

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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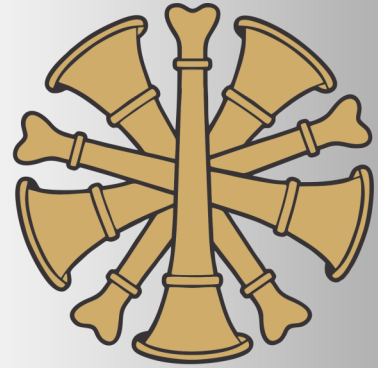
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MISSION STATEMENT

“The Oswego Fire Protection District will provide the highest quality service and strive to challenge ourselves to achieve the greatest potential, for those we serve.”



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Another year has been added to the history books! The year 2021 has dealt many cards to the Oswego Fire Protection District and our members. Many of which have been good, and some not so good. We witnessed many changes in the world, in our country and within our organization. We have experienced success and, unfortunately, we have felt failure. Yet, Oswego Fire continues a path to always meet the mission of our organization. Our members' efforts to work hard, train and educate themselves to meet that mission reigns supreme. In taking a page from former Fire Chief Mike Veseling, I am going to offer a quote that to me is inspirational. Mahatma Ghandi once said, ***"Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength."*** This statement embodies what I believe to be true. I see it every day in our organization, members working hard to ensure success for both fellow members and the people of the communities we serve.

The year 2021 brought many changes to the forefront. As we look back, I relish knowing that the OFPD is much stronger today than it was a year ago. It is not because some magic button was pressed. It is because our members grew and became stronger after enduring many struggles, including another year of the pandemic. While it is wise to look back, learn, and become stronger from the past, I am excited to move forward and face the many upcoming challenges we will face in 2022.

Looking forward to 2022, the OFPD will continue to do what we do best, which is to, ***"...provide the highest quality service, and strive to challenge ourselves to achieve the greatest potential, for those we serve"***. For this reason, I am so proud of our organization! I am proud of the work that we all do! I am proud of our members and their dedication! I am proud of the many members that have come before us from which we have learned! Lastly, I am proud to say that our members are stronger today than ever before! From the probationary firefighter paramedic to the veteran that has been here for 25 years. Our members will continue to grow and strengthen for many years to come. The OFPD is ready and will tackle 2022 with knowledge, expertise, education, experience, and ***strength!***

John Cornish
Fire Chief

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



The Oswego Fire Protection District has been established to provide the citizenry of the District with professional fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency medical service. To this end, the District must constantly strive to attain, as well as maintain, the confidence and respect of the community which it serves. This can only be accomplished through the constant and earnest endeavors of all District employees to perform all duties and assignments in an efficient, honest and professional manner. It is equally important that all employees realize that, through exemplary conduct, we must continually strive to foster and enhance the realization that the Oswego Fire Protection District is an important requisite to the well being of the entire community.

The Oswego Fire Protection District is located approximately 40 miles southwest of Chicago, Illinois, covering 52 square miles of the northeast portion of Kendall County and about 1.5 square miles of mostly unincorporated industrial parks in northwest Will County.

The Oswego Fire Protection District protects all of the Village of Oswego and unincorporated Boulder Hill, a large portion of the south side of the Village of Montgomery, approximately 1 ½ square miles of the Grande Park neighborhood in the Village of Plainfield and a small neighborhood in the far northeast area of the City of Yorkville, not to mention the unincorporated county areas that lie between many of these municipal boundaries. The District's population is estimated currently at approximately 70,000+ residents in addition to the daily visitors & workers along the retail centers of Rt. 34, Rt. 30/Douglas, and Orchard Road.

The Oswego Fire Protection District was formed by voter referendum in 1936. In 1986 the OFPD began providing Advanced Life Support Ambulances with a full-time staff of 6 Licensed Paramedics. On June 1, 2008 the district became a full-time, district-hired fire department with 51 firefighter/paramedics. As we enter 2022, the District operates with a full-time staff of 73 sworn firefighter/paramedics and two civilian administrative personnel out of four fire stations.

