

2023 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.”



OVERVIEW



The Oswego Fire Protection District has a rich history that spans over a century. The department's origins can be traced back to the devastating fire that destroyed the Congregational Church in Oswego in 1893. In response to this tragedy, the village purchased a hose and hose cart in 1895, and by August of the same year, a fire company was formed. A hose house was added to the town council house in June of 1897, and in 1898, a bell was placed in a tower atop the house to signal the firemen for a call.

The department continued to grow and evolve over the years, and in 1936, the Oswego Fire Protection District was formed by voter referendum, covering all of Oswego Township and part of Will County. Andrew Pierce, Glenn Leigh, James Steward, and Wally Davis were appointed the first commissioners.

In 1986, the district began providing full-time advanced life support emergency medical services in addition to the traditional fire suppression services. The district continued to expand, adding Station 2 in 1998, Station 3 in 2004, and Station 4 in 2006. The district also shifted from contract paramedic/firefighters to full-time sworn district employees in June of 2008, swearing-in 51 district-employed paramedic/firefighters.

Today, the Oswego Fire Protection District is a career department operating out of four stations. These stations are open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The district covers 52 square miles of the northeast portion of Kendall County and about 4 square miles of mostly unincorporated industrial parks in northwest Will County, protecting most of the Village of Oswego, unincorporated Boulder Hill, a large portion of the south side of the Village of Montgomery, approximately 1 1/2 square miles of the Grande Park neighborhood in the Village of Plainfield, and a small neighborhood in the far northeast area of the United City of Yorkville.

The district's population is estimated at approximately 75,000 residents and growing, in addition to the daily visitors and workers along the retail centers of Rt. 34, Rt. 30/Douglas, and Orchard Road. Over the years, the district has seen a steady increase in the number of calls for service, with 6,678 calls in 2023 alone.

In addition to providing emergency services, the Oswego Fire Protection District also offers various community services and specialty teams, such as Fire Prevention and Safety Programs, New Construction Plan Reviews, Annual Building Inspections, Fire Cause and Origin Investigation, Technical Rescue Team, Swift Water Rescue Team, Public Education Programs, C.P.R. Classes, Community Block Parties, School Visits and Station Tours, and Certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician Services. The district also provides classroom and live fire training facilities available to neighboring fire departments and Waubensee Community College's fire science program.

The men and women of the Oswego Fire Protection District are committed to providing the highest quality of service and strive to challenge themselves to achieve the greatest potential for those they serve. The district's mission is to provide professional fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency medical services while maintaining the confidence and respect of the community. Through exemplary conduct, the district aims 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 district's historic bell, once atop the hose house on Washington Street, now proudly displayed at the entrance of the Oswego Fire Protection District Central Fire Station on Woolley Road, serves as a constant reminder of the department's rich history and ongoing commitment to serving the community.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



As we stand on the threshold of a new year, it's both an honor and a privilege to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've undertaken together over the past twelve months. As I pen this letter, my heart swells with pride and gratitude for each and every one of you who has been an integral part of our firefighting family.

This year has been nothing short of extraordinary, marked by unwavering dedication and exceptional teamwork. In the face of adversity, you have demonstrated resilience that not only met but surpassed every challenge thrown our way. From battling structure fires, getting the referendum passed to responding to EMS calls, your commitment to public safety has been nothing short of awe-inspiring.

Our accomplishments are not just measured in statistics and milestones, but in the lives, we've touched and the communities we've protected. Your selfless actions have not only saved property but, more importantly, saved lives. The countless hours of training, the sleepless nights, and the sacrifices you make for the greater good do not go unnoticed. You are the unsung heroes who make a difference when it matters most.

Let's take a moment to celebrate the victories, both big and small, that we've achieved together. Our successes are a testament to the strength of our unity, the depth of our skills, and the indomitable spirit that defines our firefighting family. As we reflect on the past, let's carry forward the lessons learned, the bonds forged, and the triumphs shared.

Looking ahead, I am filled with anticipation and excitement for the new year that awaits us. While challenges will undoubtedly arise, I am confident that we will face them head-on, armed with the experience and camaraderie that define us. Together, we will continue to grow, evolve, and push the boundaries of what is possible. The unwritten chapters of our journey hold the promise of new opportunities, fresh challenges, and the chance to make an even greater impact on the communities we serve.

In the coming year, let us renew our commitment to excellence, support one another, and embrace the challenges as opportunities for growth. As we navigate the uncharted territories that lie ahead, let the values of courage, dedication, and unity guide our path.

Thank you for your exemplary service, for your sacrifices, and for being the backbone of our firefighting family. Wishing you and your loved ones a new year filled with hope, prosperity, and continued success.

Stay safe, stay strong, and let's make 2024 another year to remember!

With gratitude and respect,
Fire Chief John P Cornish



Local 4773 End of The Year Report

2023 Was a monumental year for our local. The unions efforts in conjunction with the AFFI were instrumental in the passing of our referendum. It truly could not have been done had it not been for the relentless effort from our Union Brothers and Sisters as well as our supportive community. The great relationship with AFFI was further bolstered by our memberships increasing involvement and through several events throughout 2023. Several of our members traveled down state and attended conferences and educated themselves on important issues affecting us. These members also had the opportunity to share our voice with the AFFI and network with other locals. We had an excellent Labor History presentation presented by the AFFI that showed a glimpse into our history and proved just how important the Labor Movement is to us as firefighters. Several committees were also formed that have helped the local become more organized and allowed the sharing of different ideas from all members. Our brotherhood continued our ever-strong public outreach efforts and hosted yet another tremendously successful softball tournament raising money for charity. Our pipes and drums continued to spread their talents in their very popular St. Patrick's Day tour. Our local also voted to join the incredible organization "Project Fire Buddies" that will allow us to help ease the burden and bring joy to children in our community that may be suffering from critical or life-threatening illnesses. All of this and so much more on top of the 6,678 calls for service is what makes us so proud to call you our brothers. Your dedication to this department and our local is not unnoticed and we as a board could not be prouder to be in this journey with you all. Thank you for making 2023 great and for your continued support and dedication throughout 2024. We truly cannot wait to see what our future holds!



