2025 ANNUAL REPORT

OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



DEDICATION

In Dedication

Firefighter Roberto "Bobby" Flores

This year's Annual Report is dedicated to the life and legacy of Firefighter Roberto "Bobby" Flores.

Roberto joined the Oswego Fire Protection District in 2008 and quickly became a one-of-a-kind member of our organization. He brought passion, heart, and an unwavering commitment to serving others—qualities that defined him both as a firefighter and as a person. Bobby's love for this community was evident in everything he did, from the calls he answered to the relationships he built with coworkers and residents alike.

In 2020, Roberto was forced into retirement after being diagnosed with occupational cancer—a battle he faced with strength, courage, and grace. This summer, we lost Bobby to that same occupational cancer. His passing is a solemn reminder of the risks firefighters face long after the sirens are silent.

Roberto Flores leaves behind a lasting legacy of service, compassion, and dedication. He will always be remembered as a brother, a friend, and a firefighter who truly embodied the mission of protecting and helping others.

We honor his life, his service, and his sacrifice.
He will never be forgotten.



FF/PM Roberto C. Flores
November 20, 1973—July 26, 2025

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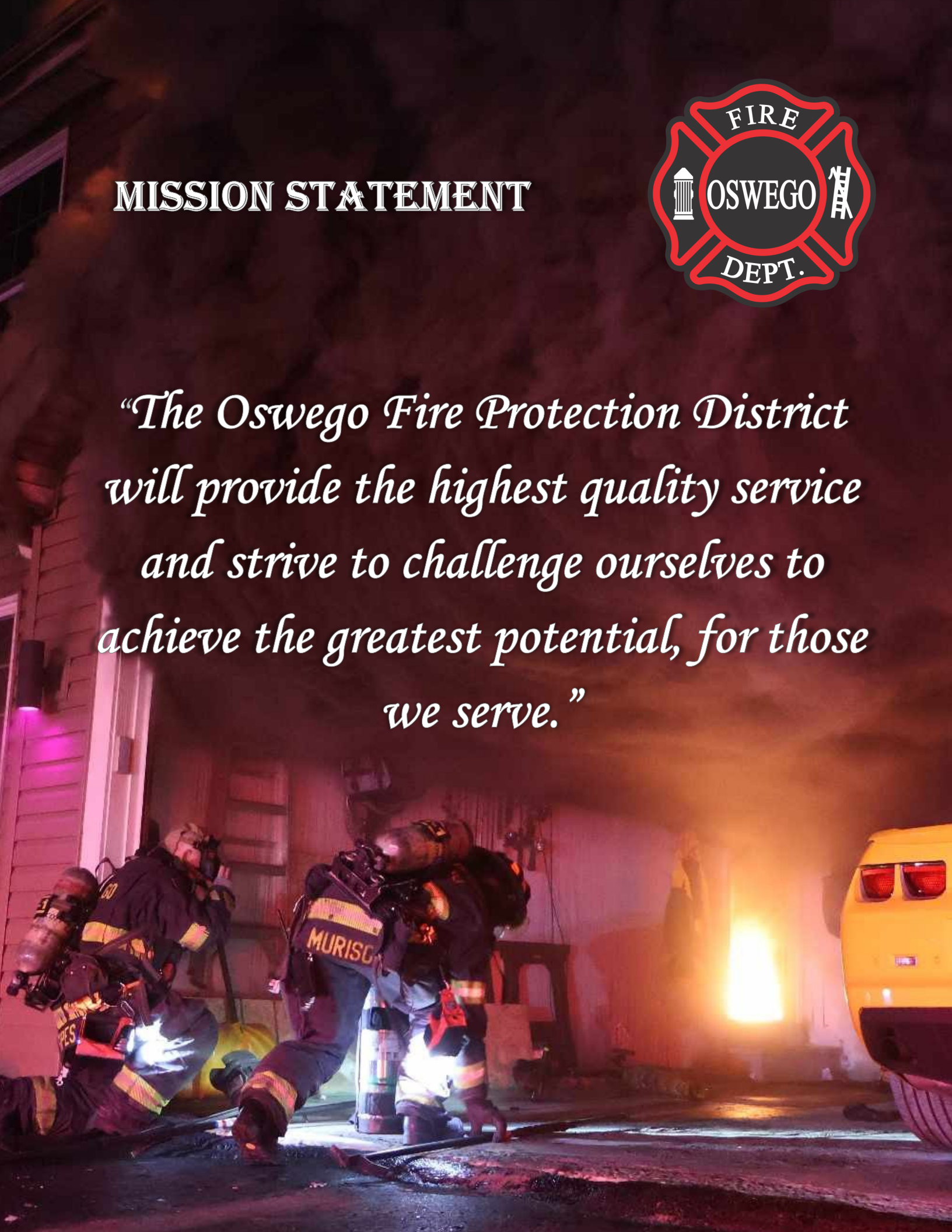
MISSION STATEMENT

"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 ½ 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 86,000 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 **7,361** calls in 2025 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 Waubonsee 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



On behalf of the members of the Oswego Fire Protection District, I am proud to present this Annual Report and to share a reflection on another year of service to our community.

The Oswego Fire Protection District exists for one purpose: to protect lives, property, and the well-being of those who live, work, and visit our community. Over the past year, our firefighters, officers, and civilian personnel have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to that mission. Whether responding to fires, medical emergencies, hazardous conditions, or community needs, our members answered every call with professionalism, compassion, and dedication.

Our community continues to experience record growth and increasing complexity. With that growth comes new challenges, higher call volumes, and evolving risks. This past year, the District remained focused on preparedness, training, and strategic investment to ensure we can meet those demands today and in the future. We continued to evaluate our operations through data-driven analysis, enhance training and education, and make thoughtful improvements to our facilities, apparatus, and equipment—all while maintaining responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources.

Fire and emergency medical response remain at the core of what we do, but prevention and education are equally important. Our public education programs, inspections, and partnerships with other agencies play a critical role in reducing emergencies before they occur. These proactive efforts, combined with rapid and effective emergency response, help keep Oswego a safe place to live and work.

I am especially proud of our members. Their professionalism extends beyond emergency scenes and into daily interactions with the public, community events, and support services. They continually train to improve their skills, support one another, and uphold the values of integrity, service, and excellence. The success of this District is a direct result of their hard work and commitment.

This Annual Report reflects transparency, accountability, and our dedication to continuous improvement. It highlights our accomplishments, identifies challenges, and outlines our focus for the future. As Fire Chief, I am grateful for the trust placed in us by our residents, the support of our Board of Trustees, and the strong partnerships we share with local, regional, and county agencies.

Thank you for your continued support of the Oswego Fire Protection District. It is an honor to serve this community, and we remain committed to providing the highest level of emergency services—today and for generations to come.

Joshua Flanders

Fire Chief Oswego Fire Protection District



OSWEGO FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL

2025 was a year filled with milestones and memorable moments for Oswego Firefighters Local 4773. We celebrated the retirements of FF/PM Tom Touchette and Lt. Dave Hubrick, who together dedicated 77 years of service to our community. We wish them the best and thank them for continuing to uphold the values of Local 4773.

