

END OF THE YEAR REPORT 2018

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Oswego Fire Mission Statement

**“THE OSWEGO FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT WILL
PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY
SERVICE, AND STRIVE TO
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ACHIEVE THE GREATEST
POTENTIAL, FOR THOSE WE
SERVE”**

BRANDON WILK



PHOTOGRAPHY

Letter From The Chief

Life is a game of inches...

A few years ago, a movie about a football team coined this phrase and the coach of the team explained to his team members that football, and life, are a game of inches. He challenged his members to "fight for that inch", to "claw with our fingernails", for that inch, and that the "inches we need are all around us".

As we close the book on 2018, I am reminded of the inches we fought for, for the clawing we did in service to our citizens, visitors, and businesses. We have fought for the inches this past year...our members have clawed their way through over 51,000 hours of training, they have fought to decrease our response times through numerous public education and response initiatives, they have installed smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, they have delivered the very best in life-saving medical care to our citizens, have been aggressive and effective in suppressing fire, and have inspected over 1500 local businesses... because we know that, "the margin for error is so small, that a half step too early or too late...and we don't make it", and that, "when you add up those inches that's going to make the difference between living and dying".

In our profession, even the smallest mis-step can literally make the difference between living and dying...and is for that reason, that we toil and claw in an effort to be the best we can be. We will have many challenges in the coming year, but I am confident, and excited, that our members will continue to rise to the challenge and will continue to give 100% effort for those to whom we have sworn an oath. Our members are a remarkable group of individuals who have agreed that we should always shoot for 100% because we feel our citizens deserve nothing less, and that's nothing less than we would want for our own families.

In closing, I would like to reiterate that we had a great 2018 in service to others, and am reminded of a quote from C.S. Lewis, "There are far better things ahead than the ones we left behind." You all had such a powerful impact on so many lives this past year... that if Lewis is correct...I can't wait to see what is in store for us this year and in the years ahead!

Chief "V"



Board of Trustees



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Fire Chief

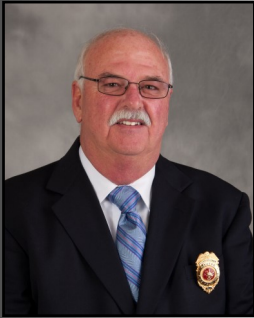
Fire Chief

Fire Chief Michael Veseling has been a member of the Oswego Fire Protection District for more than 6 years now. He retired after a lengthy career in Naperville and came to the OFPD as the Deputy Chief of Operations. Chief Veseling has since been promoted and has been at the helm since June of 2015. Chief Veseling is the Chief Executive / Administrative Officer of the District. Chief "V" as the firefighters know him reports to the Board of Trustees.

Board of Trustees

The Oswego Fire Protection District Board of Trustees are appointed by the Kendall County Board and are tasked with providing 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.

Board of Fire Commissioners



John Hodgson
President



Bill Logel
Secretary



Lynn Cullick
Trustee



The Board of Fire Commissioners are a very important part of the Oswego Fire Protection District. They are responsible for establishing policies and rules that govern recruiting, testing, hiring and promotions. The Board of Fire Commissioners is also responsible for discipline pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Act (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-1 et seq.). Often times these members can be seen at swearing-in ceremonies or stopping in the station to conduct official business.



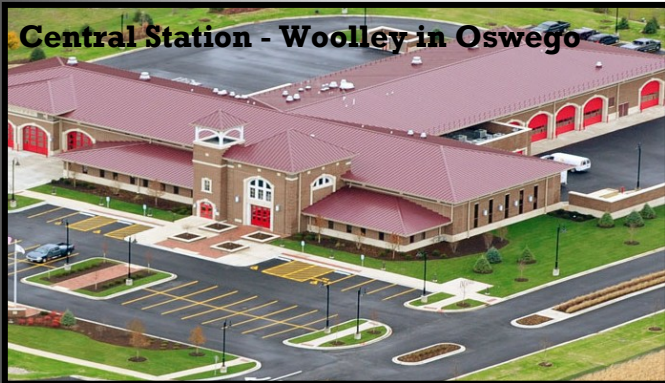
The Board of Fire Commissioners have the distinct pleasure of hiring and promoting members on a normal basis. It is no secret that this is a joyous time for the commissioners. On rare occasions these members will have to make very challenging decisions in cases of employee discipline. This is a not-so-fun part of the job, but a necessary one. The Commissioners take their job very serious and always look out for the best interest of the people in our community.

