



Plainfield Fire Protection District

2019 Annual Report

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"Dedicated to preserving the quality of life by saving lives and protecting property through efficient emergency response and prevention."



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A Message From The Chief



Jon Stratton
Chief

It is my pleasure to provide you with the Plainfield Fire Protection District's (PFPD) 2019 Annual Report. It has been an incredible year at PFPD, and while this report captures much of what we have accomplished, there is much more to be proud of. PFPD remained busy responding to 4,826 calls, serving 54 square miles and approximately 60,000 residents. While the goal is to provide the highest quality fire and emergency medical service possible, we continue to be an organization that plays a more involved role in the community.

Your fire district members are engaged in the community through Community Risk Reduction programs such as the Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Alarm Installation program for our at-risk community, USMC's Toys-For-Tots program, blood drives, Car Seat Installation program, CPR classes, Stop the Bleed program, Plainfield Fest, Police and Fire Academy, School District 202's P-STEP program, TRIAD, our annual fire prevention week open house, as well as several other community-based initiatives and events.

The fire district continues to maintain a balanced budget and applies for grant funding for equipment that would otherwise be purchased through our operating budget. In 2019 we were able to secure grant funding exceeding \$44,000.00 which was utilized to purchase a new EMS motorized cart for special events, a side sonar system for our dive team, Stop the Bleed kits to be donated to the school district, and five iPads for building preplanning.

We continue to improve our services by keeping up with the latest in technology. In 2019 our personnel were equipped with a new boat to improve the capabilities of our water rescue team, a new fire engine for our fire station 4 and a new ambulance for our fire station 3. Also, we installed new technology in our four fire stations that alerts our personnel of a call and provides information and an overhead and street view of the call location prior to leaving the station.

A key milestone for the training and education of our personnel was the new partnership we've implemented with the Illinois Fire Service Institute. This partnership will allow our personnel access to some of the highest quality training in fire and rescue activities at our state-of-the-art training facility. This not only provides training opportunities for our personnel, but for firefighters across Illinois.

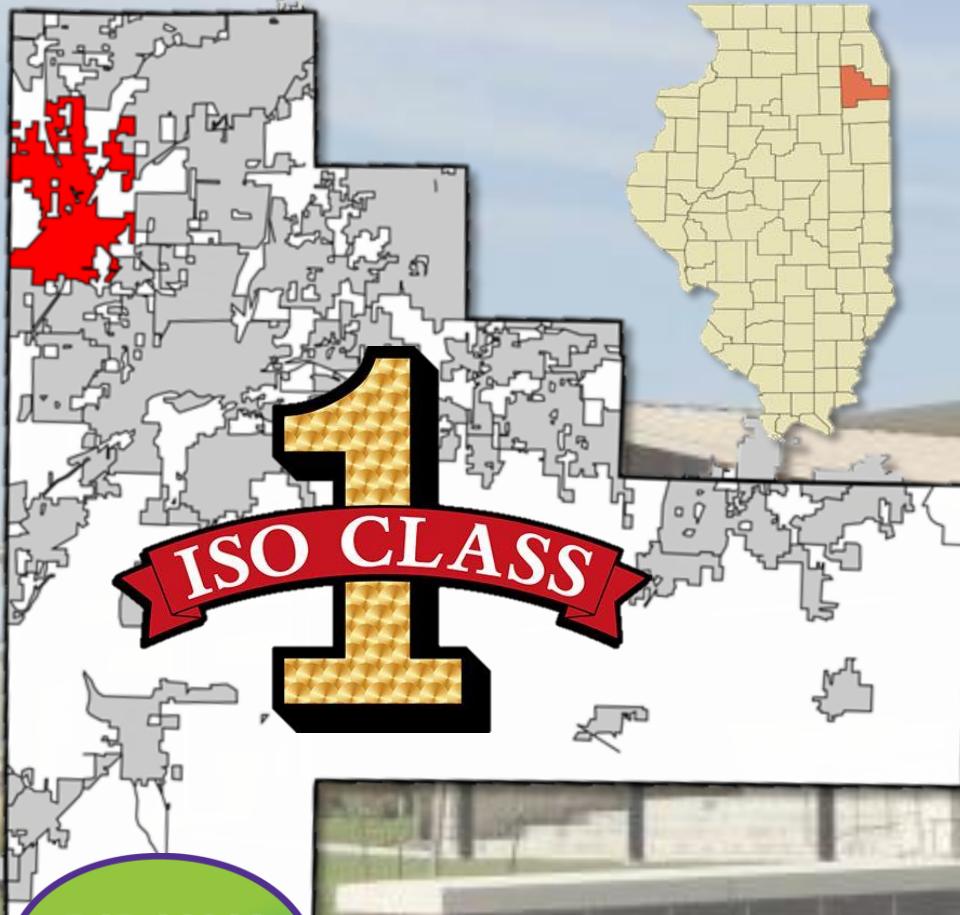
Lastly, the health and safety of our firefighters and families remains paramount. PFPD continues to go through great lengths to protect our firefighters and paramedics from the exposures to dangerous cancer-causing carcinogens. We've implemented policies and programs to help re-evaluate how we approach the safety of our firefighters and paramedics. This includes programs developed on how we clean our firefighting gear, purchasing a second set of firefighting gear for all firefighters and the design of our fire apparatus. We are changing the culture to clean being the new badge of honor. In addition to protecting our personnel from cancer, the fire district is committed to protecting the mental health of our first responders including addressing the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder.

I'm proud to serve the Plainfield Fire Protection District and to lead this dedicated team of men and women. As I reflect on the accomplishments we've made in 2019, I look forward to what this organization can achieve in the future serving this incredible community.

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The Plainfield Fire Protection District



DID YOU
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An ISO Class 1 fire department is one that provides excellent fire protection based upon an evaluation by the Insurance Services Office, a New Jersey-based for-profit company that provides these ratings which in turn lowers your property insurance rates. Out of 47,000 fire departments nationwide, we are one of the 270 departments that holds a ISO Class 1.

The PFPD is located in the northwest corner of Will County in northeast Illinois. It was formed in 1935 and currently covers an area of 54 square miles to include Plainfield and Wheatland Townships in Will County and portions of Na-Au-Say and Oswego Townships in Kendall County. In 2005, the District transitioned into a Full-Time/Combination Department when it hired its first full-time officers. Since that time, it has grown to accommodate 7 Chief officers, 15 Lieutenants, 45 Full-Time FF/PMs and 15 Part-Time FF/PM or EMT-Basics. Together, the PFPD responds to the nearly 45,000 residents that call the Village or Township home. PFPD is a member of the Illinois MABAS team and operates in Division 15. Additionally, the Fire Prevention Bureau conducts regular inspections, fire prevention classes and code enforcement. Because of the District's dedication to the community and commitment to improvement, it continues to hold an ISO Class 1 rating.

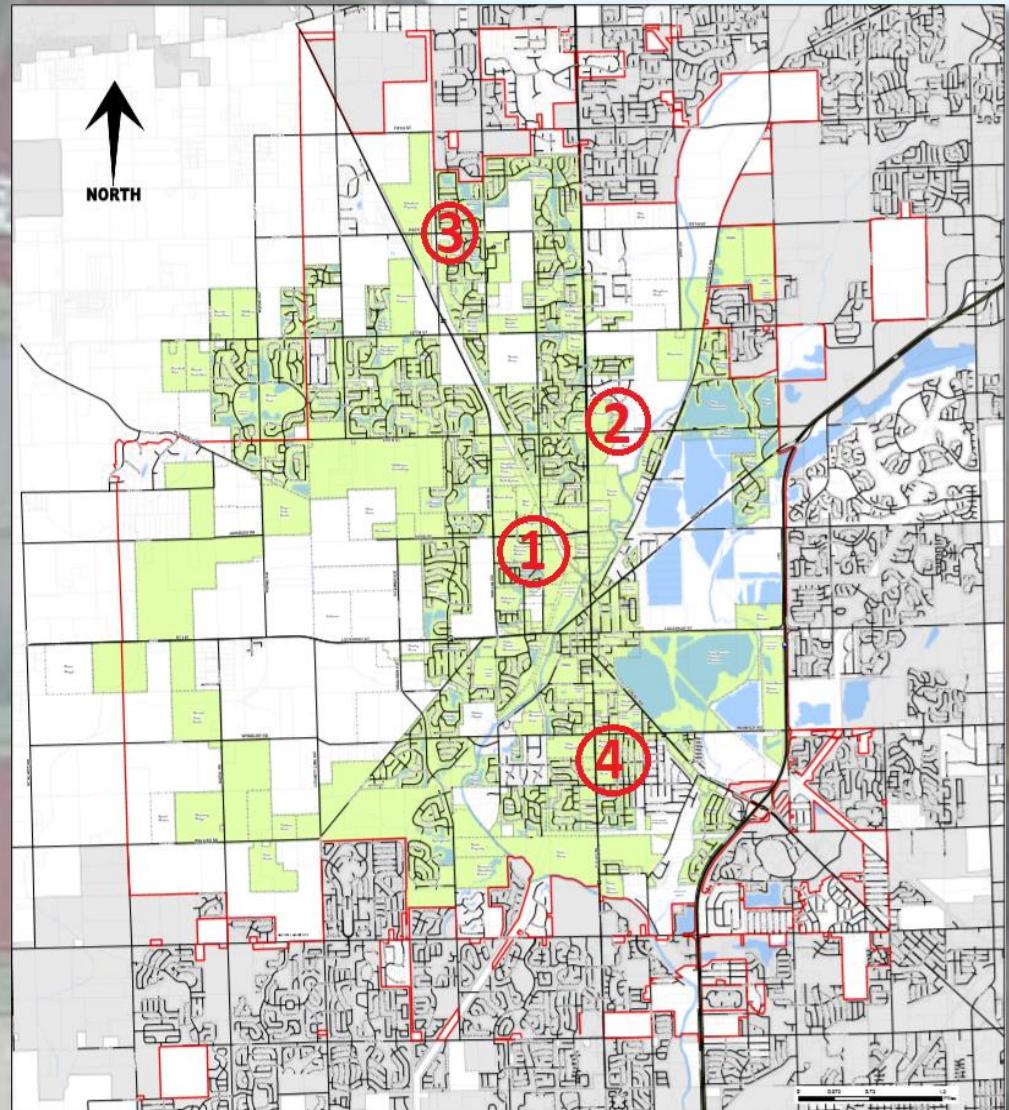
Stations and Locations

The Fire District's stations are strategically placed along the Route 59 corridor for easy access to the main highways (Route 30, Route 126, and Route 59) and Interstate 55 with room for future development to the west of the Village. Each station is specifically staffed with the personnel and equipment needed to best suit the anticipated calls in the District.

Station 1, located in the center of the District, houses two Ambulances, a Truck company, a Brush Truck and a Tender.

Station 2 has a centralized Squad Company, Ambulance, Battalion Chief and Special Teams Vehicles.

Stations 3 and 4 house Engines, Ambulances and an additional Tender at 3.