2023



STATIONS AND LOCATIONS



Station #1
3511 Woolley Road
Oswego, IL 60543



Station # 2
2200 Wiesbrook Drive
Oswego, IL 60543



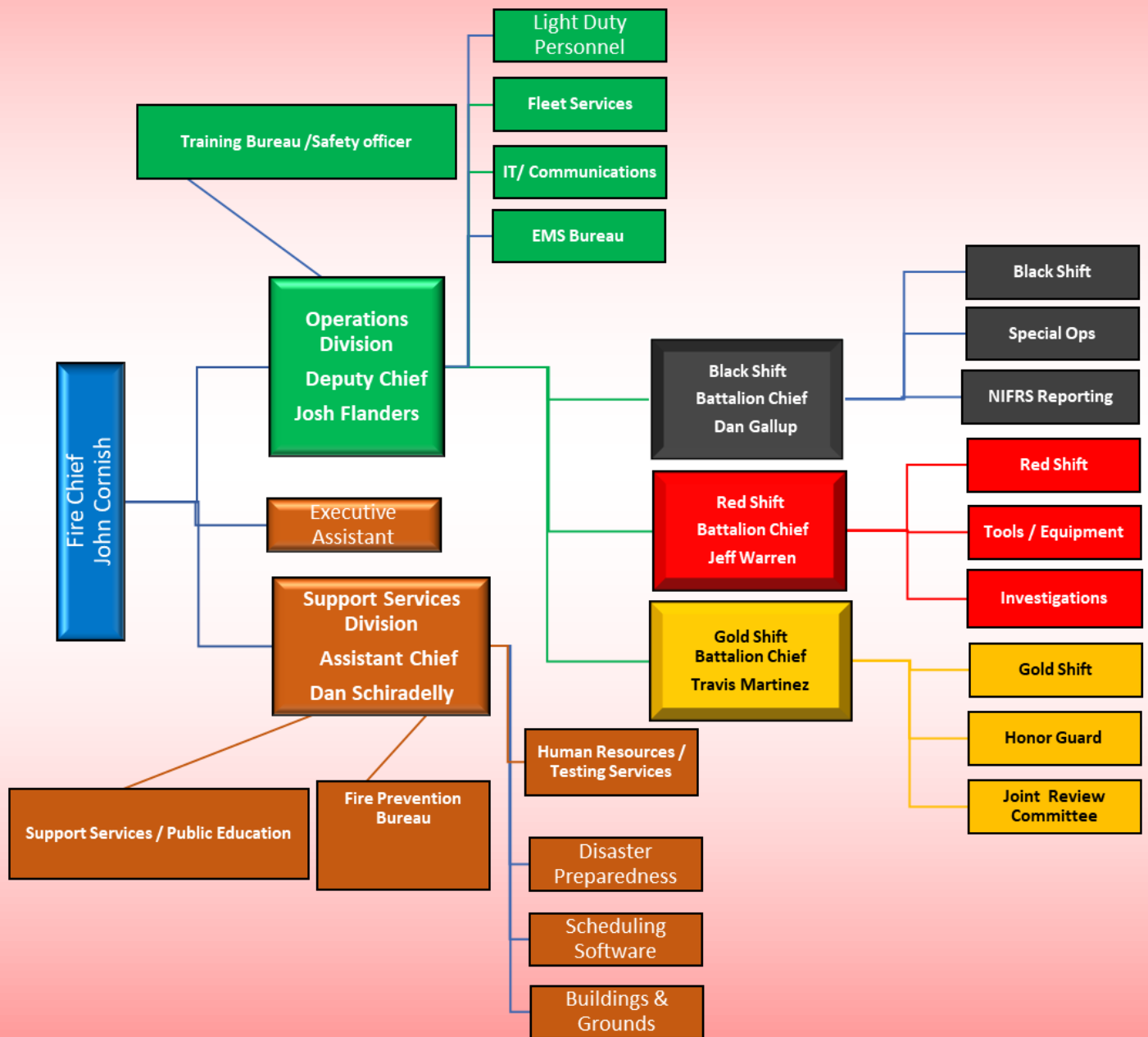
Station # 3
2200 Galena Road
Montgomery, IL 60538



Station # 4
27100 W. 127th Street
Plainfield, IL 60585



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



GOVERNANCE, EXECUTIVE, AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP



From Left to Right: Board President Roger Long, Trustee Jason Bragg, Board Treasurer Ken Holmstrom, Trustee Rob DeLong, Board Secretary Sarah Zameda

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



Executive Assistant Wendy Knack

The Executive Assistant is a full-time civilian position. The Executive Assistant's 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.



