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MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

On behalf of the 57 firefighters of the DeKalb Fire Department, it is my privilege to present the Department’s annual report for 2014. Throughout this report, you will find information, pictures and data highlighting our organization and its accomplishments over the past year. In 2014, the Fire Department responded to 5,325 requests for service, which was a 2.14% increase over the previous year. As in previous years, the majority of our calls are related to medical incidents. In this report, you will see the activities of the many special teams and logistical functions that are needed to provide a high level of service to the City. Listed below are some of the department’s notable accomplishments for 2014.

- Purchased and implemented the use of a Safety Trailer for Public Education;
- Secured funding and purchased a used ladder truck, which will be placed into service in 2015;
- Initiated, prepared and trained for Ebola incidents;
- Improved and upgraded our personal protective equipment;
- Redistricted our response areas to provide faster response;
- Purchased Body Armor and instituted an active shooter training program;
- Assisted with the implementation of the Community Notification System “CODE RED;”
- Provided 18,918 hours of Fire and EMS training to our personnel.

Your Fire Department is also dedicated to providing the DeKalb Community with emergency and preventive services in a cost efficient manner. So, we are continually looking for ways to make our organization run more efficiently. Technology has greatly improved our response times and has minimized the out of service time. We take every opportunity to seek grant opportunities to reduce the economic impact to our residents. In 2014, we applied for $454,000 in grant funding and, so far this year, we have been awarded $11,445 in grants to assist our department.

In closing, I would like to extend my gratitude to the members of the DeKalb Fire Department for their dedication and professionalism. I would also like to thank the Mayor and City Council, Executive Team, and the residents of the City of DeKalb for their continued support. It is an honor to serve this community as your Fire Chief.

Eric Hicks, Fire Chief
MISSION STATEMENT
We are committed to providing the highest level of service to the citizens of DeKalb and those who visit, we strive to continuously seek innovative and effective ways to protect the lives and property of those we serve through suppression, emergency medical services, education, prevention, and training.

CORE VALUES

PROFESSIONALISM
We are a career professional organization dedicated to providing the best possible customer service 24/7 365 days of the year. Our commitment is reflected through highly trained, hard working, and competent members.

TRUST & RESPECT
We are committed to the community and maintaining public trust is a key part of this. We are honored to be members of the DeKalb Fire Department and hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards. Self-discipline is the foundation for managing quality behavior.

HISTORY & TRADITION
We are rich in tradition. We are very respectful of those who have served before us and the sacrifices they made. Firefighters are a close-knit family. Our lives depend on each other and we take that very serious. We strive to make the organization better for those who follow.
### DeKalb Fire Department

**At A Glance**

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### City of DeKalb

**At A Glance**

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1869 Established as volunteer hook and ladder companies.

February 1904 City hired four full-time firefighters for new fire station on North 4th Street.

1926 Firefighters began platoon system working twenty-four hours on and twenty-four hours off.

1950s platoon system was revised to twenty-four hours on and forty-eight hours off – still in use today.

1950s Fire department assumed complete responsibility for emergency medical responses.

February 1977 Fire department trained fourteen firefighters as paramedics. DeKalb Fire Department was one of just over two hundred fire departments across the country to provide this level of care.
ORGANIZATION

Administrative Division personnel in the Fire Department work Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Administrative Division provides support to all emergency and non-emergency operations. The Administrative Division includes:

- Training
- Fire Prevention
  - Fire Inspections
  - Fire Investigation
  - Juvenile Firesetter Intervention
  - Public Education
- Department Logistics
  - SCBA
  - Buildings and Grounds
  - Vehicle Maintenance
  - Communications
  - Firefighting Gear and Supplies
  - EMS Equipment and Supplies

Although Department Logistics is under the Administrative Division umbrella, all Department Logistics administrative functions are performed by Operations Division Personnel.

Program Coordinators

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Operation Division consists of three Battalion Chiefs, three Captains, nine Lieutenants, and thirty-eight Firefighters for a total of fifty-three personnel. Operations personnel are divided into three 24-hour shifts. Currently, a minimum of 13 firefighters per day are assigned for emergency response duties. Operations personnel respond to requests for emergencies and perform a variety of on-emergency functions.
ORGANIZATIONAL TREE
# Roster

## Administration

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## Promotion(s)

None

## Retirement(s)

None
BUDGET

Non-Personnel Budget FY 15 = $415,028

- Building and Grounds, $25,521.29
- EMS, $34,270.68
- Fire, $82,848.50
- Fire Investigation, $6,183.00
- Fire Prevention, $6,264.00
- Haz Mat, $5,905.00
- Administration, $106,331.80 (includes gasoline, telephones, copiers and office supplies)
- PubMed, $1,695.00
- Radio, $8,490.00
- SCBA, $8,072.67
- TRT, $7,268.00
- Vehicle Maintenance, $72,178.00

Personnel Budget for FY2015 = $8,998,972

- Insurance, $1,626,922.00
- Salary, $4,841,200.00
- Pension, $2,144,875.00
- Overtime, $275,000.00
- Contractual Obligations, $110,975.00
$11,444.85 RECEIVED IN GRANTS

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
The Illinois Department of Public Health awarded the DeKalb Fire Department a $1,594.00 grant to purchase body armor.

