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MISSION STATEMENT
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.

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF
The DeKalb Fire Department has provided a critical service to our community since 1869. We have well trained and dedicated members that provide Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Prevention and other Rescue services 24 hours a day 365 days per year.

This past year, the Fire Department responded to 5,224 requests for service - more than any other year in the history of the Department. This was accomplished with the lowest staffing level since 2008. The Department has seen many organizational changes over the past year, first with the appointment of a new Fire Chief. The first Deputy Chief in the history of the department was appointed. An Assistant Chief of Training and Administration position was created and nine other promotions from Battalion Chief to Lieutenant were completed to form a totally new leadership team of the Fire Department. With a totally new leadership team in place, there are a lot of new ideas and positive energy. The economic crisis has made everyone look at how they do business and to survive you must make your organization leaner and more efficient, something we encourage every member to think about every day.

Also in our rebuilding process, we are looking at critical needs of the fire department such as Apparatus, Stations, and Personnel. We are making great strides in all these areas.

Most recently, we have purchased a new fire Engine that will replace a 1995 model, Fire Station 2 will get a much needed addition and facelift, and the item I am most proud of is the hiring of five additional firefighters to replace some of those lost through attrition since 2008. All this could not have been done without the backing of the City Council and the hard decisions that they have made over the last few years.

In closing, I would like to say that the members of the Fire Department provide a first class service to our community. Our main goal is to make sure the citizens are taken care of to the best of our ability. I am honored to have been appointed DeKalb Fire Chief. My main goal is to provide the citizens what they deserve - a trusted and valued service that responds and takes care of them in their time of need.

[Signature]
2012
FIRE DEPARTMENT
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Updated the City of DeKalb Emergency Operations Plan
- Reorganization of Department
- Obtained grants to purchase Fire Engine and CPR compression machine
- Improved ISO rating of Fire Protection District
- Updated Department Work Rules
- Received approval to increase department administration and operations staffing levels
- Placed into service a 6th ALS ambulance
- Upgrade 3 front line fire engines to the Advanced Life Support level of service
- Maintained the City’s ISO rating of 4

2013
FIRE DEPARTMENT
GOALS

- Enhance Public Safety for Our Community and Our Residents
- Enhance the Overall Image and Perception of the Department
- Encourage Collaboration, Cooperation, and Partnerships with Area Governments, Agencies, and Not-For-Profit Organizations
- Ensure a Financially Stable and Sustainable Department
- Ensure a Professional Department

DeKalb Fire Department

At A Glance

Organized 1869
Sworn Members 51
Civilian Personnel 1
Budget FY13 $8,968,184
Service Area 55.5 sq miles
Ambulances 6
Engines 4
Ladder Trucks 1
Emergency Incidents 5,224

City of DeKalb

At A Glance

Founded 1856
Government City Manager
Budget FY13 $29,592,367
Population 44,030
Firefighter/Population Ratio Per 1000 Inhabitants 1.15
Public Schools 11
College/Universities 1
Hospitals 1
HISTORY

1869 established as volunteer hook and ladder companies

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

1926 firefighters began platoon system working 24 hours on and 24 hours off

1950s platoon system was revised to 24 hours on and 48 hours off – still in use today

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

February 1977 – fire department trained 14 firefighters as paramedics. DeKalb Fire Department was one of just over 200 fire departments across the country to provide this level of care.

RESPONSE AREA

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

ISO RATING

Class 4 – City
Class 6 – Prot. Dist.

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:

- Emergency Management
  - Incident Management Team
  - Disaster Preparedness
- Training
- Fire Prevention
  - Fire Inspections
  - Fire Investigation
  - Juvenile Firesetter Intervention
  - Public Education
- Department Logistics
  - SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus)
  - 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.

