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Message From The Fire Chief

The members of the DeKalb Fire Department serve our community with great pride. We consistently strive to provide high-quality emergency service under any circumstance with compassion and utmost professionalism.

This past year, the Fire Department made many improvements to increase operational efficiency, raise safety margins during emergency response, and enhance customer service. Some improvements to highlight are:

♦ A comprehensive review and full revision of over 600 pages of Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines.

♦ New Standing Medical Orders, updated pharmacology, upgraded technology, and expanded medical procedures were instituted in concert with Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital Emergency Medical Services to enhance medical services provided by our personnel.

♦ Seventy new duo-band portable radios were purchased to replace obsolete radios as Public Safety moves towards joining DeKalb County’s advanced digital emergency communications network. This will enhance firefighter safety and improve emergency response to the community.

Reducing public risk and empowering the community to prevent emergencies is the foundation of the DeKalb Fire Department. In 2018, our members completed commercial building fire inspections, preplanned buildings for hazard familiarity, provided community cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes, provided safety lessons to drivers education classes, and presented numerous fire and life-safety lessons to nearly 9,000 citizens. The Fire Department also spearheaded a cooperative initiative to work with property owners to install fire sprinkler systems in all University Greek Houses as mandated by the Illinois Greek Housing Fire Safety Act. Emergency planning activities included coordinating emergency response for large-scale events in the City and working with staff to update DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport's Emergency Operations Plan.

This year, DeKalb Fire Department reached a historic benchmark for emergency response. We answered the call for 6,082 requests for service. This represents a 509 increase in calls equating to a 9.13% increase; part of a consistent upward trend. I am proud to present our 2018 Fire Department annual report. If you have questions about any information within this report, I personally invite you to contact me.

Respectfully,

Jeff McMaster
Fire Chief
What We Do

- Fight fires to save lives and minimize property and environmental damage
- Provide emergency medical services
- Provide specialty rescue services such as vehicle extrication, technical rescue, hazardous materials response and water/ice rescue
- Investigate cause and origin of fires
- Enforce public safety codes
- Conduct fire safety education and events

Personnel Overview

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54 of the 60 positions (90%) are “boots on the ground” personnel providing direct services to the public.

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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, hardworking, 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.

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Operations

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.

The DeKalb Fire Department was dispatched to a total of 6,082 incidents during 2018. Fire personnel handled an average of 16.66 incident responses every day through the year.

Requests for Service By Year and Type of Call

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Operations

1995 - 2018
Requests for Emergency Service
with a 10 Year Projection
Operations

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Incidents By Day Of Week

Sunday 952
Monday 836
Tuesday 811
Wednesday 881
Thursday 830
Friday 863
Saturday 926

IN Incidents BY MONTH

January 525
February 437
March 443
April 544
May 542
June 456
July 489
August 546
September 526
October 524
November 494
December 574

Incidents By Hour of Day

0000-0059 184
0100-0159 229
0200-0259 232
0300-0359 243
0400-0459 276
0500-0559 283
0600-0659 267
0700-0759 306
0800-0859 303
0900-0959 232
1000-1059 243
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1500-1559 306
1600-1659 303
1700-1759 306
1800-1859 303
1900-1959 267
2000-2059 280
2100-2159 283
2200-2259 267
2300-2359 243
2400-2459 232

Operations

RESPONSES BY UNIT TYPE

- Ambulance: 5851
- Engine: 3247
- Command: 856
- Aerial: 83
- Squad/Rescue: 38

NUMBER OF TIMES 2 OR MORE DIFFERENT EMERGENCY INCIDENTS OCCURRED SIMULTANEOUSLY

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Calendar Year
Operations
Fire Suppression

The response to fire is a coordinated effort that can vary from a single fire engine 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 apparatus are equipped to handle extrication from vehicles or machinery, water rescue, minor hazardous materials incidents, and minor technical rescue incidents. At times, personnel assigned to fire suppression apparatus will also supplement staffing needs on emergency medical calls.

