



*2015  
Annual Report*

# **St. Charles Fire Department**



*Class 1*

## ***Attitude***

Assumes trustworthiness and honorable intentions, bringing focus to the positive intentions of others.

## ***Climate of Trust***

A direct and open way of relating and communicating that creates a transparent, trusting environment.

## ***Compassion***

Demonstrates compassion for those in distress.

## ***Dedication and Commitment***

Dedication to the mission, commitment to service and each other.

## ***Excellence***

Meets a standard of excellence and professionalism in the performance of duties.

## ***Integrity***

Genuine and steadfast adherence to ethical conduct and behavior.

## ***Leadership***

Personal and group initiative, responsibility, accountability, critical thinking and resolution of conflict.

## ***Respect***

Mutual respect for diverse perspectives and approaches, openness to sharing new ideas and learning new things, and commitment to fostering understanding.

## ***Empowerment***

Our department atmosphere is conducive to feeling ownership and taking initiative in service to the whole organization.

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## Message from the Fire Chief

*The noblest search is the search for excellence.*

*Lyndon B. Johnson*

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One of the greatest pleasures that I am afforded as the Fire Chief is the reward that comes from presenting the annual report. While this may not make immediate sense to some, understand that the contents of this document illustrate the numerous achievements of the previous year. The reader will find information not only on the challenges that were faced and overcome, but also on our continuous march forward in the never ending pursuit of excellence. It is indeed my pleasure to present this report as I am very proud of all of the members of this Fire Department and of everything that they have achieved.

The most notable accomplishment for 2015 occurred on April 20 of 2015 when representatives of the Insurance Service Office awarded the St. Charles Fire Department a Public Protection Classification Rating of Class 1. This means that our Department places in the top 1% of all fire departments nationwide. Coupled with our status as an accredited fire department, the accredited status of our Emergency Management Agency and the on-going effort to achieve accredited status for our transport ambulance service, we have demonstrated that our members have dedicated themselves to the highest level of professionalism both individually and collectively as a department.

The City of St. Charles has long supported the Fire Department in all of its efforts. Indeed, we are very fortunate to be well funded and well equipped. As part of this support, the City authorized the filling of the second inspector position within the Fire Prevention Bureau. This addition supplemented previous efforts within the Bureau and can be notably seen in the reduction of false fire alarms for the year. Through the constant follow-up of violations noted on fire inspections as well as a similar revisiting of conditions that previously lead to false alarms, we have been able to diminish the number of times that we need to unnecessarily put fire apparatus on the street. This means that the chances of apparatus involved collisions are reduced, wear and tear on the vehicles is minimized and consumption of consumable commodities such as diesel fuel are lowered.

The on-going focus on fire prevention and public education also continues to yield dividends in the development of nontraditional methods of reaching the public with the fire safety message. For the second year in a row, the Fire Department has received an award for participation with a float entry in the Holiday Electric Parade. This float delivered a valuable winter time fire prevention message to the estimated 17,000 people in attendance. Additionally, the Department has two members working with our Information Systems Department to revamp our website and reach new groups of people.

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## Message from the Chief, cont'd.

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During 2015, we saw a retirement and several promotions. Battalion Chief Joel Meeter retired on June 10 of 2015. Battalion Chief Meeter served his community and his department with distinction and we wish him the very best for the future. This action lead to a new leadership opportunity for several of our members. Captain Jim Kurczek was promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief to fill the opening. Lieutenant Darin Peterson was then promoted to Captain upon the promotion of Battalion Chief Kurczek. Additionally, Walter "Chip" Voelsch was promoted to Lieutenant to complete the process. As a direct result of being granted permission to fill the second inspector position in the Fire Prevention Bureau, Guy Gresser was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant to take Lieutenant Kessler's spot on the operations side of the Department. Lieutenant Kessler had accepted the responsibilities as a fire inspector within the Bureau and was moved into the role. Finally, we welcomed Stephen Siwy and Joseph Rehak on board as new Firefighter Paramedics.

As previously stated, it is with great gratification that I present this report of Fire Department activities for calendar year 2015. The Department continues to move forward and look for new opportunities to both serve and improve. We remain dedicated to being the very best that we can be.

*Joe Schelstreet*  
*Fire Chief*



# St. Charles Fire Department 2015 Annual Report

## ISO

On April 20th, the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) formally presented the documentation stating that the City of St. Charles had achieved the highest Public Protection Classification, ISO Class 1. The presentation was made by Michael Ramirez to Mayor Rogina and Chief Schelstreet during the St. Charles City Council meeting.



**ISO Class 1**

ISO analyzes the pertinent data during their review of the community's fire-protection services utilizing the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). The review process concentrates on three primary areas; the Fire Department, Emergency Communications, and the Water Supply System. Each of the primary areas has a multitude of sections, topics, and criteria that are assessed as part of the extensive ISO review process.

Receiving the Class 1 designation places the St. Charles Fire Department in the Top 1% of all fire departments nationwide. Property and business owners should benefit directly from our outstanding ISO Class 1 rating through lower insurance rates, in addition to receiving exceptional fire protection and emergency medical services.



Congratulations to the remarkable members of the St. Charles Fire Department for achieving this recognition through their hard-work, dedication, and continued commitment to excellence.

*Assistant Chief Scott Swanson  
Accreditation and ISO officer*

## Emergency Management

2015 was a year of changes for the St. Charles Emergency Management Agency. In March, the city's Emergency Operations Plan was updated, and plans are underway to test those changes in 2016. The Emergency Operations Plan is a living document, which is in a constant cycle of improvement. Due to the recent accreditation the Agency received, updating the Emergency Operations Plans is a pillar of maintaining that accreditation, among other activities. In an on-going pursuit to continue to elevate the level of professionalism of the organization, we are also pursuing the Ready to Respond Community Designation from the IEMA. This designation will highlight the efforts of our community leaders to maintain a city that is ready to respond to any hazard!

These opportunities would not have been available to us if it weren't for the tremendous efforts of Emergency Management Coordinator, Paul Bumba. In June, Paul made the decision to pursue retirement and hand the baton over. We wish Paul all the enjoyment and satisfaction that comes with retirement! In October, the new coordinator was hired; Emily Kies came from the Red Cross with 7 years of Disaster Management Experience and a passion for Incident Command Systems.



The Emergency Management Agency was able to continue its support of the city's police department by adding the job of crossing guard to the list. In December, another member was hired as a technician for the Agency; we would like to welcome Rick Mercado to the team! The EMA Team continues to hone their skills and gain knowledge in the field of Emergency Management. They exercise a wide variety of skills, from utilizing a generator and setting up balloon lights to opening a shelter and providing CPR. The team looks to continue that effort in 2016 with additional training on a variety of topics from Search and Rescue to using Incident Command Systems in a more integrated way.

Other activities that the Agency continues to build upon is exercises. In this way, the city is always looking for opportunities to improve upon their response knowledge, and operational coordination. In 2015, the Agency led several exercises to test different components of the Emergency Operations Plan, an exercise reviewing the City's Critical Responder Dispensing procedures, as well as a workshop to gain greater comfort with using ICS forms.



There were the annual events as well, which were well attended by both the citizens of St. Charles, as well as the members of EMA. With the St. Patrick's Day Parade, River Fest, Scarecrow Fest, the Fire Department Open House and The Holiday Homecoming parade, everyone stayed busy supporting the efforts both



behind the scenes and on stage! The Holiday Homecoming Parade was a great opportunity to showcase the ability of the city to utilize its resources for communications interoperability.

*Emily Kies*  
*Emergency Management Coordinator*

## Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board

The Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Program mandates that any foreign or alien insurance company that writes fire insurance in Illinois must contribute 2% of the fire premiums written on property located in the state to be distributed to the fire departments and fire districts statewide. Proceeds from the foreign fire insurance tax are intended to be used for the fire departments and their members. The monies may be used for any purpose, which the members determine to be for the benefit of the fire department or company. Any expenditure of foreign fire insurance tax funds should be for the benefit of the department and the membership as a whole.

Some of the notable 2015 requests that the board purchased include:

\$28,137.53 For new dive gear for the St. Charles Fire Department Water Rescue Team.

\$7150.00 for Atmospheric Monitoring equipment for the St. Charles Fire Department Haz-Mat Team.



\$35,000.00 Ford F-250 Crew Cab Pick Up with a Western Plow for Fire Station #3

\$4,000.00 for Built-In Humidifiers for Stations 2 and 3.

\$25,000.00 for funding of relocation of the Fire Department Memorial.



