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# MCHENRY TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT



# MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



It is my pleasure to present the 2022 Annual Report for the McHenry Township Fire Protection District. Our department prides itself on providing a high level of professional and compassionate service to the communities that we serve.

In 2022, due to the continued growth in the district and the increasing call volume, we continued our transition to a combination fire department that employs both professional full-time and professional part-time personnel. The ongoing accomplishment of this process as well as the many other accomplishments identified in this report is a direct reflection of the intense dedication and commitment that our members have for the communities that we serve.

In 2022, the McHenry Township Fire Protection District responded to 7,507 calls for service, a 9.21% increase over 2021 and making MTFPD one of the busiest in the State of Illinois. Again, this relied on a professional force of Firefighters, Paramedics, EMT's and Officers,

representing a mix of seasoned, well experienced members as well as several newer members that have been added to our staff.

Some of our key accomplishments during 2022 that are worthy of special mention include:

- Continuing 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.
- Ongoing evaluation of our service delivery model to ensure effective and cost efficient service to our communities.
- Approval of the hiring of additional full-time Lieutenants and full-time Firefighter/Paramedics.
- Expanded efforts to recruit and hire part-time Firefighters.
- Replacement of apparatus and equipment as part of the District's capital improvement and vehicle replacement plan.

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 2022 statistics and accomplishments.

