
COMMUNITY REPORT

2020

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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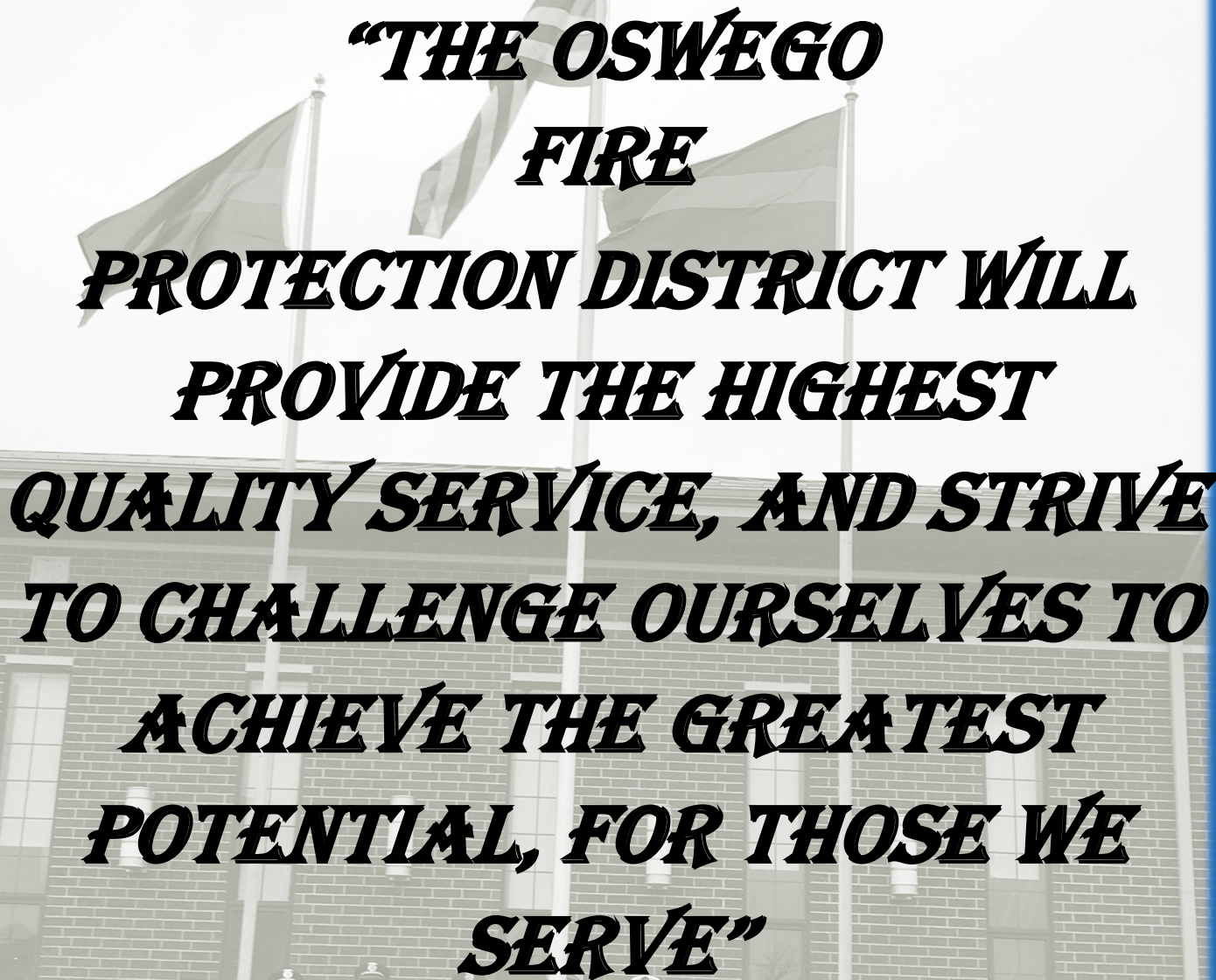
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MISSION STATEMENT

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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FIRE
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SERVE”***

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Some say that “adversity doesn’t build character. It reveals it.”

