

Western Springs Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services



Annual Report 2019

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The Year in Review

The Honorable Alice Gallagher, Village President
The Board of Trustees, Village of Western Springs
Ingrid Velkme, Village Manager

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to present for your review the 2019 Annual Report for the Western Springs Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. This report highlights the Department's many achievements and significant events from the past year.

In 2019 the Department identified as its critical mission to sustain our Paid-on-Call model. The 2019 Fire Academy led by Division Chief Patrick Gallagher included students from LaGrange Park and Western Springs graduating in June 2019, of which nine became new Western Springs Paid on Call firefighters.

Our second major objective was to implement our succession plan that already had key people identified to replace the four positions of Captain and 3 Lieutenants from within. They are Captain James Jagoda, Lieutenant Paula Tomczyk, Lieutenant Karl Hammond and Lieutenant Kevin Gay. Those positions were filled by mid-summer and all four individuals promoted have fulfilled their duties with great dedication.

All of our members, whether Paid on Call, Full time or PSI contract employees, received personnel evaluations. This is no small task given we are a predominantly part-time force. The officers took a significant amount of time to construct them and each individual attended a review held with at least two superior officers.

The final two organizational missions were to study and recommend a replacement for our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus as well as our 21-year-old engine. Both committees were assembled and chaired by Lieutenant Karl Hammond and recommendations were prepared and brought forward by both committees. The SCBA purchase was approved in December. The engine was delayed but will be included in the 2021 budget.

Finally, our Fire Department celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2019. A committee chaired by Assistant Chief Tom Dillon worked all year long, providing numerous events to commemorate our history including but not limited to a retirees breakfast, Village-wide parade and culminated with a wonderful formal dinner in November.

I am humbled to serve as their Chief and look forward to what this Department will do in the next 125 years!!

Sincerely,
Chief Patrick J. Kenny

Department Mission

The mission of the Western Springs Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services is “Neighbors protecting neighbors through the delivery of emergency and non-emergency services”. Current programs include: Fire Suppression and Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, Public Education, Hazardous Materials Response, Cause and Origin Determination (fire investigation), Technical Rescue/Dive Rescue, and Emergency Management. The Department of Fire and EMS is also an active participant in community events.

Purpose and Goals

- To provide exceptional customer service through cost effective programs dedicated to citizen safety and security.
- To respond to requests for the emergency services that we provide.
- To provide highly qualified, trained, and motivated personnel capable of handling any fire or EMS-related emergency.
- To maximize the training, development, and job satisfaction of the Department’s employees enabling us to attract, retain, and promote personnel dedicated to accomplishing the Department’s mission and goals.
- To participate in community events to promote initiatives that further fire prevention and resident personal safety.
- To minimize the potential for destructive fires and accidental injury through fire prevention programs, public education, and sound code implementation and enforcement.
- To participate in the fire service community through mutual aid organizations like the Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System and professional organizations like the National Fire Protection Association, the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, and the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the purpose of sharing resources and developing joint programs and practices to mitigate emergencies.
- To ensure that the citizens of the Village of Western Springs receive the greatest benefit for the dollars expended for fire and EMS services.



Department History

The Western Springs Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services was founded in 1894 with Elmore Patterson as its first Fire Marshal and 10 volunteer firefighters. The Department started with a rented barn and equipment that cost \$155.

In 1937 a national firefighting tournament was held at Chicago's Soldier Field and the Western Springs Fire Department defeated Colorado Springs to win the National Championship in the volunteer division.



Western Springs Fire Department – January 1936

In 1948 Western Springs became the first fire department in the area to provide emergency ambulance service with the acquisition of a new Cadillac ambulance acquired with funds raised through scrap drives. In 1972, the Department adopted the State Emergency Medical Technician program and began training personnel as EMT's. In 1979 the Western Springs paramedic program was created with support from the community and a group of volunteer members trained as paramedics. The paramedic program was the very first in the area and is now the standard of care throughout the United States. Today, emergency medical services are provided by a staff of career firefighter/paramedics on duty around the clock augmented by on-call EMS personnel.

The Western Springs Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services began with volunteers and it continues today with a cost-efficient and highly effective combination of career firefighter/paramedics and local residents who serve as paid-on-call personnel. For the past 125 years, when someone in Western Springs has had a fire or a medical emergency, their neighbors have come to help them. It is one of the things that makes Western Springs such a special place.

