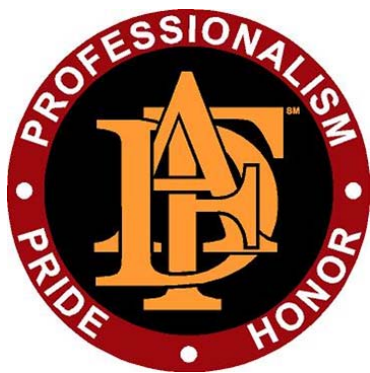


# ADDISON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Fire Chief Joseph J. Leone





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# Letter From the Fire Chief



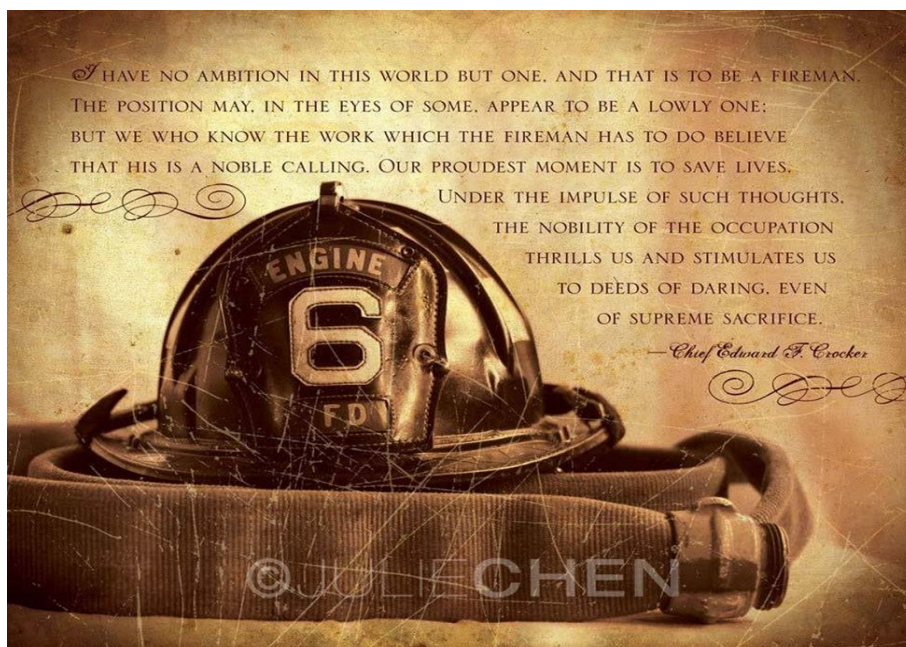
Greetings,

From the Fire Chiefs point of view, I see a genuine balance between pride and humility of the Addison Fire Protection District's members. It is this balance that allows us to perform at an extraordinary level and yet do it with compassion and intent. Please allow me to take this opportunity to express how blessed I am to be surrounded by such talent and dedication, for our members have been called to perform a duty of service.

It is with great pleasure that I, along with the members of the Addison Fire Protection District, present to you the 2017 Annual Report, contained within these covers are the public servants and the implausible job that they perform for the residents and businesses of the Addison Fire Protection District. Please take a moment to review this incredible document and take note of the many amazing accomplishments of 2017.

Respectfully,

*Joseph Leone*



# Addison Fire Protection District Stations



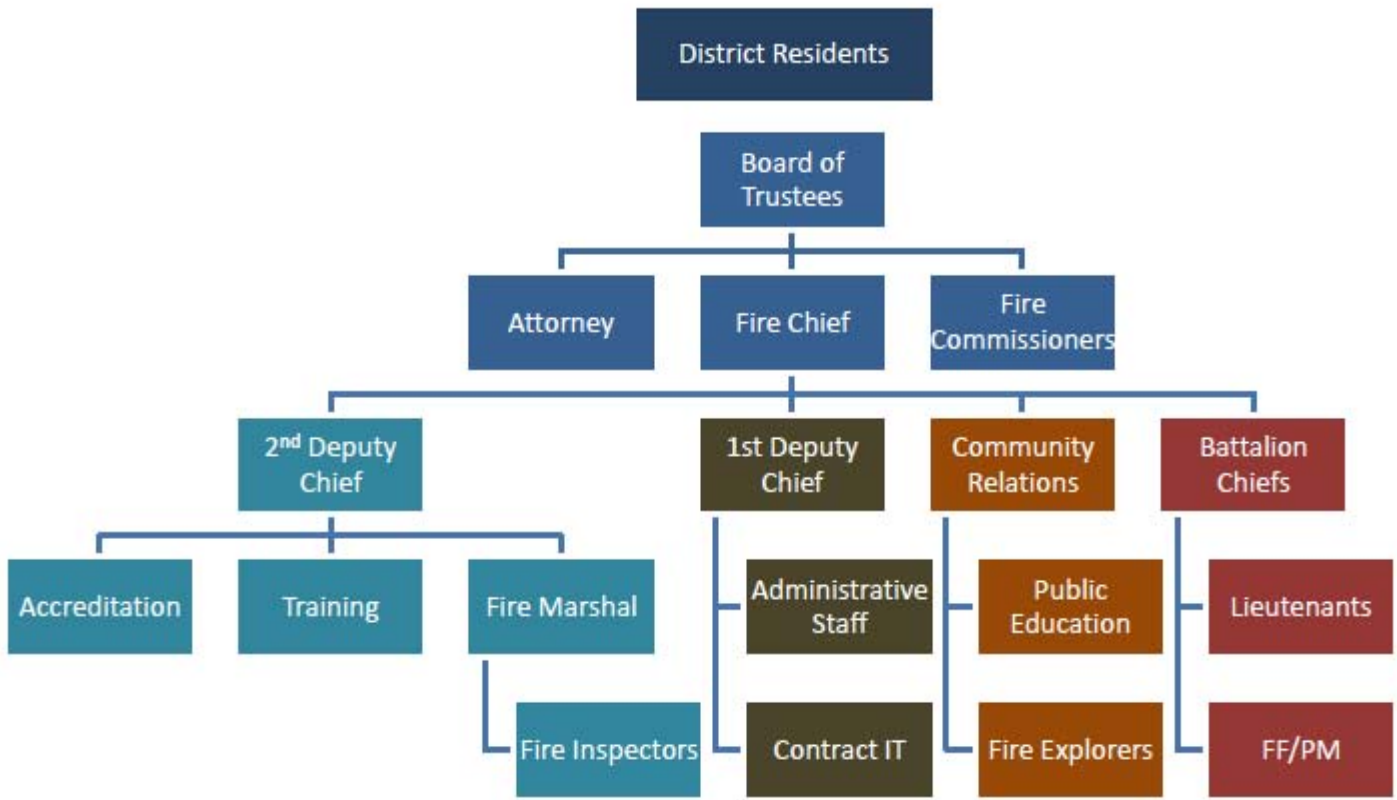
**Headquarters' Station #71**  
**10 South Addison Road**