The 2015 Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board members:

Christian Thomas	Board Chairman
Tony Cavallo	Vice Chairman
Mike Pyzyna	Secretary
Phil Kuhn	Treasurer
Guy Gresser	Trustee
Jeremy Mauthe	Trustee
Chief Schelstreet	Trustee

*FF/PM Christian Thomas  
Chairman, Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board*

## Fire Prevention Bureau

### Fire Prevention Bureau 2015

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- I. Site consultations** - 31 reviews were completed for proposed changes of use or processes in existing buildings. These consultations generally involve a review of the existing life safety, egress, and fire protection features that are available and how those systems will be impacted by the proposed change. The evaluation is quite comprehensive often results in improved safety for the occupants and the general public.
- II. New Construction Plan Reviews** - 271 new construction plan reviews were performed. These reviews include fire sprinkler, fire alarm, and kitchen suppression systems. Also included are reviews of new buildings and modifications, alterations or additions to existing buildings. All reviews are completed to ensure that all proposed life safety, egress, and fire protection features meet the requirements of the adopted code set.  
The Fire Prevention Bureau is also part of the City's development review team and completes preliminary reviews on site, engineering and other development plans for proposed projects or developments within the Municipal boundaries.
- III. Inspections & Activities**- 340 field inspections were performed. These inspections consist of underground fire supply tests, sprinkler and fire alarm tests, kitchen fire suppression tests, and the final occupancy inspections to name a few. These are conducted for each new building, addition, remodel, or tenant finishout. A few of the projects completed in 2015 were Planet Fitness, Shakou, Timberbuilt, Buona Beef, The Finery, BP gas station and Starbucks.
- IV. All Inspection Activity – For Calendar Year 2015**
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|--|------|
| A. Total All inspections:              | 3535 |
| B. Total regular inspections:          | 1956 |
| C. Total re-inspections:               | 1007 |
| D. Total systems inspections:          | 153  |
| E. Final inspections:                  | 89   |
| F. Pre-occupancy inspections:          | 98   |
| G. Event inspections                   | 232  |
| H. Incidents requiring FPB follow-up   | 143  |
| I. Inspections requiring FPB follow-up | 345  |

2015 saw an uptick in demand for fire prevention bureau services especially in the area of plan review and consultation on new construction projects. The increase in the number of project/plan reviews was modest at 7%, however the projects we saw come through in 2015 are larger and demand more of the staff's time. Projects such as AJR Filtration, 1<sup>st</sup> Street Phase III, Fox Valley Volkswagen and Midwest Powder Coatings are a few examples of the large projects that were started in 2015 and will continue through 2016.

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In addition to the projects on our plates we have also been working with the Community Development Department on updating and adopting the 2015 International Code set. We work on a six year adoption cycle and our existing adopted code is the 2009 International Code. This process started in the fall of 2015 and will continue until final adoption in the spring of 2016. The process includes countless hours of review, comparing and analyzing the new codes to the existing code. As an example, we look at the potential impacts the changes will have on fire



and life safety, as well as how the changes will affect development and cost of development.

Also during 2015, the St. Charles Fire Department was able add an additional inspector to the Fire Prevention Bureau. This was achieved through the transfer of Lt. John Kessler from his fire suppression position on Truck 101 to a prevention position in the Bureau. John joined the Bureau in December 2015 through a bidding process among all eligible department members. He has a strong construction background and a wonderful working relationship with our businesses and the community as a whole. The addition of personnel will greatly increase the efficiency of the daily activities of the Fire Prevention Bureau and will help us keep pace with continued demand.

The Fire Prevention Bureau is overseen by Assistant Chief of Support Services, Kevin Christensen, and is staffed by Lt. Brian Byrne and Lt. John Kessler. The Bureau supervises all fire prevention related activities including but not limited to plan review, public education programs, inspection programs, updating and enforcing any and all codes and ordinances adopted by the City of St. Charles and the State of Illinois.

*Lt. Brian Byrne  
Fire Prevention Bureau*

## Public Education

2015 provided a wide variety of opportunities for the Public Education team to spread the word about fire safety. Beginning with the Downtown Partnership sponsored 'Chair-ity' event. Adirondack chairs were decorated and placed around town for silent auction bids from June to September. The Fire Department's entry was located in Volunteer Plaza and garnered a \$110 winning bid.



The 'Chair-ity' event was followed closely by the Annual Open House which returned for a second year after a long hiatus. We had a great turn-out of approximately 300 people who were treated to demonstrations of extrication events, special teams tools, dive demonstration, kids' obstacle course, an appearance by Sparky and concluding with a live burn side-by-side sprinkler demonstration.



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Something new in 2015 had the Firefighters visiting the neighborhoods during Trick or Treat hours. They passed out 300 treat bags in the first hour and garnered 179 likes on the What's Happening in St. Charles Facebook page. The event proved to be very popular and most likely will be repeated in coming years.

Again, the St. Charles Fire Department float and truck proved to be popular participants in the



Holiday Homecoming Electric Lights Parade being awarded 2nd Place in the Non-Profit category. It was estimated that 23,000 people enjoyed the parade and were reminded about important holiday fire safety.

FF Mike Pyzyna, FF Chad Tinsley, Lt. Jeremy Mauthe and Lt. Jason Peterson completed the Public Life Safety Educator course and joined FF Jeff Tarro (Team Leader), FF Cliff Lo, Lt. Tony Centimano, FF Steve Dries, FF Steve Siwy, Lt. Brian Byrne and Lt. John Kessler on the Public Education Team.

*Firefighter Jeff Tarro  
Public Education Team Leader*

## Training

The function of the Training Division is to ensure effective and efficient performance of fire department members by assuring all personnel are taught and qualified to City and department benchmarks as well as any relevant mandatory or elective standards as adopted by the fire department.

Training Division responsibilities include: management of the department training program, coordination of Specialty Team training (Technical Rescue Team, Water Rescue Team, Hazardous Materials Team, Fire Investigation Team, Public Education Team, Fire Inspector Team), liaison with ancillary training organizations (Illinois Fire Service Institute, Illinois Society of Fire Service Instructors, Illinois Fire Inspectors Association, Office of the State Fire Marshal, MABAS), evaluation of program effectiveness and maintenance of training records and reports.

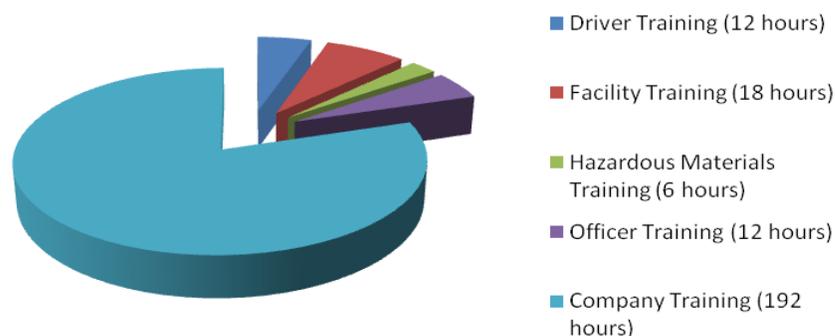
The Training Division is responsible for developing and distributing a monthly training calendar and job performance standards associated with each of the training topics listed for the month. Company Officers are responsible for the training program delivery for each of their members.

The department began using a new records management software program at the beginning of this year with the intent to improve ISO training compliance.

The program consists of online training courses, scheduling modules and electronic reports specifically built to meet the department's ISO training standards and report tracking.

An ISO training credential is assigned annually to department members based upon rank for the period January 1 through December 31. There is a minimum of 240 hours of training assigned to the credential which is further broken down into the following training categories. The ISO training credential is based upon in-house firefighting related training activities.

**ISO Training Credential by Training Categories & Hours**



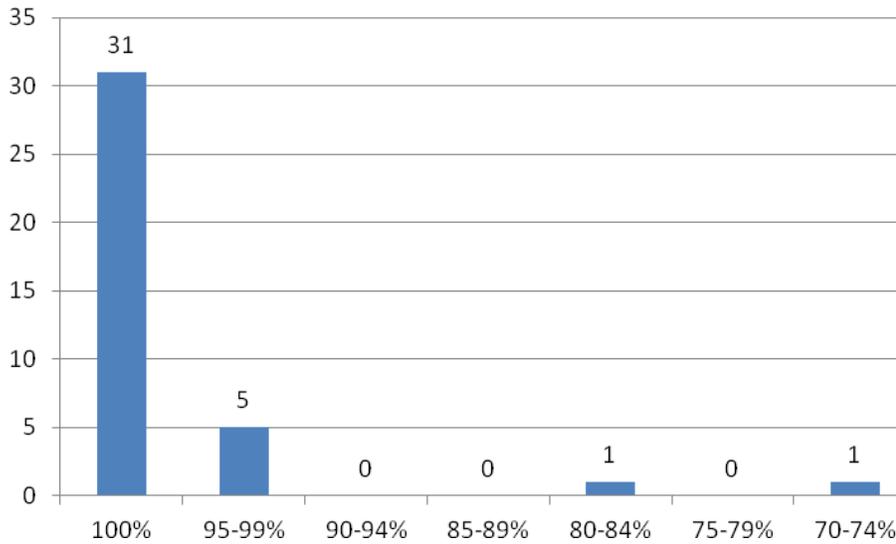
There were 38 department members who were assigned to complete the hours listed in each training category. Some department members did not attain the total annual hourly requirements due to mid-year changes in their of job classifications while others had extended time off due to injuries and/or illnesses. The following is a breakdown by percentage for department members completing the minimum 240 hours of training listed for each category in the ISO training credential.