Key Accomplishments for 2019

- Conducted a Fire Academy for nine new Paid-on-Call (POC) firefighters from Western Springs that was determined to be the number one strategic goal for the Department.
- Implemented succession plan and shadowing for three new Lieutenants, one new Captain, and one new Day Position.
- In conjunction with our other neighboring Villages, conducted disaster exercises with our partners at AMITA Health with an emphasis on active shooter responses.
- Conducted personnel evaluations of all POC members of the Department.
- Transferred Training and Station Activity records from Firehouse to Target Solutions software.
- Prepared specifications for the replacement engine for a proposed purchase in 2020-2021.
- Conducted an evaluation of two new self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) (MSA G1 and 3M Scott Safety X3 Pro) for replacing the expiring fleet of MSA Firehawk SCBAs with half purchased in 2019 and the second half in 2020.
- Celebrated the Department's 125th Anniversary in multiple forums



SCBAs see a lot of tough use and are integral to the safety of Western Springs' firefighters. In 2019 the Department conducted an evaluation of two new SCBAs to replace the expiring fleet of MSA Firehawk SCBAs the Department currently uses. A committee developed requirements for the new SCBAs which included meeting the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 2018 standards, ergonomics, comfort, durability and projected service life, and cost. After evaluating two SCBAs, the Department selected the top-of-the-line MSA G1.



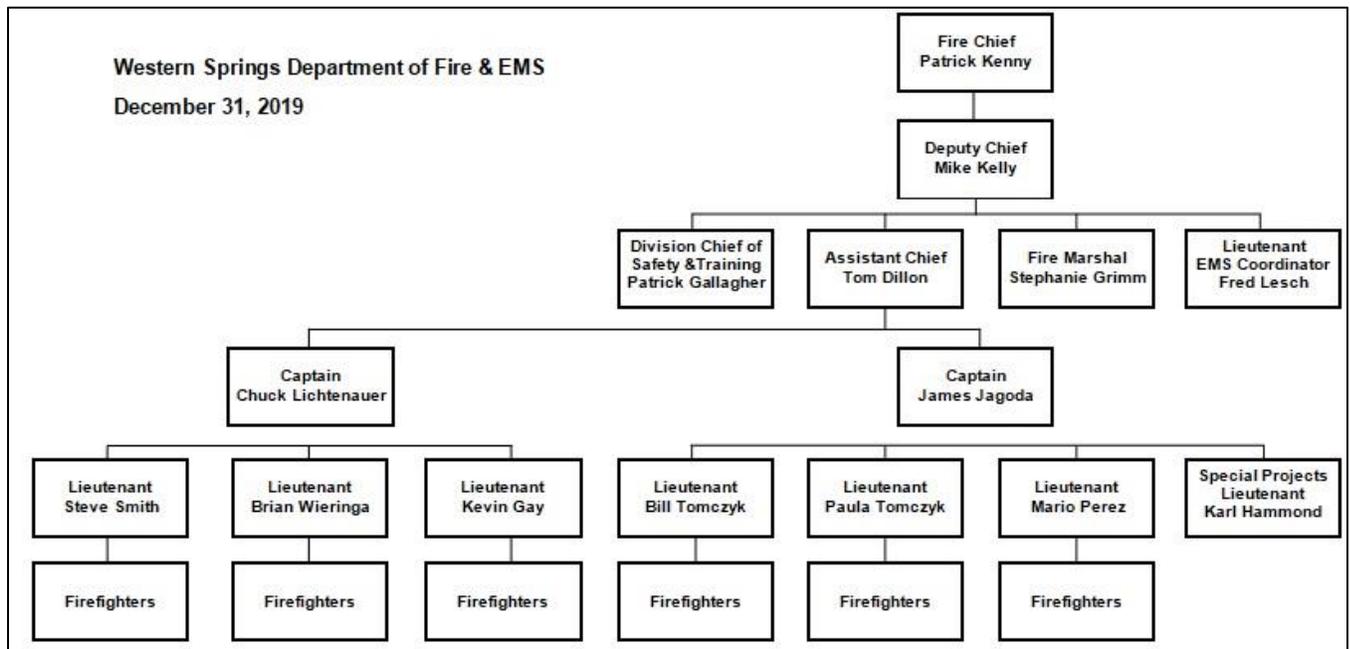
In 2019, the Western Springs Department of Fire and EMS celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the Department. The anniversary was celebrated in many forums that included a breakfast for Department retirees, ceremony license plates, a parade and luncheon at the historic water tower, and finally a formal dinner for both current and former members of the Department.



Department Organization

As of December 31st, 2019, 43 people staffed the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Included in this number are the Director/Fire Chief, the Deputy Chief, the Division Chief of Training and Safety, the Assistant Chief, the Fire Marshal and six contracted Firefighter/Paramedics – one of whom also serves as a Lieutenant and EMS Coordinator. Line officers include two Captains and seven Lieutenants. Other staff includes a part-time Public Education Director, CPR Coordinator, and Chaplain.

