

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Jon Stratton
Fire Chief

It's been another year with so much to be proud of at the Plainfield Fire Protection District (PFPD). Though the fire district was faced many challenges in 2020, I could not of been prouder of the fortitude the men and women displayed daily as we protected this great community. From weather events to fighting the Covid pandemic, PFPD and the community continued to come together to face these challenges together.

PFPD remained busy responding to 4,578 calls, serving 54 square miles while protecting approximately 60,000 residents. While the goal is to provide the highest quality fire and emergency medical service possible, we also continued to be an organization that plays a more involved role in the community.

Even during the pandemic, we continued to be engaged within the community in 2020 through our Community Risk Reduction programs. Programs such as the carbon monoxide/smoke alarm installation program for our at-risk community, USMC Toys-For-Tots programs, blood drives, car seat installations, CPR classes, and several other community-based initiatives and events. Also, we attended over 200 birthday and special event parades during the early stages of the Covid pandemic.

The fire district continued to be fiscally responsible and maintained a balanced budget. To offset operational costs, we continued to apply for grant funding for equipment that would otherwise be purchased through our operating budget. In 2020, we were able to secure grant funding exceeding \$445,000.00. Funds received were used to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus, upgraded ballistic protection, and firefighting tools and equipment.

We strive to keep up with the latest in technology to provide the community with the best life-saving equipment possible. In 2020 we purchased five cardiac monitors for each of our ambulances, installed ultra-violet disinfection systems in each of our ambulances, purchased a new ambulance for our fire station 2, and purchased a new air cascade system used to fill our self-contained breathing apparatus. In addition to purchasing equipment, we hired seven new firefighter/paramedics to supplement our staffing. This now staffs our four fire stations with up to 24 personnel on duty per day.

Lastly, as we still face many of the challenges of 2020 the fire district continues to keep the health and safety of our personnel at the forefront. By ensuring our personnel are provided the appropriate personal protective equipment and tending to their mental health and well-being, the fire district is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy work environment. We are committed to protecting our members from the hazards of the fire and emergency medical profession.

As Chief, I accept the responsibility of keeping the members of PFPD and the community safe knowing we have a dedicated team of men and women who have chosen a profession of service. We adapted to the challenges faced in 2020 and I look forward to what this organization will achieve in the future.

PLAINFIELD, ILLINOIS



Plainfield is a prosperous and bustling Village, located 35 miles southwest of Chicago, with a population of 39,581 residents. Easily accessible, the Village is close to several interstates and state highways making it an excellent place to live, own a business, or simply spend the day shopping and dining in our historic downtown.

Downtown Plainfield, which is the heart of the community, is a vibrant, pedestrian-focused destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment. Each year, the downtown is home to a number of special events including Plainfield Fest, classic car nights, movies, and concerts. Plainfield is also home to the Lake Renwick Heron Rookery, numerous historic districts and landmarks, a wonderful park and trail system, and the DuPage River which provides numerous outdoor recreational opportunities.

At the crossroads of the historic Lincoln Highway and Route 66, Plainfield continues to build upon its already rich history, and the Village Government is well positioned to accommodate growth and welcomes new commercial and industrial development to help parallel the success of its residential expansion.



THE PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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 Township in Kendall County. Between 2004-2005, the District transitioned into a Full-Time/Combination Department when it hired its first full-time EMS Coordinator and Officers. Since that time, it has grown to accommodate 7 Chief officers, 15 Lieutenants, 53 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



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



"A Cut Above the Rest"



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.

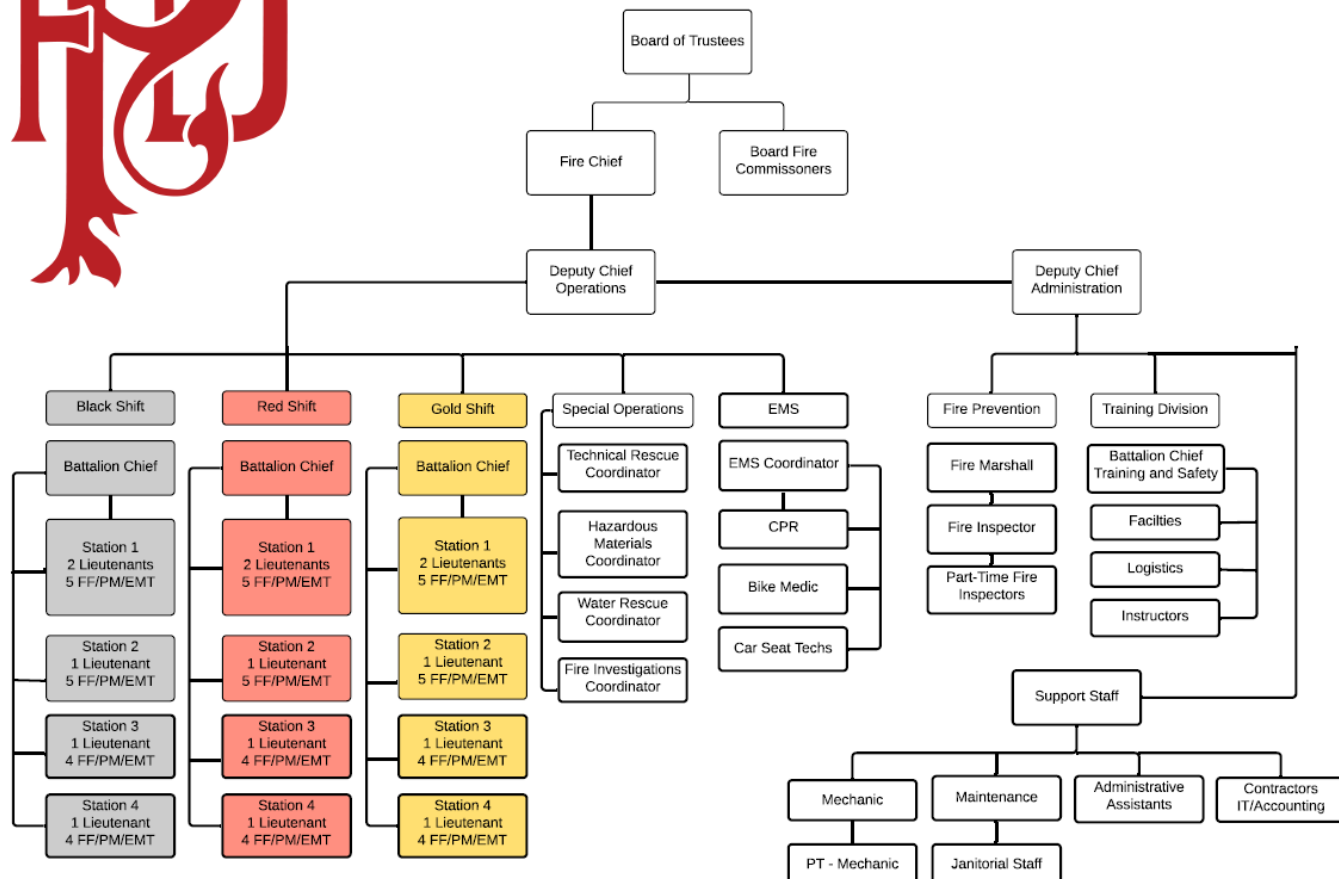


LEADERSHIP FLOW CHART



Plainfield Fire Protection District Organizational Chart

Fire Chief Jon Stratton
October 2020



GOVERNANCE, EXECUTIVE AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP



William Barnes
President
Board of Trustees



Thomas Paul
Secretary



Douglas Shreve
Treasurer



Robert Baish
Trustee



Theodore Peszynski
Trustee

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.



Dale Hurley
Chairman
Board of Commissioners



William Anderson
Commissioner



Arnold Hartley
Commissioner



CHIEF OFFICERS



Jon Stratton
Fire Chief



Vito Bonomo III
Deputy Fire Chief of
Operations



Mark Reynolds
Deputy Fire Chief of
Administration

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.