Retirement / Appointments



Pictured far left: Paul Anderson retired after many years of service as a member of the Board of Trustees. Pictured center: Ken Holmstrom had been a member of the OFPD Board of Commissioners for many years. He was recently sworn in as the newest Trustee, replacing retiring Paul Anderson. Pictured on right: Newly appointed Board of Fire Commissioner, Lynn Cullick was sworn in to fill the vacancy left by Ken Holmstrom. The OFPD would like to congratulate each new member and also thank Paul Anderson for many years of dedicated service!

Fire Station Locations



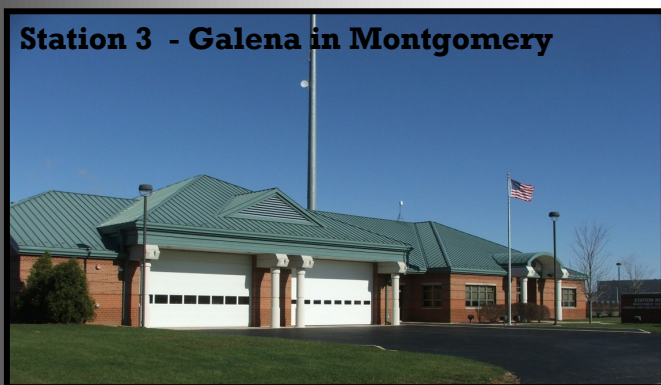
Central Fire Station

2015 – 1,001 calls for service
2016 – 1,079 calls for service
2017 – 1,209 calls for service
2018 1,242 calls for service



Fire Station #2

2015 – 2,073 calls for service
2016 – 2,309 calls for service
2017 – 2,260 calls for service
2018 2,419 calls for service



Fire Station #3

2015 – 1,114 calls for service
2016 – 1,449 calls for service
2017 – 1,415 calls for service
2018 1,558 calls for service



Fire Station #4

2015 – 215 calls for service
2016 – 267 calls for service
2017 – 279 calls for service
2018 360 calls for service

IAFF Local 4773

The International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) #4773 and the executive board has been working hard over the last year for the betterment of the firefighters, fire district and the community. The union executive board is comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition there are three Stewards, one assigned to each shift. These members bring valuable and unique experiences to the table that help the Oswego Fire Protection District achieve success.

Local #4773 had a very busy year in 2018. In addition to working side by side with the OFPD administration, they can often be seen working with charitable organizations. In 2018, they held four separate raffles for local charities. They also run a breast cancer awareness campaign with the sale of t-shirts to raise monies for the cause. It is not just about selling stuff for these members, they also formed teams and participated in a dodge ball tournament for charity. Just before Christmas, members got out their old high top basketball shoes and engaged in a charity basketball game at a local jr. high school. Our union members are not just dedicated to fire-fighting, they truly do care and are involved in the community in many ways.

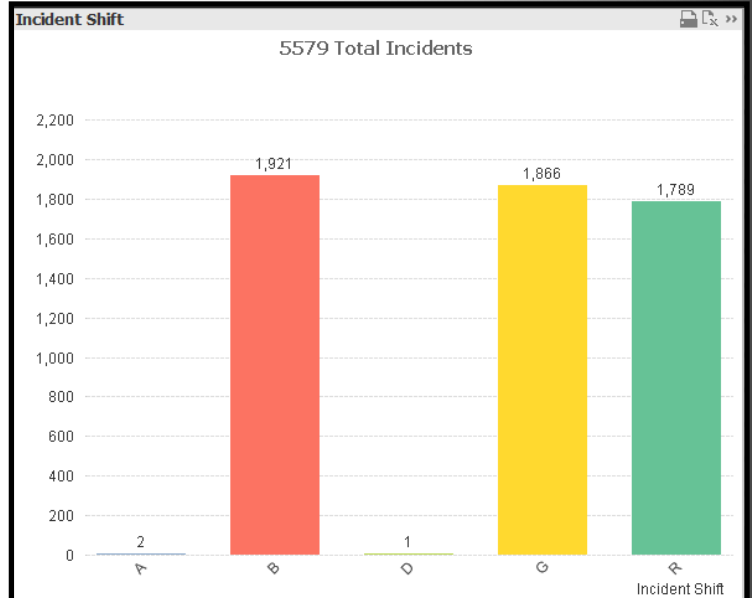
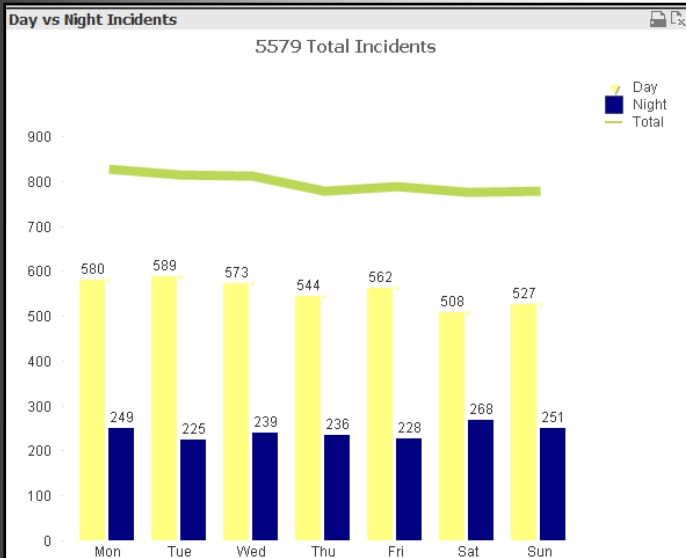
Local #4773 also did a tremendous job in helping to bring the 2018 Chicagoland Emergency Vehicle Show to Oswego. Local members volunteer many hours to ensure the show is a success for the community. From the Friday night parade to the actual show on Saturday, the local members work very hard to ensure success. Once again they proved that hard work and dedication pays off by ensuring another great year for our community.