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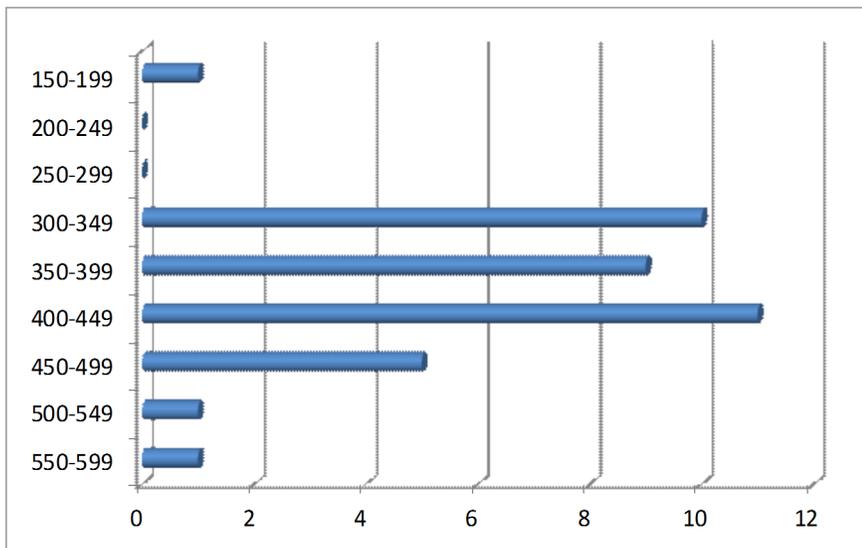
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**ISO Training Credential Annual Compliance by Percentage**



Department members also completed non-firefighting training activities for a combined 14,613 hours of training for the year.

**Total Department Training by Hours**



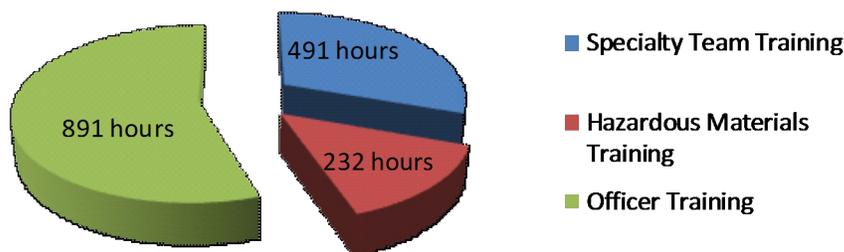
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A number of department members also attended outside schools attaining a combined 1,614 hours of training. The following is a breakdown of attendance at outside schools by category and hours.

### **Outside Schools Attendance by Category & Hours**



The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is responsible for assisting local governments in improving the levels of education and training standards for local firefighters. The Division of Personnel Standards and Education manages a program of training and certification for over 50,000 firefighters in Illinois. The program involves developing standards for training, testing and certification at all levels including: firefighting, fire prevention, public education, fire investigation, fire department management, and specialties including apparatus driver, airport firefighter, hazardous materials and rescue.

Department members attained (71) Office of the State Fire Marshal certifications for the 2015 calendar year. For calendar year 2014, department members attained (34) OSFM certifications. This represents a 109 percent increase in OSFM certifications from the previous year.

The following personnel are recognized for attaining Office of the State Fire Marshal certifications during the 2015 calendar year.

Lt. Brian Byrne	Advanced Fire Prevention Officer Fire Department Incident Safety Officer Hazardous Materials First Responder – Operations
Lt. Anthony Cavallo	Fire Service Instructor II Fire Department Incident Safety Officer Fire Officer I
FP Dave Chmelar	Fire Service Instructor II
FP Steve Dries	Fire Officer II – Provisional Fire Service Instructor II
B/C Marty Friel	Airport Firefighter

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## Training, cont'd.

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	Hazardous Materials Incident Command
FP Don Fruland	Vehicle and Machinery Operations Technical Rescue Awareness Hazardous Materials First Responder – Operations Fire Service Vehicle Operator
FP Rainier Galliano	Fire Service Instructor II Fire Service Vehicle Operator Fire Department Safety Officer Fire Department Incident Safety Officer Hazardous Materials Incident Command Fire Officer II - Provisional Basic Operations Firefighter Fire Inspector I Basic Fire Prevention Officer Fire Department Health and Safety Officer Fire Officer I Trench Operations Structural Collapse Operations
FP Wes Gosser	Hazardous Materials Incident Command Hazardous Materials Technician B
Lt. John Kessler	Basic Fire Prevention Officer Fire Department Incident Safety Officer Hazardous Materials First Responder – Operations Fire Inspector I Public Fire & Life Safety Educator 1
FP Pat Lacey	Trench Operations Rescue Specialist – Vertical II/High Angle
FP C. Lo	Fire Officer I – Provisional Fire Instructor I
Lt. Jeremy Mauthe	Fire Inspector I Basic Fire Prevention Officer Public Fire & Life Safety Educator 1
Capt. Lance Maxwell	Hazardous Materials Incident Command
FP Tim McCarthy	Fire Officer I – Provisional
B/C Nick McManus	Airport Firefighter

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Capt. Darin Peterson	Fire Inspector I Hazardous Materials Incident Command
Lt. Jason Peterson	Fire Inspector I Hazardous Materials Technician B Public Fire & Life Safety Educator 1
FP Mike Pyzyna	Fire Inspector I Public Fire & Life Safety Educator 1 Basic Fire Prevention Officer
FP Steve Rehak	Hazardous Materials Incident Command
Lt. Mike Schaben	Fire Department Incident Safety Officer
FP Jeff Tarro	Fire Inspector I Basic Fire Prevention Officer Fire Service Vehicle Operator Basic Operations Firefighter Swiftwater Technician Ice Dive Technician Dive Technician
FP Chris Thomas	Fire Service Instructor II
FP Chad Tinsley	Fire Service Vehicle Operator Public Fire & Life Safety Educator 1 Rescue Specialist – Vertical II/High Angle
Capt. Leo Veseling	Hazardous Materials Incident Command
Lt. Chip Voelsch	Fire Department Incident Safety Officer
Lt. Allen Wade	Fire Department Incident Safety Officer
FP Brad Wilton	Advanced Technician Firefighter

*Assistant Chief Kevin Christensen  
Chief of Training*



## Safety

The Occupational Safety and Health Committee members are responsible for discussing matters relating to the health, safety and welfare for members of the department. The committee meets monthly to discuss and make recommendations pertaining to possible hazards in the workplace and reviews any work-related accidents or injuries making recommendations to prevent similar occurrences.

The 2015 Occupational Safety & Health Committee members were represented by the following individuals:

Fire Chief Joe Schelstreet  
Assistant Chief Kevin Christensen  
Battalion Chief Jim Kurczek  
Captain Leo Veseling  
Captain Lance Maxwell  
Captain Darin Peterson  
Lieutenant Anthony Cavallo

The following are some of the highlights of the committee's health and safety recommendations during the past year.

### *Facilities*

- The regulator system for the air compressor located on the apparatus floor at all three fire stations was modified to have the capability to inflate the apparatus tires to their proper air pressure. The previous regulator system was not capable of maintaining the proper inflation pressures. Correcting this issue alleviated the need to rotate apparatus to Fleet solely for tire inflation which can now be completed in-house.
- Additional alerting speakers and LED's were installed at Station #2 as part of the ceiling tile replacement project. The installation provided additional coverage for areas in the station which were considered "dead" spots being difficult to hear the dispatch for an incident.

### *Equipment*

- The Quartermaster periodically reviews new products and standards for personal protective gear. The review led to purchasing an improved structural firefighting glove based upon revised national standards designed to improve dexterity and protection.

### *Other*

- A traffic warning device was installed on Campton Hills Road to advise approaching motorists of emergency vehicles departing from Station #3. Upon dispatch for an incident, the traffic warning device is activated prior to leaving the station in an effort to allow the safe travel of apparatus onto the roadway.
- Hazardous Materials Team members completed the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) annual review and update of the list of chemicals at each station according to OSHA standards.

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## Safety, cont'd.

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### *Fire Department Work Related Injuries*

The committee reviewed (16) fire department employee work-related injuries this past year. This included (3) OSHA recordable and (13) OSHA non-recordable injuries resulting in (5) days of lost time at work and (14) days assigned to light duty. There were (10) work-related injuries the previous year which represents a 60 percent increase in injuries compared to the previous year.

<i>Loss Cause Detail</i>	<i>Number of Employees</i>
Body Fluids	1
Infectious Disease	3
Bending	1
Temperature Contact	1
Sharp Object/Other	4
Sports/Recreation Activity	1
Slip/Trip/Fall	1
Struck By/Against	2
Overexertion	1
No Specific Incident	1

<i>Loss Type Detail</i>	<i>Number of Employees</i>
Sprain/Strain	3
Exposure	4
Contusion	3
Abrasion	1
Burn	1
Laceration	3
All Other Injuries NOC	1

*\*Information obtained from 2015 OSHA 300 Log*

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The committee reviewed (3) fire department employee vehicle accidents. There were (2) employee vehicle accidents the previous year which represents a 50 percent increase in accidents compared to the previous year.