Our charitable work remained strong, raising thousands of dollars for causes including Shield 23, Buddas Brotherhood, Project Fire Buddies, and more. Special Teams also saw growth and transition, with our Investigation Team passing the torch to new members and our Water Team expanding by 90% through new partnerships that enhance training and response capabilities.

This year, we also mourned the loss of our brother Roberto Flores, who passed from occupational cancer. His legacy and mantra “It’s no problem”, continue to inspire us. We thank our neighboring locals for their support during times of need and for standing beside us in service and brotherhood.

From all of us at Oswego Firefighters 4773, we wish you all a safe New Year!





STATIONS AND LOCATIONS



Station #1
3511 Woolley Road
Oswego, IL 60543



Station # 2
2200 Wiesbrook Drive
Oswego, IL 60543

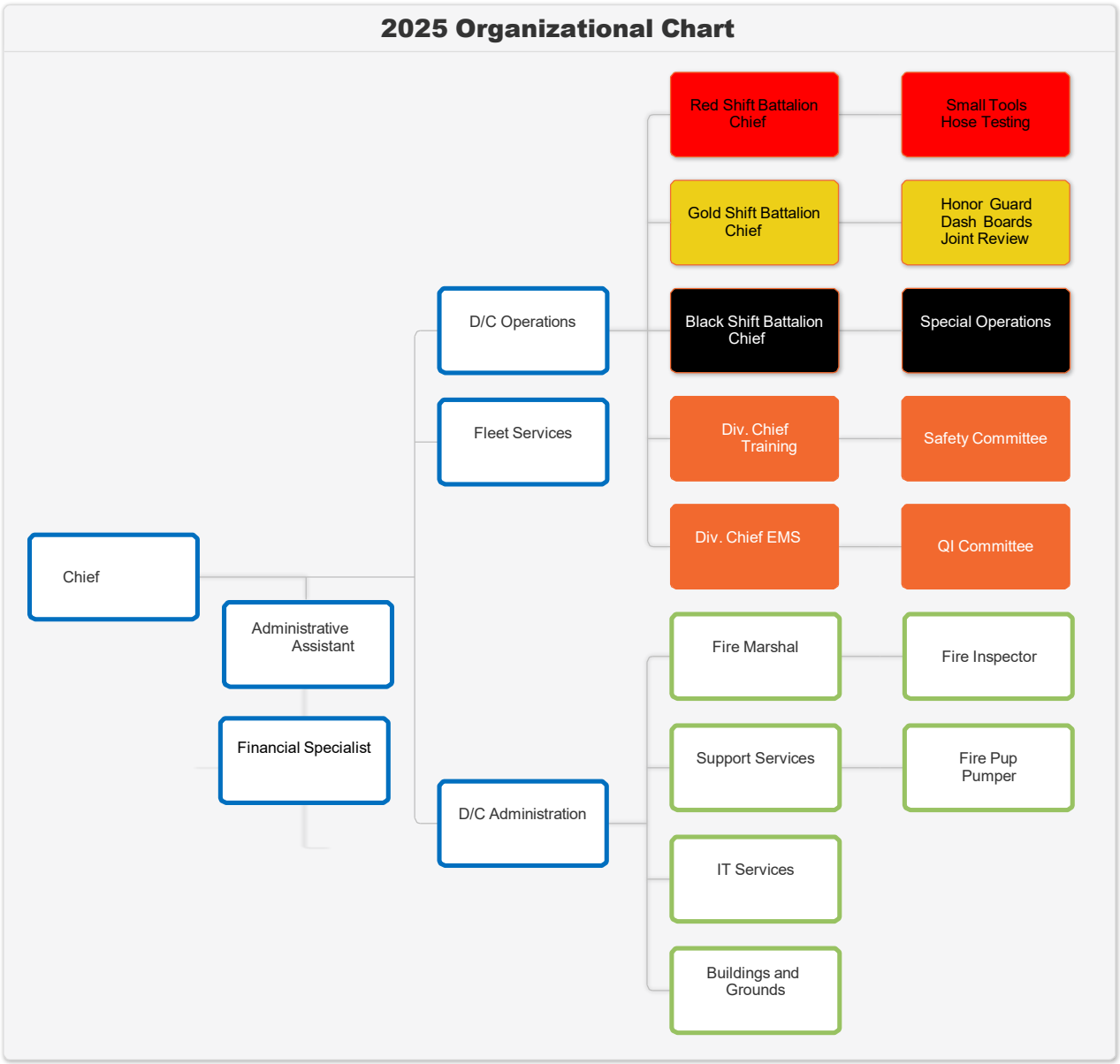


Station # 3
2200 Galena Road
Montgomery, IL 60538



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

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



GOVERNANCE, EXECUTIVE, AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP



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

The Board of Trustees and the Board of Fire Commissioners serve as the governing bodies of the Fire District. They are responsible for financial oversight, policy and ordinance development, testing and hiring processes, and disciplinary matters. Both boards meet regularly at Fire Station #1 on Woolley Road to conduct official business and ensure the effective governance and operation of the District.



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

CHIEF OFFICERS



From Left to Right: Chief Josh Flanders, Deputy Chief Dan Schiradelly, Deputy Chief Dan Gallup, Division Chief of Training Joe Johnson, Division Chief of EMS Kelly Cave

The Chief Officers are responsible for ensuring the development, implementation, and consistent adherence to District policies and procedures. Their duties include overseeing emergency response protocols, establishing and maintaining training standards, promoting safety throughout all operations, and managing the day to day functions of the Fire District.



From Left to Right: Battalion Chief Jeff Warren, Battalion Chief Travis Martinez, Battalion Chief Matt Yackley

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



Executive Assistant Wendy Knack

The Executive Assistant is a full-time civilian position responsible for providing comprehensive administrative support to all Staff Chiefs. Key duties include preparing confidential correspondence and detailed reports, organizing and maintaining department records, and assisting with all human resources functions for the Oswego Fire Protection District.



Financial Specialist Adriana Reyes

The Financial Specialist oversees all financial activities of the District, including budgeting, financial reporting, and ensuring compliance with accepted accounting standards. This position is also responsible for processing payroll, maintaining accounts payable and receivable records, and ensuring the accuracy and integrity of all financial data.

CHAPLAINS



Chaplain Vince Vazquez

Fire department chaplain services provide essential emotional and spiritual support to firefighters and their families. The Fire Chaplain is available 24/7—including weekends and holidays—to offer counseling and comfort during times of crisis, such as the injury or death of a firefighter. The Chaplain also assists with grief counseling, stress management, and personal challenges that firefighters may encounter. In addition, they provide spiritual services during ceremonies and special events.

While rooted in religious traditions, the Fire Chaplain serves in a non-denominational capacity and respects the diverse beliefs of all department members. Their presence helps foster a supportive environment, ensuring firefighters have the resources necessary to cope with the emotional demands of their profession.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In 2025, the Oswego Fire Protection District partnered with Feathershark for managed IT services. Feathershark works with over 55 fire districts and brings deep experience with the technology challenges unique to emergency services.