Rudy Horist  
Fire Chief



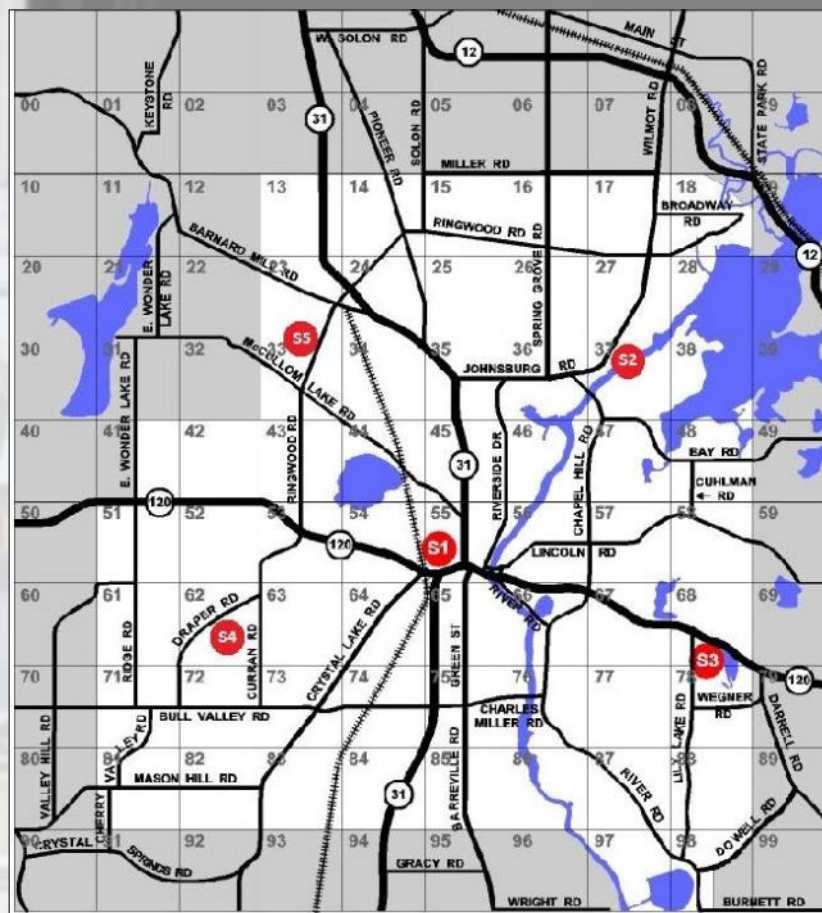
# MTFPD COMMUNITY

56 Square Miles

Approximately 55,000 Residents

Serving since 1939

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





# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

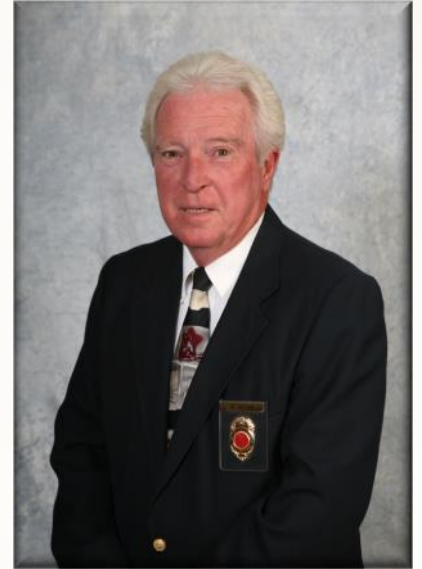




# BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Allen Miller  
President



Bob Meyer  
Secretary



Chris Bennett  
Treasurer



Joe Doherty  
Trustee



Kurt Rodewald  
Trustee



# BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS



Donna Schaefer  
Chairperson



Jack Stanaszek  
Secretary



Tony Huemann  
Fire Commissioner



# 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Established separate civilian Board of Fire Commissioners.
- 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 300 years of service to the District.
- Hired 24 full-time Firefighters and 2 additional full-time Lieutenants.
- Increased part-time Firefighter recruitment efforts.
- Received grant of \$361,000 from McHenry County for the purchase of an additional ambulance.
- Established partnership with McHenry County Sheriff's Office for their new social worker program.
- Replaced 21 sets of firefighter personal protective equipment.
- Replaced the overhead and passage doors at Fire Stations 2 & 3.
- Took delivery of 3 replacement ambulances.
- Placed in service a new Brush Truck/Snow Plow.
- Placed in service a new rescue boat.
- Completed trial evaluation of a Paramedic Response Vehicle.
- Established additional committees to work on specific project areas.
- Purchased new particulate blocking protective hoods as part of the department's Cancer Prevention Program.
- Established a formal Acting Officer training program.
- Completed certification training for several new Firefighters, EMT's and Paramedics.



# 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



Marjean Diercks  
Business Manager



Melissa DiSalvo  
Administrative Assistant



Jennifer Bopp  
Administrative Assistant



Joe Zelek  
IT Director



Robin Schuring  
IT Assistant



# CHAPLAINS



Chaplain Mike Hein



Chaplain Paul Martin



# CAPTAINS



Bill Oeffling  
Station 1



Chris Gumm  
Station 2



Mike Kempster, Jr.  
Station 3



Dave Karls  
Station 5



# LIEUTENANTS



Brandon Barta



Mark Buchanan



Jim Chancellor



Kelly Cossman



Brian Diedrich



Johnie Downey



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  
Micah Barcus  
Joe Bartmann  
Joe Biagi IV  
Collin Boeckmann  
Steve Brandl  
Luke Brinkmann  
Rhianna Brinkmann  
Drew Calhoun  
Jim Clingingsmith  
Bill Comstock  
Luke Conrad  
Alex Demma  
Taylor DeStefano  
Gus Dimopoulos  
Dan Diperna  
Todd Dombrowski  
Sam Duggan  
Colin Ellison  
Andrew Engelking  
Alex Faczek  
Jake Flosi  
Parker Fink  
Joe Floress  
Justin Freund  
Joe Finnegan  
Jake Gasior  
Ethan Gosser  
Frank Graham  
Jim Harris  
Matthew Heiderman  
Ron Herman  
Bryce Herr  
Andrew Horist  
Blake Howard  
Spencer Hudzenko  
Marcus Huemann  
Leo Ibarra  
Abe Ibarra-Moreno

