

# City of Highland Park Fire Department Annual Report



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oud to present the City of Highland Park Fire Department's An-  
port for 2017. I feel this shows the commitment the organiza-  
made to providing high quality services to the community. I  
nd of our personnel for continuing to shine in a year where we  
led to a record 5,450 calls for service. Additionally, non-  
ncy activities, including public education, station tours, senior  
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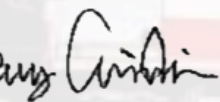
ppointed Chief on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, and would like to thank re-  
ief Daniel Pease for his great mentorship to me the past few  
hope to continue our succession planning by being a mentor to  
ho may fill my shoes in the future.

r of 2017 was the first full calendar year of providing services to the City of High  
sition has worked well, and our relations with all City of Highwood staff has been

er service is a main priority to me. I feel our Department is second to none in the  
mmend our personnel for their efforts. I know that we can improve on our nine  
satisfaction rate, according to the last citizen customer satisfaction survey, and  
o one-hundred per cent.

mbers of the Highland Park Fire Department appreciate the opportunity to serve  
nities. I would like to thank the City Council for their support, the City Manager  
d women representing the City of Highland Park for their support, partnership a  
on as we carry out the objectives and mission of the City.

ng, I also thank the citizens of Highland Park and Highwood for their support. S  
e any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact us at any t



Chief Larry Amidei





## **City Mission:**

mission of the City of Highland Park municipal government is to provide first-class, high-quality services through effective, transparent and collaborative means.

## **Core Priorities:**

Our core priorities guide the City of Highland Park's policy and direction; Public Safety, Infrastructure Investment and Community Vibrancy.

## **Fire Department Mission Statement:**

Highland Park Fire Department is committed to protecting the people, property and investments within our communities. We dedicate our efforts to provide for the safety and well-being of the public by providing the highest quality services that are responsive to the needs of our communities.

## **Fire Department Vision Statement:**

Highland Park Fire Department will continually strive to exceed our citizens' expectations. Working within a healthy, safe and innovative environment that enhances the quality of life, the efficient delivery of emergency services, we also strive to be a leader in providing community safety education and information, keen to anticipate and embrace change.

## **2018 Fire Initiatives**

- Obtain Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating
- Develop a Replacement Plan for the Department Aerial Ladder Truck
- Continue to conduct Community Outreach through various events and programs
- Update pre-plans for Highwood commercial buildings and incorporate them into the Department's master pre-plan manual

# The Citizens of Highland Park

Mayor and City Council

City Manager

City Commissions and Board

Public Works  
Department

Fire  
Department

Finance  
Department

City Manager's  
Office

Fire Chief

Deputy Fire  
Chief

Executive  
Assistant

Emergency  
Response

A Platoon  
Battalion  
Chief

B Platoon  
Battalion  
Chief

C Platoon  
Battalion  
Chief

Lieutenant  
(3)

Lieutenant  
(3)

Lieutenant  
(3)

Paramedic  
(11)

Paramedic  
(12)

Paramedic  
(12)

FMT

## Station 32—692 Burton Ave



Station 32 has three firefighter/paramedics and one lieutenant on shift 24/7. One engine and one ambulance operate from this station.

## Station 33—1130 Central Ave



Station 33 is the Fire Department's Headquarters. Station 33 operates with one squad, one truck, one ambulance, one utility vehicle, and one reserves apparatus.

## Station 34—1100 Half Day Road



Station 34 operates with three firefighter/paramedics and one Lieutenant on shift 24/7. One engine, one ambulance, and one dive rescue/boat operate from this station.

Highland Park Fire Department continues to use the term "Fire Department" to describe its service delivery system. Although this phrase brings a single service to mind, the Department is involved in many activities in addition to extinguishing fires. Services that are considered "emergencies" include, but are not limited to:

- Fire Suppression
- Emergency Medical Service
- Water Rescue and Recovery
- Hazardous Materials Incident Mitigation
- Technical Rescue

### Emergency Services

The Department's non-emergency services include those activities that improve the overall safety of the community, as well as the Department. This is a proactive approach that encompasses a wide range of activities including:

- Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement
- Fire Safety, General Safety, and Medical Education
- Public Address
- Support Services
- Community and Organizational Support
- Fire Academy
- Pressure Screenings

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Highland Park Volunteer Fire Department.

city was twenty years old at the time, there had been progress in the form of fire protection.

fire department personnel roster consisted of: one Chief, one Assistant Chief Fire Marshal, twelve volunteers and drivers. All personnel operated out of one centrally located station. In 1924, the City Council proposed that the fire department be full-time paid basis with each member working full 24 hours. At the time the population in town was growing exponentially and by 1924 it was estimated that 13,000 people were living within city limits.