STATIONS AND LOCATIONS



Station #1

3511 Woolley Road
Oswego, IL 60543
(630) 554-2110



Station # 2

2200 Weisbrook Drive
Oswego, IL 60543



Station # 3

2200 Galena Road
Montgomery, IL 60538

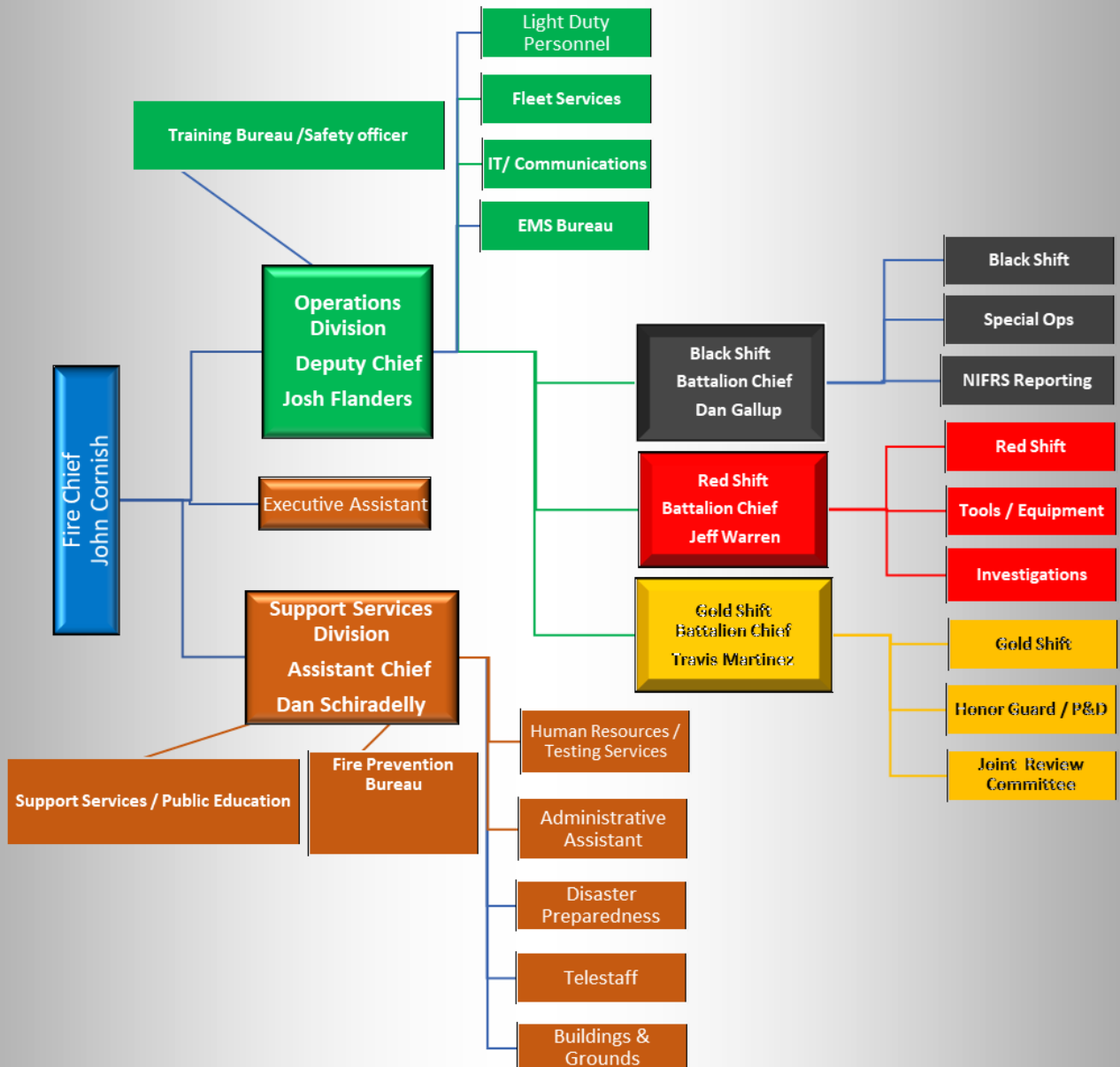


Station # 4

27100 W. 127th Street
Plainfield, IL 60585



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



GOVERNANCE, EXECUTIVE, AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP



From Left to Right: Board President Dick Kuhn, Secretary Bob Tripp, Treasurer Ken Holmstrom, Trustee Rodger Long and Trustee Jason Bragg

The Board of Trustees and Commissioners are the governing bodies that oversee the financial, procedure and ordinance, testing, hiring, and disciplinary matters for the District. They hold regular meetings at Station #1 located on Woolley Road.



From Left to Right: Board President John Hodgson, Secretary Darrin Johnson (DJ) and Trustee Lynn Cullick

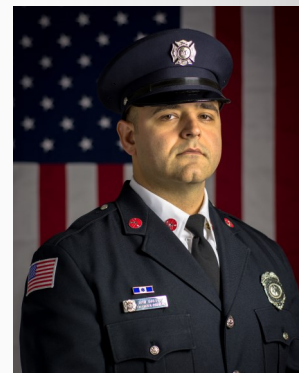


CHIEF OFFICERS



From Left to Right: Chief John Cornish, Deputy Chief Josh Flanders, Assistant Chief Dan Schiradelly

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



From Left to Right: Battalion Chief Jeff Warren, Battalion Chief Travis Martinez, Battalion Chief Dan Gallup

EXECUTIVE / ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



From left to right: Executive Assistant Wendy Knack, Administrative Assistant Cathy Seffrood

The Executive and Administrative Assistants are full-time civilian positions. Their core duties are to provide administrative support for all Staff Chiefs, prepare confidential correspondence and comprehensive reports, maintain and file department records, and assist with all human resource matters pertaining to the Oswego Fire Protection District.

Oswego Firefighters Local #4773