In 2019 Paid-on-Call members worked 19,245 hours in service to the Village and its residents.



Firefighters

Chris Breakey
 Bob Cattin
 Liz Cornell
 Mark Crist
 Mike Darcy
 Joe DiLallo
 Alex Georgiou
 Christian Geringer
 Jason Grant
 Tim Hogan
 Patrick Hynes

Fire Explorers

Brian Campbell
 Evan Hank
 Jacob Metzger
 Chandler Muth

Stefan Krkic
 Chris Langstaff
 Conor Ozog
 Matt Sammarco
 Chris Schneider
 John Smith
 Nick Swalec
 Ken Tarter
 Kylin Turnbull
 Matt Villicana

Chastity Pitts

Firefighter/Paramedics

Lieutenant Fred Lesch
 Elizabeth Brown
 Garrett Glynn
 Andrew Lesch
 Jeff Snapp
 Sean Yocum

HazMat Advisor

John Lillquist

Support

Lou Hansen

Chaplain

Rev. Christina Vosteen

Line Officers

Chief Patrick Kenny
 Deputy Chief Mike Kelly
 Asst. Chief Tom Dillon
 Div. Chief Patrick Gallagher
 Captain Chuck Lichtenauer
 Captain James Jagoda
 Lt. Kevin Gay
 Lt. Karl Hammond
 Lt. Mario Perez
 Lt. Steve Smith
 Lt. Bill Tomczyk
 Lt. Paula Tomczyk
 Lt. Brian Wieringa

Honor Guard

The Honor Guard consists of members from both the Western Springs and Hinsdale Fire Departments. An Honor Guard is a ceremonial unit made up of active-duty firefighters that render honors at events including parades, funerals, and other events. The Honor Guard members perform drill maneuvers that reflect the professionalism, teamwork, and pride of the fire service. An Honor Guard member can be recognized by the red stripe on the side of the trousers and the red rope cord on the left shoulder of their uniform.

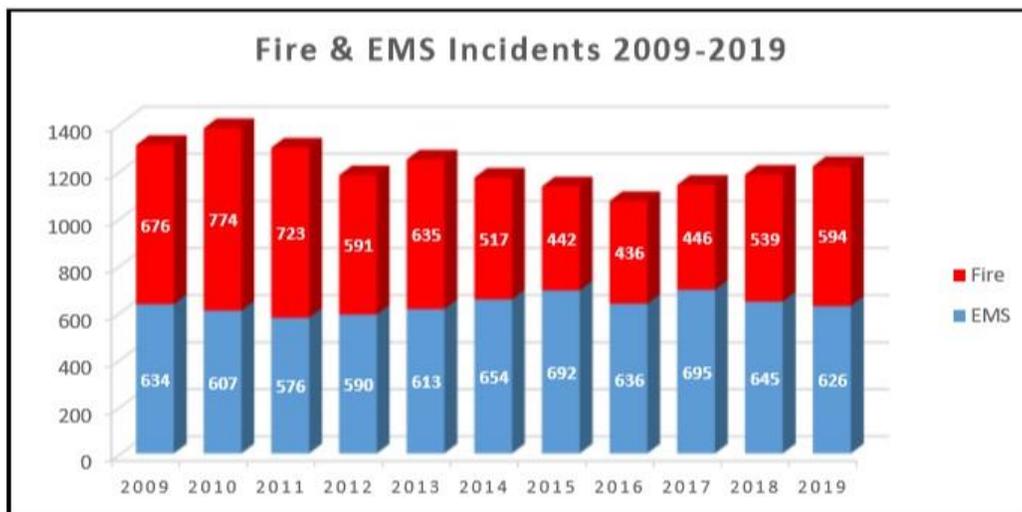


Honor Guard members Mia Scavuzzo, Stephanie Grimm, Lou Hansen, and Mario Perez at the 125th Anniversary Parade

The Honor Guard has rendered honors at the wakes of fire service members from neighboring departments as well as services in other states. The Honor Guard has participated in the Western Springs Memorial Day and 125th Anniversary parades, presented the wreath at the annual memorial for fallen firefighter Willard Christoffer, and posted the colors at Deputy Captain Steve Heinzelman's Retirement Ceremony as well as the 2019 Fire Academy Graduation.