Stations and Locations

Station 1
14415 S. Coil Plus Drive



Station 2
23806 W. 135th Street



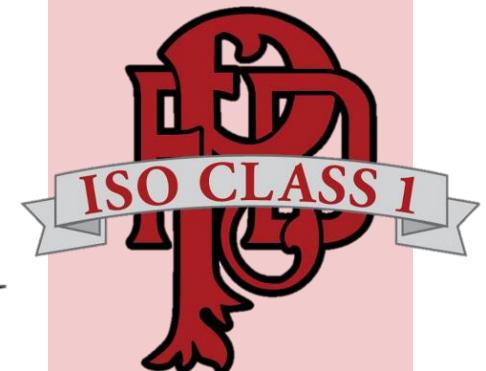
Station 3
25001 W. 119th Street



Station 4
15930 S. Frederick Street



Headquarters Campus
23748 W. 135th Street



District Apparatus

Our current compliment of apparatus include:

- 3 Engines
- 6 Ambulances
- 1 Brush Truck
- 1 Tower Ladder
- 1 Squad
- 2 Tenders
- 1 Dive/Water Rescue Vehicle
- 2 Boats
- 1 Technical Rescue Truck w/Support Trailer
- 5 Chief Vehicles
- 7 Support Vehicles

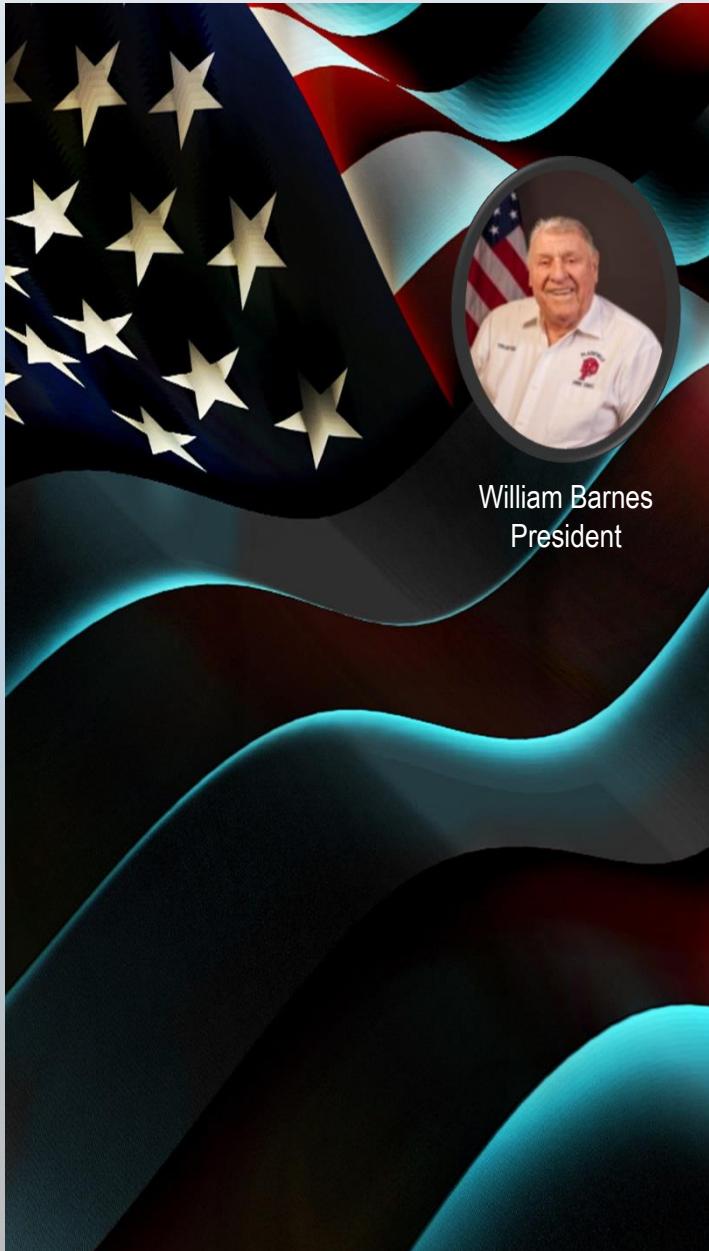
Resource Equipment:

- MABAS 15 DECON Truck
- MABAS 15 Polaris Ranger ATV
- Plainfield EMA Rehab Bus

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The PFPD employs a Full-Time Emergency Vehicle Technician to keep the fleet up to date on preventive maintenance and operating efficiently.

Governance, Executive and Organizational Leadership



Board of Trustees



Thomas Paul
Secretary



Douglas Shreve
Treasurer



Robert Baish
Trustee



Theodore Peszynski
Trustee

Board of Commissioners



Dale Hurley
Chairman



William Anderson
Commissioner



Arnold Hartley
Commissioner

The Board of Trustees and Commissioners are the governing bodies that oversee the financial, procedure and ordinance, testing and hiring and disciplinary matters for the District. They hold regular meetings at the Headquarters Campus located on 135th Street.

Governance, Executive and Organizational Leadership



Chief Officers



Vito Bonomo III
Deputy Chief



Jon Stratton
Fire Chief



Mark Reynolds
Assistant Chief



Vincent Baudek
Battalion Chief
Gold Shift



Scott Moore
Battalion Chief
Red Shift



Michael Obman
Battalion Chief
Black Shift



Charles Kraft
Battalion Chief
Training / Safety Officer

The Chief Officers are in charge of ensuring policy and procedure development and adherence, response algorithms, training criteria, safety and day to day operations of the Fire District.

Governance, Executive and Organizational Leadership

Administration



Ryan Angelus
Fire Inspector

Fred Baldego
Maintenance

Andrew Chavarria
Student Employee

Mary Jo Fazio
Administrative Assistant

Cheryl Hansen
EMS Coordinator

Nicole Irwin
Administrative Assistant



Rick Kruger
Emergency Vehicle Technician



Mary Ludemann
Fire Marshal



Debbie May
Administrative Assistant



Alex Medina
Network Administrator



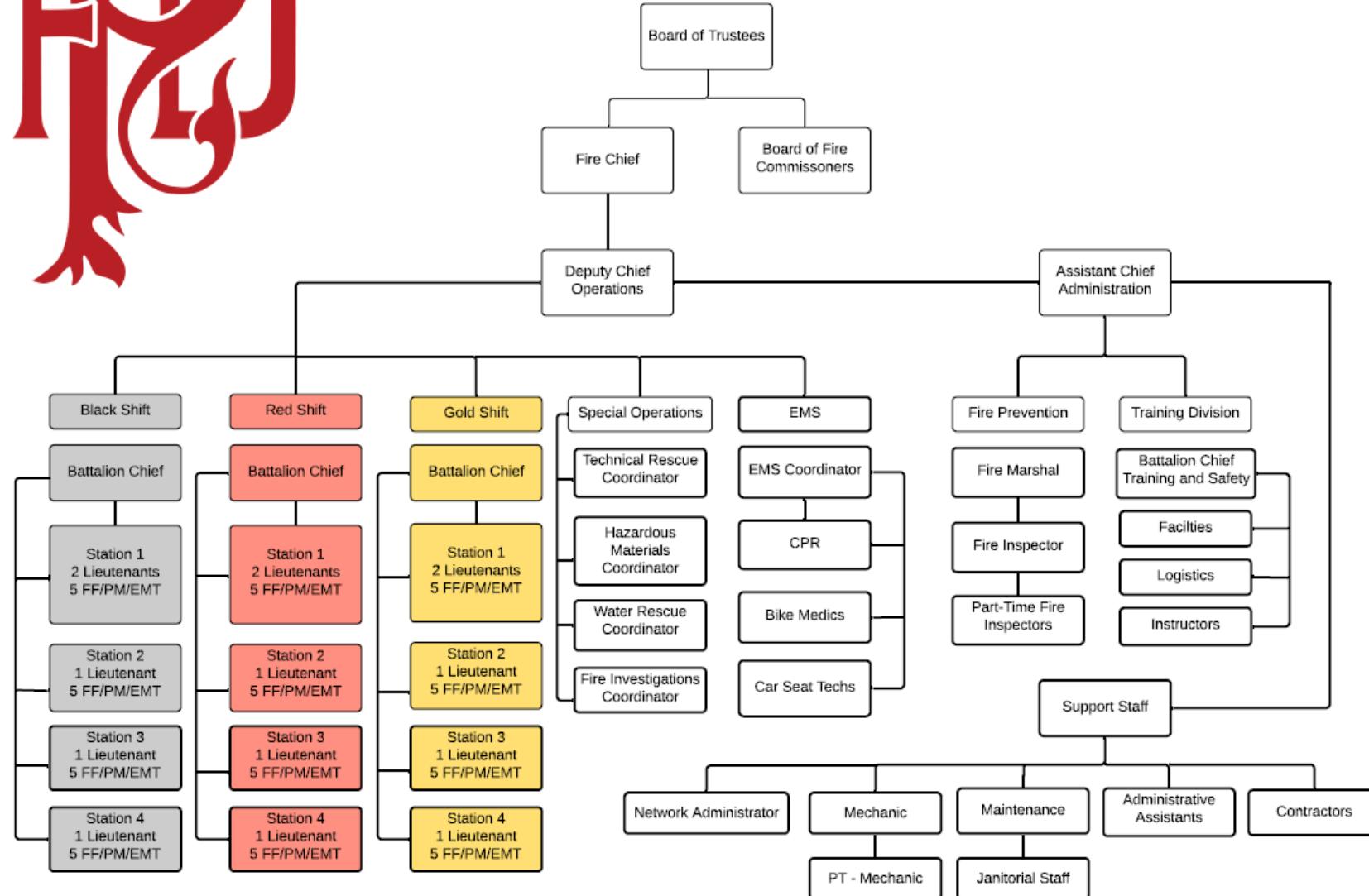
Paul Stauffer
Maintenance Supervisor

Operational Flow Chart



Plainfield Fire Protection District Organizational Chart

Fire Chief Jon Stratton
2019



Plainfield Firefighters/Paramedics Local 4560

Local 4560 has the privilege of providing service to the Village of Plainfield and surrounding townships. We strive to offer the best service to the community and give back where and when we can. It's this mentality that makes Local 4560 one of the best and most proactive locals in the area. Fundraising, education and fair representation are essential parts to the Local's success.

2019 was a great year for our Local. It started with two of our new Executive Board members and myself attending the IAFF Affiliate Leaders Training Summit in Los Angeles, California. The summit lasted three days and we attended over seventy hours of classroom instruction collectively, with topics ranging from union administration, to collective bargaining and labor/management relations. The classes at ALTS provided our Executive Board with fresh ideas and updated approaches to continue our cooperation with the administration in best meeting the needs of Plainfield Fire.

In the spring, the members of the Executive Board attended more training seminars on common legal issues affecting locals through out the state.

On September 13th, Local 4560 hosted it's eleventh annual golf outing at Whitetail Ridge in Yorkville, IL. The outing enabled our local to donate over two thousand dollars to the Shield 23 Foundation, which provides financial assistance to the families of firefighters that have been diagnosed with duty related cancer.

Also in September, our Executive Board, along with the Chiefs and Trustees, began the process of negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement. The negotiations lasted a little over three months and ended with a four year contract that we are quite proud of.

In November, Local 4560 was pleased to host the AFFI District Four Fall meeting, an event that welcomed members from multiple area locals to the Plainfield Fire Headquarters Campus for a day of education and networking. The guests at the meeting ranged from AFFI leadership to local politicians.

We look forward to the future and hope 2020 is as successful as 2019!