As we put 2021 behind us, we look forward to a new year. 2021 was full of challenges and we pulled through. We tackled everything that was thrown at us like a boss. We came together and became stronger. As we move forward, I am sure 2022 will throw us some curveballs but we will continue to grow. We have shown, no matter the obstacles or challenges, we will continue to provide district residents the service they expect. When labor and management can work side by side, instilling the values needed to complete those goals becomes instinctive and effortless. Local #4773 looks forward to serving the District and residents with the professionalism and integrity that is expected from us throughout 2022 and beyond.

Rob Carpenter

President, Oswego Firefighters Local #4773



FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT



The Oswego 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.

		Audited 2018	Audited 2019	Audited 2020
Revenue				
	Property Taxes	10,243,402.00	10,555,460	10,831,447.00
	Replacement Taxes	50,206.00	51,816	68,219.00
	Fees and Charges for Service	1,523,231.00	1,653,173	1,681,040.00
	Investment Income	10,001.00	75,526	138,578.00
	Grant	41,408	69,890	34,300.00
	Impact Fees	22,566.00	134,542	47,351.00
	Reimbursements	15,880.00	54,966	21,288.00
	Misc.	13,913	8,208	7,002.00
	IL Municipal League	52,367	57,250	65,752.00
	Total	11,972,974.00	12,660,831	12,894,977.00
Expenditures Dispersed				
	Fire Protection	5,371,633.00	5,133,225	5,237,098.00
	Ambulance Service	4,549,977	4,867,786	5,133,615
	Tort Protection	48,510	49,096	48,917
	Pension	1,161,741	1,414,112	1,242,134
	Capital Outlay	819,169	860,374	337,939
	Debt Service-Principal	402,642	412,986	623,778
	Debt Service-Interest	235,118	215,874	191,382
	Total	12,588,790.00	12,953,453	12,814,863.00

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.