Operation Division consists of three Battalion Chiefs, three Captains, nine Lieutenants, and thirty-three Firefighters for a total of forty-eight 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 non-emergency functions.
RETIREMENTS
Fire Chief Bruce Harrison
Battalion Chief Kevin McCauley
Battalion Chief Dave O’Donnell
Lieutenant Tony Smith

PROMOTIONS
Fire Chief Eric Hicks
Deputy Chief Greg Hoyle
Battalion Chief Tony Cox
Battalion Chief Jeff McMaster
Captain Don Faulhaber
Captain Bart Gilmore
Captain Tom Murphy
Lieutenant Brett Gautcher
Lieutenant Tim Morey
Lieutenant Jim Ruhl

PROGRAM COORDINATORS
Airport Rescue Firefighting
Lieutenant Todd Stoffa
Buildings and Grounds
Battalion Chief Tony Cox
Communications
Battalion Chief Jim Zarek
EMS Supplies
Captain Jeff Jossendal
Fire Investigations
Lieutenant Tom Guthrie
Fire Prevention
Lieutenant Luke Howieson
Firefighting Supplies
Battalion Chief Bart Gilmore
Hazardous Materials Team
Lieutenant Jim Carani
Juvenile Firesetter Program
Lieutenant Chris Ziola
Public Education
Lieutenant Mike Thomas
SCBA
Captain Tom Murphy
Technical Rescue Team
Battalion Chief Jim Zarek
Vehicle Maintenance
Captain Don Faulhaber

Note: Even though the DeKalb Fire Department no longer provides EMS to Cortland and the Cortland Fire Protection District, which was approximately 210 calls per year, call volume still increased.
STATISTICS

Incidents By Hour of Day

Calls By Day of Week

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Calls By Incident Type Category

Rescue and emergency medical service incidents, 3835, 74%
Fires, 207, 4%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire, 140, 0%
Special Incident Types, 18, 0%
Severe Weather and natural disaster, 2, 0%
Hazardous conditions - no fire, 216, 4%
False Alarm and False Calls, 454, 9%
Good Intent Calls, 113, 2%
Service Calls, 340, 7%

CY12
Emergency Requests for Service by Fire Station Response Area

Station #3, 2420, 46%
Station #1, 1567, 30%
Station #2, 1225, 24%
EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVITY CLOCK

One fire every 42 hours

One civilian fire injury every 19 days

One structure fire every 3 3/4 days

One person transported by ambulance to the hospital every 2.75 hours

One person refuses hospital transport every 15 hours and 30 minutes

One Good Intent/Public Service call every 19 hours and 21 minutes

One motor vehicle accident every 33 hours and 48 minutes

One false alarm every 19 hours and 8 minutes
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SIMULTANEOUS CALLS

Number of Times 2 or More Different Emergency Incidents Occurred Simultaneously

Number of times 3 or More Different Emergency Incidents Occurred Simultaneously

Number of Times 4 or More Different Emergency Incidents Occurred Simultaneously
Fire Station #1, 700 Pine Street, houses the administrative offices for 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.

Fire Station #3, 950 W. Dresser Road, serves the northwest and west side of DeKalb. Fire Station #3 was built in 1994.
STATION RESPONSE AREAS

Green       Station 1 Response area
Yellow      Station 2 Response area
Orange      Station 3 Response area
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.
FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

This year’s focus was to replace fire equipment that are not serviceable. This base fire equipment replacement program was installed in anticipation of new firefighter hires in 2013. With new firefighter hires, the budget had to be preserved to provide structural firefighting ensembles for them. This includes turnout gear, helmet, boots, gloves, hood, and flashlight. Projects such as restocking E-4 (reserve engine) with fire equipment and turnout gear replacement program for current firefighters were postponed until another budget year.

2012 Accomplishments:

Personal Protective Equipment
- Repair and maintain turnout gear for personnel.
- Replaced boots that were deemed non-serviceable.
- Replace and restock our complement of firefighting gloves, hoods and suspenders.
- Replace and repair various helmets and components that were deemed non-serviceable.

Rescue
- Purchased one reciprocating saw for E-1 to replace an inoperable saw.
- Purchased two helicopter landing zone strobe light kits for frontline engines.
- Purchased one windshield saw for extrications.