**Station #72**  
**666 South Vista Avenue**



**Station #73**  
**100 North Rohlwing Road**

# Organizational Chart



## Vision Statement

*Members of the Addison Fire Protection District, through our commitment to excellence, service, and education, will always strive to be leaders in fire, EMS, and life safety services. This vision will be guided by*

## Mission Statement

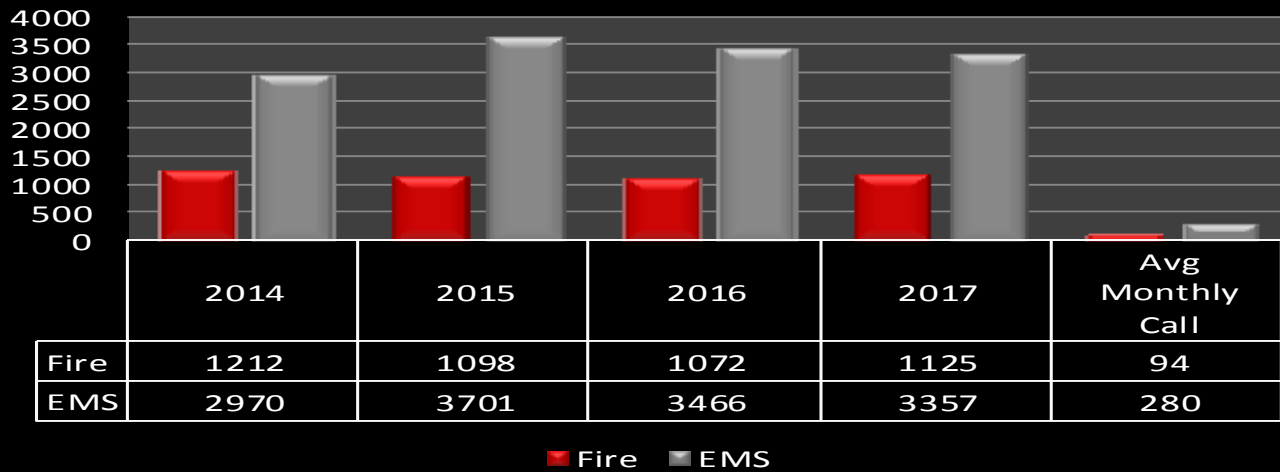
*To provide service to our community in life and fire safety through education, dedication, and compassion.*

## To Our Community

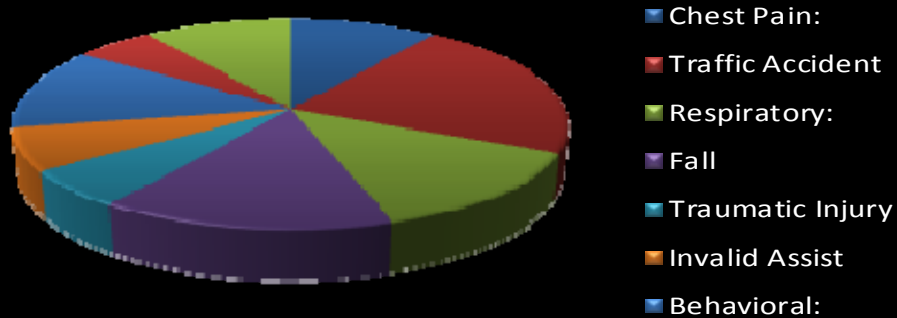
*We are dedicated to providing quality service to the community we serve, demonstrating integrity, courage, pride, and leadership. We hold ourselves to high standards of professionalism, continually striving to improve our level of services.*

