

End of the Year Report

2017

Semper Pius 2017



Letter From The Chief

This Christmas I received a gift, a photograph from the 1903 Iroquois Theatre Fire in Chicago, from a 35-year friend and colleague. This photograph simply shows a horse-drawn steamer and a few firemen in the alley outside the theater's stage entrance. When showing off the photo, a family member asked why this photo is one of my favorite historic fire photos. The answer is as simple as the photograph. In this photo, hidden from most citizens and the media, hardworking firefighters performed their duties, did their jobs, and applied their trade in a grand effort to save human life. At the time of the fire, Chicago firefighters earned about \$1300.00 per year and worked a "continuous duty system" which meant that they lived at the firehouse, and only received 3 meal breaks each day, and if lucky, could earn a day off "once or twice a month". To me, this photograph demonstrates the true character and intent of our profession. That is, that we work to save life and property, "the work of God himself", from fire without the need for hype and attention. You see, all across America, day after day, firefighters work through the night, in small towns and large cities, on Main Streets and in darkened alleys... in an effort to save the lives of the citizens, strangers, we have sworn an oath to protect. And, while sometimes we appear as "heroes" in dramatic fashion on the news, in movies, and in print, it is really the quiet, unseen work that is often the most heroic and dramatic. It may be performing CPR on a young child in the back of an ambulance, perhaps it is clutching onto a drowning woman and bringing her to safety in rising flood waters, or maybe... our most significant work is found in a simple act of kindness at a charity basketball game? We cannot predict how the work we do may impact the future or what great works those we touch may perform, but we do know this; "No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence." To this excellence which Dr. King spoke of, we pledge ourselves, not as heroes, but as men and women who believe as Einstein, that "only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

Peace.



Mission Statement

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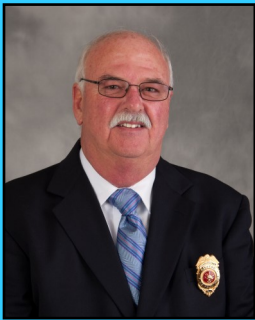
Board of Trustees

The Oswego Fire Protection District Board of Trustees are appointed by the Kendall County Board. These board members provide financial oversight and policy direction for the District. In addition to the many duties of the Board, they also approve the annual budget and make ordinances/regulations for the District. The Board holds regular monthly meetings located at OFPD Station #1. For meeting dates and times please see www.oswegofire.com.



Fire Chief

Fire Chief Michael Veseling, as the Chief Executive/Administrative Officer of the District, is responsible for overseeing all activities of the District. Chief Veseling is responsible to the Board of Trustees and performs his duties under the Board's general direction, while working independently in supervising the District's operations. Chief Veseling assumes the responsibility for the duties charged and delegated to him by law or ordinance, or by the policies



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Board of Fire Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners rules are established by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Oswego Fire Protection District pursuant to power and authority derived from the Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/16.01 *et seq.*) and the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Act (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-1 *et seq.*).

They are responsible for the establishment of policies for recruiting, testing, selection, and promotion for all members covered under its authority. They are also responsible for hearings required for discipline covered by its authority.



Capt. Kelly Cave

IAFF Local 4773 Activities

Did you know that local #4773 was established in 2009? Lt. Joe Johnson was the first President. FF/PM Rob Carpenter, who has been on the Executive Board since its inception took over as the President in 2012 and is still the President today.



Local members make it a priority to make the community a great place. In 2017, members working alongside Oswego Fire Staff brought the 20th annual Chicagoland Emergency Vehicle Show to Oswego for the second year in a row. In addition, they often work behind the scenes to help the community. In December of this year, they donated \$1,000 to the annual Toys for Tots drive. Monies were used to ensure a great holiday season for families in need right here in our own community.

Local #4773 and the Oswego Fire Protection District worked very hard in early 2017 to get a new contract for the members of the union. The hard work paid off with a new collective bargaining agreement easily being ratified by both the union and the district. The new CBA took effect on May 1, 2017 and remains effective until April 30, 2021.



