection District.*



# TRAINING



Chris Rohde  
Director of Training



**Total Training Hours for 2023:  
20,963.45**





# **TRAINING TOPICS**

Elevator Rescue  
Vehicle Stabilization  
First in Tactics  
Live Fire  
Confined Space  
Active Shooter  
Water Rescue & Recovery  
Forcible Entry  
Extrication  
Rapid Intervention Team (RIT)  
School Bus Extrication  
MAYDAY  
Victim Search & Rescue  
Burn Patient  
Trench  
Lithium-Ion Battery  
Rope Drill  
Slope Evacuation  
Ventilation  
Indoor Gas Leaks  
Swift Water



# PUBLIC EDUCATION PERSONNEL



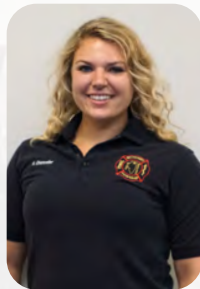
Gwynne Finfrock  
Public Education Coordinator



Kristal Baldocchi



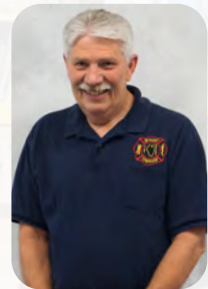
Leora Bennett



Lexi Chancellor



Ed Malenius



Louie Mattiesen



Joe Nootens



Aimee Oeffling



Dan Olenick



Al Robel



Judy Robel



Guy Smale



Denny Smith



Tom Uttich



# PUBLIC EDUCATION



## Station Tours

- Valley View 1st Graders
- Youth and Family Center
- Pioneer Center
- Local Homeschool Groups
- Ringwood Primary Students
- Local Families
- Girl Scout Troops



**9,890** total people following our posts.

**128** posts with over 200,000 views.

**27,640** visits to the MTFPD Facebook page.



## Learn Not To Burn

**Valley View**  
1st Grade  
Spring (89) / Fall (100)

**Ringwood Primary**  
1st Grade (122)

**St. Johns**  
1st Grade (7)  
4th Grade (8)

**Duker Elementary**  
4th Grade (218)

**Riverwood Elementary**  
4th Grade (104)



## School Events

### MCHS

- Wellness Fair
- MTI Employment Day
- MTI Expo
- Career Center Visit

### Duker

- Reading Week

### Ringwood Primary

- Fire Safety Assembly
- Read Across America
- Pre-K Safety Talk

### Safety Presentations

- Montini - Pre-K thru 4rd
- Valley View - 2nd Grade
- Hilltop - 2nd Grade
- Little Scholars Preschool
- I Am I Can Preschool

### MCC

- Pathways to Your Career
- Job Fair
- Internship & Job Fair

### JHS

- Career Fair

### Parkland

- Career Day

### Evangelical Church Homeschool Co-op

- Safety Trailer & Engine Visit
- Safety Presentations - Pre-K thru High School

## CPR



### Blended Learning

61 BLS Provider  
17 Heartsaver CPR/AED

### In -Person Classes

- Double J Ranch - CPR/First Aid
- Chili's Managers - CPR
- Homeschool Group - CPR
- Local Girl Scout Leaders - First Aid
- Junior Girl Scout Troop - First Aid
- Polish Legion - AED/Hands Only CPR
- Follett Benefit Fair - Hands Only CPR



# PUBLIC EDUCATION

**CO Awareness Table @ Jewel**

**National Night Out**

**Trunk-or-Treat**

**Community Events**

- Johnsburg Family Expo (Spring and Fall)
- Celebration in the Park
- Prairie Path Water Extinguisher Training
- Ringwood Community Picnic
- Follett Benefit Fair
- Bull Valley Oktoberfest
- Touch A Truck
- Pearl Street Market

**Home Depot Safety Days**

**Salvation Army Red Kettles \$1,547 Raised**

**St. Pats Oktoberfest**

## Smoke & CO Detectors

19 CO detectors installed

45 Smoke alarms installed

1 Hearing impaired strobe alarm installed

## Seniors

**Riverside Residence**  
Fall Prevention / Fire Safety

**Senior Center Craft Fair**  
Fire, Falls, CO Safety Awareness Table

**Senior Center**  
Monthly Blood Pressure Checks  
File of Life Distribution

**Elderwerks**  
Senior Food Drive

**Keep the Wreath Red**  
**0 holiday related fires.**

**Engine Visits**

- Ringwood Primary
- Joyful Noise Preschool
- Nature's Scholars Preschool
- Montini Catholic
- Stonewater Subdivision
- Noah's Ark Preschool
- Head Start Preschool
- Bright Horizons Preschool
- Homeschool Co-op
- Trunk-or-Treat: Riverwood, Holy Apostles, VFW, A Child's Place, Justen's, McHenry Outdoor

**Open House**

- 3 sharp dressed gear mannequins
- estimated 300 happy attendees
- 5 exciting training demos
- 6 awesome guest tables / activities
- fun, informative handouts for kids and adults
- smoke and CO alarm give away



# **SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS FOR 2024**

- Development and implementation of a new comprehensive 5 year Strategic Plan.
- Ongoing evaluation of District operations, staffing, and service delivery model to ensure effective and cost efficient service to our communities.
- Continued evaluation and planning for a future Fire Station 6.
- Testing and hiring of additional full-time and part-time personnel.
- Establishment of a new 4 year pay plan for District employees.
- Expansion of our public education and Community Risk Reduction programs including a pilot rural address/driveway marking program.
- Development of a new fire engine specification.
- Delivery of two new ambulances and a new Battalion Chief/Command vehicle.
- Replacement of the parking lot and pavement at Fire Station 2 in Johnsburg.
- Purchase of new cardiac monitors for our ambulances.
- Ongoing pursuit of grant opportunities.







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