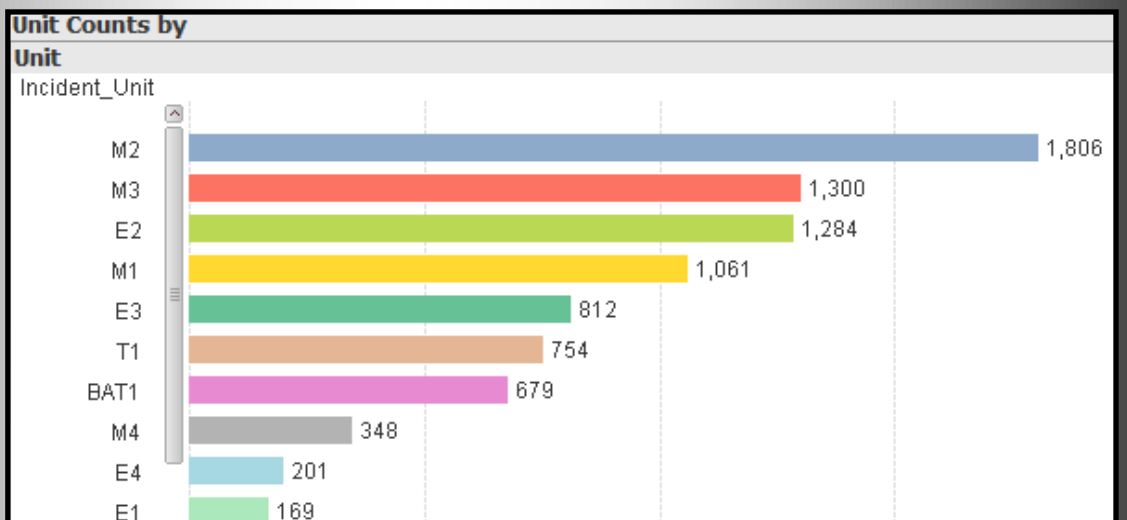
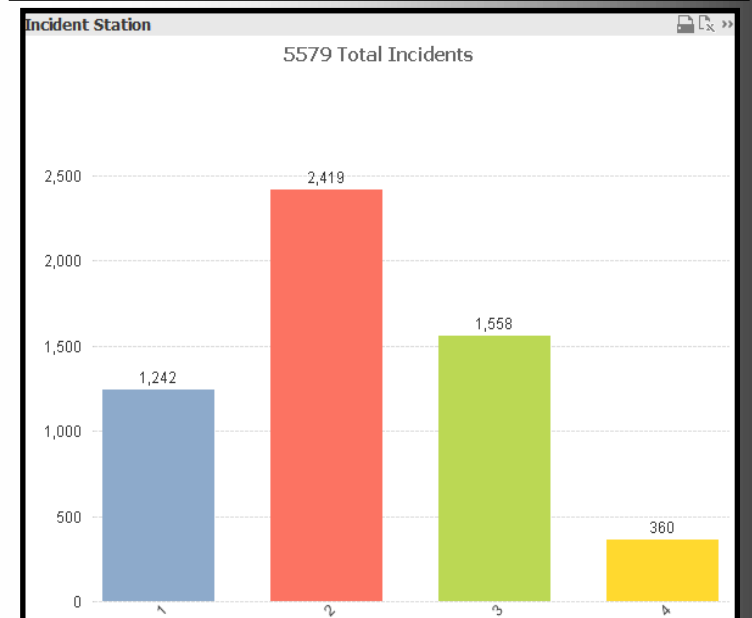
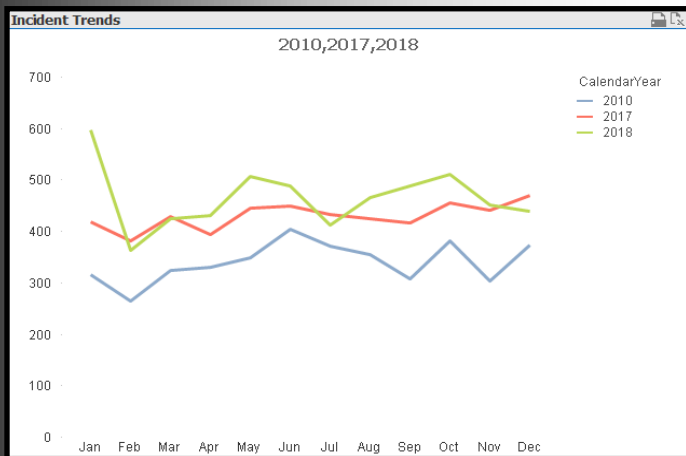
Fun Fact-

