

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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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



This past year we once again witnessed our members step up and fulfill our Mission. They continue to provide the highest quality of service and strive to challenge themselves so they may achieve their greatest potential for those we serve.

With that said, the past year likely means something different for each one of our members. Just as there was surely times of sadness, anger, and anxiousness, there was also happiness, altruism, and euphoria-the list is endless. I would ask that you personally reflect on the past year and aspire to having a great new year! The year 2023 will bring about many changes for Oswego Fire. In my time here, this has been true for each and every new year, and I believe it will continue to happen for decades to come.

Someone once said that people are like Cheetos - they rub off on you. Sometimes it is fun and sometimes it happens unknowingly, but when you spend as much time together as we do, there is no doubt that Cheetos will rub off. Seems silly, I know, but I challenge each of you to look around you. What kind of Cheetos are floating around that might leave a mark on you? Wash your hands of the negative Cheetos and seek out those Cheetos that exude positivity. Make it a point to consciously let those leave a mark. Our team will undoubtedly become more effective when we share our knowledge, our experience, our expertise, and our education. A couple of years ago, I ended a letter with a sentence that seems just as fitting today as it did then, *" I encourage all of you to continue to put your best foot forward and to trust that by working together, we can all continue to do great things - not only for each other, but also for the organization and the community we serve."*

John P 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 2023, the District operates with a full-time staff of 76 sworn firefighter/paramedics and two civilian administrative personnel out of four fire stations.

STATIONS AND LOCATIONS



Station #1
3511 Woolley Road
Oswego, IL 60543



Station # 2
2200 Wiesbrook Drive
Oswego, IL 60543



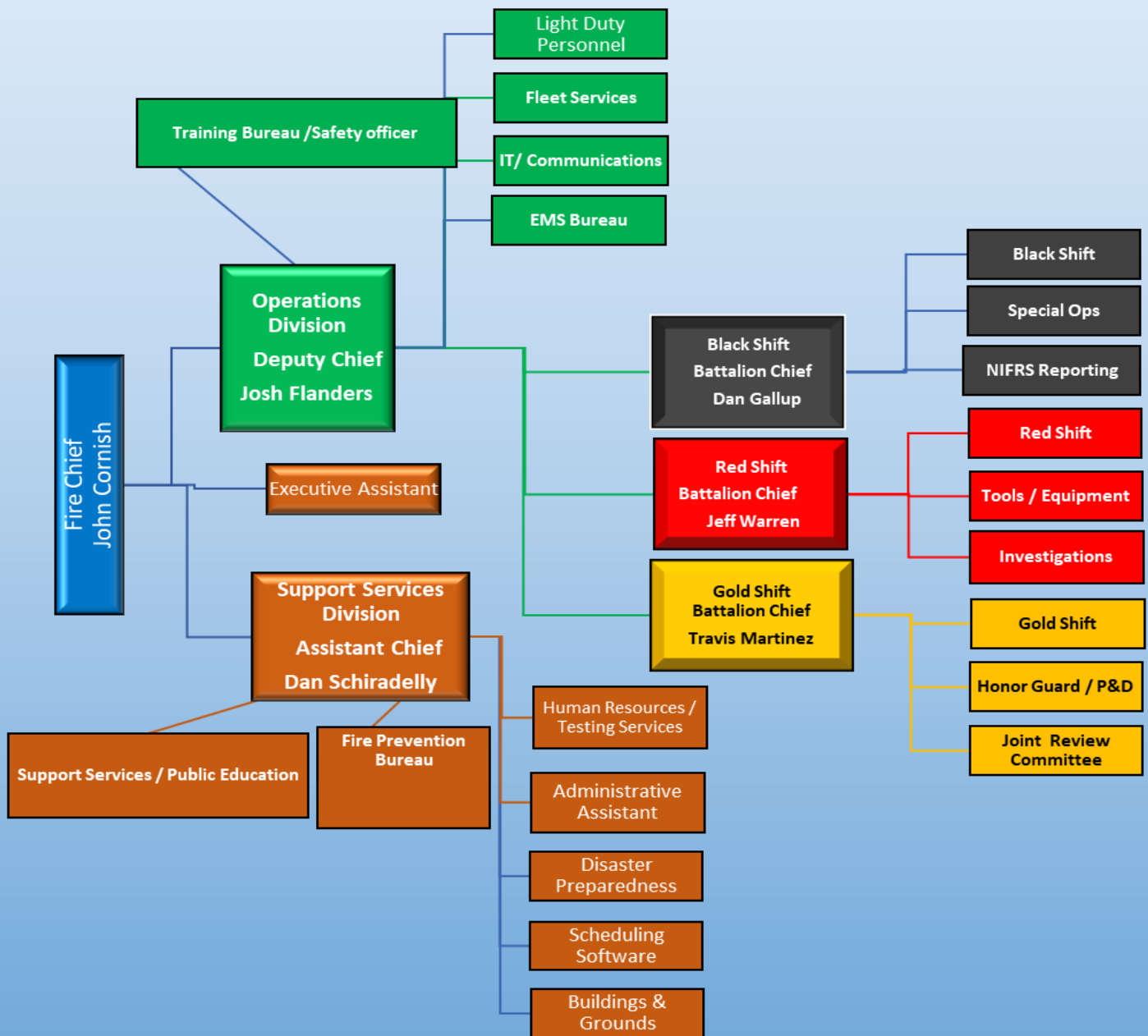
Station # 3
2200 Galena Road
Montgomery, IL 60538