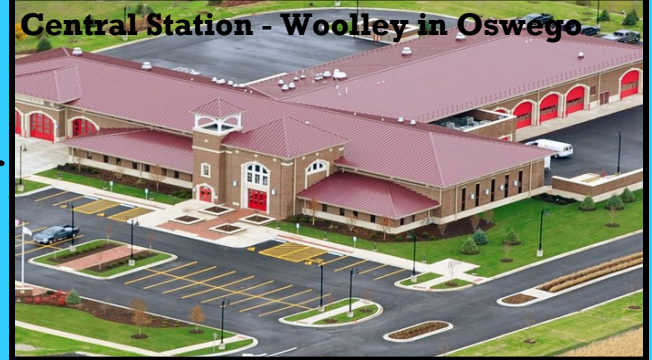
Oswego Fire Stations

Central Fire Station

2015 - 1,001 calls for service

2016 - 1,079 calls for service

2017 - 1,209 calls for service



Station 2 - Weisbrook in Oswego



Fire Station #2

2015 - 2,073 calls for service

2016 - 2,309 calls for service

2017 - 2,260 calls for service

Fire Station #3

2015 - 1,114 calls for service

2016 - 1,449 calls for service

2017 - 1,415 calls for service

Station 3 - Galena in Montgomery



Fire Station #4

2015 - 215 calls for service

2016 - 267 calls for service

2017 - 279 calls for service

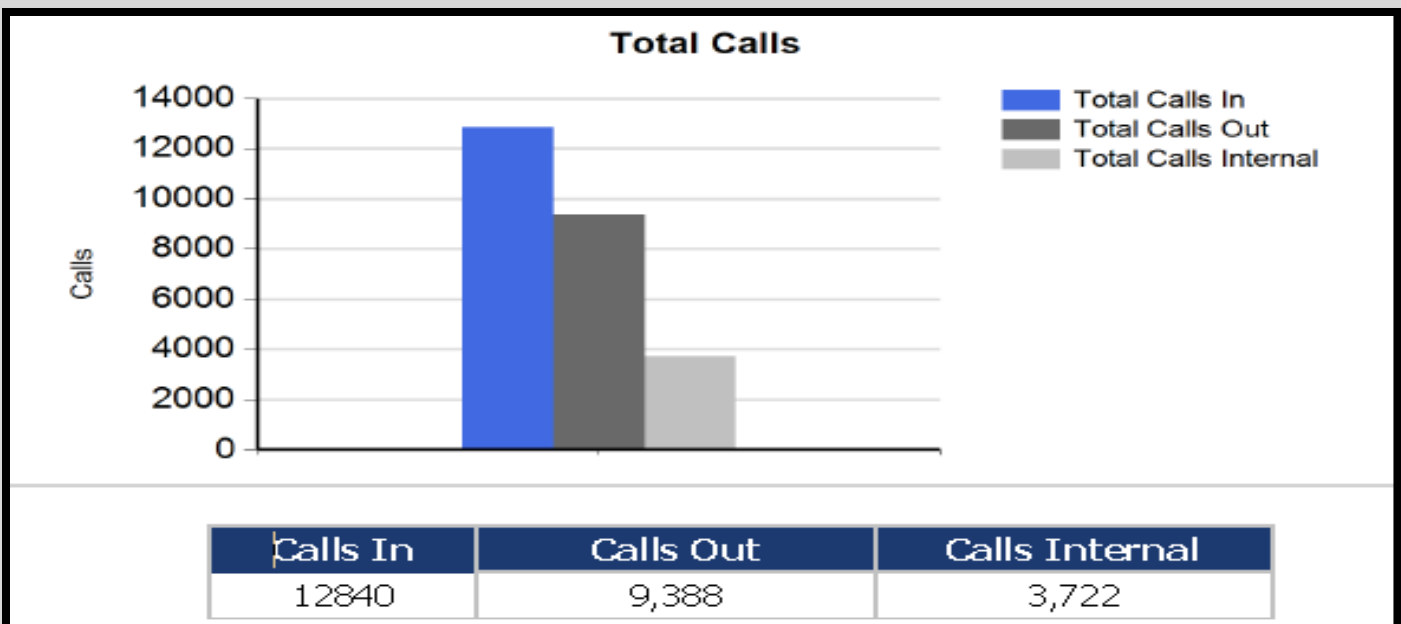
Station 4 - 127th in Plainfield



Executive & Administrative Assistants

The OFPD has two civilian members and they are the Executive and Administrative Assistants. Both are full-time, non-supervisory, positions that report to and work under the direction of the Fire Chief. These members work diligently to provide administrative support to the Chief, his staff members, and the district as a whole. They work independently and are tasked with many duties that include, but are not limited to, confidential correspondence, comprehensive reporting, incoming phone calls and inquiries, record maintenance, human resources, FOIA requests, payroll, and other miscellaneous duties as needed. They are also responsible for the Fire District's receivable and payable accounts. This includes all aspects of the accounts, including such things as printing and sending out checks, reconciling bank accounts, making deposits, and all transfers and disbursements. These members are often behind the scenes, but have an immense impact on the day to day operations of the District.