The OFPD has an all volunteer Honor Guard that trains and presents the Colors at many occasions throughout the year. Local #4773 sponsored several members this year and sent them to the Illinois State Honor Guard Convention. Our members continued to get the quality training and education needed to continue with the work they do in the community.

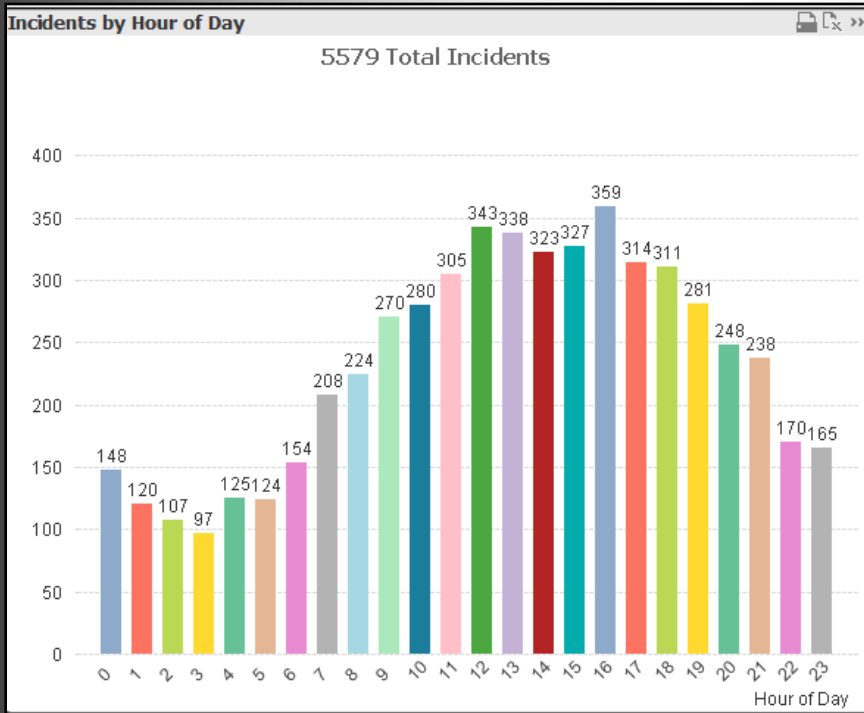
Oswego Fire



OFPD witnessed a significant increase in call volume in 2018. Call volume increased more than 7.5 % from the previous year!!!



Operations



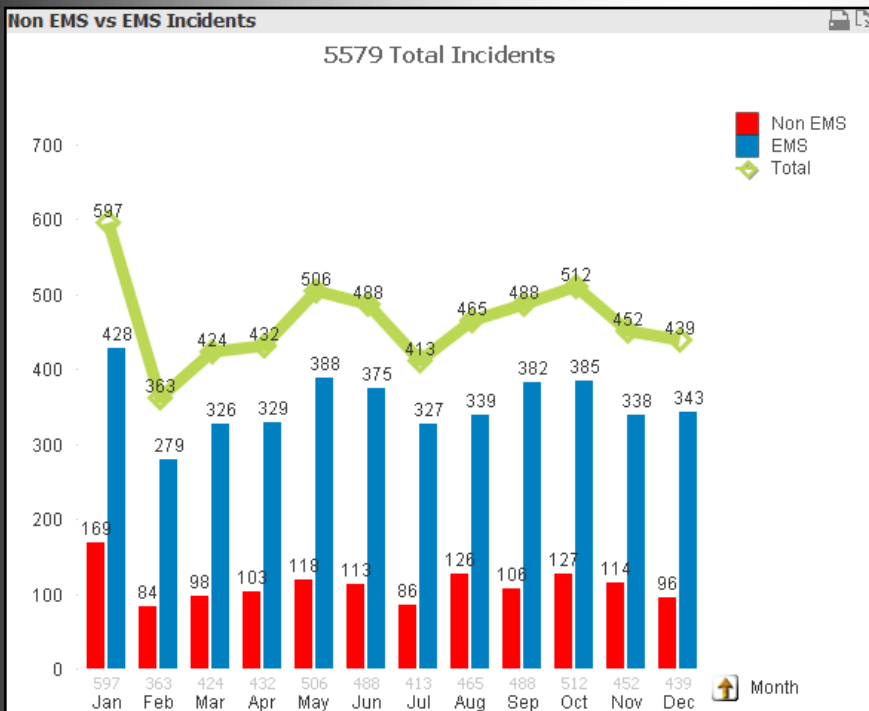
Total Calls for Last Four Years:

2015 - 4,703

2016 - 5,104

2017 - 5,163

2018- 5,579



The OFPD operates out of 4 fire stations. Each station is manned 24 hours a day by full time Fire-fighter/Paramedics. Our members typically respond in ambulances, engines or the truck but may respond in specialty equipment as needed on a call by call basis.



The OFPD operations is commanded by the Deputy Chief of Operations. Deputy Chief Josh Flanders is currently assigned to this position and reports directly to the Chief on the organizational chart. This position is vital for the day to day operations of the District.



Fire Prevention Bureau

- ♦ More than 1,430 business/building inspections completed by fire crews
- ♦ More than 165 difficult and / or final safety inspections completed by FPB
- ♦ FPB waived \$2,250 in AFA fines
- ♦ FPB received \$1,400 in AFA fines
- ♦ FPB completed 21 District 308 annual school inspections with the Regional Office of Education. These are in-depth inspections conducted on behalf of the Board of Education
- ♦ More than 30 car seat checks were completed by our car seat technicians
- ♦ Annual blood drive completed with 31 units of blood collected
- ♦ 2018 kicked off the district's smoke detector installation program, free of charge to the residents
- ♦ In addition to the full time Fire Marshal, Lt. Kearns logged more than 990 hours working part time. This part time position carries many duties with it. Lt. Kearns is often the lead on many projects and in many cases is the face of the OFPD due to his involvement with public education programs



Count of Type of Review/Inspection		Type of Review/Inspection				
Review Month	Ansul Inspection/Test	Fire Alarm Inspection/Test	Fire Alarm Plan Review	PRG Plan Review	Sprinkler Plan Review	Hydrostatic Inspection /Test
January		1	3	6	7	2
February			8	4	1	1
March		3	5	3	2	2
April		6	1	8	2	4
May	1	2	4	9	2	1
June	1	4	3	13	3	1
July		3	5	10	3	3
August		3	4	11	4	1
September	4	3		8	17	2
October		4	7	6	6	8
November		2	7	8	18	2
December		3	3	4	6	3
Grand Total	6	34	50	90	71	30



Public Education



- ♦ FPB and crews conducted more than 20 school evacuation drills
- ♦ Annual Open House was held in October with more than 450 people attending
- ♦ Live Fire demonstration conducted with the importance of smoke detectors in addition to how quickly fire spreads
- ♦ OFPD hosted the first ever Lock-In at our station #1. This first of its kind event that let children and families spend the night at the fire station. Kids became real recruits for a night that allowed them to see what it is like to be a firefighter for a night. The kids were treated to all sorts of fire prevention activities and even a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog. At bedtime, the kids watched a movie and had popcorn and treats until lights out. They were awakened a few times over night and had to "respond" just like a real firefighter. The Overnight program raised \$2,000 for Camp I am Me (Burn Camp).



Scholarships Available-

Each year the Oswego Fire Protection District awards two \$500 scholarships. The application period will be open on February 1, 2019. Two outstanding seniors will be chosen to receive a \$500.00 scholarship to be used at an institution of higher learning. Applications and Guidelines can be located at www.oswegofire.com or picked up at Oswego Fire Station #1 located at 3511 Woolley Rd, Oswego, IL, 60543. For details go to www.oswegofire.com.



Vehicle / Apparatus

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 Utility
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 3	2004 Ford F -550
Squad 7	1994 E-One
Antique 2	1936 Ford
Antique 1	1929 Model A
Gator 1	2016 John Deere

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

In 2018 our mechanics logged more than 1,700 hours of time in the shop maintaining our fleet.



