

2014 RFD

A REVIEW OF OUR STATISTICS
AND MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Annual Report

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



Administration Division

Major Accomplishments

- Transitioned into a new Vacation Management System.
- Worked on the committee with Glenn Trommels on the VoIP (Voice over IP) Phone System update.
- Transitioned to the new Toughbook computers with the internal cellular connectivity for better network coverage. So far installed in one engine and one ambulance. Will continue throughout the year to transition everyone to the new equipment.
- Desktop Computers: replaced 15 desktop computers and hope to continue that trend in 2015.
- Worked with IT and completed the fiber optics project for better network connection and stability at the stations as part of a grant supported by iFiber.
- Conducted a Propagation Study and made updates to radio infrastructure to ensure better communication coverage.
- Revised and updated the Department's Strategic Plan for 2015.
- Replaced two ambulances.
- Continued with implementation of the Mobile Patient Care Reporting Software.
- Began construction on the new Station 3.
- Initiated Pilot Program for Mobile Integrated Healthcare.
- Continue with research and implementation of an inventory control and fleet management software system.
- Accreditation Annual Compliance Report was approved by the Center for Public Safety Excellence.



Logistical Support

- Maintain the ASE "Blue Seal of Excellence" and certifications relevant to EVT Certifications.
- Finalized inventories for all department response vehicles.
- Maintenance program established for radio infrastructure.



Operations Division

Major Accomplishments

- The Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Rockford was revised and updated.
- During 2014, emergency management worked with the Chicago/Rockford International Airport, Metro Centre, and Rockford School District #205 in adopting an emergency operation/procedure plan for each agency.
- Emergency Management participated in a tornado safety drill for local high schools.



Emergency Management

- In May 2014, emergency management helped coordinate EMI training in Emmitsburg, MD with various Fire Department officials, City Hall officials, and other members of the community. Following the EMI training, emergency management met with various city departments and completed an After Action Review
- Attended the annual Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC) tabletop exercise at the Midwest Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference.
- Emergency Management organized officer training in Winnebago County's Emergency Operations Center.



Operations Division

Special Teams

Dive Team:

- The Dive Team added six new divers to fill the roster. All divers have achieved certification in Open Water, Advanced Open Water, Full Face Mask Diver, and Dry Suit Diver.
- The Dive Team now includes: two PADI Certified Instructors specializing in Master Scuba Diver Training; two divers certified in Surface Ice Rescue; two divers participated in Watercraft Operations and Technician level classes; and one diver named MABAS 8 Water Rescue Team Dive Team Chief.
- The Dive Team continued to advance training with MABAS 8 Sonar Equipment.
- Purchased new BCD's and five new dry suits.
- Updated our communication system with new communication ropes, rebuilding a communications unit and standardizing the Facemask interface configuration on all dive gear.



Operations Division

Special Teams

Technical Rescue Team (TRT):

- Conducted monthly training and night drills, including drills with Ladder Companies, Dive Team, and HazMat.
- The Technical Rescue Team responded to two incidents; a grain bin rescue in Rockton and a grain bin rescue in Genoa.

Hazardous Materials Team (HazMat):

- HazMat Team moved to Fire Station #7.
- New 2014 Peterbilt tow vehicle replaced the older tow vehicle; HazMat response trailer was remodeled.
- HazMat Team was requested for 14 incidents in 2014, including one mutual aid request for MABAS 8 for a fire in a land fill.
- The HazMat team hosted MABAS 8 training two times each month.



Training Division

Major Accomplishments

- Coordinated logistics for the EMI training event
- Hosted Rosecrance staff for live fire service experience
- Conducted Ebola and other infectious disease training for all Department members
- SCBA training prop purchased by Foreign Fire Tax
- Received grant to purchase forcible entry props
- Hosted Data Analysis Course through the Center for Public Safety Excellence
- Participated in active shooter exercises
- Hosted Naperville, Chicago, and Madison Fire Departments at our Training Academy
- Attended Live Burn Instructor training through IFSI
- Hosted Illinois Terrorism Task Force TRT and HazMat Team Leaders Exercise
- Hosted IEMA meeting in January
- Conducted NIMS review with Command Staff



Statistics

- Personnel Received 96 new OSFM Certifications
- Delivered 78,867 hours of Single Company Training
- Delivered 11,152 hours of Multi-Company Training
- Delivered 966 hours of Night Training
- Delivered 14,453 hours of Academy Training
- Delivered 9,017 hours of EMS Training
- Delivered 2,641.35 hours of Officer Training
- Delivered 3,816 hours of online Training

Fire Prevention Division

Major Accomplishments

- Coordinated annual Adopt-a-Family program to provide Christmas gifts to needy families in Rockford
- Participated in Problem Properties Committee to coordinate the entire City into addressing the issues of vacant buildings
- Participated in Rockford Public Schools District 205 Academy Program and Alignment Rockford
- Conducted a Junior Firefighter Summer Camp through Rockford Park District
- Facilitated Rockford Public Schools District 205 field trips to BMO Harris Bank Center.
- School and Career Presentations
- Participated in local YMCA Touch a Truck.
- Conducted workshops/demos with WREX News, Rockford Community, Swedish American Safety Fair, Magic Waters Safety Press Conference, Cabello's Children's Safety Expo, Kids Safety Day, Guilford Road Car Show, Library Weather and Disaster Preparedness Event, Red Cross FF Battle at Rockford University, Lowe's Public Education Event with explorers, OSF Safety Safari at OSF St. Anthony, and hosted EMS Survivors Night.
- Visited American Fire Training to finalize SCBA prop.
- Created the Recruiter position



Staff Development

- Investigator Tim Morris participated in Camp I Am Me.
- Chad Moe and Jeff Kloweit attended Explorer Conference at IFSI.