Between the years of 1924 and 1929, the fire department's response times from a single station proved to be too long. Fire incidents were often in the advanced stages before fire crews arrived. A second fire station was built in the Ravinia Business District. The population of Highland Park continued to grow in population and became a popular spot to shop and work. In 1963, the fire and police departments created a new headquarters called the Public Safety Building at 1677 Old Deerfield, built to afford even better response to emergencies. The economy continued to

grow, and the population in Highland Park. In 1978, a fourth fire station was built at 1100 Halsted. Until this time the far north end of town lacked coverage. With the completion of this station, the response time in Highland Park was beyond 4 to 6 minutes response time.

The fire department recognized that by combining Stations 31 & 33 to a centrally located station would create efficiencies without compromising services. In 1998, the new Headquarters Fire Station was built, and old Station 31 and 33 were closed.

The fire department has grown to 52 personnel operating from three strategically located stations. The City of Highland Park is primarily a residential community about 30 miles north of the shores of Lake Michigan. Highland Park has a population of about 30,000 residents living on about 12.5 square miles. In 2016, Highland Park entered into an intergovernmental



Two Family Residential:	0
Multi-Family Residential:	1
Public Assembly:	0
Educational:	0
Institutional:	0
Mercantile:	0
Office:	0
Industry/Manufacturing:	0
Storage:	0
Inside or Special Property:	0
Other:	0
<b>STRUCTURE FIRES:</b>	<b>9</b>

<b>OTHER THAN STRUCTURE FIRES:</b>	
Outside Fires:	0
Vehicle Fires:	8
Grass/Brush/Tree Fires:	12
Refuse Fires:	8
Other Non-Structure Fires:	3
<b>STRUCTURE FIRES:</b>	<b>31</b>

<b>ENGINE INCIDENTS:</b>	
Rupture/Overheat:	2
-Lock-Ins:	3
-Extrications:	45
-Other Rescues:	5
<b>CONDITIONS:</b>	
-Spills/Leaks:	109
-Downed Power Lines:	94
-Arcing Electrical:	25
n/Bio/Rad Emergencies:	0
r Hazardous Conditions:	4
-Lock-outs:	67
-Flooding:	37
-Smoke/Odor Removals:	51
-Other Service Calls:	2
<b>CALLS:</b>	
-Smoke Scares:	35
Gas Mistaken for Smoke:	27

Manicured/Miscellaneous False Alarms:	
System Malfunctions:	
Accidental/Unintentional:	
Other False Alarms:	

**TOTAL FALSE ALARMS:**

**5. AMBULANCE INCIDENTS (EMS) TYPES:**

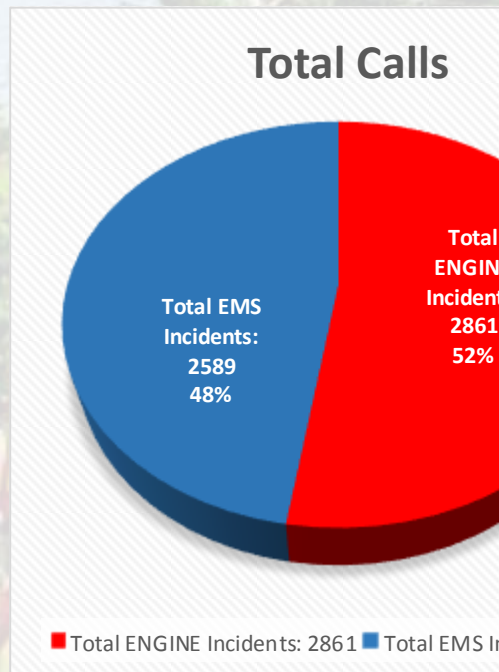
No Patient on Scene:	
Release/DOA/other Non-Transports:	
Total ALS Patients Transported:	
Total BLS Patients Transported:	
Total Patients Assisted:	