Fire Suppression, EMS & Rescue Services

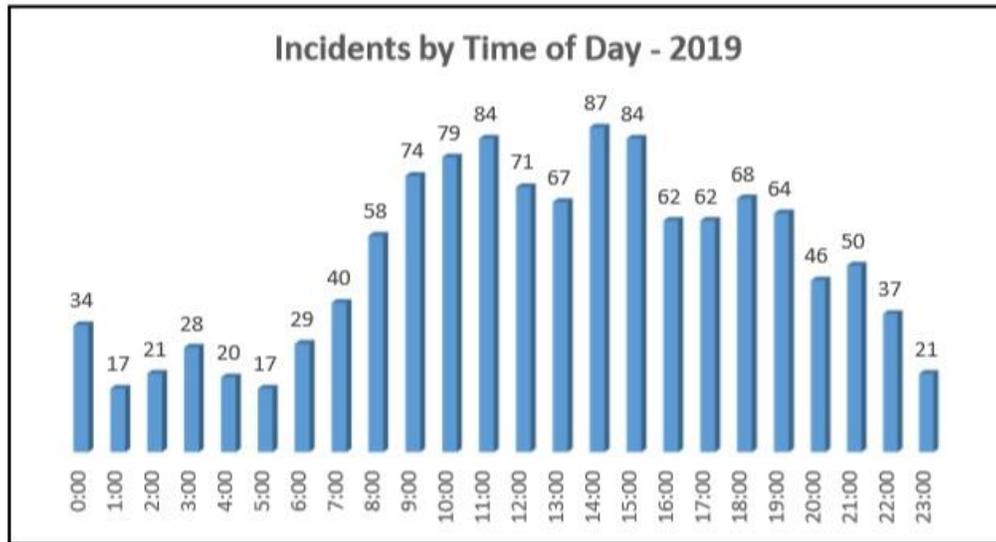
Fire suppression and rescue operations include response to and control of emergencies involving fire (structure, automobile, grass/brush, electrical wires, etc.), hazardous materials, vehicle rescue, sub-surface rescue, fire alarm activation/investigation, smoke/odor investigation/mitigation, natural gas emergencies, electrical distribution system emergencies, weather-related emergencies, carbon monoxide alarms/investigations, elevator rescue, home lock-out, vehicle accident wash down, and investigation of alarm system trouble signals.



In 2019 the Department responded to 1,220 incidents with the majority to provide emergency medical services. Mutual aid to and from other fire departments is an important element of operations. In 2019 the Department provided mutual aid for 233 incidents in other towns and Western Springs received mutual aid

from other fire departments for 425 incidents in our Village. The most common towns and departments for mutual aid response were Hinsdale, LaGrange, and Pleasantview.

Incidents can happen in the Village at any time – in 2019 the time of day when a call was most likely to occur was 2-3 pm but Fire Department members are ready around the clock to respond.



Emergency Medical Services operations include treatment of medical emergency cases that involve trauma, including accidents (vehicle, home, sports), cardiac emergencies, strokes, respiratory emergencies, weather-related emergencies, other medical emergency cases (seizure, diabetes, etc.), and mutual aid requests. Medical requests are often unpredictable, chaotic, and executed in challenging environments so a fire engine with additional personnel also responds to provide sufficient resources to handle any situation that may be encountered, and also to be available for simultaneous calls. The EMS Division operates under the direction of Lieutenant Fred Lesch.

ALS – Advanced Life Support – Invasive life-saving procedures such as cardiac monitoring, defibrillation, external cardiac pacing, advanced airway management, intravenous fluid replacement, and the administration of emergency drugs and medications.

BLS – Basic Life Support – Non-invasive emergency lifesaving care without the use of adjunctive equipment with the focus on airway, breathing, and circulation.

Patient Refusal – A patient can refuse treatment or transportation if they are alert and oriented and not a threat to themselves or others. They can be treated and not transported or completely refuse all treatment, assessment, and transportation after signing a legal release.

Emergency Management

The Department of Fire and EMS coordinates the activities that plan for the mitigation, response to, and recovery from any emergency that might affect the Village and its citizens. While typical planning prepares the Village for natural disasters such as tornados there are also “man-made” disasters like railroad accidents, major fires, hazardous materials releases and “technology disasters” like communication infrastructure failures, acts of terrorism, and worldwide pandemic illnesses. The Director of Fire and Emergency Medical Services serves as the Director of Emergency Management. The Director, the Deputy Fire Chief, Police Chief, and an appointed Planning Officer are regular members of the Village Emergency Management Team. In a major emergency affecting the Village, the Team – which includes members from all Village departments – is assembled in the Village’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to execute emergency management of Village operations during the crisis.