3M
3M Foundation awarded the DeKalb Fire Department a $2,500.00 grant to purchase body armor.

ALLSTATE FOUNDATION
The Allstate Foundation awarded the DeKalb Fire Department a $1,000.00 grant from their Allstate Agency Hands in the Community grant program. These funds were used to purchase smoke detectors for the department smoke detector program.

WASTE MANAGEMENT
Waste Management awarded the DeKalb Fire Department a $3,333.00 grant to purchase body armor.

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
The Office of the State Fire Marshal awarded the DeKalb Fire Department a $3,017.85 grant to reimburse the department for firefighter training costs.
RESPONSE AREA

55 square miles, includes
City of DeKalb
DeKalb Fire Protection Dist.
I-88 Tollway
Northern Illinois University

ISO RATING

Class 4 – City
Class 6 – Fire Protection District
Requests for Service By Year and Type of Call

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Calls By Incident Type Category

- Fires, 151, 3%
- False Alarm and False Calls, 526, 10%
- Special Incident Types, 12, 0%
- Service Calls, 338, 6%
- Good Intent Calls, 161, 3%
- Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire, 11, 0%
- Severe Weather and natural disaster, 2, 0%
- Rescue and emergency medical service incidents, 3945, 74%
- Hazardous conditions - no fire, 179, 4%

Incident Response by Fire Station

- Station 1, 1792, 34%
- Station 3, 2133, 40%
- Station 2, 1397, 26%
SIMULTANEOUS CALLS

Number of Times 2 or More Different Emergency Incidents Occurred Simultaneously

Number of Times 4 or More Different Emergency Incidents Occurred Simultaneously

Number of Times 6 or More Different Emergency Incidents Occurred Simultaneously
The training division at the DeKalb Fire Department facilitates continuing, state and federal mandated, and elective training to all line personnel. Training is delivered through a combination of internal and external training sources through scheduled and shift initiated training activities.

Continuing Education is provided to all shift personnel. This training is conducted on a daily basis. Because of a tight training budget, a greater emphasis is placed on in-house continuing education developed by the Assistant Fire Chief of Training and delivered by the Company Officers. Daily training includes:

- Training in the areas of basic fire company operations, fire tactics and strategies, rescue skills, equipment operation review, incident case studies, building and construction overview, and district familiarization.

- Training topics include: firefighter survival, utility emergencies, railroad safety, auto extrication practices, high-rise fire operations, pumping apparatus training, aerial ladder set-up practice, aircraft rescue and firefighting, defensive driving, and SCBA instruction and review.

- Monthly in-house continuing medical education classes are presented by instructors from the Kishwaukee Community Hospital Emergency Medical System and Assistant Fire Chief. These continuing medical education classes include managing mass casualty incidents, respiratory emergencies and treatment, Advance Cardiac Life Support, Pediatrics Advance Life Support, trauma, firefighter health and safety, clinical decision making and case studies, blood borne pathogens, bariatric patient care, psychiatric care, and communications.
TRAINING GOALS

Continue to standardize and update the department training program and documentation.

Continue to offer Tier II officer development classes.

Continue training evolutions for special teams.

Bi-monthly Hazardous Materials training.

Bi-monthly Technical Rescue training.

Elective Training is a contractual obligation that provides an opportunity for line fire personnel to attend a self-selected fire service related course every two years. Elective training is administered in a calendar year cycle.

Mandatory Training is training that is required to maintain either certifications or licensure through state and federal entities such as Illinois Department of Public Health and OSHA. Mandatory training includes driver’s training, lock out tag out, hazardous materials, confined space, radiological emergencies, bloodborne pathogens, respiratory protection, incident management, and emergency medical continuing education.
Fire Prevention

Fire Inspections
Fire Investigations
Juvenile Firesetter Intervention
Public Education
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Prevention Bureau is an integral part of DeKalb Fire Department. Fire Prevention is a philosophy not just a duty. The focus of the Fire Prevention office is to build better relationships with property owners and managers and get them to “buy-in” to code compliance. Compliance in codes will reduce risk and save lives.