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

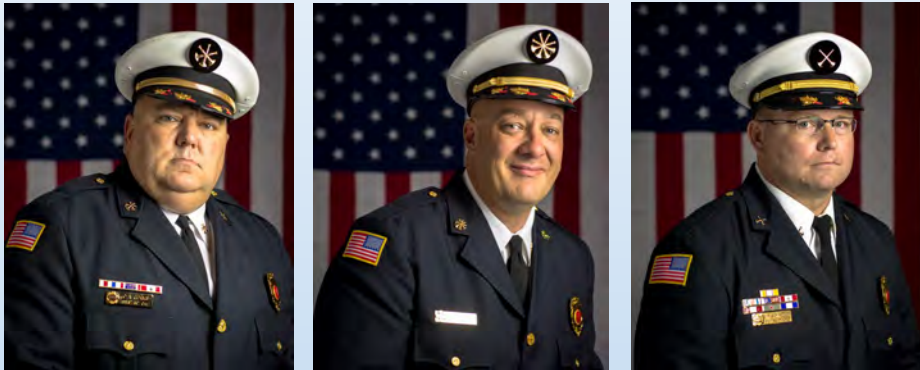
The Board of Trustees and Commissioners are the governing bodies that oversee the financial, procedure and ordinance, testing, hiring, and disciplinary matters for the District. They hold regular meetings at Station #1 located on Woolley Road.



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



It has been a busy year at Local 4773 with several exciting events and work completed by the members! Here are just a few highlights from 2022 that we wanted to share.

Members were involved in a charity dodgeball tournament on “Hero Night”. The theme of the 2022 event was “Be There”, which simply promotes the notion of being there for someone in need. The adopted charity for Franklin’s 2022 event was the Dupage Care Center Foundation.

In addition to the dodge ball tournament we celebrated our inaugural Local 4773 Softball Tournament which was a huge success! Over \$5,000 was raised for Shield 23 and Budda’s Brotherhood charities. Our members did a fantastic job putting this together and this was a huge hit with all who attended and played!

Members assisted with the department’s OJPSA as well as a Citizens Fire Academy that was aimed at local politicians to educate them about O.F.P.D. and gave them the opportunity to be apart of O.F.P.D. for a day. There were also several members that helped out with Aurora Fire Department Career Day and showcased the profession by engaging high school students in exciting evolutions throughout the day!