# Fire and EMS Statistics

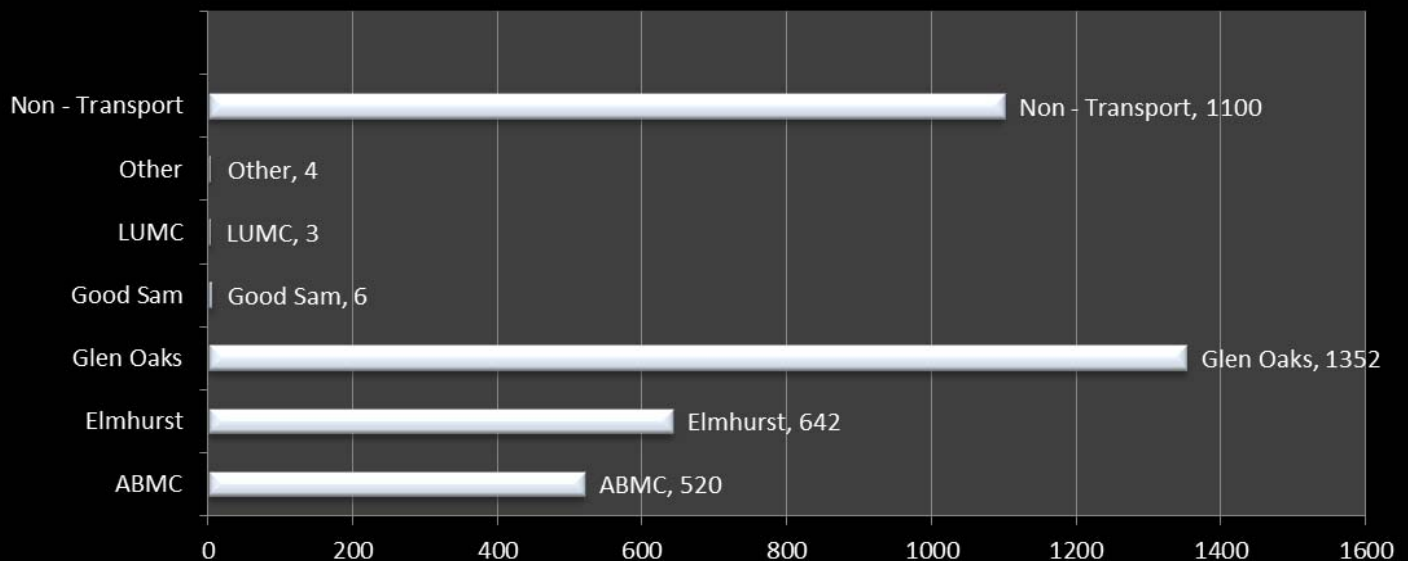
## Total Annual Incidents



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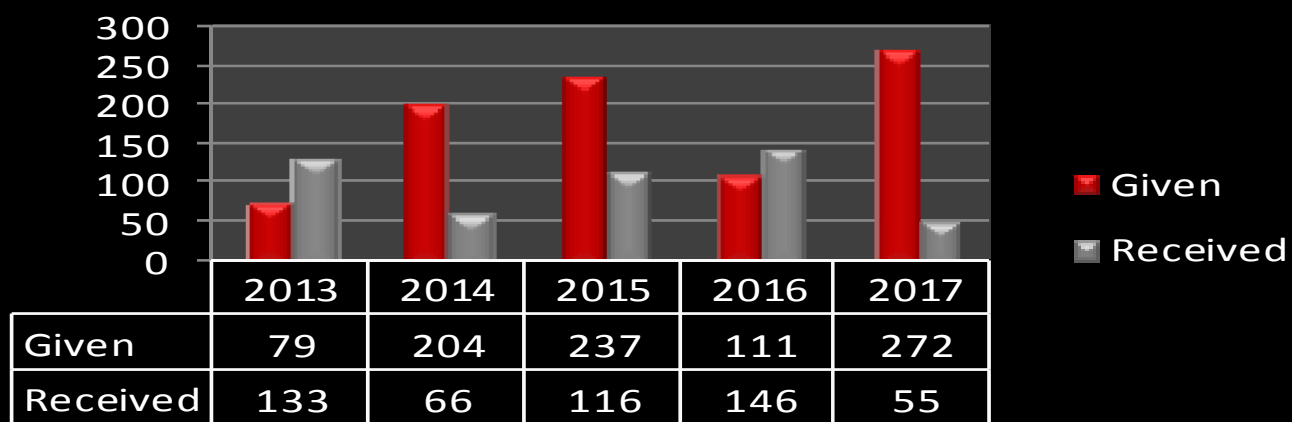


## Area Hospitals Transports and Non Transports

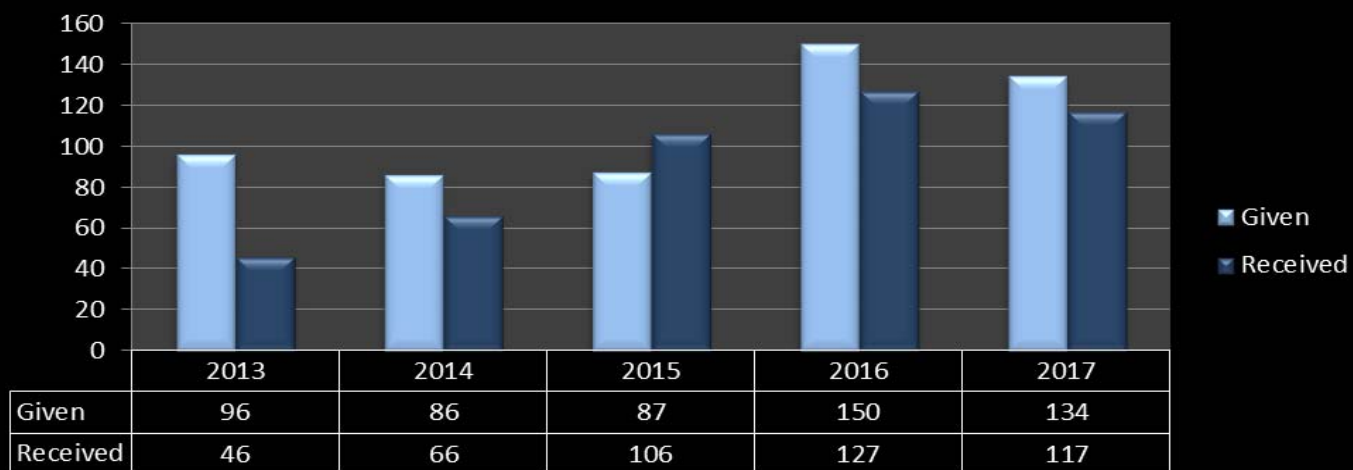


# Fire and EMS Statistics

## Fire Calls Mutual Aid Given and Received



## EMS Calls Mutual Aid Given and Received





# Retirements

On May 17, 2017 Lt. Mike Polizzi said goodbye to the ranks at AFD.





# Promotions

Timothy Scott sworn in as Lieutenant on July 5, 2017



# Service Awards

**Trustee Mike Super 15 Years 5/2/2001**



**MARCH 22, 2017**

**B.C. Brock Herion 20 Years 2/28/1997**



**Lt. Roger Bayne, Jr. 20 Years 2/28/1997**





# New Hires

**Eric Rasmussen 3/20/2017**

**Sworn in on 3/22/2017**



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# New Hires

**Kevin Kronforst 4/12/2017**

**Sworn in on 7/5/2017**



# Divisions and Special Teams

## **Fire Prevention**

The Addison Fire Prevention Bureau will focus on strategic alliances with the public to achieve a cooperative approach to the health and safety of the Community at large. We will conduct all business in the best ethical, moral, and professional manner.

We, the members of the Addison Fire Prevention Bureau, are a team of dedicated professionals bonded together for the purpose of protecting lives and property within our community. To accomplish this mission, we task ourselves to become increasingly knowledgeable through continuous education and proficient in the area of community risk reduction through code enforcement, public education, and collaboration with the community. We strive to utilize all available resources to achieve this mission and will serve as role models for the citizens of our community to the best of our ability.

Fire Marshal Mike Toika is a 40 year veteran of the Addison Fire District, beginning his career in 1978. Mike has served the bureau for 24 years. In 2011 he became the full time Fire Marshal for Addison. He is the Addison Fire Preventions lead Plans Examiner, reviewing building construction plans for fire and life safety systems, issues, and code compliance. He also oversees the day to day operations of the Fire Prevention Bureau and works closely with the Village of Addison. Fire Marshal Toika is active in the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association, serving as their Legislative Liaison, is an active member of the Vision 20 20 Advocacy for Fire Prevention work group as the State of Illinois Rep through IFIA and the Office of State Fire Marshal, and is a member of the International Code Council Fire Code Advisory Committee Midwest Region Work Group. In 2017 Fire Marshal Toika obtained the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Certified Fire Protection Specialist Certification, recertify as an NFPA Certified Plans Examiner, and obtained the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Advanced Fire Prevention Officer certification.

Inspector Mark Spoo has been a member with Addison Fire Prevention for 11 years. Mark assists instrumentally in the day to day operations of the Fire Prevention Bureau. As senior inspector Mark works closely with Fire Marshal Toika and Inspector Simmons on daily operations and maintains the cohesiveness of Fire Prevention when Fire Marshal Toika is off.

Inspector Larry Simmons is Fire Preventions newest full time Fire Inspector. Larry comes to us after completing a long career with Bristol-Kendall Fire District. Larry has obtained the State Fire Marshal's Basic Fire Prevention Officer Certification, State School Inspector Certification, and Fire and Life Safety Educator Certification. Larry's duties are specific to daily inspections, investigating fire alarm and sprinkler system issues, and working with the Addison Building Department on business license and construction inspections.