2015
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU GOALS

Continue to work on implementing a permanent Fire Prevention program for DeKalb’s elementary schools.

Reduce the average code compliance violations during inspections.

Develop and implement Fire Department Pre-plan program.

Continue building relationships with the “customers” in the community.

Continue to expand paperless records keeping to other areas within the bureau.

Implement Commercial Building Inspections program if approved.

Attend classes and seminars to enhance Fire Prevention Officers knowledgebase.

Develop and implement the “adopt a fire hydrant” program.

2014
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Continued to increase the teamwork and cooperation with the Building & Code personnel and City Staff, which has improved the customer service delivered to developers, business owners, and residents.

Expanded the Knox Box program within the community and at the Fire Department.

Added E-Verify electronic purchasing option to the Knox Box program. This program allows customers to purchase Knox Box products online.

Transitioned to paperless record keeping for all inspections.

Fire Prevention activities include fire/life safety inspections, sprinkler acceptance testing, sprinkler hydro testing, underground flush, fire hydrant area flow tests, fire alarm acceptance, Suppression system tests, building plan reviews, sprinkler plan reviews, fire alarm plan reviews, site plan reviews, suppression system plan reviews, hood suppression tests, Management and maintenance of the Knox Box program, post fire incident assistance, public education presentations, witnessing fire drills, and carbon monoxide incident follow up.

Additionally, Fire Prevention is used during emergency response as a liaison to the grieved to assist in salvage of personal affects, securing the property, referrals to outside assistance agencies, and relocation of the occupant(s).
2014 FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The DeKalb Fire Investigators case load was slightly decreased during 2014. There were 29 files generated this year, which is a slight decrease from the previous year. Most of the investigations were completed by on-duty investigators.

One member attended Illinois Fire Investigation conference

One member attended Vehicle Arson class

One member attended Arson Case Management

Members utilized online training for additional hours.

Developed “Fire Investigation Guidelines” which will help Shift Commander determine when a Fire Investigation is indicated.

Fire Investigators are required to maintain their certification with the State of Illinois using a point/criteria system. Fire Investigators are awarded hour for hour continuing education for investigating fires and attending seminars/classes. Each fire investigator is required to obtain 100 hours to maintain his/her certification. Sixty hours of training are required and forty hours of scene investigation is necessary during the four-year cycle.

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

The DeKalb Fire Investigation Team is responsible for determining cause and origin for fire in the City of DeKalb, DeKalb Fire Protection District, and Northern Illinois University. The DeKalb investigation team consists of six state certified fire investigators. The DeKalb Fire Department Investigation Team also uses outside agencies when necessary. The DeKalb Police Department, ATF, and State Fire Marshal are utilized on an "as needed" basis. There is no additional cost to the DeKalb Fire Department when outside agencies are requested.

2015 FIRE INVESTIGATION GOALS

Appoint and train two additional investigators

Provide needed recertification training investigators

Complete state recertification of four investigators.

Implement “Investigation guidelines” to help Shift Commander’s determine when an investigation is indicated.

Research and purchase new investigation camera.
JUVENILE FIRESETTER PROGRAM

2014

JUVENILE FIRESETTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Continued participation in the Juvenile Firesetter Coalition for DeKalb County, along with other agencies in the county.

Attended quarterly meetings and interacted with other agencies.

2015

JUVENILE FIRESETTER GOALS

Continue as an active participant in the Juvenile Firesetter Coalition for DeKalb County, along with other agencies in the county.

Attended quarterly meetings and interacted with other agencies.

The Juvenile Firesetter (JFS) team is responsible for educating any juvenile involved in the setting of fires. The program is based on a four meeting process with the juvenile, parent(s), and the JFS interventionist. The goal of the intervention is to educate the juvenile and parents to make them aware of the dangers involved when playing with fire.

The DeKalb Fire Department Juvenile Firesetter team consists of four members. All members are certified through the State of Illinois and follow a set procedure/format, which is used to grade and evaluate the juvenile’s specific case. The program is, for the most part, voluntary in nature. However, some cases that are sent to us through the State Attorney’s office are part of a court order required to complete sentence requirements or probation. All information obtained during the intervention is confidential.
2014

PUBLIC EDUCATION
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Public Education is an essential component to lowering a community’s fire losses. The DeKalb Fire Department strives to find ways to reach the citizens and teach fire safety to the community. Station tours are an excellent way to familiarize the members of the community with the fire department and help them learn their role in fire safety. We always enjoy the community contacting us to schedule a time to stop by, meet our membership, and learn about fire safety. Call 815-748-8460 to schedule your tour.