Response to a Fire
Every 3 days

Structure Fire Response
Every 5 days

6 Civilian Fire Injuries
& 0 Fatality This Year

False Alarm
Every 17 Hours
Operations
Fire Suppression

FIRES BY TYPE

- Other: 1
- Refuse: 14
- Brush: 11
- Vehicle: 15
- Outside: 3
- Structure: 73
Operations
Emergency Medical Services

The DeKalb Fire Department provides immediate pre-hospital care of the sick and injured, responding with 6 state-of-the-art ALS ambulances and is a member of the Northwestern Medicine EMS Kishwaukee Emergency Medical Services System. DeKalb Chief Officers attend and participate in all regional and local EMS specific agency meetings and assist with the creation and implementation of EMS policies and procedures.

EMS accounts for 76% of our requests for service to the citizens of DeKalb, the DeKalb Fire Protection District, and Northern Illinois University. The DeKalb Fire Department provides integral community relations, education, training, and brings EMS expertise to every emergency call within the department’s jurisdiction. Emergency Medical Technicians maintain the integrity of the health care continuum, starting in the pre-hospital setting, as well as responses to fires, mass casualty incidents, CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives) events, WMD (weapons of mass destruction) events, and natural events. We strive to provide the best and most cost-effective service possible.

1 Patient Transported to the Hospital by Ambulance
Every 2.3 Hours

1 Patient Treated with Advanced Life Support
Every 4.75 Hours

1 Patient Treated with Basic Life Support
Every 4.4 Hours

1 Patient Refuses Ambulance Transport to the Hospital
Every 11.8 Hours

Motor Vehicle Accident Occurs
Every 25 Hours

53 Paramedics
6 Ambulances
Operations
Emergency Medical Services

**Patients By Response Level**
- ALS1, 1738, 44%
- ALS2, 164, 4%
- BLS, 1525, 39%
- Refusal, 513, 13%

**Patients By Outcome**
- Treated and Transported, 3036, 77%
- DOA, 41, 1%
- No Treatment Required, Refused Transport, 346, 9%
- Patient Refused Care, Refused Transport, 189, 5%
- Treated, Transferred Care, 2, 0%
- Treated, Refused Transport, 329, 8%
## Operations
### Stations and Personnel Assignments

![Fire Station #1 Image](Image)

**Fire Station #1**
700 Pine Street

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Operations
Fire Station Locations

Fire Station Areas

Coverage
- F1 Within City
- F1 Unincorporated
- F2 Within City
- F2 Unincorporated
- F3 Within City
- F3 Unincorporated

- Fire Stations

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Operations

Calls by Response Area

- Other: 0
- Tollway: 52
- NIU: 478
- DeKalb Fire Prot Dist: 226
- City District 3: 2174
- City District 2: 1469
- City District 1: 1539
- Mutual/Auto Aid: 144

Incident Response by Fire Station

- Station #1: 1849
- Station #2: 1594
- Station #3: 2639
Fire Investigations

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 Fire Investigation Team consists of 6 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 of continuing education to maintain his certification. Seventy hours of training and thirty hours of scene investigation are necessary during the four-year cycle.

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### FIRES BY CAUSE 2018

- **Unintentional**: The most common cause of fires.
- **Intentional**:
- **Act of Nature**:
- **Failure of Equipment or Heat**:
- **Cause Under Investigation**:
- **Cause Undetermined After**:
Technical Rescue Team (TRT)

The Technical Rescue Team is comprised of 14 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 26 member MABAS Division 6 Technical Rescue Team, which is a regional and statewide response team for technical rescue incidents comprised of members throughout DeKalb County. 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 with two vehicles, both of which are owned by the DeKalb Fire Department. 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 Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal and become certified in each of the specialties taught in these classes.