### *Fire Department Work Related Vehicle Accidents*

<i>Body Part Detail</i>	<i>Number of Employees</i>
Knee(s)	2
Buttocks	1
Finger(s)	1
Face	1
Thumb(s)	1
Multiple Body Parts	3
No Injury	1
Back	1
Ankle(s)	2
Hand(s)	2
Shoulder(s)	1

<i>Nature of the Accident</i>	<i>Number of Accidents</i>
Collison with Fixed Object	3

<i>Type of Apparatus / Vehicles Involved</i>	<i>Number of Accidents</i>
Fire Apparatus	2
Passenger Vehicle	1

<i>Damage Estimates</i>	<i>Number of Accidents</i>
\$0	0
\$1- \$499	2
\$500 - \$1499	0
> \$1500	1

*Assistant Chief Kevin Christensen  
Chief of Safety*

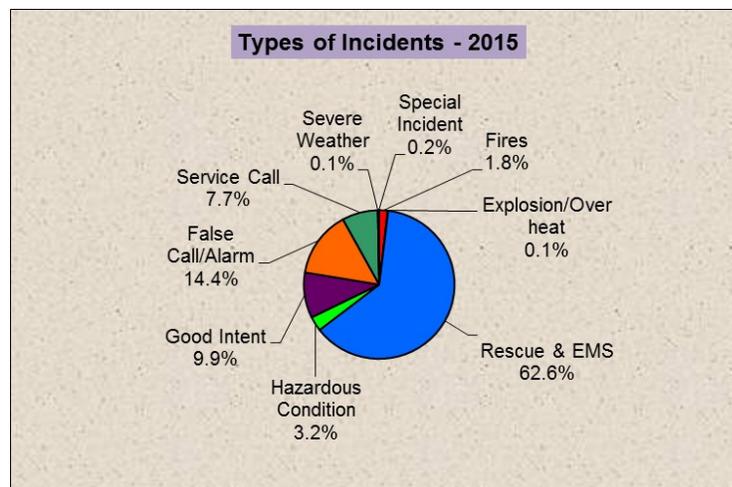
## Operations

The operations division of the St. Charles Fire Department has the functional responsibility for the delivery of emergency services to the citizens, business owners, and visitors who call, request, or are in need of fire department services. The emergency services provided by the St. Charles Fire Department include fire suppression, rescue services, emergency medical responses, and special teams operations.

The St. Charles Fire Department was dispatched to a total of 4452 incidents during the year 2015. The personnel from the St. Charles Fire Department handled an average of 12.20 incidents responses each day during 2015. This was a 2.5% decrease in daily call volume from the previous year, primarily due to efforts to reduce the number of false or unintentional fire alarms.

### 2015 St. Charles Fire Department Calls by Incident Type

Incident Type	Number
Fires	80
Overpressure/Explosion	3
Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	2791
Hazardous Condition	142
Service Incident	344
Good Intent Incident	440
False Call or Alarm	639
Severe Weather & Disaster	5
Special Incident Type	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>4452</b>



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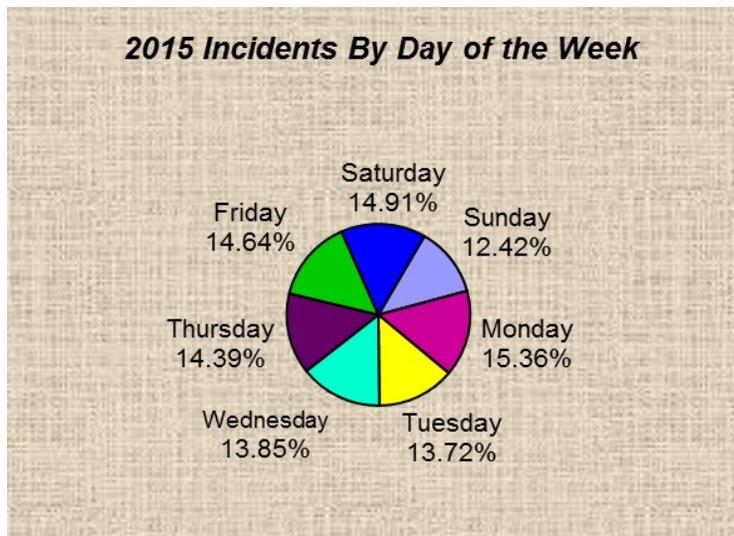
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The St. Charles Fire Department responded to 80 fires of various types, constituting approximately 2% of the total incidents handled. The total fire loss for 2015 was \$550,450. The fire-fighter's efforts resulted in saving more than 98% of the property in which fire occurred.

Type of Fire Incident	Number
Structure/Building Fires	41
Appliance/Cooking/Chimney Fires	11
Vehicle Fires	12
Grass/Brush/Wildland Fires	9
Dumpster/Rubbish Fires	4
Other Fires	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>

Type of Rescue Incident	Number
EMS, excluding vehicle accidents	2462
Medic Assistance	86
Vehicle Accidents	201
Pedestrian vs Vehicle Accidents	12
Water Rescue	5
Extrication Incidents	21
EMS Stand-By	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2791</b>

The Department responded to 2,791 Rescue and EMS incidents during 2015. These calls comprised 62% of the total responses for the St. Charles Fire Department. A breakdown of these incidents shows the following types and numbers of rescue incidents.

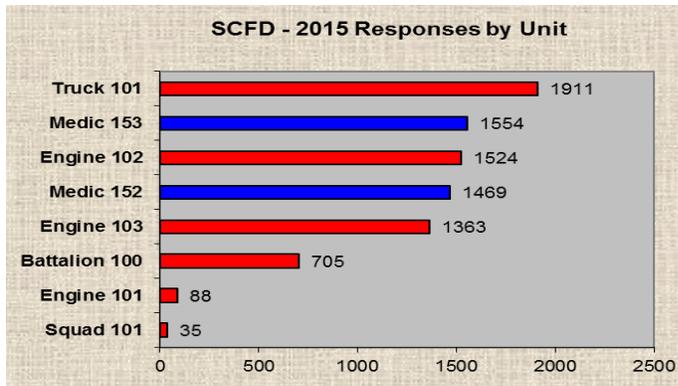


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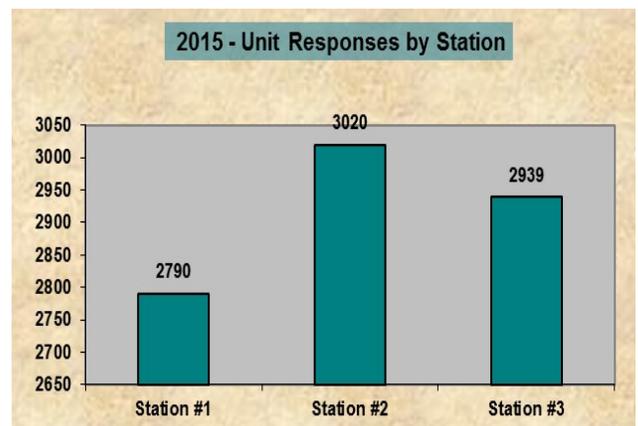
Monday, with 684 incidents, was the busiest day of the week during calendar year 2015. Sunday, with 553 incidents, was the slowest day of the week.

Day of the Week	Total Incidents	Average Daily Incidents
Sunday	553	12.42
Monday	684	15.36
Tuesday	611	13.72
Wednesday	647	14.53
Thursday	641	14.39
Friday	652	14.64
Saturday	664	14.91



Truck Company 101 continued their status as the busiest company within the St. Charles Fire Department, with 1911 responses during 2015. This equates to an average of more than 159 responses per month or 5.24 incident responses every day.

Fire Station #2 has continued to increase their response activity. For 2015, Fire Station #2 has achieved the distinction of being the busiest station location by total unit responses.



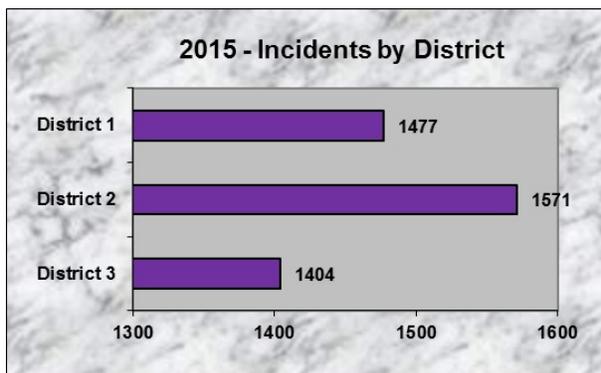
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**Fire Station #1 – 112 N. Riverside Avenue**  
**Central Station – Downtown**  
*Truck 101-Engine 101-Squad 101-Battalion 100*

<b>Battalion 100</b>	<b>Battalion Chief Marty Friel</b>	<b>Battalion Chief Jim Kurczek</b>	<b>Battalion Chief Nick McManus</b>
<b>Truck 101</b>	<b>Lt. Tony Centimano</b>	<b>Capt. Lance Maxwell</b>	<b>Lt. Walter Voelsch</b>
	<b>Lt. Tony Cavallo</b>	<b>Lt. Jason Peterson</b>	<b>Lt. Guy Gresser</b>
	<b>Brian Hansen</b>	<b>Tim McCarthy</b>	<b>Dave Chmelar</b>
	<b>Steve Dries</b>	<b>Chad Tinsley</b>	<b>Joe Davila</b>
	<b>Steve Siwy</b>	<b>Joe Rehak</b>	<b>Scott Sulak</b>



The response district covered by Fire Station #2 became the most active district with 1571 incidents responses during 2015.