In addition to station tours and safety talks, the fire department participates in fire drills at all public schools in DeKalb as well as Northern Illinois University dormitories, sororities, and fraternities. Additionally, members of the DeKalb Fire Department also attend events in the community as requested to further the fire and life safety message of the Fire Department.

Obtained a “Fire Safety Trailer” which is a great learning tool for the general public specifically, but not limited to, children from 5-11 years old. The ability to give “realistic” hands-on presentations reinforces the lessons taught.

The following lists just a few of the 103 events, projects, and functions provided by the Public Education Team:

- University Plaza staff fire extinguisher training
- Target Night Out
- NIU Dorm staff fire extinguisher training
- Oak Crest staff fire extinguisher training
- 7 Parades
- Representative Pritchard’s Senior Fair
- District 428 Clinton Rosette Wellness Fair
- Public Service Announcements for Government Access Cable Channel 14
- University Village “Camp Power” Safety Trailer Training
### 2015 Public Education Goals

Added three additional members

Continue Cooking With Care program

Increase fire extinguisher training for businesses and community groups

Gain American Heart Association Teaching Certificates for Team Members

Develop CPR/AED training program for DeKalb residents and businesses

Continue Public Service Announcements for Government Access Cable Channel 14

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Logistics

Buildings and Grounds
Fire Fighting Equipment and Supplies
EMS Equipment and Supplies
SCBA
Communications
Vehicle Maintenance
Fire Station #1, 700 Pine Street, houses the administrative offices of the Fire Department and serves the central and northeast side of DeKalb. Fire Station #1 was built in 1972.

Fire Station #2, 1154 S. 7th Street, serves the south side of DeKalb. Fire Station #2 was built in 1957. An addition was added to this station in 2013.

Fire Station #3, 950 W. Dresser Road, serves the northwest and west side of DeKalb. Fire Station #3 was built in 1994. A new roof was given to this station in 2013.
2014

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Station 1 received new gear lockers on the apparatus floor. During planned building and ground days, the firefighters replaced old fences and painted the shed that was bought the previous year.

After adding some new space in 2013 to station 2, a firefighter self-help project remodeled the old portion of station 2 to improve training areas and living space.

Fire station 3 had touch up paint work and small improvements made.

Most of these improvements were possible because of the support from the foreign fire fund.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Building and Grounds has the responsibility for repairs and maintenance for DeKalb’s three fire stations, which were built in 1957, 1973, and 1994. Snow removal, mowing, and landscaping are just a few of the activities handled by on duty firefighters. Daily and weekly maintenance as well as minor station repairs are handled by on duty DeKalb firefighters.

Daily cleaning chores (housework) are completed by duty shift personnel 365 days a year. Crews are also tasked with maintaining station systems. We maintain our plymovent vehicle exhaust system. General weekly maintenance on HVAC systems is done by on duty crews. Major repairs and significant maintenance are handled by local private contractors, which specialize in their respective fields.

Buildings and Grounds is overseen by the Shift 1 Battalion Chief. The Shift 1 Captain is responsible for janitorial supplies for all three stations. Each Shift Lieutenant is responsible for overseeing the care and maintenance of their assigned station.
BUILDING AND GROUNDS GOALS

Goals for Station 1 will be to improve the training room, which is very outdated. A complete remodel of the report writing room will be important. Improvements to the kitchen are also in the works for 2015.

Replace roof and garage doors at Station 2. Build a shed.

Station 3’s exterior painting will have to be accomplished in the near future. In addition, the ceiling on the apparatus floor is in disrepair and will need some attention.

As shown above, the fire stations are faced with ongoing needs as well as some immediate issues that will need addressed in 2014. Collectively, we will continue to maintain all buildings and grounds as we have in the past. DeKalb Firefighters have been vital in the past and will continue to be instrumental in the future to facilitate the majority of building/ground needs as they arise.
Firefighter Equipment and Supplies is overseen by the Shift 2 Battalion Chief. Shift 2 Officers are responsible for all logistical considerations of firefighting equipment and supplies used by firefighters. Some areas include:

- Fire apparatus inventories - All equipment stored on fire engines, aerial ladder truck, squads, and rescue vehicle
- Fire extinguishers
- Fire Hose
- Turnout Gear
- Personal Protective Equipment

2014

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

All known damage to in service bunker gear was repaired.

Approximately 400 feet in new hose was purchased.

With the exception of six firefighters who were new to the department, the conversion over to leather fire helmets was completed.

In order to control inventory, a new storage area in the upstairs of the apparatus floor was constructed. Now all fire gear is organized and high value items are securely locked up within a locker in that storage area. The storage area itself is always locked with the keys being in possession of the Shift Commander.

Five sets of new bunker gear were purchased. The gear is expected to be delivered in early 2015.