2018 Accomplishments

- Completed training for 2 members, making them fully certified and deployable
- Continued training regimen for 4 other DeKalb members
- Completed successful bi-monthly training program, with a full day, live structural collapse training scenario in Cherry Valley
- Participated in the State of Illinois drill held in Marseilles
- Completed and finished outfitting our “BOO” (base of operations) deployment trailer
- Successfully passed annual MABAS TRT audit
- Refined deployment procedures
- Purchased new gear and equipment
The Hazardous Materials Team has 13 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 hazardous materials incidents resulting from international and domestic terrorism events. The DeKalb Fire Department team is a part of the 22 member MABAS Division 6 Hazardous Materials Team, which is a regional and statewide response team for hazardous materials incidents comprised of members throughout DeKalb County. 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 Hazardous Materials Team conducted several drills in 2018:

- In March, the team conducted a tour and preplan of the FS facility on Webster Road. The objective was for team members to stop the leak while wearing the Level A ensemble.

- In August, the team attended a seminar hosted by the Chlorine Institute on railcar and chlorine emergencies at the CN Rail Yard in Bensenville.

- In November, the team conducted a ‘Full Response Drill’ at the water treatment facility on Dresser Road. The scenario was a chlorine leak within the building with a missing member from the water department. An entry and decontamination corridor were established, as if this were an actual response. Entry teams then responded in full Level A ensembles where they needed to resolve the problem and locate the missing person. This drill was conducted with on-duty crews.

**2018 Accomplishments**

- Added three new members
- Continued training on the use of the HazMat IQ System
- Advanced hands-on training while dress in Level A suits
- Performed a ‘Response Drill’ with on-duty personnel
Airport Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF)  Todd Stoffa, Captain

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

2018 Accomplishments

♦ 4 new members were added and attended 40hr certified ARFF training
♦ Assessed needs and continued maintenance of Crash 6
Public Education

Pat Eriksen and Noah Millard
Firefighters/EMT-Ps

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 the fire education in all public elementary schools in DeKalb as well as Northern Illinois University 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.

2018 Accomplishments

- Continued to educate all 3rd grade classes on fire safety by both presentations and usage of the Fire Safety trailer, showing children and adults alike how to get out of a fire situation during Fire Prevention Month.

- Our CPR program continued to educate the public on CPR both in-house quarterly at Station One, as well as on-site training, certifying those that attended through the American Heart Association.

- Educated all DeKalb High School Drivers Education classes on drivers safety.

- NIU’s STEMFest was also attended, teaching over 2,700 adults/kids hands-only CPR and fire safety.
The following lists just a few of the 95 events, projects, and functions in which the Public Education team participated (with nearly 9,000 participants!).

- Target Night Out
- Fire Prevention in all 3rd grade classes
- NIU STEM Fest
- RAMP Participation
- Tours of DeKalb Fire Facilities to various groups
- Kishwaukee Fest
- Representative Pritchard’s Senior Fair
- District 428 Clinton Rosette Wellness Fair
- 2 Parades
- DHS Drivers Education Safety
- Public Safety Announcements on Government Access Cable Channel 14, as well as weekly Fire and EMS Safety tips, #membermondays and #tbt on Social Media
- 4th Street Family Fun Fest

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Facebook is one avenue used to get information out to the public. Some of the many items shared on Facebook are listed below:

- **Every Monday**: A DeKalb Firefighter is highlighted
- **Every Wednesday**: An EMS/Health related topic is published to help educate the public on health-related issues, life safety measures, and other health related topics.
- **Every Thursday**: A photo from the Fire Department archives is highlighted for Throwback Thursday.
- **Every Friday**: A fire-related topic is published to help educate the public on fire safety related issues for homes, business, schools, etc.
- **Line Of Duty Death**: Firefighter and Medic line of duty deaths are posted to show our support and inform the public.
- **Weather**: In the event of severe weather in and approaching our area, the public can be notified to ensure safety for themselves and the community.
- **Service Anniversaries**: DeKalb Fire Department employees’ service anniversaries are posted to illustrate the long-term commitment to the community of our members.
- **Product Recalls**: In conjunction with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, up-to-date product recalls are shared. We also publish product recalls that are informative from various media outlets throughout the United States.
- **Training**: DeKalb Fire Department seeks out any and all training opportunities to practice and improve their skills to insure the ultimate protection of the citizens of DeKalb. Photos of training are posted, if available.
The Training Division at the DeKalb Fire Department is responsible for managing and providing training to the members of the DeKalb Fire Department. Training at the department falls into two different types of programs. The first is internal continuing education type of training and the second is outside training.