Doug Mullen, President Local 4560

Local 4560 Executive Board



Doug Mullen
President



Andy Scott
Vice President



Erik Lewis
Treasurer



Joe Baber
Secretary

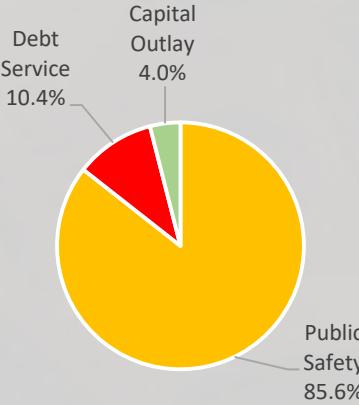


Dennis House
Sergeant at Arms

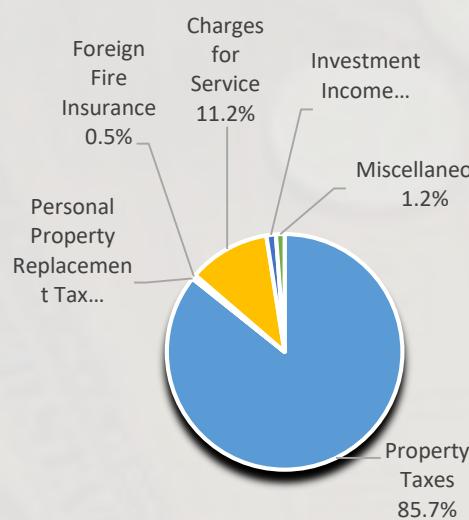
Fiscal and Operational Support

The Plainfield Fire Protection District continues to maintain a balanced budget while providing the best possible service to our community. Our budget process emphasizes fiscal responsibility and complete transparency.

EXPENDITURES



REVENUE



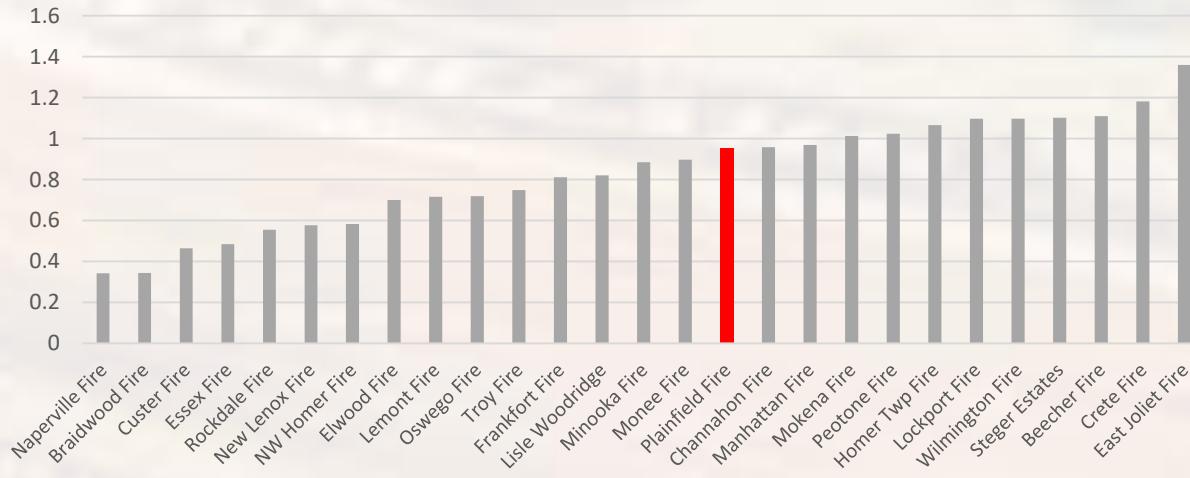
	REVENUE	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
		2015	2016	2017	2018
	Property Taxes	14,351,204	14,629,881	14,853,432	15,408,211
	Personal Property Replace	13,308	11,792	12,454	11,322
	Foreign Fire Insurance	75,627	175,551	190,498	98,728
	Charges for Service	1,495,695	1,414,280	1,958,778	2,015,728
	Investment Income	115,391	107,516	146,844	235,233
	Miscellaneous	410,377	1,221,047	179,082	212,656
	Subtotal	16,461,602	17,560,067	17,341,088	17,981,878
	% Diff	11%	7%	-1%	4%
		Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
		2015	2016	2017	2018
		13,232,400	13,845,799	14,838,248	14,629,803
		447,088	1,206,463	1,029,744	1,782,111
		1,293,815	1,570,105	1,354,653	680,769
		Subtotal	14,973,303	16,622,367	17,222,645
		% Diff	0%	11%	4%
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Did YOU
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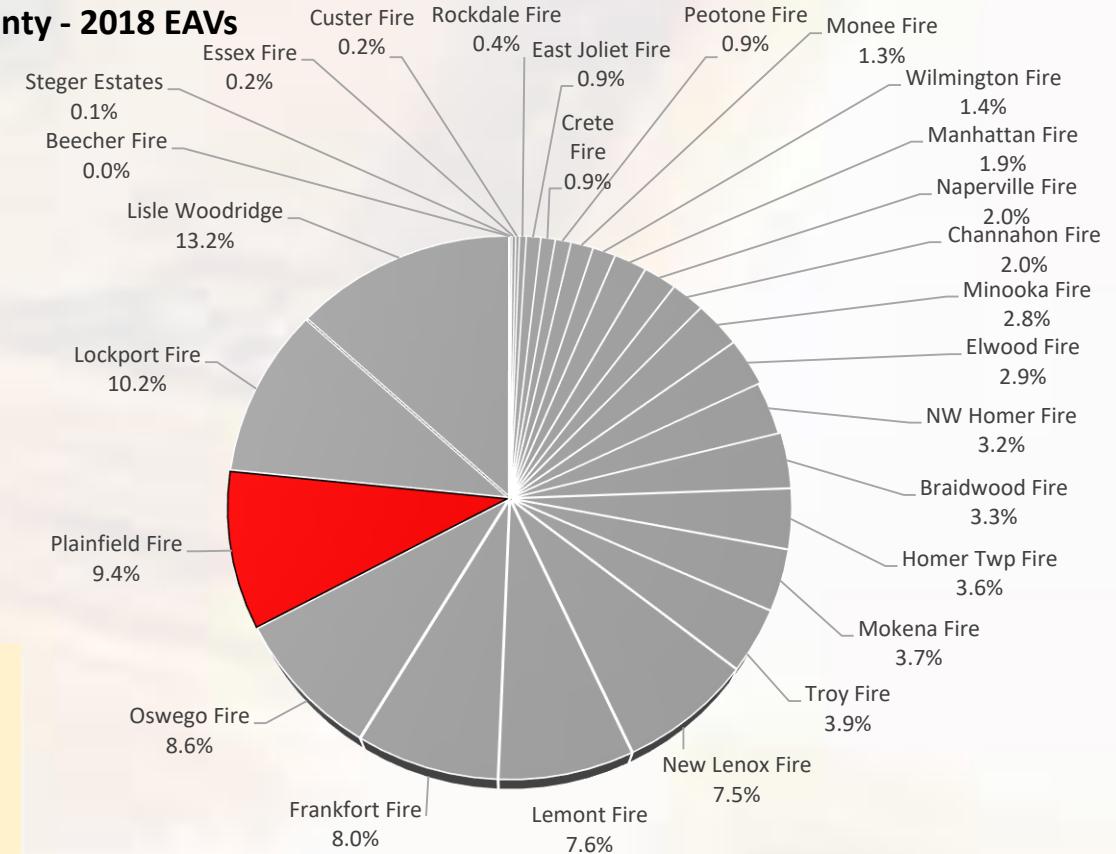
Our Fire Protection District operates independently from the Village and is not part of the Village budget.

Fiscal and Operational Support

Will County - 2018 Tax Rates



Will County - 2018 EAVs



While property taxes make up the largest revenue stream for the District, we strive to maintain a moderate tax rate in comparison to surrounding districts while covering the 3rd largest in equalized assessed value (EAV) in the following comparable.

Grants



The Plainfield Fire Protection District was honored to receive a grant from the Illinois American Water Company for \$1,000.00. The Plainfield Fire Protection District purchased fifty “Stop The Bleed” kits to utilize in providing training to local school districts.



FM Global – Grant for \$2,747.00. We used this money to purchase five new iPads with cases for the stations to use with Flow MSP and the Check It program.



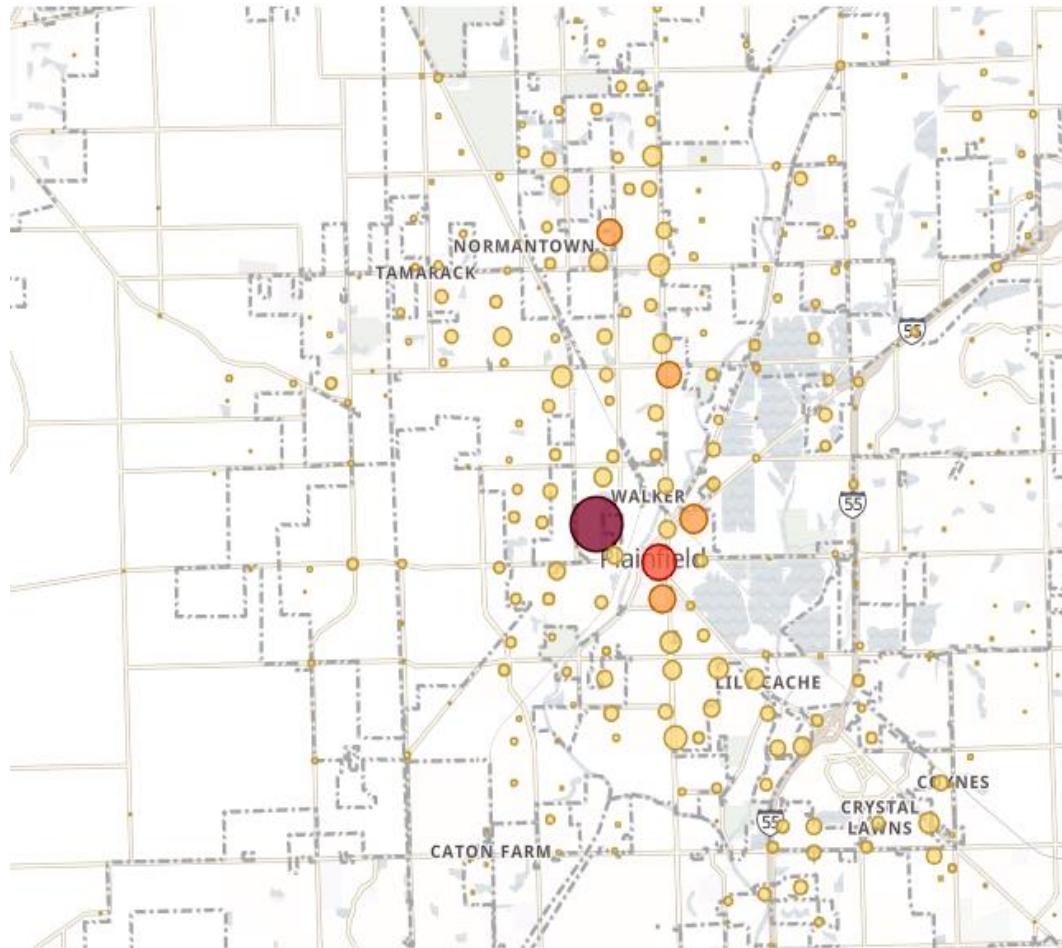
Illinois Public Risk Fund – Grant of \$43,812.00 used to purchase an EMS cart and transport unit, updated sonar equipment for the rescue boat and first arriving digital dashboard and equipment.



