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.
For 147 years, the DeKalb Fire Department has been an ever-evolving entity in the City of DeKalb. Besides traditional firefighting, this department embraced advanced emergency medicine in the 70’s, hazardous materials in the 80’s, fire prevention and public education in the 90’s, and technical rescue in the 2000’s. This has truly transformed the DeKalb Fire Department from a “fire department” to an “all-hazards” service department providing a wide array of protection to the community. Including the above mentioned services, our organization also provides fire investigation, aircraft rescue and firefighting, emergency management, mass casualty response, water rescue, post-fire assistance, and just recently, fire and life safety inspections by fire companies. The depth of our service extends to assisting the public with everyday needs such as home safety checks, changing smoke detector batteries, and assisting persons with mobility needs. These resources are available year round 24-hours a day.

These services are able to be provided to the residents and visitors of DeKalb by the continued support of the Mayor, City Council, and City Staff. The dedication of the DeKalb Firefighters through training, constant preparation, and education is what drives the fire department’s success. The use of technology, embracing current fire service trends, and the use of social media are the tools that help us respond more efficiently and communicate better with the people we serve.

On behalf of all members of the DeKalb Fire Department, I am pleased to present the DeKalb Fire Department’s 2015 Annual Report, which highlights our accomplishments and provides a road map to what we will accomplish in 2016.

Our doors are always open to our residents and staff. Please contact me with questions, concerns, suggestions, or to provide feedback from services received.

Respectfully,

Eric Hicks
Fire Chief
The DeKalb Fire Department was established in 1869 as a volunteer hook and ladder company. In February 1904, the City of DeKalb hired four full-time firefighters to staff a new fire station on North Fourth Street. In 1926, firefighters began working a platoon system of twenty-four hours on and twenty-four hours off. In the 1950s, the platoon system was revised to twenty-four hours on and forty-eight hours off. This system is still in use today. Emergency Medical incident responses became the responsibility of the Fire Department in the 1950s. February of 1977 saw the DeKalb Fire Department train fourteen firefighters as paramedics. DeKalb was one of just over two hundred fire departments across the country to provide this level of care.
Administrative Division personnel work Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Administrative Division provides support to all emergency and non-emergency operations. The Administrative Division includes:

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

Although Logistics is under the Administrative Division umbrella, all Logistics functions are performed by Operations Division personnel.
Non-Personnel Expenses

The DeKalb Fire Department divides its non-personnel expenses into project areas. Each project area directly relates to a specific area of support function, operation, or service provided by the Fire Department. The funds allocated to each project area are used for that specific service, operation, or support function of the Fire Department. The project areas and examples of non-personnel expenditures in each project area include:

- Buildings and Grounds: utilities; janitorial supplies; parts and repairs to Fire Stations, appliances, and building parts; and lawn care
- EMS: repairs and replacement costs for all EMS equipment, ambulance patient supplies, training costs, and ambulance disinfectant
- Fire: repairs and replacement costs for equipment, hose, ladders, turnout gear, helmets, and boots; and training costs.
- Fire Investigation: repairs and replacement costs for equipment and training costs
- Fire Prevention: training costs, professional dues and memberships, forms, code access subscriptions
- Haz Mat: repairs and replacement costs for equipment and training costs.
- Administration: telephones, copiers, office supplies, gasoline for vehicles, meetings, conferences, postage, professional dues and memberships, and training
- PubEd: promotional supplies, supplies for fire extinguisher demonstrations, and training costs
- Radio: repairs and replacement costs for equipment
- SCBA: repairs and replacement costs for equipment, fire extinguisher upkeep, quarterly hydrostatic tests, batteries, and quarterly air compressor tests
- TRT: repairs and replacement costs for equipment and training costs
- Vehicle Maintenance: parts and repairs to vehicles and small engines and equipment.
Personnel Expenses

Personnel expenses include salaries, overtime, insurance, pension, and contractual funding obligations for all members of the Fire Department.