Internal continuing education training is to refine and master the basic skills needed by members of the DeKalb Fire Department. This training is divided into five sub-categories. The first sub-category is “Fire” training. This category provides training for the members of the department on the aspects of firefighting from preparing equipment prior to the call to cleaning up equipment after the call and everything in between. The next sub-category is “EMS” or Emergency Medical Services. This training is providing ongoing refreshers, in-services of new equipment, and standard operating procedure review to the paramedics and EMT-Basics of the department into the needs to provide emergency medical services to the community. Per the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) paramedics are required to attend 100 hours of training every 4 years and EMT-Basic’s are required to have 60 hours of training every 4 years. The third sub-category is “Rescue” training. Rescue training involves activities related to the process that are needed to rescue someone from car accidents, high angle situations, confined space type of incidents, trench collapses, building or structural collapses, and grain bin entrapments. The fourth sub-category is “Hazardous Materials”. Hazardous material training involves training to prepare and refresh the members of the department into what is needed for dealing with incidents that involve hazardous materials. The final sub-category is “Leadership Training”. This is training that is meant to prepare personnel for promotions and leadership roles within the department.

Outside training is sending personnel to classes that are meant to provide the initial training to members of the department in the aspects of their job. These classes are ones such as Basic Operations Firefighter, Paramedic, Fire Officer I, plus many more. These classes are also elective items for the members of the department such as Advanced Firefighter School, Smoke Divers, and many others. These classes are typically one week long classes at different location around the state or the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Once complete many of these classes then offer the opportunity for the member of the department to earn a certification from the Illinois State Fire Marshal’s office in the subject they just studied.

The training program at the fire department is based on standards, regulations, and requirements set forth on the minimum number of training hours needed annually. These standards, regulations, and requirements are set forth by the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), Insurance Service Organization (ISO), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Illinois Occupational Safety and Health Administration (IOSHA), and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).
# Training Division

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Training Division

2018 Accomplishments

All department firefighters became certified in 2018 through The Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to the minimum standards set by the department. These standards are the following OSFM certifications:

- Basic Operation Firefighter
- Hazardous Material Operations
- Vehicle & Machinery Operations
- Fire Apparatus Engineer
- Fire Service Vehicle Operator
- National Incident Management System

All fire officers on the department achieved their fire officer certification through The Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal. The certifications are as follows:

- Lieutenants – Fire Officer 1
- Captains & Battalion Chiefs – Fire Officer 2

Two members of the department finished their training to become deployable members of the MABAS Division 6 Technical Rescue Team. This training consists of 8 classes over 9 weeks.

16,517.48

Hours of training completed

Members were sent to 62 outside training classes

1,978.42

Hours of outside training completed
Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for the enforcement of the 2015 International Fire Code and the City of DeKalb Municipal Code. The City adopted the entire 2015 International code set in 2017. These codes prescribe regulations consistent with nationally recognized good practices for the safeguarding of life, property, and environment from the risks of fire, explosion, and other hazardous conditions, which may prove hazardous to life and property in the use or occupancy of buildings or premises.

Rooming houses, fire/life safety, hotel/motel, and gas stations inspections are part of a yearly license program. This program requires the occupancies to fill out a registration form each year and submit to an inspection performed by the Fire Prevention Officer. These are comprehensive inspections looking for life safety violations, property maintenance concerns, and checking to ensure required maintenance has been completed.

Fire prevention is also used during emergency responses as a liaison to the owners and occupants to assist in salvage of personal affects, securing the property, and relocation of the occupant(s).