911 Division

Major Accomplishments

- Conducted Basic Telecommunicator Training Classes for 2 new Telecommunicators. The training class consisted of 4 weeks of classroom instruction and on-shift call handling and dispatch training.
- As part of 911 Northern Illinois Next Generation Alliance, acquired a consultant to research technology to prepare for new requirements of 911 systems.
- The Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Emergency Medical Dispatch - 911 personnel acquired Instructor status. 911 Telecommunicators received APCO certification for Emergency Medical Dispatch. This will allow for in house training in the future.
- 911 personnel and the 911 Division received Emergency Medical Dispatch and Agency certification through the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Conducted four 911 Center Evacuation Drills which required employees to set up emergency operations at backup positions located at the Winnebago County 911 Center.
- Participated in several community events and programs including Rockford Police Department's Citizen Police Academy Program.



911 Division

Staff Development

- Telecommunicator John Girone was appointed to the position of 911 Shift Supervisor.
- Probationary employee Natasha King was certified as a 911 Telecommunicator



Statistics for 2014

Rockford Fire Dispatches	26,386
Suburban Fire Dispatches	3,601
Police Dispatches	154,666
911 Wireless Calls	94,666
911 Wireline Calls	21,107
Non-Emergency Calls	102,393

EMS Operations and Training

Major Accomplishments

- Ten students completed OSF NIEMS Paramedic Course (2013-2014).
- Twelve students started OSF NIEMS Paramedic Course (2014-2015).
- Coordinated the Ambulance Specification Sub-Committee through the EMS Advisory Committee to develop new ambulance specifications. These new specifications were implemented for the two newest ambulances that were purchased.
- Finalized the CAAS (Commission on the Accreditation of Ambulance Services) requirements to prepare for onsite visit.
- Held our annual EMS Survivor Event during EMS Week in May to recognize the survivors of significant EMS calls or cardiac arrest and the crews that assisted them.
- Provided CCC-CPR (Continuous Chest Compression CPR) to one hundred and ninety-two people in the community.
- Identified and adopted a new online training system to implement January 1, 2015.
- Joined the CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival) Program in May
- Joined the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline Program for STEMI (ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction) identification and treatment.
- Participated and supported the Pink Heals Tour on July 16, 2014 well as the benefit for the Susan G. Foundation for breast cancer with an event on October 24, 2014.

Statistics

- 30% survival rate of Cardiac arrest patients
- 18,078 Ambulance transports. This represents a 6.01% increase from 2013.



2014 Retirees

In 2014, we were able to wish a happy retirement to many members of the Rockford Fire Department. These individuals are:

Lieutenant/Fire Equipment Safety Mgr. Barry Fitz (37 Years of Service)

911 Shift Supervisor Vicki Dutenhafer (33 Years of Service)

Fire Prevention Coordinator Mark Marinaro (26 Years of Service)

Driver Engineer Sabas Gomez (37 Years of Service)

Driver Engineer Lindsay Pooley (28 Years of Service)

Driver Engineer Denny Buck (27 Years of Service)

Driver Engineer Anthony Spataro (34 Years of Service)

911 Telecommunicator Cindy Chappell (34 Years of Service)

911 Telecommunicator Carrie Reinhold (20 years of Service)



City of Rockford Fire Department 2014 Summary

Land Area	Jurisdictional Population	Fire Stations
61.08 sq. miles	150,251	11

Personnel

Fire Sworn	911 Staff	Administrative Personnel	Total
253	49	8	310

Budget

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

Incidents

Calls for Service	Civilian Fire Casualties	Structure Fires
Total Calls	2012	Structure Value
26,010	0 fatal, 14 injured	\$ 42,769,912
Fire Calls	2013	Structure Loss
638	4 fatal, 13 injured	\$ 3,980,402
EMS and Rescue	2014	Structure Value Saved
20,732	7 fatal, 7 injured	\$ 38,789,510
Hazardous Conditions	Fire Dollar Loss	
495		
Service/Good Intent	2012	
2,309	\$ 5,753,231	
False Alarm/False Call	2013	
1,768	\$ 3,980,402	
Other Incident Type	2014	
68	\$ 4,511,203	

Frontline Apparatus

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

2014 Apparatus Responses

Charlie 15	2,533	District 1	855	Engine 1	2,801	Quint 1	1,184
Charlie 16	3,715	District 2	940	Engine 2	3,281	Rescue 1	1,585
Charlie 26	3,596	Chief	236	Engine 3	2,199	Ladder 2	1,271
Charlie 27	3,579			Engine 4	1,797	Rescue 2	1,261
Charlie 28	3,065			Engine 6	2,013	Quint 5	2,260
Charlie 29	3,727	DIVE	52	Engine 7	1,749	Quint 9	2,430
Charlie 40	2,575	HAZMAT	12	Engine 8	1,954		
Reserves	17	TRT	6	Engine 10	2,522		
				Engine 11	2,818		

Total RFD unit responses: 56,460