Our first priority was to address long-standing technology problems and to understand what we had. We assessed the IT infrastructure across all four stations, documenting systems, identifying security gaps, and flagging aging equipment.

Based on those findings, we deployed enhanced endpoint protection on all district workstations to guard against malware and unauthorized access. We also upgraded our backup solution and reorganized our file structure, better securing our information and making it easier to find.

In 2026, we will develop a multi-year technology roadmap. This plan will evaluate cloud-based solutions and ensure our systems keep pace with a community that continues to grow. We look forward to building on the progress made this year.

Rob Cima –President

PROMOTIONS

O.F.P.D. Celebrates Leadership Milestones in 2025

The year 2025 marked a significant chapter for the O.F.P.D. with two key appointments and one well-earned promotion. We proudly congratulate the following members for their dedication, leadership, and commitment to excellence in service:

- **Joe Johnson** – Appointed as **Division Chief of Training**
- **Kelly Cave** – Appointed as **Division Chief of EMS**
- **Paul Gal** – Promoted to **Lieutenant**

Your hard work and passion for this profession continue to inspire those around you. Thank you for your service and congratulations on these well-deserved achievements!









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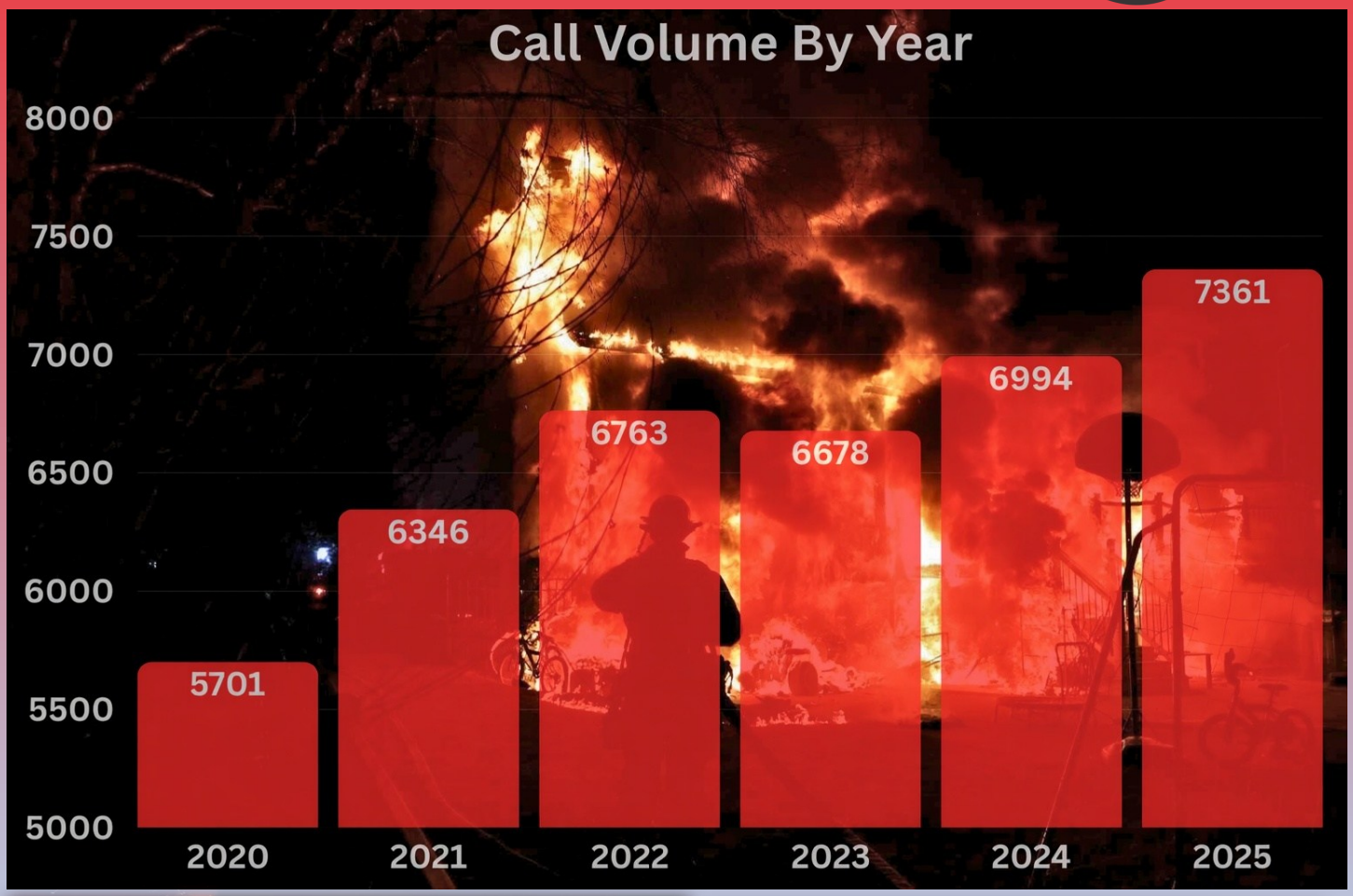





RESPONSE DATA



CALLS FOR SERVICE

Nature	Volume
MEDICAL	5057
BUILDING FIRES	55
MVC WITHOUT INJURY	264
MVC WITH INJURY	182
VEHICLE FIRES	21
GAS LEAKS	100
MUTUAL AID COVERAGE	75