Medical Reserve Corps

The Department established a federally approved Emergency Management Volunteer Team and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) in 2009. Medical Reserve Corps is a national project led by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response. The MRC is comprised of volunteers from the Village and neighboring communities who want to provide assistance in case of an emergency or disaster. The Village currently has 38 MRC volunteers. MRC membership includes physicians, nurses, paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians, dentists, communications specialists, logistics specialists, and childcare specialists. To provide the best possible services to our residents we are in the process of re-organizing the MRC into the

West Suburban MRC. In collaboration with senior leadership from Hinsdale, LaGrange, and Clarendon Hills we have created a system that will provide MRC coverage to all four towns that maximizes the use of available resources and volunteers.



Fire and EMS Training

Our members had a productive year in their professional development and fundamental training was the focus of our efforts. Our Officers and Firefighters also enhanced their education and training by attending various seminars and conferences sponsored and accredited by; the Illinois Fire Service Institute, Office of the State Fire Marshal, International Society of Fire Service Instructors, Fire Training Resources Inc, and the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association.



*Members of the 2019 Fire Academy with
Instructors Lt. Brian Wieringa and Lt. Kevin
Gay*

Completion of the third Western Springs Fire Department Basic Operations Firefighter training academy highlighted the impressive training and educational accomplishments by our members in 2019. In addition to exemplary attendance at our weekly training by our Paid-On-Call members, our firefighters and officers continued their professional development in a wide-variety of academic and technical skills disciplines.

Nine members from our Department and two members of the La Grange Park Fire Department graduated from the Basic Operations Fire Academy (BOF) on June 8th, 2019. The candidates attended classroom sessions every Tuesday and Thursday evening; while practical skills took place over an eight-hour day every Saturday. The training academy also included a forty-hour Hazardous Materials Operations course conducted by the Illinois Fire Service Institute over two full weekends. Candidates were also required to complete extensive physical training in a group format. On June 13th, 2019 the candidates challenged the State of Illinois BOF certification examination and they achieved a very commendable 100 percent success rate. Our congratulations go out to all candidates for a job well-done.

Chief Patrick Kenny continues to foster professional development through our partnership with the Illinois Fire Service Institute and their Leadership Development and Decision Making (LDDM) training program. In 2019, the Department sponsored seven members to complete what is widely recognized as one of the most comprehensive leadership training programs available. Participants practice problem solving on the fireground and at the fire station. The 2019 program marked the first year that the LDDM training was held at the Western Springs Fire Department. Since 2015, we recognize the LDDM training program as a proven system to assist our leadership team with their professional development. LDDM graduates during 2019

were, Stephanie Grimm, Patrick Hynes, James Jagoda, Christopher Schneider, Paula Tomczyk, William Tomczyk and Brian Wieringa.

The Department also continued our participation in our local Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division through Fire Investigation training and response, Training and Safety Officers Committee, Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT), as well as mutual-aid responses to neighboring departments whenever called upon.

Lt. Steven Smith and Firefighter Christopher Langstaff completed an Advanced Technician Firefighter Training program while Firefighter Matt Villicana completed the Hazardous Materials Incident Command program offered through the Romeoville Fire Academy and accredited by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Other important training initiatives and accomplishments during 2018 included:

- Continued essential training in critical areas including: driver/operator, self-contained breathing apparatus, hose/water supply, aerial and ground ladder usage, tools/equipment, building construction/fire behavior, hazardous materials, firefighter survival, standard operating procedures, and firefighter safety.
- All line officers participated in ongoing continuing education or attendance at conferences to meet professional development qualifications set forth by the National Fire Protection Association.
- Several new firefighters were trained and approved as new (or received upgraded authorization) Driver/Operators for our Ambulance, Engine and Aerial Ladder Truck.
- Conducted joint training with the Western Springs Police Department, neighboring Law Enforcement agencies and mutual aid Fire/EMS departments to respond to Active Shooter/Hostile Events.