Adam Jayko  
Josh Kaiser  
Wes Kampert  
Jackson Kavanagh-Deehr  
Jim Keats  
Kevin Knutilla  
Jim Kornfeind  
Paul Kubiak  
Conner Lemcke  
Phillip Lesniak  
Nick Lienhardt  
Jack Logan  
Brendon LoPresti  
Jonathan Maahs  
Griffin Mason  
Brian Manka  
Mike Manka  
Nick Mann  
Joshua Martell  
John McCaulley  
Isaac McGuire  
Brian McKay  
Carlos Medina III  
Ryan Moore  
Anthony Morris  
Matt Moullyn  
Matthew Nagel  
Luke Nolan  
Grant Ormsby  
Scott Osel  
Urbano Perez  
Joey Peterson  
Tony Posadas  
Vince Puccini  
Nolan Rainey  
Anthony Romandine  
Kurt Ross  
Alec Rusher  
Joe Ryan

Luke Rypkema  
Paul Santopadre  
Dave Santoyo  
Sean Scarry  
Jake Schroeder  
Augustus Siebert  
Alec Siudak  
Ty Siudak  
Dalton Slater  
Lindsay Slater  
Ryan Slaughter  
Ron Smith  
DeDee St. Clair  
Rob Stermer Jr  
Dennis Storlie  
Adam Subleski  
Phil Szyjka  
Al Thennes  
Jacob Thoma  
Coltin Thomas  
Bryan Thome  
Joe Thompson  
David Thoren  
Kerry Uhlhorn  
Steve Urban  
Trent Verdonck  
Joe Vuich  
John Weber  
Collin Weldon  
Noah Wendt  
Tommy Williams  
Ed Wilson, Jr.  
Ken Winger  
Joe Winkie  
Jenny Winkler  
Hunter Wulf  
Jackson Wulf  
James Younger



# PERSONNEL

## Board Members

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

## Civilian Employees

Administrative .....	3
Information Technology .....	2
Public Education .....	14
Fire Prevention Bureau .....	5
Training .....	1

## TOTAL FIRE DISTRICT

## PERSONNEL

181

## Volunteer

Chaplain .....	2
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## Sworn Personnel

Fire Chief .....	1
Deputy Fire Chiefs .....	2
Battalion Chiefs .....	3
Captains .....	4
Lieutenants .....	23
Firefighters .....	113



# NEWLY SWORN IN FIREFIGHTERS/ EMT'S/PARAMEDICS

Alex Demma

Garrett Acker

Luke Conrad

Jonathan Maahs

Matthew Moulyn

Anthony Romandine

Trenton Verdonck



# RETIREMENTS



Frank Graham  
Captain  
28 Years of Service



David Santoyo  
Firefighter/Paramedic  
16 Years of Service



Justin Freund  
Firefighter/Paramedic  
14 Years of Service





# NEW HIRES

Joseph Biagi IV

Melissa DiSalvo

Parker Fink

Joe Finnegan

Leo Ibarra-Moreno

Jake Kazimour

Brendon LoPresti

Joshua Martell

Thomas Medlyn

Isaac McGuire

Luke Nolan

Anthony Posadas

Nolan Rainey

Joseph Ryan

Ryan Slaughter

Jake Thoma

Noah Wendt

Joseph Winkie

James Younger



# ANNUAL AWARDS

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

James Chancellor, Jr.	30 Years	Matt Webb	15 Years
Daniel Diperna	30 Years	Marjean Diercks	10 Years
John McCaulley	30 Years	Chris Kozel	10 Years
Kevin Knutilla	25 Years	Ryan Mastandrea	10 Years
Carlos Medina	25 Years	Sam Duggan	5 Years
Tim Boutin	20 Years	Brian Manka	5 Years
Chris Rohde	20 Years	Jacob Schroeder	5 Years
Collin Boeckmann	15 Years	Robin Schuring	5 Years
MJ Kempster	15 Years	Joseph Vuich	5 Years
Todd Robel	15 Years	Jackson Wulf	5 Years

**Gus Dimopoulos - Firefighter of the Year**

**Lt. Chris Kozel - Officer of the Year**



# STATIONS

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

Staffed 24/7 with 8 Personnel

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

Responded to 3,710 calls





# STATIONS

## **Station 2 3710 Johnsburg Road, Johnsburg**

Staffed 24/7 with 3 Person Jump Company  
Engine 1242, Ambulance 1252 and Tender 1272  
Responded to 1,190 calls