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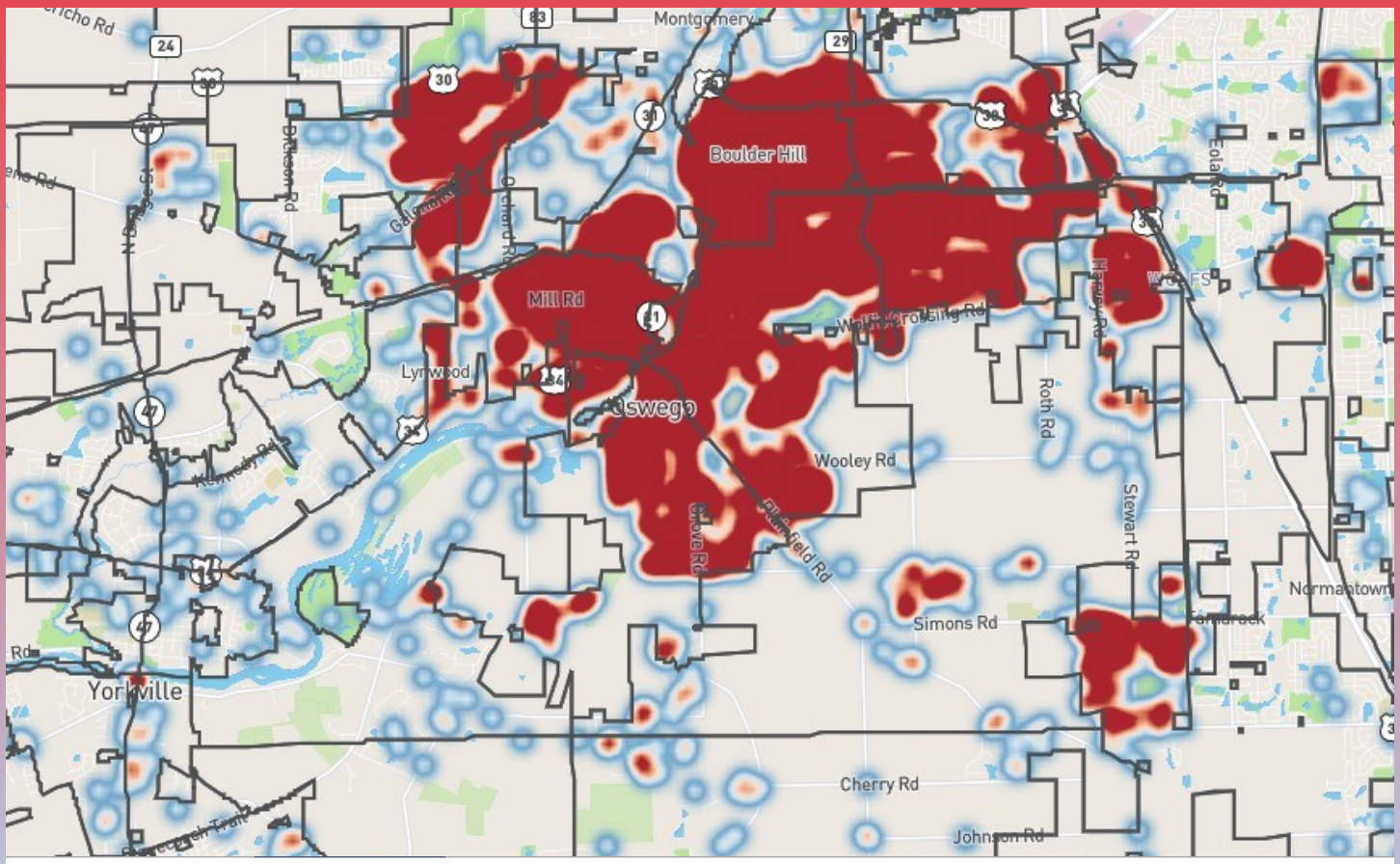

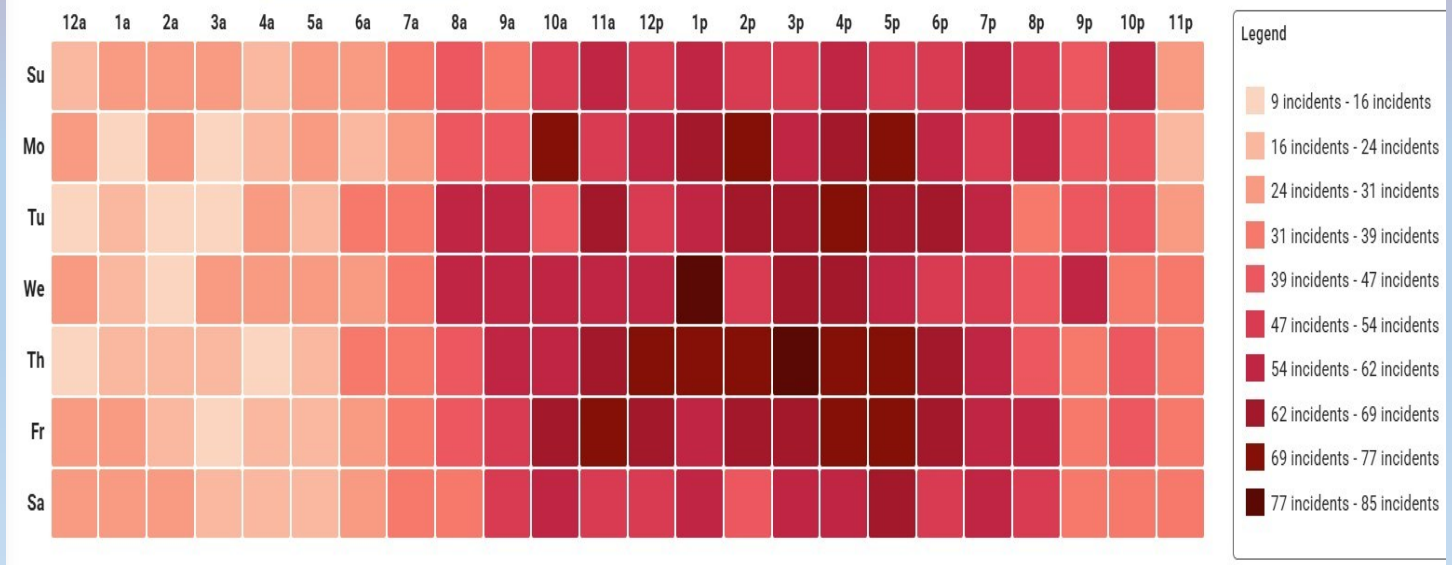

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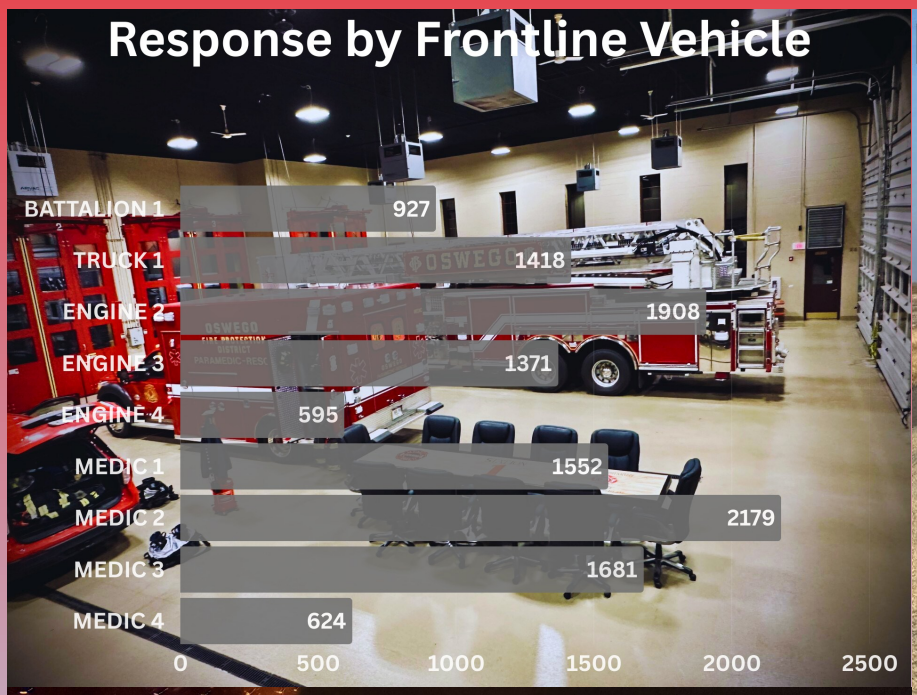


MUTUAL/AUTO AID



AUTOMATIC AID GIVEN	88
AUTOMATIC AID RECEIVED	77
MUTUAL AID GIVEN	299
MUTUAL AID RECEIVED	119







EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

As we close out 2025, I would like to take a moment to commend all members of the Oswego Fire Protection District for your continued dedication and service to our community. Over the past year, EMS call volume has continued to rise, and through that increase you have consistently delivered exceptional care with compassion, professionalism, and integrity.