- CO incident follow up
- Hood suppression acceptance
- Sprinkler acceptance testing
- Sprinkler hydro test
- Underground flush
- Hood suppression inspection review
- Fire hydrant area flow
- Fire alarm acceptance
- Fire drill witness
- Hood suppression test
- Knox Box maintenance
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Firefighting Equipment and Supplies

Firefighting equipment and supplies are overseen by the Shift 3 Battalion Chief. Shift 3 officers are responsible for all logistical considerations of firefighting equipment and supplies used by firefighters. Some areas include:

- Fire apparatus equipment—all equipment stored on fire engines, ladder trucks, squads, and rescue vehicles
- Fire extinguishers
- Fire hose
- Structural firefighting turnout gear
- Personal protective equipment

2018 Accomplishments

Purchased 4 sets of new structural firefighting turnout gear to replace aging turnout gear, to meet the standards of NFPA 1500. As gear is replaced, each firefighter will have two sets of gear. The old gear will provide the firefighter with a clean, temporary set of structural firefighting turnout gear to be used while front-line gear is being cleaned to reduce the exposure of personnel to cancer causing chemicals produced during fires. The old gear is only to be used temporarily as it is past its 10 year operational lifespan according to NFPA standards. This is currently being run as a pilot program. If this proves to be a successful program, and as gear continues to be replaced, others will keep their gear as well.
EMS Equipment and Supplies

Jeff Jossendal, Battalion Chief

EMS equipment and supplies are overseen by the Shift 2 Battalion Chief with assistance from the Fire Department’s support staff. Two Lieutenants from Shift 1 assist the Battalion Chief with all logistical considerations of EMS equipment and supplies used by personnel. Some areas include:

- Equipment stored on ambulances
- Automated external defibrillators
- Stretchers and stair chairs maintenance and repair
- Medical supplies
- Personal Protective Equipment

2018 Accomplishments

- EMS services continued to be the majority of calls for service in 2018, and as usual DeKalb Fire Department responded with excellent professional service.
- Ongoing research continued into new equipment and suggestions from members on different items to improve customer service.
- New Standard Operating Guidelines from Northwestern Medicine EMS and new advanced procedures were implemented.
- A new patient care reporting program was also implemented, which was eagerly awaited.
- Med vaults from Knox were purchased to secure and track our controlled substances inventory.
Communications

Jim Zarek, Deputy Chief

The communications program is responsible for maintaining, researching, updating, and administration of communication equipment for the DeKalb Fire Department. Currently, there are 42 mobile radios, 84 portable radios, 3 aviation radios, 3 Starcomm MABAS radios, 5 base station radios, 9 base station radio remotes, 3 station alerting devices, 3 station public address systems, 68 personal pagers, 21 mobile computers, 2 Lifenet devices, 5 Sierra communications mobile hot spot devices, and 2 MiFi communication devices in the Fire Department communications cache.

2018 Accomplishments

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

♦ Attended County wide radio upgrade meetings

♦ Purchased new P25 compliant radios to replace current obsolete system. The P25 radios provide communication abilities with statewide asset, different MABAS divisions, and improve the safety and security of first responders.
Respiratory Protection

The DeKalb Fire Department respiratory protection program maintains all respiratory protection equipment utilized by the department in accordance with OSHA and NFPA standards. This equipment includes all breathing apparatus, mobile and stationary air supply systems, all personal protective face pieces, N-95 masks, and particulate masks. The technicians in this program also maintain department battery supplies and provide respiratory protection training to all personnel.

2018 Accomplishments

- Completed quarterly air quality test of compressor
- Completed monthly maintenance of air compressor
- Conducted annual flow testing of all self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)
- Performed hydrostatic testing of SCBA bottles
- Coordinated Scott SCBA repairs with Scott service technician
- Performed annual respirator fit testing of all firefighters
- Inspected all SCBA
- Maintained department battery supply levels
- Conducted all compressor maintenance and repairs
- Purchased replacement parts for repairing and maintaining face pieces and air packs
The Fire Chief has the responsibility for oversight of repairs and maintenance of DeKalb’s three fire stations, which were built in 1957, 1972, and 1994. Daily cleaning chores, snow removal, light landscaping, and minor station repairs are completed by on-duty shift personnel 365 days a year. Major repairs, significant maintenance, and grounds keeping are handled by the City of DeKalb Public Works and local private contractors, which specialize in their respective fields.