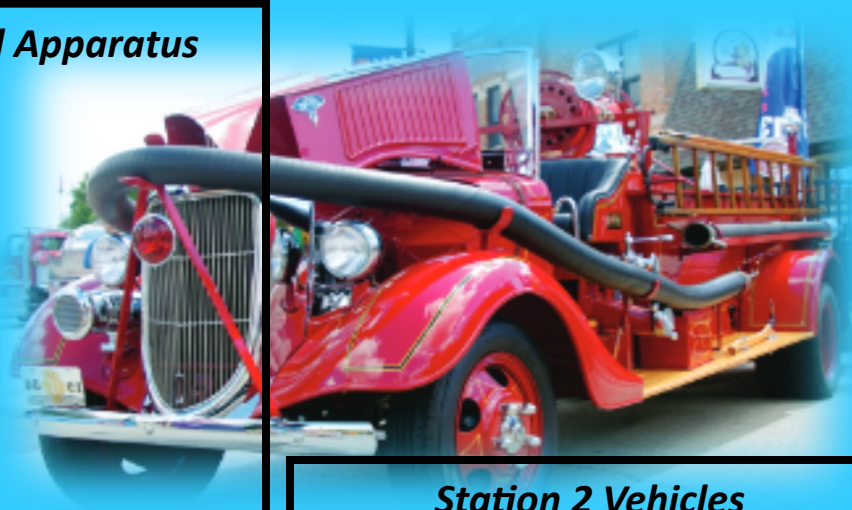
Did you know that the Oswego Fire Protection District had over 12,800 incoming phone calls in 2017? Here is the phone call breakdown for the year:



Vehicles / Apparatus

Fire Station #1 Vehicles and Apparatus

Car 1	2013 Ford Interceptor
Car 2	2016 Ford F-350
Car 3	2012 Ford Expedition
Battalion 1	2017 Ford Interceptor
Medic 1	2015 Ford F-550
Truck 1	2010 Pierce
Engine 1	1998 E-One
Grass 1	2011 Ford F-350
Tanker 1	2011 E-One
Medic 5	2006 International
Car 4	1999 Ford F-250
Car 5	2005 GMC Envoy
Car 8	2008 Ford Expedition
Car 9	2016 Ford F-350
Squad 1	1992 E-One
Squad 3	2004 Ford F-550
Squad 7	1994 E-One
Antique 2	1936 Ford
Antique 1	1929 Model A
Gator 1	2016 John Deere
Boat 1 & 2	Johnson



Station 2 Vehicles

Medic 2 2017 Ford F-550

Engine 2 2013 E-One

Engine 22 2003 Pierce



Station 3 Vehicles

Medic 3 2017 Ford F-550

Engine 3 2016 E-One

Station 4 Vehicles

Medic 4 2009 International

Engine 4 2006 Pierce



atus & Equipment

The OFPD has several mechanics on staff. These members are full-time firefighter/paramedics that are also trained and certified as Emergency Vehicle Technicians. These members logged over 3,578 hours in 2017 ensuring that our fleet remains in top notch condition. In addition to maintaining the fleet, the maintenance division also maintains all of the equipment we use such as lawnmowers, snow blowers and chainsaws.