The EMS landscape continues to evolve, bringing new challenges and higher expectations. Despite this, our members have remained adaptable, committed, and focused on providing the highest level of service to those we serve. Your willingness to train, self-evaluate, and engage in continuous quality improvement is what allows our organization to move forward and improve year after year.

EMS Division Chief Kelly Cave

2025 in Review:

- Awarded Rush Copley STEMI run of the year and two STEMI runs of the quarter.
- Hosted a hands on Airway class with Lifestar helicopter and Bristol Kendall Fire
- Implemented Cardiac Arrest management SOG (PIT CREW CPR).
- Hosted Department PALS class for all three shifts.
- Hosting in person SFVEMSS Providers Council meeting
- Implementation of in house monthly EMS training (Snapshot) for crews
- Awarded Department Medal of Valor to Chris Bockrath and Jesse Melow for extraordinary actions in the resuscitation of a critical MVC victim.





EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



2025 Stats

5217 total Request for an Ambulance

3727 Patients transported to Local hospitals

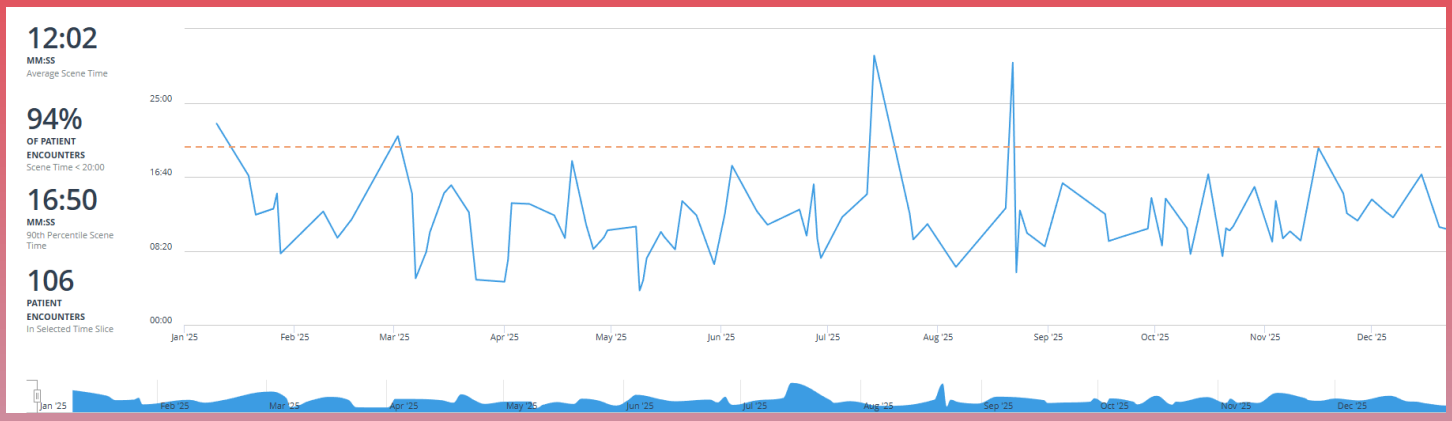
47 Cardiac Arrests

27 STEMI Alerts (Code STEMI)

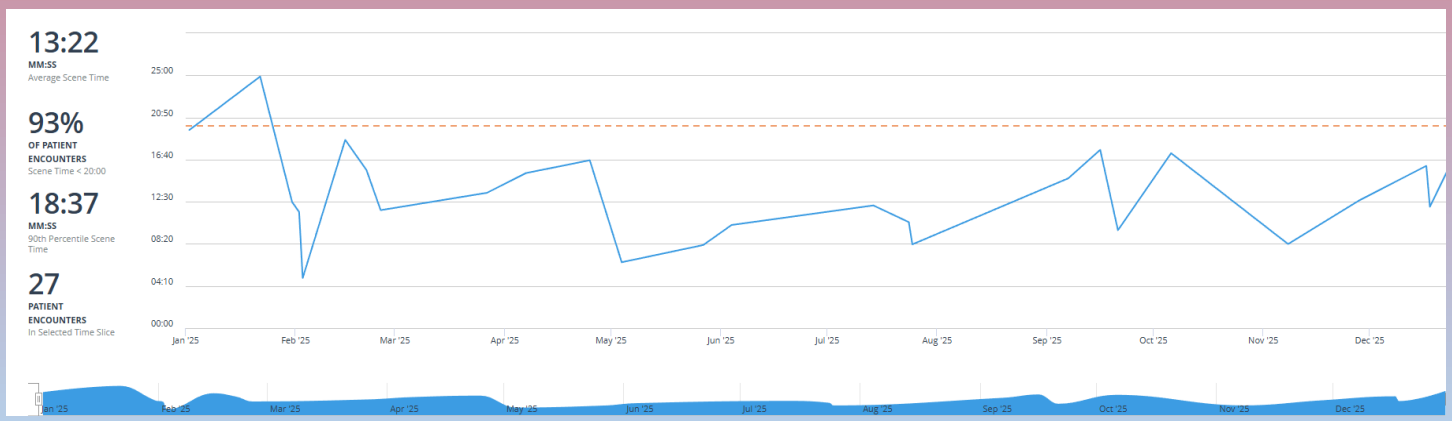
106 Stoke Alerts (Code Stroke)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

STEMI SCENE TIME



STROKE SCENE TIME







TRAINING

"Be motivated by the fear of being average..."