Vince Baudek
Gold Shift Battalion Chief



Charles Kraft
TSO Battalion Chief



Scott Moore
Red Shift Battalion Chief



Mike Obman
Black Shift Battalion Chief

ADMINISTRATION



Ryan Angelus
Fire Inspector



Fred Baldego
Maintenance



Mary Jo Fazio
Administrative
Assistant



Cheryl Hansen
EMS Coordinator



Nicole Irwin
Administrative
Assistant

The Administrative Staff see to the day-to-day operations and logistics that keep the District functioning and the public educated and safe.



Rick Kruger
EVT



Mary Ludemann
Fire Marshal



Debbie May
Administrative
Assistant



Alex Medina
Network
Administrator



Craig Rundle
Administrative
Assistant



Paul Stauffer
Maintenance
Supervisor

PLAINFIELD FIREFIGHTERS/PARAMEDICS LOCAL 4560



Greetings,



Doug Mullin
President



Andy Scott
Vice-President



Dennis House
Sergeant at Arms

Just as it was for people all over the world, 2020 was an irregular year for Local 4560 and its membership. Most normal activities such as fundraising and attending training seminars were extremely limited. The main focus of the Local throughout the year was working with Fire District leadership to keep our members safe and healthy, while maintaining the highest level of service for the community. By keeping up with the ever-changing guidelines from the Health Department, and altering response protocols, we were able to be successful in both arenas. Even with all of the uncertainty that came with 2020, there were still some bright spots.

In November we welcomed 7 new members to the Fire District, and our Local. After an intensive 3 week training academy, they are now on shift and working towards completing their probationary year.

Also in November, one of our charter members, Roy Doden retired after just under 32 years of service with the Plainfield Fire Protection District.

As the year came to a close, Local 4560's Treasurer, Erik Lewis, finished his second term as an Executive Board member, and was replaced by Lt. Matt Deliberto who had previously been serving as a shift steward.

To say the least, 2020 was a difficult year for almost everyone, but Local 4560 and its members were proud to be there for residents of the Fire District when they needed it the most. Whether it was riding through different neighborhoods as part of a Birthday parade, or responding to emergencies, our membership feels privileged to have the opportunity to serve this community.



Joe Baber
Secretary



Erik Lewis
Treasurer

Douglas Mullen
President-Local 4560

FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

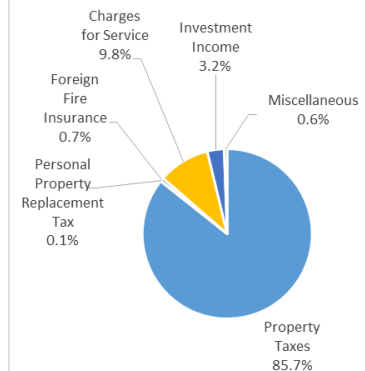


The Plainfield Fire Protection District continues to maintain a balanced budget while providing the best possible service to our community. Our budget process emphasizes fiscal responsibility and complete transparency.

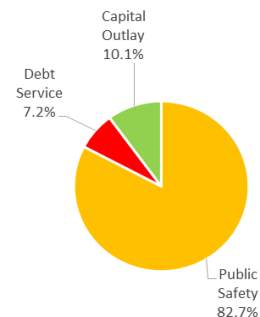
District Finances

REVENUE				Audited 2016	Audited 2017	Audited 2018	Audited 2019
Property Taxes				14,629,881	14,853,432	15,408,211	15,830,628
Personal Property Replace				11,792	12,454	11,322	14,237
Foreign Fire Insurance				175,551	190,498	98,728	121,349
Charges for Service				1,414,280	1,958,778	2,015,728	1,818,639
Investment Income				107,516	146,844	235,233	593,672
Miscellaneous				1,221,047	179,082	212,656	104,291
		Subtotal		17,560,067	17,341,088	17,981,878	18,482,816
		% Diff		7%	-1%	4%	3%
EXPENDITURES				Audited 2016	Audited 2017	Audited 2018	Audited 2019
Public Safety				13,845,799	14,838,248	14,629,803	14,510,345
Debt Service				1,206,463	1,029,744	1,782,111	1,265,526
Capital Outlay				1,570,105	1,354,653	680,769	1,770,393
		Subtotal		16,622,367	17,222,645	17,092,683	17,546,264
		% Diff		11%	4%	-1%	3%

REVENUE



EXPENDITURES

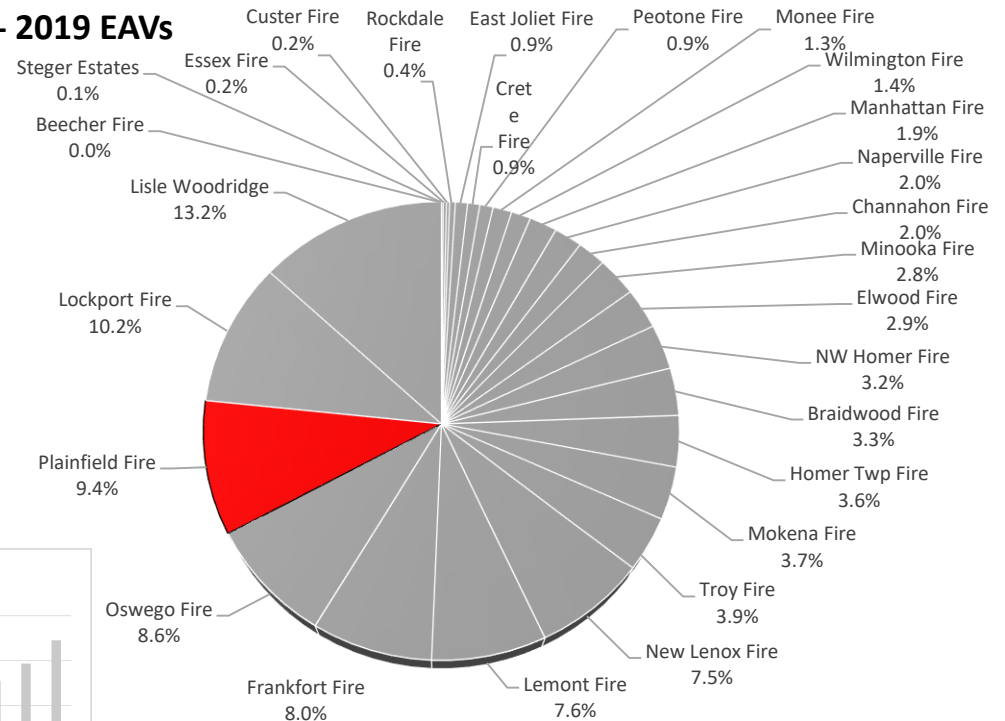


FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

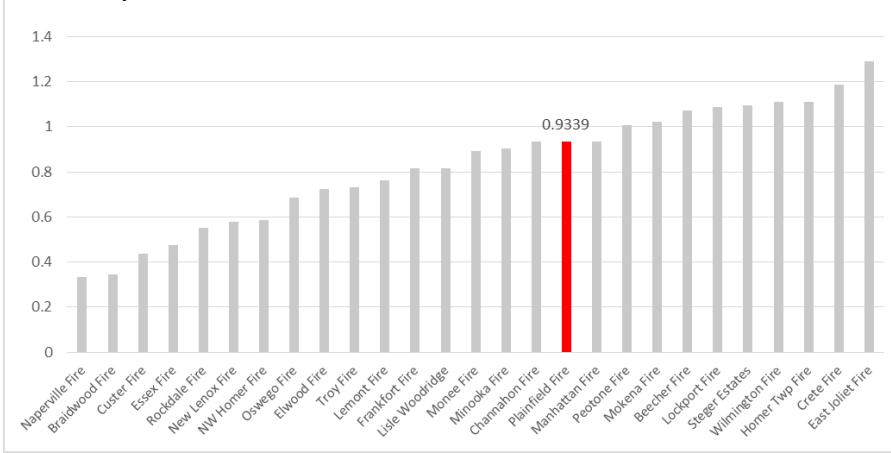


While property taxes make up the largest revenue stream for the District, we strive to maintain a moderate tax rate in comparison to surrounding districts while covering the 3rd largest in equalized assessed value (EAV) in the following comparable.