COMMUNITY / PUBLIC EDUCATION



Oswego Fire Protection District public education and community outreach programs have worked to reach, educate, and train the public on fire and life safety. Our members can be found at local community meetings, health fairs, and special events throughout the year. Our smoke / carbon monoxide detector program, car seat installation program, Knox Box program, CPR and AED programs are an effective means for establishing fire safety throughout the community. It also promotes an understanding and acceptance of regulations and technology that can improve safety within the homes, businesses, and institutions.

Education of the public is accomplished in many ways. The most important and successful are the programs presented in schools, fire drills, Fire Prevention Week, and lectures given by fire department personnel. With COVID-19, the fire service has had to adapt to not being able to provide in-person training all the time. Utilizing technology like Zoom has enabled the fire service to still reach school aged kids and teach them about fire safety. This same technology has also been used to reach our assisted living facilities to provide fire safety presentations.



COMMUNITY / PUBLIC EDUCATION



Event

Blood Drive	36 units of blood collected
Smoke Detector Program	Installed 48 smoke detectors
Carbon Monoxide Detector Program	Installed 10 carbon monoxide detectors
Smoke / Carbon Monoxide Battery Program	Changed 22 batteries
Car Seat Installation Program	Installed 25 car seats
Fire Signs	Installed 10 signs
Oswego Joint Public Safety Academy (June)	21 students participated
Oswego Joint Public Safety Academy (July)	15 students participated
Toys for Tots	5,538 toys collected
Color Guard Events	18 events
Pipes & Drums Events	14 events
Christmas Parade	
Prairiefest	Provided paramedics and public education
VETFEST	Provided paramedics
Hometown Expo	Vehicle extrication demo
Multiple 5k Races	Provided paramedics



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



The Fire Marshal oversees the day-to-day operations of the Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB). 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. The Fire Marshal reviews construction plans for fire and life safety code compliance 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, press releases and social media updates. In the year 2021 the FPB completed the following:

- Conducted and participated in 55 Project Review Group Meetings (PRG) - Meetings with developers and other village stakeholders
- Completed 14 kitchen hood suppression system plan reviews and acceptance tests
- Completed 72 fire alarm plan reviews
- Completed 68 sprinkler plan reviews
- Completed 57 fire alarm acceptance tests
- Completed 71 sprinkler system hydrostatic tests
- Completed 948 final/safety inspections for new / change of occupancies
- Sent out 49 "No Fine" Activated Fire Alarm (AFA) Letters
- Waived 6 AFA fines for \$1,250.00
- Had 9 AFA fines paid for \$1,800.00
- Have 12 "Open" AFA fine letters for \$3,900.00



SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

20th ANNIVERSARY



On the morning of September 11th, 2001, 19 hijackers took control of four commercial airliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania. In total 2,977 people died in the attacks. 9/11 was the deadliest terror attack in human history, and the single deadliest incident for firefighters and police officers in the history of the United States. 343 firefighters and 72 police officers died on September 11th, and many more have passed due to health-related injuries. It has been twenty years since that terrible day, but we will never forget their sacrifices. On September 11, 2021 we honored the fallen.



OPERATIONS

**RECORD
HIGH**

The year 2021 brought a new all-time high for calls for service. O.F.P.D. responded to 6,346 incidents. This includes all EMS and Fire responses. This was a 10% increase from the previous year!