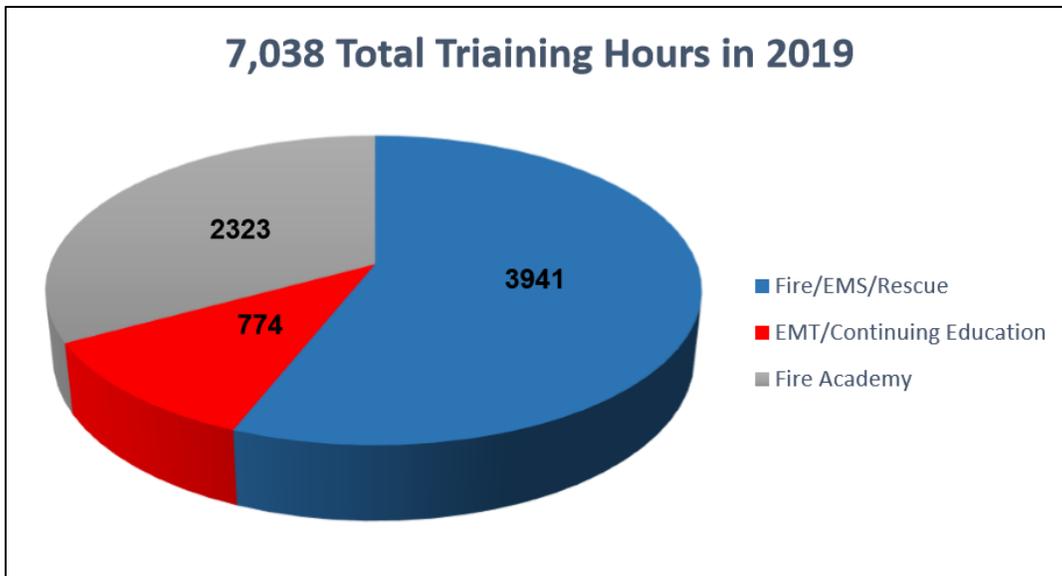
Firefighter Lou Hansen provides instruction to the Fire Academy candidates



Driver/Operator training with Truck 1719 involving use of the aerial master stream

Our full-time duty crew members continue to provide excellent service to the residents and businesses within the community. We sincerely appreciate their professionalism and extend our thanks to Lt. Fred Lesch, FF Jeffrey Snapp, FF Andrew Lesch, FF Elizabeth Brown, FF Garrett Glynn, and FF Sean Yocum who serve a critical role in supporting the training objectives for our Paid-On-Call members.

The dedicated service of our members enabled us to have another successful year. As training is essential to a strong foundation for any Public Safety Agency, we can confidently say that our training during 2019 allowed us to continue in a positive direction.



Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Bureau for the Village of Western Springs Department of Fire and EMS is involved in a variety of activities with the overall goal of improving the level of fire and life safety in the community to support our mission of, "Neighbors protecting neighbors through the delivery of emergency and non-emergency services". In 2019, the Department welcomed back Firefighter/Paramedic Stephanie Grimm to serve in the role of Fire Marshal for the Village of Western Springs.

The activities of the Fire Prevention Bureau include:

- Conducting life safety inspections in all commercial properties on an annual basis.
- Conducting pre-occupancy and occupancy inspections for new businesses opening in the Village.
- Conducting inspections of residential fire sprinkler systems in new construction.
- Reviewing plans for new commercial fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems to ensure compliance with the Village's adopted fire codes.
- Reviewing plans for residential fire sprinkler systems as required by the Village Ordinance.
- Consulting with building and business owners on issues involving fire and life safety code compliance.
- Witnessing school evacuation drills and working with school officials on their emergency preparedness plans.
- Working with community and business partners on special events to promote fire and life safety.



New Western Springs Fire Marshal Stephanie Grimm

In 2019 the Fire Prevention Bureau provided the following services:

- 302 inspections/re-inspections
- 8 fire alarm inspections
- 86 fire sprinkler inspections
- 10 new occupancy inspections
- 2 fire/life safety plan reviews
- 7 fire alarm plan reviews
- 40 fire sprinkler plan reviews
- 9 consultations

Public Education

Public Education activities are a key component of the Department of Fire and EMS. The first goal of the Department is to prevent fires and injuries before they occur. Our many programs are designed to educate children and adults alike in methods to prevent accidental fire and personal injury. The public education programs also strive to educate citizens in methods to deal with actual emergencies before the arrival of professional help. The Public Education Division is led by Fire Marshal Stephanie Grimm.

Public Education activities include comprehensive fire safety training for children in Western Springs' schools and pre-schools, the Fire Prevention Week Open House in October, fire extinguisher training for targeted groups, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training for citizens, Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training for citizens and first responders, safety visits and smoke detector checks for senior citizens, fire station tours for children and citizens, summer block parties, in station birthday parties, Fire Safety education sessions and participation in special events such as Gathering on the Green and parades.

Residential Knox Box Program

Our Knox Box program for seniors and others who require enhanced access capabilities continues to be highly successful. The program serves elderly residents living alone, wearers of electronic calling/medical alert devices, those with mobility issues, those recuperating from hospital stays, etc. A Knox Box is a small safe mounted near the door to a business or home that holds building keys for firefighters to quickly enter a building without having to force entry. The Department now has fourteen residential Knox Boxes in service in the Village.