2018 Accomplishments

♦ **Station 1** had repairs made to the steel entrance door and plumbing.

♦ **Station 2** received no major repairs in 2017.

♦ **Station 3** saw repairs to the large overhead apparatus bay doors and installation of a new exhaust removal system for the ambulance bay.
The DeKalb Fire Department maintenance team is responsible for care, maintenance, and repairs of all apparatus in the Fire Department’s fleet. The team is comprised of 1 team coordinator and 8 mechanics, all of which have vehicle maintenance experience. Our fleet consists of 4 fire engines, 2 aerial ladder platform trucks, 6 ambulances, 2 light-duty squads, 1 heavy rescue, 6 administrative/command vehicles, 1 semi-tractor trailer, 1 airport crash truck, 1 hazardous materials decontamination truck, 1 boat, and multiple trailers and light towers. In addition to the rolling stock, the team is responsible for numerous small engines including chain saws, hydraulic pumps, positive pressure fans, and generators. Complex repairs and preventive maintenance are subcontracted to private shops in the area. This protects the City of DeKalb from liability. On-duty personnel or members of the maintenance team handle smaller repairs such as electrical issues and light cosmetic repairs. When emergency repairs occur at night or on weekends, team members are utilized to make repairs, resulting in minimized downtime.

The team is also responsible for overseeing annual testing of ground ladders, aerial ladders, and water pumps carried on fire apparatus. This testing is recommended by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and is necessary to maintain the City’s Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating.

2018 Accomplishments

- New brakes for 2009 ambulance and 2006 Engine
- Repaired power steering on 2006 Engine
- Repaired radiator leak on 2006 engine
- Repaired aerial swivel on 2008 aerial ladder truck
- Replaced tires on 2001 Suburban, 2008 ambulance, and 2017 ambulance
- Repaired engine leak on 2008 ambulance
- Replaced radiator on 2001 Suburban
- Replaced brakes on 2004 Rescue
- Repaired engine on 2013 engine
Apparatus

Ladder Truck
These apparatus rarely respond alone. They typically respond with Engines and other apparatus. Along with rescue and ventilation equipment, they carry cutting equipment, a full set of extrication tools, and numerous ladders. On fire scenes, ladder companies are generally responsible for ladders, overhaul, ventilation, entry, rescue, salvage, and utilities.

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

Engines
The core firefighting vehicle. These apparatus are capable of pumping water from their own tanks. They carry hose and emergency medical equipment. The primary purpose of an engine is to transport firefighters to an emergency incident, provide a limited supply of water and the ability to pump water from fire hydrants. They also carry all the hose, tools, and equipment needed by firefighting personnel such as ground ladders, pike police, axes, floodlights, and SCBA.

Engine 1: 2013 Alexis, Station 1
Engine 2: 2006 HME Spectre Chassis, Station 2
Engine 3: 2007 HME Chassis, Station 3
Engine 4: 2001 Pierce Sabre, Station 3
Apparatus

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 in 2004. 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
Rescue 6: 2004 Sterling Acterra, Tractor/Trailer, Airport
Apparatus

Ambulances
Stationed throughout the city, the DeKalb Fire Department’s ambulances respond quickly to medical emergencies. All ambulances are equipped for paramedic level advanced life support emergencies.

Medic 1: 2017 Ford E-450, Station 1
Medic 2: 2009 Ford E-450, Station 2
Medic 3: 2017 Ford E-450, Station 3
Medic 4: 2013 Chevy AEV Chassis, Station 1
Medic 5: 2006 Ford E-450, Station 3
Medic 6: 2005 International, Station 3

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: 2007 Chevy Tahoe, Station 1
Battalion 1: 2016 Ford Expedition, Station 1
Car 4: 2001 Chevy Suburban K-1500, Station 1
Car 5: 2001 Chevy Suburban K-2500, Station 1
Car 6: 2004 Dodge Durango, Station 1
Apparatus

Airport Rescue and Firefighting 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