# STATIONS

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

Staffed 24/7 with 3 Person Jump Company

Engine 1243 and Ambulance 1253

Responded to 717 calls





# STATIONS

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

Staffed 24/7 with 3 Person Jump Company  
Engine 1244, Ambulance 1254 and Tender 1274  
Responded to 1,092 calls





# STATIONS

## **Station 5 3705 Ringwood Road, Ringwood**

Staffed 24/7 with 3 Person Jump Company  
Engine 1245, Ambulance 1255 and Brush 1265  
Responded to 687 calls





# 2022 STATISTICS

Station 1 - 3,710 Calls

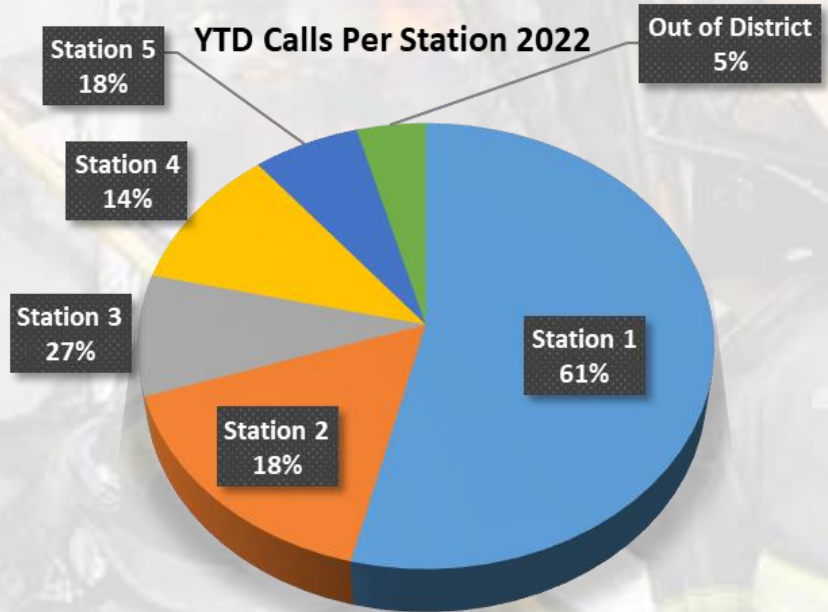
Station 2 - 1,190 Calls

Station 3 - 717 Calls

Station 4 - 1,092 Calls

Station 5 - 687 Calls

Out of District - 387  
(Mutual Aid or Automatic Aid  
to Other Departments)