PROMOTIONS



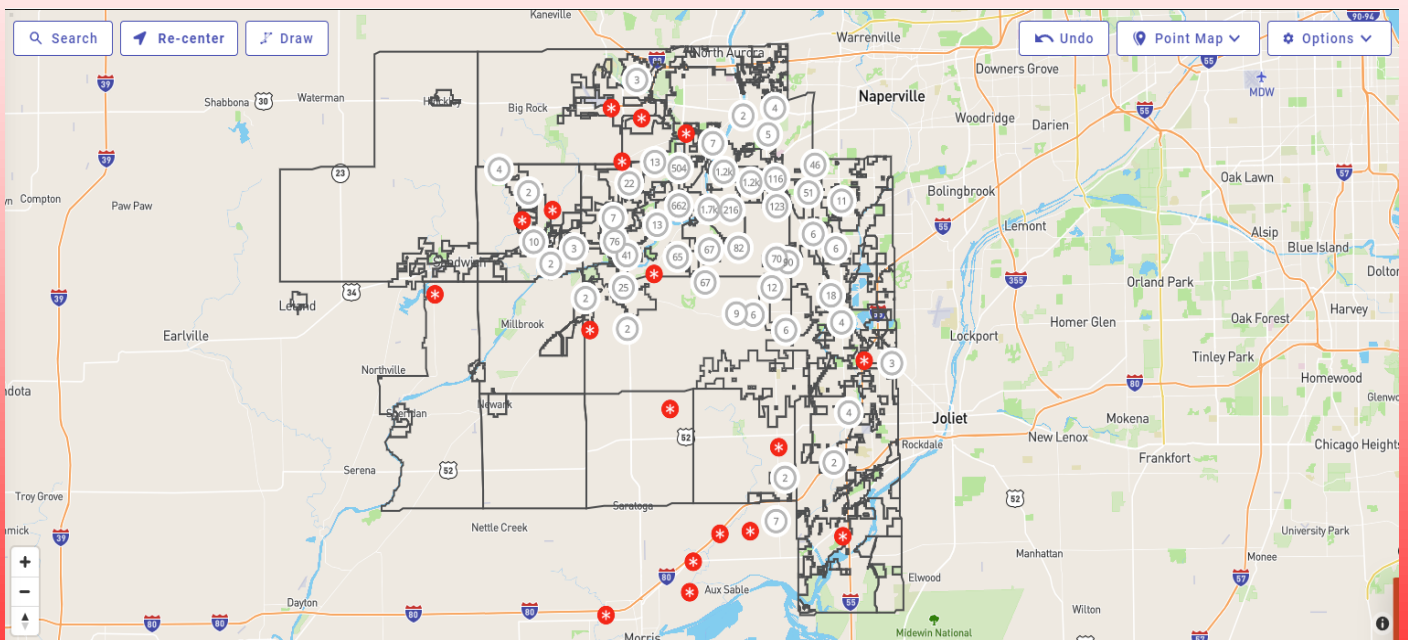
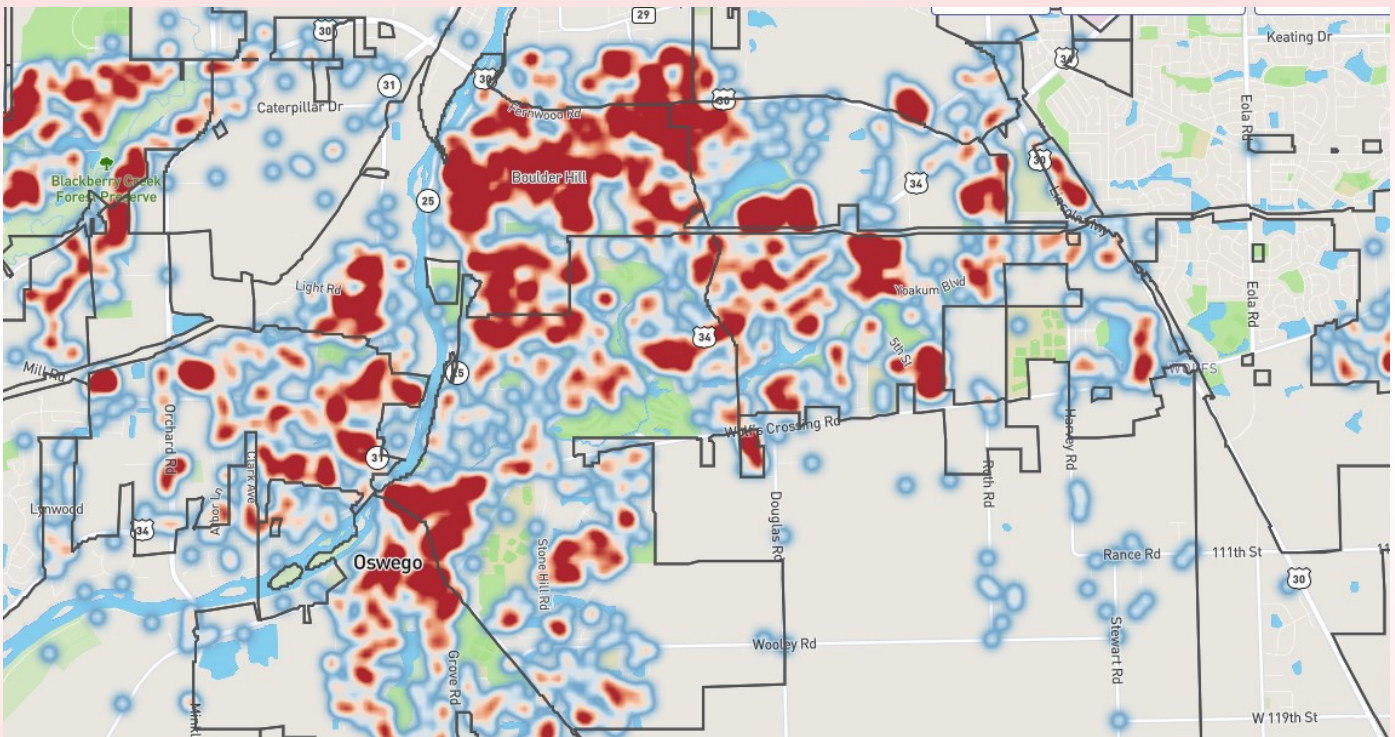
Congratulations to Matthew Goodbred on his promotion to Lieutenant in 2023. He has been serving with the Oswego Fire Protection District since 2004.