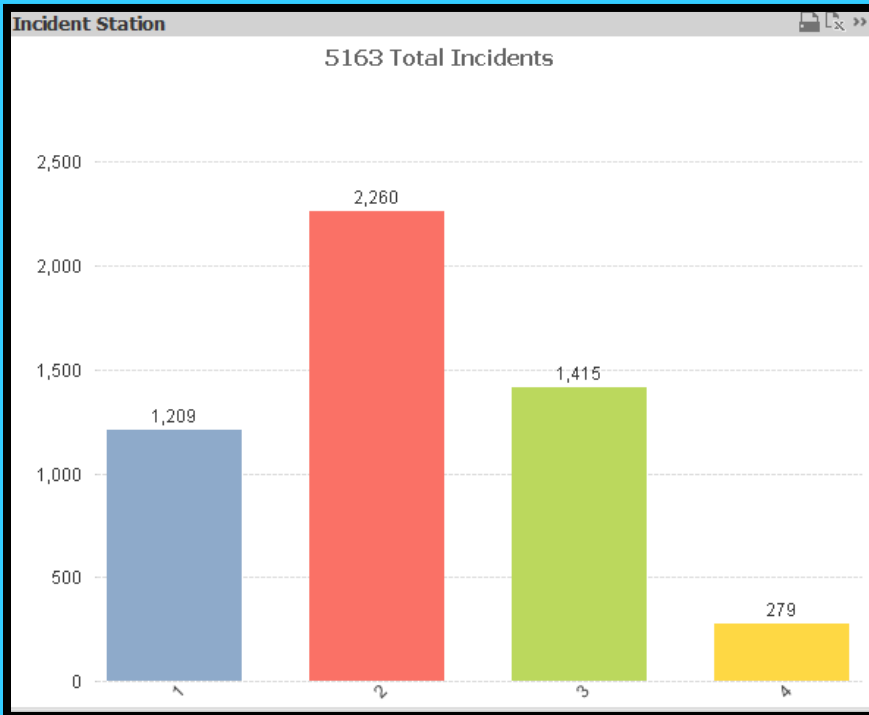
Did you know that Oswego Fire has the ability to respond to the scene with our maintenance vehicle along with our EVT's? They can refuel vehicles on the scene or work on equipment, as the vehicle carries a compliment of tools necessary to correct most mechanical issues.



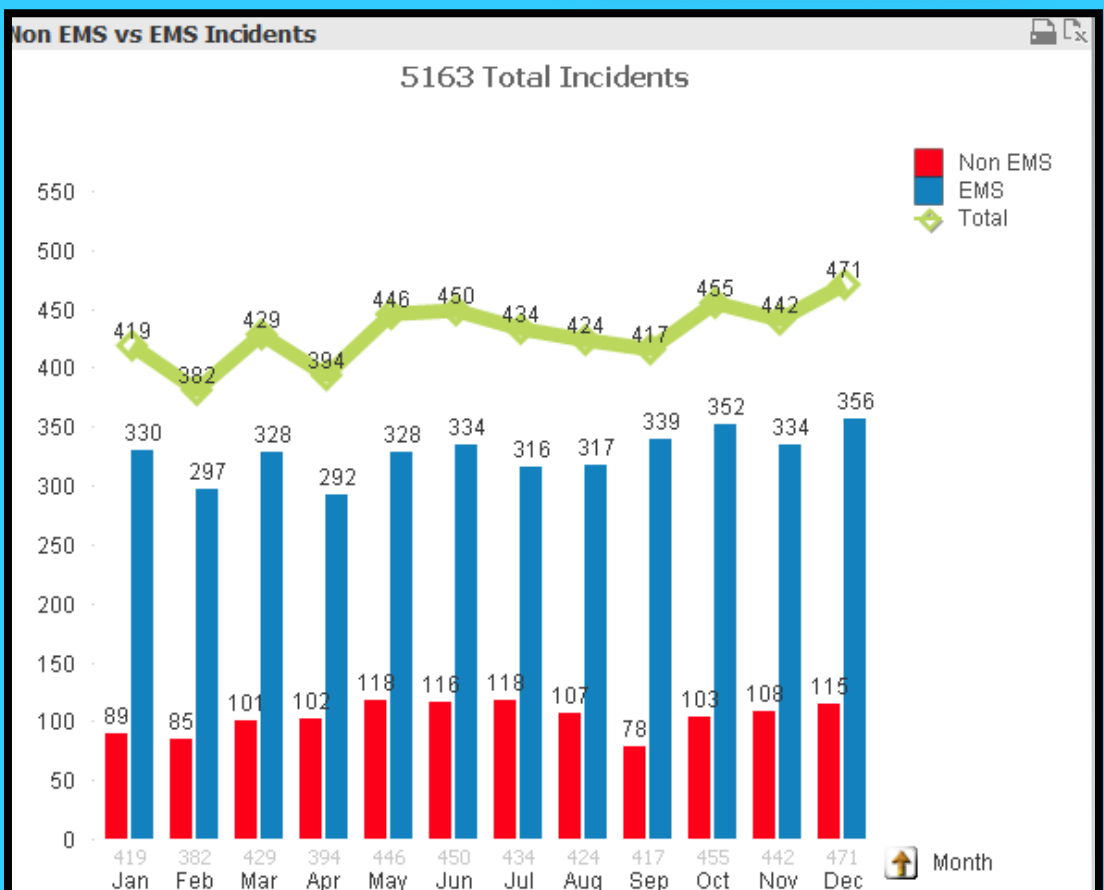
In 2017, the OFPD put three new vehicles into service. A 2017 Ford Interceptor was placed into service and given the designation of Battalion 1. In addition, we took delivery of two new ambulances this year, they are both 2017 Ford F-550s. One was given the designation as Medic 2 and placed into service at station 2, while the second was given the designation as Medic 3 and placed into service at station 3. We are currently working on the specifications for a new engine that we will take delivery of sometime in the next year.