# Divisions and Special Teams

## **Fire Prevention**

During 2017 the Addison Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 1,821 inspection related activities. Addison Fire Prevention was also active in the on-going construction projects within Addison. Those projects include the following:

501-545 W. Lake. This project has been ongoing, including converting an outdoor patio into part of the enclosed structure, adding several businesses including Auto Zone which opened in December of 2015.

Clyde's Donuts, 1110 – 1120 W. Fullerton. Clyde's Donuts completed construction on the expansion/connection of the 1110 and 1120 Fullerton Building and are now completing interior renovations.

100 E. Lake St, JC Plaza, saw the demolition of the old John's Pizza and a new multi tenant commercial building was constructed on the site.

114 E. Lake St (just east of the old John's Pizza) will be the home of the new Addison Bank and Trust.

120 E. Lake St, Dental Profile, has a new tenant. Structural upgrades to the exterior of the building should have been completed in 2017 but delays due to various problems occurred. The project should be complete early 2018 at which time the improvements will alleviate the exterior stresses to the bowstring truss roof of the property.

Woodland and Rohlwing Road saw the new subdivision start construction. This project will have 5 townhome occupancies constructed.

The Enclave at Mill Road project has started construction. This project is on the old Addison Par Three Golf Course. This project will have 85 single family homes constructed on the site.

Clarendale, 1651 W. Lake St is a Senior Living Community. It will have 200 units and be constructed for independent senior housing, assisted living, and memory care.

Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center is constructing a new Multi-Agency Communications Center being erected at 1471 Jeffrey Dr, at the Addison Public Works property. This facility will be completed early 2018.

In 2018 Addison Fire Prevention will be updating to ImageTrend Reporting Software along with the rest of the Fire District. This update will allow Fire Prevention to better track, record, and identify hazards within our District. We will also be working with the Fire District in obtaining their Accreditation. The Village of Addison will be updating the model codes from the 2012 Editions to the 2018 Editions of the International Codes. As in years past the Fire District will update to the Village's Codes along with participate in creating amendments/ordinances for the Village.



# Divisions and Special Teams

## Fire Operations

Fire Operations Division of the Addison Fire Protection District is where the rubber meets the road. Comprised of emergency services, training, vehicle and equipment maintenance, and communications, the Operations division strives to provide caring and responsive service that meets the emerging needs of our community through teamwork, dedication, and professionalism. All responding personnel are state certified firefighters, with the vast majority certified at the Advanced Technician Firefighter level. Firefighters maintain their readiness and skills by undergoing extensive drills throughout the year. Most of these drills are conducted in-house and cover the full spectrum of skills and knowledge needed to successfully handle the wide array of incidents encountered on a daily basis.

In 2017, the Addison Fire Protection District responded to 1125 non-EMS incidents, which is an increase from 2016.

## Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance

The Addison Fire Protection District Division of Vehicle & Equipment maintenance is responsible for the maintenance and repair of all District-owned vehicles and equipment. The division is also responsible for vehicle acquisition, testing and licensing.

The Village of Addison Fleet Services has been one of the main providers of vehicle maintenance for the district. Since moving most of our vehicle maintenance over to them, we have lowered our cost and reduced down times of our vehicles.

The division still maintains two ancillary personnel which are tasked with handling repairs that are minor in nature. A Battalion Chief oversees the technicians and is charged with handling all vehicle acquisition and licensing issues.

Maintenance and repair of all small tools is being accomplished by three personnel on shift.

During 2017, the division experienced the following milestones:

- Delivery and placement in service of a new Deputy Fire Chief's vehicle.
- A new Ford F550 ambulance was ordered and should be ready to go in-service sometime early 2018.

2017 Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance Division Members:

**B/C Chuck Baxa – Vehicle Maintenance Officer**

**Lt. Keith Wright – Vehicle Repair and Small Tools Technician**

**FF/PM Keith Eyer – Vehicle Repair and Small Tools Technician**

**FF/PM John Rice – Small Tools Technician**

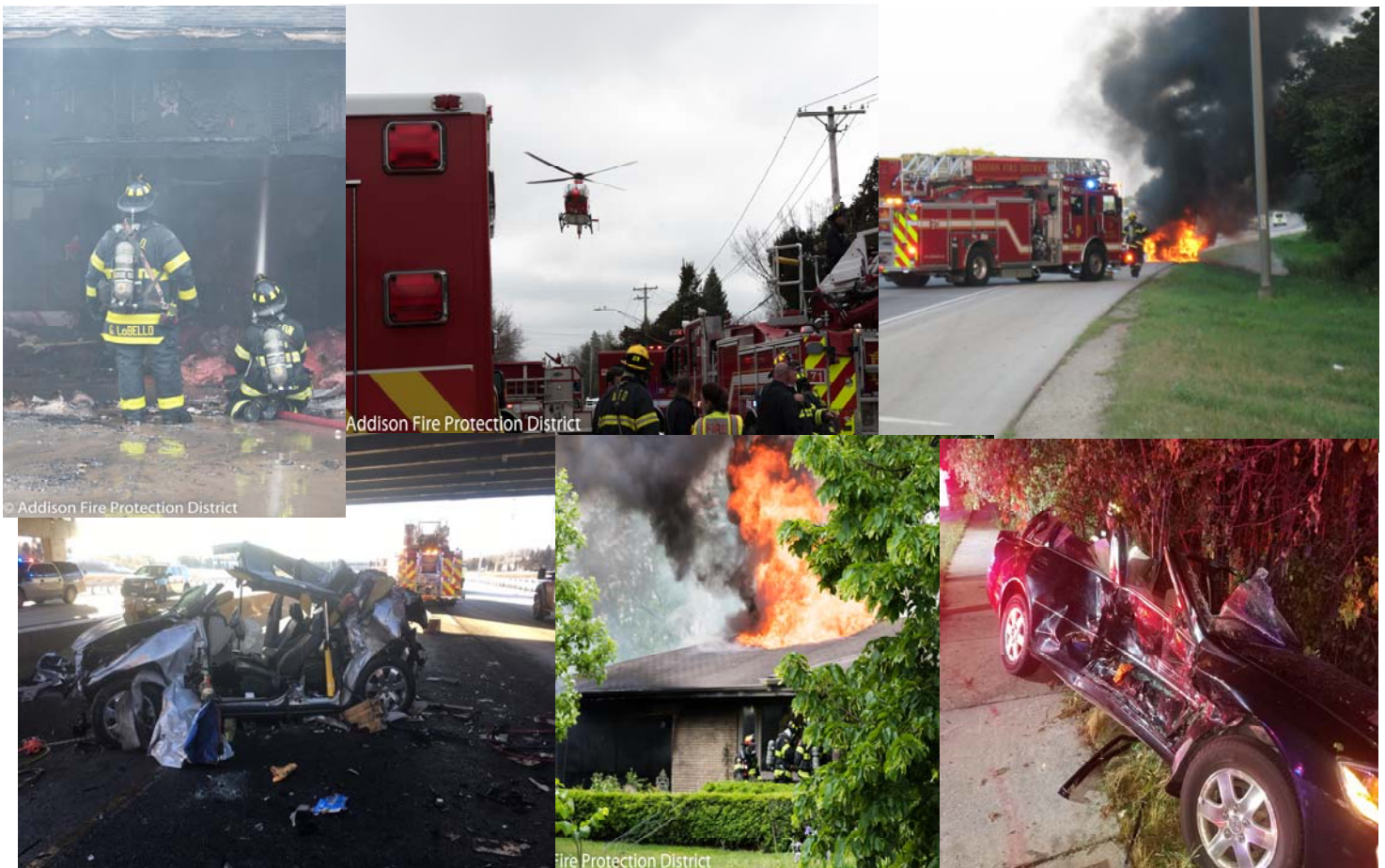
# Divisions and Special Teams

## Fire Training

The Addison Fire Protection District Training Division organizes, develops, evaluates, documents and provides training commensurate with a firefighters' responsibility of protecting the lives and property of the customers we serve in support of the Fire District's Mission Statement.

The Training Division delivers innovative, comprehensive and challenging training, by surpassing the minimum mandatory training requirements, to ensure the firefighters of the Addison Fire Protection District are equipped, in all aspects of their jobs, to provide the highest quality service possible to all our residents in need.

In 2017 the training division made a change to their training records management program. Previous years our training documentation was entered into a program called Firehouse. Firehouse was a great program to track training hours, but it lacked in the area of training courses. In August we started on the implementation of a program called Target Solutions. This program not only tracks all our training hours, it also provides training material and courses that better suit the district's needs. This program has been in full implementation since November and has made a big difference in the way the training division operates.



# Divisions and Special Teams

## Emergency Medical Service

### Emergency Medical Operations

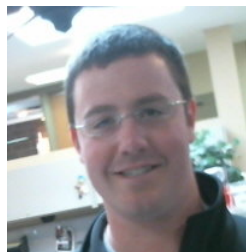
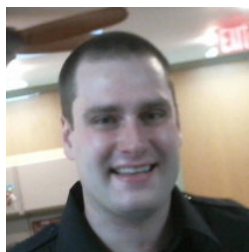
The Addison Fire Protection District provides Advanced Life Support (ALS) emergency medical services (EMS) with paramedics. The District has 55 licensed paramedics and there are at least 9 each shift. EMS is provided by our four paramedic ambulances and by having paramedics on our three frontline Quints. We have a medic unit and quint at each of our stations.

In 2017, the District had 3357 emergency medical incidents documented in Imagetrend. The totals for 2016 and 2015 were 3466 and 3701, respectively. 2017 was a slight decrease from the previous two years. EMS calls tend to be close to 80-90% of our call volume.

Each ambulance is inspected annually by Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and each the units passed. Also, the equipment carried on the ambulances and the Quints receive an annual inspection from our regional hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital. All of our units passed this inspection as well.

### New Paramedics

In 2017, we hired 4 new Fire Fighter/Paramedics (FFPM) to the District. We hired Eric Rasmussen, Kevin Kronforst, Marissa Price, and Danielle Cook. The hiring of new FFPM's takes a commitment from all members to ensure the high standards we set for all of our medics will continue. We wish them a long and safe career.



### EMS Training

The continuing of our education as paramedics is a must. All paramedics receive continuing education (CE) through our EMS system, Good Samaritan Hospital. Currently, we receive this training from Rita Rice, a nurse from Glen Oaks. Also, we renewed all members in CPR and PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support).

The licensed paramedics of the Addison Fire District must adhere to state requirements of 120 hours of continuing education within four years. In addition to the continue education we receive from Glen Oaks, most of our paramedics exceed the require hours because of an extensive in-house EMS training program.

Members involved in EMS training are:

**FFPM John Rice**

**LT Ron Nettleingham**

**LT Jason Halstead**

**LT Greg Schwartz**

**FFPM Eric Medernach**

**FFPM Mike Crivellone**



# Divisions and Special Teams

## EMS Reporting/Image Trend CQI

To ensure a continued high quality level of emergency medical care the Addison Fire District has assigned each shift a Lieutenant to “QC” all EMS reports. Lt. Greg Schwartz (black), Lt. Greg Hamm (red) and Lt. Ron Nettleingham (gold) are the assigned officers that handle this task. The reports are monitored for completeness, SOP compliance, spelling and grammar, times, billing, etc. By doing the daily CQI we believe it will improve patient care and reduce potential litigation. In addition, we have a company officer level QC. The level keeps the officer engaged with his paramedics performance.

## EMS Supplies and Maintenance

In 2017, maintenance on our stretchers was completed on all of the ambulances. All of the ALS vehicles (medics and Quints) passed all of the state and EMS system inspections. Thanks to Lt. Ron Nettleingham for his diligence on maintaining our EMS supplies. Additional thanks to all the paramedics for keeping up with all the vehicle and EMS equipment checks. Ballistic gear (bullet proof vests and helmets) were added to the frontline Quints and BC car. Some other equipment changes happened this year as well; IV warmers were added to the medic units, combi-boards (back board and scoop stretcher in one) were added to the medic units, bags were added to replace the hard containers for the king vision units, orange boxes were added to contain the CPAP mask, and vomit bags were added to the medics.

Lt. Tim Scott was added to the division to assist with equipment/inventories. He has been a great addition.

In 2017, we ordered a new Ford Horton Ambulance. We look forward to putting it into service.

## Acknowledgements

The Gold shift was recognized by Good Samaritan Hospital for excellence in documentation. Great job by the following members: Keith Eyer, Eric Medernach, Austin Taylor, Jeff Pluta, and Erik Kramer.

20 year paramedic recognition – Lt. John Sullivan

5 year paramedic recognition – FFPM Eric Bandemer

# Divisions and Special Teams

## Paramedic Preceptors

In 2017, we accepted 3 paramedic students from Good Samaritan Hospital. These students did very well and were a pleasure to have on shift. The District would like to recognize our preceptors who dedicated so much time to these future paramedics.

### Black Shift

FFPM James Bernstein

FFPM Kevin Riordan

FFPM Louis DiGioia

### Red Shift

FFPM JP Rosentreter

FFPM Eric Bandemer

FFPM Ralph Holdridge

FFPM John Rice

## Nurse Riders and EMT-B Riders

Several times throughout the year we have nurse riders from Elmhurst and Glen Oaks ride with our medic units. This experience gives them a chance to see what the paramedics have to do on calls before they get to the hospital. Additionally, several EMT-B students (from TCD) are able to ride shifts with the ambulance. This gives those students the real life experience of being on an ambulance.