Personnel Budget for FY2016 = $9,301,107

$1,683,291.52 in Revenue Generated By Fire Department

Fire Protection District Contract (FY15), $140,790.36
NIU Contract (FY15), $593,348.10
Ambulance Transports (CY15), $840,302.08
False Alarms (CY15), $4,700.00
Tollway Responses (CY15), $7,600.00
Hotel Licenses (FY15), $5,277.22
Cost Recovery (CY15), $47,401.76
Rooming House Licenses (FY15), $21,500.00
Fire/Life Safety Licenses (FY15), $22,432.00
Other, $49,209.22
Assistant to Firefighters Grant

The DeKalb Fire Department is proud to be the recipient of a $239,000.00 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The City of DeKalb provided matching funds of $21,727.30. This grant purchased a mobile training tower. The mobile training tower is a self-contained trailer mounted high-rise training tower that rises to 4 ½ stories tall. It is equipped with an interior staircase and landings, interior and exterior lighting, high volume smoke generator with duct work, standpipe and sprinkler systems, forcible entry door, repelling anchors, confined space simulator, and power generator. The mobile training tower will greatly enhance the variety and quality of training for the DeKalb firefighters, which improves operational efficiency, develops firefighter skills and confidence, and improves emergency scene safety, all leading to improved customer service to the residents and visitors of the City of DeKalb.

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

The Office of the State Fire Marshal awarded the DeKalb Fire Department a $3,656.30 grant to reimburse the department for firefighter training costs.
In the City of DeKalb, the City Manager fills the role of ESDA Coordinator. The Fire Department, historically, has taken on the tasks of coordinating emergency planning, preparedness, and training functions. Planning, preparedness and training can all be considered a single function that includes:

- updates to the city’s emergency plan
- coordination of training for compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- recognition and assessment of the community’s vulnerability to natural and man-made disasters.

### 2015 Accomplishments

- Updated the City of DeKalb Emergency Operations Plan
- Coordinated a citywide NIMS training audit of all city employees
- Assisted with the update to the DeKalb County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Assisted DeKalb schools with their Emergency Plans

### 2016 Goals

- Continue annual update of City of DeKalb Emergency Operations Plan
- Begin preparation of the City of DeKalb Business Continuity Plan
- Prepare an annual training and exercise schedule that incorporates workshops and function tabletop exercises
- Begin preparations for an annual full-scale exercise
The Fire Prevention Bureau is an integral part of the 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.

Fire Prevention activities include fire/life safety inspections, gas station inspections, rooming house inspections, outside property maintenance inspections, commercial/industrial building inspections, commercial/industrial building pre-plans, sprinkler acceptance testing, sprinkler hydro testing, underground flush, fire hydrant area flow tests, fire alarm acceptance tests, suppressions system tests, building 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 responses as a liaison to the griefed to assist in salvage of personal affects, securing the property, referrals to outside assistance agencies and relocation of occupants.

2015 Accomplishments

- Three department members attended the State Fire Marshal public school inspection program.
- Continued to increase the teamwork and cooperation with the Building and Code personnel and City Hall, which has improved customer service delivered to developers, business owners, and residents.
- Expanded the Knox Box program within the community.
- Transitioned to paperless recordkeeping for all inspections.
- Relocated the Fire Prevention office from the City Hall annex to Fire Station #1.
- Implemented the Commercial/Industrial building inspection and pre-plan program.

2016 Goals

- Continue to work on implementing a permanent Fire Prevention program for DeKalb elementary schools.
- Encourage compliance through the inspection process.
- Enhance Fire Department pre-plan program.
- Continue building relationships with the “customers” in the community.
- Continue to expand paperless recordkeeping to other areas within the bureau.
- Enhance commercial building inspection program.
- Attend classes and seminars to enhance Fire Prevention Officer’s knowledge base.
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**Total Violations**  
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The DeKalb Fire Investigation Team is responsible for determining the cause and origin of fires in the City of DeKalb and the DeKalb Fire Protection District. 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, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, 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.

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 certification. Sixty hours of training and forty hours of scene investigation are necessary during the four-year cycle.

2015 Accomplishments

♦ The DeKalb Fire Investigators’ case load decreased by 55% during 2015. There were 16 files generated this year. Most of the investigations were completed by on-duty investigators.

♦ Two members attended the Illinois Association of Arson Investigators Northern District training.

♦ Members utilized online training for additional hours.

♦ One investigator resigned after completion of his tenure on the team and was replaced by a new team member.

♦ State re-certification was completed by four investigators.

♦ Developed “Fire Investigation Guidelines” that will help Shift Commanders determine when a fire investigation is indicated.
2016 Goals

- Appoint and train two additional Fire Investigators
- Provide needed recertification training for investigators
- Implement “Investigation Guidelines” to help Shift Commanders determine when an investigation is indicated
- Improve line of communication with DeKalb County State’s Attorney office
- Obtain training through the DeKalb County State’s Attorney office pertaining to prosecution of arson cases

![Cause of Ignition Chart]

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The Juvenile Firesetter 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 Juvenile Firesetter 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 six 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.