I believe however, that character is best chiseled and polished through adversity. Charles de Gaulle once wrote that, “A man of character finds a special attractiveness in difficulty, since it is only by coming to grips with difficulty that he can realize his potentialities”. As we welcome in 2021 and reflect on 2020, many people focus on the challenges and difficulties of the past year and “how long” we will be embroiled in the mire of pandemics, social unrest, government distrust, and other challenges to our “normal” way of life. Now, while I agree that 2020 holds a special place for unrest and angst, I truly believe that we should be focusing more on our own actions and how we have, and should have, responded to the issues of 2020.

So, the question is, “How have we responded to the challenges of 2020?” Have we complained, become paralyzed, or run from the issues? Or, have we done what firefighters for hundreds of years have done...our job? We do not need to like the state of affairs, the economic or social issues facing our nation, or any one of the looming problems of our world. However, we must remain focused on what we can do to help our fellow citizens, those we have sworn an oath to protect, and the example we are setting as public servants. For years, the fire service has used the Maltese Cross as a symbol of the work we do and the protection we provide. The cross says that we are willing to lay down our lives for our fellow man, just as the Crusaders did centuries ago, and that we work and live by the 8 “Virtues of Knighthood”. Are we alert, tactful, and sympathetic to those around us? Do we display mental adroitness and physical dexterity, are we explicit in our work, and do we persevere, loyal to our oath and mission, and courageous in our actions?

Rather than facing adversity with fear and trepidation, I challenge that we hone our character on the matters currently facing our nation. I pray that we can display the virtues of the Knights of Malta, demonstrate courage and fortitude, and that we can maintain the trust, respect, and admiration of the public regardless of the battles which lie ahead. The plagues of 2020 have unfortunately taken their toll on our nation, but we believe, as Gibran once said, that “Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seared with scars.”



GOVERNANCE

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



*Fire Chief
Michael Veseling*

Fire Chief Michael Veseling is approaching his sixth year as the Fire Chief of the Oswego Fire Protection District. In that time, the Chief continues to meet all the challenges of the district head-on to ensure our members have the proper training, equipment, tools and education necessary to be successful. The ever changing community continues to provide unseen challenges that test the best of our leaders. Chief Veseling is no different. This year Covid-19 has been a challenge of a lifetime for everyone. The Chief worked diligently with staff members and line firefighters to ensure a safe and productive workplace for all. As we enter 2021, Chief Veseling is committed to continue working hard for the members of our community by ensuring our firefighters are ready for any situation that may arise.



The Oswego Fire District Board of Trustees wear many hats during their tenure as members of the Board. One of their many duties is to oversee the finances of the District. They work with the Chief to ensure the needs of the District are met. This allows the Chief to provide the best services to the members of the District. The Board conducts monthly meetings at Fire Station #1. Details with dates, times, agendas and minutes can be found at www.oswegofire.com. On occasion, an additional meeting is added when the day-to-day business dictates. During these meetings the trustees work on district budgets, ordinances and review department policies. This of course, is just a glimpse of what they do as trustees. It is a little known fact that these members by law must be trained in order to become trustees. To keep updated with new laws they attend short courses and continuing education courses from time to time.



*President
Dick Kuhn*



*Secretary
Bob Tripp*



*Treasurer
Ken Holmstrom*



*Trustee
Rodger Long*



*Trustee
Jason Bragg*



GOVERNANCE

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) is a vital part of the Oswego Fire Protection District. These members are tasked with the hiring of new members. In fact, this

past year a new firefighter eligibility list was established and posted on January 11, 2020. This list expires once it is exhausted, or after two years from the date it is established. In addition, the BOFC is responsible for overseeing the promotion process.

Starting in January of 2021 they will also be working to establish a new Lieutenant eligibility list. This list remains in effect for three years.

Another major responsibility of the BOFC involves discipline. On the rare occasion that removal, discharge or suspension of a fulltime firefighter is necessary, the BOFC presides over all such cases and utilizes the power authorized to them by the Fire Protection District Act. The BOFC is dedicated to working alongside the staff members of the district to help ensure we live up to the District Mission.