The OFPD mechanics continue to obtain certifications specific to working on emergency response vehicles. Each of the mechanics on staff also serve as full-time Firefighter Paramedics. The multi-talented professionals keep the fleet up and running!

& Equipment

Retired Apparatus-

OFPD moved a reserve piece of apparatus to surplus in 2018 and sold it to another fire department. We had a 1992 E-1 Squad that was no longer needed. The vehicle had a long and useful life in the District and was used to help many lives. For many years it was the frontline vehicle used primarily for extricating patients from vehicle crashes.



New Engine Purchased-

The OFPD is awaiting the arrival of a new E-One Typhoon Engine. The new engine has a side mount pump panel with a 2000 gallon per minute pump. It will come with the newest and most updated electronics available. The OFPD is very excited to take delivery of this new engine and we are expecting the arrival of the engine sometime in April 2019.



Refer to SO 137760 for sizes, colors, etc.
NOTE: Black pinstripe and Black Outline/Shadow to be Scotch-lite reflective material



The OFPD operates a full service mechanics shop on a day to day basis. The shop is capable of handling most mechanical issues that arise on a regular basis. The mechanics that work in the shop are on call at a moments notice and able to respond when a mechanical issue arises. In the last year one of the most valuable assets that we utilized was our mechanical vehicle. It carries a large variety of tools, fuel, a small crane, and most things needed to correct an issue.



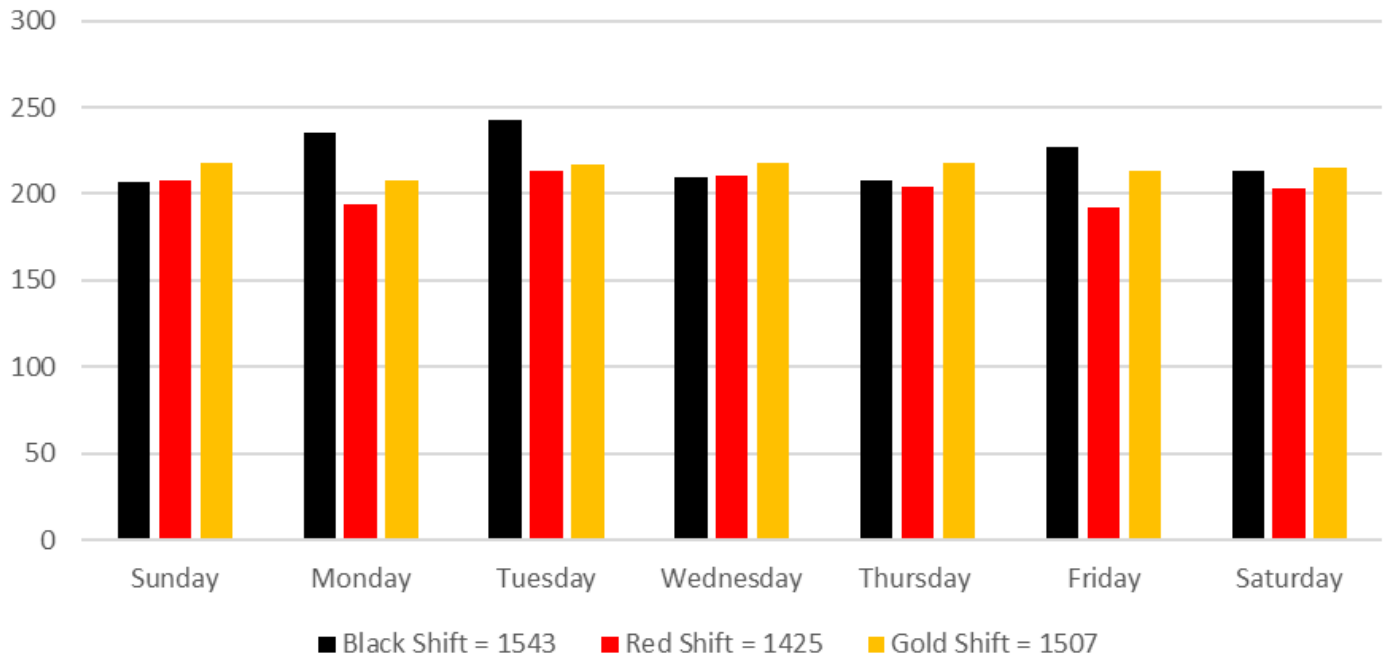
The OFPD has implemented a new Fleet Management Software Program. This program assists with the inventory of parts in addition to keeping track of oil changes and all maintenance of the fleet. The software has already become an asset



The OFPD mechanics are members of the Illinois Fire Apparatus Mechanics Association (IFAMA). This past year our members took a more active role in IFAMA. FF/PM Rob Carpenter was elected the President of the organization and FF/PM Jimm Pechinski was elected as the Secretary. Congrats!