SNAPSHOT OF TYPES OF RESPONSES

- Emergency Medical Services 4,406
- Activated Fire / CO Alarms 521
- Motor Vehicle Accidents 220
- Assist Other Agencies 126
- Carbon Monoxide Incidents 58
- Powerline / Electrical Issue 50
- Structure Fires 42
- Trash, Grass, Field Fires 41
- Vehicle Fires 21
- Search for Missing Person 6

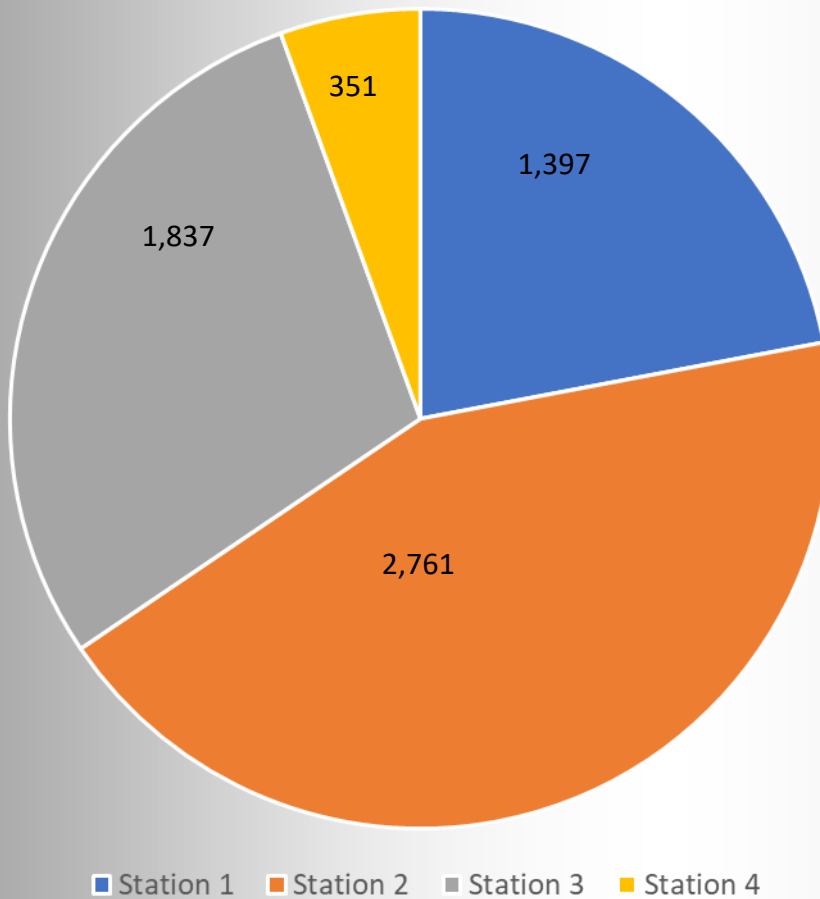
There are over 100 different codes used for reporting to *The National Fire Incident Reporting System*. This is a quick look at some of our most used codes.



OPERATIONS



Call Response Per Station



In 2021 the district saw a loss from property and content valued at \$17,673,440. This was largely due to the structure fire at a recycling plant within the district.