Every year millions of dollars in grant money are given out for Public Service entities to use at their discretion. Many of the grants come from large business or the federal government.



Response Data



The Firefighters at Plainfield work a 24/48 shift. 24 Hours on-duty / 48 Hours off-duty.

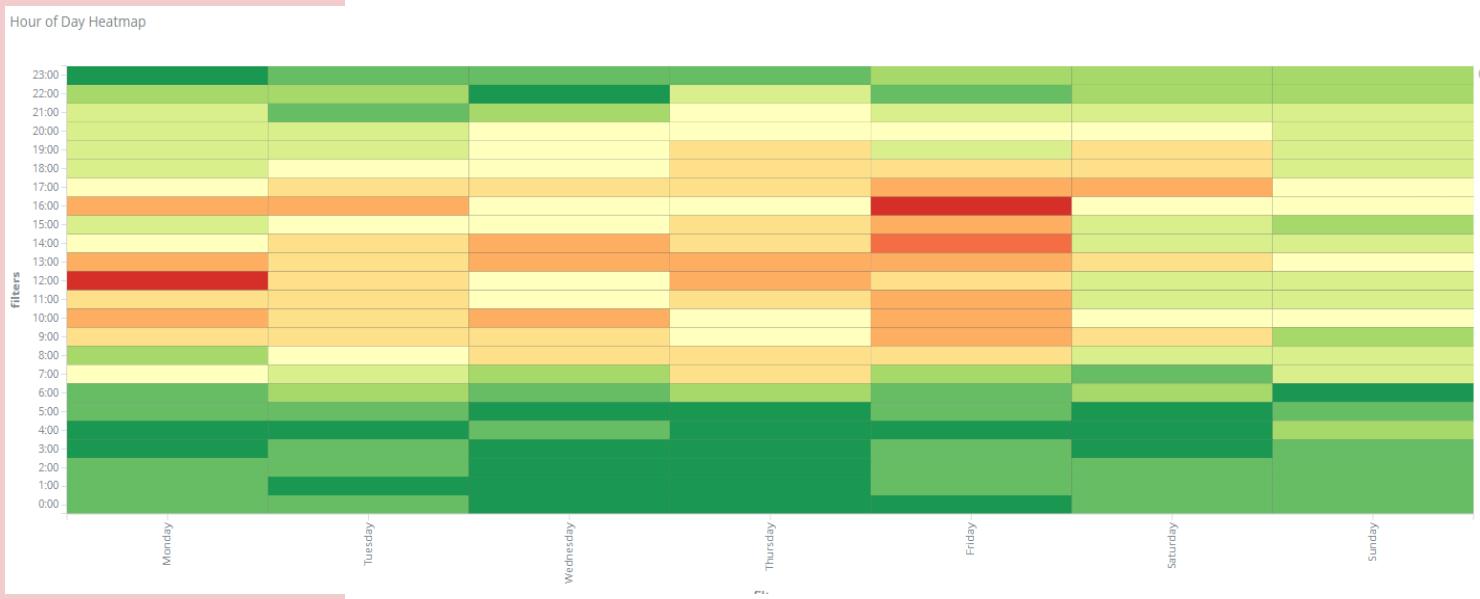
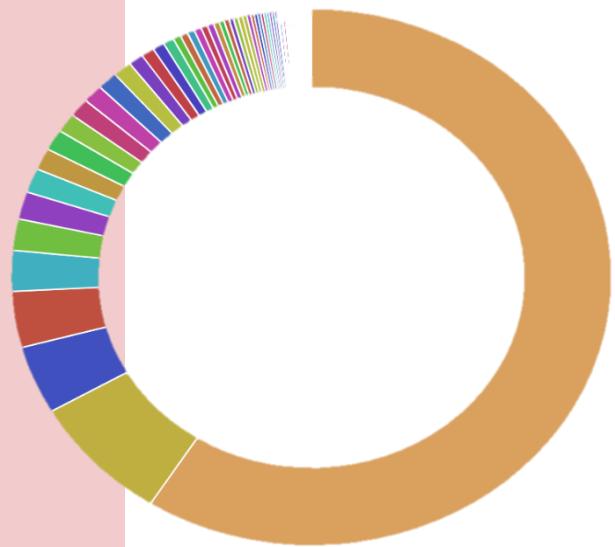
2019 ended with 4,826 calls for the District with 60.4% Emergency Medical Service calls, 37.8% Fire/Accident related calls, and 1.8% Other or service calls. That is a decrease of 3.86% emergencies from the 2018 totals and a testament to the EMS advances, fire prevention efforts of the Fire Protection Bureau and the adherence of safe practices by you the community!

Incidents by Category



did you know?

Response Data



Listed here is the breakdown of calls that the District responded to in 2019. As you can see, there are a myriad of calls, EMS and Fire, that companies respond to at all hours of the day, 7 days a week.

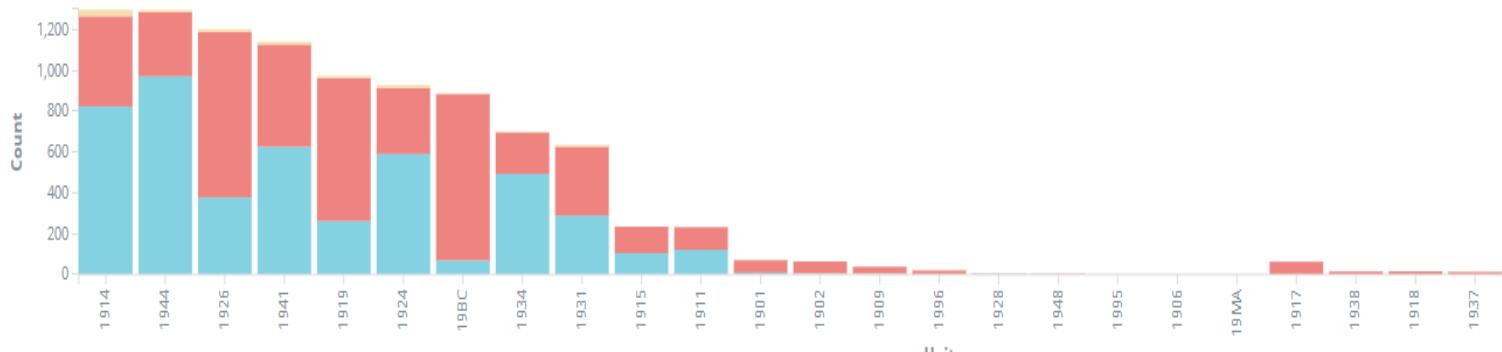
- EMS call, excluding vehicles
- Motor vehicle accident
- Dispatched & cancellation
- Smoke detector activation
- Assist police or other emergency services
- Alarm system activation
- Cover assignment, station location
- Carbon monoxide detector activation
- No Incident found on scene
- Gas leak (natural gas or propane)
- False alarm or false call
- Assist invalid
- Alarm system sounding
- Smoke detector activation
- Power line down
- Detector activation, non-emergency
- Emergency medical service
- Person in distress, Other
- Motor Vehicle Accident
- Passenger vehicle fire
- Smoke or odor removal
- Brush or brush-and-grooming
- Rescue, EMS incident, Other
- Building fire
- Police matter
- Smoke scare, odor of smoke
- Service Call, other
- Unintentional transmission
- Carbon monoxide incident
- Excessive heat, scorching
- Medical assist, assistance
- Public service assistance
- Unintentional transmission
- Public service
- System malfunction, Other
- Authorized controller
- Outside rubbish, trash
- Defective elevator, Other
- Good intent call, Other
- Lock-out
- Sprinkler activation, non-emergency
- Removal of victim(s) from scene
- Dumpster or other object on fire
- Fire, Other
- Gasoline or other flammable liquid
- Water or steam leak
- Cooking fire, confinement
- Malicious, mischievous
- Sprinkler activation due to water
- Unauthorized burning
- Arcing, shorted electrical equipment
- Electrical wiring/equipment
- Extrication, rescue, Other
- Heat detector activation
- Mulch fire
- Steam, vapor, fog or smoke
- Animal rescue
- CO detector activation
- Chimney or flue fire, Other
- Hazardous condition, Other
- Overheated motor
- Road freight or transport
- Special type of incident
- Vehicle accident, general
- Water & ice-related issues
- Water problem, Other
- Animal problem
- Attempted burning, illegal
- Chemical hazard (no emergency)
- EMS call, party transportation
- Extinguishing system activation
- HazMat release investigation
- Lightning strike (no fire)
- Motor vehicle/pedestrian collision
- Overpressure rupture
- Rescue or EMS standby
- Smoke from barbecue
- Steam, Other gas misuse
- Trash or rubbish fire, Other
- Watercraft rescue
- Wrong location

Response Data

Incidents by First Due



Incidents by Unit and Category



Every station has a response area assigned to it. These areas are called "Still Districts". Station 4 Still District generated 1,574 calls for the year followed closely by Station 1 with 1,470 calls. Stations 2 and 3 combined for an additional 1,779 calls. Some calls require multiple vehicles to respond. In total, the District had 9,862 vehicle responses.

Fire Marshal



Mary Ludemann
Fire Marshal



The Fire Marshal oversees the day to day operations of the Fire Prevention Bureau. Other primary responsibilities include ensuring the Fire District's codes and ordinances are up to date and relevant; conducting occupancy inspections, new construction inspections, witness fire protection system acceptance testing and special inspections relating to code enforcement issues and fire protection system issues; reviewing construction plans for fire and life safety code compliance; keeping Duty Crews up to date on building developments and responding to FOIA requests about buildings and land. The Fire Marshal also provides public information and community outreach through fire and life safety education presentations, live radio segments, press releases and social media updates.

Our fire and life safety code enforcement mission is accomplished through annual commercial and multi-family fire and life safety inspections. Existing buildings that undergo a change in use are inspected to ensure the building design/layout and fire protection systems in place meet the requirements for the proposed new use and make the building owner/occupant aware of any changes required to bring the building and respective new use into code compliance. Plan reviews of construction projects and new fire protection systems are completed to ensure proposed buildings and systems meet the minimum codes and standards. New construction buildings and renovations/remodels of existing buildings are inspected during all phases of construction to check for continued compliance with the fire and life safety codes and standards during construction. Acceptance tests of new fire protection systems, such as fire alarm systems, kitchen hood fire extinguishing systems, fire sprinkler systems and fire pumps are observed to verify that the system functions as intended at the time it is put into service. We also accomplish our mission by maintaining strong working relationships with the Code Enforcement, Planning and Building Departments within the municipalities and counties we serve.

Our fire and life safety education mission is accomplished through a variety of methods intended to reach as many members of our community as possible. We give fire and life safety presentations in preschools, schools, to scout groups, community groups and to the business community. We participate in community special events and host our annual Fire Prevention Week Open House and summer Firefighter/Paramedic Camps for area youth. Other outreach methods include the Fire District's website, press releases, radio interviews and social media.

In order to provide the best service possible in our mission to prevent fires and maintain life safety, all Fire Prevention Bureau personnel participate in regular training seminars, conferences and workshops to keep current on evolving construction methods, business trends and processes, fire protection system technology and fire and life safety educational messaging and outreach methods and materials.