# Divisions and Special Teams

## SCBA

The Air Mask Division is responsible for the maintenance of the air packs and all related equipment. This includes the packs, bottles, masks and compressors. This equipment is vital to the operation and safety of all the Addison Firefighters. Much of the maintenance is now done again in house.

Quarterly air quality checks are completed to ensure the safety of the air we use. These tests and routine maintenance of the compressors are performed by Air One Equipment.

This year an important safety feature was added to our airpacks. MSA introduced an airpack mounted Thermal Imaging Camera. With the help of a generous grant from Firehouse Subs, all of our airpacks are now equipped with a TIC. This means that every firefighter in Addison has the ability to see through the dense smoke at a fire.



This year was also the first year, in many years, that we tested our airpacks in house by our own technicians. This not only saved thousands of dollars over having an outside company do it, but it better allows us to quickly return a pack to service if we do find a problem with anything.

Our CARE technicians are:

**Lt. David Dinelli, Lt. Jason Halstead, FFPM Chris Drews and FFPM Ralph Holdridge.**



# Divisions and Special Teams

## SCBA



We continue to work closely with MSA and Air One Equipment to make sure we have safe and effective breathing apparatus for our members.



Air Team Members

**Lt. David Dinelli**

**Lt. Jason Halstead**

**Lt. Ron Nettleingham**

**FFPM Chris Drews**

**FFPM Ralph Holdridge**

**FFPM Giulio LoBello**



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# Divisions and Special Teams

## Hazmat

For over 30 years, the Addison Fire Protection District has been on the leading edge of hazardous materials response and mitigation. Our involvement with MABAS-12 and MABAS-IL remained strong throughout the year and Addison HIRT members stayed busy and productive.

As with previous years, hazardous materials incidents have been mostly small scale incidents that have been kept to the company level. This trend also is the case on a regional level as MABAS-12 HIRT has not had any significant requests. However, the team remained at a ready state and like with previous years focused on training and improving the capabilities of the district. All team members not only met the drill requirements for 2017, but most members exceeded the requirements.

This year, the number of technicians dropped as Lt. Greg Hamm has decided to step down from the team to pursue other opportunities within the district. Currently, the team is looking to replace the vacancy.

As mentioned last year, there is a gradual reduction from grant sources that allow for the MABAS-12 HIRT to sustain equipment and operational capabilities. Overtime, it is expected these impacts might lead to changes within the division and ultimately the AFD team. However, in 2017, the team was able to maintain all equipment and MABAS-12 was able to keep up with the changing financial landscape.

Training this year consisted of:

- Decon techniques
- FBI/ISP Evidence Collection
- Rail Emergencies
- Monitor classes
- Full-Scale practical evolutions

Team Members:

**Coordinator- Lt. Chris Mansfield**

**Assistant Coordinator- FF/PM John Rice**

**Technicians- FF/PM Ralph Holdridge, Lt. Roger Bayne, Lt. Jason Halstead, FF/PM Patrick Bailey, B/C Brock Herion, Lt. Dave Dinelli, FF/PM Chris Gerlich.**



Salt Creek Spill - March 3, 2017

# Divisions and Special Teams

## Facility and Grounds

Grounds and facilities is a huge part of our day to day routine at the fire stations. Shift personnel perform 40-50% of the fire districts routine building maintenance that is performed on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. The rest of the maintenance and repairs that take place are performed by qualified professionals in the trade that is required.

The District over the past several years has established preventative maintenance programs with some of our major and essential systems throughout our three fire stations. Setting up these programs have significantly reduced the amount of money and time that has been spent in years past for emergency repairs. With that being said, the knowledge and experience from shift personnel's background in different trades contribute to maintaining and repairing as many problems possible. This helps to keep the fire stations up to date and safe for our members and citizens.



New training center being utilized by Prairie Materials on April 11, 2017



Station 2 aerial view taken on September 21, 2017



# Divisions and Special Teams

## CPR

2017 saw a busy year for our CPR Division and Community Training Center (CTC). We updated all our training materials and purchased additional DVD's to facilitate multiple classes at the same time. Our district personnel were recertified in Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support( ACLS). We utilized new training manikins to offer a more realistic approach to testing the skills of each member of the district.

The CTC was able to secure a grant from Illinois Heart Rescue which allowed us to purchase 16 manikins and 2 AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) trainers. These are used for community outreach to teach quick introduction to CPR. Our Public Relations Director Braulio Herrera uses this to teach in the community and is able to specifically reach our Hispanic population. We also purchased a new CPR Feedback manikin that gives us measurable data on how each student is performing CPR and where they need to improve. This ensures the best possible outcome for our citizens.

The CTC is responsible for the licensing, guidance, and oversight of 380 students from 83 Training Sites throughout the Chicagoland area. FFPM Mike Crivellone is the CTC Assistant Coordinator and is responsible for overseeing the day to day operation of the CTC. Our CTC is one of the only Fire Department based CTC's that provide access to all American Heart Association classes which include:

Friends and Family CPR

Heartsaver CPR/AED

Heartsaver First Aid

Bloodborne Pathogens

Pediatric First Aid

Friends and Family CPR-Spanish

BLS for Healthcare Providers

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)

Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)

Pediatric Emergency Assessment Recognition and Stabilization (PEARS)

BLS Instructor

PALS Instructor

ACLS Instructor



Boy Scout AED donation July 7, 2017



Teaching CPR to all ages - Open House 2017

# Divisions and Special Teams

## CPR

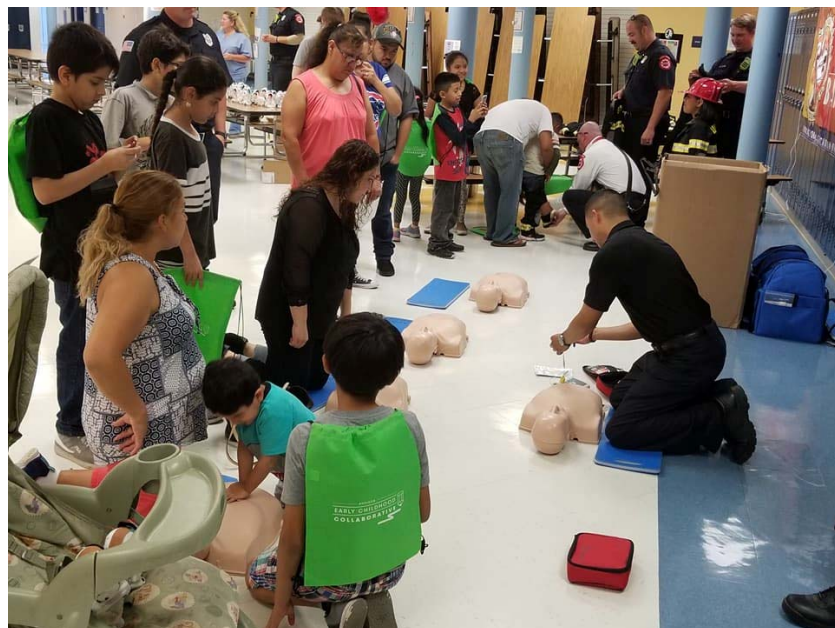
The Addison Fire Protection District is proud of the working relationship we have within our Business Community and provide vital, lifesaving training to many of our local businesses, including the following in 2017:

GE Betz	Addison Public Library
Turtle Wax	Tektronix
Domtar	Addison Public Works

Looking to 2018, we hope to expand within our own division and have a business liaison who will actively reach out to all the businesses in Addison to educate them on the importance of early intervention. Our hope is to reach as many people as possible, to increase the chance of survival for everyone who works or resides in Addison. We hope to increase access to AED's for everyone by having them placed in public buildings as well as businesses. However, this is not a one or two person job. This requires dedication of a team of instructors. Our team consists of the following individuals:

Chief Joe Leone, Deputy Chief Erik Kramer, Battalion Chief Brock Herion-Training Center Coordinator, Battalion Chief Jeff Pluta, Lt. Jason Halstead-CPR Coordinator, Lt. Roger Bayne Jr., Lt. David Dinelli, Lt. Greg Schwartz, Lt. Ron Nettleingham, Lt. Chris Mansfield, Lt. Tim Scott, FFPM John Rice, FFPM Chris Gerlich, FFPM Eric Medernach, FFPM Giulio LoBello, FFPM Keven Barnes, FFPM Marisa Price, FFPM Matt Hennessy, FFPM Mike Crivellone-Asst. Training Center Coordinator, FFPM Pat Bailey, FFPM Ralph Holdridge, Larry Simmons.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lt. Jason Halstead



Fall Family Fair - Braulio Herrera Showing how to use an AED

# Divisions and Special Teams

## Water Rescue Team

The Addison Water Rescue Team consists of 9 department members who are trained to handle emergencies in the water. Training includes dive, swift water, ice, surface and boat rescues and recoveries. The current roster for the team is:

Lt. David Dinelli  
FF Roger Bayne Jr.  
FF Jim Peters

FF Keith Eyer  
FF Patrick Bailey  
FF Ralph Holdridge



During 2017 The District's Water Rescue Team continues to be active. Activity included monthly MABAS drills covering swift water, search patterns, ice rescue, evidence collection and diver rescue. We responded to incidents in Melrose Park, several times, The team also assisted Glen Ellyn at their cardboard boat regatta, where, in our boat, we conducted several rescues of participants from their sinking homemade vessels.





# Divisions and Special Teams

## Water Rescue Team

We also worked again with the Addison Park District Lifeguards to better coordinate the transfer of care between the two sets of rescuers.



Over the last few years we have had a moderate turnover of personnel. This makes for an exciting time where we sharpen our skills by training the newer team members and the influx of ideas mixed with the experience of the older members creates a better team that will be ready for the futures challenges with enthusiasm and experience.

Our goals for 2018 will be to support Division 12's training requirements and skill levels as well as educate our members in the requirements of the NFPA 1670 standard. We are also going to look into improving our ability to respond quickly and safely to incidents.



# Divisions and Special Teams

## **TRT Division**

Team members include:

BC Brock Herion	Lt. Dave Dinelli	FF/PM John Rice
FF/PM Mark Weller	FF/PM Jim Peters	FF/PM Ralph Holdridge
FF/PM Eric Medernach	FF/PM Giulio LoBello	FF/PM Matt Hennessy

### **Incidents:**

In 2017, there was one Technical Rescue Incidents in Addison. This was for an arborist rescue. 2 workers on an aluminum ladder can in contact with live power lines. One person died and other was in critical condition after he had to be rescued from being “tied” into the ladder and tree. Assistance from Lombard Tower 44 was used to help extricate the victim. A great job by all of Gold shift members on this call. MABAS 12 TRT was called to assist Streamwood Fire for a confined space rescue. Additionally, the District handled several extrications and machinery incidents.

### **Training:**

In 2017, the Addison team members continued to be active in the MABAS 12 TRT monthly trainings. All members meet the required drills for the year. These trainings involved classroom and practical sessions that covered trench, confined space, vertical, and structural collapse.

FF/PM Matt Hennessy completed Confined Space Operations.

### **Equipment:**

In 2017, we purchased deployment style backpacks for the rope rescue gear on the Quints. Additionally, 3 Aztec rope bags were purchased for the Quints. These ropes are multi-use for anything involving rope rescue type incidents.

### **Upcoming year:**

In 2018, we hope to continue to have a high level of participation in training by the team members. Also, we will look to add some gear items, including personal items.

We look to continue to send members for additional education and look at possible team member additions.

# Divisions and Special Teams

## Uniforms

It has been a crazy year for the uniform/gear division of Addison Fire Protection District. We have definitely had some hurdles to overcome after transferring between 3 different uniform agencies and a few other issues with gear manufacturers. Even with the challenges we faced I believe it was still a very successful year in providing new items for the district personnel to make our jobs easier, safer, and added a little style in doing so. Obviously budget is a main concern in purchasing anything and the uniform division would like to send a SPECIAL THANK YOU, to the foreign Fire Tax Insurance Board for their financial support for several items purchased this year.

Addison Fire Protection District duty crews were all outfitted with the 5.11 High Visibility jacket to offer our personnel the latest in high visibility safety and weather protection. This three piece jacket has a lot of versatility for weather conditions and is blood borne pathogens safe all while allowing the public to see us from farther distances to keep us safer on EMS scenes.





# Divisions and Special Teams

## Public Education

The Public Education Division had busy year in 2017. We filled our months with great public educational opportunities. These included –

Annual Open House

K-5 school program

3<sup>rd</sup> grade school program

Addison School District 4 Resource Fair

Addison Rock and Wheels

National Night Out

Fire extinguisher classes

Senior safety classes

We were also pleased to hire our Community Education and Relations Director Braulio Herrera to full-time status. Braulio has done a great job expanding our outreach throughout the Fire District. The District's social media and email presence has really taken off over the last year.



# Divisions and Special Teams

## Fire Investigation

The Fire Department is required and authorized per the Fire Investigation ACT (425 ILCS 25) to promptly investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of each fire occurring in the fire protection district involving loss of life or injury to a person or destruction of property. The Department has trained individuals in the aspects of Fire/Arson Investigation who work closely with Addison Police Department and DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force.