2015

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

GOALS

Gear will continue to be monitored for repair or replacement.

Replace remaining bunker gear to meet the NFPA standard by 2017.

Computerize inventory tracking system.
EMS EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provide for immediate pre-hospital care of the sick and injured. The DeKalb Fire Department is a member of the Kishwaukee Community Emergency Medical Services System.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) is a major part of our service to the citizens of DeKalb and the fire protection district. We strive to provide the best and most cost effective service possible.

EMS Equipment and Supplies are overseen by the Shift 3 Captain. Two Lieutenants from Shift 3 assist the Captain with all logistical considerations of EMS equipment and supplies used by paramedics. Some areas include:

- Ambulance inventories - All equipment stored on ambulances
- Automated External Defibrillators
- Stretchers
- Medical supplies
- Personal Protective Equipment

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2014
EMS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Continued providing citizens with the best emergency medical care possible.

Applied for and received a grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health for body armor to be placed on ambulances.

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2015
EMS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES GOALS

Train personnel and place in service EMS body armor.

Continue to look for the best value possible when purchasing EMS supplies and equipment.

Continue providing most efficient way to deliver our services.

Evaluate equipment bags to ensure they are organized in the most efficient manner to deliver medical care.
The DeKalb Fire Department SCBA program has been active in maintaining all respiratory protection equipment utilized by the department. The equipment that is maintained in this program includes all breathing apparatus, mobile and stationary air supply systems, and all personnel protective face pieces. The technicians in this program also maintain department battery supplies and provide respiratory protection training to all personnel.

**2015 SCBA GOALS**

Maintain and upkeep all breathing apparatus.

Maintain and upkeep all breathing apparatus air supply systems.

Complete annual flow testing of all SCBA.

Complete annual respirator fit testing of all response personnel.

Provide continuing education to all personnel.

Maintain battery supply levels.

Complete hydrostatic testing of SCBA bottles.

Purchase 2 Scott Air Pak 75 SCBA.

Provide basic technician level training to three DFD technicians.
2014
COMMUNICATIONS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Worked with the police department when lightning struck the main antenna tower and caused major damage to the infrastructure of the communication center. This damage shut down the fire radio until a repair could be accomplished.

Continued to perform preventive maintenance functions on the equipment to keep it in the highest working order.

Made repairs as necessary to keep equipment in working order.

2015
COMMUNICATIONS GOALS

Continue maintaining all equipment in working order.

Convert the remaining water tower to a fiber optic connection.

Research and develop proposals for new technologies in communications that will benefit the fire department.

Institute a tone to text information system that will notify the members of the department when there are calls or recalls of department personnel via their cell phones.

Place I-pad’s into service with the administration vehicle that will be interactive with the existing computer aided dispatch system.

COMMUNICATIONS

The communications program is responsible for maintaining, researching, and updating of equipment, and administration of communications for the DeKalb Fire Department. These communications includes all radio equipment, cell phones, Lifenet devices, and mobile computers. Currently we have 108 radios in our inventory, 58 personal pagers, 12 mobile computers, 18 cell phones, and 6 Lifenet devices. The program coordinator also acts as the Government Emergency Telephone Service (GETS) program administrator. GETS is a program that provides calling cards to key officials in the event of a major incident. These cards will allow the key official to make phone calls when the telephone system is under heavy load.
2014

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

All reserve ambulances were retrofitted with a placarding system. This allows the vehicles to have their call signature reassigned when ambulances are out of service. This eliminated some confusion on an emergency scene when assigning tasks to incoming units.

As it has every year, the Maintenance Team was very busy this past year. The challenges are ongoing with an aging fleet. The cold and long winter of 2013 and 2014 were especially hard on the fleet with many vehicle problems credited to the weather.

2015

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE GOALS

Purchase and place in service new aerial ladder truck.

One of the main goals of the team is to continue to be more proactive with maintenance, keeping breakdowns and failures to a minimum. Keeping up to date on preventive maintenance, we hope to minimize emergency repairs to the fleet. In doing this, we can better control when vehicles are taken out of service and how long they are out of service.