Fire Prevention Bureau



Ryan Angelus
Fire Inspector

Mary Ludemann
Fire Marshal

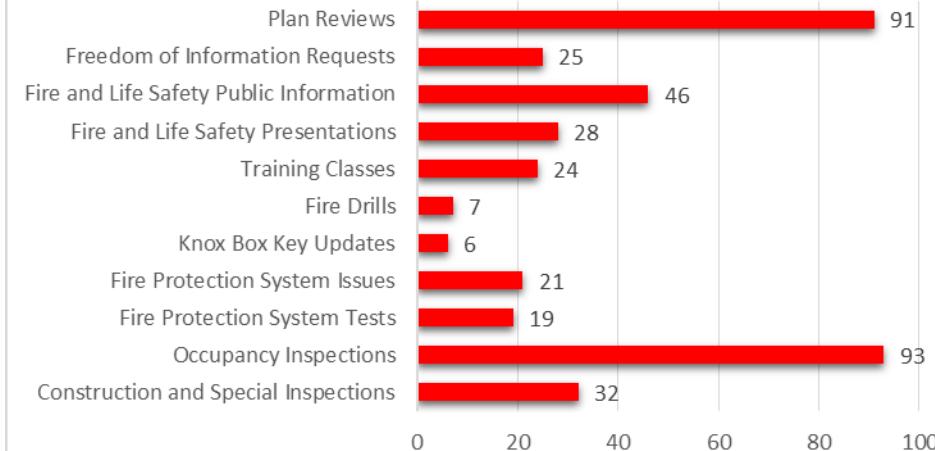
Stan Czajkowski
Fire Inspector

Fire Inspector's Report

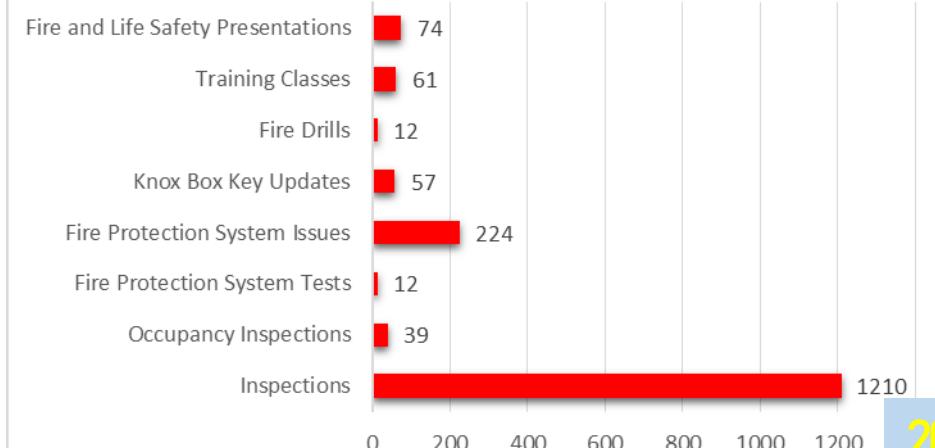
The Fire Inspector's primary focus is annual fire inspections and re-inspections, Knox Box key updates, fire alarm and fire sprinkler system issues, fire and life safety education presentations in the preschools, schools, displays at community events and fire extinguisher training for area businesses.

Fire Inspector Angelus is also an EMT, Fire Investigator and on the FD's Dive Team.
Fire Inspector Czajkowski is also a Paramedic and Fire Investigator.

Fire Marshal Activities



Fire Inspector Activities



The Fire Prevention Bureau is comprised of one full-time Fire Marshal, Mary Ludemann, one full-time Fire Inspector, Ryan Angelus and one part-time Fire Inspector, Stan Czajkowski.

The Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for fire and life safety code enforcement in commercial and multi-family buildings as well as fire and life safety education throughout the community. Fire Prevention and Fire and Life Safety Education are an integral part of Community Risk Reduction. The 5 E's of Community Risk Reduction include **Education, Enforcement, Engineering, Economic Incentive and Emergency Response**.

Education is accomplished through presentations and messages that seek to enhance fire and life safety knowledge about potential risks in our community and how to prevent or mitigate them. Examples include teaching the importance of fire home escape plans, testing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, the importance of having an emergency kit and emergency family plan as well as teaching life-saving skills like CPR and First Aid. Education also includes explaining the fire code to business and building owners so they understand the importance of keeping their building code compliant.

Fire Prevention seeks to improve fire and life safety through **Enforcement** of the fire and life safety code through inspections and code enforcement. Enforcement is also ensuring our codes are up to date and relevant with respect to changes in building construction methods and materials, technology, new industries and processes.

Engineering is accomplished through the use of fire protection systems and keeping up with fire protection system technological advancements. Engineering methods seek to reduce the risk of injuries and deaths. Examples include smoke alarms, fire sprinkler systems and child safety seats in cars.

Under the **Economic Incentive** category, the Fire District and the Village of Plainfield partnered to provide financial assistance in the form of a grant for the implementation of eligible fire and life safety improvements to commercial and/or mixed-use buildings in the traditional downtown area. This program was developed to enhance fire and life safety in the historic downtown. In 2019, one new business was awarded a grant towards a portion of the cost of the installation of a fire alarm system. Economic Incentive is also accomplished through educating how fire and life safety practices reduce the risk of a fire, death or injury loss and how voluntary code compliance also avoids outstanding code violation fines. Economic incentive also includes the Fire District's free smoke and carbon monoxide alarm installation program for residents.



A Junior Firefighter gets dressed during a School Visit



Fire Inspector Angelus delivering Toys for Tots donations



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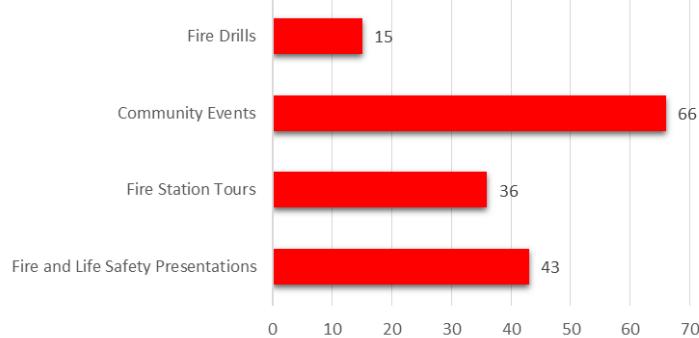
Recent Articles

National Fire Sprinkler Association Applauds Plainfield Illinois as It Institutes Grant Program for Installation of Fire Sprinkler Systems in Historic District Businesses



PLAINFIELD, IL (February 15, 2019) — The National Fire Sprinkler Association extends its heartiest congratulations to our partners in life safety: Plainfield Fire Chief Jon Stratton, Fire Marshal Mary Kay Ludemann, their Board of Trustees and the Village of Plainfield, Illinois, upon the enactment of the Plainfield Historic Commercial District Fire and Life Safety System Grant Program.

Duty Crew Community Outreach



Fire Prevention Bureau

Looking forward to 2020 the Fire Prevention Bureau will continue to:

- Continue to improve our community outreach with fire and life safety messaging including Facebook and coming soon: Twitter.
- Continue to improve the Girls and Boys Firefighter/Paramedic Camps.
- Ensure our fire and life safety educational efforts and fire prevention efforts are in-line with Community Risk Reduction principals and strategies.
- Participate in and implement Community Risk Reduction programs for the Fire District.
- Continue to expand the use of digital plan reviews for more efficient operations and less need for physical storage space of files.
- Strive for efficient fire inspection processes using the Firehouse inspection software and iPads.
- Ensure our codes and ordinances continue to be relevant with building/construction trends and emerging technologies as well as compatible with the Village's codes and ordinances.
- Continue our working relationship with the Village of Plainfield, City of Crest Hill, Will County and Kendall Counties Building Departments, Code Enforcement Departments and Planning Departments for efficient operations and open communication.

Respectfully,

Mary Ludemann, Fire Marshal
Plainfield Fire Protection District



Training Highlights

Total 2019 Training Hours: 29,188

Training hours by Training Type and % of total hours:

Row Labels	Sum of Duration (hours)
Daily Checks & Activities	39.57%
Fire/Rescue	10.26%
EMIS	11.21%
Compliance Training	2.79%
Driver Training	1.72%
Physical Fitness & Peer Training	7.98%
Facility Training Drills	3.26%
Outside Training	3.37%
Monthly Specialty Team Training	1.51%
Officers Training	9.28%
Fire Prevention Bureau Training	0.10%
OSFM Classes	0.23%
Tally Books (Rope/Haz-Mat/Inspector I/Fire-Arson)	5.03%
TS Course	3.68%
Grand Total	100.00%

Specialty Team Training by Specialty: Hazmat, Technical Rescue and Dive:

Specialty Team Training	Sum of Duration (hours)
Haz-Mat Team Monthly Training	36
T.R.T. Monthly Training Drill	273
Dive Team Monthly Training	133
Grand Total	573

Plainfield's training facility is located behind the administrative campus on 135th Street. The facility has grown from a gravel lot into a fully functioning regional training center. Training classes that the District has hosted include:

Live Fire Drills
Technical Rescue
Hazardous Materials
Firefighter Academy
Automobile Extrication
Officer Development
Command and Control
Rural Water Operations
Compliance Training



Charles Kraft
Battalion Chief / TSO

Battalion Chief Charles Kraft assumed the role of Training and Safety Officer in 2019. Since that time he has been instrumental in upgrading and expanding our training software. Plainfield has progressively moved into the digital age with new programs like First Responding, Flow MSP, and Target Solutions. The technology allows for precise data tracking and collection which makes the District run even more efficiently.

Training Highlights

Trainings Hours by Shift and Station

Black Shift	8094 Hours
Station 1	2066 Hours
Station 2	2921 Hours
Station 3	1218 Hours
Station 4	1890 Hours

Red Shift	9496 Hours
Station 1	3485 Hours
Station 2	3155 Hours
Station 3	1365 Hours
Station 4	1491 Hours

Gold Shift	7737 Hours
Station 1	2127 Hours
Station 2	2401 Hours
Station 3	1757 Hours
Station 4	1452 Hours



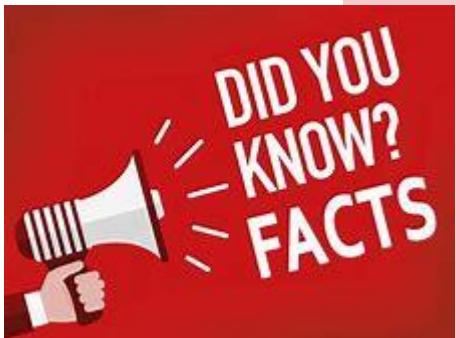
FF/PM Chad Lovell during Rescue Task Force Training with the Plainfield Police Department



Various trainings on the Training Grounds at Headquarters



Evening live fire training on the training grounds



The PFPD Training Facility is one of the largest in Illinois and can accommodate training for academy classes, specialized rescue, auto extrication, live fire and command and control classes to name just a few.

Emergency Medical Services



The field of EMS and EMS providers is ever-evolving both personally and technologically. We strive to be the best we can to care for the people we serve. We treat medical and traumatic injuries of all kinds and transport to appropriate facilities; but we do more than that. We are patient advocates; assisting with other things like observing for unsafe conditions, providing resources, helping someone in or out of their car, up and down stairs or just holding a hand to calm a patient, family member or friend. We've also saved the lives of a few furry family members involved in residential fires. In 2019 EMS providers responded to 3,236 ambulance requests.