Preschool and Grade School Fire Safety Education

- Delivered the comprehensive *Learn Not to Burn* pre-school program to six pre-schools:
 - 370 children each month are instructed on eight important fire safety lessons.
 - Conducted end of the year engine visits to the schools.
- Provided fire and life safety talks to 1,400 K-5 children in the Village through thirteen separate presentations at four schools during Fire Prevention Week.
- Delivered five separate fire safety talks to Cub Scout/Girl Scout/Boy Scout troops.
- Visited six recreation department summer camps to discuss fire safety topics.
- Conducted station tours for 40 Lagrange Area Department of Special Education (LADSE) students



FF Chris Langstaff and Lt. Paula Tomczyk

Station Tours

Conducted twenty-five formal tours for approximately 500 children and adults and also provided informal “walk-in” tours for many other Village residents.

Fire Station Birthday Parties

Hosted 11 parties – 5 parties for charitable organizations and 6 for Village residents.

Senior Citizens’ Fire and Life Safety Education

- Active member of the Illinois Fire Marshal’s “Remembering When” program for Senior Citizens. The program is committed to educating seniors on fall and fire prevention techniques and includes a component to provide smoke detectors to needy seniors.
- Installed smoke detectors and held fire safety discussions at the homes of five senior citizens.

Tower Topic Articles

- Winter Hydrant access
- Deputy Chief Gary Mayor retirement
- Captain. Steve Heinzelman retirement
- Fire Department Training Academy
- 125th Fire Department Anniversary
- Fire Department Receives ISO 2 Rating
- EMS Week Celebration
- Fire Department Promotes 3 Lieutenants and 1 Captain
- Fire Prevention Week Open House
- Residential Sprinkler System Maintenance
- Fireplace Safety

Fire Prevention Week – October 6-12, 2019

- Delivered this year’s message *Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!*
- Hosted an Open House at the Western Springs Fire Station on October 7, 2019 where more than 300 Village residents enjoyed touring the 8 outdoor and 12 indoor stations designed to spread the message of fire and life safety awareness.
- Ran a Firefighter Challenge obstacle course for kids.
- Provided fire engine rides for kids and families.



Families observing the effectiveness of sprinklers at controlling a fire.

Parades

The Western Springs Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services participates in many parades including the Western Springs Memorial Day Parade, the Hinsdale July 4th Parade, Hinsdale FD Silent parade, the LaGrange Pet Parade, the 125th Anniversary Parade, and the LTHS Homecoming parade. Participation in these parades promotes the Department and fire safety. The Department also delivered Santa Claus on a fire engine to the Tower Green for the Western Springs Business Association winter holiday event.



Neighborhood Block Parties

Displayed fire safety and emergency medical equipment at thirty neighborhood block parties.

MDA Fill-the-Boot Drive

For more than sixty years firefighters across America have gone out into their communities to ask people to “fill the boot” – a firefighting boot – with donations that will support the Muscular Dystrophy Association. In 2019 more than 100,000 firefighters participated including members of the Western Springs Fire Department. This year the Department members raised \$4,264 to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association through its “Fill-the-Boot” drive led by Firefighters Chris Schneider and Mike Darcy.

Safety Village of Western Springs

The Department participated in the planning, administration, and operation of the sixth annual Safety Village of Western Springs which is now in its own dedicated space near the Recreation Center. This exciting summer program teaches 5 and 6-year old children more than fifty different facets of safety in a hands-on, fun, and educational way over a two-week period. More than 180 children participated this year.



Chief Kenny and Deputy Chief Kelly

Fire Explorers Post 17

The Western Springs Fire Department Explorer Post is entering its tenth year, with 5 young adults who participate in fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) trainings held twice per month. The program is led by Lieutenant Mario Perez and assisted by Post Advisors Lieutenant Kevin Gay and Firefighter Nick Swalec. Every year the Explorers attend Cadet Fire Schools in Champaign and Galesburg that include



truck/engine operations, search and rescue, and vehicle extrication along with live fire training. They also attend other training programs throughout the year when available. The Explorers support events like Gathering on the Green and the annual Pancake Breakfast. They also provide additional staffing for the Department for events like severe weather alerts and the Fire Prevention week open house.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training

CPR instructors held thirty classes to provide CPR training and certification to 300 people in 2019. The Department's CPR program director is Lt. Paula Tomczyk. The training consists of classroom lecture, demonstration videos, and hands-on practice. The citizen CPR training also includes the use of Automated External Defibrillators. All training is done by Department personnel certified by the American Heart Association as CPR instructors. CPR/AED training and certification is also provided to:

- Western Springs Police Department officers
- Western Springs Park District and Recreation Department employees
- Western Springs Village staff
- Community Family Services faculty
- Grand Avenue Pre-School staff (including pediatric first aid training)
- First Congregational Church Pre-School Program ((including pediatric first aid training)
- Western Springs residents and businesses