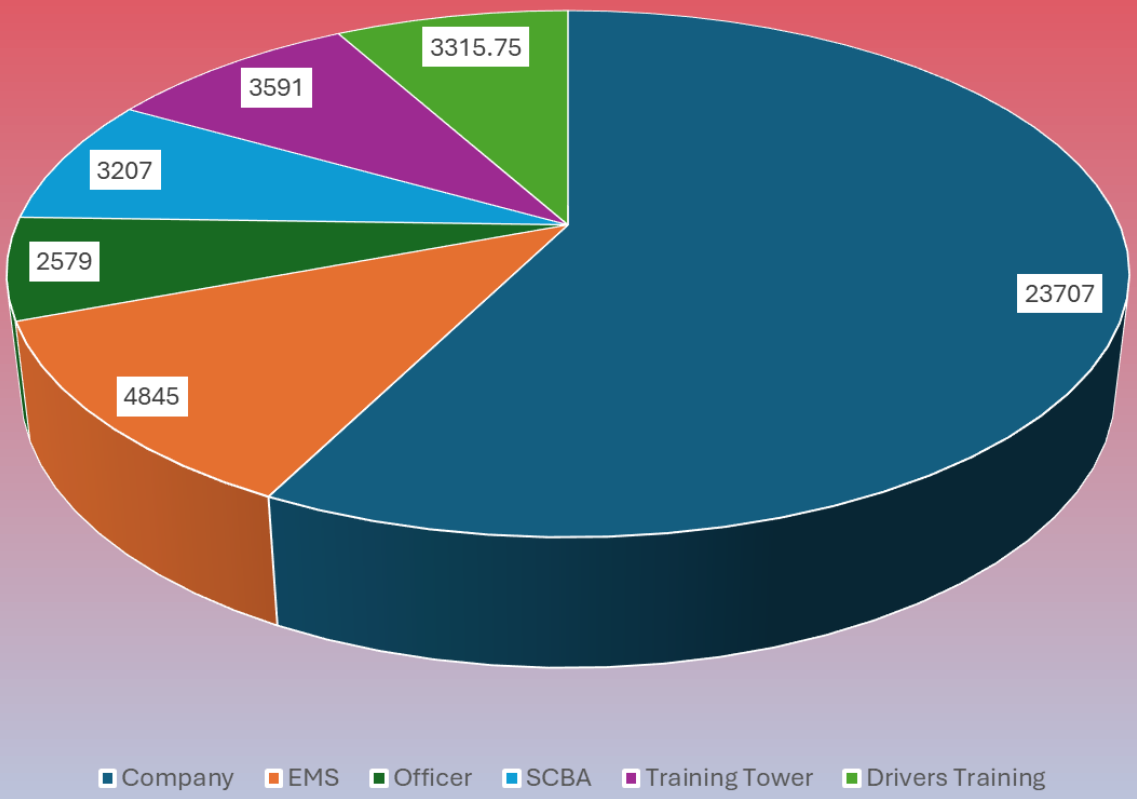
We ask every new hire one question: *Who would you trust to show up for your family on their worst day?*
That question defines our purpose. It sets the standard we train to, the expectation our community counts on, and the responsibility we carry every day. Training is where that trust is earned.
Over the past year, our men and women committed themselves to becoming that answer, through discipline, sacrifice, and relentless effort, so when our community calls, they never stand alone.

Highlights of 2025

- 30,897 hours of training, an increase of over 2,000 hours
- Sent members to over 120 outside training classes
- Conducted two new hire orientations lasting 3 weeks each for our 10 new Firefighter / Paramedics
- Command training for all Command Staff, Battalion Chiefs, and Acting Battalion Chiefs
- Two days of grant funded class through Illinois Fire Service Institute for Command and Company Officers
- For the second year we hosted two sites for the Firemanship Conference that was attended by hundreds of firefighters from across the country
- EMS Pediatric Advanced Life Support
- Office of the State Fire Marshal recertification at all levels
- Rescue Task Force training with Oswego Police Department
- Hosted a Benefit Fair for all employees and their families to help them understand all the benefits offered through Oswego Fire Protection District

TRAINING

2025 Training Hour Breakdown







TRAINING



HAZMAT

After assuming the role of Team Coordinator in July, the HazMat team has achieved several key objectives and maintained strong operational readiness throughout the year.

Team Composition & Certification

- The team remained staffed with 4 members, with Capt. Barz becoming the fourth technician level certified member.

- All team members are current on OSFM certifications, ensuring compliance and operational capability.

Training & Participation

- Oswego personnel attended over 80% of MABAS Division HazMat training sessions.
- This level of participation represents nearly 60 hours of training alongside the deployable division team.
- Coordinator Stott was selected to serve on the newly established MABAS Division 15 Training Committee, contributing to the development of training topics, scheduling, and regional coordination.

Deployments & Recognition

- OFPD personnel participated in two deployments this year:
    - A chlorine leak incident.
    - A large scale event in Channahon
- Members were recognized within the division for their willingness to deploy and high level of preparedness.
- The division expressed appreciation for OFPD's support in providing a dedicated Medic unit, which proved valuable on deployments and is expected to continue.

Looking Ahead

- The HazMat team aims to increase membership by 2–3 personnel in the upcoming year.
- The team looks forward to continued growth in staffing, equipment, training opportunities, and operational capabilities heading into 2026 and beyond.

FF/PM Kevin Stott

TECHNICAL RESCUE

The Oswego Fire Protection District Technical Rescue Team had a productive year focused on training and improving capabilities. Members actively participated in MABAS 15 TRT drills and hosted a division Trench Rescue drill. The team also led operations level training in Confined Space, Collapse, Rope, and Trench Rescue for all non team personnel and completed all required recertification hours.

Major equipment improvements included receiving new Paratech equipment, acquiring a tow vehicle for the TRT trailer, upgrading trailer capabilities, and issuing personal equipment to each member. Although there were no team callouts, readiness remained high, and the team continues preparing to support OFPD and MABAS operations.

FF/PM Brandon Seggebruch







WATER RESCUE

OFPD continues to maintain a strong and dedicated team, retaining 13 active members with an impressive 77% average participation across all drills.

This year, the team saw significant regional growth, expanding its roster by 90% through added participation from Bristol-Kendall FPD (BKFPD), Sandwich FPD, and Little Rock–Fox FPD (LRFFPD). This increase has strengthened interoperability and enhanced overall response capabilities.

Training and operational readiness were further supported through multi-agency coordinated drills conducted at several key locations, including the Illinois River, Fox River, and Lake Holiday. Across all participating departments, these drills averaged 65% attendance, demonstrating strong regional engagement.

A special acknowledgment goes to the OFPD 2% Committee, whose support made it possible to purchase properly sized PPE for all Oswego team members—significantly improving safety and operational effectiveness.

Looking ahead, the team anticipates increasing both the frequency and geographic range of drills throughout the MABAS 14 area in the coming year, continuing to build capability, cohesion, and readiness.

FF/PM Brad Clement





INVESTIGATIONS

2025 was a year of significant growth and progress for the Oswego Fire Protection District Fire Investigation Team as we expanded both our capabilities and our personnel. We advanced our investigative processes with the addition of 3D scene-capture technology and iPad-based documentation, enabling us to digitally preserve fire scenes and conduct detailed, full-range walkthroughs for improved analysis and reporting. These enhancements have strengthened investigative accuracy and supported more thorough, professional case evaluations.

Our team also grew with the addition of six new members who are working toward certification in 2026, bringing the team to a total of 14 Investigators. Through our role in the MABAS Division 15 Fire Investigation Team, and our continued collaboration with Kendall County agencies to develop the MABAS Division 14 Fire Investigation Team, we are able to support both our district and neighboring communities with comprehensive investigative resources.

Within the district, investigators examined 30 fires in 2025, primarily involving vehicle and structure incidents. Team members also responded to 36 MABAS Division 15 callouts as availability allowed.

As we move into 2026, our focus remains on ongoing training and development, streamlining documentation processes, and further integrating technology into our investigative workflow. continued joint training initiatives and the ongoing development of the MABAS Division 14 team are also planned.