The maintenance team has required annual testing for pumping apparatus, ground ladders, and the main ladder of the truck. This year’s ground ladder testing found that some of the ground ladders had necessary repairs that needed to occur. In the quest to be more proactive, the maintenance team worked with department administration to create a ladder maintenance program. This program will start before annual ladder testing in 2015, to identify problems with the ladder so they can be repaired before the testing is done. The ladder maintenance program will also teach our firefighters to identify problems and the correct means to facilitate the repairs on the ground ladders.
Operations

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Emergency Medical Services
Special Teams
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INTERESTING FACTS

Fire Response
Every 2 ½ days

Structure Fire Response
Every 5 1/2 days

Civilian Fire Injury
Every Year

False Alarm
Every 16 ½ Hours

FIRE SUPPRESSION
The response to fires is a coordinated effort that can vary from a single fire truck responding to a car fire to multiple pieces of equipment responding to a structure fire. The initial response to a reported structure fire is two engine companies, a ladder truck, an ambulance, and the shift commander. Fire suppression vehicles will also at times supplement staffing needs on emergency medical calls and are equipped to remove trapped victims of motor vehicle collisions.
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provide for immediate pre-hospital care of the sick and injured. The DeKalb Fire Department is a member of the Kishwaukee Community Health Emergency Medical Systems.

Arriving on scene in a timely fashion and critical interventions in life threatening emergencies is the hallmark of our fire based emergency medical service (EMS). EMS plays a critical role in patient outcomes and a community’s ability to survive life threatening events. Fire based EMS helps provide our community tremendous benefits and is a great value to our community. The fire department is always seeking ways to improve our ability to be effective and benefit our patients at the scene of an emergency.

INTERESTING FACTS

1 Patient Transported to the hospital by ambulance
Every 3 Hours

Motor Vehicle Accident
Every 28 Hours

1 Patient Refuses Transport to the hospital by ambulance
Every 9 Hours

53 Paramedics

6 Ambulances
Special Teams

Hazardous Materials
Technical Rescue
Aircraft Rescue Firefighting
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS GOALS

Continue with the organization of the team and add members.

Continue to train regularly and build upon the training.

Network and build the MABAS team with other departments.

Update old equipment.

Continue to educate our members, and be ready to respond when called upon.

The Hazardous Materials Team has eleven firefighters trained to the Hazardous Materials Technician Level. Only technicians by federal statute are permitted to conduct offensive measures to contain and control hazardous materials releases. All members of the fire department are trained to the operations level permitting them to conduct defensive measures. The Hazardous Materials Team is trained and prepared to respond to and manage commercial, industrial, transportation, and residential hazardous materials releases. In addition, the team is trained to respond to releases from international and domestic terrorism events. The DeKalb Fire Department team is also part of the MABAS Division 6 Hazardous Materials Team, which is a regional and statewide response team for hazardous materials incidents. Further, this team is also part of the Illinois Statewide Disaster Plan. In the event of a major incident anywhere in the state, this team can be called upon to respond for assistance. Examples of this type of response are chemical spills.

The DeKalb Fire Hazardous Materials Team responded to many hazardous material calls in 2014 including carbon monoxide, natural gas/propane leaks, odor investigations, small gasoline or diesel fuel leaks, and a meth lab discovery. In each scenario, safety of our personnel is paramount as is protecting the public and the environment.

Several team drills were conducted during the year. One included a “stations” type training, which involved five hours of comprehensive training, each station lasting about an hour. The implementation of five-hour drills has become the new norm for efficiency and the team strives to host these quarterly.
In 2014 department training was ramped up with the implementation of “tech days,” utilizing Friday mornings, one each month, for each special team. Techs and shift personnel would train on their specific areas, utilizing equipment and monitors, and refreshing on ways to complete their assignments.

Our biggest accomplishment of the year was partnering with the Local Emergency Planning Commission, and through grant monies received by the state of Illinois, the team was able to receive approximately $15,000 worth of needed supplies. These supplies included hazmat suits, decon pools, hoses for decon, many booms and pads for spills, and cooling vests for hazmat techs. Through their assistance, the team was able to replace much of its aging equipment and become equipped better for the future. The team performed a drill involving a truck with unknown chemicals that were leaking. The drill was hosted by DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport and turned out to be an optimum site for this training.
TECHNICAL RESCUE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Conducted two five-hour training sessions, which helped to maintain the technical expertise of team members.

Responded to a 4 alarm confined space grain bin entrapment incident with the Genoa-Kingston Fire department.

Purchased and installed warning lights and a siren for Rescue 6. This enabled the vehicle to respond to incidents in a more rapid fashion.

The Technical Rescue Team is fourteen members of the DeKalb Fire Department who are specially trained to deal with specialized rescues in the following disciplines: high angle, confined space, trench collapse, structural collapse, and grain bin entrapment. The DeKalb Fire Department team is also part of the MABAS Division 6 Technical Rescue Team, which is a regional and statewide response team for technical rescue incidents. The team is also part of the Illinois Statewide Disaster Plan. In the event of a major incident anywhere in the state, we can be called upon to respond for assistance. Examples of this type of response are events such as tornados or earthquakes.