Oswego Fire



Oswego Fire received mutual aid 64 times in 2017 while providing mutual aid to other departments a total of 230 times.



Operations



Total Calls for Last Four Years:

2014 - 4,749

2015 - 4,703

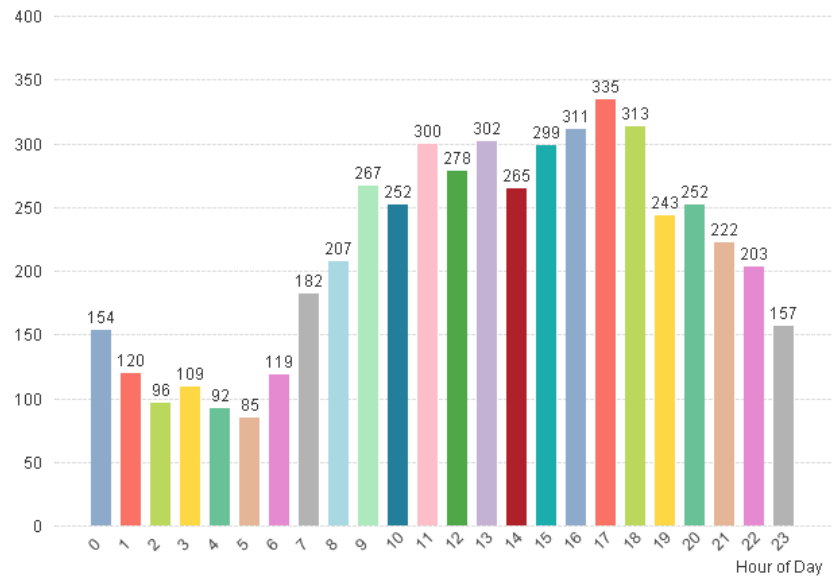
2016 - 5,104

2017 - 5,163



Incidents by Hour of Day

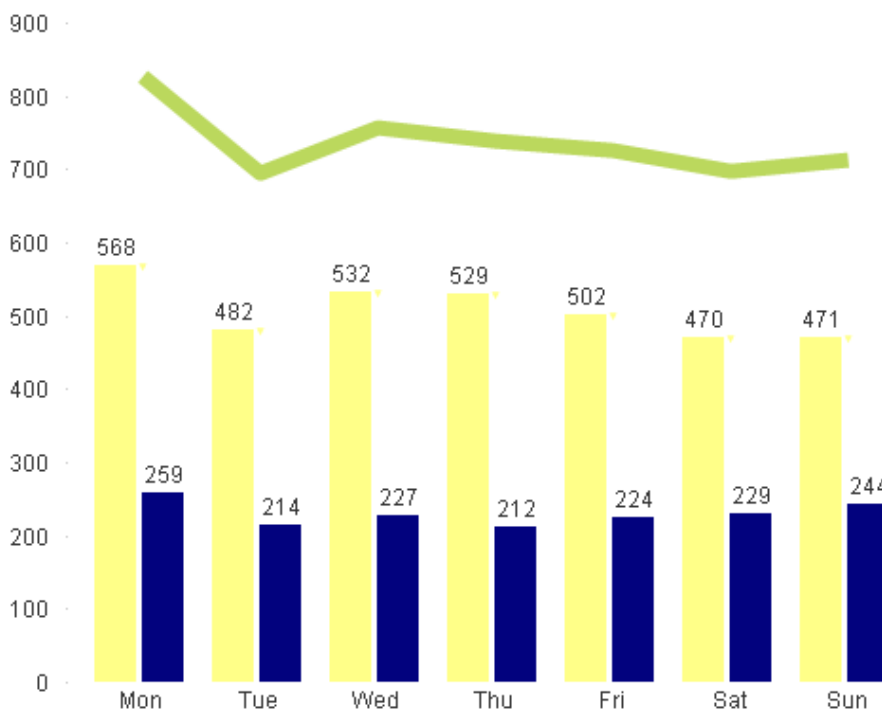
5163 Total Incidents



Day vs Night Incidents

5163 Total Incidents

Day
Night
Total



Oswego Fire Responded to:

55 Building Fires
18 Vehicle Fires
507 Vehicle Crashes
12 Car Vs Person
27 Lines Down
69 Gas Leaks
89 CO Incidents
33 Rubbish Fires
4 Cooking Fires
51 Smoke Detector
To name just a few

Fire Prevention Bureau

Oswego Fire members conducted more than 600 Pre-Fire Reviews in 2017. The reviews are conducted so that firefighters become more familiar with the buildings they protect. In addition, they learn about the life hazards in a given building, such as large hazardous material storage areas. This proves to be very valuable when an emergency occurs.

The Oswego FPB participated in more than 30 project review group meetings in 2017. These are attended by all the key players prior to a build in our communities.

After The Fire

In 2017 Oswego Fire resurrected the "After the Fire" program. Bureau Support gathered updated information, secured assistance from a local hotel for overnight accommodations, and created a new packet of information to be provided to residents that experience a significant fire loss in their home. These packets have proved to be very valuable and have been used several times since bringing the program back online.

False Fire Alarm Program

In 2017 there were 31 "No Fine" False Fire Alarm notices delivered, \$2,550 worth of False Fire Alarm Fines waived, and \$2,500 in False Fire Alarm fines collected.



Carbon Monoxide Detector Program

Oswego Fire initiated a Carbon Monoxide Detector program in the spring of 2017 for residents with no working detectors in occupancies where Illinois State law requires them. Bureau Support personnel secured 50 free devices and purchased another 100 at a reduced rate so that the program could be put in place enabling Fire/EMS crews to politely survey a home upon completion of a call and offer the CO detectors when no working devices are found in the home.

Fire Prevention Personnel conducted in excess of 80 Final/Safety Inspections for New/Change of occupancy businesses while also conducting annual Regional Office of Education inspections at all of the local public schools.



Public Education

Oswego Fire Crews conducted more than 1,986 building inspections. These are District required inspections to maintain a safe business.

2017 Annual Open House

In October we held our annual open house with more than 350 people in attendance. The community was able to see the station, witness a live vehicle extrication demonstration, use a real fire hose, enter a fire safety house, and try on real firefighter gear. Even Sparky the Fire Dog attended and fun was had by all!

Fire Extinguisher Training

The Prevention Bureau conducted classroom only fire extinguisher training for 2 shifts of UPS drivers at the local UPS terminal, as well as a full classroom/hands-on training for the summer school participants at the Parkland Preparatory Academy in Plainfield. These are just two examples of the many Extinguisher classes that we conduct each year.



Oswego Fire & Summer School

During the summer of 2017 the Fire Prevention and EMS Bureaus teamed up to assist in two local summer schools. WCC and Rush Copley had a week long Emergency Services summer school in which we participated mid-week, talking about the importance of continued education in the Fire & EMS world, as well as giving insight into the job of a Firefighter/Paramedic. For the Parkland Preparatory Academy Oswego Fire spent 3 days with the staff and students covering topics such as first-aid, fire extinguisher training, and general fire/safety principles.

Child Safety Seat Checks

Oswego Fire has two certified child safety vehicle restraint technicians. This year we installed / inspected more than 35 child safety seats.



Emergency Me

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Mission:
Lifeline®

SILVER PLUS
EMS



The American Heart Association recognizes this EMS provider for attaining 75% or higher performance on each applicable Mission: Lifeline® EMS Achievement Measure and the PLUS measure for a consecutive 12-month interval to improve the quality of care for STEMI patients.

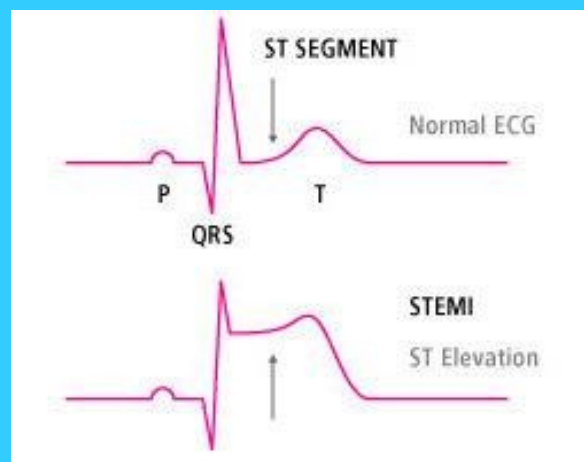
Oswego Fire received the Silver Award from the American Heart Association.