**TOTAL NUMBER OF EMS INCIDENTS:**

**Total ENGINE Incidents:**

**Total EMS Incidents:**

**Total of ALL Incidents:**



Two-Family Residential:	1
Multi-Family Residential:	1
Public Assembly:	0
Educational:	0
Institutional:	0
Mercantile:	1
Office:	0
Industry/Manufacturing:	0
Storage:	0
Inside or Special Property:	0
Other:	0
<b>STRUCTURE FIRES:</b>	<b>2</b>

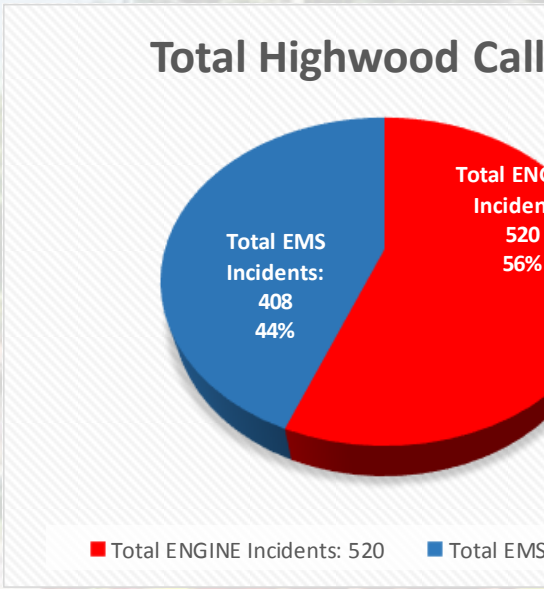
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Outside Fires:	0
Vehicle Fires:	1
Grass/Brush/Tree Fires:	3
Refuse Fires:	0
Other Non-Structure Fires:	0
<b>STRUCTURE</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>ENGINE INCI-</b>	
<b>Rupture/Overheat:</b>	<b>0</b>
-Lock-Ins:	1
-Extrications:	5
-Other Rescues:	0
<b>Conditions:</b>	
-Spills/Leaks:	12
-Downed Power Lines:	8
-Arcing Electrical:	4
-Bio/Rad Emergencies:	2
-Hazardous Conditions:	0
-Lock-outs:	5
-Flooding:	1
-Smoke/Odor Removals:	4
-Other Service Calls:	14
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-Smoke Scares:	3
-Gas Mistaken for Smoke:	1

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System Malfunctions
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<b>Total ENGINE Incidents:</b>
<b>Total EMS Incidents:</b>
<b>Total of ALL Incidents:</b>



encies and maintains membership in several regional associations in order to provide efficiency in staffing, costs, and equipment. Three of these partnerships are highlighted on these pages.



## **County Fire Chiefs Association (LCFCA)**

County Fire Chiefs Association (LCFCA), which consists of Lake County Fire and EMS Department chiefs, work together to improve fire safety and emergency response operations in Lake County.

LCFCA works closely with McHenry County fire chiefs on matters of mutual importance. More information on the Lake County Fire Chiefs Association is available on the website [www.lakecountyfirechiefs.org/](http://www.lakecountyfirechiefs.org/).

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## **Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division III**

MABAS is a statewide system for fire departments to coordinate organized and pre-established mutual aid responses to help during large or simultaneous incidents that local resources cannot handle alone – and do so without incurring costs from those providing the help. MABAS is a national model for statewide mutual aid and has been used in other states during large disasters. Highland Park is a member of MABAS Division 3, which consists of 18 fire departments in an area bordered on the south by the Chicago River, on the west by Des Plaines and Prospect Heights, the north by Highland Park and Northbrook, and on the east by Lake Michigan.



Highland Park's pre-established response plans include mutual aid for large disasters, multiple-victim incidents, hazardous materials incidents, technical rescue (e.g., high-angle, confined space, structural collapse, etc.), and water/ice rescue/rescue. In addition to regular Chief meetings to coordinate operations, members of Division III meet together to ensure efficiency and teamwork during actual emergencies. Each member agency provides technical specialists to make-up the Division's regional response team.



# Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA)

Eastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) is an intergovernmental agency comprised of municipalities, fire protection districts, and other organizations located in the Chicago metropolitan area that have combined energies and resources to create a state-of-the-art public safety training facility.



