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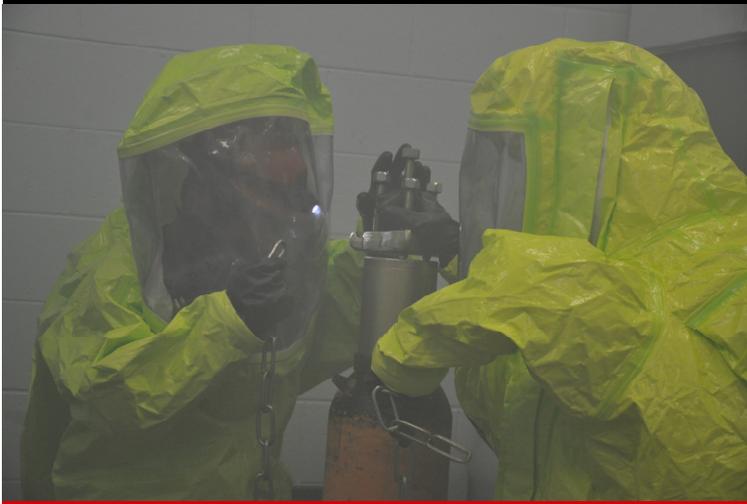
RFD

A REVIEW OF OUR STATISTICS
AND MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Annual Report

The mission of the Rockford Fire Department is to protect the lives and property of our community through fire, emergency medical, and life safety services.





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Annual Report

Administration Division

- Completed Capital Equipment replacement schedule for 2013 which included: 7 pool vehicles, 4 engines, 4 ambulances, and 2 tow vehicles
- Completed a radio propagation study which provided a radio system analysis for the entire City
- Completed major drainage improvements and landscaping at Fire Station 4
- 70% complete with issuance of second set of turnout gear to all line personnel
- Instituted, with Council approval, an Early Retirement Incentive Package
- Conducted an ambulance location study to determine best locations for apparatus placement
- Conducted a two day Strategic Planning Workshop
- Coordinated the conversion of Rescue 2 to a jump company
- Developed a location and station design for the relocation of Fire Station 3. This was made necessary by the widening of South Main Street. The new location allows for better coverage for Southwest Rockford as identified in our Standards of Cover.



Logistical Support

- Coordinated annual pump and aerial service tests
- Coordinated the replacement of 20,000 feet of 2.5" hose and 150,000 feet of 1.75" hose
- Installed new mounting equipment to accommodate new EMS reporting tablet computers
- Installed Sierra Wireless devices to improve mobile communications between MDTs
- Installed drive-on lift and 4 portable electric lifts to provide for easier and safer access for repairs



Operations Division

Major Accomplishments

- Revised and updated Standard Operating Procedures and Rules and Regulations
- Placed two additional ambulances into service
- Worked with the Training Division to coordinate the efforts of the Physical Fitness Committee and their work to conduct a fitness drill and an SCBA Consumption drill
- Realigned Still Territories of apparatus to provide better service to the Citizens of Rockford
- Improved response time by approximately 60 seconds for all EMS calls



Emergency Management

- Received a grant for 2014 to take 85 people to Emmitsburg, Maryland, to conduct a community-specific emergency management course at the Emergency Management Institute
- Completed the Triennial Disaster Exercise at the Chicago Rockford International Airport
- Hosted five courses provided by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency on disaster preparedness
- Recertified as a StormReady Community through the National Weather Service
- Assisted in the certification of Rockford Public Schools District #205 and all Rockford Hospitals as StormReady Supporters
- Presented at the National Weather Service Integrated Warning Team Workshop



Operations Division

Special Teams

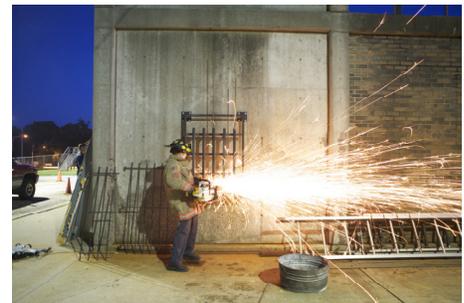
- The Dive Team members succeeded in completing training to place two new instructors in service to train other members of the MABAS Division 8 Dive Team. Also, members participated in a MABAS Readiness exercise deployment to test capabilities and equipment.
- The Technical Rescue team completed work on time to place a new TRT vehicle into service on January 1, 2014.
- The Hazardous Materials team worked to continue the annual training requirements and conduct preparations for institution of a new tow vehicle and updated trailer in 2014.
- Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) received a 100% rating on the annual FAA inspection.
- A total of 12 RFD members were placed on the Illinois Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue Team. Members conducted numerous training activities and participated in a Mobilization Exercise (MOBEX).