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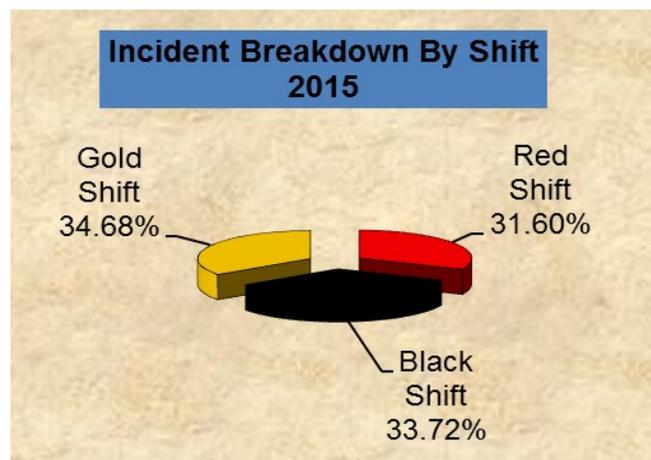
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**Fire Station #2 – 2900 Production Drive  
East Side**

<b>Engine 102</b>	<b>Lt. Jeremy Mauthe</b>	<b>Lt. Mike Schaben</b>	<b>Capt. Darin Peterson</b>
	<b>Phil Kuhn</b>	<b>Mike Mustard</b>	<b>Mike Thomas</b>
	<b>Mike Pyzyna</b>	<b>Cliff Lo</b>	<b>Wes Gosser</b>
	<b>Steve Rehak</b>	<b>Patrick Lacey</b>	<b>Brad Wilton</b>
<b>Medic 152</b>	<b>Brent Miller</b>	<b>Gwen Mayer</b>	<b>Andrew Perry</b>
	<b>Mark Elliott</b>	<b>Alex Putz</b>	



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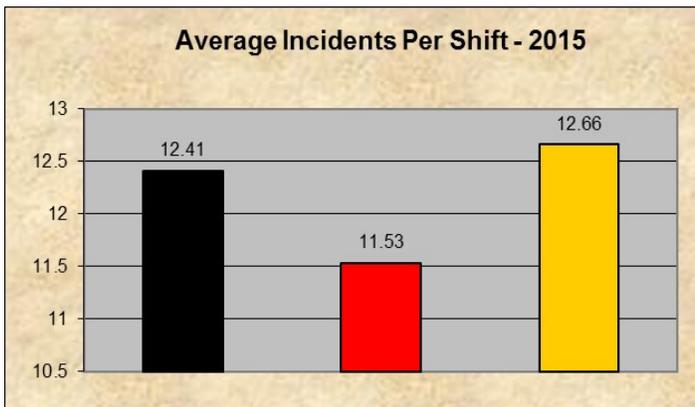
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**Fire Station #3 – 2901 Campton Hills Road  
West Side**

<b>Engine 103</b>	<b>Capt. Leo Veseling</b>	<b>Lt. Mike Neumaier</b>	<b>Lt. Allen Wade</b>
	<b>Kelly Malone</b>	<b>Don Fruland</b>	<b>Tim Masinick</b>
	<b>Nick Marqui</b>	<b>Chris Thomas</b>	<b>Trevor Kelly</b>
	<b>Rainier Galliano</b>	<b>Jeff Tarro</b>	
<b>Medic 153</b>	<b>Trent Moser</b>	<b>Patrick Mayer</b>	<b>Steve Williams</b>
	<b>Tyler Assell</b>	<b>Meredith Marley</b>	<b>Dan Miller</b>



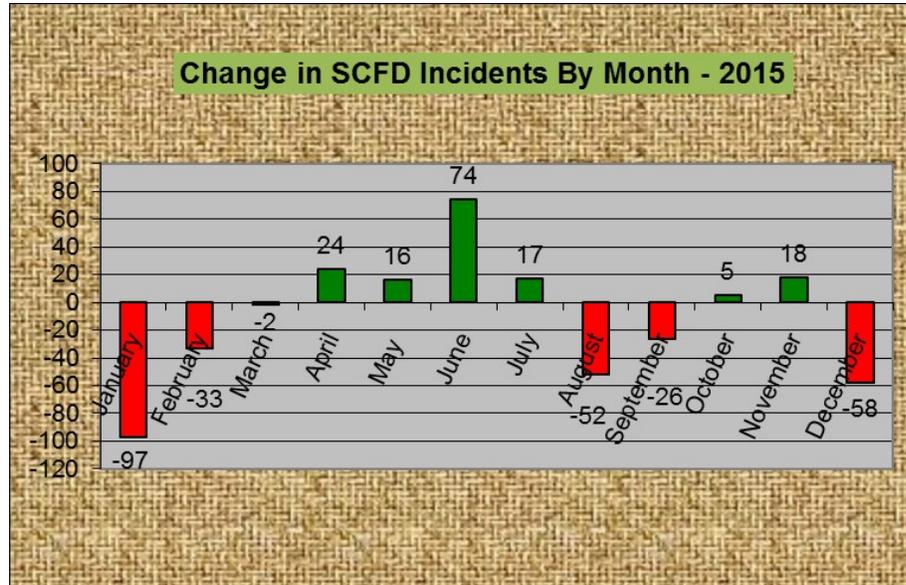
The Gold Shift retained the title of the busiest shift during 2015. With 12.66 incidents per shift, the Gold Shift led the St. Charles Fire Department. This was followed by Black Shift at 12.41 and then the Red Shift at 11.53 incidents per 24-hour shift.

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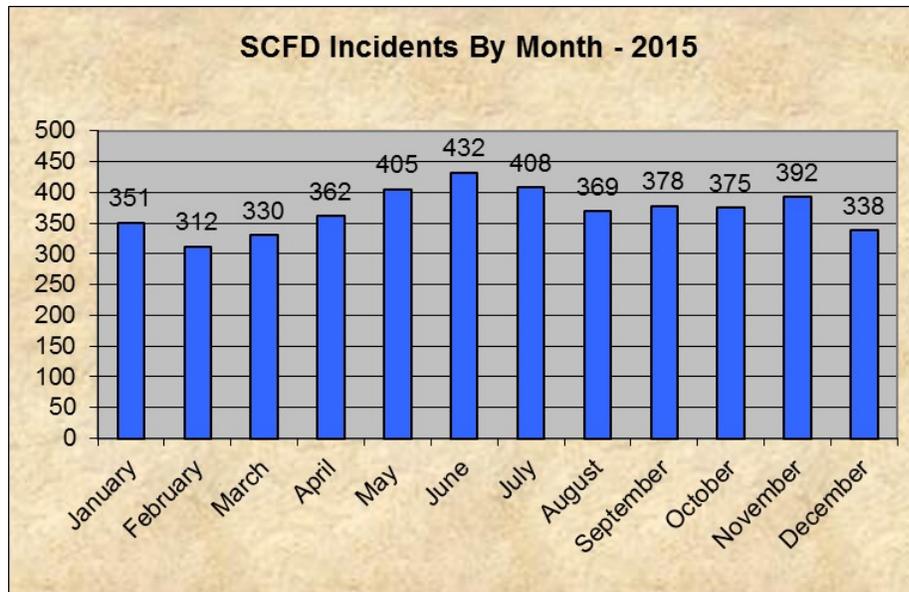
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The year of 2015 witnessed a wide variety of changes in call volume per month over the previous year. Six months experienced an increase in call volume, while the remaining six months decreased during 2015.



The month of June was the busiest period during the year 2015. July and May, with 408 and 405 incidents respectively, were the next busiest monthly periods during 2015.

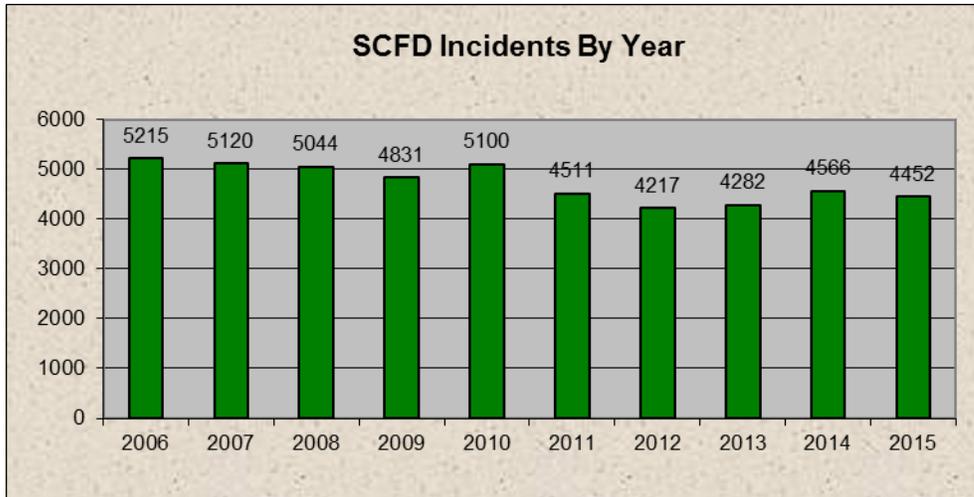


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The St. Charles Fire Department handled a total of 4452 incidents during 2015, a slight reduction from the previous year. The total annual responses over the past ten years are displayed in the chart below.