Fire Equipment
- Replaced various hand tools including pike poles, hooks, halligan bars, and brooms.
- Overhauled one electric positive pressure ventilation fan (PPV).
- Purchased new thermal imager batteries.
- Replaced failed structural firefighting hose with new hose.
- Replaced various worn or broken pieces of equipment.
- Purchased badges and name plates for new and promoted firefighters.
- Continue to maintain our fire extinguisher inventory.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Building and Grounds has the responsibility for repairs and maintenance for DeKalb’s 3 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. Major repairs and significant maintenance are handled by local private contractors, which specialize in their respective fields.

Overall, all stations are in average condition, but the age of the buildings is requiring additional maintenance and repairs with each passing year. All 3 fire stations are challenged with limited space concerns. Due to staffing changes implemented in 2011, fire station #2 is borderline over capacity, especially in the sleeping quarters; however, members have continued to co-exist with minimal problems. Fire Station #1 also has space concerns. This building is used for many functions which include vehicle maintenance, SCBA maintenance and numerous classes are held throughout the year. Station #3 is the newest of our fire stations; however, the building is approaching 18 years old. Some of the immediate needs will include a new roof for the structure and interior needs will include drywall repairs and painting, as necessary.

As shown above, the fire stations are faced with ongoing needs as well as some immediate issues that will need addressed in 2013. 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/grounds needs as they arise.
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.

The DeKalb Fire Department is providing 12-lead ECG to its patients, as protocol requires. The ability to perform pre-arrival ECGs is critical for identifying those patients that require cardiac catheterization. Studies have shown that the tandem treatment of performing a 12-lead ECG within the first 8 minutes of patient contact and cardiac catheterization within the first hour greatly increases the survival rate of patients with certain cardiac conditions.

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 to evaluate and improve our ability to be effective and benefit our patients at the scene of an emergency.

The future of our fire based EMS will hinge on innovation and accountability. As a result, much greater emphasis will be placed on outcomes and results. Proving EMS in the future won’t be a matter of doing more with less, it will be a question of doing it all.
2012

EMS EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the last year the fire department was able to upgrade its three front line fire engines from providing BLS (basic life support) to providing ALS (advanced life support) care due in part to the addition of provider based AED’s to the fire engines.

Most of the AED’s were also upgraded to provide care to pediatric patients. This capability was previously unavailable.

One new Physio-Control AED was acquired as a result of an awarded grant thru Illinois Department of Public Health.

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2013

EMS EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES GOALS

Continue to maintain Physio-Control monitors and AED’s under service contract.

Develop maintenance plans for Zoll and Phillips AED’s.

Upgrade older Phillips AED’s with newer models.

Provide training to employees in areas where public access units are housed.

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EMS EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

In the spring, Engine 1, Engine 2 and Medic 6 were all upgraded to ALS status. Now all front line engines and ambulances are providing ALS service to the community.

A grant was awarded to the fire department in November of this year for $13,654 that allowed the department to purchase a second Lucas Compression System for CPR that was placed on Medic 3. The first Lucas System is on Battalion 1 and was put in service early in 2012. This was done to provide the equipment to the other two districts. The Lucas System has provided several documented saves in the last year. It is hoped that a third system can be budgeted for in the next fiscal year so that each district will have its own Lucas System thereby providing more rapid delivery of this valuable equipment to the public.

A difficulty that was experienced nationwide throughout the year was a shortage of vital medications that EMS requires. These included drugs used in cardiac and diabetic events. Our crews worked with Kishwaukee Hospital to find solutions to the shortages that were apparently caused by lack of production by pharmaceutical companies. However, this continues to be a problem that has no short-term solution on the horizon.

The DeKalb Fire Department provides and maintains six Physio-Control Lifepak-12 heart monitors which are utilized on the department’s six Advanced Life Support ambulances. In addition the department provides four public access AED units and provider utilized AED units on front line emergency vehicles and staff vehicles.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2012

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Conducted inventory/assessment of the equipment and facilities in the primary EOC.

Through partnership alliances with NIU, the NIU EOC has been offered for use as the City’s secondary EOC site.