Will County - 2019 EAVs



Will County - 2019 Tax Rates



Property Taxes

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS



The District is committed to the overall security and improvement of data and personal information. Routine maintenance of the PFPD datacenter, servers, firewalls, workstations, Vehicle Mobile Data tablets, Patient Care Report tablets, and vehicle routers is an ongoing task. Additionally, in 2020 the following improvements were made to ensure our technological continuance.

Headquarters;

- Installed First Arriving Dashboard in all the Chief's offices
- Installed a CAD connection to all the Chief offices
- Configured the HQ Firewall to allow securely working from home through the pandemic
- Integrated the new/old employees into the District database
- Updated the antivirus on the District server
- Created and hosted Board Meetings through video conference during the pandemic

Stations;

- Upgraded all the station mobile phones and printers
- Upgraded the failover Dominion controller at Station 3
- Upgraded the radio room workstations
- Approval granted for the 2021 first quarter station CAD upgrades

Vehicles;

- Installed latest security updates on vehicle MDT's and PCR's
- Upgraded the P1 Mobile clients for automated dispatch
- Configured Knox boxes and routers for MDT's



Alex Medina
Network
Administrator

GRANTS



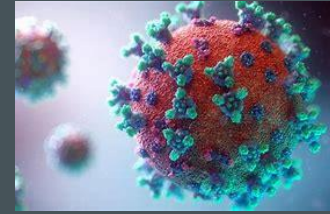
In 2020 the district was successful in obtaining a total of \$447,721.00 in grant funding. We are thankful for the organizations that provided the funding to us and are very excited to see the equipment in use during training and on calls. All in an effort to make our firefighters jobs safer and keep them healthier. Here is a breakdown of the grants and what was purchased.

- Illinois American Water-\$1,000.00. Used for Technical Rescue Team (TRT) training equipment. This will allow us to move towards not having to use front line TRT equipment for classes and drills.
- MADD-\$1,250.00. Used for a new 20" Stihl Ventilation saw.
- Illinois Public Risk Fund-47,891.00. Several items were purchased with this grant, including the battery powered fans for all front-line fire apparatus, battery powered scene lights, Rescue Task Force (RTF) training aids, props, and bags, replace all the RTF vests with new carriers that include level IV plates in the front and back, IFAK kits for each vest, and some additional TRT training equipment.
- Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)-\$397,600.00. This grant will be used to replace our current SCBA's. A committee was established to review the district's needs, several training sessions were completed, and a bid specification will be completed soon. We look forward to seeing the results of the committee's hard work.

The district will continue to take advantage of any grant opportunities they find in 2021. We already have a couple in the planning phase and look forward to sharing them with you once they are finalized.



CORONAVIRUS



January 2020 saw the introduction of the 2019 SARS CoV-2 Chinese outbreak land on the shores of the United States. In what would become the greatest pandemic in recent time, the country shut down and sheltered in place to prevent the spread until a solution could be found.

Public service agencies were forced to adapt to new ways of providing order and first aid to the public without contracting or spreading the disease. Shutting down was not an option. Masks, temperature screening, isolation gowns and mandatory quarantine would become common place. Public and departmental training came to an immediate halt as the District complied with Federal and State mandates. In total, 10 District employee's contracted and recovered from the virus

In what could be construed as a miracle, pharmaceutical companies, Moderna and Pfizer, created a vaccine for public distribution with up to 98% cure rate in record time. Initial doses were distributed in December with many more vaccines coming in 2021.



“For death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity.”

-William Penn

RESPONSE DATA



Total Calls for 2020: 4,578

Incident by Category

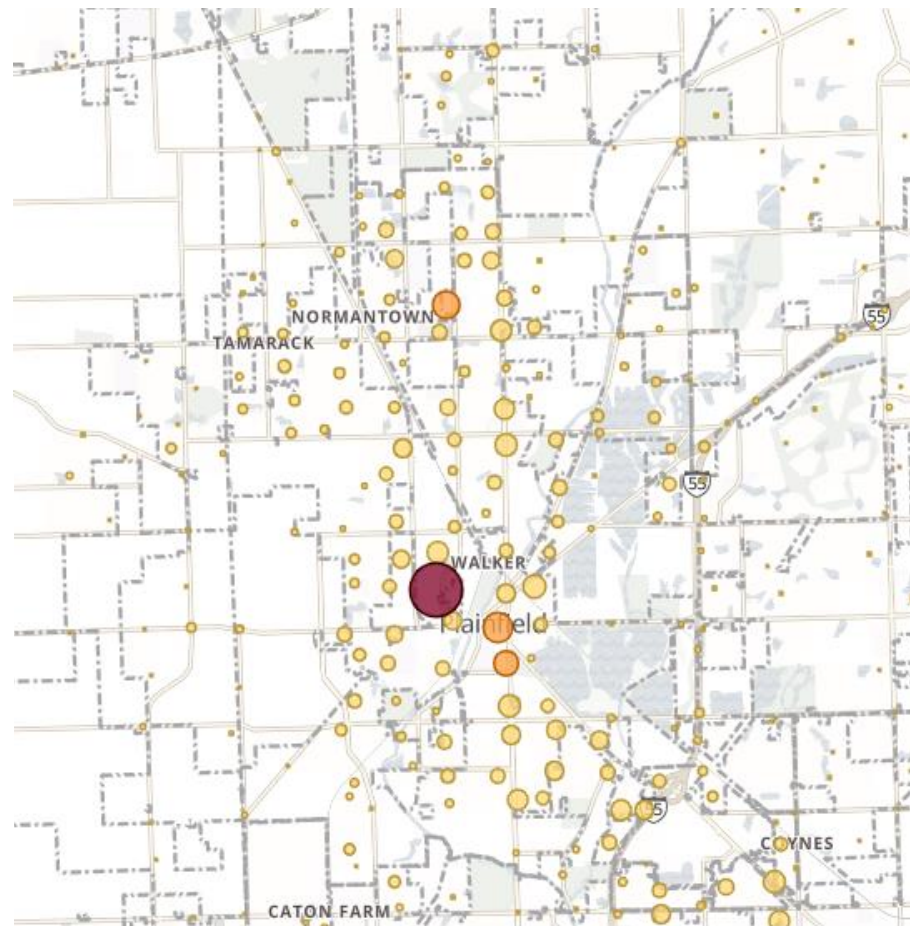
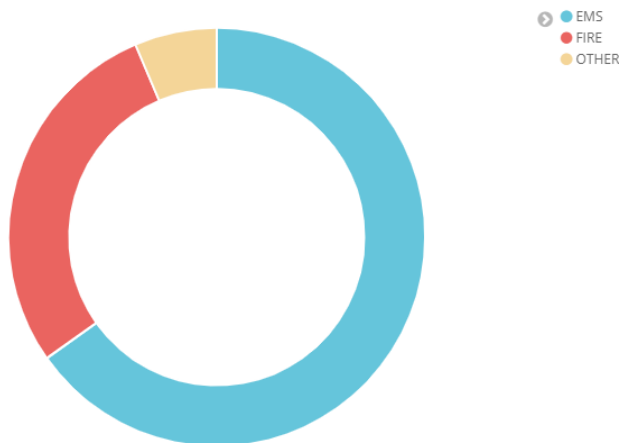
EMS: 65%

FIRE: 28%

OTHER: 7%

Decrease of 5.5% from 2019 (4,843)