The Academy was designed to meet the needs of its Members by providing a comprehensive training program in fire, police, public works, and other public safety fields.

The Academy is located in Glenview, Illinois. NIPSTA was made possible following the 1993 announcement by the State of Illinois to convey the 1,100-acre Glenview Naval Air Station. The former federal parcel was conveyed to the State of Illinois in 1993 and has since been dedicated for commercial, recreational, and residential purposes as part of the Glenview Redevelopment Project.

A significant amount of planning and research was performed during an exhaustive NIPSTA Feasibility Study, which was supported by 26 units of local government in Cook County and Lake County, Illinois. The findings of the Study are contained in a 250-page Master Plan that includes the design of a 100-acre training campus. An accompanying Business Plan prescribes the means by which the Academy will provide high quality, cost-efficient training and educational programs to public safety personnel.

A \$29-million initiative was formally launched in October 2001 by 17 Founding Members. The City of Highland Park is a founding member. All members are now parties to an Interlocal Agreement, Contract and Bylaws, which has been duly executed by each jurisdiction. The Agreement not only governs the day-to-day activities of the Academy, but also sets forth the objectives and responsibilities of the members, and establishes an organizational structure that supports the Academy's Mission Statement. The members of the NIPSTA Board of Directors share a commitment to cooperation and economic efficiency. NIPSTA is an intergovernmental agency comprised of municipalities, fire protection districts, and other organizations located in the Chicago metropolitan area that have combined energies and resources to create a one-of-a-kind regional, state-of-the-art public safety training facility.

The Academy's one-of-a-kind cooperative approach to emergency preparedness and response, and its year-round curriculum promotes cross-training and communication among first responders at the local, state, and national levels.

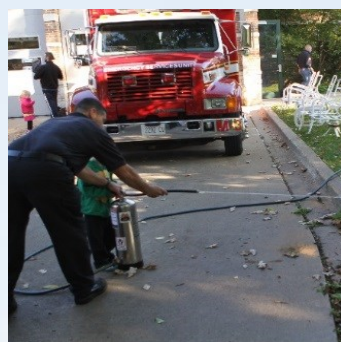
headed by Instructor-in-Charge Ryan Hughes and is comprised of members Br  
Mocogni, Paul Grzybek, Kevin Maslon, Matt Stanley, Albert Lopez, Michael  
n Best. The *Fire Suppression* training for 2017 was based on Job Performance S  
nois State Fire Marshall's Office as well as the National Fire Protection Ass  
framed benchmarks offers real time comprehension and engagement while provi  
The goal is to deliver training that is measurable with results that are repe  
depends on it. Advanced Technician Firefighter and Vehicle and Machinery Op  
ered by the challenging probationary annual certification process. The joint larg  
Alarm System companies, and partners provided exceptional active threat cont  
, and sustainability analysis.

## 2017 Review

SFM Advanced Firefighter coupled with Vehicle and Machinery Operations rece  
Industrial engineers mounted new rope belay and rappelling roof platforms  
Driver/Operator Fire Service Vehicles Operations with 2000 hours of over the roa  
compiled 17,000+ training hours comprised of 15,000+ training events from 400  
initiated structural repair to our 5 story fixed burn facility (e.g., stairway, doorway  
obtained 26 State Fire Marshal certifications from Chief Fire Officer to Basic Firef  
initiated Active Shooter Command and Control training using Joint Rescue Task  
Center for Public Safety Excellence review of training program: Accredited since 2



Highland Park Fire Department's Public Education Division is under the direction of Firefighters Brens, Gottschalk and Schrage. This division is responsible for all Public Fire Education including but not limited to school visits (pre-thru high school), station tours, condenses, senior services, articles for local newspapers and the Highland Park Highlander. Citizen training in fire extinguisher use and development of individualized home escape plans (EDITH) are



Each school class is visited by request. We visit all 8 district 112 third grade classes with a Child Fire Safety Trailer annually. In 2017 we educated approximately 500 students with the smoke trailer. Fire Safety & High School fire safety classes are offered in science labs and home economics by request.

The Fire Safety Trailer is a scaled down version of a single story home in which the city's firefighters provide practical "hands on" instruction in home escape planning and fire safety regarding the living room, and kitchen. At the end of the presentation, the trailer is filled with a non-toxic smoke. The children are shown how to efficiently and safely exit their home.