Lieutenant Chet Hartley



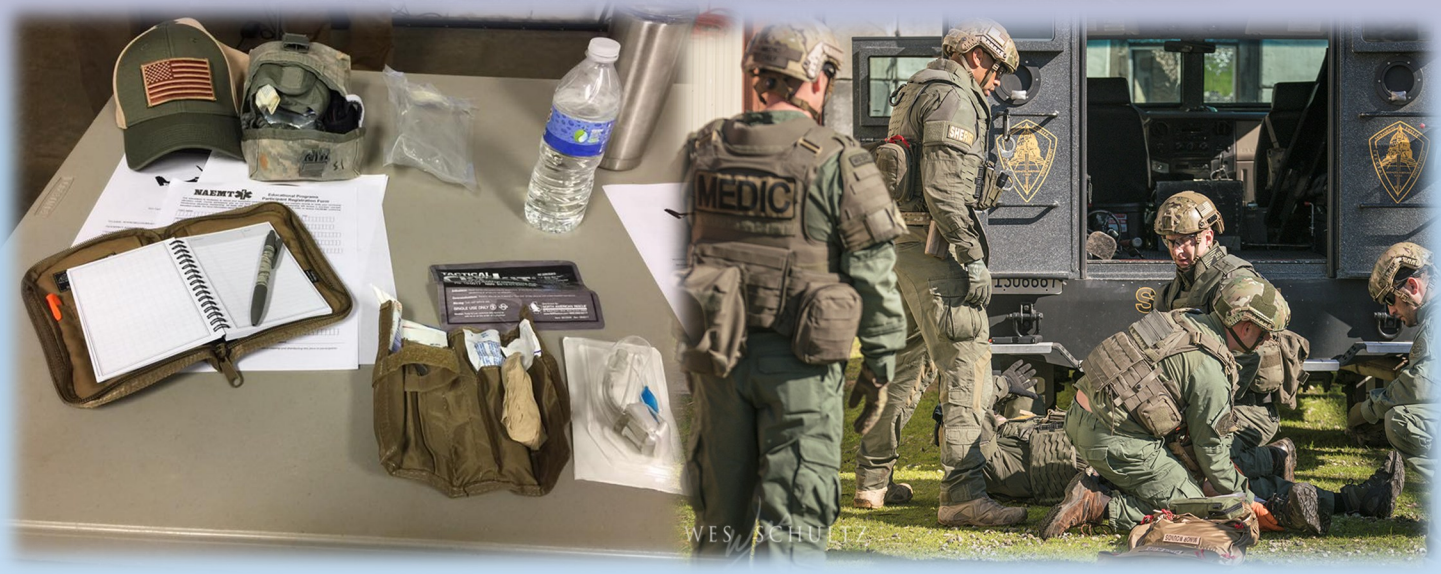
SRT MEDICS

In 2025, SRT medics collaborated with the Kendall County SRT on 21 callouts, supporting operations ranging from high-risk search warrants to planned event standbys. Collectively, medics completed over 260 hours of team training, ensuring readiness for a wide variety of tactical and medical scenarios.

This year, we also welcomed Jesse Melow to the team. Jesse brings a strong EMS background and has successfully completed all required classes and training, making him fully eligible for team activations. His skill set and dedication make him a valuable addition to the unit.

FF/PM Tyler Roberts





HONOR GUARD

Honoring Service, Preserving Tradition

The Fire Department's Honor Guard stands as a visible symbol of respect, discipline, and service, both within the department and throughout the community. Representing the highest traditions of the fire service, the Honor Guard is proud to participate in a wide range of civic and ceremonial events. From honoring our nation's veterans at memorial services and commemorations, to presenting colors at high school football games and community gatherings, the Honor Guard brings dignity and professionalism to every occasion.

In addition to its local presence, the Honor Guard is honored to serve as part of the State Honor Guard, joining departments from across Illinois in representing the fire service at state-level ceremonies and events. Through each appearance, the Honor Guard reinforces a deep commitment to service, tradition, and respect, reminding our community that honor, sacrifice, and unity remain at the heart of the fire service.





PIPES & DRUMS

In 2025, the Oswego Firefighters Pipes and Drums Local 4773 had an exceptionally active and meaningful year, participating in 25 events across the region. Our annual St. Patrick's Tours once again proved to be a major highlight, taking the band through six cities—from our hometown of Oswego to Joliet and Downers Grove. This tour continues to be a tremendous success and serves as the primary fundraiser supporting the upkeep of our equipment as well as bi-weekly instruction with our long-time instructors, Kate Longid (Bagpipes) and Andrew Hoinacki (Drums).

This year, we were honored to pay tribute to two retired Oswego Fire Department members, Captain Bob Tripp and FF/PM Roberto Flores, by performing at their funeral services. Providing musical honors for those who served is one of the most meaningful responsibilities we carry.

We were also proud to support important milestones within our department, including Lt. Dave Hubrick's retirement and Lt. Paul Gal's promotion ceremony—both memorable celebrations for our members.

Beyond Oswego, the band was privileged to assist neighboring agencies and community partners. Notable events included the Aurora Fire Department's Memorial Day Service, the funeral for Shorewood Police Officer Jeff Calafos, and the annual Fox Valley Marines Golf Outing.

Our traditional annual appearances continued as well, including:

- Oswego Memorial Day Ceremony
- PrairieFest Parade
- 9/11 Memorial Service
- Veterans Day Ceremony

We are grateful for the strong community support that allows us to fulfill our mission and represent the Oswego Fire Protection District with pride. The members of Local 4773 look forward to another impactful year ahead.

Lieutenant Eric Roberts



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Marshal oversees the day-to-day operations of the Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB), ensuring that the Fire District's fire codes and ordinances remain current, relevant, and effectively enforced. Core responsibilities include conducting occupancy inspections, new construction inspections, and witnessing fire protection system acceptance tests, along with performing specialized inspections related to code enforcement and system performance.

The Fire Marshal also reviews construction plans for compliance with fire and life safety codes and responds to FOIA requests concerning buildings and property within the District. In addition, the Fire Marshal supports public information and community outreach efforts through life safety education presentations, press releases, and social media updates.

In 2025, FPB expanded its capabilities with the addition of a full-time Fire Inspector, Kerry Boring, providing increased capacity for conducting safety inspections and supporting the overall workload of the Bureau.



Fire Marshal Alec Keenum



Fire Inspector Kerry Boring

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

2025 Fire Prevention Bureau Activity Summary

Project Review & Stakeholder Engagement

- Project Review Group (PRG) meetings with developers and Village stakeholders: **108**

Plan Reviews & System Evaluations

- Kitchen hood suppression system plan reviews & acceptance tests: **9**
- Fire alarm plan reviews: **61**
- Sprinkler system plan reviews: **98**

Fire Protection System Testing

- Fire alarm acceptance tests: **45**
- Sprinkler system hydrostatic tests: **131**
  (Includes a significant number of NFPA 13D inspections conducted on the Village's behalf for townhome construction.)

Inspections

- Final and safety inspections, including new and change-of-occupancy: **1,151**

AFA (Automatic Fire Alarm) Administrative Activity

- "No Fine" AFA letters issued: **72**
- AFA fine letters **waived**: **15**
- AFA fine letters **paid**: **38**
- AFA fines **open**: **6**



BUREAU SUPPORT SERVICES

Bureau Support Services: Strengthening Safety Through Community Partnership

The Bureau Support Services plays a vital role in advancing the mission of the Fire Department by supporting operations beyond emergency response and strengthening the connection between the department and the community it serves. Through a wide range of public education and community outreach programs, the Bureau works proactively to reduce risk, increase awareness, and promote a culture of safety throughout the year.