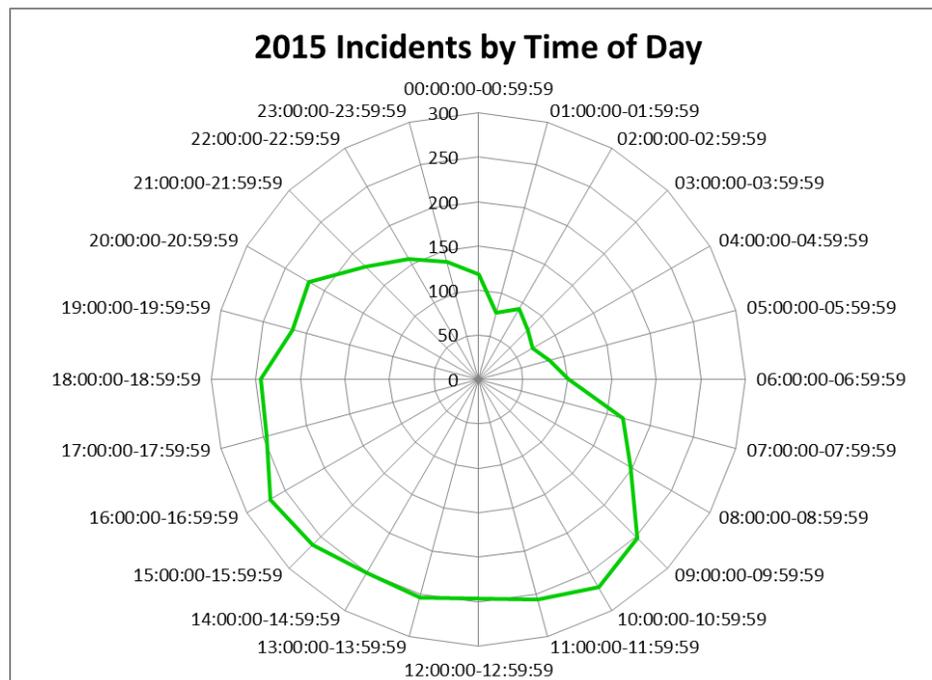


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Since the type of emergency incident and the time at which any incident might occur is unknown, the St. Charles Fire Department must be prepared and ready to respond twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week. A review of the time of day that emergency incidents occurred during 2015, the bulk of the total incidents continued to occur during the daytime and evening period, this year from 7:00 a.m. through 11:00 p.m. each day.



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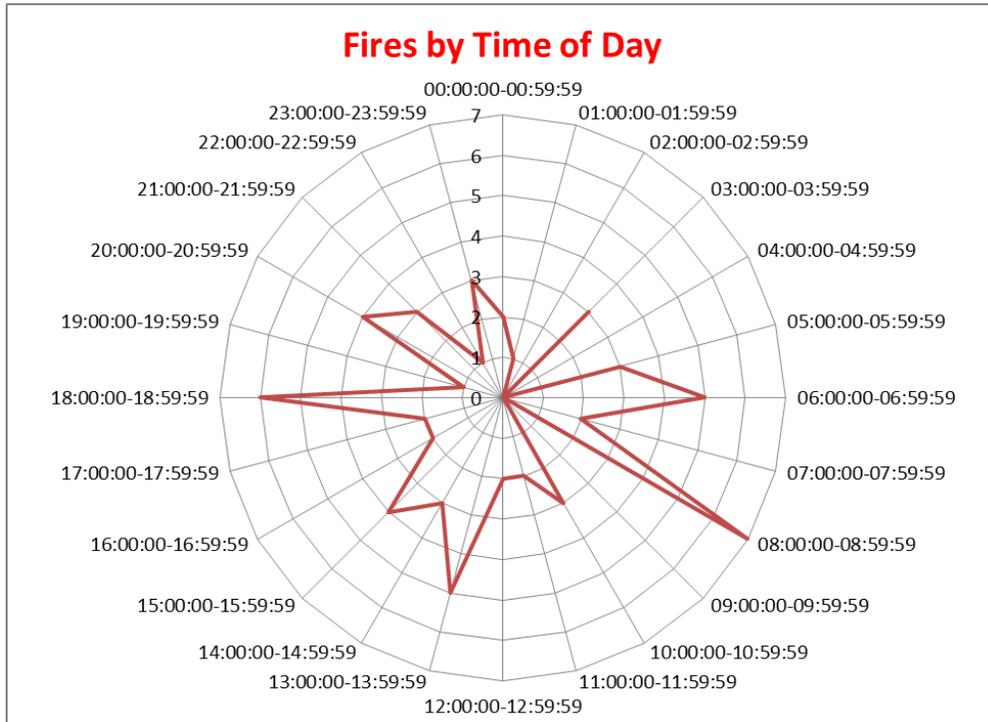
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During 2015, fire incident calls actually occurred throughout the 24 hour period. The most active periods are illustrated by spikes during the morning, afternoon, and evening.



YEAR 2015	Amount	%
Value of Property	\$45,810,477	100.00%
Fire Losses	\$ 550,450	1.20%
Property Saved	\$45,260,027	98.80%

Assistant Chief Scott Swanson,  
Chief of Operations

# Water Rescue

The St. Charles Fire Department Underwater Rescue and Recovery team (dive team) is currently made up of twelve divers, all of which are certified as paramedics. We started the year with eleven divers and added a new diver in June. Of the divers we have, there is a wide range of experience in public safety diving. From the newly trained diver to our thirty-five year diver, we have both knowledge and experience on our side. At this time, we are well equipped and trained to handle most any type of water related incident with a high degree of safety for our personnel.

The two primary components of a successful water rescue team are training and equipment. In 2015, the team excelled in both areas.

The divers participated in five open water training exercises. The first of which was conducted in February of 2015. On that date, the air temperature was around 5 degrees with a water temperature of 33 degrees. In order to get to the water, divers had to cut through twelve inches of ice. Another ice dive was scheduled for December but there was no ice. Not having ice did not stop us from diving in the cold water. We have another ice dive scheduled for this February and with any luck there will be ice.

The other three open water dives were conducted in the Fox River. The current and debris in the river are the most dangerous aspects of this type of diving. During the three river dives, personnel practiced various skills that would be used in the event of an incident in the river.



In August, many of our divers trained as Swiftwater Rescue Technicians assisted the MABAS Div. 13 Technical Rescue team with skills they may be required to perform in the event of a flood/swiftwater event. Dive team members taught TRT personnel the basics of water rescue including rope riggings, rope throw bags, and dangers faced in water related incidents. The training was conducted in the Fox River at the Yorkville low head dam and canoe chute in order to present a realistic setting to

learn and practice skills.

August also meant it was time for all of the divers to complete their annual swim and skills testing. All of our divers passed this test.

In September, four of our divers with one of our dive instructors traveled to Kankakee for three days to obtain their certifications in Advanced Open Water, Full Face Mask, and Drysuit. Congratulations to these men for getting their training and showing their commitment to the team.

As noted earlier, training and equipment are the mainstays of a successful team. During 2015, the department made a major upgrade to the equipment inventory. After much research, the team was able to purchase quite a bit of new equipment to replace aging regulators, BCD's, weight harnesses, fins, and computers. Most of the equipment that was replaced, was

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purchased in the early 90's and served the team well during that time. As with all things, it wears out and gets to the point of being unsafe or not worth the cost of maintenance.

The computers record all aspects of a dive including air consumption, depth, ascent rates, temp. and much other information important to the diver. All of this information can then be downloaded to a stationary computer for future reference or if a diver has a medical problem during or after a dive. This information is invaluable to a dive physician when trying to diagnose and treat a potential medical problem.



The dive team is very grateful to the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board for providing the funds needed to purchase all of this equipment.

As always, the water rescue team members stand ready to respond to water related incidents both in our community and neighboring areas. With the training we seek out and the equipment we maintain, the team is willing and able to handle most water related emergencies in a safe and efficient manner.

A special thanks to the following agencies/people that have assisted our team this year in being as successful as we have been:

- 👉 City of St. Charles
- 👉 St. Charles Fire Department
- 👉 St. Charles Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board
- 👉 Forest city SCUBA
- 👉 Dive Right In SCUBA
- 👉 DJ's SCUBA
- 👉 St. Charles Park District
- 👉 Hilton Garden Inn
- 👉 City of Yorkville
- 👉 Norris Recreation Center- Mr. Tim Lewarchick

*Captain Leo Veseling  
Water Rescue Team Leader*

## Technical Rescue Team

The St. Charles Technical Rescue Team (TRT) consists of an 8-man team of fire department members who are trained in the use of tools and skills associated with the rescue or recovery of individuals from incidents involving a confined space, trench, structural collapse or high/low angle environment. Each individual on the St. Charles TRT is also a member of the MABAS 13 TRT, which serves a larger geographical area encompassing a sizable portion of Kane County. All team members must be certified to the highest level of training within those disciplines through the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). All Team members train quarterly with the MABAS 13 TRT. Additionally, the TRT is responsible for various in-house training and drills throughout the calendar year. Below is a summary of training activities from the 2015 calendar year.