RESPONSE DATA



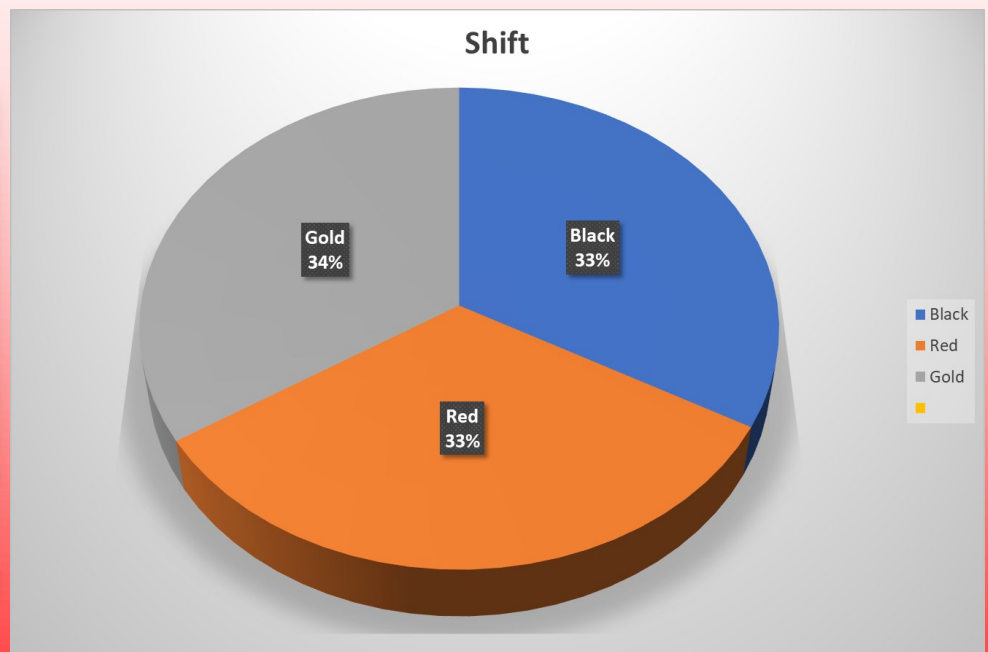
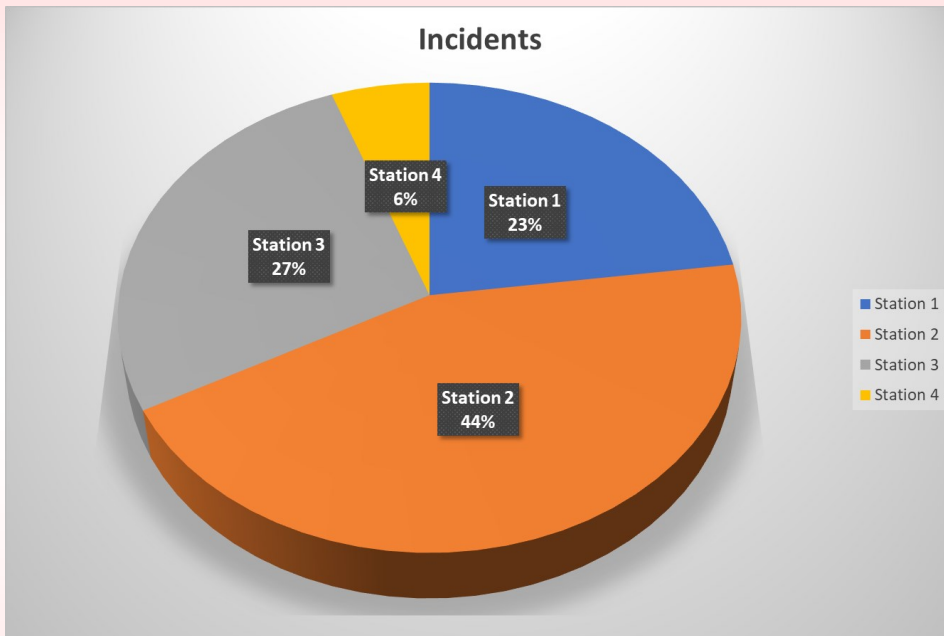
In total, the Oswego Fire Protection District responded to 6,678 incidents in 2023. Of those incidents 77% were Rescue/EMS related and 23% were fire related incidents including 45 structure fires.



RESPONSE DATA



Currently, the Oswego Fire protection district is covered by four stations with three shifts (Red, Black, Gold) manning each station for twenty-four hours a day 365 days a year. Each shift works twenty-four hours on duty and forty-eight hours off duty. The below charts represent the percentage of incidents in each response district and per shift for the year 2023.