The EMS division continually searches for and follows successful methods of patient care as well as complementary innovative equipment used in other parts of the Country, and with the approval of our Medical Director we are able to implement those best practices to enhance patient care.

Aside from our regular monthly training, additional refresher training is provided to the EMS personnel that includes advanced airway techniques, fluid and medication routes, pediatric care and the intricacies of the equipment they carry. Biannual scenario based CPR training has gone techie with our new AmbuMan Advanced® training manikin which has helped to increase our already high level of competency in cardiac situations.

On October 9th, a new 2019 Horton Ambulance was put into service. Ambulance 1934 is stationed at 25001 W. 119th St.

During EMS week on May 20th at the annual Silver Cross EMS banquet, our Paramedics and EMTs were recognized for three "Outstanding Calls" which included (1) the successful resuscitation of 2 lightning strike victims by off-duty PM Eric Watkins. (2) A 67 y/o male in cardiac arrest by: Mike Williams, Doug Mullen, Pat Murphy, Matt Deliberto, Jered Zubaty and Brett Piekarski and (3) a 64 y/o male, also in cardiac arrest by: Craig Rundle, Joel Moore, Matt Jolly, Ryan Johnson, Mike Walden, Eric Jensen, Drew Urbancic, Dan Saviano, Niko Rousonelos and Vince Baudek.

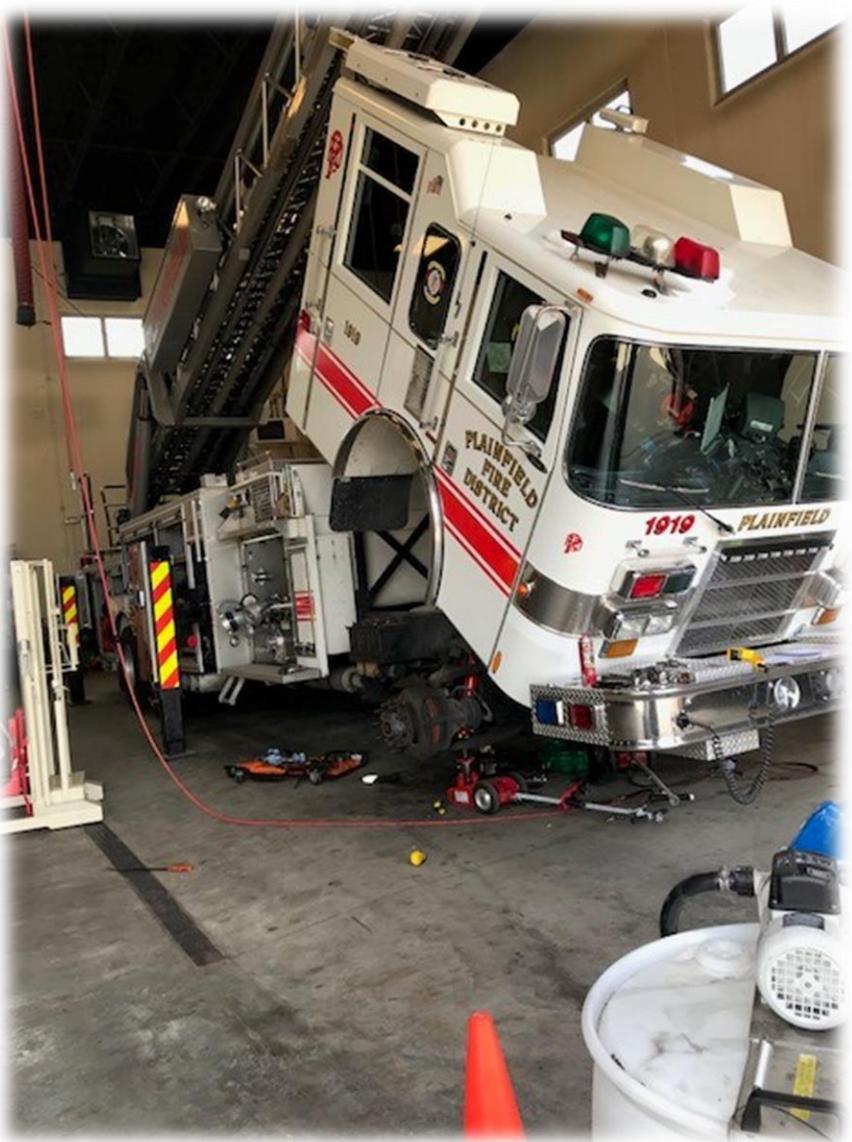


Cheryl Hansen
EMS Coordinator

Service awards as EMS providers

- 35 yrs. - Cheryl Hansen
- 30 yrs. - Bob Knowles, Chuck Kraft, Mark Reynolds
- 20 yrs. - Vito Bonomo, Marc Findlay, Chad Lovell
- 15 yrs. - Matt Deliberto, Joel Moore, Drew Urbancic
- 10 yrs. - Eric Watkins
- 5 yrs. - Kevin Teper

Emergency Vehicle Maintenance



Rick Kruger
Emergency Vehicle Technician



Steve Hawkinson
Emergency Vehicle Technician
IFAMA Vice President

The EVT's at Plainfield are specially trained and entrusted to maintain millions of dollars worth of District Apparatus. They average 2000 hours a year including time off duty to repair the apparatus when they break. Emergency vehicle technicians must have the technological and electrical skills to repair and maintain the specialized equipment found in ambulances, fire trucks, and other emergency vehicles.



Special Operations Group



Plainfield's Special Operations Group currently consists of five divisions: Technical Rescue, Water Rescue, Hazardous Materials, Arson Investigation and Training. In all, about 50 members share the responsibility of responding to specific incidents that require the use of specialized tactics and equipment. Every division of the Special Operations Group possesses the ability to overcome any obstacle that may come before them. From building collapse and environmental emergencies, to water rescue and cause and origin investigations, we have the knowledge and know-how to succeed.

The training division continually adds exciting and innovative classes to its list of activities. As the facility continues to expand, so too does the opportunity for quality education and training for our neighboring departments. Looking to the future, we hope to become a regional training facility for Northern Illinois covering everything from new recruit academy to specialized rescue. Not exclusive to Plainfield, the group works in conjunction with local, municipal, county, state and federal teams to help where and when it can. "Anywhere, Anytime" is our motto and we will always stand by it.

Special Teams



Plainfield Water Rescue and Recovery Team is comprised of 19 members including Divers, Sonar Technicians, Line Tenders, and Team Leaders. The team members are trained and maintain training for Swift Water Rescue, Boat Operations, Dive Operations, Ice Dive Operations, Surface Ice Rescue, Evidence Recovery, and Sonar Operations. In 2019 the Water Rescue Team responded to eight incidents including assisting Wilmington, Troy, Pontiac, and Channahon. Members of the Water Rescue Team participated in 604 hours of training in 2019. The Plainfield Water Rescue Team is a part of the MABAS 15 Water Rescue Team and trains monthly with surrounding departments. In 2019 a King Fisher Boat was added to the Water Rescue team and was deployed on its first mission within the first week of being in service. The new boat will allow the team to access shallow waters as little as 4 inches of water while on plane to quickly and effectively arrive on location



The Plainfield Technical Rescue Team (TRT) operates as the MABAS 15 TRT team and consists of 20 members trained in technical rescue which includes: rope rescue, confined space rescue, structural collapse, trench collapse, and vehicle and machinery. Training topics for 2019 focused on rope rescue, vehicle/machinery, and structural collapse. Throughout 2019, the team conducted regional rescue training at our training facility with other members of MABAS 15 team. Each year TRT members are required to validate their abilities to mitigate a technical rescue incident. In 2019 the validation scenario included a Confined Space with Collapse. Team training and experience allowed for the scenario to be completed seamlessly and all members met the validation requirement.

Special Teams



The Fire Investigation Team has 5 members and is a part of the MABAS Division 15 Investigation Team. Our members are trained in investigating the cause and origin of the fire to help determine if it is arson, accidental or mechanically caused. The team responded to investigate 33 fires within the MABAS Division, not including the various structure and vehicle fires within our own fire district.

Our investigators have logged over 100 individual training hours to perfect our craft of determining cause and origin. These hours are completed by attending seminars, training classes, online courses and of course hands-on live fire investigating.

All of our investigators are active members of NAFI (National Association of Fire Investigators) and the IAAI (International Association of Arson Investigators).



The year of 2019 was one that passed quickly but not without some new faces for the Plainfield Hazmat Team / MABAS 15 Hazmat Team. Currently the team from Plainfield consists of 7 members, all of whom are Hazmat Technician/Tech B level certified. Most of these 7 members are Hazmat Incident Command level certified as well and all are being led by 1 Chief and 1 Deputy Chief. For the MABAS 15 team there are 18 additional members from Troy, Minooka and Dwight who are all led by Chief Andy Doyle from Troy and Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo from Plainfield. I would like to start off by officially welcoming Jaron Scheid & Brandon Rivette from Dwight as the newest members of the team. These new members are a continued sign of growth over the last 3 years.

In 2019, Plainfield FPD had a total of 82 Hazmat or Hazmat type related calls which consisted of routine calls such as flammable liquid spills, natural gas and/or propane leaks and carbon monoxide incidents. However, there were 0 calls in which the Plainfield or MABAS 15 Hazmat team(s) were activated in 2019. Although this was great that our service was not needed, we were still prepared and able to respond at any given moment's notice. Each month throughout 2019, the Plainfield and MABAS 15 Hazmat teams organize together to train on different topics such as: chemistry, metering, leak simulation exercises, Hazmat suit dress outs, emergency rescue for team members and other various hazmat necessities.

Moving forward in 2020, we are looking to purchase a RAE PID monitor that allows crews to detect volatile organic compounds such as solvents, fuels, degreasers, plastics & their precursors, heat transfer fluids, lubricants, etc. during manufacturing processes and waste handling. This device will allow us to utilize current tools in our toolbox more efficiently. All Plainfield team members also received new CBRN filters and mask adapters that will allow them the ability to more quickly assess and mitigate scenes of toxic industrial gases and CBRN Agents such as Sarin, Chlorine, and VX. At incidents where damages occur, these items are considerably cheaper than fire gear and SCBA equipment that would need to be used if we didn't have these specific filters.



This is the fourth year in our effort to keep records of Fitness Assessments completed by the Peer Fitness Trainers of PFPD. Although some of our data is questionable, the majority of the numbers show us a realistic trend of our health and wellness.

Most notably was our increase of VO₂, which is the amount of oxygen our body is able to use during activity. VO₂ is measured in milliliters of oxygen used per kilogram per minute. The recommended VO₂ for firefighters per the NFPA is 42 mL/Kg/min. In 2018 our average VO₂ was 40.1 mL/Kg/min. which is below the recommendation. This year we were able to increase our numbers to 42.2 mL/Kg/min. As a District, this is a real improvement and helps decrease the risk of a cardiac event. However, after investigating the numbers, we had a very low number of part-time members complete the assessment in 2018. This gave us a good look at our full-time population and how they are able to function during activity. After removing all part-time employees for 2019 our average VO₂ was 40.8 mL/Kg/min. We did show an improvement of 0.6 mL/Kg/min. for the full-time population for 2019 but still sit below the NFPA recommendation.