2015 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

2016 Goals

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

♦ Continue attending quarterly meetings and interact with other agencies
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 tour, meet our members, and learn about fire safety.

In addition to station tours and safety presentations, the fire department also 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 attend events in the community as requested to further the fire and life safety message of the Fire Department.

2015 Accomplishments

We were able to utilize the “Fire Safety Trailer,” which is a great learning tool for the public. The ability to give “realistic” hands-on presentations reinforces the lessons that we teach.
The following lists just a few of the 95 events, projects, and functions in which the Public Education team participated (with nearly 10,000 participants!).

- 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 on Government Access Cable Channel 14
- University Village “Camp Power” Safety Trailer training

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2016 Goals

- More utilization of team members as presenters
- Continue Cooking with Care Program
- Increase fire extinguisher training for businesses and community groups
- Continue public service announcements for government access cable channel 14
- Institute a Community CPR program
- Restart the Get Fired Up for Fire Safety Program in DeKalb schools
Although Department Logistics is under the Administrative Division umbrella, all Department Logistics administrative functions are performed by Operations Division Personnel.

Program Coordinators

Tony Cox
Battalion Chief
Buildings and Grounds

Bart Gilmore
Battalion Chief
Firefighting Supplies

Jim Zarek
Battalion Chief
Communications

Tom Murphy
Captain
SCBA

Jeff Jossendal
Captain
Emergency Medical Supplies

Don Faulhaber
Captain
Vehicle Maintenance
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Keeping Our Community’s Fire Stations In Good Repair

Buildings and Grounds has the responsibility for repairs and maintenance for DeKalb’s three fire stations, which were built in 1957, 1972, 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. General weekly maintenance on stations and grounds is done by on-duty crews. Major repairs and significant maintenance are handled by City of DeKalb Public Works and 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 1 Lieutenant is responsible for overseeing the care and maintenance of their assigned station.

2015 Accomplishments

Station 1 improved the training room, which was very outdated. New projector, lighting, drop ceiling, paint, and updated storage areas were completed. Outdated furnaces on the apparatus floor were replaced and new thermostats were installed. A major improvement was the replacement of the parking lot behind the station.

Station 2 received a new roof. A new garage door was ordered and installed in February 2016. The day room/living area was completely remodeled through a self-help project from the firefighters assigned to Station 2.

Station 3’s exterior was painted.

2016 Goals

The front radio room is slated to be upgraded to accommodate space needs for computer use and report writing. Station 2 is in need of a new shed for storage needs. Central air conditioning also is a need for the station to replace the outdated window units. Station 3’s apparatus floor ceiling needs to be replaced.

The fire stations are faced with ongoing needs as well as some immediate issues that will be addressed. 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 buildings and grounds needs as they arise.
Fire Station #1

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

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

Fire Station #3

Fire Station #3, 950 W. Dresser Road, serves the northwest and west side of DeKalb. Fire Station #3 was built in 1994. This station received a new roof in 2013.
Station Response Areas

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
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provide for immediate pre-hospital care of the sick and injured. The DeKalb Fire Department is a member of the KishHealth Emergency Medical Services System, which became a part of the Northwestern Medicine in 2015.

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

2015 Accomplishments

EMS played a major role in DeKalb Fire Department responses. In 2015, a third Lucas chest compression machine was added to our fleet of equipment. This allowed a Lucas machine to be placed on each frontline ambulance. We continued to seek the best cost for our EMS supplies, using several vendors to provide our numerous EMS supply needs.

Lt. Gautcher coordinated new cardiac monitor presentations from two vendors. The current cardiac monitors are past their life and will be replaced in 2016.

2016 Goals

We will continue to seek the most cost-effective vendors for our EMS supplies. Several members are in the process of updating the response bag configuration to make calls more efficient. The Fire Department will continue to provide the best possible EMS services to the citizens of DeKalb in a professional and compassionate manner.
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

2015 Accomplishments

The goals for 2015 focused mainly on the replacement of structural firefighting gear. The department is facing a looming deadline in the lifetime of our current structural firefighter gear. At the beginning of the year, we were looking at 44 sets of gear that would need replacement by 2019. We were able to purchase 7 sets and are in the process of purchasing an additional 12 sets of gear. This brings the number of sets needing to be replaced down to 25. The older gear will be used as initial gear for new firefighters and spare gear will be used when gear is being washed. It will be stored in our gear storage area that was built in 2014.