Incidents by Category

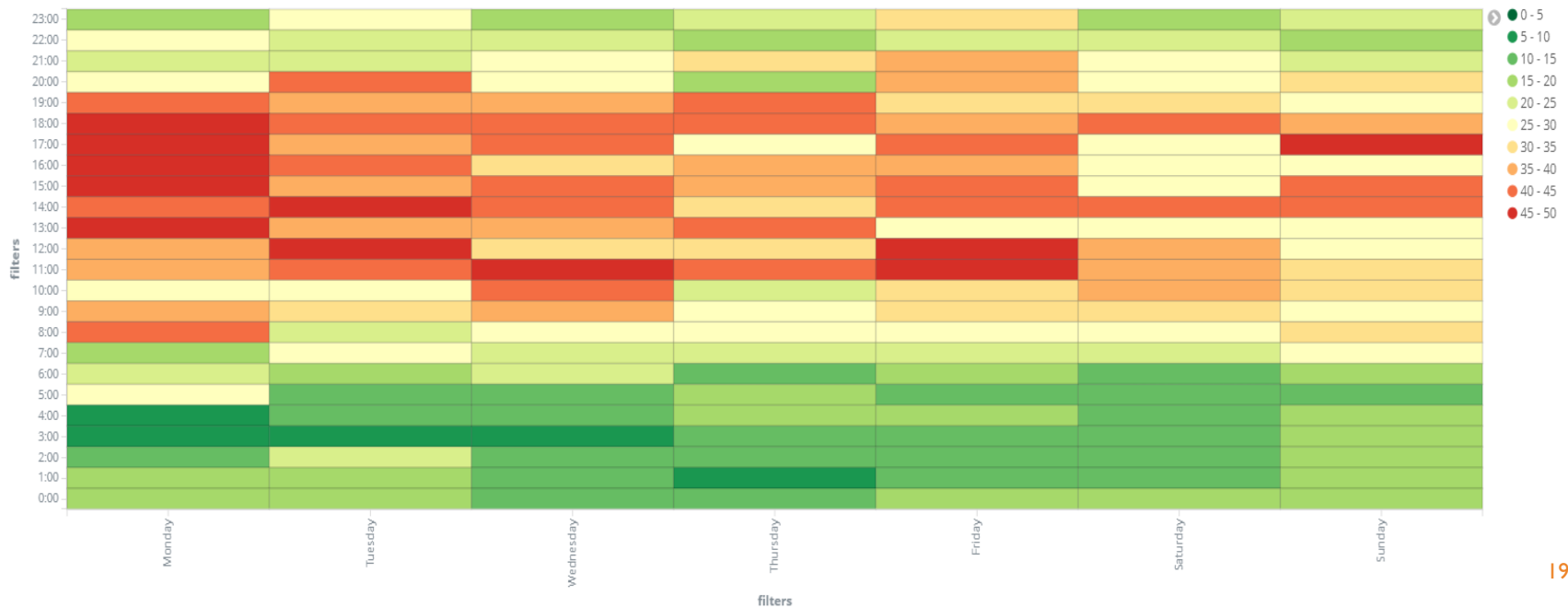


RESPONSE DATA



Listed here is the breakdown of times that the District responded to in 2020. Low volume of calls are presented in green and move up to high frequency annotated in red. The majority of calls on average occurred between 10am and 8pm, Monday through Sunday.

Hour of Day Heatmap

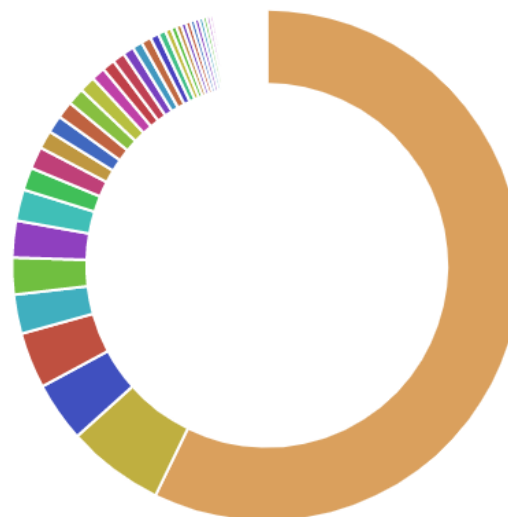


RESPONSE DATA BY INCIDENT



- EMS call, excluding ve...
- Motor vehicle accide...
- Dispatched & cancell...
- Smoke detector activ...
- Assist police or other ...
- Alarm system activati...
- Cover assignment, st...
- Carbon monoxide de...
- No Incident found on...
- Gas leak (natural gas ...
- False alarm or false c...
- Assist invalid
- Alarm system sounde...
- Smoke detector activ...
- Power line down
- Detector activation, n...
- Emergency medical s...
- Person in distress, Ot...
- Motor Vehicle Accide...
- Passenger vehicle fire
- Smoke or odor remo...
- Brush or brush-and-g...
- Rescue, EMS incident,...
- Building fire
- Police matter
- Smoke scare, odor of...
- Service Call, other
- Unintentional transm...
- Carbon monoxide inc...
- Excessive heat, scor...
- Medical assist, assist ...
- Public service assista...
- Unintentional transm...
- Public service
- System malfunction, ...
- Authorized controlle...
- Outside rubbish, tras...
- Defective elevator, n...
- Good intent call, Other
- Lock-out
- Sprinkler activation, n...
- Removal of victim(s) f...
- Dumpster or other o...
- Fire, Other
- Gasoline or other fla...
- Water or steam leak
- Cooking fire, confine...
- Malicious, mischievo...
- Sprinkler activation d...
- Unauthorized burning
- Arcing, shorted electr...
- Electrical wiring/equi...
- Extrication, rescue, O...
- Heat detector activati...
- Mulch fire
- Steam, vapor, fog or ...
- Animal rescue
- CO detector activatio...
- Chimney or flue fire, ...
- Hazardous condition,...
- Overheated motor
- Road freight or trans...
- Special type of incide...
- Vehicle accident, gen...
- Water & ice-related r...
- Water problem, Other
- Animal problem
- Attempted burning, il...
- Chemical hazard (no ...
- EMS call, party transp...
- Extinguishing system ...
- HazMat release inves...
- Lightning strike (no fi...
- Motor vehicle/pedest...
- Overpressure ruptur...
- Rescue or EMS standby
- Smoke from barbecu...
- Steam, Other gas mis...
- Trash or rubbish fire, ...
- Watercraft rescue
- Wrong location

Incidents by Type



This is a list of abbreviated calls types the District responds to. 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. The fire service predominantly provides EMS care to the community but is prepared for anything.