Oswego Fire EMS members conducted 28 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Classes with over 300 people trained in 2017.



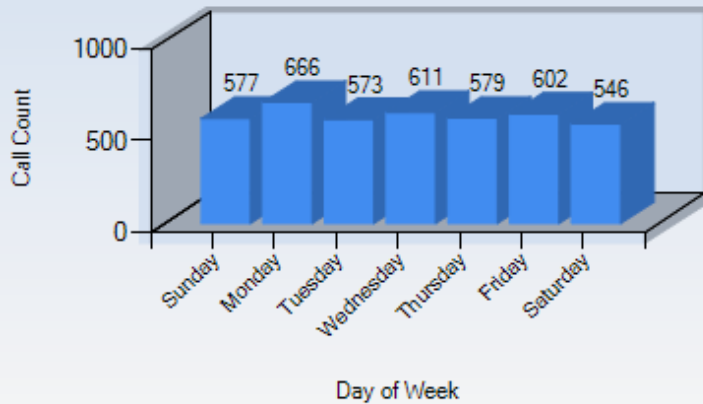
Oswego Fire Receives Awards

Oswego Fire and EMS crews received the “Call of the Year” in 2017 by Rush Copley Medical Center. This award is given to EMS, Fire and Dispatch personnel that are responsible for recognizing a STEMI (Heart Attack), providing excellent care, and maintaining short time scenes among other things. The Medical Center also has a Call of the Quarter award for each quarter of the year – our crew was selected from those top four calls and given recognition for “Call of the Year”.



Medical Services

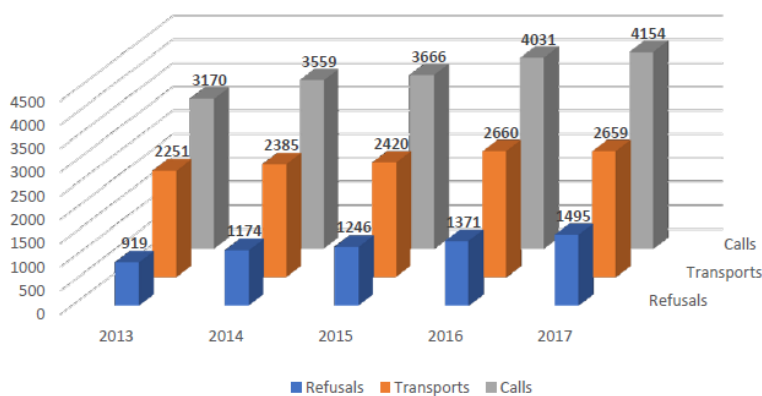
Call Volume by Day of Week



In 2017

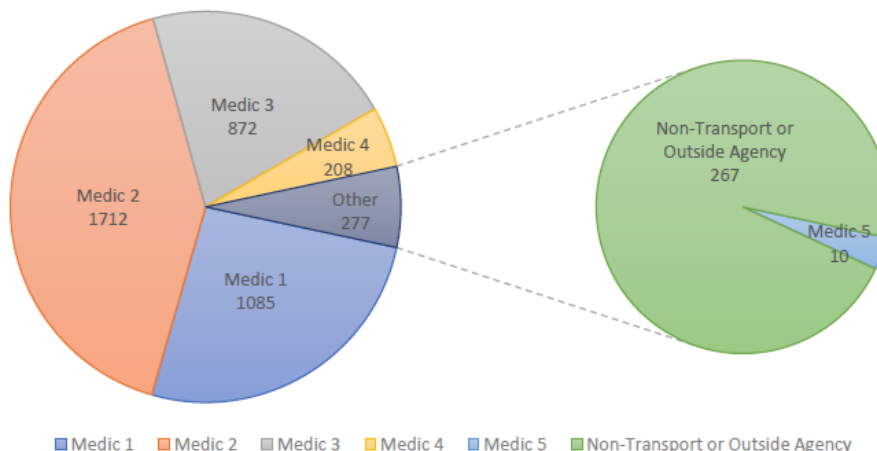
- ♦ OFPD delivered one baby
- ♦ OFPD administered Narcan 57 times to overdose patients
- ♦ OFPD Treated 156 diabetic emergencies
- ♦ OFPD treated 373 patients for some type of pain, 158 received pain medications, 215 did not
- ♦ OFPD called 18 STEMI activations
- ♦ OFPD placed 33 advanced airways

EMS Calls over the Years



The OFPD is an authorized training site for the American Heart Association.