Beginning in March, members of the Team participated in an Incident Command System (ICS) class that was hosted by the Geneva Fire Department. Attending personnel were instructed on the various roles and responsibilities that are assigned for large scale incidents requiring an ICS. Additionally, all participants were given real world scenarios to work through as command level responders to ensure adequate understanding of the ICS.

All members of the TRT participated in a MABAS 13 quarterly training exercise in April at River Hills Cemetery in Batavia. The drill was response driven, with no information given prior to the drill regarding what the personnel would encounter, making for a more realistic training



environment. All personnel worked well together, utilizing the staff and equipment available to complete the scenario in a safe and efficient manner.

In May, the TRT took part in another MABAS 13 drill at the Southern Kane County Training Association facility. This drill was also scenario driven, consisting of an explosion within a manufacturing facility. Members from MABAS Division 12 worked alongside the members of

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## Technical Rescue Team, cont'd.

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Division 13 to perform reconnaissance of the entire site, shoring of compromised buildings and rescue of individuals trapped within multiple confined spaces. This joint training exercise allowed participants to share techniques, equipment and protocols not normally used within their own Division.

The Team participated in a unique training opportunity during the month of August. This drill consisted of a swift water drill that St. Charles TRT hosted for the entire MABAS 13 Division. The drill took place at the low head dam in Yorkville and Captain Leo Veseling was the lead instructor for the drill. He taught all participants about the basics of swift water, including recognition of hazards within the water, appropriate personal protective equipment for responding to the calls and techniques for removing a victim from the water. Each participant was then able to apply their new knowledge by rescuing "victims" from the dam area. The roles of the victims were played by members of the St. Charles Swift Water Rescue Team. This training offered the TRT members an opportunity to receive a hands-on lesson for responding to swift water calls while simultaneously affording the Swift Water Team some training time in a moving current.



In early October the TRT participated in an interdivisional drill that MABAS Division 2 hosted at the old Sherman Hospital in Elgin. This drill brought in participants from numerous teams across the region as well as members from various government agencies including police, fire, EMS, local dispatchers, and the FBI. The drill was divided into two intensive days of training that covered Haz-Mat, fire and TRT responses. These scenarios tested everyone's ability to communicate effectively and mitigate the variety of hazards that were present for their scenarios.

Last, the TRT participated in a one day MABAS 13 quarterly high angle rescue drill. Participants utilized new equipment that the division was issued from MABAS to perform a mock confined space rescue. Participants were also given hands on instruction on a new building monitoring system that is now a division asset.

The Team was fortunate to be able to bring Firefighter Chad Tinsley onto the roster in 2015. Chad comes to the team with some prior experience and training related to Technical Rescue. He is actively working towards completing his state level training to be a certified Technician across all disciplines within Technical Rescue- Welcome Chad!

*Lt. Jeremy Mauthe  
Technical Rescue Team Leader*

# Hazmat Team

While not particularly busy with incidents, the Hazardous Materials Response team remained in a constant state of readiness to respond and mitigate incidents to best of our ability. We started off the year with members participating in the MABAS 13 HMRT training which is held on a quarterly basis, this is a great opportunity for department members to train with members of other departments within our division and receive advanced training on various topics within the realm of hazardous materials mitigation. 2015 also saw a strong push by not only the team leader but the administration as well to certify all team members to the level of training set forth by team guidelines and MABAS 13 standards. We had members attend training and receive certification to technician B status and hazmat incident command. Every team member is now in full compliance with the MABAS 13 team standard for certification level. My thanks to all that sacrificed their time to attend these classes.



No major equipment additions were made to the team in 2015; we again focused on maintaining and training with our current assets. As some hazardous materials have shortened shelf lives, we did have to replace some consumable items that had



reached their expiration dates and had one aging level A entry suit fail during the annual suit testing that is performed by Wes Gosser.



While several years have passed since the department went through the accreditation process, we are still working on better utilization of available technology, we have begun the process of doing this by sending a couple of technicians to a two day class on utilizing the CAMEO and ALOHA software which is specifically designed to assist not only with hazmat mitigation but tier II reporting as well. This software package is free from the department of homeland security and already loaded on the hazardous materials team laptop, our members will be attending this class in February of 2016 in Elgin.

2015 also saw a change in how we, as a team, receive our annually required medical surveillance physicals. The department switched vendors to Health Endeavors, a company that has a long track record of quality service. The major factor for switching vendors was that Health Endeavors offers mobile physicals. In December this company parked a mobile clinic at fire station 2 and performed all of our team member's physicals over the course of two days which allowed us the ability to have the physicals performed while members were on duty. Testing included a full check up by the on-site physician, a cardiac stress test via treadmill and drawing of blood for a full series of laboratory tests. My thanks to Lt. Al Wade for doing all of the re-

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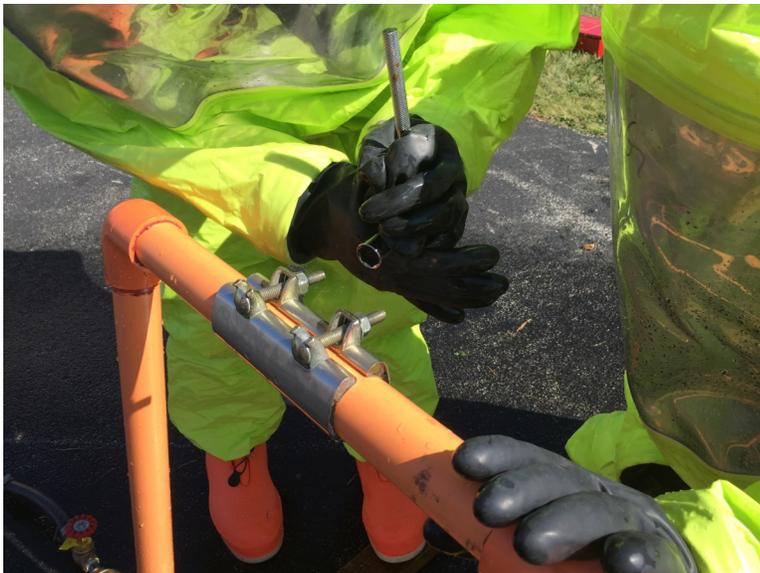
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search and going through the bid process so that we may continue to have high quality medical surveillance.

In 2014 we began the migration to Draeger atmospheric monitoring equipment; through our foreign fire tax fund and department funding we accomplished a great deal of upgrading meters in 2014. As we entered into the 15/16 fiscal year, we were able to complete the upgrade to all of the fire apparatus vehicles this year including bump testing stations for fire stations 2 and 3. The addition of the bump testing stations allows any firefighter to bump test the meters assigned to their stations to assure functionality and accuracy. For better accountability, we assigned FFP Trevor Kelly and FFP Wes Gosser to oversee and document bump tests every other week. Included vehicles in this year's upgrades were Squad 101 and Engine 101. To date, there have been no major issues with the new Draeger meters and feedback from department members has been overall positive.

We look forward to continued support by the administration and city in 2016, as we have attained the level of response readiness that was set forth by the team mission statement, we remain vigilant to the changes that have and continue to challenge the team. With the ever changing field of hazardous materials mitigation, we will continue to educate ourselves with the newest information and latest technology to keep the citizens of our community and environment safe for all to enjoy.

*Joe Davila  
Hazardous Materials Team Leader*



## Emergency Medical Services

The EMS section was involved in approximately 30 special events during 2015. This number does not include athletic game coverage or fireworks coverage. During these events the Department received total calls for assistance under



12. Most of these were not of a serious nature. Even though it seems like the number of events increases each year, as long as the department is given

enough time, we have little trouble covering these events with equipment and personnel. Our number of events involving athletic coverage increases each year as well.



Our Department was again regularly involved with the Association for Individual Development during 2015 with positive results. Because of privacy laws and policies, it is difficult to measure effectiveness but the lack of repeat calls is promising.



We are again attempting to re-engage in the Delnor Paramedic Training Program with respect to student riders. This will involve updating our department Preceptors and obtaining approved students to ride on our units.

Our department EMS training facilitators are currently working with the Training Section arranging new "hands on" training for 2016. This involves the use of EMS training manikins similar to the ones that are used in the Delnor simulation lab. This project is moving forward and I will keep you apprised of its progress.

*Battalion Chief Marty Friel  
Chief of EMS*



## Fleet

The Fleet Division for the Fire Department was able to realize some goals in 2015 by becoming more efficient through better communications and planning.

In a joint effort to improve communications between Fleet and Fire Department members, a Fleet/Fire Department Command Staff Meeting was established. The Command Staff consists of representatives from Fleet, Public Services, and Chief Officers. The Command Staff will meet quarterly to discuss any issues regarding Fleet and Fire. An example of some of the topics that have been discussed was how we could minimize downtime, software possibilities for reporting and tracking repairs and PMs, and having additional vendors to help with repairs if Fleet is understaffed.