Training Division

Major Accomplishments

- Completed a Recruit Class of 20 recruits. This training included 8 Office of the State Fire Marshal certifications
- Conducted a “Back to the Academy” course for 8 probationary firefighters
- Attended Underwriter Laboratories (UL) Research on Attic Firefighting
- Conducted 12 multi-company drills, exceeding ISO annual standards
- Developed a new respiratory protection fit testing program to maintain compliance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134
- Developed a computer and video-based training system
- Completed Academy classroom upgrades and installed numerous training props purchased by the Foreign Fire Tax Board



ARFF Training Officer of the Year Award

- Congratulations to Driver/Engineer Mike Riley, Sr. who was selected to receive the ARFF Working Group Brian Pugh Training Officer of the Year Award.



Statistics

- Personnel Received 274 new OSFM Certifications
- Delivered 85,051 hours of Single Company Training
- Delivered 14,521 hours of Multi-Company Training
- Delivered 902 hours of Night Training
- Delivered 26,933 hours of Academy Training
- Delivered 13,744 hours of EMS Training
- Delivered 1,160 hours of Officer Training

Fire Prevention Division

Major Accomplishments

- Coordinated annual Adopt-a-Family program to provide Christmas gifts to needy families in Rockford
- Revised Pre-Fire Planning Program with the assistance of Inspector Chad Moe
- Participated in Problem Properties Committee to coordinate the entire City into addressing the issues of vacant buildings
- Participated in Rockford Public Schools District 205 Academy Program and Alignment Rockford
- Conducted a Junior Firefighter Summer Camp through Rockford Park District
- Completed a Knox Box Display
- Facilitated Rockford Public Schools District 205 teacher visits
- Investigated new technologies and how they can be used to streamline inspection and enforcement processes
- Developed a process to better enforce Open Burning and Fireworks Ordinance violations

Staff Development

- Investigators Tim Morris, Jr. and Mike Rotolo were certified as International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) Certified Fire Investigators (IAAI-CFI)
- Six Inspectors received certifications from the ICC, NFPA, or Pro-Board
- Three investigators were recertified as Illinois OSFM Fire/Arson Investigators
- Instituted a continuing education training plan for all Inspectors and Investigators



Fire Prevention Coordinator Mark Marinaro announced his retirement in 2013. Mark served in the Fire Prevention Division since 1992 and as Coordinator since 2003. We wish him a Happy Retirement!

911 Division

Major Accomplishments

- Conducted two Basic Telecommunicator Training Classes for 5 new Telecommunicators. Each class consisted of 4 weeks of classroom instruction and 9 months of on-shift call handling and dispatching training.
- Joined the NINGA911 or Northern Illinois Next Generation 911 Alliance to explore and prepare for the transition to Next Gen.
- Changed out all computer workstations within the 911 center to ensure more speed for computer aided dispatch (CAD) functions.
- Conducted four 911 Center Evacuation Drills which required employees to set up emergency operations at backup positions located at the Winnebago County 911 Center.
- RFD's Chief, Derek Bergsten, was appointed Chairman of the Winnebago County ETSB or Emergency Telephone System Board.
- Participated in Rockford Police Department's Citizen Police Academy Program.
- Created and produced a 911 Public Service Announcement to air on local channels titled "Our family is trained and ready to protect yours."
- Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team (TERT) participated in a regional tornado disaster drill in Ogle County.



911 Division

Staff Development

- Telecommunicator Justin Anderson was appointed and certified to the position of 911 Shift Supervisor.
- Probationary employees Nick Marinaro and Nicole Knowling became certified as 911 Telecommunicators.