EMS Calls by Unit



The OFPD expanded our personal protection equipment. Walmart provided grant money to purchase ballistic helmets and body armor for our manned emergency vehicles.



Training &



Oswego firefighters logged more than 2,200 hours in cardio fitness training in addition to over 900 hours in strength training.

OFPD has many different responsibilities when it comes to rescue. We train in many areas and have technicians certified in hazmat, trench operations, collapse operations, watercraft operations and rope rescue, just to name a few.

Total Yearly Training Hours

Members this year surpassed the amount of training hours conducted last year. Our members completed more than 37,176 hours of logged training in 2017. Examples of logged training time may include activities such as physical fitness, ladders, hose movements, live fire, drug calculations, intubations, and literally hundreds of other training activities. Although our members conduct regular training that is prescribed by the training officer, company officers also train on specific topics that they feel will benefit their company. In 2017, crews logged more than 1,400 hours of individual company development.

Members trained for more than 530 hours in the area of Aerial Apparatus Operators.



Did you know that OFPD has a full time training Captain? Captain Matt Yackley is our current training officer - he is responsible for ensuring all members are trained to the highest levels of knowledge in their respective disciplines.

Education

In 2017 OFPD

(this is just a snapshot of the total 37,176 hours of training logged)

- ♦ Logged 975 hours of EMS continuing education assigned by the Southern Fox Valley EMS System
- ♦ Logged 491 hours for EMS equipment reviews
- ♦ Logged more than 590 hours of water supply training
- ♦ Logged more than 304 hours of training on ladders
- ♦ Logged more than 280 hours of forcible entry training
- ♦ Logged more than 743 hours of officer development training
- ♦ Logged over 800 hours of EMS protocol review
- ♦ Logged over 100 hours of fire ground search techniques
- ♦ Crews logged over 1,900 hours of public education time spent in the community
- ♦ Crews logged an additional 908 hours of search operations
- ♦ Crews logged over 200 hours in fire and arson investigation training
- ♦ Members logged 144 hours of diversity and harassment in the workplace training
- ♦ Logged 556 hours of policy and procedure training
- ♦ 53 state certifications were obtained by members
- ♦ Logged 100 hours of ropes and knots training
- ♦ Logged more than 340 hours of nozzle and fire stream training



As you can see from the information listed above, the OFPD is very busy year round working to provide the highest quality service, while striving to challenge ourselves to achieve the greatest potential for those we serve.

Community

The OFPD believes in supporting the communities that we serve. We routinely participate in events around the district for charity, community events, block parties, school events, and fundraisers.



Oswego Fire held an annual open house and had over 350 people attend.

In August the OFPD hosted the 20th annual Chicagoland Emergency Vehicle Show. This show brought over 2,000 people to the downtown Oswego area. The show consisted of a crowd favorite emergency vehicle procession, live demonstrations by police and fire, fire truck rides, and a very large static display of all kinds of emergency vehicles.

OFPD Honor Guard Activities

- ♦ Honor Guard Hours (total) 336
- ♦ Department Training = 12
- ♦ Special Events = 28
- ♦ Funerals = 10
- ♦ State Honor Guard Activations = 2
- ♦ State Honor Guard Training = 8

Members of the District Honor Guard volunteer their time to represent our Department throughout the State.



The District Pipes and Drums Corps had a busy year. The all volunteer Corps performed at many events including Veteran's Day ceremonies and funerals, among others.



Oswego had the distinct honor of hosting the moving Vietnam Memorial Wall from June 29th to July 3rd. Oswego Fire played a huge role in this event - assisting the coordinators, providing equipment and EMS, and also providing Honor Guard services for this prestigious event. Thousands of people attended the event to honor those who served in Vietnam. Pictured above is the Healing Field of Flags where 2,017 flags flew for the event, with a large number of them sponsored by individuals in honor of loved ones.

Contact Information

Oswego Fire Protection District Central Station

3511 Woolley Rd.

Oswego, IL, 60543

630-554-2110 For Emergency Call 911

www.oswegofire.com

Fire 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 630-383-0301; or it may be 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