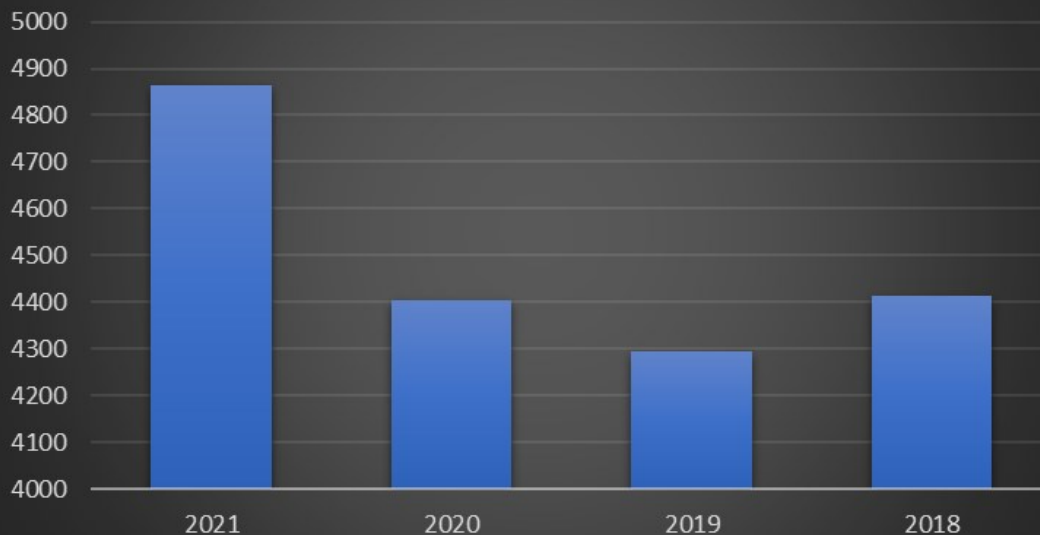


EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



This year was yet another opportunity for Oswego Fire Protection District to strive for excellence in medical care. We saw our adaptability, resiliency, and agility tested with the continued hurdles provided by COVID-19, coupled with 2021 being the busiest year by the numbers for Oswego Fire Protection District to date. Amid the challenges brought forth during the year, we are proud to say that we have continued to provide the clinical excellence and resourcefulness to keep up with the community's health needs. We look forward to another year serving residents of the Oswego Fire Protection District.

Total Patient Contacts



64%

TRANSPORTS
Percentage of Patient Encounters

34%

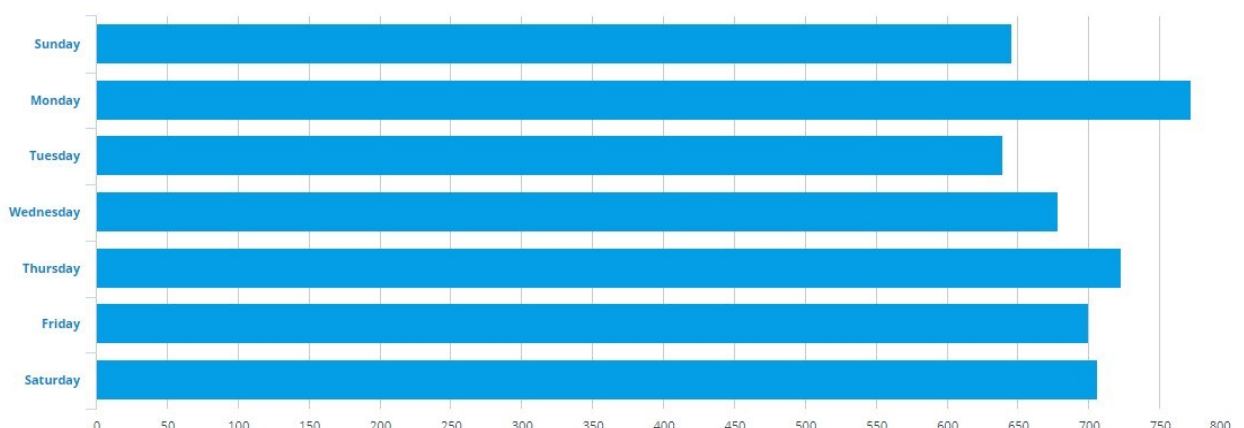
NON TRANSPORTS
Percentage of Patient Encounters