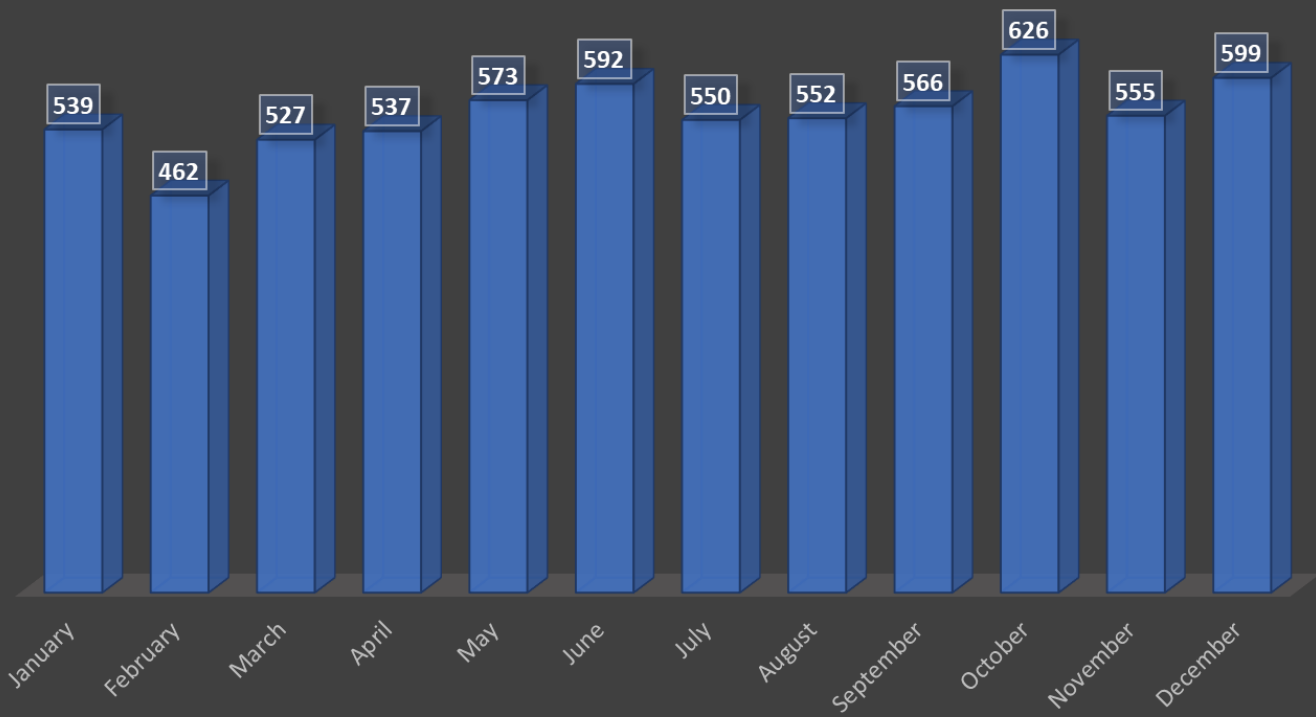


RESPONSE DATA



INCIDENTS

■ Incidents



RESPONSE DATA



Busiest day of the week: Monday & Friday

Busiest Time of Day: 11am & 5pm

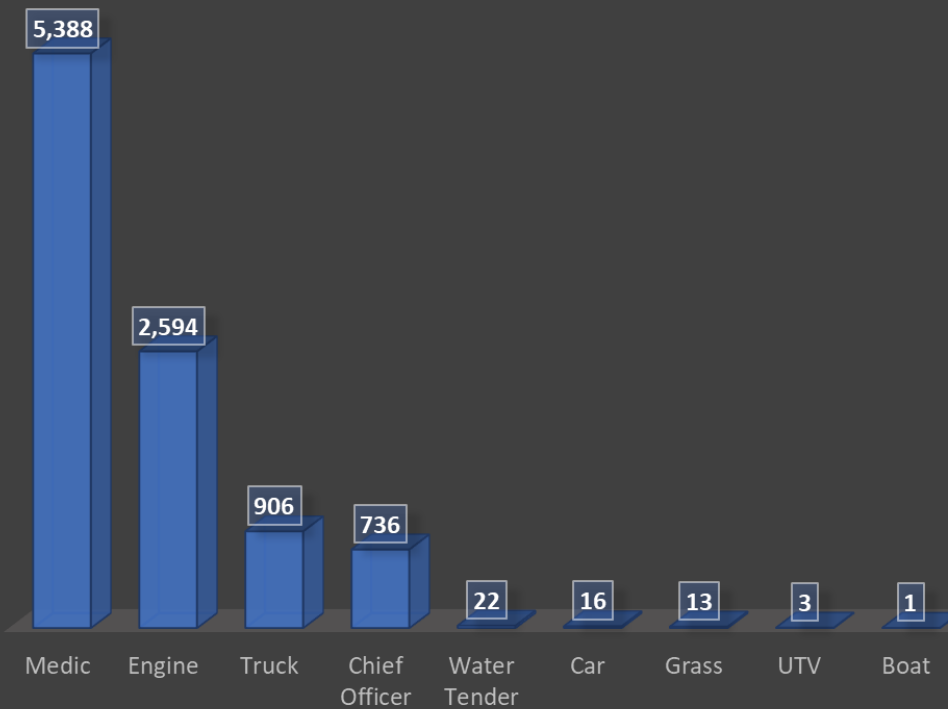
Busiest Medic: M-2 (2,086 runs)

Busiest Fire Company: E-2 (1,635 runs)



VEHICLE RESPONSES

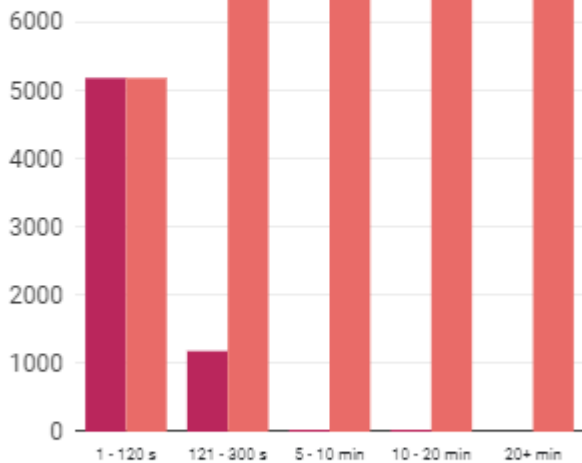
■ Vehicle Responses



Fire Turnout Time

1

86 seconds



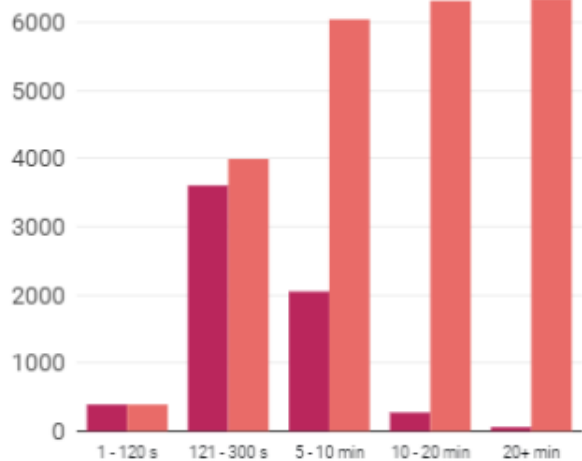
The Fire Turnout Time shows the average turnout time (from unit dispatch until unit is recorded as responding) within the specified time range for fire...



Fire Travel Time

1

296 seconds

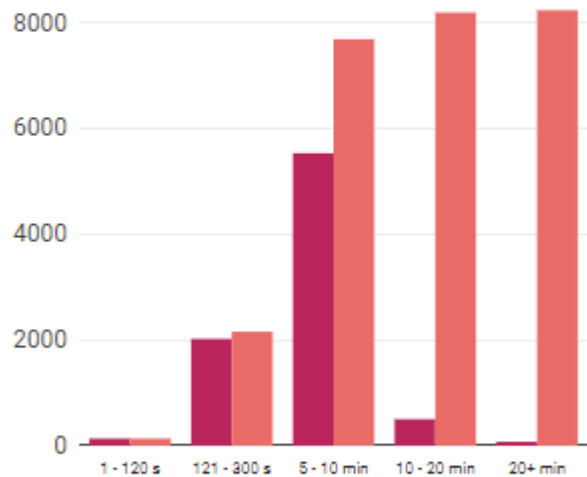


The Fire Travel Time shows the average travel time (from when a unit starts to respond until arrival on the scene) within the specified time range for fire and...