It is expected that we will need to purchase additional hose in 2016 due to the long interval between hose purchases and wear and tear on current hose.

2016 Goals

The main goal for 2016 will be outfitting the newly purchased aerial ladder truck. A committee has been set to determine the equipment needs of the new truck. They have been tasked with creating lists of needed equipment. It is anticipated that much of the equipment currently used on the older truck will be transferred to the new truck.

We will continue to monitor gear and repair or replace it as needed and as financially feasible.
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 personal protective face pieces. The technicians in this program also maintain department battery supplies and provide respiratory protection training to all personnel.

2015 Accomplishments

DeKalb Fire Department SCBA technicians accomplished:

- Quarterly air quality test of compressor
- Monthly maintenance of air compressor
- Annual flow test of all SCBA
- Hydrostatic testing of SCBA bottles
- Coordinated Scott SCBA repairs through Scott service technician
- Annual respirator fit testing of all personnel
- Annual SCBA inspection and battery replacement
- Maintained department battery supply levels
- Performed all compressor repairs and annual maintenance
- Provided equipment operation and maintenance training for all personnel
- Purchased replacement parts for face pieces and air packs

2016 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
- Begin replacement program for SCBA bottles as they expire and exceed their lifespan
- Provide basic technician level training to DeKalb SCBA technicians
The communications program is responsible for maintaining, researching, and updating equipment and administration of communications for the DeKalb Fire Department. These communications include 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. The cards will allow the key official to make phone calls when the telephone system is under heavy load.

2015 Accomplishments

- Implemented a tone-to-text service that is called E-Dispatches. This service takes the “tones” that are placed over the radio system for station alerts or recalls and converts them to other mediums that can be received on a cell phone. The other mediums are text alerts, phone calls, or using an app on a smart phone. This has expanded our range and ability to reach personnel.

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

2016 Goals

- Continue maintaining all equipment in working order
- Convert remaining water tower to fiber optic connection
- Research and develop proposals for new technologies in communication that will benefit the fire department
- Research additional technologies that will enhance our current station alerting system
- Place iPads into service on administrative vehicles that will interact with existing computer-aided dispatch system
The DeKalb Fire Department Maintenance Team is responsible for care, maintenance, and repairs of all fire apparatus in the fire department’s fleet. The fleet consists of four fire engines, two aerial ladder trucks, six ambulances, two light-duty squads, one heavy rescue, six administrative or command vehicles, one semi tractor-trailer, an airport crash truck, and three trailers. In addition to the rolling stock, the team is responsible for numerous small tools such as chain saws, rotary saws, positive pressure fans, and generators. The team is staffed with one team coordinator and five mechanics.

The team members all have some background in vehicle maintenance. The team is also responsible for the annual testing that is mandated by NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) for the ground ladders, aerial ladders, and water pumps that are carried on the fire apparatus.

2015 Accomplishments

♦ Instituted the ladder maintenance program to reduce ladder failures and keep ladders in spec for annual UL ladder testing

♦ Increased capability of in-station repairs by providing basic shop tools to all stations; thus eliminating the need for all on-duty repairs being performed only at Fire Station 1

♦ Continued the re-organization of the maintenance team to create a better flow and oversight of repair needs

2016 Goals

♦ Place new aerial ladder truck in service

♦ Continue proactive maintenance, keeping breakdowns and failures to a minimum

♦ Keep up-to-date on preventative maintenance, which will minimize emergency repairs

♦ Continue ladder maintenance program to identify problems with the ladders

♦ Add 2 new mechanics to the team
Ladder Truck

This year, the DeKalb Fire Department acquired a state-of-the-art Aerial Ladder truck.

**Truck 1**: 2008 Pierce Quantum, Station 1, 105’
**Truck 2**: 1990 Grumman Aerial Cat, Station 1, 102’

Engines

Capable of pumping water from their own tanks, the four DeKalb Fire Department fire engines are a critical aspect of firefighting operations.

**Engine 1**: 2013 Alexis, Station 1
**Engine 2**: 2008 HME Spectre Chassis, Station 2
**Engine 3**: 2007 HME Chassis, Station 3
**Engine 4**: 2001 Pierce Sabre, Station 3

Ambulances

Stationed throughout the city, the DeKalb Fire Department’s ambulances respond quickly to medical emergencies.