The fire department sets up a Fire Safety Booth at Sunset Park for the community's Fourth of July event. This event is well received by the public and it offers the fire department a chance to reach a large portion of the population in a short time.

As part of the bi-annual blood drive, Wounded Warrior Ride, event public information table, and other community events, we can provide public exposure to the fire house and personnel. A fire department open house provides an opportunity to showcase the skills and talents of the fire department. It further educates the public regarding the fire department's mission. Additionally, we offer a citizens fire academy which is an in-depth view of the operations of the fire department for the residents of Highland Park.

The fire department also participated in a program funded by the Illinois Fire and Safety Alliance which allowed for the installation of smoke detectors in the community. We also gave information to the residents about escaping a home and the importance of old smoke detectors existing in the home. The Highland Park Fire Department truly believes in the philosophy behind public education! We believe Public Education is one of the most valuable ways to keep our residents safe!

## By the Numbers...

Station Tours

Child Fire Safety Trailer at 8 Elementary Schools  
Educated Approximately 500 Students

Smoke Detectors Installed





City of Highland Park is bordered by Lake Michigan and has numerous lakes, ponds within the community. The number of water hazards combined with the broad conditions necessitated the development of a Dive / Rescue Team. The Highland Park Dive Team provides an immediate response of highly trained personnel and specialized equipment to the scene of open water and ice incidents, with the purpose of affecting a rescue and recovery. The team is responsible for locating and recovering submerged evidence to aid the Police Department in ongoing investigations. The services provided to the citizens of Highland Park are shared through a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with all members within MABAS Division 3. Through the cooperation with MABAS Division 3, Highland Park shares resources that include a sector scan sonar unit, an underwater search vehicle, and a nationally deployable swift-water team. These resources allow for a more efficient and safe society during operations and a more effective use of resources.

The requirements of a Rescue Diver differ greatly from those in the sport diving community. A Rescue Diver must be trained to be proficient in many environments which include: zero visibility, ice diving, and swift water rescues. The divers are outfitted with wireless and surface communications. All divers are fully encapsulated to allow for diving in contaminated water.

### **Resources**

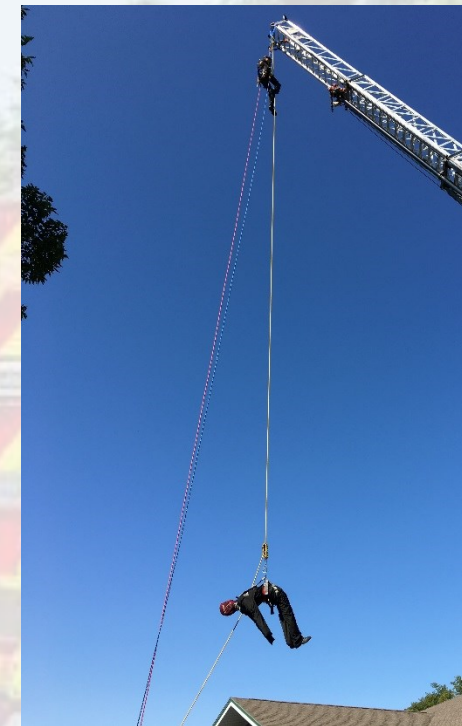
- inflatable dive vehicle with equipment pre set –up
- inflatable hull inflatable rescue boat
- highly trained dive team members
- diving technicians
- diving technician
- MABAS division 3 state deployment team member
- sonar for boat 34 with search and rescue feature

### **2017**

- Partner Matt Stanley Team Leader / MABAS 3 Diver Master
- Members certified to Public Safety, Rescue Diver, and Swift-water levels
- Provided training to all department members in Dive and Boat Operations (Operations Manual)
- Partnered with the Water Department / Park District with seasonal safety buoy placement and maintenance
- Continued active involvement in Division 3
- Completed MABAS Division 3 annual training
- Provided emergency dive response in MABAS Division 3, for a victim in the Chicago River
- Provided emergency dive response for boaters in distress
- Department analysis of major flooding event revealed need for inflatable boats as a search and rescue tool
- Partnered with MABAS Division 3 Deployment team placed on standby.
- Partnered with Park District life guards at Rosewood Beach for the drowning victims