Emergency Medical Services

Medical Calls per Shift



- The EMS office taught 24 CPR classes in 2018
- Crews responded for 387 Psych Calls in 2018
- OFPD Paramedics administered Narcan 99 times during 2018
- Narcan (naloxone) is an opioid antagonist used for the complete or partial reversal of opioid overdoses including respiratory depression.
- Overall ambulance calls included 38 calls for drug or alcohol overdoses
- Crews logged over 2,300 hours of equipment and drug checks

Did you know that the OFPD requires all of the Firefighters to be licensed paramedics in addition to being a firefighter? All of the firefighters are required to maintain licensure with the exception of the Deputy Chief and Fire Chief. This greatly enhances our response capabilities when emergencies occur. People often ask why an engine shows up for an ambulance call. The answer is simple- the three firefighters on the engine are all paramedics. The engines carry a complement of advance life saving equipment just like the ambulances.

EMS Continued

BECAUSE TIME MATTERS.

American Heart Association
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2018 Mission: Lifeline[®] EMS Recognition

The American Heart Association proudly recognizes

**Oswego Fire Protection District
Oswego, IL**

Mission: Lifeline[®]-EMS - GOLD PLUS
Achievement Award - EMS Agency

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association recognizes this EMS provider organization for demonstrating continued success in using the Mission Lifeline[®]-EMS program. Thank you for applying the most up-to-date evidence-based treatment guidelines to improve patient care and outcomes in the community you serve.

Nancy Brown
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Chief Executive Officer
American Heart Association

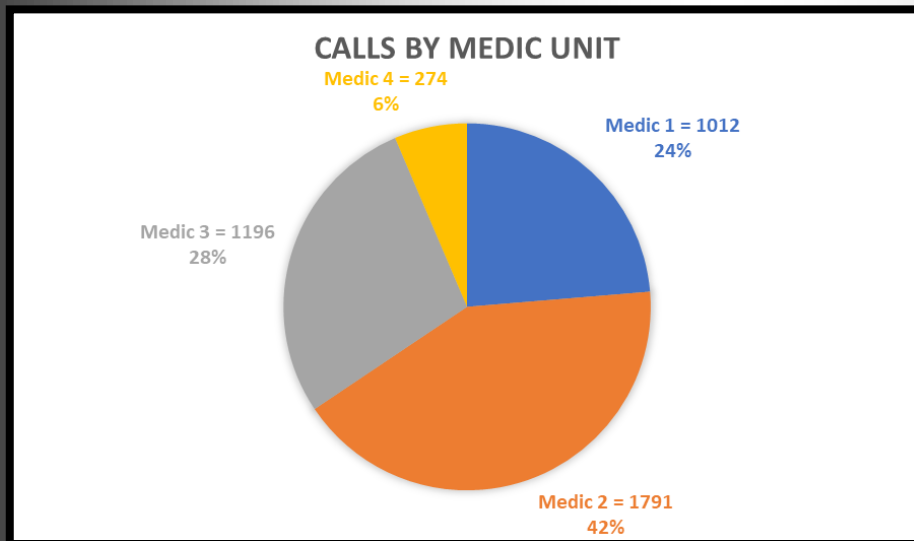
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Eric Smith, MD
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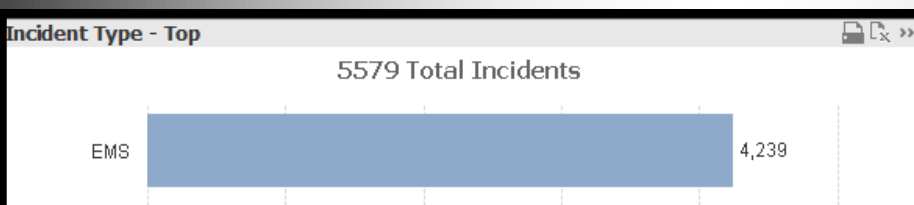
*For more information, please visit Heart.org/MLQualityAwards.



Call of the Year -
Cardiac arrest on Route 34. Police were on the scene first. Ambulance crew treated, transported and even assisted in hospital during surgery.



EMS Coordinator Matt Goodbred has been working diligently with OFPD members, School District 308 staff and multiple police agencies over the past year. Specifically training and working together on the rescue task force concept when dealing with an active shooter situation. This concept allows EMS to provide medical intervention faster and within the Incident Command System and has become a widely accepted practice in the last year.



4,239 of the OFPD calls were EMS related

Training

OFPD members completed more than 50,000 hours of training during 2018.