- **Medic 1**: 2009 Ford E-450, Station 1
- **Medic 2**: 2006 Ford E-450, Station 2
- **Medic 3**: 2013 Chevy AEV Chassis, Station 3
- **Medic 4**: 2005 International, Station 1
- **Medic 5**: 2003 Ford E-450, Station 3
- **Medic 6**: 2003 International, Station 3

Squads

The DeKalb Fire Department Squads provide for brush and field firefighting capabilities and are used to pull equipment trailers to emergency incidents.

**Squad 1**: 2002 Dodge PU, Station 1
**Squad 4**: 1998 Chevy K-3500, Station 1
Heavy Rescue

Rescue 1 is a heavy rescue apparatus acquired through a grant from FEMA. This vehicle responds as needed for vehicle extrication, confined space, structural collapse, and other technical rescue incidents.

Rescue 1: 2004 HME 1871 P Series Chassis, Station 1

Command and Administrative Vehicles

These vehicles are used for Incident Command.

Chief 1: 2014 Ford Explorer, Station 1
Chief 2: 2014 Ford Explorer, Station 1
Chief 3: 2004 Dodge Durango, Station 1
Battalion 1: 2007 Chevy Tahoe, Station 1
Car 4: 2001 Chevy K-1500, Station 1
Car 5: 2001 Chevy Suburban K-2500, Station 1
Car 6: 2004 Dodge Durango, Station 1

Airport Crash Truck

Serving the DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport, Crash 6 has a wide range of features that make it ideal for airport rescue and firefighting.

Crash 6: E-One, Airport

Auxiliary Vehicles and Trailers

Emergency incidents require specialized equipment. To store and locate the equipment where needed at a scene, the DeKalb Fire Department has several trailers.

Mass Casualty Trailer
Hazardous Materials Trailer (2)
Technical Rescue Trailer
Incident Management Trailer
Haz Mat Decon Truck
The Training Division at the DeKalb Fire Department facilitates continuing, state and federally 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 Deputy 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, safety, and district familiarization

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

- Monthly in-house continuing medical education classes are provided by instructors from KishHealth Emergency Medical Services System and the Deputy 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, psychiatric care, documentation and communications, and paramedic skills testing.

- Annual hazardous materials training included chemical property review, hazard identification, and emergency mitigation procedures

- Annual technical rescue training involved rope rescue skills, hazard isolation, and rescue scene operations

The department conducted three multi-company night drills that included incident command, search and rescue, hose advancement, and firefighter rescue.

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. New in 2015, was the availability of elective officer training. This training provides opportunities for personnel to attend required classes for Fire Officer I and Fire Officer II state certification.

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 training, lock out/tag out, hazardous materials, confined space, radiological emergencies, bloodborne pathogens, respiratory protection, incident management, health information privacy, and emergency medical continuing education.
2015 Accomplishments

♦ Began on-line training delivery system to provide additional training capabilities to our personnel

♦ Provided live fire training in DeKalb for all firefighters and some City staff through cooperation with Sauk Valley Community College

2016 Goals

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

♦ Solidify our new online training program

♦ Continue to offer Tier II officer development classes

♦ Continue training evolutions for special teams

19,158 Hours of Training were Completed by DeKalb Firefighters in 2015
The Operations Division of the DeKalb Fire Department 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 emergencies and perform a variety of emergency functions through Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Services, and Special Team Operations.