Re-wrote City of DeKalb Emergency Operations Plan to ensure it is compliant with Federal and State mandates.

2013

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GOALS

Implement new Emergency Operations Plan

Begin creation of City of DeKalb Continuity of Business Plan

Conduct tabletop exercises on new Emergency Operations Plan

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In the City of DeKalb, the City Manager fills the role of Disaster Response Coordinator. The fire department 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) standard; and recognition and assessment of the community’s vulnerability to natural and man-made disasters.

The City of DeKalb is faced with a number of challenges regarding emergency planning that may require some creativity on the part of Elected Officials and City Staff. Many, if not all, of these challenges will require funding and staff time. Specific areas that need attention can be consolidated under the headings of Emergency Operation Center and Training and Exercises.

Emergency Operation Center.
The city’s primary EOC is in the basement classroom of city hall. Damage to the room from a water leak has left the City without the use of its primary EOC location. Additionally, there have been no improvements to the information and technology capabilities for many years. Information and Technology improvements would greatly impact the ability of the EOC staff to effectively manage large scale incidents that occur within the City.

Training and exercises.
Personnel resources are available to plan and conduct varying levels of exercises as part of a larger disaster preparedness program. Discussion based exercises, such as a tabletop exercise, are simple enough to plan and conduct. Larger functional and full scale exercises are more demanding in the planning phase, and could be costly to conduct.

Day to day emergencies are handled very well by each of the city departments; the potential for large scale emergencies that exceed these capabilities is very real. Efforts made toward planning, preparedness, and training will help to ensure that all emergencies are handled efficiently.
PURPOSE

Increase the level of safety for responders.

Ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of both emergency incidents and preplanned events.

Comply with known incident management laws and standards including:

- **CFR 1910.120 – OSHA** requirement for IMS at all hazardous material incidents.
- **NFPA 1500** – Standard for Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health program
- **NFPA 1561** – Standard Emergency Services Incident Management System.
- **NFPA 1026** – Standard for Incident Management Personnel Professional Qualifications

To establish a system to ensure that all members are trained and qualified to operate within the organization’s IMS structure.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

NIMS compliant team responds to and plans for emergency and planned events. Members are part of the regional Communiversity Team and one team member is also a member of the State of Illinois Incident Management Team.

The Communiversity Incident Management Team is a multi-agency cooperative effort of the The City of DeKalb Fire Department, the Northern Illinois University Department of Public Safety, and the Northern Illinois University Convocation Center.

Under the leadership of Fire Chief Eric Hicks of the DeKalb Fire Department, Interim Police Chief Darren Mitchell of the Northern Illinois University Department of Public Safety, and Director Norm Jenkins of the Northern Illinois University Convocation Center, this team has directed and managed planned and unplanned events at Northern Illinois University, the City of DeKalb, and other areas of DeKalb County and the State of Illinois. It is with their shared vision this program has been growing in recognition and responsibility.

The Communiversity Incident Management Team of Northern Illinois has received strong support from other agencies in DeKalb County, Illinois including the City of DeKalb, the City of Sycamore, and DeKalb County governmental units. Additionally, assisting agencies such as Kishwaukee Community Hospital and the DeKalb County Chapter of the American Red Cross have helped create a stronger and more robust response and resource capability within our community. Interaction with state agencies such as Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS), and Illinois State Police - to name a few - have further increased our community’s resources and preparedness.

The Communiversity Incident Management Team has facilitated communication, effective resource utilization, and planning and preparedness functions across multiple agencies and disciplines. It has served as an advocate for unification of command and control among multiple agencies and developed processes that reduce conflict in times of great need. The team is proud of their accomplishments and look forward to meeting future challenges and growth.
## 2012 MOBILIZATION REPORT

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2012
TRAINING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

10,714
hours of mandatory training completed

352
hours of elective training completed

2013
TRAINING GOALS

Continue to standardize and update the DeKalb Fire Department training program and documentation.

Streamline the probationary firefighter evaluation process.