*President
John Hodgson*



*Secretary
Darrin Johnson*



*Commissioner
Lynn Cullick*

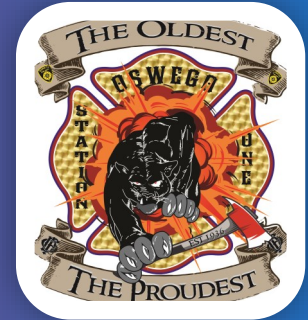


FIRE STATIONS

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



Central Fire Station
3511 Woolley Rd.
Oswego, IL 60543
630-554-2110



Fire Station #2
2200 Weisbrook Dr.
Oswego, IL 60543
630-801-5065



Fire Station #3
2200 Galena Rd.
Montgomery, IL 60538
630-264-1922



Fire Station #4
27100 W. 127th St.
Plainfield, IL 60585
630-264-1922



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS UNION

LOCAL 4773

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Local 4773 Leadership 2020

President *Rob Carpenter*

Secretary *Dan Gallup*

Vice President *Tyler Roberts*

Treasurer *Matt Tinker*

Black Shift Steward *Scott Falconer*

Red Shift Steward *Ryan Marshall*

Gold Shift Steward *Greg Lawton*

Message From the Local Secretary

2020 was a unique and challenging year to say the least. Collaboratively, Labor and Management worked together to navigate the uncharted waters of the Covid-19 Pandemic. All members of the organization made tremendous sacrifices to assure continued operations and limit the impact of the virus, while providing the highest level of service for the community. Together as one unit, we have been successful in this campaign and continue to drive forward. While the pandemic may have limited our abilities in areas of public events, the Local continued in its commitment to provide financial support to the Buddha's Brotherhood Foundation, as well as to provide support to members of the organization fighting their own battles. Together we remain steadfast and unified in the progress for the common good and professionalism of the organization.



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS UNION
LOCAL 4773

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Community

Local #4773 Secretary, Lt. Dan Gallup, said that the pandemic limited our abilities in the area of public events and he was absolutely right. With that said, the Local was able to safely deliver happiness in the District on a couple of different occasions. Our members routinely come together in their off time to participate in so many events, and 2020 proved to make this extremely challenging. Students out of school, parents working from home, restaurants closed, all of which had a severe impact on what we could do. Local 4773 was able to participate in several caravans throughout the year that really had a positive impact on those we serve. In doing so, we were able to give a ride to Santa through the neighborhoods to spread holiday cheer. We received a great deal of positive feedback from local families - and we are so very grateful!



Central Fire Station

2017 1,209 calls for service
2018 1,242 calls for service
2019 1,202 calls for service
2020 1,207 calls for service

Fire Station #3

2017 1,415 calls for service
2018 1,558 calls for service
2019 1,359 calls for service
2020 1,596 calls for service



Fire Station #2

2017 2,260 calls for service
2018 2,419 calls for service
2019 2,598 calls for service
2020 2,604 calls for service

Fire Station #4

2017 279 calls for service
2018 360 calls for service
2019 209 calls for service
2020 266 calls for service

OPERATIONS

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

OFPD Total Call Count

Oswego Fire responded to 5,703 calls for service in 2020. These calls include all EMS and Fire calls combined.

The National Fire Incident Reporting System utilizes a series of codes to document incidents.



The OFPD responded to 32 calls that were coded as a building fire. There are numerous codes within the 100 series of codes that are calls for service for fires.

Documenting these specifically is very important. Another example is code 113.

This is designated as a cooking fire. The OFPD responded to 8 cooking fires in 2020. All fires coded in the 100 series totaled 123.



Codes 140, 142 and 143 include different types of grass and vegetation fires. Fire Crews responded and extinguished 32 of these types of fires in 2020.

Did you know that the OFPD responded to 13 calls for service coded as a search for a person? These types of calls include calls for missing children and/or adults.