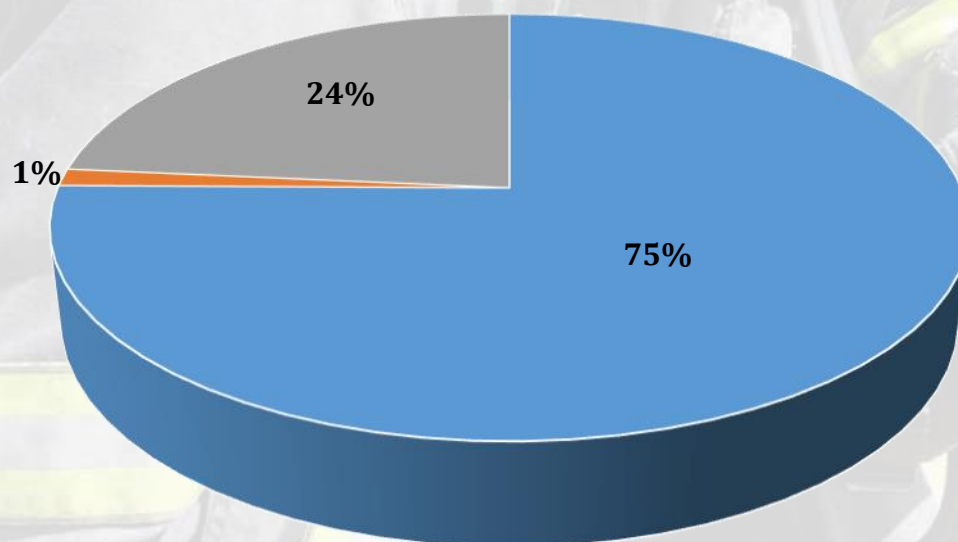




# 2022 STATISTICS

## 7,507 Emergency Calls in 2022

- 5,644 EMS Related Calls
- 5,979 Patients Treated
- 2,929 Advanced Life Support
- 1,521 Basic Life Support
- 1,529 Non-Transport
- 97 Fire Related Called including 33 Structure Fires
- 1,766 Service Calls including Invalid Assists, Automatic/Mutual Aid, Smoke Detector Activation and Power Lines Down