Continue to offer Tier II officer development classes.

Send 5 firefighters to Vehicle and Machinery Operations class.

Continue training evolutions for Special Operations teams.

TRAINING

The training office at the DeKalb Fire Department facilitates basic, continuing, 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 involves all line (shift) personnel. This is training that is conducted on a daily basis. As a result of a tight training budget, a greater emphasis has been placed on in house continuing education developed by the Battalion Chief of Training and delivered by the Company Officers (shift Captains and Lieutenants). Daily training includes:

- Shift officer delivered training such as monthly edition of Working Fire video series, various equipment use review, incident case studies, mock fire scenarios, and building and construction reviews.

- Fire training classes - Training topics include: firefighter survival, electrical safety, rail safety, auto extrication practice, high rise operations, rural pumping operations, driver training, aerial ladder set up practice, ARFF review, and SCBA practice.

- Monthly in house continuing medical education classes are presented by instructors from the Kishwaukee Community Emergency Medical Services System. These continuing medical education classes include managing multiple patients, CPAP, ACLS, meth labs, pregnancy and trauma, firefighter rehab and EMS responsibilities, cardiac review, blood borne pathogens, bariatric patient, defensive driving, communication, radio technology and MABAS.

- 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 firefighter 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 either maintain certifications or licensure.
The office of fire prevention is an integral part of DeKalb Fire Department. Fire prevention is a philosophy not just a duty to be performed and encompasses several facets from plan review to life safety inspections and public education.

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. One hundred percent compliance may never be achieved but the drop in violations should equate to decreased emergency responses because less hazards are present.

Last year the Fire Department launched a campaign to reduce the number of cooking fires in DeKalb. The campaign included several presentations to community groups, local public radio education segments, advertising at bus stops, and literature drops in the most affected areas. We launched this campaign due to the significant increase in fires that had spread from the container and caused significant damage to several homes. The increase the previous year amounted to 300% and the community experienced a fatality from a cooking fire. In 2012, the cooking fires that extended from the container were cut in half, which is a positive trend. In light of the previous statistic, the overall cooking fires increased 22% from 2011. Civilian injuries also increased 1% in 2012 from cooking fires. We are going to continue to try and combat this issue through public education, which includes a first time trial program of kitchen fire safety presentations for students in the Family & Consumer Sciences program at the High School in 2013.

Fire prevention is used during emergency response as liaison to the grieved to assist in salvage of personal affects, securing the property, then relocation of the occupant(s). The tasks mentioned get accomplished at each incident where needed, different methods may be used though.
The above chart reflects inspections primarily on properties that are licensed in some form through the City of DeKalb. Building and Code personnel accompany the Fire Prevention Lieutenant for all of the rooming house inspections enforcing more property maintenance issues. Also fire suppression companies were out assisting with fire and life safety inspections. It is also possible due to the economy; repairs have been delayed by property owners to save money, therefore leading to an increase in violations. On the flip side of the economy factor, more new business and remodels have taken place over the last year leading to an increase in inspections/contacts. The goal for the next year is to continue to work with property owners to bring them into compliance and potentially have fewer violations.

Areas previously recorded as activities for record logging have been included as inspections in 2011. In addition to the inspection listed in the earlier chart 209 contacts/inspections were conducted. Total documented inspections/contacts are 772 with 757 violations, compared to 412 inspections/contacts and 269 violations last year. Other types of contact include the following:

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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 5 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.

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. 60 hours of training are required and 40 hours of scene investigation is necessary during the 4 year cycle.

2012 FIRE INVESTIGATIONS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 42 case files were generated this year which is an increase from the previous year. Most of the investigations were completed by investigators that were on duty.
- 2 investigators were sent to the IAAI state investigator conference in Champaign this year.

2012 JUVENILE FIRESETTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Became 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.