2%

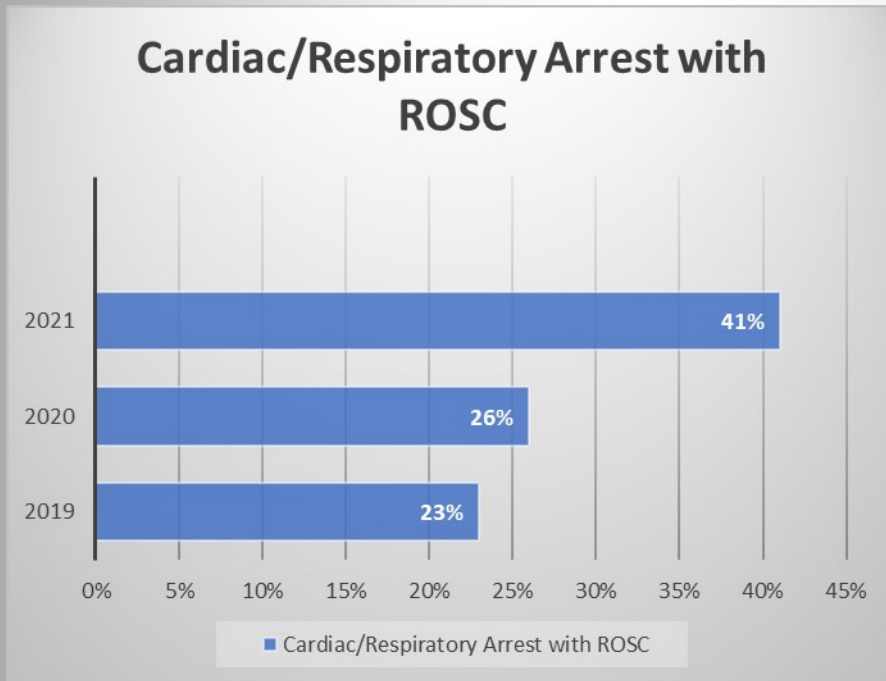
OTHER DISPOSITIONS
Percentage of Patient Encounters

4,864

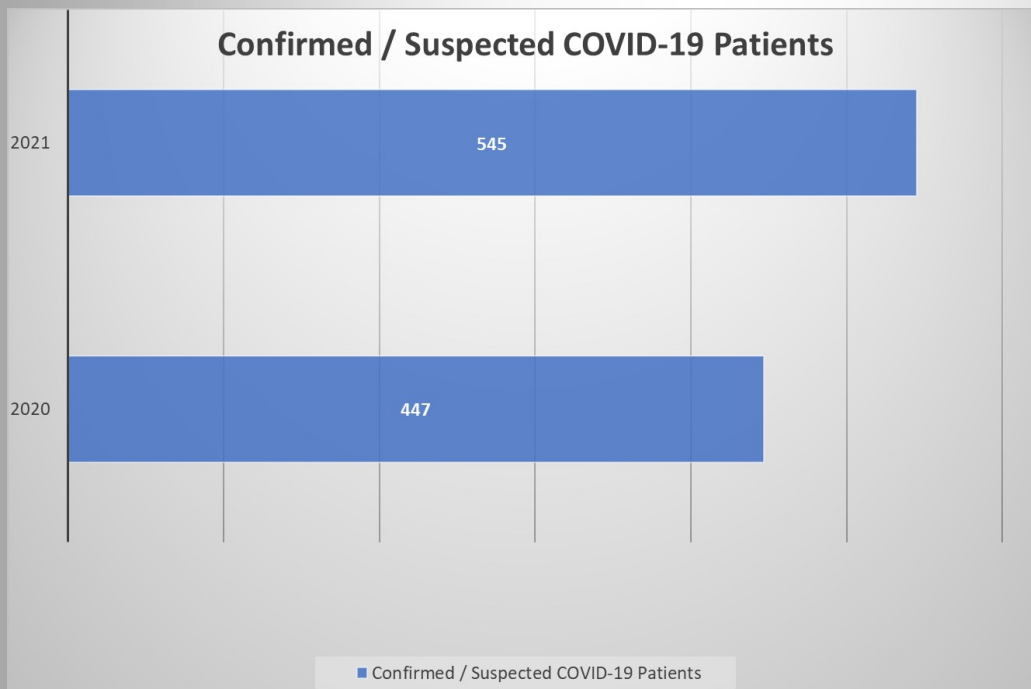
RECORDS
In Selected Time Slice



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



The above chart represents the number of patients that experienced an out of hospital cardiac or respiratory arrest (for Oswego Fire Protection District), where the patient regained a pulse during EMS care. This number includes witnessed and unwitnessed arrests. The national average for the return of spontaneous circulation in out of hospital cardiac arrests for 2021 is estimated at 32%.