**Shift 1 Roster**

Tony Cox
Battalion Chief

Tom Murphy
Captain

Mike Thomas
Lieutenant/Paramedic

Jim Carani
Lieutenant/Paramedic

Tim Morey
Lieutenant/Paramedic

Sean Freeman
Firefighter

Brian Andrus
Firefighter/Paramedic

Jason Pavlak
Firefighter/Paramedic

Tom Conley
Firefighter/Paramedic

Steve Cruz
Firefighter/Paramedic

Noah Millard
Firefighter/Paramedic

Chris Krupa
Firefighter/Paramedic

Mike Anderson
Firefighter/Paramedic

Zak Prielipp
Firefighter/Paramedic

Joe Fisher
Firefighter/Paramedic

Matt Klotz
Firefighter/Paramedic

Trevor Chilton
Firefighter/Paramedic
Shift 2 Roster

Bart Gilmore
Battalion Chief

Don Faulhaber
Captain

Chris Ziola
Lieutenant

Jim Ruhl
Lieutenant/Paramedic

Brett Gautcher
Lieutenant/Paramedic

Mark Wilcox
Firefighter/Paramedic

Tim Stiker
Firefighter/Paramedic

Bill Lynch
Firefighter/Paramedic

Dave DeLille
Firefighter/Paramedic

Andrew Romano
Firefighter/Paramedic

Pat Eriksen
Firefighter/Paramedic

Harley Siddall
Firefighter/Paramedic

Joe Wempe
Firefighter/Paramedic

Jason Fore
Firefighter/Paramedic

Todd Adamson
Firefighter/Paramedic

Don Zuniga
Firefighter/Paramedic

Pat Cicogna
Firefighter/Paramedic
Shift 3 Roster

Jim Zarek
Battalion Chief

Jeff Jossendal
Captain

Todd Stoffa
Lieutenant/
Paramedic

Luke Howieson
Lieutenant/
Paramedic

Keith Fritz
Lieutenant/
Paramedic

Adam Karolus
Firefighter/
Paramedic

Eric Blanken
Firefighter/
Paramedic

Wade Schneck
Firefighter/
Paramedic

Bob Terry
Firefighter/
Paramedic

Jim Morton
Firefighter/
Paramedic

Colin Juraska
Firefighter/
Paramedic

Greg Thornton
Firefighter/
Paramedic

Travis Karr
Firefighter/
Paramedic

Matt Holuj
Firefighter/
Paramedic

Jared Thorp
Firefighter/
Paramedic

Kevin Palazzola
Firefighter/
Paramedic

Dan Franklin
Firefighter/
Paramedic

Swing Shift (firefighters float between all 3 shifts as needed for staffing)

Adam Miller
Firefighter/
Paramedic

Christian
Dagenais
Firefighter/
Paramedic
### Significant Notable Responses

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The response to fire 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 engines, one ladder truck, one ambulance, and one 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.

**INTERESTING FACTS**

**Fire Response**  
Every 2 ½ days

**Structure Fire Response**  
Every 5 days

**4 Civilian Fire Injuries**  
This Year

**False Alarm**  
Every 17 ½ Hours

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**Number of Fire Incidents By Year**
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### Mutual Aid Given and Received

- **Mutual /Auto Aid Given to Other Departments**
  - 2000: 18
  - 2001: 27
  - 2002: 34
  - 2003: 18
  - 2004: 27
  - 2005: 32
  - 2006: 25
  - 2007: 25
  - 2008: 31
  - 2009: 15
  - 2010: 12
  - 2011: 13
  - 2012: 15
  - 2013: 23
  - 2014: 22
  - 2015: 17

- **Mutual/Auto Aid Received**
  - 2000: 101
  - 2001: 95
  - 2002: 61
  - 2003: 49

### Fire Suppression Activity History

- **Number of Incidents by Category**
  - **Vehicle**: 18, 27, 34, 18, 27, 32, 25, 25, 31, 15, 12, 13, 15, 23, 22, 17
  - **Outside**: 5, 0, 0, 5, 6, 10, 4, 4, 2, 2, 1, 6, 9, 9, 4, 5
  - **Structure**: 38, 71, 81, 51, 55, 84, 79, 73, 71, 76, 82, 87, 93, 69, 65, 73
  - **Brush**: 14, 45, 18, 36, 15, 26, 27, 24, 13, 11, 33, 11, 38, 14, 13, 16
  - **Refuse**: 26, 44, 59, 76, 68, 65, 58, 46, 57, 52, 66, 40, 51, 50, 42, 39
  - **Other**: 5, 7, 7, 10, 11, 9, 1, 0, 4, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 5, 5

- **Timeline** (2000-2015)
  - **2000**: 0
  - **2001**: 20
  - **2002**: 40
  - **2003**: 60
  - **2004**: 80
  - **2005**: 100
  - **2006**: 120
  - **2007**: 140
  - **2008**: 160
  - **2009**: 180
  - **2010**: 200
  - **2011**: 220
  - **2012**: 240
  - **2013**: 260
  - **2014**: 280
  - **2015**: 300

- **Legend**
  - Green: Vehicle
  - Red: Outside
  - Blue: Structure
  - Pink: Brush
  - Purple: Refuse
  - Orange: Other
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provide for immediate pre-hospital care of the sick and injured. The DeKalb Fire Department is a member of the KishHealth EMS System, which is now part of Northwestern Medicine.