Additional Support Vehicles

- Mass Casualty Trailer
- Safety Trailer
- Hazardous Materials Trailer (2)
- Mobile Training Tower
- Technical Rescue Trailer
- Incident Management Trailer
- HazMat Decontamination Truck
Personnel Changes

Intern Hayden Perkins  
Hired  
4/17/2018

Intern Sam Schrader  
Left for other internship  
4/19/2018

Firefighter/Paramedic Anthony Marzulli  
Joined Memphis, TN Fire Department  
10/11/2018

Fire Chief Eric Hicks  
Retired  
11/29/2018

Jeff McMaster  
Named Interim Fire Chief  
11/30/2018

Office Associate Beth Patrick  
12/6/2018  
Assigned to Finance Department
Budget and Revenue

Personnel Budget for FY2018 = $10,797,934

- Salary (incl. FICA): $5,412,155.00
- Overtime: $445,575.00
- Contractual Obligations: $99,380.00
- Pension: $3,477,206.00
- Insurance: $1,363,618.00

Non-Personnel Budget FY2018 = $409,445

- Building and Grounds: $26,760.00
- EMS: $46,917.00
- Fire Investigation: $2,890.00
- Fire: $58,703.00
- Fire Prevention: $6,945.00
- Haz Mat: $13,600.00
- Administration: $106,331.80
- PubEd: $4,975.00
- Radio: $10,158.00
- SCBA: $8,500.00
- TRT: $20,950.00
- Vehicle Maintenance: $90,228.00

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$2,215,302.55 IN REVENUE GENERATED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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- NIU Contract, $756,118.45
- Other, $104,518.57
- False Alarms, $5,400.00
- Cost Recovery, $60,408.88
- Tollway Responses, $7,100.00
- Fire/Life Safety Licenses, $24,147.00
- State and MABAS Training Reimbursement, $24,938.32
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Budget and Revenue

**AMBULANCE REVENUE**

Billed | Collected
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$1,589,158.95 | $807,687.51
$1,540,861.04 | $825,581.06
$1,588,832.29 | $843,948.63
$1,636,028.35 | $883,566.57
$2,006,465.18 | $922,968.24
$2,482,344.96 | $972,773.86
$2,807,790.12 | $887,342.34

**PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL PATIENTS TRANSPORTED BY EACH REVENUE SOURCE**

- Private: 23.83%
- Medicaid: 31.66%
- Medicare: 32.74%
- Self-Pay: 11.77%

**PERCENTAGE OF AMBULANCE REVENUE BY SOURCE**

- Private: 45.22%
- Medicaid: 15.20%
- Medicare: 38.32%
- Self-Pay: 1.26%

### Alternative Funding

**Enbridge Pipeline**

A $1,000 grant from Enbridge Pipeline was awarded to improve communications equipment for the Hazardous Materials Response Team.
IAFF LOCAL 1236  Luke Howieson, Union President

DeKalb Firefighters Local 1236 takes great pride in their active role within our community. The DeKalb Firefighters support various community groups and organizations throughout the year. DeKalb Firefighters Local 1236 donated over $27,500 to local and national organizations and charities.

$5,400 was raised to help battle neuromuscular diseases through our local "Fill the Boot" campaign to Muscular Dystrophy association.

In 2018, DeKalb Firefighters expanded our Operation Warm with the DeKalb Classroom Teachers Association, DeKalb Township, and Thrivent Financial. In 2018, we were able to give away over 100 brand new coats, gloves, and bags of warmth to kids in the DeKalb School District.

DeKalb Firefighters, DeKalb Police officers, and DeKalb school district staff raised funds for the forth annual Police and Fire vs. DeKalb school district staff. There were $1,500 worth of toys donated to the Toys for Tots program.

DeKalb Firefighters continue to increase their support for Salvation Army's "Lets talk Turkey." This past year, DeKalb Firefighters donated $2,500 between cash and turkey's.

The DeKalb Park District donated 4 sponsorship's to local boys and girls athletic programs through the DeKalb Park District.
IAFF LOCAL 1236  Luke Howieson, Union President

Supported or donated funds to several local churches and religious organizations.

Supported many local families through different foundation efforts.