Fire Response Time

1

382 seconds



The Fire Response Time shows the average response time (call initiation to the dispatch of the response team) within the specified time range for fire and EMS.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



As we wrap up 2023, I want to commend our members for their unwavering dedication in the face of an ever-evolving landscape. We have continued to deliver exceptional care with resilience and professionalism. Looking ahead to 2024, let us carry the lessons from this year into the next, confident in our ability to adapt and excel. Your commitment is the heartbeat of the service we provide, thank you.
EMS Coordinator Jared Schimandle



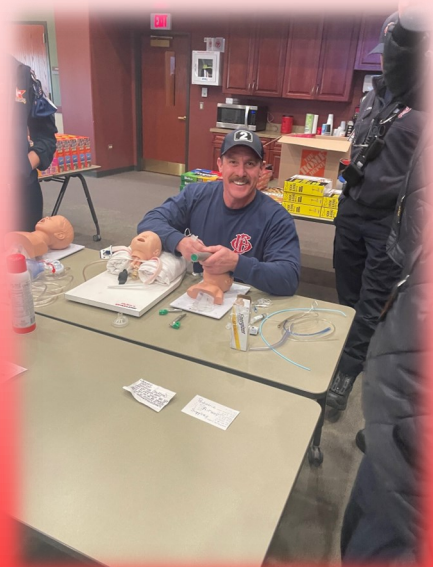
5,220 Medical Calls for Service in 2023



1,327 Medications Administered in 2023



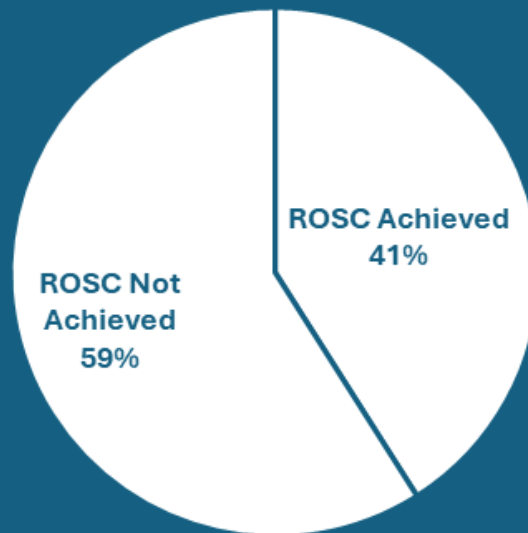
57 Opioid Overdoses in 2023



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



CARDIAC ARREST WITH ROSC



11:47

MM:SS
Average Scene Time

96%

OF PATIENT
ENCOUNTERS
Scene Time < 20:00

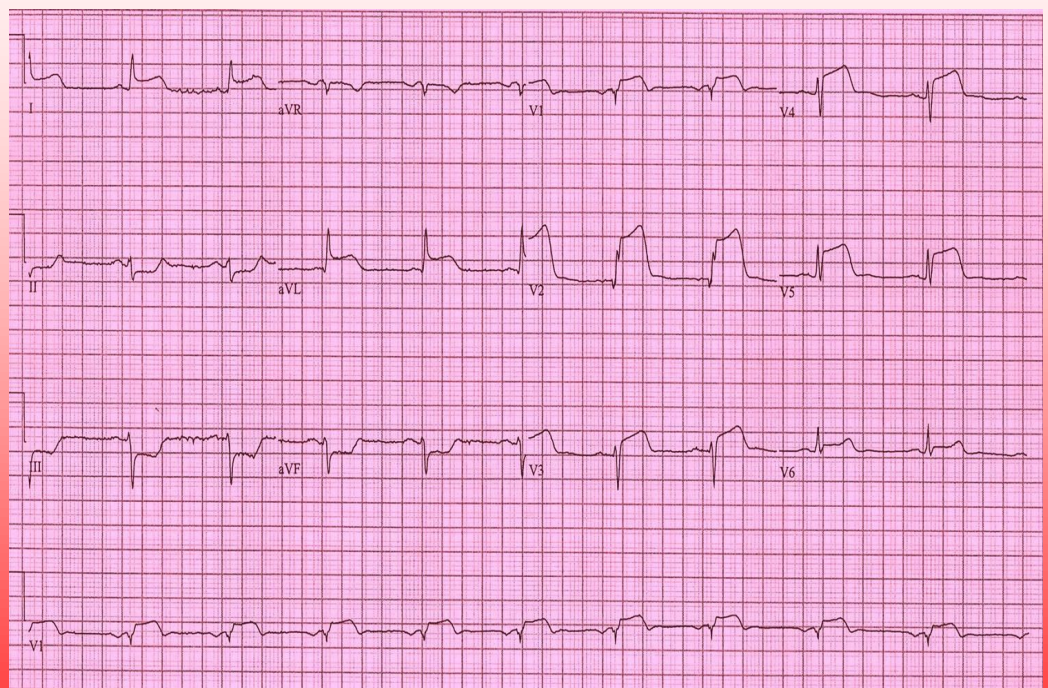
15:27

MM:SS
90th Percentile Scene
Time

26

PATIENT
ENCOUNTERS
In Selected Time Slice

2023 suspected STEMI scene time



TRAINING



Training leads to success in carrying out the mission of the Fire Department. The Training Division conducts, supervises and coordinates the Fire Department training programs to ensure that the Department is prepared for any and all emergencies.