The team responds out of two vehicles, both of which are owned by the DeKalb Fire Department. Rescue 1 was purchased in 2004 with funds provided by the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The other unit is Rescue 6. Rescue 6 is a beverage delivery tractor-trailer that was converted to fit the needs of the technical rescue team. The equipment carried on the vehicles ranges from simple pieces of wood to sophisticated electronics. The majority of the equipment carried on Rescue 6 was given to the team through a grant from the Illinois Terrorism Task Force.

Initial training to be a team member consists of eleven classes that need to be taken. Out of the eleven classes, ten of those classes were forty hours in length and one was eighty hours. The members then were able to take the Illinois State Fire Marshal’s test and become certified in each of the specialties.
2015

TECHNICAL RESCUE GOALS

To conduct four training sessions, one in each discipline.

To continue to look at new trends in this area and make improvements as need to the team.

To continue to look at tools and equipment for maintenance and / or replacement.

To respond as requested.
The DeKalb Fire Department is responsible for the delivery of fire protection, rescue, emergency medical services, and hazardous materials response to the DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport (DTMA). This emergency response capability is generally referred to as ARFF (Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting).

### 2014

#### AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIREFIGHTING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Recurring and ongoing maintenance of Airport Crash Rescue Vehicle
- First installment of department wide ARFF training held in September
- Shift level, pump and drivers training of Airport Crash Rescue Vehicle
- Responded to 1 aircraft in distress at the airport

### 2015

#### AIRCRAFT RESCUE GOALS

- Continue department wide ARFF training and airport familiarization
- Train six additional firefighters to the 40hr NFPA ARFF level
- Finish and implement Fire Department SOG’s and response plan
- Host a department wide hands on training drill and simulation at DTMA
- Sample and test AFFF foam and dry chemical powder on Crash 6
The Kishwaukee Education Consortium (KEC) instituted a fire science program approximately eight years ago. The first classes met at the Sycamore Fire Station and were taught by off-duty Sycamore firefighters under contract to KEC. The program was successful and KEC sought to expand its scope. Seven years ago, it was expanded to two years with the high school juniors learning the basics of fire fighting and the seniors dealing more with specialized areas such as EMS. The juniors meet at the DeKalb Fire Department and are taught by off duty DeKalb firefighters. KEC holds their classes at Fire Station 1 each afternoon during the school year. The opportunities to have the students observe the firefighters and vice versa have been positive for both groups.
FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX FUND

The Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Fund was created in 1992 by the City Council in compliance with applicable state statute provisions.

A two-percent tax is imposed on the gross receipts of the fire insurance premiums on property located in the City provided by insurance companies not located within Illinois. These taxes, along with similar taxes imposed by most Illinois municipalities, are collected by the state and distributed to municipalities on a per capita basis. By ordinance, the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board members are elected by the Fire Department from among its members. This board is empowered to expend Foreign Fire Insurance Tax proceeds for the “maintenance, benefit, and use of the Fire Department.”

Expenditures from this fund are used for the betterment of the fire department. Typically, they have included station improvements, station repairs, furniture for stations, personal protection equipment, and physical fitness equipment. Here are some of the purchases accomplished in 2014:

- Remodel old interior of Station 2
- Picnic table for Station 1
- Helmets for firefighters
- Replacement television for Station 2
- Cordless drills for each station
- Extrication gloves for firefighters
- New Department badges for all sworn personnel
- Provided funds for cable television at all fire stations
- New elliptical machine for Station 2
- Nameplates for gear lockers
- Replacement Storm Door for Station 2
- Forcible entry window training prop
- Provided funds for newspaper delivery at all fire stations
- Leaf blowers for all three Fire Stations
- New cabinets for Station 2
- Mechanics toolset and toolbox for Station 3
- Training rescue mannequins
- Purchased teddy bears for ambulances
- Weight machine
- Workout equipment for all three stations
- Purchased coffee and all coffee products for all fire stations
- Voice amplification system to be used with SCBA masks

2015
FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX FUND GOALS

Remodel Station 1 Radio Room

Training Props

Replace worn-out workout equipment

Continue to provide cable service to all Fire Stations

Continue to provide newspaper delivery to all Fire Stations

Continue to purchase teddy bears for the ambulances

Continue to purchase coffee for all Fire Stations
### IAFF LOCAL 1236

**2014**

**IAFF LOCAL 1236 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**$21,000**

Over $21,000 in various donations were made to many community groups & organizations which are too numerous to list.

**$4,000**

Was raised to help support local children with different neuromuscular diseases, through our annual “Fill the Boot” campaign to support the Muscular Dystrophy.

#### Operation Warm

Our first annual fundraiser started in 2014 to provide coats to children in need throughout the DeKalb Community.