DID YOU KNOW



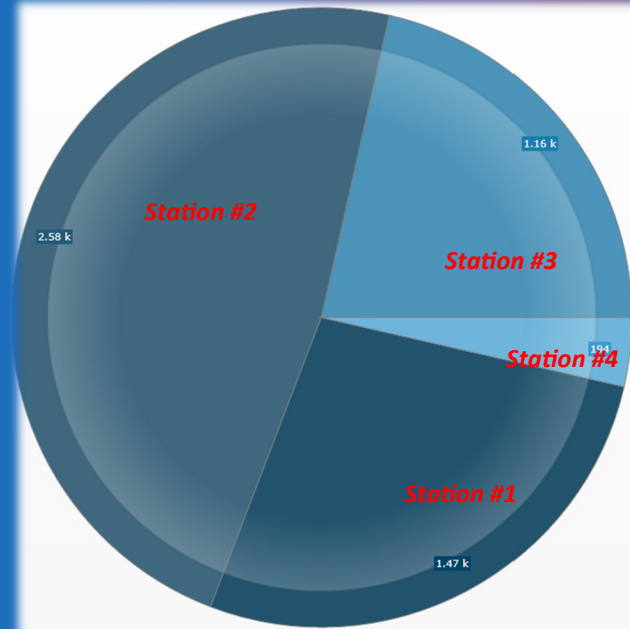
The OFPD responded to 332 calls for service that include all types of motor vehicle accidents. This includes calls with injuries and those that were property damage only.

Crews responded to 11 calls for vehicle fires over the course of 12 months. This is classified as a code 131 under the National Fire Incident Reporting System.



OPERATIONS

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



Call Responses by Station



Lights and Sirens

The OFPD responds to thousands of calls each year. Crews responded to 3,352 calls that required the use of emergency lights and sirens.



The OFPD responded to 25 fires that were classified as either 150, 151 or 154. These codes reflect fires such as trash, dumpsters or outside rubbish or waste fires.

Crews investigated 83 calls for service that involved carbon monoxide during the last year.



Operational Tidbits

- OFPD responded to 12 calls to assist the Police or other government agencies and 2 calls coded as a "police matter"
- OFPD responded to 1 call for an off road vehicle or heavy equipment fire
- Crews responded to 9 calls for gasoline or other flammable liquids spills
- Firefighters responded to 8 calls for the removal of victim (s) from a stalled elevator
- OFPD responded on 3 calls that involved steam, vapor or dust thought to be smoke



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

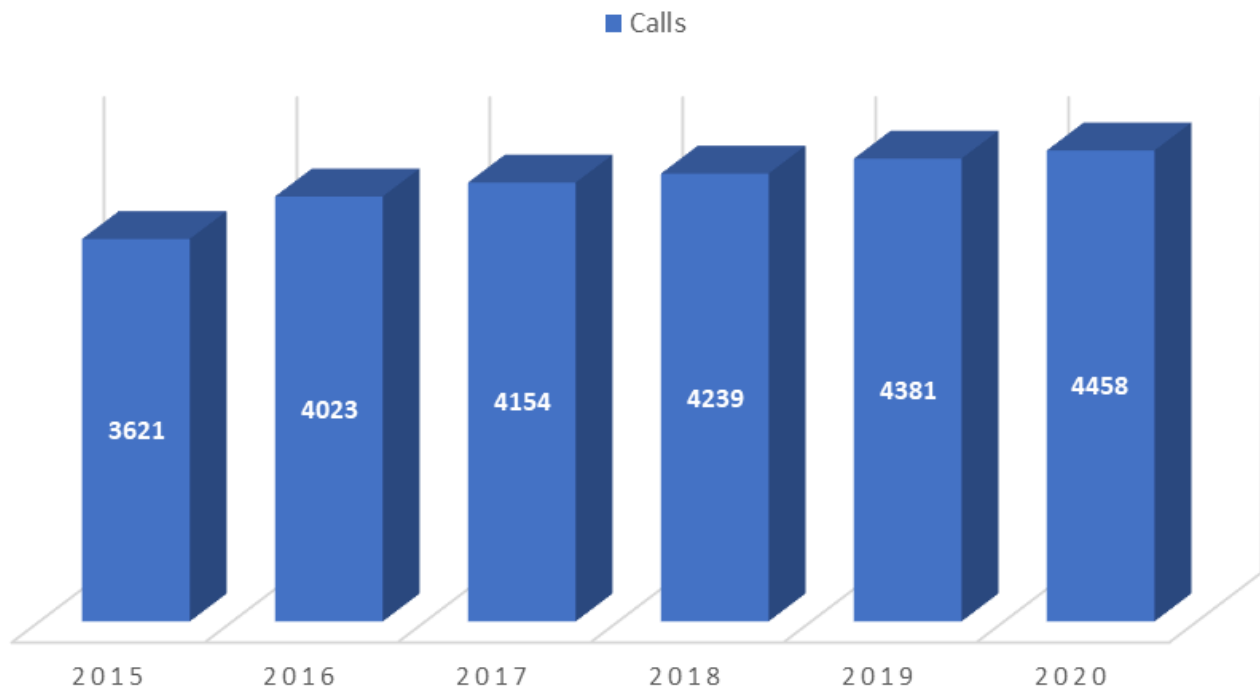
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Snapshot of Emergency Medical Calls