2013 FIRE INVESTIGATION GOALS

- Appoint and train 2 additional investigators
- Provide needed recertification training for 2 investigators
- Develop "Investigation guidelines" to help Shift Commander’s determine when an investigation is

JUVENILE FIRESETTER PROGRAM

The Juvenile Firesetter team is responsible for educating any juvenile involved in the setting of fires. The program is based on a 4 meeting process with the juvenile, parent(s), and the JFS interventionalist. 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, there are some cases that are sent to us through the State Attorney’s office which are part of a court order required to complete sentence requirements or probation. All information obtained during the intervention is confidential.
PUBLIC EDUCATION

2012

PUBLIC EDUCATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Autism Awareness at Camelot School
- Target Night Out
- NIU Dorm staff fire extinguisher training,
- Memorial Day Parade
- Tegrant employee fire extinguisher training
- DeKalb and NIU Homecoming parades
- Oak Crest staff fire extinguisher training

2013

PUBLIC EDUCATION GOALS

- More utilization of team members as presenters.
- Obtain funding for safety/smoke trailer for full time storage and use in DeKalb.
- Increase team membership.
- Continue Cooking With Care program
- Increase fire extinguisher training for businesses and community groups
- Develop CPR/AED training program for DeKalb residents and businesses

PUBLIC EDUCATION

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.

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

KISHWAUKEE EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

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 fire fighters under contract to KEC. The program was successful and KEC sought to expand its scope. Six 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 retired DeKalb Assistant Chief Scott Love, retired Lieutenant Karl Froehlich, and retired firefighter Joe Admonis. KEC holds their classes at Fire Station 1 each afternoon during the school year. The opportunities to have the students observe the fire fighters and vice versa have been positive for both groups.
### SCBA

The DeKalb Fire Department SCBA team has been active in maintaining all respiratory protection equipment per National Fire Protection Agency standards.

Other Activities completed this year
- Hydro testing of all cascade and supplied air system bottles
- SCBA shop was reorganized to assist with maintenance efficiency
- All Draeger packs were moved to Haz Mat trailer for team use.
- Scott SCBA placed on administrative vehicles to replace Draeger packs.
- Provided air pack and RIT pack training to all personnel.

### Communications

The communications program is responsible for maintaining, researching and updating of equipment, and administration of communications for the DeKalb Fire Department. This communications includes all radio equipment, cell phones, and mobile computers. Currently we have 108 radios in our inventory, 58 personal pagers, 12 mobile computers, and 18 cell phones. 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.

### SCBA Goals

- Maintain quarterly air sample testing of air compressor
- Provide training material to training chief for department continuing education.
- Replace outgoing team members
- Schedule annual SCBA inspection and battery replacement.
- Identify and purchase replacement parts needed for SCBA packs and masks
- Accomplish annual mask fit testing of all personnel.
- Train and fit test any new members hired.
- Purchase two additional Scott SCBA for back up and training needs.

### Communications Goals

- Maintain all equipment in working order.
- Convert the remaining water tower to a fiber optic connection.
- Continue to assist in the implantation of the new computer aided dispatch system for the city, and new data management program for the fire department.
- Research and develop proposals for new technologies in communications that will benefit the fire department.
2012

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Truck 1 repaired to certify it for ladder testing

Engine 3 was out of service for 1 month to repair rear axle, covered under warranty

Department awarded no interest loan for $250,000 from the State of Illinois to purchase a new fire engine

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

The DeKalb Fire Department Maintenance Team is responsible for care, maintenance and repairs of all fire apparatus in the fire departments fleet. The fleet consists of four fire engines, one ladder truck, six ambulances, three 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 also numerous small tools such as chain saws, rotary saws, positive pressure fans and generators that they are responsible for also. The team is staffed with one team coordinator and 3 assistant coordinators and two mechanics.

Most of the larger repairs and preventive maintenance is sent out to private shops in the area. This releases the DeKalb Fire Department from any liability if a vehicle shall fail and cause an accident. Some of the smaller repairs such as electrical issues, light cosmetic repairs, and repairing or replacing compartment door parts may be handled by the on duty personal or members of the maintenance team. Sometimes we have emergency repairs that occur at night or on the weekends that team members try to handle the best they can to limit down time of the unit.