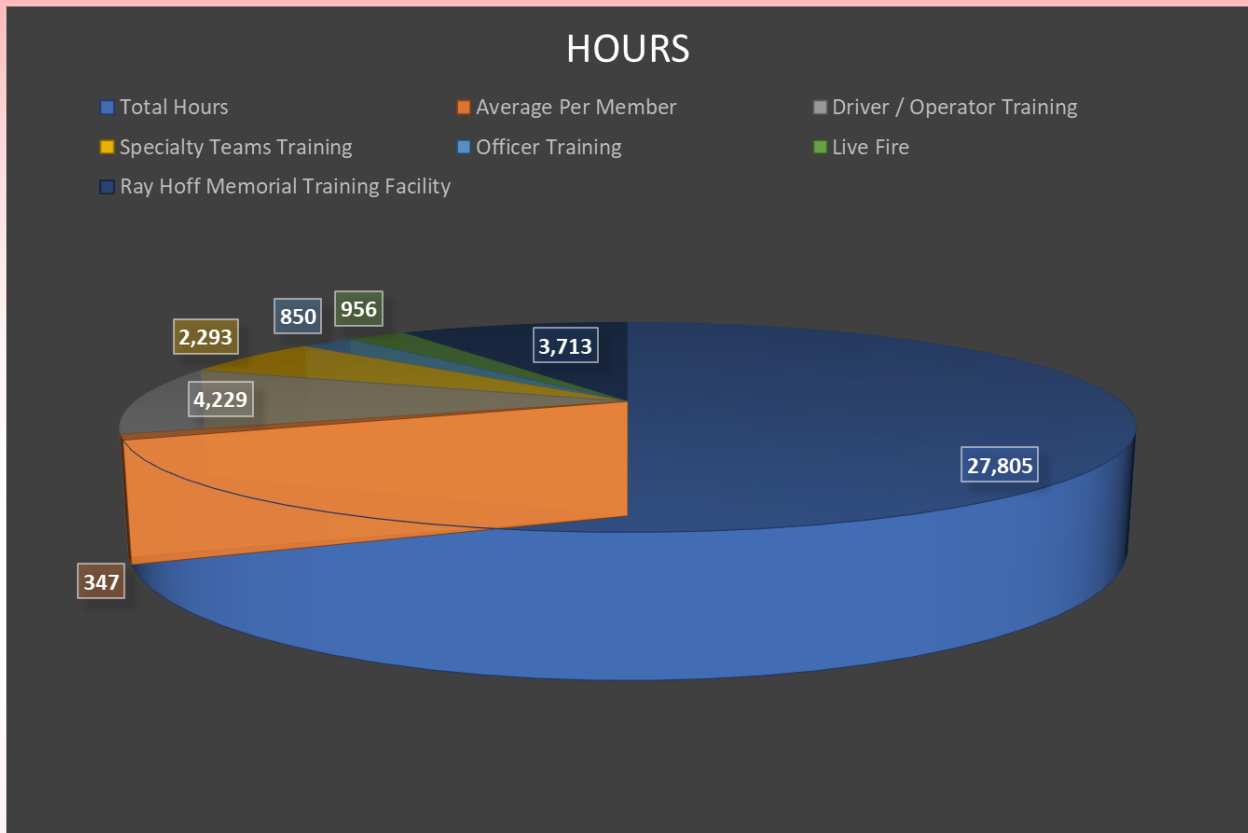
The Training Division in 2023 was led by Lieutenant J. Johnson who was responsible for the overall administration and management of the Fire Department Training Program. This individual ensures compliance with applicable federal, state and local mandates while producing meaningful training sessions aimed at personal and professional development. The Training Division also responds to emergency scenes to fill roles in the Department's Incident Command System.

In 2023 the Training Division completed the following:

- Sent members to 73 outside classes
- Hosted an elevator class
- In-service on new battery operated extrication tools
- Multiple new certifications and recertifications for members
- Replaced two burn rooms at the Ray Hoff Memorial Training Center
- Added an additional interior stairway to Ray Hoff Memorial Training Center



TRAINING



HAZMAT



In 2022, Oswego Fire Protection District (MABAS Division 14) became an associate member of MABAS Division 15 HAZMAT. MABAS Division 15 consists of 20 Fire Departments / Fire Protection Districts. Currently the Oswego Fire Protection District has three members (two of which are HAZMAT Technicians) on the roster for the MABAS Division 15 HAZMAT Team with the anticipation to add more in the near future. These members attend monthly trainings that range from hands-on scenarios to table top exercises to train for any HAZMAT situation that may occur.

Every member of the Oswego Fire Protection District is HAZMAT OPS certified through the OFSM. This certification gives every member of the department the ability to successfully start a HAZMAT incident while the MABAS 15 HAZMAT Team is activated and deployed with HAZMAT Technicians and equipment to mitigate the incident. For 2023, the members of Oswego Fire Protection District successfully completed a total of 834.75 hours of HAZMAT training collectively. **FF/PM J. Petersohn**



TECHNICAL RESCUE



The Oswego Fire Protection District Technical Rescue Team has seen some changes throughout the recent years, and 2023 was no different. TRT became members of the MABAS 15 team. This has secured our members positions on their training and deployable rosters. It also has provided us the opportunity to participate in their monthly trainings. Internally, the district made changes to our equipment we carry on our front-line fire apparatus. By simplifying our equipment, this will help streamline our response and supplement what MABAS 15 has to offer. TRT had 2 call outs in 2023. **FF/PM B. Seggebruch**



SWIFT WATER



The Water Rescue Team is in the process of establishing a Type A deployable Team, under the guidelines/standards of MABAS. Recently, meetings have taken place with Bristol Kendall Fire to begin establishing the framework and foundation of a MABAS Division 14 Type A deployable team. This process includes equipment recommendations, training requirements, certification levels, and developing a roster. Oswego Fire recently qualified as a Type B deployable resource through MABAS. Oswego Fire currently has over 40 members training to the level of Swift Water Technician. Members are continuously challenging themselves and are active in pursuing classes required such as; Swift Water Technician II, Flood Boat Operator, and Swift Water Boat Operator. – **B/C Dan Gallup**



INVESTIGATIONS



The Oswego Fire Protection District has a team of 12 certified Fire Investigators. Oswego Investigators handled 21 fire investigations within the district in 2023. As a member of Mabas Division 15 we responded to 16 Fire Investigations for mutual aid. It is the responsibility of the Fire District to Investigate all fires with in the district. Investigators are strategically positioned on each shift in ensure availability. **Captain M. Yackley**



SRT MEDICS



SRT medics from the Oswego Fire Protection District participated in seven training days totaling over 56 training hours with the Kendall County SRT Team in the year 2023. Two new members were added after passing internal interviews, physical testing, and background checks. SRT medics also responded to 13 call out incidents ranging from search warrants to special event standbys. **FF/PM Tyler Roberts**