There were several parades in which members participated. These included the duty crews, off-duty members, Honor Guard and our Pipes & Drums. Thank you all for making us proud and representing this union with pride!

The membership showed great support and assistance with our two referendum attempts this year and provided countless hours of their free time with the common goal of seeing the referendum pass. Although their hard work and dedication did not payoff at the polls, we do feel we still educated the citizens we swore to protect about what we do. We could not be more proud of our members and their tireless effort and are truly thankful for all you do!

In 2022 we were also able to celebrate promotions and appointments of several of our members. We also welcomed three new members, FF/PM Goldsmith, FF/PM Tripp, and FF/PM Lettman. Local 4773 even expanded our extended family welcoming new spouses and many new children were brought into our world! Congratulations to all those members!

On top of all these milestones we continued to respond the needs of the citizens we swore to protect. We faced another year of our call volume increasing , failed attempts at the referendum, but yet we still continued to train and prepare for whatever duty that we may be called to.

We wanted to take a minute to thank all of you for your continued hard work and dedication, not only to this organization, but also to this union. You all truly embody what it means to be a union firefighter/paramedic and continue to make Local 4773 proud. We want to say thank you not only to the members of Local 4773 but also to the loved ones that stand beside them and allow them to be apart of the greatest profession! We cannot wait to see what challenges we will rise up for in 2023! With continued admiration and respect. Your Local 4773 E-Board

FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT



2022 IMPACT FEES

In 2022 the Oswego Fire Protection District failed twice at an attempt to pass a 0.1% Rescue Tax Referendum. Also in 2022, the Oswego Fire Protection District passed Ordinance 2022-4. This ordinance will raise the Fire Prevention Bureau fees starting in January of 2023. Levy Ordinance 2022-06 was also passed in December in an attempt to meet the current CPI. These ordinances were passed to help generate revenue in order to maintain our current services we provide to the citizens of the Oswego Fire Protection District.

GOVERNMENT UNIT	MULTIPLIER
VILLAGE OF OSWEGO	48.45557%
SCHOOL DISTRICT 308	38.01931%
OSWEGOLAND PARK DISTRICT	6.49522%
OSWEGO LIBRARY	3.56620%
OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	3.46492%

		May '21 - Apr 22		
Income			Expense	
0001 · Income			Total Personnel	12,107,635.19
09 · Capital Reserve Carryover	0.00		Total Training	65,360.84
10 · Carryover Funds	0.00		Apparatus & Equipment	432,264.83
11 · Real Estate Taxes-Fire	4,901,777.25		Communications	167,524.76
12 · Real Estate Taxes-EMS	4,901,788.63		Buildings & Grounds	1,103,087.89
13 · Real Estate Taxes-Tort	50,505.10		Pub Ed/Cause & Origin/FP	11,724.14
14 · St of IL Personal Prop Repl Tax	149,522.04		SCBA	17,724.14
15 · IL Mun League/Foreign Fire Ins	84,664.09		Administration	446,581.26
16 · Ambulance Fees	2,027,814.43		Total Expense	14,351,325.83
17 · Transition Fees	64,243.61		Net Income	-175,544.01
20 · Miscellaneous Income	4,887.23			
21 · Grant Funds	1,000.00			
22 · Administrative Fee Income	58,322.68			
23 · Real Estate Taxes-Other	84.20			
32 · Real Estate Taxes-Pension	1,741,122.83			
33 · Reimbursements	42,694.00			
35 · Donations	11,216.00			
36 · Fire Recovery Services	12,325.21			
38 · Real Estate Taxes-SS/Med	123,814.52			
Total 0001 · Income	14,175,781.82			
Total Income	14,175,781.82			
Gross Profit	14,175,781.82			

COMMUNITY / PUBLIC EDUCATION



The 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 throughout the district.