• Unconscious overdose patients	39
• Alcohol/drug ingestion	95
• Confirmed Covid 19 related calls	93
• Difficulty breathing calls	258
• Strokes	65
• TIA (mini stroke)	5
• Chest Pain	214
• Cardiac Arrest	40
• Behavioral / psych	345
• Generalized weakness	295



EMS CALLS OVER THE YEARS



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Previous Year ▼ Jan 1, 2020 - Dec 31, 2020 ▼

64%

TRANSPORTS
Percentage of Patient Encounters

34%

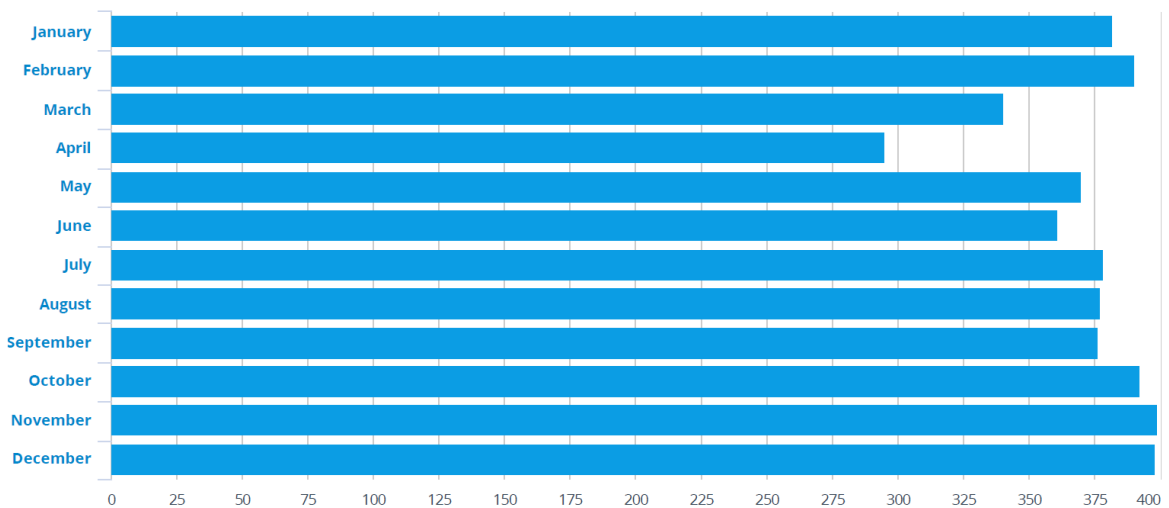
NON TRANSPORTS
Percentage of Patient Encounters

2%

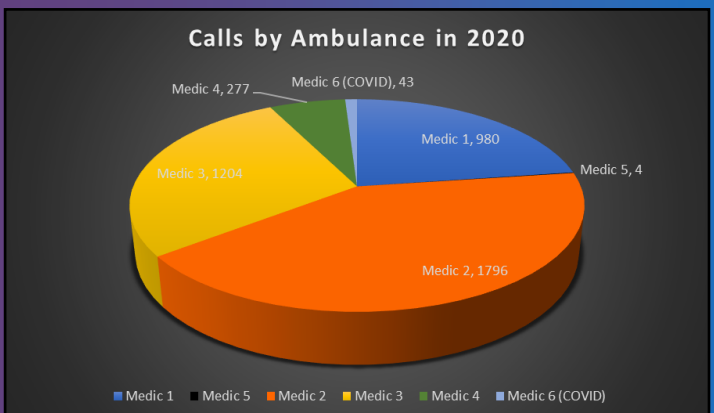
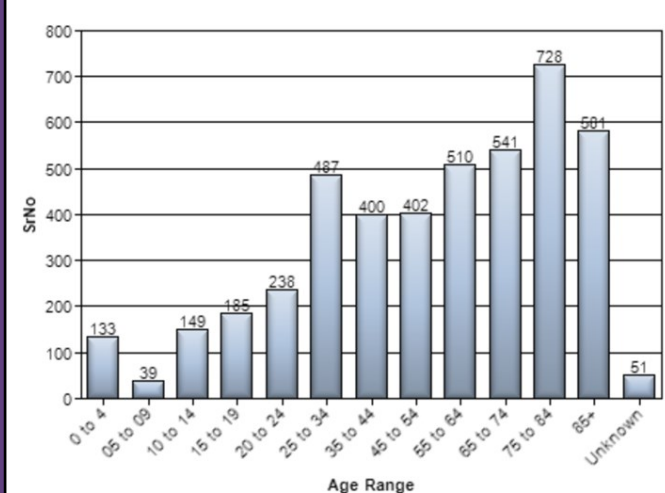
OTHER DISPOSITIONS
Percentage of Patient Encounters