**2015**

Stay tuned for our new community outreach initiatives planned for 2015!

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### IAFF LOCAL 1236

The DeKalb Firefighters Union Local 1236 takes pride in their active role in supporting various community groups and organizations throughout the year both on and off duty. Here are some of our community outreach initiatives accomplished in 2014:

- Over $1,700 donated between cash & turkeys to help support the Salvation Army’s “Let’s Talk Turkey” campaign.
- Our First Annual Operation Warm Fundraiser was started in cooperation with the DeKalb Classroom Teachers Association to provide new coats for needy children in the DeKalb Community.
- Donated four sponsorships to both boys and girls athletic programs through the DeKalb Park District.
- Donated a Breakfast at the Fire Station for United Way Fundraising.
• Supported the DeKalb High School Athletic Boosters through different fundraisers.
• Supported the Castle Challenge.
• Participated in different Ramp fundraisers with donations of over $500.
• Supported or donated to funds for several local Churches or religious organizations.
• Supported several local families through donation efforts, The Canaday, Witmer, & Diedrich-Harrison families to name a few.
• Over $4,000 in Donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
• Various donations to support Families at Hope Haven.
• Provided Christmas Gifts to DeKalb Families in need.
• Participated in the Big Brothers – Big Sisters “Bowl for Kids’ Sake” and also contributed a sponsorship of this event in partnership with Sycamore Firefighters Local 3046.
• Continued donations and support for the DeKalb Firefighters Historical Foundation, along with participation in our annual pancake breakfast to support the goal of a Fire Museum in DeKalb.
• The membership continues to offer an annual $500 scholarship through Kishwaukee College for students pursuing a degree in fire science or an allied health related field of study.

These are a few of our many efforts to support the DeKalb community. Our membership also takes an active role in volunteering and participating in many of these organizations and service clubs located in DeKalb. We look forward to continuing our efforts to support the residents of DeKalb in 2015.
DEKALB FIREFIGHTERS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

The DeKalb Firefighters Historical Foundation was formed to proudly protect and preserve the long standing history and traditions of the DeKalb Fire Department and its equipment that have served the City of DeKalb for over 150 years.

The foundation was started with numerous items of memorabilia, newspaper articles, and photographs. We have since had our 1951 Mack Engine generously donated to the foundation. Our goal is to restore the Mack Engine back to its original beauty. We believe between the restored Mack and our current (and expanding) inventory, this could be the beginning of something very special for our community.

Annual Historical Foundation Pancake Breakfast and Fire Department Open House

In celebration of Fire Prevention Week, the DeKalb Fire Department in conjunction with the DeKalb Firefighters Historical Foundation invited all members of the community to a pancake breakfast and Open House on Sunday, October 5, 2014. This breakfast was held at Fire Station #1 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 12:00 p.m. Proceeds from the breakfast will help gather, preserve, and maintain historical items from and about the DeKalb Fire Department. Attractions included:

- Static display of various fire apparatus and rescue equipment (both current and antique);
- DeKalb Fire Department Safety House;
- Fire safety booth and display from Fire Watch Safety;
- NICOR safety and informational booth;
- Miniature Firefighter combat challenge for the kids;
- Bouncy house for the kids; and
- Historical slide show in the Firehouse basement.
### IMPORTANT DATES

#### 2015 Calendar

- **Daylight Savings**
  - Change Clock/Change Your Battery
  - March 8, 2015

- **International Firefighter Appreciation Day**
  - May 4

- **Arson Awareness Week**
  - May 3 – 9

- **Illinois Fallen Firefighters Memorial and Firefighter Medal of Honor Ceremony**
  - May 12, 2015

- **National Emergency Medical Services week**
  - May 17 - 23

- **International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week**
  - June 14 - 20

- **Patriot’s Day**
  - September 11

- **IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial**
  - September 19

- **Fire Prevention Week**
  - October 4 - 10

- **National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend**
  - October 3 - 4

- **Daylight Savings**
  - Change Clock/Change Your Battery
  - November 1, 2015

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

#### Emergency Services: 9-1-1
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Suppression
- Hazardous Materials
- Technical Rescue

#### Non-Emergency Services: 815-748-8460
- Administration
- Disaster/Crisis Planning
- Incident Reports
- Paramedic Service Questions
- Fire Investigations
- Fire Station Tours
- Juvenile Firesetter Counseling
- Burn Permits
- Fireworks Permits

#### Fire Prevention: 815-748-8457
- Building Evacuation Planning
- Fire Code Enforcement
- Fire Code and Fire Protection Systems Questions
- Fire Inspections
- Fire and Life Safety Education Programs
- Knox Box Program
- Smoke Detector Installation and Battery Replacement

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