HONOR GUARD



The fire department Honor Guard, composed of dedicated firefighters, plays a vital role in honoring fallen comrades and representing the department with dignity and respect. As the solemn guardians of tradition, they meticulously prepare for ceremonies, ensuring every detail is perfect. Clad in pristine uniforms, they march with precision and reverence, carrying flags and symbols of the department's heritage. With unwavering discipline, they perform rituals such as presenting colors, rendering honors, and conducting final farewells at funerals, memorials, and special events. Their solemn presence and steadfast commitment serve as a tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of those who have served before them, embodying the values of honor, duty, and service to their community. This past year the Honor Guard participated in multiple funerals, Veteran events, High School football games, and concerts throughout the community. **Lieutenant K. Kearns**



PIPES & DRUMS



The Oswego Firefighters Pipes and Drums Local 4773 is part of a steep tradition that dates back over 100 years in the fire service. Since the band's inception in 2011, it has evolved into a catalyst for hope, honoring, and celebrating people's achievements, as well as mourning the loss of life in the fire service. In 2023, the band was able to participate in St. Patrick's Day events over the course of 3 days, a performance at the Fox Valley Marines Golf Outing, Memorial Day Events and the PrairieFest Parade to name a few. Our most honorable event in 2023 was the participation in the funeral and celebration of life for Assistant Chief Fairfield of the Bristol Kendall Fire Department. **Lt. Eric Roberts**



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 2023 the FPB completed the following:

- Conducted and participated in 100 Project Review Group meetings
- Completed 14 Kitchen Hood Suppression System Plan Reviews & Acceptance Tests
- Completed 104 Fire Alarm Plan Reviews
- Completed 83 Sprinkler Plan Reviews
- Completed 77 Fire Alarm Acceptance Tests
- Completed 78 Sprinkler System Hydrostatic Tests
- Completed 627 Final Safety Inspections



BUREAU SUPPORT SERVICES



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. This year our support services completed the following:

- 50 car seat inspections and hosted a one day car seat event
- Annual blood drive with 24 donors
- OJPSA had 20 participants
- Our annual Open House had over 1000 attendees
- Attended several Career Fairs
- Attended multiple events as a member of the Kendall County Triad
- Toys for Tots collected 6,697 toys and 1,438 kids throughout Kendall County received toys

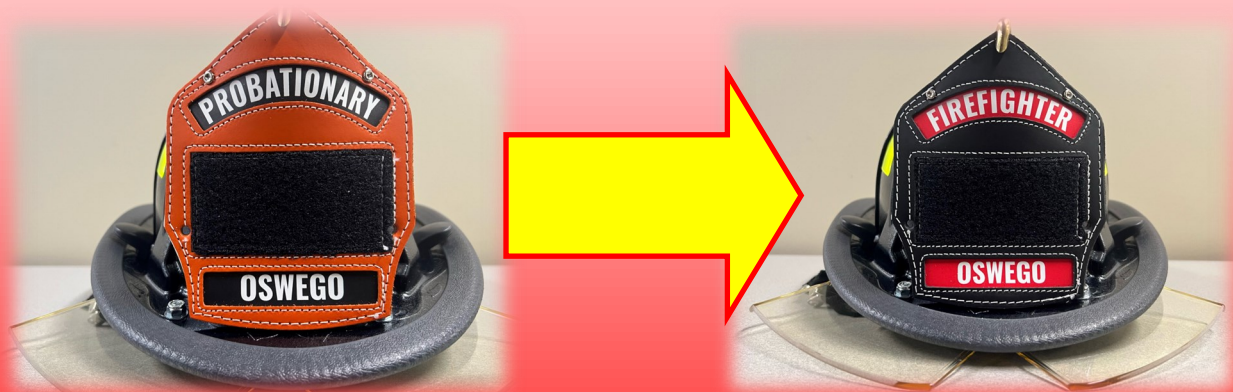


PROBATIONARY MEMBERS



From Left to Right: FF/PM Nicholas Lettman, FF/PM Thomas Tripp, FF/PM Timothy Goldsmith

Probationary members of the Oswego Fire Protection District are assigned a 12-month task book that must be completed during their first year of employment. In addition to the task book, daily evaluations are completed on each member. These evaluations cover fire and emergency medicine skillsets, teamwork, and station demeanor. After the completion of their probationary year, the candidate becomes a fully fledged firefighter/paramedic and is issued their official helmet shield and badge. We would like to congratulate FF/PM Nicholas Lettman, FF/PM Thomas Tripp, and FF/PM Timothy Goldsmith on completing their probationary year.



NEW HIRES



In 2023 the Oswego Fire Protection hired seven new probationary Firefighter / paramedics. Probationary members are issued a task book that must be completed in their first twelve months of employment. During their probationary period, candidates are evaluated on their fire and EMS skillsets and station demeanor.



RETIREMENTS



In 2023 we saw two of our Board of Trustees retire. O.F.P.D. would like to thank them for their long time dedication to this organization and the citizens that we serve.

Bob Tripp served as a volunteer firefighter for O.F.P.D. from 1966-2002 before becoming a Board of Trustee where he served from 2002– 2023.

Dick Kuhn served as a Board of Trustee from 1998-2023.



IN MEMORIAM



Elbert H "Bert" Nease, age 92, of Oswego, IL passed away on Monday, July 3, 2023, at Cedarhurst of Yorkville, IL. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. He served the Oswego Fire Protection District as a volunteer firefighter from 1969—2004 and continued to volunteer his time with OFPD until 2012.

John "Jack" McCleary, of Oswego, age 62 passed away on August 15, 2022, at Accentcare Hospice Center in Naperville, IL. He served with the Oswego Fire Protection District as a volunteer firefighter from 1984-2002.



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 - For questions regarding ambulance billing please contact Andres Medical Billing at 847-577-8811.

Patients requesting medical records should contact 877-618-0943 or email RecordRequest@andresmedical.com to submit a request.

Requests for medical records on behalf of a law firm, third-party retrieval company, or insurer can be made through the website www.chartswap.com.

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