Highland Park TRT hosted a Division 3 trench rescue drill with help from Highland Park. Training continued for team members, in-house at the training tower on trenching and descending for pt pick offs using the Petzl ID and Petzl ASAP. FF Maslon completed I SPRAT certification in June. In September FF Maslon attended an advanced course for the Terradaptor tripod and Harken winch, I also attended a class for competent equipment inspector. TRT did slope evacuation drills with the shift members at the park in May. Other various training with duty crew members included equipment inspection. Members actively participated in the annual pancake breakfast/open house demonstration. Some new equipment added to the squad cache include the pt quick Tie-off basket and a red ravine rescue bag that holds any additional rigging needs to complete a 3:1 bag.



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division of the Highland Park Fire Department. Paramedics and 1 Emergency Medical Technician certified by the State of Illinois and the Department of Public Health (IDPH). The Fire Department staffs two Ambulances on a daily basis. The suppression/rescue vehicles fully equipped with Advanced Life Support equipment and staffed with Paramedics on each vehicle.

In addition to providing emergency medical response services and transportation, the EMS Division is very active in the community, providing first aid training, Cardiac Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training, maintaining a consistent personnel presence at community events, and participating in an intergovernmental effort to address community issues related to the senior population.

### 2017 Overview

Resuscitation / AED / First Aid Classes taught to 117 Students. Paramedics continued transitioning to increased training hour requirements, as established by the Department of Public Health and our current EMS system. Hospital Providers were certified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support to take ensure that our pediatric patients receive the highest level of care in coordination with the American Heart Association's newest curriculum.

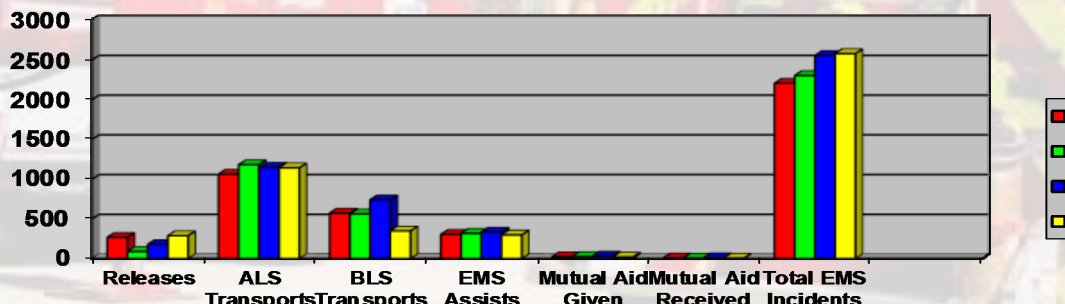
In addition and transition into new Zoll Cardiac Monitors allows for a more reliable piece of medical equipment to benefit our patients. The new monitors are staffed with CPR feedback.

Recruited and trained 1 new personnel and properly certified them to provide medical services to the City of Highland Park.

Highland Park Fire Department has provided EMS service to the city of Highwood under contract with that community to provide the same quality care that we have been giving to the City of Highland Park.

Added a new 2017 Horton Ambulance in service at the Ravinia Fire house

### EMS Calls in 2017





formula to control catastrophic releases of hazardous materials. The Fire Department has aggregated personnel to the State certified level of Hazardous Materials Operations First Responder. Additional personnel from the Highland Park Fire Department assigned to the MABAS Division III Hazardous Materials are State certified to the level of Hazardous Material Technicians. These Technicians, along with personnel who are State certified to the Incident Command level, are capable of terminating these undesirable

## 2017 Rundown

Personnel responded to and mitigated 176 incidents in our city

68 - Natural Gas Leaks

14 - Fuel Spills

73 - Carbon Monoxide Detector Activations

21 - Confirmed Carbon Monoxide Incidents

Hazardous Materials Technicians logged 197 hours of additional Hazardous Materials Training

Personnel received annual Right-to-Know Training

Personnel training on North American Emergency Response Guidebook – 2016 Edition

Personnel training on Global Harmonization System

Personnel training on Plugging & Patching Leaks from pipes & drums

Personnel training on Hazmat Meter Awareness & Leak Detection



Hughes

Hazmat Officer, Technician A & B, Hazmat Incident Command, State Responder

Schrage

Technician A & B, Hazmat Incident Command

Jarusich

Technician A & B, Hazmat Incident Command, State Responder

Maslon

Technician A & B, Hazmat Incident Command

Gottschalk

Technician A & B, Hazmat Incident Command

in investigating the cause and origin of any incident involving fire. If needed, the State Marshal (OSFM), Illinois State Police (ISP), Lake County Sheriff & County Firearms & Explosives (ATF) available for their expertise.