RESPONSE DATA BY STATION



Busiest Ambulance

1914: 1,464 calls

EMS: 1,077 calls

Fire: 317 calls

Other: 70 calls

Busiest Fire Unit

1919: 1,315 calls

EMS: 635 calls

Fire: 600 calls

Other: 80 calls

BC19: 854

1934: 806

EMS: 654

FIRE: 129

Other: 23

1931: 615

EMS: 385

FIRE: 188

Other: 42

1924 388

EMS: 279

FIRE: 89

Other: 20

1944: 1,359

EMS: 1,049

FIRE: 262

Other: 48

1941: 1,272

EMS: 779

FIRE: 445

Other: 48

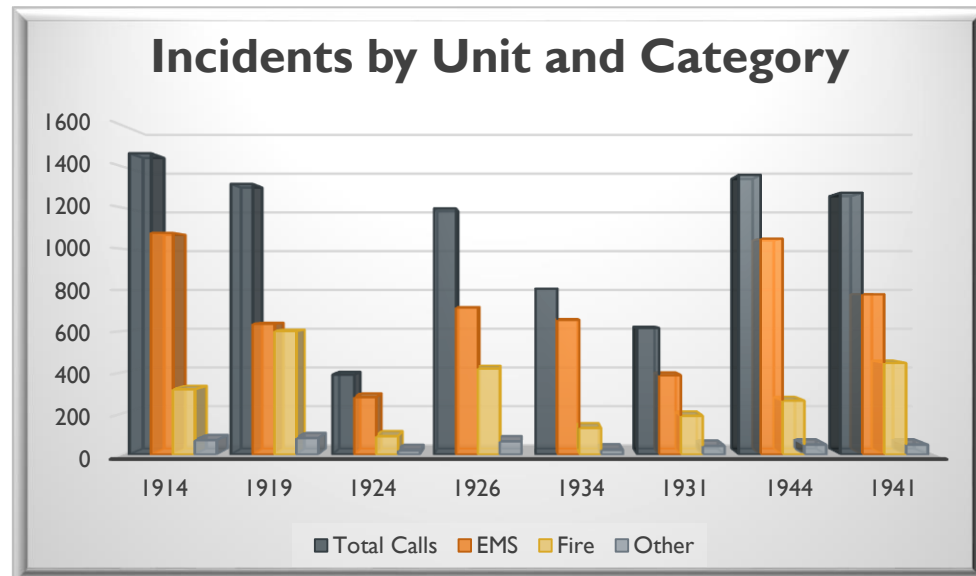
1926: 1,196

EMS: 714

FIRE: 418

Other: 64

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.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



Well to say this has been a year like no other would be an understatement and a redundant one as well. Who knew that this “bad flu” we trained on in early February would become the COVID 19 pandemic that continues to upset our lives a year later!

The scurry to enhance current protocols and implement new ones, inventory our stock of PPE, and so many meetings kept us quite busy. We monitored and followed up with our staff after every encounter of a PUI (person under investigation) and known COVID 19 positive patient. We made some very wise purchases consisting of a portable UV light, portable foggers, and we installed UV lights in the ambulances which will help to kill hidden viruses and shorten their out of service time. We also ramped up the amount of PPE we carry on the rigs and made a special “COVID First-In” bag *and* tested everyone for Covid, the list goes on.....the results? We had zero infected crew members directly traced to emergency response calls. By our crews taking the necessary precautions, we provided a clean and safe environment for anyone entering the ambulance without compromising patient care.

We continued with monthly training which included advanced airway techniques, fluid and medication routes, pediatric care, helicopter landings, PTSD, “Stop the Bleed” and the intricacies of the equipment carried as well as some new “tools”. Biannual scenario-based CPR training has continued as well.

The field of EMS and EMS providers remains ever-evolving both personally and technologically. We continue to strive to be the best we can to care for the people we serve. We are committed to being 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. In 2020 our EMS providers responded to 3,800 ambulance requests.

If you ever have questions about EMS operations, billing questions, or have a resource need, please call Cheryl: 815.733.7313.

Silver Cross Hospital EMS recognized our Paramedics and EMT-B's for two “Outstanding Calls” which included: (1) Successful resuscitation of an 81 y/o choking victim by Craig Rundle, Joel Moore, and Michael Lough. (2) A successful resuscitation of a 60 y/o in cardiac arrest by: Tyler Hunt, Drew Urbancic, Ryan Johnson, Jason Stone, and Jim Brereton. Both victims were fortunate to have received bystander CPR.



Cheryl Hansen
EMS Coordinator

CPR REPORT



Bryan Gallup
AHA Certified CPR
Coordinator



The Plainfield Fire District is an authorized provider of American Heart Association training, as well as a CTC (Community Training Center). In general, we average over 50 classes per year and certify over 200 students in CPR, AED, and First Aid skills at our Headquarters building and at local businesses. This year was a little different. The COVID-19 pandemic shut down classes for a good majority of the year. Due to that, we were not able to continue with our mission to certify as many people as possible.

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.

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.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT



Mary Ludemann
Fire Marshal

The Fire Marshal oversees the day-to-day operations of the Fire Prevention Bureau. Including ensuring that the Fire District's codes and ordinances are up to date and relevant. Conducting occupancy inspections, new construction inspections, witnessing fire protection system acceptance tests and special inspections relating to code enforcement and fire protection system issues. Review construction plans for fire and life safety code compliance. Keeps Duty Crew's up to date on building developments and responds 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.

One of the many challenges COVID-19 brought in 2020 included impacting the way we performed our duties in the Fire Prevention Bureau. New processes and methods had to be created and developed that allowed us to continue to provide services throughout the year. However, some of our traditional events including the annual Fire Prevention Week Open House and the Firefighter/Paramedic Kids Camps were cancelled. We worked on new ways to reach out to the community by sharing fire and life safety videos through social media as we look to the future for new and improved ways to deliver fire and life safety education and messages in 2021.

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 strive to maintain strong working relationships with the Code Enforcement, Planning and Building Departments within the municipalities and counties we serve.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT



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. Traditionally we gave fire and life safety presentations in preschools, schools, to scout groups, community groups and to the business community, however those activities were temporally suspended during 2020. Instead, we recorded our typical fire and life safety presentations and shared them with local schools and on our Facebook page. Other outreach methods we focused more on were through the Fire District's website, press releases, radio interviews and social media.

During 2020 we were able to continue our active participation in inspector training that was offered through webinars and similar platforms. Staying current with training allows us to keep up with evolving construction methods, business trends and processes, fire protection system technology and fire and life safety educational messaging and outreach methods and materials. These exchanges of information became even more necessary during 2020 as everyone adapted to new methods and best practices for accomplishing our mission.



Plainfield Fire Protection District

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As Fire Prevention Month winds down here's a video of an engine tour typically seen during a school visit or fire station tour. Please enjoy this virtual visit until we can meet again in person.



YOUTUBE.COM
Engine Tour

Fire Prevention Week open house that was to be held on October 10th however fire safety is still a priority. The National Fire Protection Association theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen." Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying,... See More



YOUTUBE.COM
2020 Side By Side Presentation



Plainfield Fire Protection District

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Normally we would give this presentation in classrooms but since 2020 is unique here's a video of our typical fire safety classroom presentation with Brandon and Ryan. We look forward to seeing everyone in class soon, in the meantime enjoy this video.



YOUTUBE.COM
Kids Fire Safety Presentation

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Mary Ludemann
Fire Marshal



Ryan Angelus
Fire Inspector



Stan Czajkowski
Fire Inspector



Brian Moody
Fire Inspector

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

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**.



FIRE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION



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.

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.



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 2020, 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.

FIRE INSPECTOR 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 Fire District's Dive Team.

Fire Inspector Czajkowski is also a part-time Paramedic and Fire Investigator.

Fire Inspector Brian Moody is a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic and on the Fire District's Dive Team.

Looking forward to 2021 the Fire Prevention Bureau will be:

- Continuing to improve our community fire and life safety outreach.
- 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.
- Strive for efficient fire inspection processes using the Firehouse inspection software and iPads.
- Update our codes and ordinances to the 2021 editions to be relevant with building/construction trends and emerging technologies.

Continue to build upon our working relationship with the Village of Plainfield, City of Crest Hill, Will County and Kendall County Building Departments, Code Enforcement Departments and Planning Departments for efficient operations and open communication.



EMERGENCY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE



Rick Kruger
Emergency Vehicle Technician

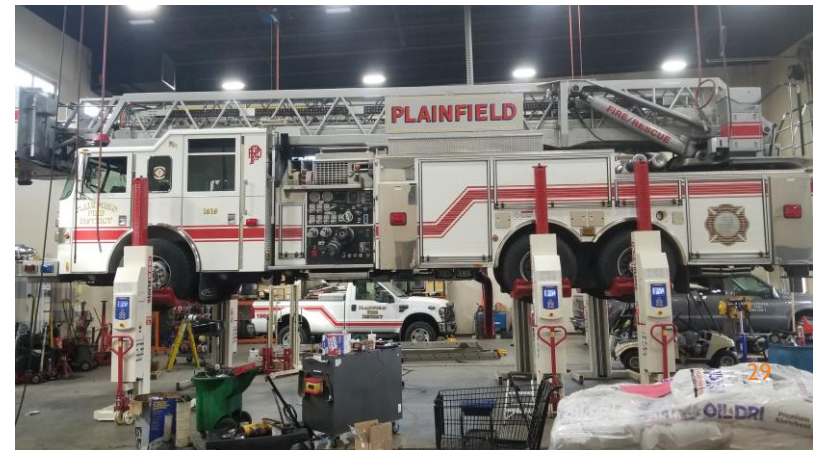


Steve Hawkinson
Emergency Vehicle Technician
IFMA Vice-President

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.