Arriving on scene in a timely fashion and critical interventions in life threatening emergencies is the hallmark of our fire-based emergency medical services (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**

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53 Paramedics

6 Ambulances
### EMS Calls By Outcome

- **Treated, Transferred Care**
  - 2015: 3
  - 2014: 4

- **Treated, Refused Transport**
  - 2015: 282
  - 2014: 258

- **Treated and Transported**
  - 2015: 2978
  - 2014: 2915

- **Patient Refused Care, Refused Transport**
  - 2015: 256
  - 2014: 240

- **No Treatment Required, Refused Transport**
  - 2015: 433
  - 2014: 448

- **Lift Assist**
  - 2015: 10
  - 2014: 21

- **DoA**
  - 2015: 26
  - 2014: 31

### EMS Calls by Response Level

- **ALS1**
  - 2015: 1549
  - 2014: 1450

- **ALS2**
  - 2015: 1534
  - 2014: 1534

- **BLS**
  - 2015: 1565
  - 2014: 1469

- **Refusal**
  - 2015: 571
  - 2014: 623
The DeKalb Fire Department has a Hazardous Materials Team, Technical Rescue Team, and an Airport Rescue Firefighting Team. The members of these teams must complete numerous courses of specific hazard related topics, both practical and classroom, to become a member of these teams. Each team member has committed to a minimum ten-year membership.

Additionally, since the Hazardous Materials Team and the Technical Rescue Team are part of a regional and statewide response network. These team members must be available to respond to an all hazards incident located anywhere within the State of Illinois.
The Hazardous Materials Team has thirteen firefighters trained to the hazardous materials technician level. By Federal statute, only technicians 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 a 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 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.

Several team drills were conducted during the year. One drill was based on researching and creating a plan of mitigation in the event of a hazardous materials emergency. The implementation of four-hour drills has become the new norm for efficiency and the team strives to host these quarterly.
2015 Accomplishments

2015 was a year of transition with new leadership and the addition of new members. The team held several quality training sessions, the last one was railroad emergencies. Union Pacific Railroad provided their “Dome Car Trailer” prop, which allowed the team to conduct training that incorporated scenarios that may be encountered on the railways. Members attended the Hazardous Materials Symposium, Haz-Mat IQ “Above the Line, Below the Line” training, and Advanced Rail Car Training.

2016 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
- Send Technicians to complete their Hazardous Materials Technician B training
The Technical Rescue Team is comprised of fourteen members from the DeKalb Fire Department who are specifically 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. Further, this team is 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.

The team responds out of 2 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 through FEMA. 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 cribbing for shoring to sophisticated electronics used in search and rescue. 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. Ten of these classes are 40 hours in length and one is 80 hours. The members must pass tests given through the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office and become certified in each of the specialties taught in these classes.
2015 Accomplishments

- Added 5 fully trained members to the MABAS team from the Sycamore Fire Department
- Responded to the Fairdale, Illinois tornado disaster as the first due Technical Rescue Team; led technical rescue for the incident; and performed search and rescue throughout the night
- Responded to the Woodhaven Lakes tornado incident in Amboy, Illinois performing search and rescue for 6 hours
- Received 2 new pieces of equipment from MABAS and attended the in-service training at MABAS headquarters
- Purchased and replaced 4 batteries for search cameras

2016 Goals

- Continue quarterly training drills
- Continue team development training
- Replace team members that have retired
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).

2015 Accomplishments

- Conducted live aircraft fire training with shift
- Conducted department-wide driver’s training and operations with Crash 6
- Identified the need for continued maintenance and repairs to Crash 6 and worked on a repair schedule with Airport administration
- 3 ARFF members attended joint airport training drill at DuPage Regional Airport that included a live fire simulator. This training was hosted by the West Chicago Fire Protection District.

2016 Goals

- Increase ARFF Team membership and department training
Requests for Service By Year and Type of Call

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INCIDENT RESPONSE BY FIRE STATION

- Station 1, 1771, 33%
- Station 2, 1443, 27%
- Station 3, 2178, 40%
**CY01-15 All Emergency Incidents, EMS, and Fire Response History with a 10 Year Projection**

- **EMS**
- **FIRE/NON-FIRE**
- **TOTAL**

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**CY01-CY15 Response History**

- **Overpressure rupture, explosion**
- **Hazardous Condition**
- **Service Call**
- **Good Intent Call**
- **False Alarm**
- **Severe Weather**
- **Special Incident**

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Calculated Average Weekly Work Hours:
- 2000: 52 hours
- 2005: 52 hours
- 2010: 51.69 hours
- 2015: 51.33 hours

Mutual/Auto Aid
City District 1
City District 2
City District 3
DeKalb Fire Prot Dist
NIU
Tollway
Other
Number of Times 6 or More Different Emergency Incidents Occurred Simultaneously