Community Events		
SEP Reviews		61 events reviewed
Prairie Fest		4 day event / Inspection of rides / provide EMS-Fire
Hometown Expo		over 2000 people, FD extrication demo
Multiple 5K races		provide medics
Park District Carnival		inspection of rides
County Triad		monthly meeting
Plainfield Traffic Committee		monthly meeting
Fire Department		
Blood Drive	27	19 Donors, 27 total units
Smoke Detector Program	20	Provided FREE to the community
Smoke Detector Batteries	14	Installed
CO Detectors	2	Provided FREE to the community
Car Seat installs	54	Hosted a car seat event
Fire Signs	3	Working on park district completion
OJPSA June	23	Junior High Students
OJPSA July	19	Junior High Students
Lock In		Cancelled
Open House (June)	500	
Open House (July)	768	Combined with Oswego Police Dept.
Christmas Parade	13	6 Oswego Fire Vehicles/ 7 other agencies
Toys for Tots	5037	1961 kids received toys
Honor Guard Events	10	10 events / 12 trainings / 5 funerals
Citizens Fire Ops Course	13	Local Government Officials

COMMUNITY / PUBLIC EDUCATION



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



The Fire Marshal oversees the day-to-day operations of the Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB). This includes 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 assists with public information and community outreach through fire and life safety education presentations, press releases and social media updates. In the year 2022 the FPB completed the following:

- Attended 67 Project Review Group Meetings
- Completed 21 Kitchen Hood Suppression System Plan Reviews & Acceptance Tests
- Completed 91 Fire Alarm Plan Reviews
- Completed 94 Sprinkler Plan Reviews
- Completed 57 Fire Alarm Acceptance Tests
- Completed 96 Sprinkler System Hydrostatic Tests
- Completed 627 Final Safety Inspections
- Sent 36 Activated Fire Alarm "No Fine" letters
- Sent 33 Activated Fire Alarm "Fine" letters for a total of \$10,850.00



FLEET MAINTENANCE



Oswego Fire Protection District has several mechanics on staff that are certified Emergency Vehicle Technicians. These members are also career Firefighter/Paramedics with the district. They work in the fleet maintenance division when not on shift as a Firefighter/Paramedic. These members logged over 4,000 hours in 2022 working in the Fleet Maintenance Division. These members not only maintain our fleet but also maintain all our small engines, EMS cots, and most repairs needed around our stations including the Ray Hoff Memorial Training Facility. In the winter they also assist with keeping our stations clear of snow and ice.



OPERATIONS



**RECORD
HIGH**

6,763 Calls for Service!

**This is a 6% increase
from 2021.**

SNAPSHOT OF RESPONSES

- **Emergency Medical Services** **4,699**
- **Activated Fire / CO Alarms** **693**
- **Motor Vehicle Accidents** **466**
- **Change of Quarters** **81**
- **Structure Fires** **50**
- **Trash/Grass/Field Fires** **40**
- **Vehicle Fires** **11**

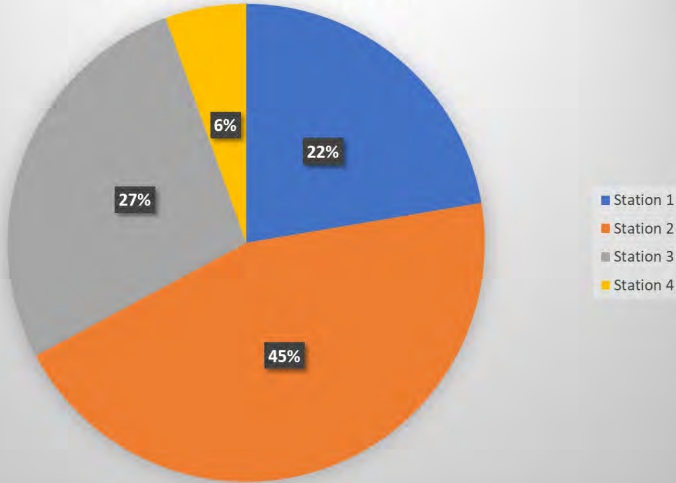
There are over 100 different codes used for reporting to *The National Fire Incident Reporting System*. This is just a quick look at some of the common codes used at O.F.P.D.