The EVT team completed 68 preventive maintenances for the year. Everything from oil changes and electrical wiring to chassis, suspension, and hydraulics are completed in house at the District Vehicle Maintenance facility.

2020 welcomed the following new vehicles: Engine 1941, Ford Explorer Chief and Battalion Chief cars, and a new ambulance was ordered



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.

WATER RESCUE TEAM



Charles Kraft
TSO Battalion Chief
Team Leader



Lt. Andy Scott
Asst. Team Leader



Lt. Brandon Vainowski
Asst. Team Leader

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 2020 the Water Rescue Team responded to thirteen incidents both in town and assisting Joliet, Kankakee, Braceville, Channahon, Lisbon Seward, Naperville, Bourbonnais. Members of the Water Rescue Team participated in 438 hours of training in 2020. The Plainfield Water Rescue Team is a part of the MABAS 15 Water Rescue Team and responds with the team when called upon.



TECHNICAL RESCUE



FF/PM Matt Mullins
Team Leader



FF/PM Ed Eddy
Asst. Team Leader



Lt. Brian Joseph
Asst. Team Leader

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 2020 focused on rope rescue, vehicle/machinery, and structural collapse. Throughout 2020, the team conducted regional rescue training at our training facility with other members of MABAS 15 team. In 2020 the team responded to two grain bin rescues and a person stuck 20' in a tree. All resulted in successful rescues.



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS



In January the team responded with other members of the MABAS 15 Hazmat Team to assist Elwood Fire with a leak at Stepan Chemical.

In June team members deployed Decon 15 to the town of Depue, IL due to flooding and mudslides. The Decon unit was set-up along with other MABAS assets to provide housing and shower facilities for the disaster response team members and members of the community effected by the flooding.

Although some training was suspended due to Covid-19, several members of the team attended certification classes for confined space incidents. Members completed this training to be able to assist our TRT team during these types of incidents. Team members would be assigned to assist with metering and monitoring hazardous atmospheres. Some members of the hazmat team are also members of the TRT team.

In 2020 the team also placed in service a new detection meter. The team recently purchased a PID meter (photoionization meter). This type of meter is used for gas detection and measuring volatile organic compounds. 2020 also saw us update several laptop computers which can be used with the PID. These will also allow us to conduct research and science during chemical incidents so we can plan our response and mitigation efforts.

The team and members of the fire district reviewed response to emergencies involving dry ice. Dry ice is being used in different quantities to transport and store vaccines for response to the on-going Covid-19 pandemic.

The team also trained with local transport companies who transport different types of hazardous materials. Grainco FS, McMahon Transport and JMT Transport reviewed their vehicles and trailers. Also reviewed were safety procedures when dealing with these types of vehicles.

Plans for 2021 include replacement of metering equipment and purchasing additional equipment for spill and leak containment. Training will continue with our MABAS 15 team and we are looking to train further with the Joliet Fire Hazmat team, Oswego Fire and Lockport Fire.

In addition to the team leaders, the team consists of FF/PM's Chris Marchinski, Matt Muehlbauer, Joseph Baber, Jason Ewing, and Scott Sheldon.



Lt. Eric Jensen
Team Leader



FF/pm Eric Watkins
Asst. Team Leader



INVESTIGATIONS



Chief Jon Stratton
Team Leader



Lt. Eric Jensen
Investigator



FF/PM Bryan Gallup
Investigator



FF/PM Jenae Williamson
Investigator



FF Chris Hinchliffe
Investigator



FF/PM Stan Czajakowski
Investigator



Insp. Ryan Angelus
Investigator

The Fire Investigation Team has 7 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 over 20 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).



TRAINING DIVISION



Total 2020 Training Hours: 26,482

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:

Certification classes held at Plainfield

- Rope ops
- Confined Space ops
- Confined Space tech

Outside agency classes held

- Fire Ground Company officer
- Fire Ground Command Officer
- Smoke Divers
- Engine operations
- Truck operations
- Health and safety officer
- Incident safety officer.
- IFSI fire college



Charles Kraft
TSO Battalion Chief

TRAINING STATISTICS



This chart breaks down the percentage of hours spent completing specific trainings. You can see that 39% is spent on our daily checks of the apparatus and equipment to ensure everything is working correctly.

Row Labels	Sum of Duration (hours)
0 - Daily Checks & Activities	39.42%
1 - Fire/Rescue	8.45%
2 - EMS	12.35%
3 - Compliance Training	6.48%
4 - Driver Training	2.12%
5 - Physical Fitness & Peer Training	3.22%
6 - Facility Training Drills	2.07%
7 - Outside Training	1.19%
8 - Monthly Specialty Team Training	2.00%
9 - Officers Training	14.61%
Fire Prevention Bureau Training	0.14%
OSFM Classes	1.51%
Probationary Employee	0.00%
Tally Books (Rope/HazMat/Inspector I/Fire-Arson)	4.65%
TS Course	1.79%
Grand Total	100.00%

Specialty Team Training	Sum of Duration (hours)
71: Haz Mat Team Monthly Training	319
72: T.R.T. Monthly Training Drill	24
73: Dive Team Monthly Training	186
Grand Total	529

Special Teams are required to complete a number of on-duty and off-duty trainings. In total, 529 hours of training were logged.

TRAINING BY STATION



Red Shift	7950 Hours
Station 1	1972 Hours
Station 2	3035 Hours
Station 3	1756 Hours
Station 4	1187 Hours

Gold Shift	7860 Hours
Station 1	1933 Hours
Station 2	3364 Hours
Station 3	1154 Hours
Station 4	1410 Hours

Black Shift	7988 Hours
Station 1	2860 Hours
Station 2	2268 Hours
Station 3	1362 Hours
Station 4	1499 Hours

Admin

915 Hours

Part-Time

1769 Hours

In addition to the required daily trainings, each station has the ability to conduct independent trainings on their own. By shift and station, you can see how each one fairs with training hours. Even the administration gets in on the action by attending trainings on how to improve the operational efficiency.

TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS



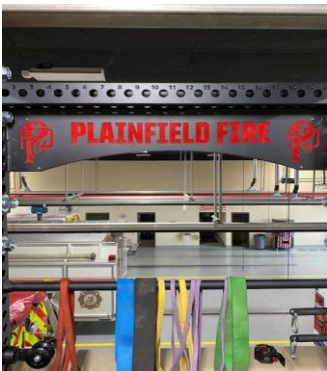
Interagency training is key to promoting a fluid and cooperative working environment on incidents. The District routinely trains with the Plainfield Police on active shooter incidents, crowd control and environmental emergencies. Additionally, the special teams train with regional departments in Hazmat mitigation, Technical Rescue, and Water Rescue operations.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Lt. Andy Scott
Peer Fitness Team Leader



This is the fifth year in our effort to keep records of Fitness Assessments completed by the Peer Fitness Trainers of PFPD. This year our data has shown us a realistic trend of our health and wellness.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it was decided in the interest of safety to forgo the Vo2 assessment. Hopefully by the end of 2021 we will have Covid-19 under control, and we will be able to resume Vo2 assessments.

The grip strength assessment was discontinued as the data recorded was not proving to be as useful as other assessments.

Even with the pandemic and the limitation on everyone's personal fitness we did see some improvements in the push-up and side planks. Although we have not met the goal of 90 seconds for side planks, we did see our largest increase in time.