Grip strength has shown a steady decrease over the last 4 years. This could be due to a number of reasons. The two main factors for the decrease are most likely related to a natural decrease in strength as the population ages and continued test continuity. Initially the grip strength test was used to assess for potential strength deficiency in the right side compared to the left side. Although we are still able to get consistent results from right to left grip strength test, utilizing the side plank may be a better option since it is able to assess the entire core.

Push-ups have also shown a slow decline from 2016. This result is more consistent with the increase in the average age of our members.

The TRX Row test was first completed in 2018. The purpose of the test was to compare the number of rows completed to the number of push-ups. If the numbers were equal, it would indicate that the individual had equal strength in the anterior and posterior. This is consistent with a decreased risk for push-pull injuries. Unfortunately this is another area where poor test execution and continuity is giving us false results. The TRX test requires a 75-degree angle and uses of the upper back to obtain good results. Far too many individuals were completing the test at higher than normal angles, utilizing secondary muscles in the arms and momentum to obtain more reps. This test will more than likely be discontinued for 2020. We will attempt to find another assessment to replace the TRX Row as the information for posterior and anterior strength assessments is valued.

The greatest increases we have seen since 2016 have been in the front plank. As a District, we have steadily improved from 1:30 min. to 1:50 min. Although this is still below the recommended time it is an improvement when we are all aging. The recommendation for plank times is 2:00 for the front plank and 1:30 for side planks. This is based on the recommendations of Coach John Hofman CSCS*D, TSAC-F*D of Southern California University Health Systems.

Health and Wellness



Andy Scott
Lieutenant



Health and Wellness

Fitness Assessment Report

YEAR	District Averages								
	Age	Vo2	Grip Strength	Push-ups	TRX	Plank	Side Plank-R	Side Plank-L	HWR
2016	35.5	42.2	38.6 kg	28.4		1:31			0.92
2017	34.5	42.1	38.1	29.6		1:38			0.93
2018	35.4	40.1	30	29	44	1:47	0:57	0:58	0.95
2019	35.5	42.2	26.4	28	50	1:50	0:57	0:59	0.94
2019 FT	38	40.8	27	27	47	1:53	0:56	0:58	0.96
Gold Shift Averages									
Year	Age	Vo2	Grip Strength	Push-ups	TRX	Plank	Side Plank-R	Side Plank-L	HWR
2016	36.2	41.5	40.7 kg	25		1:30			0.93
2017	33.75	42.9	38.9 kgs.	31.35		1:48			0.95
2018	35.5	40.3	33.9	32	35	1:58	1:01	1:00	0.94
2019	37.5	39.3	29.2	24	34	1:48	0:57	0:59	0.96
Black Shift Averages									
Year	Age	Vo2	Grip Strength	Push-ups	TRX	Plank	Side Plank-R	Side Plank-L	HWR
2016	35.5	42.5	37.1 kg	35		1:33			0.92
2017	35.3	40.9	39.5	28.2		1:30			0.93
2018	34.4	40.1	27	27	43	1:39	0:48	0:46	0.97
2019	40	41.3	27	26	57	1:45	0:53	0:54	0.96
Red Shift Averages									
Year	Age	Vo2	Grip Strength	Push-ups	TRX	Plank	Side Plank-R	Side Plank-L	HWR
2016	33.3	43.2	40 kg	29.3		1:34			0.93
2017	35.3	42.8	38 kg.	31.6		1:42			0.91
2018	35.4	39.7	29	28	35	1:44	1:00	1:07	0.94
2019	35.6	42	25	30	52	2:07	0:58	1:01	0.95

Sick time usage is trending downward with a high in 2017. A decrease of 7% of sick time usage was noted from 2017 to 2018. With the current trends of sick time usage for 2019, we are looking at a 2% decrease.

In 2019, Health insurance premiums decreased across all District health insurance plans. The expectation for the program in relation to health insurance premiums has never been a reduction. With current market trends of 5%-7% increases for BCBS, our past 3 years have been below average.

Workers Compensation appears to be an area with the most room for improvement. Since January 1st, 2552 hours were reported as workers comp. hours. A focus should be placed on employees that have suffered a long term injury. The goal should be to educate and assist employees back to appropriate conditioning levels. Focus should be placed on reducing the risk of re-injury.

Sick Time Usage			
Year	Self Sick	Fam. Sick	Total
2016*			4657.75
2017*			4725
2018*			4365.75
2019	2562.75	899.5	3462.25

* Years only have data for total sick hours used

Insurance Premium Costs	
2016-2017	+2.2%
2017-2018	+3.73%
2018-2019	-0.13%

Worker's Compensation Hours		
Year	Hours	# of Injured Employees w/time loss
2019	2552	4

CPR

The Plainfield Fire District is an authorized provider of American Heart Association training, as well as a CTC (Community Training Center). In 2019, we held 52 classes and certified 220 students in CPR, AED, and First Aid skills at our Headquarters building and at local businesses. Additionally, our instructors gave numerous presentations on Hands Only CPR.

CPR saves lives. More than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur each year. Sadly, 88% of those people will die because CPR is not immediately started. Studies show that if CPR is started right after cardiac arrest is recognized, that can double or triple that person's chance of survival. Whether it is a certification course, or just a Hands Only presentation, we feel that it is important that everyone have some form of CPR training.

The classes that we offer are BLS (Formerly Healthcare Provider), Heartsaver AED, Adult First Aid and CPR/ AED, Pediatric First Aid and CPR/AED, and hands on skills sessions for online classes. A list of classes as well as the schedule are available on our website, which also allows participants to register for the class of their choice.



Bryan Gallup, FF/PM, Red Shift Station #2
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2019 Open House

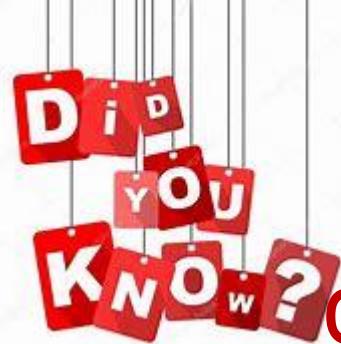
The Fire Prevention Bureau organized and oversaw the annual Fire Prevention Week Open House. This year's event was attended by approximately 1,000 people and was very well received. Assistance with this event was provided by the Open House Committee, the Duty Crews, PFWA, Explorers, Fire District Trustees, Administrative Staff and the Fire District's Specialty Teams.



Community Outreach



The child passenger safety team hard at work.



Every year the District hosts a Police and Fire Academy where the public has an opportunity to participate in Police and Fire trainings, ride-a-longs and other activities. Follow the link below to fill your application out today
<https://www.plainfield-il.org/pages/documents/CitizensPoliceFireAcademyApplication.pdf>

Car Seat Installations

The Plainfield Child Passenger Safety Team is comprised of greater Will County area certified child passenger safety technicians. It was started by Co-Team Leaders Kelly Rogina and Troy Hambly and includes members from the Plainfield Police Department. Many agencies assist us throughout the year in both car seat checkup events and classes, including the Shorewood Police Department, Kendall County Sheriff's Office and Joliet Police Department. Our mission is simple, to educate and empower parents on the correct use and installation of their child's car seat.

In 2019, our team was able to assist with private appointments at our fire station 1 state certified fitting station as well as 2 community checkup events, 1 at the Goddard School and the other, our annual participation in National Seat Check Saturday in September.

Nearly 200 seats were inspected throughout the year, and of those only 20% were being correctly used and installed! Car crashes remain the number one cause of death in children in the US and using and installing a car seat correctly, reduces this risk by more than 70%.

The average inspection in our community yields at least 4 mistakes. Even 1 mistake can make the difference between life and death in a car crash.

Our residence statistics were split evenly, with 50% of our inspections residing within the Plainfield Fire Protection District Boundaries and 50%, outside those boundaries.

A fairly new practice is the education and enforcement of citation compliance. If an Illinois motorist receives a citation for improper child restraint use, they may visit a certified child passenger safety technician for education and inspection to decrease their court fees or dismiss their case.

If you would like to have your child's car seat inspected for correct installation and use, you may call our car seat hotline at 815.733.7333 or email Kelly Rogina at krogina@plainfieldpd.com

We perform car seat inspections at our fitting stations, located at Station 1 (14415 S Coil Plus Dr. - Plainfield) and Station 4 (15930 S Frederick St. - Plainfield) on weekdays between 3-4:30 pm and weekends between 9-11:00 am.

Please be safe and always buckle up!



Community Outreach

Plainfield District members participated in the "Fill the Boot" campaign. All together \$3,500.00 was collected, enough to send two children to camp this year!!! The money was donated to the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and will be used for the June 2020 camp event. For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.ifsa.org/programs/camp>



The Plainfield Fire Protection District has decorated each fire station with a holiday wreath that has red lights for the annual, area wide, holiday fire safety campaign "Keep the Wreath Red" that aims to raise awareness of fire safety during the holiday season. If there's a fire caused by a holiday decoration, a red light will be replaced with a white light. The goal is to keep the wreaths red throughout the holiday season and thanks to your diligence, WE DID IT!!!



Looking back on I-55 during the accident



The Plainfield Fire Protection District honored two citizens at the annual Illinois Fire Inspectors Association Fire Prevention Week Awards. Congratulations to Scott Arya and Makenzie Vargo.



Camp I Am Me



This little girl got a ride to school in the fire truck!



Firefighters surprised Dominic for his 7th birthday party at GymQuest



The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. For more information about Toys for Tots or to request toys, please visit <https://joliet-il.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx>. The Plainfield Fire Protection District thanks everyone for their continued support of this program.

Boys and Girls Firefighter Camp



The Fire Prevention Bureau organized and oversaw two Firefighter/Paramedic Camps for area youth in 2019. One camp was held for girls and led by PFPD female Firefighter/Paramedics along with female Firefighter/Paramedics from nearby Fire Districts and Departments. A camp was also added this year for boys. Both camps were well received and enjoyed by the attendees.

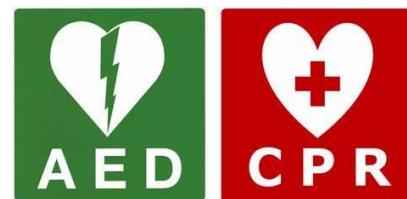


CPR and Education



Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.

Get your group CPR Certified Today!! Payment is made via PayPal, which is easy, fast, and secure. If you do not have a PayPal account, you can still pre-pay using a debit or credit card through the PayPal website. You will receive a confirmation email and receipt after registration is complete. Pricing for all classes include an AHA student manual.



Scholarships

The **Chief John Eichelberger Public Safety Scholarship** is given yearly by the Plainfield Fire Protection District Foundation, an internal department of the District. It is named in honor of Chief John Eichelberger who dedicated 40 years to the Department, retiring in 2015. The Scholarship awards four \$500 scholarships annually to students from the Plainfield Fire Protection District. The applicants must plan to major in the Fire Service, Public Safety, Medical or Emergency Services at a fully accredited state or private university or college (preferably in Illinois).

Recipients are chosen based on grades; financial need and acceptance and proof of full time enrollment at an acceptable institution.

Congratulations to:

Plainfield North -
Timothy Vojensk
Ian Rich
Kaitlyn Robertson

Plainfield East –
Cassidy Jones



Recognizing Our Own

The Annual Appreciation Dinner was held on April 6th, 2019. Part of the dinner is to recognize the efforts of our members for actions on and off of the fire ground. The Awards Committee reviews submissions for such efforts and recommends awards to be issued for final approval from the Chiefs. These were the awards issued for calls that occurred in 2018. Congratulations to last year's recipients.