Lt. Paula Tomczyk leads the CPR programs



Department Apparatus

Engine 1711



2001 Spartan/Luverne Rescue Pumper

- 1,500 gpm (gallons-per-minute) fire pump and 750-gallon water tank
- 2- 200 ft 1 ¾" pre-connected attack hose lines
- 1- 200 ft 2 ½" pre-connect attack hose line
- 700 ft of 2 1/2" hose connected to a 100 ft 1 ¾" attack hose line
- 1,000 ft of large diameter supply hose
- Hurst Tool (Jaws of Life) rescue equipment
- Seating capacity for six firefighters

During fire incidents, this engine's primary role is to arrive first at the scene of a fire and initiate an immediate attack on the fire. This is normally done by the crew advancing a 1 ¾" pre-connected hoseline into the building and using the 750 gallons of tank water until the next arriving engine can establish a water supply from a nearby hydrant.

Engine 1711 is also configured as a rescue-pumper and responds to vehicle accidents and other situations requiring specialized rescue equipment. This engine also supports Ambulance 1714 on all emergency medical incidents north of 47th Street and as a mutual aid (out-of-town) vehicle on extra alarm fires in neighboring communities and within the Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System.

Engine 1711 is located at Headquarters Station.

Engine 1721



2017 Pierce Enforcer

- 1,500 gpm (gallons-per-minute) top mount fire pump and 750-gallon water tank
- 2- 200-ft 1 ¾" pre-connected attack hose lines
- 2- 200 ft 2 ½" pre-connect attack hose lines
- 700 ft of 2 1/2" hose connected to a 100 ft 1 ¾" attack hose line
- 1,000 ft of large diameter supply hose
- Seating capacity for six firefighters

1721 was put into service in June of 2017 and is housed at Station 2. Depending on where and when an incident occurs, this could be the primary fire attack engine or it could be the water supply engine. As a water supply engine, the primary role is to provide a continuous water supply from a hydrant to the attack engine, and to then staff a back-up hose line in support of the initial crew. This engine also supports Ambulance 1714 on all emergency medical incidents south of 47th Street.

Truck 1719



1993 Pierce 105' Aerial Ladder Truck

- 105-ft hydraulic aerial ladder and ground ladders
- Rescue, forcible entry, ventilation, salvage and overhaul tools
- 1,500 gpm (gallons-per-minute) fire pump and 300-gallon water tank
- Seating capacity for six firefighters

Truck 1719 normally responds second out on all in-town structural fire calls, carbon monoxide investigations, and residential lockouts. The ladder truck is the “workhorse” of the Fire Department. Truck 1719 carries tools and equipment necessary for forcible entry, ventilation of smoke, laddering of structures, and overhaul (checking for fire extension) of fire areas. The crew of 1719 supports the engine crews and is responsible for search and rescue. The aerial ladder portion has an elevated master stream which can produce a high volume of water for application in areas which cannot be reached from ground level.

Truck 1719 is located at Headquarters Station.

Ambulance 1714



This ambulance company responds to calls for emergency medical services in town and in neighboring communities when requested. The unit is fully equipped to provide advanced life support treatment and transport to area hospitals. In addition, it is the first unit that responds to carbon monoxide calls to investigate whether residents need treatment.

- Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipped
- Staffed by two paramedics and an EMT/First Responder.

Ambulance 1714 is normally located at Headquarters Station except during the hours of 9:00 am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday when it runs out of Station 2.

Ambulance 1715



2008 MedTec Ambulance

This ambulance is a back-up unit available when Ambulance 1714 has already responded to an incident or is down for maintenance and is located at Headquarters Station.

Command 1781



2012 Chevrolet Tahoe

Command 1781 serves as a command vehicle at significant in-town incidents. This unit is staffed daily by the Duty Officer who responds as the incident commander to these incidents as well as EMS calls and incidents of other nature in town.

Strategic Goals for 2020

- Conduct promotional testing for the rank of Captain to meet one of the succession planning goals.
- Begin recruitment and conduct orientation and interviews for a class of new recruits to begin in January 2021
- Continued implementation of the Lexipol policy system and related training program.
- Prepare to go to committee to order a replacement engine, if funding becomes available.
- Conduct Emergency Management review to evaluate the needs based on new state legislation.
- Complete necessary training to place our new MSA G1 SCBAs into service.
- Certify two (2) new fire apparatus engineers.
- Begin the evaluation process for a potential partnership with local healthcare agencies for a Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program, designed to serve the residents of the Village.
- Apply for Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the Hurst Tool replacement.