IL TERT

Telecommunicators Sileena Crawford, Andrea Goetz, Dan McNames and Melissa Erickson were appointed and served on IL TERT or the Illinois Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team. These members, who are trained in emergency response, can be deployed to natural disasters throughout the State.



Statistics

Rockford Fire Dispatches	25,159
Suburban Fire Dispatches	3,518
Police Dispatches	157,956
911 Wireless Calls	93,236
911 Wireline Calls	24,248
Non-Emergency Calls	101,971

EMS Operations and Training

Major Accomplishments

- Completed a Paramedic Course with 12 students (2012-2013)
- Started a Paramedic Course with 10 students (2013-2014)
- Completed EMT-Basic training for 9 students
- Coordinated the EMS Committee's development of specifications for new ambulance purchases
- Continued work on CAAS Ambulance Service Accreditation
- Conducted annual EMS Survivor's Night to recognize the survivors of significant EMS calls or cardiac arrest survivors and the crews that assisted them
- Conducted a research and feasibility study to determine effectiveness of tablet computers for EMS Patient Care Reporting



Statistics

- 11 Cardiac Arrest Patients returned to spontaneous circulation
- 17,940 EMS Transports



2013 Retirees

In 2013, we were able to wish a happy retirement to many members of the

Rockford Fire Department. These individuals are:

District Chief Charles Martini (37 Years of Service)

Captain Mark Marinelli (28 Years of Service)

Captain Frank Fuca (28 Years of Service)

911 Shift Supervisor Tracy Johnson (32 Years of Service)

Lieutenant Daniel Morse (33 Years of Service)

Lieutenant Gary Nice (26 Years of Service)

Driver Engineer Roger Hominick (36 Years of Service)

Driver Engineer Kenneth Ketton (35 Years of Service)

Driver Engineer Rick Plantz (28 Years of Service)

Driver Engineer James Meyer (28 Years of Service)

Driver Engineer Don Lund (26 Years of Service)

Driver Engineer Ernest Evans (20 Years of Service)

Driver Engineer Michael Adamany (20 Years of Service)



City of Rockford Fire Department 2013 Summary

Land Area 61.08 sq. miles	Jurisdictional Population 150,843	Fire Stations 11
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Personnel

Fire Sworn 261	911 Staff 49	Administrative Personnel 6	Total 316
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Budget

2011 \$ 37,883,800	2012 \$ 45,393,466	2013 \$ 40,809,279
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Unit Response

Calls for Service		Civilian Fire Casualties		Structure Fires	
Total Calls	24,749	2011	0 fatal, 16 injured	Structure Value	
Fire Calls	759	2012	0 fatal, 16 injured	\$ 48,296,024	
EMS and Rescue	19,805	2013	4 fatal, 14 injured	Structure Loss	
Hazardous Conditions	565			\$ 6,151,580	
Service/Good Intent	2,067			Structure Value Saved	
False Alarm/False Call	1,473	Fire Dollar Loss		\$ 42,144,444	
Other Incident Type	80	2011	\$ 4,650,995		
		2012	\$ 5,281,947		
		2013	\$ 5,626,795		

Frontline Apparatus

ALS Engines	9	ARFF Units	2
Ambulances	7	District Chiefs	2
ALS Ladders	1	Special Incident	3
ALS Quints	3		

2013 Apparatus Responses

Charlie 12	2,316	District 1	870	RE01	2,730	Quint 1	1,114
Charlie 15	1,093	District 2	887	RE02	2,610	Rescue 1	1,594
Charlie 16	3,554	Chief	281	RE03	1,852	Ladder 2	1,196
Charlie 26	1,950			RE04	1,691	Rescue 2	1,886
Charlie 27	3,979	ARFF	85	RE06	2,062	Quint 5	2,141
Charlie 28	3,791	DIVE	7	RE07	1,606	Quint 9	2,294
Charlie 29	4,292	HAZMAT	19	RE08	1,811		
Charlie 40	88	TRT	3	RE10	2,325		
				RE11	2,641		

Total RFD unit responses: 54,220