Number of Times Two or More Calls Occurred Simultaneously During Calendar Year

Number of Times 2 or More Different Emergency Incidents Occurred Simultaneously

Calendar Year

Number of Times 6 or More Different Emergency Incidents Occurred Simultaneously

Calendar Year
The Kishwaukee Education Consortium (KEC) provides a 2 year program to high school students to learn curriculum in order to enter the Fire Service or emergency medical services. The first year (high school juniors) is taught at the DeKalb Fire Department and provides an introduction into Firefighting and EMS. The curriculum is based on the standards set forth by the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office, Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Department of Transportation. After the first year, the student decides whether to pursue firefighting or EMS for the second year concentration. Classes held at the DeKalb Fire Department are taught by off-duty DeKalb firefighters who are paid through the Kishwaukee Education Consortium. The classes occur each afternoon during the school year. The opportunities to have the students observe the firefighters and vice versa has been positive for both groups.
The Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Fund was created in 1992 by the City Council in compliance with applicable state statute provisions. A 2% 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 its active membership. 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 have included station improvements, station repairs, furniture for fire stations, personal protection equipment and physical fitness equipment.

2015 Purchases

- TV for Station 2
- Cordless drill set for each station
- Extrication glove for new firefighters
- Elliptical machine for Station 2
- New badges for all firefighters
- Name plates for gear lockers
- Pull up bars for Station 2
- Large diameter hose rollers
- Stream light batteries
- 6 Scott SCBA voice amplifiers
- Forcible entry window prop
- Bluetooth stereos for workout rooms
- Vehicle maintenance tool set for Station 3
- Screw driver set for Station 3
- TRX suspension trainer for each station
- 5 Rescue mannequins for training
- Newspaper subscription
- Cable television for all 3 stations
- Replacement chairs and mattresses

2016 Proposed Purchases

- Extrication gloves
- Refrigerator for Station 3
- Remodel Radio Room at Station 1
- EMS Jump bags
- Radio storage Shelf at Station 1
- Helmet lights
- 6 additional Scott SCBA voice amplifiers
- Hanging ab straps
- Auto code reader
- Kettlebells
- Rehab misting fans
- Stat ALS heart monitor simulator
- TRX home suspension
- MIR 50 pound weighted vest
- Resistance bands
- Compact gear light
- Newspaper subscription
- Cable television for all 3 stations
- Replacement chairs and mattresses
The DeKalb Firefighters Union Local 1236 takes great pride in their active role in supporting various community groups and organizations throughout the year both on and off duty.

$24,155 in donations were made to many local community groups and organizations.

$2,927 was raised to help support local children with differed neuromuscular diseases through the annual “Fill the Boot” campaign to support Muscular Dystrophy.

Operation Warm was able to distribute over 100 new winter coats to children in the DeKalb Community during the second annual fundraiser in cooperation with the DeKalb Classroom Teachers Association.

Toys for Tots first annual fundraiser basketball game between the DeKalb Firefighters, DeKalb Police Officers and Huntley Middle School staff provided Christmas gifts for children in need.

Over $2,100 donated between cash and turkey to help support the Salvation Army’s “Let’s Talk Turkey” campaign.

Donated 4 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 or donated for funds for several local churches and religious organizations

Supported several local families through different foundation efforts

Held an AFFI Warrior tailgate fundraiser at an NIU football game raising over $2,500 for supporting wounded veterans

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

Supported the Castle Challenge

Participated in different RAMP fundraisers with donations of over $500

Supported the DeKalb High School Athletic Boosters through different fundraisers
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.
The DeKalb Firefighters Historical Foundation was formed to proudly protect and preserve the long standing history and tradition 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 fire engine generously donated to the foundation. Our goal is to restore the Mack fire engine back to its original beauty and obtain a location to create a museum for the DeKalb Community. We believe the restored engine and our expanding inventory of memorabilia would make a great beginning for 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 4, 2015. 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.
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

Important Dates In 2016

Daylight Savings
Change Clock/Change Your Battery
March 13

International Firefighter Appreciation Day
May 4

Arson Awareness Week
May 2 – 7

Illinois Fallen Firefighters Memorial and Firefighter Medal of Honor Ceremony
May 10

National Emergency Medical Services week
May 15 - 21

International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week
June 19 - 25

Patriot’s Day
September 11

IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial
September 15 - 17

Fire Prevention Week
October 9 - 15

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend
October 8 - 9

Daylight Savings
Change Clock/Change Your Battery
November 6