This year we also introduced a new row assessment. The overall goal is to compare the number of push-ups completed to the number of rows completed. Ideally, we would like to see the number of push-ups and rows be identical. This lets us know if our injury risk is higher or lower based on how far apart our numbers are. The lower number identifies a weakness in anterior or posterior chain.

Also new to 2020 was a movement assessment call the Functional Movement Screen (FMS). The goal of the FMS is to assess balance, stability, and mobility while working through 7 functional movement patterns. Each individual was given a series of instruction on how to complete the movement. Each individual was scored 0-3 on how well they completed the movement. At the end of the assessment all scores were totaled and an injury risk was given to each participant. The overall goal of the FMS is to provide an opportunity to identify areas of improvement while working through every day movement patterns.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Fitness Assessment Report

YEAR	District Averages								
	Age	Vo2	Grip Strength	Push-ups	Row	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
2020	36.7	Covid	D/C	33	26	1:44	1:11	1:09	1.03
	Gold Shift Averages								
	Age	Vo2	Grip Strength	Push-ups	Row	Plank	Side Plank-R	Side Plank-L	HWR
2016	36.2	41.5	40.7 kg	25		1:30			0.93
2017	33.8	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
2020	36.3	Covid	D/C	28	25	1:43	1:02	1:01	0.954
	Black Shift Averages								
	Age	Vo2	Grip Strength	Push-ups	Row	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
2020	38.6	Covid	D/C	25	19	1:40	1:40	1:38	0.95
	Red Shift Averages								
	Age	Vo2	Grip Strength	Push-ups	Row	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
2020	35.7	Covid	D/C	33	26	1:47	0:58	0:56	0.095

Vo2- Cardiovascular efficiency

TRX- TRX Row

HWR- Hip to Waist Ratio, body composition

In addition to new assessments 2020 was the beginning of our strength training equipment replacement program. The Sorinx Apex rack was purchased for St. 3 to replace the existing smith machine. The Apex rack has a small footprint at 19 sq. ft. which allows for more room for strength and conditioning. The rack provides its own storage of all of our equipment, along with adjustable pulley systems on each end. We added Jammer Arms, a landmine attachment, and adjustable implements for myofascial tissue release. The system provides for multiple users as well as a variety of training options.

2020 was a difficult year for everyone especially maintaining fitness. We had areas of regression, but we also had improvements. As we fight through this pandemic, initiating new training options and upgrading equipment we have no doubt the men and women of the Plainfield Fire Protection District will come out stronger and healthier to serve our great village.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



In January, the Women's Association hosted a seminar for the firefighter's significant others to help better understand and cope with the pressures a public service home life may present. The day long event included a Yoga session, Arts and Crafts station, Health and Wellness sessions, Therapist, and Employee Assistance program introduction.



Special Thanks to out guest instructors;

Carrie Barnes – CVB Yoga
Annette Zapp – FireSQFitness.com
Sarah Gura – MA, LCPC, EMDR
Crissy Cooper – One Digital Health
Dottie – Dottie's Art Studio
Andy Scott – Plainfield Fire
Nicole Irwin – Plainfield Fire

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The District participated in over 200 drive-by parades for birthday parties and other special events in conjunction with the Plainfield Police Department. The parades brought joy to the young and old on what would have otherwise been another COVID day trapped inside the house.



Diageo North America Corporation manufactured and produced over 1200 gallons of hand sanitizer during the beginning days of the pandemic. The sanitizer filled the void for commercially available sanitizing agents.



Chat with the Chiefs was held at Plainfield High School where Fire Chief's Stratton and Bonomo with Police Chief Konopek and EMSC Hansen discussed with the students.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



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;

Ryan Krueger
Austyn Kraft
Emma Daniels
Lexus Schmalholz



Chief John
Eichelberger
Fire District Chief
1985-2015



Congratulations to Zachary Bickerton on receiving a scholarship through the Plainfield Fire Women's Association

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



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.



The Plainfield Fire Protection District had decorated each fire station with a holiday wreath that had 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.



1919 participated in a ball drop for the Pink Heals Organization. Pink Heals is a non-for profit charity organization that provides support for people in need. The event was held at the St. Mary Immaculate Church.



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 2020, our team was able to assist with private appointments at our fire station 1.

Even with the COVID pandemic occurring, 95 seats were inspected and/or corrected in privately owned vehicles.

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@plainfieldfpd.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.



Kelly Rogina



Troy Hambly

Please be safe and always buckle up!

RECOGNIZING OUR OWN



AMITA St. Joseph Hospital, Joliet held a Code STEMI Breakfast to celebrate their “EMS Partners” on Friday, February 7th. At the breakfast two Plainfield Fire Protection District Firefighter/Paramedics received Code STEMI awards along with two WESCOM 9-1-1 dispatchers and the hospital staff that all worked together to save the life of Nicole Gaffigan. On October 19, 2019 Nicole’s husband Tom called 9-1-1 and began CPR stating his wife was not breathing. Emergency crews responded and Firefighter/Paramedics Tyler Hunt and Andrew Urbancic provided advanced life support emergency treatment while enroute to the hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital their patient had a heart rhythm and is now doing well. Also on the scene of the call were Lt. Ryan Johnson and Firefighter/Paramedics Jason Stone and Jimmy Brereton. Plainfield Fire Protection District was recognized for lifesaving patient care along with six other area Fire Departments/Districts during the breakfast.



Plainfield Fire Protection District Firefighter/Paramedics were recognized at the January 14th Board of Trustee’s meeting for two recent lifesaving calls. One call involved a patient who was in cardiac arrest and was revived and the other call involved a patient who was choking with an airway obstruction. Pictured from left to right: Battalion Chief Scott Moore, Lt. Jered Zubaty, Firefighter/Paramedics Bryan Gallup, Jason Stone, Rocky Christopher, Lt. Ryan Johnson, Lt. Drew Urbancic, Firefighter/Paramedic Tyler Hunt, Paramedic Craig Rundle and Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Lough. Also recognized but not pictured: Firefighter/Paramedics: Joel Moore, Eric Watkins and Janae Williamson, Battalion Chief 46 Vince Baudek and Villa Park Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Morrice.

RECOGNIZING OUR OWN



B/C Baudek



B/C Moore



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.



Lt. Johnson



Lt. Urbancic



Lt. Zubaty



FF/PM Watkins



PM Rundle



FF/PM Brereton



FF/PM Gallup



FF/PM Williamson



FF Christopher

Congratulations and thank you to the EMS providers who received Service awards in 2020:

35 yrs. -Craig Rundle

25 yrs. -Matt Jolly

20 yrs. -Jack Jirgl, Stan Czajkowski

15 yrs. -Chris Marchinski, Doug Mullen, Andy Scott, Brandon Wright

10 yrs. - Joe Baber, Joe Broadus, Bill Cascone, Dennis House, Brian Joseph, Brett Krasuski, Erik Lewis, Brian Moody, Dan Saviano, Josh Serrato, Jason Stone

5 yrs. - Rocky Christopher, Samantha Roth



FF/PM Hunt



FF/PM Lough



FF/PM Stone



FF/PM Moore

PROMOTIONS, NEW HIRES AND RETIREMENTS



Promotion to Deputy Chief
Mark Reynolds

REYNOLDS, Mark	10/1/2020	
MEADOWS, Chase	11/9/2020	#1
ROCHKUS, Nicholas	11/9/2020	#2
GIESEN, Matthew	11/9/2020	#3
MATHEY, Michael	11/9/2020	#4
CYMERMAN, Brandon	11/9/2020	#5
ARMSTRONG, Jordan	11/9/2020	#6
VOSS, Justin	11/9/2020	#7



Congratulations and Happy Retirements to
our Administrative Assistants Debbie May
and Craig Rundle. You've earned it!