2018 brought in a new training officer for the OFPD. Capt. Matt Yackley was appointed as the training and served in this capacity through 2018. Capt. Yackley was reassigned after his training officer tour and Lt. Jason Sipes has been appointed as his replacement. Thanks to Capt. Yackley for his hard work and dedication in 2018! Good luck to Lt. Sipes for the upcoming 2019

Did you Know in 2018?

- Crews conducted more that 346 hours of ropes and knots training
- Crews utilized equipment to log 282 hours of forcible entry training
- Members completed over 270 hours of employee safety course training such as lock-out tag out and blood borne pathogens
- Firefighters completed more than 248 hours of hazardous material training
- The crews were trained on a new computer aided dispatch system as well as a new record management system. All members became students of the new system and over 300 hours of training were documented
- One of the most important things firefighters do is to document calls for service. Crews were able to accomplish more than 260 hours of report writing training
- Ladders are another topic of skill in the fire service with fire companies logging 288.8 hours of ladder training
- When a ladder doesn't reach, firefighters must rely on other means to conduct a rescue. Technical Rescue Team members logged 268 hours of high angle rope rescue training
- The Chicago area experiences severe winters on a regular basis and firefighters must be prepared for all types of rescues including ice. Members logged more than 290 hours of ice rescue training
- Water is vital for fighting fires. Crews logged 435 hours in water-supply training



Education

Continued-

- Fire companies often train on topics specific to them. Crews logged over 2,000 hours of company development
- Our paramedics are required to complete continuing education every month to keep their license up to date. Crews logged more than 2,277 hours of EMS continuing education training
- Staying in shape is a must. Crews logged more than 1,238 hours of strength training
- Driving to emergencies requires skill and experience, drivers logged 563.4 hours of driver training
- Crews were able to complete over 1,033 hours of live fire and rescue training
- 833 hours of firefighter survival training was conducted



Training is one of the most important parts of the job. Our firefighters take pride in knowing they spend a significant amount of their time training for a scenario that may happen at some point in the future. Emergencies arise when you least expect it and our members work diligently to be ready for all types of hazards. These include the obvious such as fire-fighting and EMS calls. They also spend hours training for less frequent calls such as hazardous materials and swift water rescues. In any case, the OFPD trains to give us the best chance for a positive outcome.

Community

Each year one lucky winner will win a ride to school in a fire truck. The OFPD conducts the drawing every year during the open house. The lucky youngster gets picked up at their home by a fire engine. The engine shows up with lights and sirens and allows for the family to meet and greet the firefighters. The student is taken for a short ride and delivered to their school where the student's classmates are waiting outside. The firefighters give a tour of the engine to all the students and staff. Students love this unique opportunity.



The OFPD working side by side with Union Local #4773 and the Village of Oswego hosted the Chicagoland Emergency Vehicle Show in downtown Oswego. The event draws large crowds and fun is had by all. The show brings all types of emergency vehicles from around the country. Some are antiques, some are brand new, but all are emergency vehicles. The OFPD and local law enforcement agencies put on numerous demonstrations to very excited crowds to see their public safety departments in action.



The OFPD conducted its first ever Lock-In. There were children and chaperones that spent the night at fire station #1. They were given the chance to be firefighters for a night. They trained, witnessed a real fire, and responded on calls in the middle of the night. As seen in the photo to the left and above the children and adults had a great and wonderful experience. The OFPD will be running the Lock-In again in 2019. It is sure to be even better





The OFPD participated in a very large multi-team dodgeball tournament at Franklin Middle School in Wheaton. The tournament supports several charities including the Ronald McDonald House. The tournament involves several age groups and expertise. In addition to raising money the tournament promotes spreading kindness and compassion.



Once again, OFPD members stepped up and formed a basketball team to play against the 8th grade boys at Plank Jr High. This was the second year we have participated in the Hoops for Heart charity. Fun was had by all and the 8th grade boys even had a player that was able to get a dunk during the game. Unfortunately, the OFPD members lost the game this year. There will be a rematch in 2019 so the crews can avenge the loss.



The 2018 Toys For Tots toy drive was another record year for the OFPD. This program has evolved over the past 10 years in many ways. The first year we collected about 275 toys and fed about 15 people breakfast in the first year. This past year collected more than 8,000 toys and fed more than 350 people. The program continues to grow and benefit so many families that are in need of a little extra Christmas Spirit. The crews do a fantastic job of working and coordinating the event. The culmination of the hard work ends in a breakfast for jr. high students, staff and many other key players. The OFPD is very proud to be a part of a great giving community to help those that may be less fortunate.



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 reports or information can be made by contacting the Administrative Assistant at 630-554-2110 or sending a request via the website contact request form.