4,458

RECORDS
In Selected Time Slice



The OFPD received the 2020 Mission Lifeline (GOLD PLUS) award for the third year in a row. Mission Lifeline is the American Heart Association's national initiative to advance the SYSTEM OF CARE for patients with acute, high-risk, time sensitive life and/or quality of life threatening disease states, such as ST Elevate Myocardial Infarction (STEMI Heart Attack), Non-ST Elevated Myocardial Infarction (NSTEMI Heart Attack), Stroke and Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest. The overarching goals of Mission Lifeline are to bring stakeholders together in a collaborative manner and to reduce mortality and morbidity for these patients while improving overall quality of care and patient outcomes.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

It is highly unfortunate that the Pandemic of 2020 really put a damper on our public education efforts. The OFPD really prides itself as a community oriented organization that exemplifies public service. There are host of things that we had to cancel this year to maintain a safe environment for all. Here are few of the events that were canceled :

- Station Tours
- Safety Talks
- School Engagements
- Fire Prevention Open House
- The OFPD Lock-In
- Operation Prom (teaching students the consequences of drinking and driving)
- Smoke Detector installations
- The Oswego Junior Public Safety Academy (OJPSA)
- High School and College Interns
- Emergency Medical Technician basic and Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic students
- Fire Extinguisher Training
- CPR / First Aid instruction



These types of programs have become a staple in our organization and they were sorely missed. We look forward to 2021 and getting back to what we do best, which is *Serve the Community!*

The value of public education is highly valued by the OFPD. In addition to the normal duties that firefighters are known for, we make it a priority to educate the community in the areas of fire prevention and safety. The Fire Prevention Bureau is lead by the Fire Marshal and one support services officer. They have a long list of duties, but make time for special programs that ensure children, the elderly, and everyone in between have some knowledge when it comes to fire safety. It is not uncommon for the support services officer to be talking about fire prevention with children in the morning and then presenting a carbon monoxide presentation to a group of seniors in the afternoon. 2020 really did create challenges with respect to public education. With that said, our members tried to think outside the box to ensure the information was getting to the appropriate people. On several occasions our members conducted Zoom fire safety talks with youngsters in our community. It is imperative that we continue our work toward educating the public. The OFPD, like all of you, are hoping that 2021 brings back some normalcy so we can get back to doing what we do best and that is to, "strive to challenge ourselves to achieve the greatest potential for those that we serve."

TRAINING

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The OFPD training bureau remained busy in 2020 despite the pandemic wreaking havoc on many of our normal duties. Although there were times when crews were quarantined away from each other, they were still able to log many training hours across the board. This is very important because there are many subjects that are required for the firefighter/paramedics to complete in a given year. Here are just a few of the topics hit on in 2020:

- New Driver's Program implemented for several pieces of apparatus and equipment
- Hosted a course called "Nozzle Forward"
- Hosted a course called "Strategic Fire Training"
- Back to the basics training (core job functions) completed in many areas, including hose stretching, ventilation, ladders, search, water supply, rapid intervention teams, self contained breathing apparatus, and forcible entry
- Ice Rescue, water rescue
- Vehicle extrication
- Technical rescue such as rope, trench, collapse, confined space and hazardous materials