Life Saving Medal

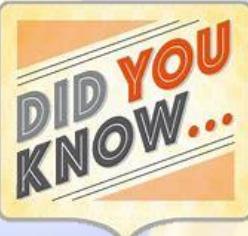
The Lifesaving Award is awarded to any personnel who in the face of personal hazard or under adverse conditions, saves the life of another person with disregard to personal safety and who's actions did not create an additional hazard or compromise the mission at hand, and where-as, while off duty and attending the Sheridan IL fireworks display, FF/PM Watkins along with Captain Peterson of the St. Charles FD witnessed and responded to the two individuals struck by lightning rendering them in full cardiac arrest. Eric arrived at the first victim shortly after Captain Peterson and relieved him of CPR duties on an 18 year old male while Peterson ran to the aid of a four year old female. FF/PM

Watkins continued unassisted CPR until ROSC (return of spontaneous circulation) was achieved at which time the victim was relocated out of harm's way and care passed off to an ER doctor. Eric then ran to the 4 year old girl who was now relocated to a nearby tent and again assisted Captain Peterson with CPR until ROSC (return of spontaneous circulation) was achieved. Both victims were transported conscious and breathing to area hospitals where they would make full recoveries. For his actions, FF/PM Watkins was recommended for and received the Illinois, Office of the State Fire Marshal - Medal of Valor.



Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Watkins

Recognizing Our Own



The use of award ribbons and medals date all the way back to pre-1800's where leaders like Napoleon Bonaparte used them to recognize the gallantry of his people.

Member of the Year



Lieutenant Brandon Vainowski

The Member of the Year Ribbon is awarded to the member of the District who has made the most significant contributions to the betterment of themselves or the department during the course of that year and where-as, Brandon has exemplified going above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to his responsibility as Assistant Water Rescue Team Leader, he has undertaken the task of working with B/C Obman in developing and adopting the policies, training and equipment of the Rescue Task Force program for incidents involving direct action with the Plainfield Police Department. Brandon has also volunteered to assist B/C Baudek with the process of gear inspection, inventory, repair and purchasing. Brandon is one of the most influential members of the department with his infectious demeanor, inquisitive nature and desire to help. He is a role model to the countless children he routinely interacts with during public education events and an example of passion and commitment to new members of the department. It is his dedication and commitment to self, family, community and the District that is in keeping with the highest traditions of the fire service.

CPR/AED Save



The CPR/AED Save Award is awarded to any personnel who is principally involved in saving the life of another person and whose personal actions were directly responsible for the lifesaving act, and where-as, company 1 was called to the McDonalds for the 67 year old male having a seizure. Upon arrival, crews were informed by WESCOM that CPR instructions were being given as the patient was no longer conscious and breathing. Plainfield Police Officer Matt Lehmann was first on the scene and performing chest compressions. The patient was placed on the monitor and determined to be in ventricular fibrillation. One defibrillation was administered and the patient's rhythm changed to sinus. Supportive respirations were given by way of bag-valve-mask and the patient was transported to the hospital. Because of their coordinated actions, the patient is alive today.



Lt. Pat Murphy Lt. Jered Zubaty Lt. Matt Deliberto FF/PM Brett Piekarski PM Mike Williams FF/PM Doug Mullen

Recognizing Our Own

Retirement / Life Membership Award



The Retirement/Life Member Ribbon is awarded to a District member who has retired from active service in good standing with the District and/or who has faithfully and diligently completed a minimum of ten years of servitude and devotion to the Plainfield Fire Protection District.



Chief David Riddle

Chief's Award Certificate

The Chief's Award is a certificate issued by the Chief or Deputy Chief for the purpose of officially recognizing the act/s of a unit or individual for exceptional performance and where-as, on January 21st, 2018 while off duty and with his children, FF/PM Vainowski noticed an elderly man with a limp at Lockport Street and Route 59. Brandon asked the man if he needed assistance which he refused and stated he was waiting for his daughter. Brandon left and spotted the man again at Route 59 and Route 30 after dropping his children off at home, he found him again at Route 59 and Roberts. This time, Brandon stayed with the man and let him into his vehicle to get him out of the cold. Brandon assessed the man and through investigative deduction found out the man was an escaped patient from Heritage Woods. Brandon returned the man to the staff at Heritage Woods, who were in turn happy to see their lost resident. Brandon's selfless desire to help others quite possibly saved this man's life who without assistance could have continued to wander exposed to the elements. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of duty and honor within the fire service.



Lieutenant Brandon Vainowski

Outstanding Achievement

The Outstanding Achievement Ribbon is awarded to the member(s) of the District for a highly credible accomplishment bringing public acclaim to the District or fire service as a result of devotion to duty or service to the public and where-as, FF/PM Gallup was instrumental in the development and application of the Mobile CPR program. This new mobile CPR program provides local businesses and community organizations in our District the ability to offer affordable, comprehensive CPR classes to their employees without having to schedule time away from work. The program became an instant success and has provided vital lifesaving education to the public ensuring a safer and better educated community for the benefit of all.



FF/PM Bryan Gallup



Lt. Matt Deliberto



FF/PM Doug Mullen



FF/PM Charlie Gorgan

Meritorious Service Certificate

The Meritorious Service Certificate is awarded to the member(s) of the District who has performed service to the District in a highly commendable manner beyond normal expectations of conduct, which upholds the highest traditions of the fire service, and where-as, during the structure fire located at 24043 Oak Street, the crew of 1919 deployed a ground ladder to the second floor apartment bedroom window where a trapped occupant was located. The bedroom was the last safe refuge of the fully involved apartment where the occupant was located. Through their coordinated effort, the occupant was extricated through the window and treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Recognizing Our Own

Congratulations to
Mary Jo Fazio, Nicole Irwin,
& Debbie May for being
recognized at the Illinois Fire
Service Administrative
Professionals 12th Annual
Luncheon.



Nicole Irwin
Administrative Assistant



Debbie May
Administrative Assistant



Mary Jo Fazio
Administrative Assistant

15 Year Member

Nicole Irwin, Plainfield FPD
Debbie May, Plainfield FPD
Darlene Perez, Bristol Kendall FPD

10 Year Member

Dawn Dodd, Northlake FPD
Mary Kadlubowski, Beach Park FD
Kathleen Falco, RED Center
Lori Kikos, First FPD of Antioch
Mary Jo Fazio, Plainfield FPD
Alicia Pavone, Darrien-Woodridge FD
Jill Gurgos, Algonquin-Lake in the Hills FPD
Pam Torres, Oak Lawn FD
Laurie Warfield, Addison FPD



Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo III displays his Executive Fire Officer Certification with Chief Jon Stratton

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo III on completing the Executive Fire Officer Program held at the National Fire Academy (NFA) in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This four year course provides senior fire officers with a broad perspective on various facets of fire and emergency medical services (EMS) administration.



Executive Fire Officer Program

Promotions



Jon Stratton
Promoted to Fire Chief



Vito Bonomo III
Promoted to Deputy Chief



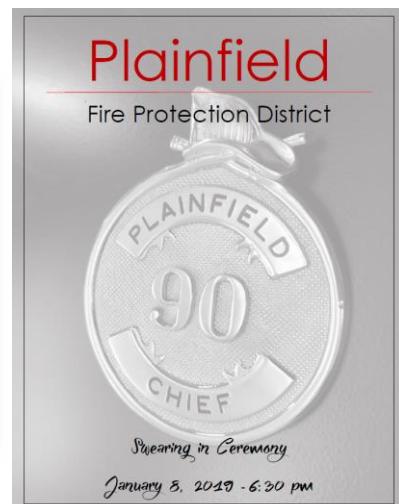
Charles Kraft
Promoted to Battalion Chief
Training Safety Officer



Brandon Vainowski
Promoted to Lieutenant



Andrew Urbancic
Promoted to Lieutenant



New Hires



New Hires

FF/PM Kevin Teper
FF/PM Jackson Treasure
FF/PM Kyle VanDuser
FF/PM Michael O'Keefe
FF/PM Tyler Hunt
FF/PM Scott Sheldon
FF/PM Kyle Zahrobsky
FF/PM Brennon Kuhn
FF/PM Ryan Thomas



SWEARING IN CEREMONY
December 9, 2019

Effective December 9, 2019, at 1800 hours, the following individuals will be sworn in as Probationary Firefighter / Paramedics to the Plainfield Fire Protection District, approved by the Board of Fire Commission, Board of Trustees and Chiefs of PFPD.

Name	Badge #	Assignment
Kyle VanDuser	305	St. 4 - Black
Michael O'Keefe	329	St. 4 - Red
Tyler Hunt	323	St. 4 - Gold
Scott Sheldon	320	St. 3 - Gold
Kyle Zahrobsky	339	St. 1 - Black
Brennon Kuhn	340	St. 1 - Red
Ryan Thomas	341	St. 1 - Gold



Retirements



Trustee Jim Lehmann accepts an award at the Board of Trustee's meeting. Jim served as a District Trustee from 2009-2011 and again from 2013-2019. Thank you for your service Jim.



New Arrivals

The District welcomed these new vehicles to the fleet



It's not all Work, Work, Work....



.....There Is Always Time For Fun



Remembering the Fallen



9/11 memorial ceremony at the Plainfield Headquarters Campus

Twice a year the memory of firefighters who lost their lives in the service of their country are memorialized. The firefighters and victims of 9/11 are remembered and the Illinois Firefighters who passed are remembered at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial located in Springfield.



58 Line of Duty Deaths in 2019



The Firefighter Memorial located in Springfield, IL.

An End Of An Era

The Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department held their last dinner in April of 2019.
Thank you for all you have done to support the District. We wouldn't be where we are without you.



Memorial in front of HQ



Pictured left to right: Bernie Kubinski, Bob Goist, Arnie Hartley
Jim Melaniphy, Randy Krnac and Ken Rusin



Plaque displayed at the home of the very first PVFD meeting, 15025 S. DesPlaines Street

Closing Statements

2019 brought many changes to the Plainfield Fire Protection District. We celebrated the entry of the 9th Chief to helm the District with the promotion of Jon Stratton to Fire Chief, saw additional Chiefs and Lieutenants promotions, brought on 9 additional new hires, expanded the training grounds to include new resources and instructors and completed the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 4560 in record time. We ushered in new lifesaving technologies, improved our information technology structure and improved upon existing policies and procedures.

We have strived to retain our progressive posture in the betterment of service to you the community we serve. Our mission statement— “Dedicated to preserving the quality of life by saving lives and protecting property through efficient emergency response and prevention” is more than just a statement to us. It’s the driving force to always achieve more and provide more for those who need it. Whether you call us for yourself or someone else, know that we will never stop to improve the care we can give or the service we can provide.

It is our privilege to serve you and as we enter into 2020 with new leadership and direction, expect nothing less than the best from us as it has been our honor to serve you, the community of Plainfield.



Jon Stratton
Chief

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If you'd like to schedule a car seat check, please call **815-733-7333** and leave a message with your name, phone number and the best time to reach you. A technician will contact you to set up an appointment.
CPR and ACLS Classes - Contact Bryan Gallup at 815-436-5335 or bgallup@plainfieldfpd.com
Public and group tours are available. Call Headquarters @ 815-436-5335 to arrange for a date and time.

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Thank you to all of our current, retired and future veterans for your service and
commitment to our country.



Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to this publication.

-Lieutenant Brian P. Joseph