OPERATIONS

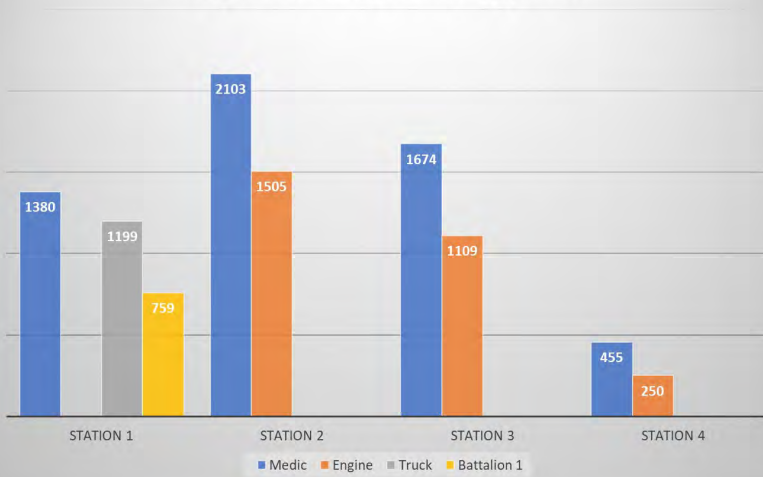


Call Response Per District



- Busiest Day of the Week: Tuesday
- Busiest Time of Day: 10 am-11 am
- The total property loss for 2022 was estimated at \$14,112,483.00

Response Data By Staffed Apparatus



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



EMS is an ever changing landscape. With post-epidemic adversities, an inundated medical system, and exacerbated staffing challenges, 2022 showed us no different. The excellent, unwavering care provided by our members despite emerging challenges is a continued testament of their passion toward emergency medicine.