Jordan Armstrong



Brandon Cymerman



Matthew Giesen



Mike Mathey



Chase Meadows



Nick Rockus



Justin Voss

PEOPLE OR PETS, IT'S ALL THE SAME TO US

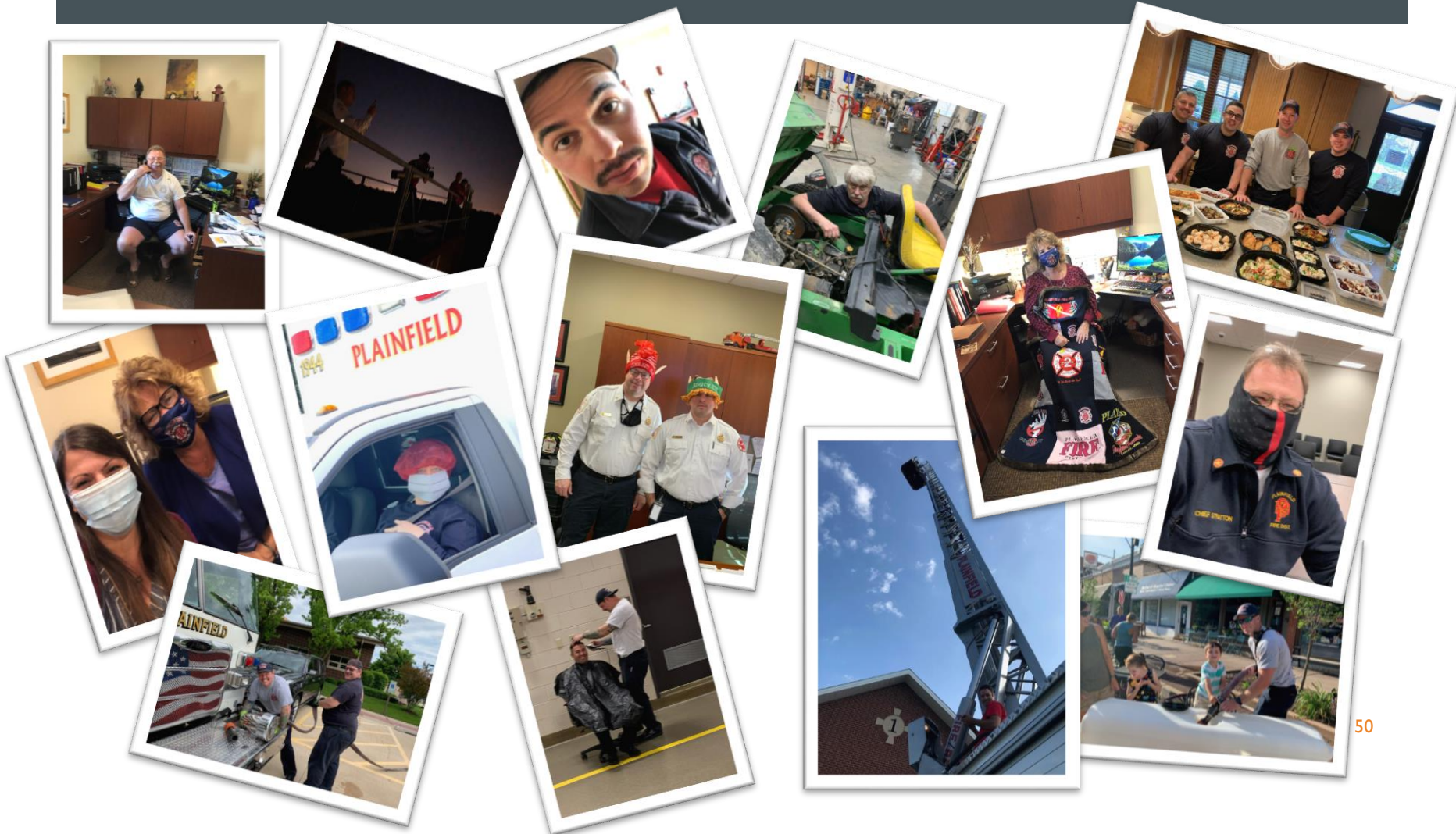


Big or small, we save them all. In 2020 we rescued 9 ducklings from a sewer, a kitten from an engine compartment and a dog named Maverick from a frozen pond.



Company 2 was dispatched to the call for the cat stuck in an engine compartment. The kitten was coaxed out of the engine compartment with anchovies provided by Rosati's pizza then ran straight into a storm sewer! After being lured out again she was taken to the local vet where no one claimed her. Lt. Eric Jensen and his family adopted the kitten and named her Rosie since she was originally found in front of Rosati's. Rosie has a cat sister and a dog brother and is adjusting well to her new life as a housecat. Rosie was rescued by Lt. Eric Jensen who was assisted by Battalion Chief Mike Obman, Firefighter/Paramedic Lorin Eichelberger and Firefighter/EMT Dan Saviano. 49

“A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN, IS
RELISHED BY THE WISEST MEN,” WILLY WONKA



REMEMBERING THE FALLEN



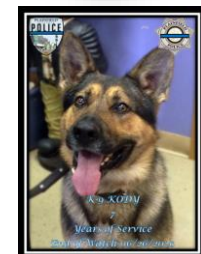
The District mourned the passing of former Paramedic and EMS Coordinator Kathie Roa. Before becoming a full-time employee, Kathie Roa was a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician for the Plainfield Fire Ambulance Department/Fire Dept. Kathie graduated from the Will-Grundy Paramedic Education Program at Silver Cross Hospital in May 1988 and became a full-time Paramedic for the Plainfield Fire Protection District in January 1989. Kathie received several life-saving awards and recognitions throughout her career and also developed a comprehensive infection control policy in 1994. Kathie passed away in February and was honored in the Journal of Emergency Medical Services magazine.



The District mourned the passing of Associate Member Dr. Frank Bender. World War II and Korean War veteran, Dr. Bender was an Associate Member of the District since 1972 and served the community as a family physician and Lakewood Medical Director.



The District held a memorial service for Police K9 and Officer Tracy Caliendo's partner, Kody, who passed away in June at the age of 8. Kody served with the Plainfield Police Department since 2013 and is memorialized with his other K-9 officers on the K-9 Memorial in Riverfront Park.



REMEMBERING THE FALLEN



90 Line of Duty Deaths in 2020



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.



CLOSING STATEMENTS



Thank you for taking the time to read our publication highlighting the Districts' activities and challenges for the year 2020. As with all of us, COVID was at the forefront of our minds for the safety of our administrative staff, firefighters, paramedics and community. Although the administration and training grounds had to be shutdown to maintain compliance with state orders, we still managed to make a positive difference in the community. Not sheltering in place but opening our reach to community projects such as drive-by birthday parades, internet content like Ryan's Reading Corner and a virtual open house and using our facility as a COVID vaccination location.

Throughout this pandemic we have strived to maintain our proactive 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 provide, no matter what influences the outside world may throw at us.

It continues to be our privilege to serve you. As we enter 2021 with a new outlook to a COVID free future and you can continue to expect nothing less than the best from us.



Jon Stratton
Fire Chief

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www.plainfieldfpd.com

Car Seat install:

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.

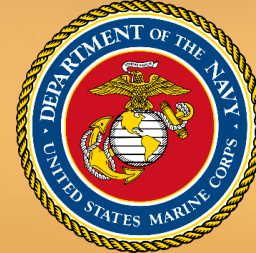
CPR and ACLS Classes:

Contact Bryan Gallup at 815-436-5335 or bgallup@plainfieldfpd.com

Public and group tours when available:

Call Headquarters @ 815-436-5335 to arrange for a date and time.





The Plainfield Fire Protection District is a proud supporter of the American Armed Forces. Thank you to all of our current, retired and future veterans for your service and commitment to our country.

NO ONE FIGHTS ALONE



CORRECTIONS

DISPATCH

EMS

NURSE

FIREFIGHTER

POLICE

MILITARY

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to this publication.
-Lieutenant Brian P. Joseph