DeKalb Firefighters raised over $3,000 to the Associated Firefighters of Illinois Warrior Program. DeKalb Firefighters are the most active within the statewide program.

The membership continues to offer a $500 scholarship through Kishwaukee College for students pursuing a degree in Fire Science or an allied health related field of study.

DeKalb Firefighters continued its support of the DeKalb Historical Foundation

Participated in RAMP fundraisers with donations of over $500.

Supported DeKalb High School Athletic Boosters through different fundraisers.

Participated in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters "Bowl for Kids Sake" and also contributed an event sponsorship with Sycamore Firefighters Local 3046. This year we also donated $2,000 to benefit Police Commander Woodruff and his family.

AFFI Honor Guard

The Mission of the AFFI Honor Guard shall be to promote the Associated Firefighters of Illinois, the Locals therein, and the fire service as a whole, to the public, in a positive and proper fashion. To Provide, as a line of duty death benefit, dignified, honorable services for fallen AFFI members, their surviving family members, and union brothers and sisters through organization of and participation in funeral and memorial services.

DeKalb Fire Department Local 1236 Honor Guard members
Jeff Jossendal, Coordinator
Keith Fritz
Eric Blanken
Tom Conley
Jim Morton
Travis Karr
Joe Fisher

Associated Firefighters of Illinois Honor Guard members
Jeff Jossendal
Keith Fritz
Eric Blanken
Tom Conley
Jim Morton

2018 Ceremonies
Fallen Firefighter Memorial and Medal of Honor Ceremony
Numerous Line of Duty Deaths throughout the State
Other police and fire related funerals throughout the State
Highland Guard

The DeKalb Fire Department Highland Guard represents the fire department at ceremonies, and acts as a goodwill ambassador for the Fire Department and the City of DeKalb. The role of the Highland Guard is to bring a sense of tradition, dignity, and decorum to those events at which they participate, reflecting the high level of discipline, honor, and professionalism that is inherent in the American Fire Service.

**DeKalb Fire Department Highland Guard Members**
Tom Conley
Eric Blanken

**2018 Events and Ceremonies**

- Memorial Day Parade
- Funerals
- Fatty's for St. Patrick’s Day
- Veteran's Club in Sycamore
Firefighters Pension Fund

The DeKalb Firefighters’ Pension Fund Board of Trustees is composed of two active firefighters, one retired firefighter, and two mayoral appointees. Terms of office are three years and officers are appointed annually.

Existing trustees are required to complete 16 hours of pension and ethics training annually. New members are required to complete 32 hours of training during their first year of their three year term. Additionally, all trustees are required to complete Open Meetings Act training.

The powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of the DeKalb Firefighters' Pension Fund are stated in 40 ILCS5/4-123 through 4-129.1 and include, but are not limited to, control and management of the fund, enforce contributions, hear and determine applications and to order payments, make rules, pay expenses, invest funds, and keep records.

The Board of Trustees schedules regular quarterly meetings in January, April, July, and October.

2018 Accomplishments

- 1 new Pensioner was approved

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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. In accordance with State Statute, the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board members include the Fire Chief and 6 additional members 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 are used to purchase items the Fire Department operating budget cannot support including station improvements, station repairs, furniture for fire stations, personal protection equipment, and physical fitness equipment. 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.

**2018 Purchases**

- Halo particulate filter hoods
- Steam clean and seal Fire Station 1 bathroom
- Stream light Atex LED right angle light
- Fire wipes
- Kitchen table & chairs at Fire Station 2
- Hose rack hole roller
- Hydrant tool bag
- Water bottle filling station for water fountain conversion
- Forcible entry tools
- Cancer screening

**2018 Board members**

- Matt Klotz Chairman
- Trevor Chilton Treasurer
- Jared Thorp Secretary
- Jason Pavlak
- Bob Terry
- Matt Holuj
- Eric Hicks
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.

2018 Accomplishments

- Began planning for the 150th anniversary in 2019
- Received donated 1930 Seagrave fire truck (original to DeKalb) from Retired Chief Eric Hicks