Training Hours for 2020

- Members completed 35,389.28 training hours
- Average training hours per member - 471.85
- Members trained more than 3,234 hours at our Ray Hoff Memorial Training Center (RHMTTC)
- Members averaged 48.50 hours at RHMTTC
- Members completed a total of 963.50 live - fire hours
- Average live fire hours per Member- 13.75
- Total Driver's Training Hours- 2,260.50
- Crews attended outside training courses that accounted for 2,300 hours
- RHMTTC Average Hours per Day- 8.9 (one person training for 8.9 hours or 8.9 people training for one hour)



TRAINING

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Station One

◇ 501	2013 Ford Interceptor
◇ 502	2016 Ford F-350
◇ 503	2020 Ford Interceptor
◇ Bat 1	2021 Ford Interceptor
◇ Truck 1	2010 Pierce
◇ Engine 1	2006 Pierce
◇ Medic 1	2015 Ford F-550
◇ Grass 1	2011 F-350
◇ Tender 1	2011 E-One
◇ Medic 5	2006 International
◇ Medic 6	2009 International
◇ Car 4	1999 Ford F-250
◇ Car 5	2005 GMC Envoy
◇ Car 6	2017 Ford Interceptor
◇ Car 7	2012 Ford Expedition
◇ Car 8	2008 Ford Expedition
◇ Car 9	2016 Ford F-350
◇ Antique 1	1929 Model A
◇ Antique 2	1936 Ford
◇ Gator UTV	John Deere
◇ Squad 8	High Water Vehicle



APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



Station Two

- | | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| ◇ Medic 2 | 2017 Ford F-550 |
| ◇ Engine 2 | 2019 E-One |
| ◇ Engine 22 | 2003 Pierce |

Station Three

- | | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| ◇ Medic 3 | 2017 Ford F-550 |
| ◇ Engine 3 | 2016 E-One |
| ◇ Fork Lift | 1992 Sky-Trak |



Station Four

- | | |
|------------|-----------------|
| ◇ Medic 4 | 2019 Ford F-550 |
| ◇ Engine 4 | 2013 E-One |

FIRE PREVENTION/MEMORIAL DEDICATION

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Fire Prevention Bureau 2020 Stats

- FPB conducted & participated in 41 Project Review Group (PRG) meetings - meetings with developers and other Village stakeholders
- Kitchen Hood Suppression System plan reviews & acceptance tests – 17
- Fire Alarm plan reviews – 66
- Sprinkler plan reviews – 58
- Fire alarm acceptance tests – 38
- Sprinkler system hydrostatic tests – 40
- Final/Safety Inspections for new/change of occupancies – 748
- “No Fine” Automatic Fire Alarm (AFA) Letters sent – 33
- AFA Fines letters “Waived” – 12 for \$7,750.00
- AFA Fines letters “Paid” – 10 for \$3,150.00
- AFA Fines letters “Open” – 4 for \$1,550.00



On Thursday May 21, 2020 Boy Scout Logan Goodbred held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Oswego First Responder Memorial located on the Public Safety Campus of Oswego Fire and Oswego Police. The Memorial was designed by Logan as an Eagle Scout Project. Logan did

an outstanding job bringing many partners together, designing, raising funds and generally acting as the general contractor of the project. The project was completed and will be place for first responders to be memorialized for years to come. Congrats Logan on a job well done!



The OFPD Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Bureau conducted more than 15 CPR courses in 2020. These courses totaled 158 students and they were trained in either Heartsaver or Basic Life Support CPR. The pandemic created challenges and required changes in the program and yet we were able to train 158 people.