From fire prevention education in schools and safety presentations for residents and businesses, to community events and public engagement initiatives, these programs are designed to meet people where they are, providing practical information, building trust, and encouraging preparedness at every level. Each interaction is an opportunity to educate, empower, and reinforce shared responsibility for public safety.

At the heart of these efforts is the belief that a safer community is built through collaboration. Strong partnerships between the Fire Department, residents, local organizations, and community leaders ensure that safety is not just a service provided, but a shared commitment. By working together, we can better identify risks, respond to needs, and protect the people who live, work, and visit our community.

The Bureau Support Services remains dedicated to fostering these connections and supporting initiatives that help ensure a safer community.

Lieutenant Kris Kearns

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FARM-CHARM

FLEET SERVICES

The Fleet Services Division plays a critical role in ensuring the Oswego Fire Protection District's apparatus and support vehicles are safe, reliable, and mission-ready each and every day. This year was another productive one for Fleet Services, marked by significant projects, operational improvements, and continued dedication to maintaining a diverse and demanding fleet.

One of the major accomplishments this year was the installation of a new tank on the District's water tender, extending the service life and reliability of this important resource. Fleet Services also supported the final inspection and preparation of the new Engine 3, ensuring it was fully operational and met all performance and safety standards before being placed into service.

In addition to new apparatus support, the division demonstrated innovation and cost-effective problem solving by converting two retired ambulance chassis into flatbed units. These units now serve an important role in towing and transporting equipment, allowing the District to maximize existing assets while meeting operational needs.

Alongside these projects, Fleet Services continued to perform the everyday maintenance and repairs required to keep all apparatus and vehicles in top condition. Preventive maintenance, inspections, and timely repairs remain the foundation of our fleet reliability and directly support the safety of our members and the community we serve.

This year also marked an important milestone for the division with the addition of a second full-time mechanic, Bobby Wish. Bobby's addition has strengthened Fleet Services' capacity, improved turnaround times, and enhanced our ability to support a growing and increasingly complex fleet.

Fleet Services remains committed to professionalism, efficiency, and innovation as we look ahead. The division takes great pride in supporting the operational readiness of the Oswego Fire Protection District and ensuring our members have dependable equipment when it matters most.

Fleet Services Division
Oswego Fire Protection District



Fleet Service Manager Trent Walsh



Mechanic Robert Wish

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

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 this requirement, each probationary firefighter receives daily evaluations assessing their fire and emergency medical skills, teamwork, and station conduct. Upon successful completion of their probationary year, the candidate becomes a fully fledged firefighter/paramedic and is issued their official helmet shield and badge.

We extend our congratulations to **FF/PM Casey Dobczyk**, **FF/PM Andrew Warner**, **FF/PM Josh Hadden**, and **FF/PM Bianca Guzaldo** on successfully completing their probationary year.



NEW HIRES

In 2025 the Oswego Fire Protection hired ten new probationary Firefighter / paramedics. Our probationary employees came to OFPD with Basic Operations Firefighter (240Hrs of training) along with their Paramedic License. They began a three-week orientation that includes EMS training, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Engine and Truck Operations, Live Fire Training, and Mental Health Awareness. After Completion of their three weeks, they continue a one-year probationary period that includes completing a comprehensive probationary employee handbook along with daily and quarterly reviews. We would like to congratulate and welcome Firefighter / paramedics Caleb Landorf, Hayden Hooghkirk, Dustin Laughrey, Jesse Whitlock, Chase Akers, Nathan Croce, Idania Escarcega, Stefan Filipovic, Hallie Meachum, and William Niedzwiecki.












DEPARTMENT COMMENDATIONS

EMS Citation: Truck-1, Medic-1	Lt. Roscoe, T. LeCuyer, R. Marshall, A. Warner, B. Seggebruch
EMS Citation: Engine-2, Medic-2, Bat-1	BC Martinez, Lt. Silva, Lt. Martinez, J. Petersohn, T. Eischen, B. Guzaldo
EMS Citation: Engine-2, Medic-2	Lt. Roberts, J. Chomiak, Lt. Martinez, C. Kell, T. Eischen
EMS Citation: Engine-3, Medic-3, Bat-1	BC Martinez, J. Melow, J. Heiss, Lt. Jordan, K. Stott, B. Cihak
Fire Citation: Truck-1, Engine-2, Engine-4, Medic-3, Bat-1, Div. Chief EMS, Div. Chief Training	BC Warren, Lt. Johnson, Capt. Cave, Lt. Martinez, Lt. Silva, J. Petersohn, Lt. Roscoe, K. Sheley, J. Pechinski, Lt. Walters, J. Green, D. Eichholzer, D. Brooker, J. Horn
Medal of Valor:	*C. Bockrath, J. Melow*
Chief's Cross:	J. Schimandle
Chief's Cross:	Hugo Blanco & Ivan Monroy
Chief's Cross:	Mason Trayser
Recognition of Service:	"Special Teams"

RETIREMENTS



Congratulations to Lieutenant David “Hubie” Hubrick on your well deserved retirement after an incredible 39 years of dedicated service to the district. Your commitment, leadership, and unwavering passion for protecting our community have left an enduring legacy. Thank you for your sacrifice and professionalism. You have truly made a difference. We wish you all the best in this next chapter of life!

Congratulations to Thomas ‘Tuna’ Touchette on your retirement after an incredible 38 years of service as a firefighter/paramedic with the Oswego Fire Protection District. Your dedication, professionalism, and commitment to the community have made a lasting impact. While your legendary stories and sense of humor will be greatly missed around the firehouse, your legacy will live on. Wishing you all the best in this next chapter of life!



IN MEMORIAM



We honor the memory of Roberto ‘Bobby’ Flores, who passed away peacefully on July 26, 2025, at age 51 surrounded by his loving family and his firefighter brothers by his side. Bobby served with distinction as a firefighter/paramedic for Montgomery and Countryside Fire Protection District, Wheaton Fire Department, and Oswego Fire Protection District. Known for his courage, generosity, and trademark phrase ‘no worry, no problem,’ Bobby brought laughter and comfort to all who knew him. Even after retiring due to occupational cancer, his strength and spirit never wavered. His legacy of service and love for others will forever remain in our hearts.



IN MEMORIAM



Charles “Chuck” Shuler passed away at the age of 84 on August 7, 2025 surrounded by his family. Chuck served with the Oswego Fire Protection District for 32 years as a volunteer firefighter and held the rank of Captain. He was most known for being the owner of Shuler’s Drug Store form 1967 till November 2000.

Robert W. “Bob” Tripp passed away on April 17, 2025. Bob was well known in the Oswego community as second generation owner of N.M. Tripp Insurance Agency. He was also served as a volunteer firefighter for 35 years and held the rank of Captain and then served another 27 years as trustee for the fire district. He was also a member of St. Anne Catholic Church for over 50 years. A kind man, he was always ready to lend a helping hand. In his spare time Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing, but above all, he loved spending time with his family and friends.



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 from before 10/1/2024 please contact Andres Medical Billing at 847-577-8811.

For questions regarding ambulance billing from after 10/1/2024 please contact Paramedic Billing Services Inc at 630-530-2988

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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