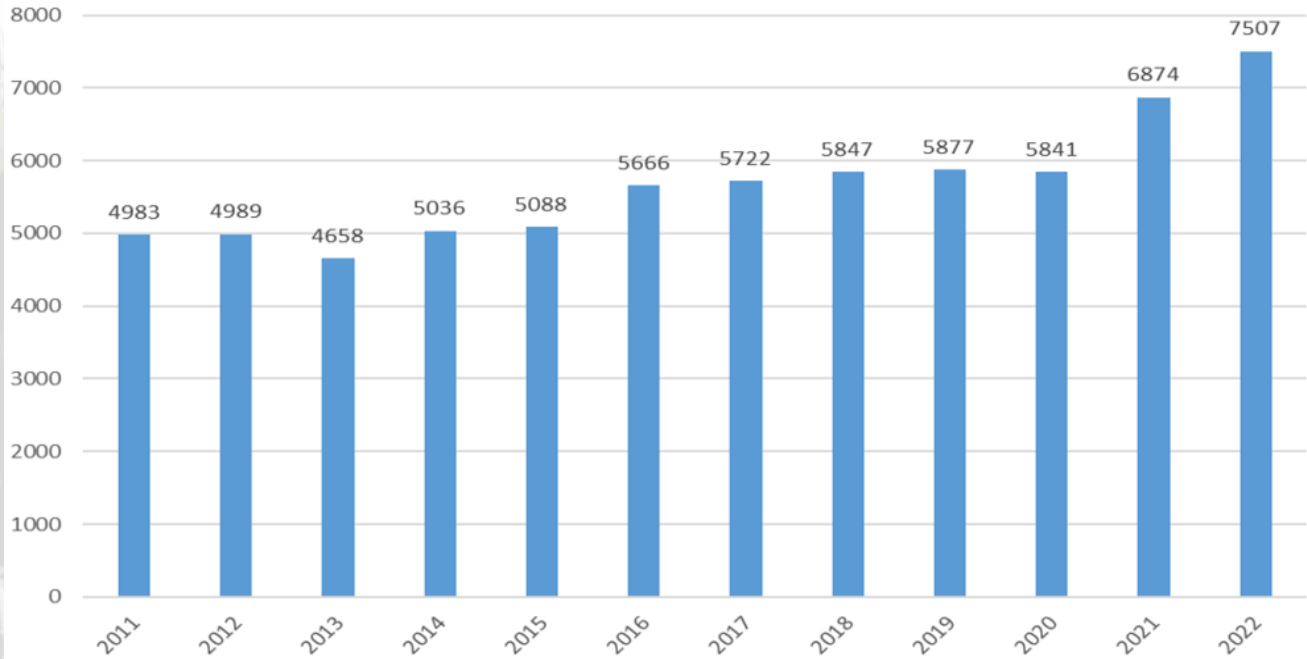


■ EMS Calls ■ Fire Related Calls ■ Service Calls

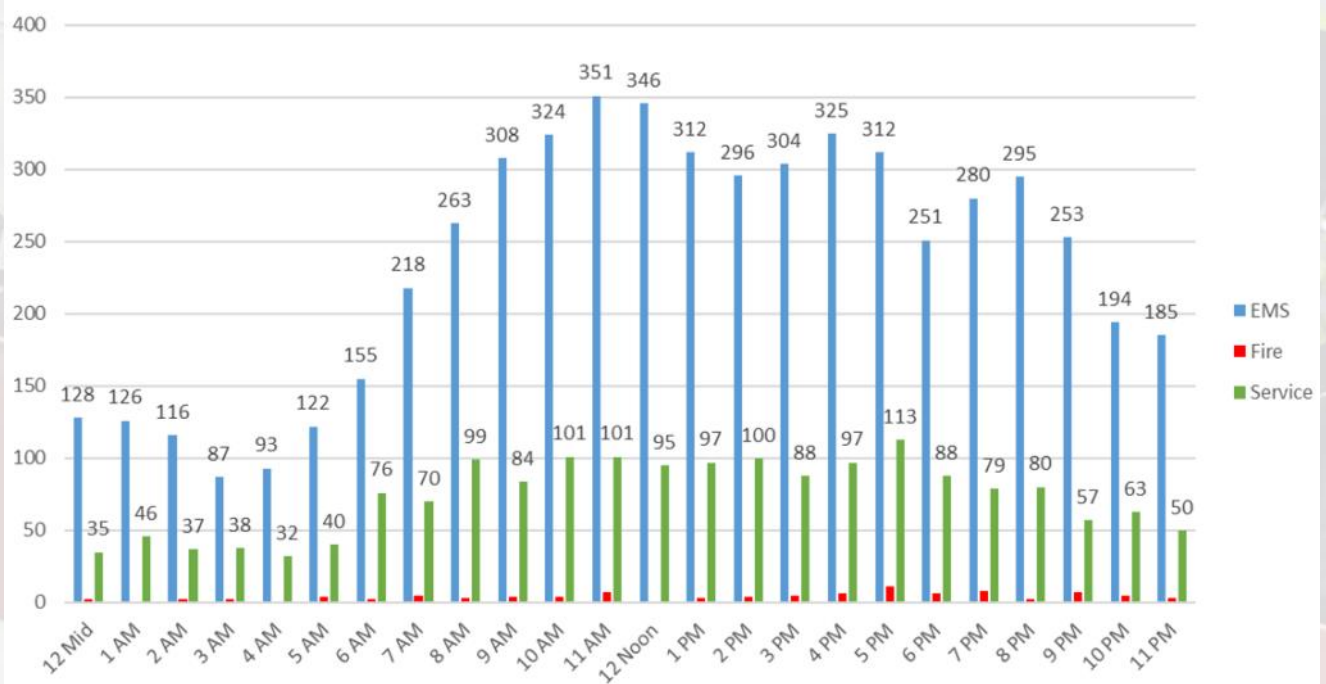


# 2022 STATISTICS

Call Volume by Year  
2011 - 2022



Calls Per Hour in 2022





# FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Brent Innes  
Fire Prevention Bureau  
Director



Tim Boutin  
Fire & Life Safety  
Inspections



Carlos Medina  
Fire & Life Safety  
Inspections



David Santoyo  
Fire & Life Safety  
Inspections



Ron Schaefer  
Special Projects



# FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

## 2022 Totals

Plan Reviews	15
Inspections	1,412
Re-Inspections	332
System Tests	100
Fires Investigated	20
Preplans	310
Bureau Response to Fire Alarms	105
Public School Inspections	27
Fire Alarm Follow-Up	107
Public Contact	130
FOIA Request	42
Bureau Emails	2,633
Continuing Education	84.5 hrs.
Incoming and Outgoing Bureau Phone Calls	894
School and Business Fire Drill	39
Knox Boxes Installed	13
Special Event Inspection	20
Smoke Detectors Installed	60