The team members all have some background in mechanics and are working on EVT (Emergency Vehicle Technicians) certifications to help them to facilitate the repairs correctly. 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.

2013

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE GOALS

The maintenance team hopes to keep up with the ageing fleet and minimize breakdowns and emergency repairs with good, sound, prevented maintenance.

The department will implement new Fire House Software for record keeping purposes sometime in 2013. The maintenance team will also use this program to better maintenance record keeping.

The team, along with Chief Hicks, will also research alternative funding for replacement of ageing equipment.
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Hazardous Materials Team has nine fire fighters 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.
2012

TECHNICAL RESCUE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Conducted one five hour training session, which was a trench rescue scenario.
- During the 2012 year we did not have any responses.

2013

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 and as needed.
- Replace tractor

TECHNICAL RESCUE

The Technical Rescue Team is 14 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. Both Teams are lead by Battalion Chief Zarek of the DeKalb Fire Department. 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 earth quakes.

The team responds out of two vehicles, both of which are owned by DeKalb Fire Department. One is Rescue 1 which is a purpose built rescue unit purchased in 2004. 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 thru a grant from the Illinois Terrorism Task Force.

Initial training to be a team member consists of 11 classes that need to be taken. Out of the 11 classes 10 of those classes were 40 hours in length and one was 80 hours. The members then were able to take the Illinois State Fire Marshal’s test and become certified in each of the classes.
2012

AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIREFIGHTING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Team held a short refresher class at the airport prior to Cornfest
- ARFF team members provided airfield stand by at Cornfest for the B-25 and other flights
- 2 ARFF members and Crash 6 participated in the Sugar Grove Aircraft disaster drill located at the Aurora Airport
- Networking begun with other local ARFF jurisdictions and fire departments for training and operations at DTMA

2013

AIRCRAFT RESCUE GOALS

- Continue repairs to Crash 6 along with routine maintenance
- Relocate Crash 6 to a new hangar for easier access by fire dept. personnel for responses
- Get 4-6 new members added to the team and certified
- Train the entire dept on basic ARFF operations and emergency responses
- Develop and implement Box card for Aircraft emergencies
- Develop and implement dept. SOG’s for Aircraft/Airport operations
- Rebuild pump due to failure

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).
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 2012:

- $1,000 donated and meals provided to help support the Salvation Army’s “Let’s Talk Turkey” campaign.
- Participated in a volunteer capacity serving meals at the Feed Em’ Soup kitchen along with a $500 donation to support their community efforts.
- Partnering with the Associated Firefighters of Illinois Wounded Warrior campaign, Local 1236 members raised over $1,000 to provide assistance to wounded veterans.
- Donated sponsorships to both boys and girls athletic programs through the DeKalb Park District.
- Participated in the Ramp “Wheel-a-thon” and contributed a donation of $500 to assist in Ramp’s efforts to assist area residents.
- Local 1236 in partnership with Fire Department Management, hosted a blood drive at Fire Station #1 for Life Source Blood Bank.
- 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.
- Donated Paramedic staff to stand by and support the American Cancer Society’s “Relay for Life” campaign along with a sponsorship of $500.
- $1,500 donation to kick start The DeKalb Firefighters Historical Foundation, along with participation in our first 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 2013.
IMPORTANT DATES

2013 Calendar

Earthquake Awareness Week
January 20-26

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day
March 17

Flood Safety Awareness Week
March 18-22

Daylight Savings
Change Clock/Change Your Battery

Severe Weather Awareness week
April 7-13

International Firefighter Appreciation Day
May 4

Arson Awareness Week
May 5-11

Emergency Preparedness Week
May 5-11

EMS Appreciation Week
May 19-25

International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week
June 16-22

Patriots Day
September 11

Fire Prevention Week
October 7-13

Daylight Savings
Change Clock/Change Your Battery

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency Services: 9-1-1

Emergency Medical Services
Fire Suppression
Hazardous Materials
Technical Rescue

Non-Emergency Services:
815-748-8460

Administration
Disaster/Crises 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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