TRAINING



The Oswego Fire Protection District's Training Bureau remained busy despite being in the second year of a pandemic. The crews were able to train on multi-company operations this year along with continuing to improve at a single company level. A multitude of topics were covered including:

- Live Fire Evolutions
- Swift Water / Ice Rescue
- Vehicle Extrication
- Ventilation, Ladders, Search & Rescue, Forcible Entry
- Rapid Intervention Training (Saving Our Own)
- Technical Rescue: High Angle, Confined Space, HAZMAT, Trench Rescue, Structural Collapse



TRAINING

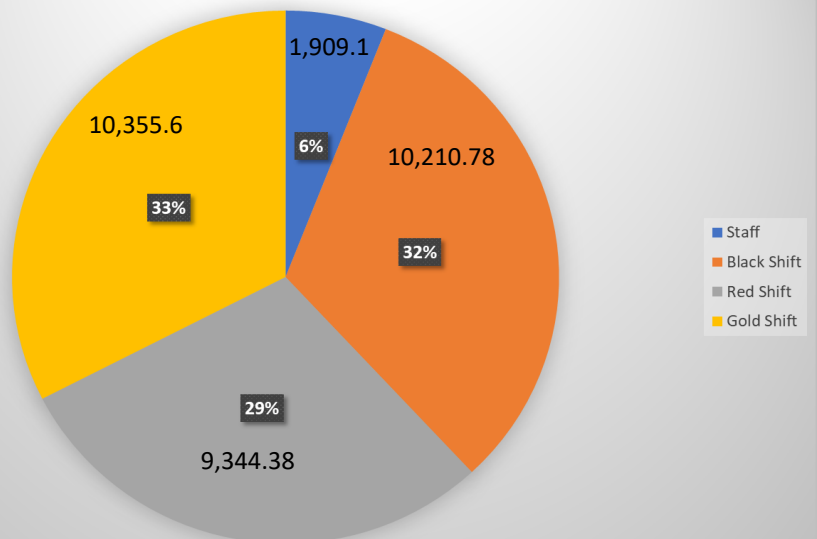


TRAINING HOURS 2021

- Members completed 31,819.86 hours of training
- Average training hours per member— 424.26
- Members trained more than 2,160 at our Ray Hoff Memorial Training Center (RHMTTC)
- That's an average of 32.75 hours per company / member at the RHMTTC for an average 6 hours of use per day
- Members logged 473.5 hours of Live Training at RHMTTC for an average of 7.25 hours per member (The burn rooms were out of service for approximately four months for routine maintenance)



Training Hours per Shift



Requesting Information

Fire Report - To request a fire report, a written request must be received.

This request may be dropped off at 3511 Woolley Rd. in Oswego; it may be faxed to 630-554-8681 or mailed to 3511 Woolley Rd, Oswego, IL 60543. All requests must have the following information:

- Name of person requesting report
- Date of incident
- Full address of incident
- Fax/address of location to receive report



Ambulance Report - You may request a copy of your ambulance report by contacting the Administrative Assistant at 630-554-2110 or sending a request via the website contact request form.

Requesting Other Information - Requests for other reports or information can be made by contacting the Administrative Assistant at 630-554-2110 or sending a request via the website contact request form.

Contact Information

Oswego Fire Protection District

3511 Woolley Rd.

Oswego, Illinois 60543

630-554-2110



For Emergency Call 911

www.oswegofire.com

Fire Chief John Cornish