With hard work and dedication, members work together as a team to complete many jobs to investigate a fire. Investigators need to dig through the burned out rubble for clues, interview witnesses and suspects, complete drawings, and collect evidence as to what caused a fire. Fire investigations are not just used for the “who” started the fire but also as to “what” started the fire. Due to complete and thorough fire investigations, there have been many recalls from household items that have caused fires.

### **Members**

D/C Erik Kramer, B/C Chuck Baxa,  
Lt. Brian Smith, Lt. Roger Bayne

### **Du Page County Fire Investigation Task Force Members**



# Divisions and Special Teams

## Honor Guard

As 2017 closed our Honor Guard is happy to report we had a busy yet soulful 2017 with LODD activations and AFFI training drills attended by our Members. In 2017 we attended 10 local training Sessions including flag posting and retrieving, casket guard and management, pikes, axes and flag handling as well as a mock funeral.

The Guard attended the AFFI convention in Springfield, IL and received a outstanding training sessions.

The Honor Guard attended 4 LODD's humbly, for our fallen.

The Honor Guard posted colors at numerous events around the Village of Addison including:

Village of Addison Recognition Dinner

Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial

NFFF Chicagoland Memorial Golf Tournament

Addison Park District, to benefit veterans.

AFD retirement lunch

Knights of Columbus AllenForce fundraiser

IFSI luncheon

Since we have now moved into 2018 we have started a new yet busy year of drills and ceremonies already filling our schedules as our honor guard will be participating in the Knights Of Columbus, Addison Police Department and Addison VFW to benefits.

The AFFI 26<sup>th</sup> annual convention and induction ceremony was held in Peoria, Illinois on January 13th, 2018. This year we will not be adding any new AFFI members to our honor guard. The Honor Guard will continue with the mission of the AFFI and Addison Fire Protection District #1 with ***"whatever it takes"***.

### **Honor Guard Members**

**FF/PM Patrick Bailey AFD**

**FF/PM AJ Belille AFFI/AFD**

**FF/PM John Rice AFFI/AFD**

**Deputy Chief Erik Kramer AFD**

**Lieutenant Roger Bayne Jr AFFI/AFD**

**FF/PM John Gorzkowski AFFI/AFD**

**FF/PM Chris Gerlich AFFI/AFD**

**Lieutenant Jason Halstead AFFI/AFD**

**FF/PM Ralph Holdridge AFFI/AFD**

**Retired FF Jack Bremer AFFI**

**Retired Captain Rick Imbordino AFD**

Respectfully,

**FF/PM Ralph Holdridge**

**AFFI Local 4727 Honor Guard Commander**





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## Explorer Post #343

### 2017 Year End Summary

It is my pleasure to present the 2017 year end summary for Explorer Post #343. Our Post continues to grow each year, both in membership and in service given back to the community of Addison and beyond. Here is a breakdown of what we have accomplished this year.

### Community Service

We are proud of the excellent relationships we have with several organizations in Addison including, the Village Of Addison, The Knights of Columbus, Shriners, and elsewhere.

### Membership

We began 2017 with 17 members.

### Training

We greatly expanded training opportunities for our Explorers this year. The bi-weekly drill nights generally focus on the Basic Operations Firefighter curriculum developed by IFSTA and OSFM. We felt that we needed to expand what we expose our Explorers to so they can get the most complete experience of what todays Fire Service is all about. We also are including EMS at the basic level.



### Organization # of Events Total Hours

Knights Of Columbus 6 15  
Addison Park District 1 8  
Boy Scouts of America 1 4  
DuPage County Sheriff 1 4

School District #4 1 4  
Addison Rock N Wheels 16 64  
Addison Fire Events 2 13  
Addison Police Dept. 1 4

**TOTAL 55 218**

### Activity Description

**FDIC, Indianapolis IN.** Explorers were able to walk the exhibition floor for a day.

### Explorer Weekend, IFSI, Champaign IL

10 Explorers were able to participate in 4 days of live burns, auto extrication, etc.

**Ice Rescue Training** Explorers were able to train in ice rescue techniques at a local frozen body of water.

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### Ride-Along

All our Explorers eventually earn the privilege to ride-along, on shift, with our full time members. This provides actual field experience for any Explorer who chooses to participate.

### Fundraising

Our Explorers planned and hosted 2 fundraisers this year. The first was at Culver's here in Addison and they raised over \$1000 for the Post. The second fundraiser was held with the Knights Of Columbus hosting a pancake breakfast receiving \$400. This money helped offset the cost of the IFSI Explorer Weekend.

The District administration and the Foreign Fire Tax Insurance Board have been instrumental in their financial support of the Post during 2017. It would be impossible for our Explorers to do any of what they do without it.

### Post Officers

Each year, the Post holds promotional testing for the leadership positions within the Post. This process mirrors the promotional process for full-time personnel. This exposes our Explorers to what they will see in their own careers. It also is a process for identifying and developing leaders. We hope all our Explorers pursue a career in the Fire Service, but the reality is that many will pursue other careers in varying fields. Our goal is to prepare ALL our Explorers to be successful in whatever career path they choose to take.

### Program Achievements

Our programs success can be measured by the successes of our Explorers. We are proud to have 4 of our Explorers retire due to aging out of the Post. 1 is an EMT-B for a private ambulance service and is taking Fire Science courses at COD. 3 have joined the military and will pursue firefighting after their service.

### Advisors

The Explorer Post could not function without the help of our advisors. They are:

**FF/PM Louis DiGioia**

**FF/PM Chris Edwards**

**Lt. John Sullivan**

**FF/PM Keith Eyer**

**Lt. Jason Halstead**

**FF/PM Nick Lezza**

**Lt. Chris Mansfield**



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## Addison Firefighter's Association

The Addison Firefighter's Association has just celebrated its 16th anniversary. The organization was established to give back to the residents of Addison we serve and protect.

During 2017, the association partnered with Addison Police Department for Shop With A Hero. This year we were able to shop for 80 children from Addison who are less fortunate. Each child received a \$75 gift card to shop with a Police Officer or Firefighter. The Association also made a donation of \$500 to support the Chicagoland Memorial Golf Tournament; one hundred percent of these funds go to support the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation.

The Association continues to grow and donate funds and assists in local, state, and federal organizations, such as;

- Rehab Institute of Chicago
- Shop with a Hero
- Knights of Columbus (Addison)
- National Fallen Firefighter Foundation

In 2018, it is the association's goal to keep growing and increasing donated time and money the various organizations and individuals.

President  
Roger D Bayne Jr

Vice President  
Keven Barnes

Secretary  
Tim Scott

Treasurer  
Erik Kramer





# Random Pictures of 2017



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