Investigation is an important part of the fire prevention process. By investigating the cause and origin of fires, the fire service is better able to identify trends and motives related to arson, and products that cause fires. Items related to consumer products is shared with Consumer Product Safety Laboratories to create recalls or improve quality of products. Many of the fires investigated are deemed to be accidental in nature.

Firefighters are required by the OSFM to maintain 100 hours for recertification every four years, which can be accumulated in a variety of ways, including actual investigations, training sessions, and classroom instruction.

Investigators responded to and investigated three (3) fires with in Highland Park Fire Department's Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS).



... services to the community. Services provided by the Fire Prevention Bureau include fire plan review, fire exit plan education and assistance, fire and life safety inspection, fire prevention talks to citizen groups, home fire safety surveys, Knox box installations, new fire inspections, pre-fire planning and smoke detector installations and battery replacement.

The fire prevention bureau is staffed by fire inspector Charlie Orth.

### Smoke Alarm Tips

**Working**  
**SMOKE ALARMS**  
**SAVE LIVES**  
Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery  
"Dedicated To Life Safety"

### Home Escape Route



### Fire Extinguisher Tips

**Follow The "PASS" System**  
**PULL THE PIN.**  
**AIM AT THE BASE OF THE FIRE.**  
**SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER.**  
**SWEEP SIDE TO SIDE**

### Home Safety Tips

**HOME HEATING**  
**FIRE PREVENTION TIPS**

**NEVER** use a cooking stove to heat your home or dry clothes.

Keep anything that can burn at least **3 FEET** from heat sources.



One Saturday every year during the month of June, the Firefighters of Highland Park Fire Department assist with the Annual Soldier Ride. The City of Chicago and the surrounding area assist the Wounded Warrior Project in hosting this event. The Soldier Ride is a unique cycling opportunity for service members and veterans to overcome physical, or emotional wounds. The Department and its members are very proud to play a role in welcoming those who participate in this event.



Each year, current and past members of the military travel to Highland Park to participate in a weeklong event that includes several bicycle riding trips. Many participants have some form of injury they received while defending our country. During the event, they participate in several bicycle rides of various lengths. The last and longest ride is from the Fire Department Headquarters Station that is located on Central Avenue. This is a 100-mile ride that starts in the Downtown area of Chicago. The riders travel through several North Side neighborhoods while in route to their finish at the Fire Station.

The riders enter Highland Park on Green Bay Road at the south city limits. They travel to the fire station in an area up to Central Avenue. From there they head west to complete their journey. The event attracts many supporting supporters from the public, various City Departments, including many Police officers, both present and past, as well as family members. Once finished, the riders are helped with their bicycles and offered assistance with food and refreshments. Even medical assistance has been needed on a rare occasion.

After the ride is completed, the Fire Department Facilities play host to a private lunch that is provided by a vendor that works with the Wounded Warrior Project to provide food and refreshments. This gives the firefighters the opportunity to enjoy lunch and share in conversation with the participants. This has become a favorite part of the event and usually leads to the start of new friendships. The Fire Department's members feel that this is a way for us to give back to those who have served. It is an opportunity to place focus and give attention to the real American Heroes, the Men and Women who have served our Country.

The event continues to be a Fire Department favorite and receives great support from all levels of the Department - the Administration, current and retired firefighters and from the families of the department. We also encourage and invite the Public to join us in future Soldier Rides, to cheer the riders at the fire station and along the ride's route. The riders truly appreciate the support and are encouraged to continue on their journey.





Somerset County, PA

New York, NY

Washington, DC

Through blurred eyes we find the strength and courage to soar beyond the moment.

We look to the future knowing we can never forget the past.

God Bless America

2011

Service is committed to serving the public and is always willing to give a helping hand. We have learned from the horrible tragedies we have faced how to come together in unity. The fire service will always continue to succeed and train the young minds the importance of helping others in need.