COMMUNITY

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Since the pandemic began, several changes were required with respect to how we operate and what we do. Even though there were many cancellations of programs throughout the year, we were able to safely do some community events, giving us a chance to showcase our abilities and serve those we protect. Here are a few of those events:

- Annual Blood Drive (Only employees participated to maintain a safe environment)
- Annual Oswego Chamber of Commerce Business Expo (prior to the pandemic) 2,000+ attended
- Car seat checks for parents with children
- The OFPD installed 114 new Fire Signs and replaced more than 35 old ones
- Candy for the troops was collected and shipped to military service men and women abroad for Halloween
- Worked in conjunction with the Oswegoland Park District for a drive-through Halloween event, attracting more than 500 children
- Toys for Tots event collected 5,376 toys with more than 1,400 children benefitting
- Participated in numerous car-a-vans throughout the community for holiday events and other special events, such as military members returning from overseas
- The OFPD participated in the Christmas Static Display put on by the Village of Oswego

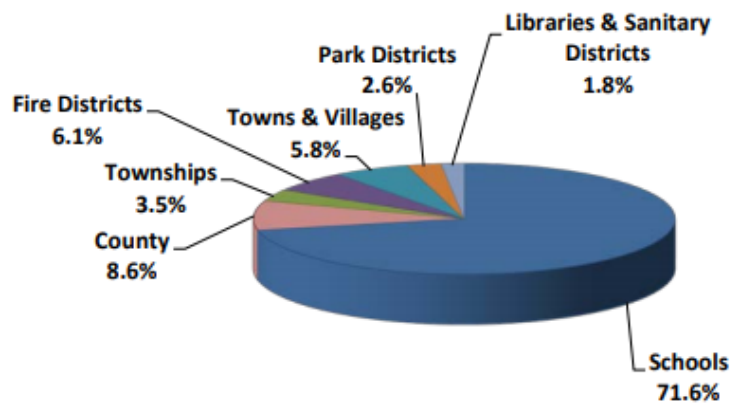


DISTRICT FINANCES

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

HOW YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX DOLLAR IS DISTRIBUTED

This chart below displays how the real estate dollar is spent on the average over the entire county. Your individual tax bill percentages may vary slightly due to differences in the make-up of the taxing districts in your area. For example, properties located in the unincorporated areas do not have a village or town tax. (%'s are 2014 actual figures)



ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1

BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2021

SUMMARY

I.	ESTIMATED CORPORATE FUND REVENUES	\$ 7,003,968
II.	ESTIMATED AMBULANCE FUND REVENUES	7,465,968
III.	ESTIMATED TORT LIABILITY FUND REVENUES	48,733
IV.	ESTIMATED SOCIAL SECURITY FUND REVENUES	120,208
V.	ESTIMATED PENSION FUND REVENUES	<u>1,554,578</u>

**TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES ANTICIPATED TO BE
AVAILABLE IN FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

\$ 16,193,455

PHOTOGRAPHS

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



CHIEF'S CLOSING

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



As we look ahead to this coming year, we are anticipating great, exciting, and beneficial events & activities for our residents, businesses, and visitors. We may have to “modify” some of the activities, just as we did in 2020, but our mission remains firm and our course clear...that we provide our communities with the very best fire, EMS, and rescue services available. Additionally, we will continue the great Oswego tradition of providing children of all ages with education, counsel, instruction, and FUN as they participate in Open Houses, community events, the Jr. Public Safety Academy, Lock-in's, Toys for Tots, CPR classes, babysitting courses, and the myriad of activities that our community has come to love.

And, as we look to the months ahead, we hope that our residents will come along side us as we strive to find new ways of providing the care and protection they need while all the while being good stewards of the resources with which we have been entrusted. Our Board of Trustees, our Fire Commissioners, our Firefighter's Union, our Staff, and all the members of the Oswego Fire Department have sworn an oath of service to our communities, we have dedicated countless hours to planning, training, preparing, coordinating, and delivering all that is needed and more. We are proud of what we have, and the level of service we deliver.

We have discovered a lot this past year about our country and our way of life...we have come to believe as Disraeli once stated that, “there is no education like adversity” ...and we have learned that Einstein was correct when he wrote, “In the middle of adversity, lies opportunity”. In 2021 we reassert our oath to this community, we pledge to continue providing the best service to our citizens that we can, and we assure all, that we will strive to capture each opportunity we can in order to protect you, your families, and your friends from the damaging effects of fire and natural disaster. Additionally, we proudly state that our skilled EMT's and Paramedics will bring the emergency room to you by providing the most compassionate, professional, and lifesaving care available.

2021 may be filled with chaos and fear, but the firefighters of the Oswego Fire Protection District see it as an opportunity...an opportunity to do what we do best...to protect you and your families.

With Respect, Chief Michael Veseling



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

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