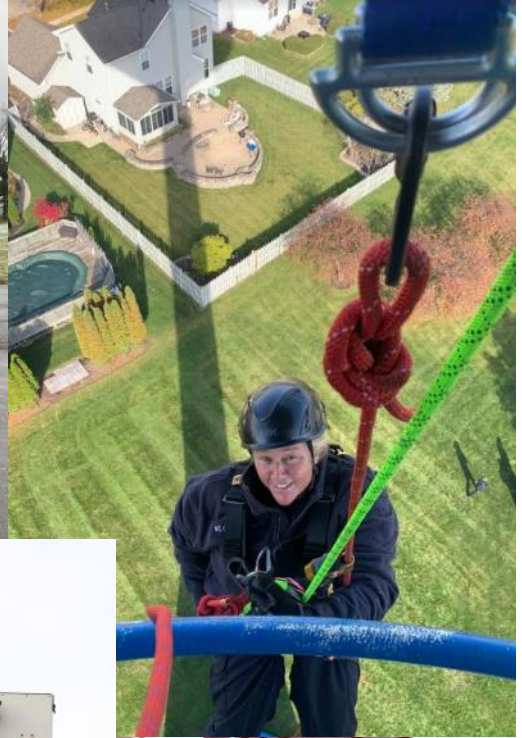
*Inspections: There are approximately 2093 mixed occupancies, including schools, multi-family structures, and commercial businesses within the 56 square miles of the McHenry Township Fire Protection District.*



# TRAINING



Chris Rohde  
Director of Training



Total Training Hours for 2022 = 23,861.52



# TRAINING

## Training Topics

Swift Water  
Ice Rescue Training  
Rapid Intervention Team (RIT)  
Vent-Enter-Isolate-Search  
Vehicle Stabilization  
Boat Training  
Dive Equipment  
Rope Drill  
Forcible Entry  
Grain Bin  
MAYDAY  
Auto Extrication  
Water Rescue & Recovery  
Concrete Stabilization and Lifting





# PUBLIC EDUCATION



Gwynne Finfrock  
Public Education  
Coordinator

facebook

128 posts reaching 240,415 people.  
9,566 people who follow the MTFPD page.

**13**  
**Station**  
**Tours**

Ringwood	Girl Scouts
Kindergartners	Pioneer Center
Cub Scouts	St. John
MCHS Classes	Preschoolers

**Keep the Wreath Red**

2022 saw no holiday related fires. The MTFPD wreaths stayed red.

**Community Events**

- National Night Out
- Touch-a-Truck
- Ringwood Village Picnic
- Summer Fiesta
- 911 Ceremony
- Fiesta Days Parade
- Day at Peterson Farm

**COMMUNITY SAFETY TRAININGS**

- FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING
- HANDS-ONLY CPR
- SUMMER SAFETY
- FIRST AID

**Remembering When - Fall Prevention**

5 Classes Presented at Community Senior Residences and Senior Center



# PUBLIC EDUCATION

## CPR Classes

80 CPR students certified using blended learning model



48 BLS Provider  
32 CPR/AED



## Open House - October 9th

Estimated 358 attendees



## Smoke Alarm Installs

22 battery replacements

7 alarm installs



179 Fire Prevention bags given to children



33 Smoke & CO detectors distributed



6 guest tables

5 training demos



Interactive children's activities and handouts

8 School Events

18 Engine Visits







## **PUBLIC EDUCATION PERSONNEL**

Kristal Baldocchi

Leora Bennett

Lexi Chancellor

Ed Malenius

Louie Matthiesen

Joe Nootens

Aimee Oeffling

Dan Olenick

Al Robel

Judy Robel

Guy Smale

Denny Smith

Tom Uttich



# SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS FOR 2023

- Revision of District's comprehensive five year Strategic and Financial Plan.
- Continue evaluation and planning for a future Fire Station 6.
- Begin implementation of a comprehensive Community Risk Reduction program.
- Ongoing evaluation of District operations, staffing, and service delivery model to ensure effective and cost efficient service to our communities.
- Testing and hiring of additional full-time and part-time personnel.
- Installation of a tornado siren in the Village of Bull Valley.
- Remodeling of Fire Station 2.
- Replacement of the overhead doors at Fire Station 1.
- Installation of new records storage system.
- Development of specifications for a new fire engine.
- Further development of a comprehensive career development plan for department members.



# We Are MTFPD





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