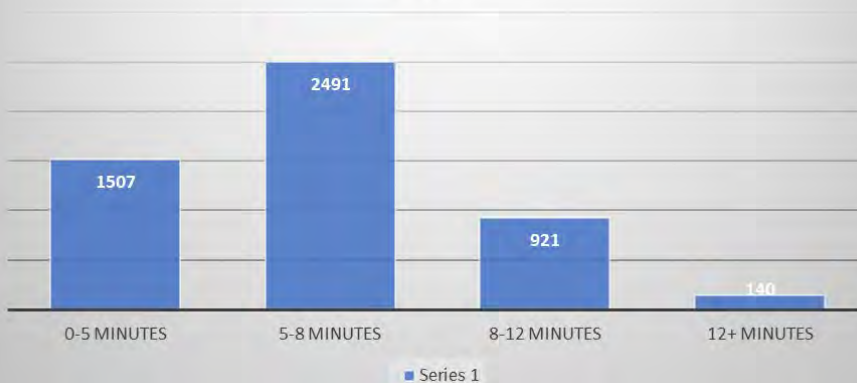
Jared Schimandle
EMS Coordinator



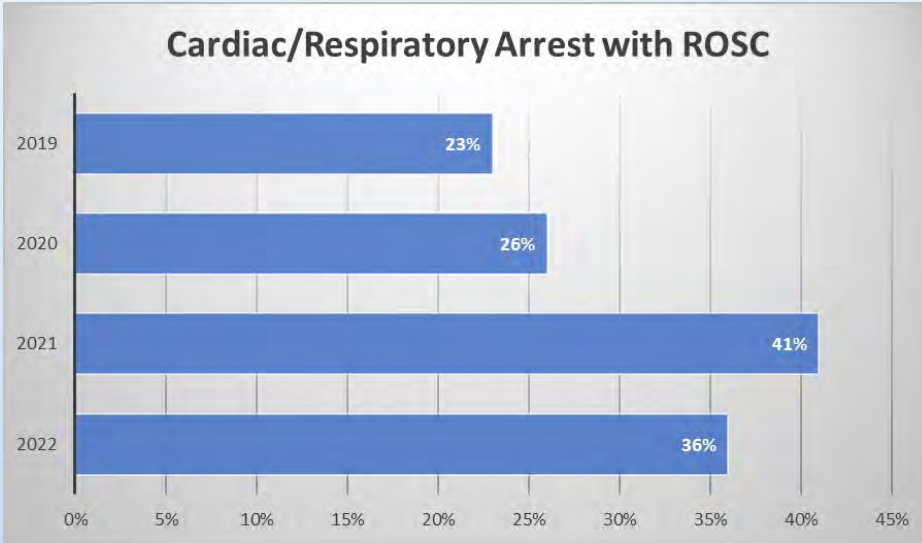
Total Patient Contacts



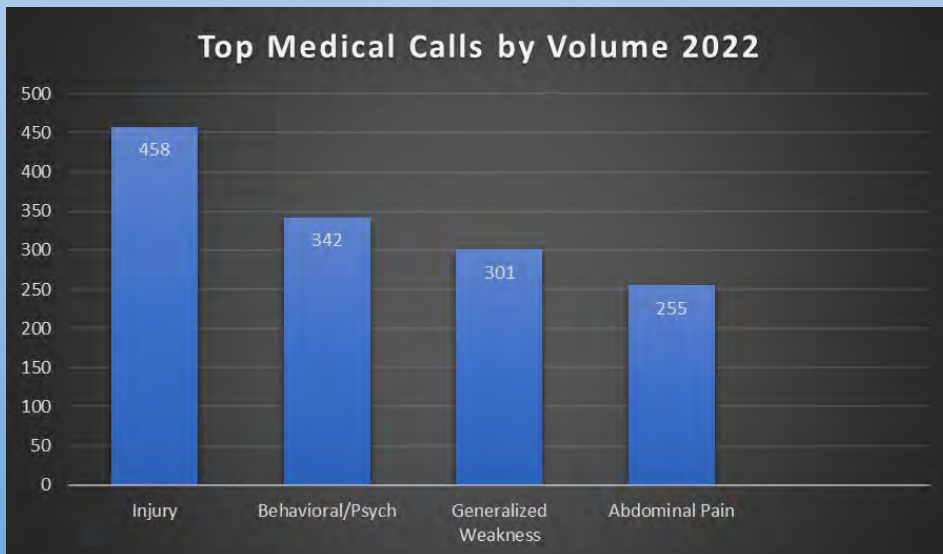
Avg. 911 Call Received to On Scene Time 2022



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 2022 is estimated at 29.7%.



TRAINING



The training bureau remained busy for the year of 2022. Crews were able to train over a multitude of topics. Guest speakers included Northern Illinois Sprinkler Alliance, Retired Chief Bob Hoff (Old School Leadership) and Air Methods who presented an advanced airway class. Other day to day topics included:

- Live Fire Evolutions
- Company Officer Development
- Vehicle Extrication
- EMS
- Ventilation
- Search & Rescue
- Ladders
- Forcible Entry
- Technical Rescue / Water Rescue /HAZMAT
- SCBA
- Fire Investigation
- Command & Control
- Rapid Intervention Training
- Driver Training
- Standpipe / Sprinkler Systems
- Fire Apparatus Engineering (pumping & aerial operations)



TRAINING



2022 TRAINING HOURS

- Members completed 30,515.94 hours of training
- Average training hours per member—391.23
- Members completed 776 hours of live fire training
- 2,338 hours of Officer Development
- 1,802 hours Drivers Training
- 1,717 hours of EMS Training
- 243 hours of HAZMAT Training



REQUESTING INFORMATION

Fire Report - To request a fire report, send an email to reports@oswegofire.com. Please include the following information in the request:

- Name of person requesting report
- Address of Incident
- Date of Incident
- Type of Incident

Ambulance Report - To request an ambulance report, send an email to ems@oswegofire.com. Please include the following information in the request:

- Name of person requesting report
- Address of Incident
- Name of Patient
- Date of Incident

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