Fleet hired a new full-time mechanic in 2015 to fill an open position that became available through a retirement. One of the qualifications for the new mechanic was having the ability to work on fire apparatus. The newly hired mechanic had previous experience working on fire apparatus and is a Master Emergency Vehicle Technician. Although not dedicated to the Fire Department Fleet Division, the new mechanic will be able to fill in when the assigned mechanic for fire is off, or unable to keep up with the work load.

Tri City Ambulance took over the responsibilities of maintaining all the ambulances through an outside vendor. This move helps cut down on the work load for Fleet and will save the Fire Department significant money.

Noteworthy projects that were completed in 2015 are:

- The replacement of doors on Engine 103 and Engine 101. Drain holes were not drilled on the bottom of the doors on either engine at the time they were manufactured. Without the drain holes, water accumulated inside the doors, causing the doors to rust-out.

A new fire engine was researched and specifications were developed to replace Engine 105. Engine 105 had a mechanical failure causing the fire engine to be taken permanently out of service. The City Council approved the purchase of a new engine, which is slated to be in service by late summer of 2016.

- Chevrons were put on the rear of all the fire apparatus.

Goals for Fleet in 2016 are:

- Go through the process of purchasing a new engine. The replacement date for Engine 103 is 2016.
- Updating and improving the Fleet-Fire Trouble Reporting Program.

<b>Frontline Apparatus Out of Service hours for 2015</b>	
Engine 101 - 7481.74	Engine 103 - 9260.93
Engine 102 - 1170.93	Truck 101 - 1104.00

*Battalion Chief Nick McManus*

# Fire Facilities

St Charles Fire Department facilities continually require maintenance, repairs and the occasional upgrade. Coordinating with the Public Works department and outside contractors is required to properly obtain the needed work at competitive, yet fair rates. Budget constraints are also a concern, especially during the state's budget issues threatening local municipal funding. It is necessary to prioritize facility projects based on needs and valuable upgrades that will improve our effectiveness to serve the community and responsibly provide preventative measures to protect the real estate we occupy. We are fortunate to have a headquarter station that is fairly new and doesn't require any major remodeling and two satellite stations that have been holding up fairly well for the past 28 plus years.

This year Station 2 was the focus for upgrades and replacements. It received a new station generator which is more efficient and reliable. The bunk room got energy efficient windows which not only will save energy, but will make the living conditions more comfortable. New ceiling tile and painted gridwork has cleaned up the entire living space. Rearranging the training room and exercise room has balanced the space needed to provide ample space for both functions. And thanks to Captain Peterson the mezzanine has been cleaned up to the point that the space can be used more effectively for multiple purposes.

Station 3 has had many upgrades in recent years and will continue to have upgrades and repairs budgeted in the coming year.

Despite its recent remodeling and addition, Station 1 continues to need tweaks and fine tuning. The HVAC system is a good example of a challenging work in progress. Proprietary control systems have made it difficult and expensive to regulate the interior atmosphere through the various seasons. Uncovering issues hidden during past renovations has also provided a challenge. Luckily we have a good working relationship with our HVAC contractor.

I look forward to developing future projects and becoming more involved in the budget process necessary to fund the repairs, maintenance, and upgrades that will keep the St Charles Fire Department facilities strong.

*Battalion Chief James Kurczek*



## Firemen's Pension Fund

The Firemen's Pension Fund saw some changes and activity for 2015. I will review some of the highlights of the year.

The Pension Fund Board is composed of five Trustees: two Active Firefighters, one retired, and two appointed by the Mayor. Steve Fuller's term as the Retired Firefighter Trustee expired in April. An election was held and Steve McCormick was elected to the position for a three year term. Mayor Rogina also appointed Chief Joe Schelstreet to the board as a trustee and reappointed Finance Director Chris Minick. Chief Schelstreet replaced Warren Drewes as a Mayoral Appointee. Warren, who is the City Treasurer, remains the legal treasurer of the fund, however he is not a voting member.

The appointees now mirror the Police Officer Pension Fund with the Department Head and Finance Director. Statutes require an election of officers annually. The Board elected Nick Marqui as President and Tony Centimano as Secretary.

As new Trustees, Steve and Joe had to attend 32 hours of training, which they completed through the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association in November. Pension Board members are required to complete 16 hours of pension and ethics training every year. Nick Marqui, Tony Centimano and Chris Minick completed their training through Illinois Public Pension Fund Association as well.

Some other items that were acted on by the Board:

- Steve Siwy and Joe Rehak were accepted by the fund.
- Jeff Ricker and Dan Anderson applied for and were granted reciprocal retirement.
- The Board completed an investment questionnaire provided by the financial consultant. This questionnaire will be used to set the Boards Investment Policy in early 2016.
- The Board renewed the Fiduciary Liability Insurance.

The fund's investments fared well last year considering US and global marketplaces experienced increasing volatility. Here are some key points from the annual statement for the FYE April 30, 2015.

- The fund held assets valued at about \$35,000,000.
- Firefighters contributed approximately \$443,500.
- The pension property tax levy contributed about \$1,229,000.
- Earnings on investments were approximately 4% which contributed about \$1,491,000.
- The fund paid out about \$1,056,000 in pensions to 20 beneficiaries, consisting of regular, disability, reciprocal and survivor pensions.

The Boards diligence and hard work in 2015 saw the Firemen's Pension Fund remain steady at nearly an 80% funded level as determined by the actuarial assessment. This work is a combination of efforts through the Board's Investment Policy, fund stewardship, and maintaining proper funding levels.

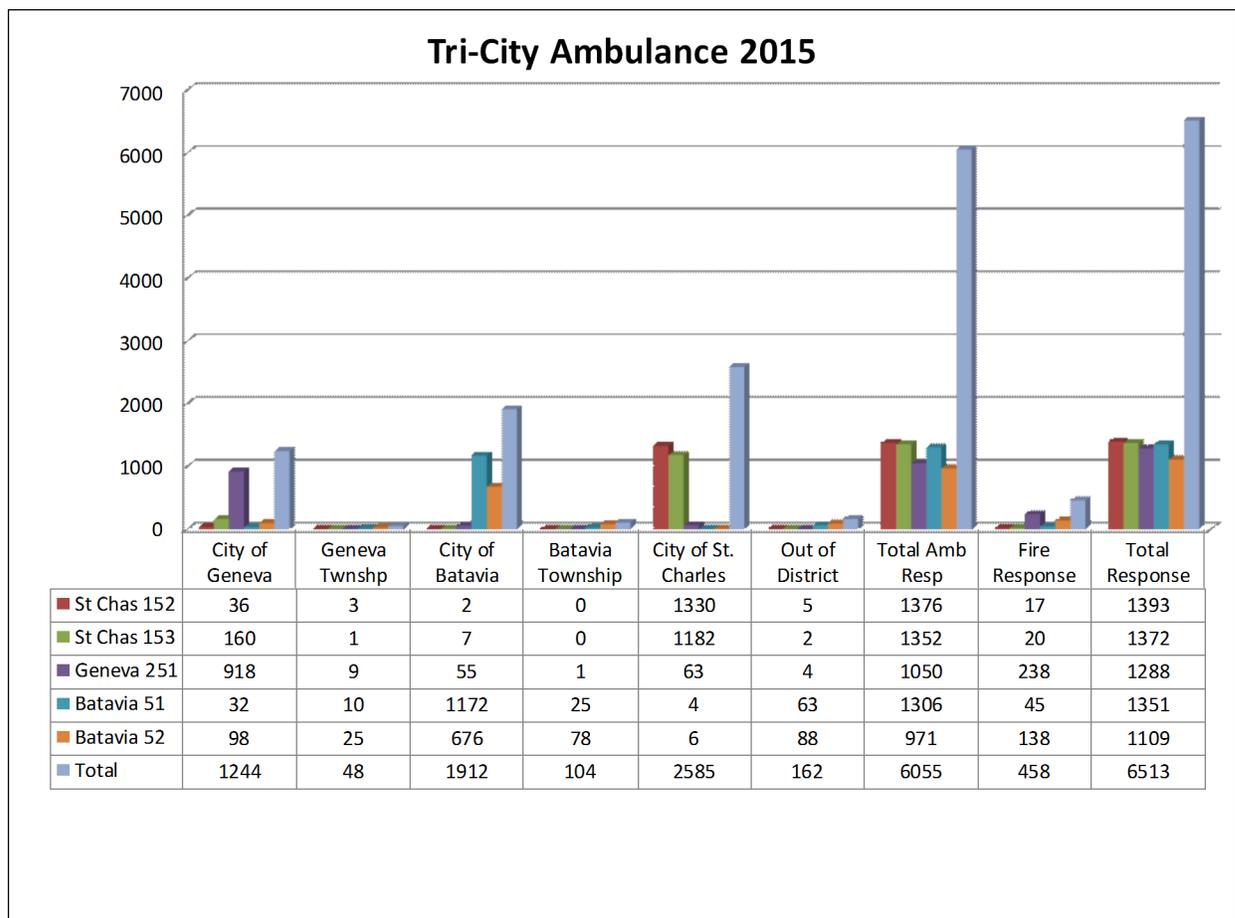
Lieutenant Anthony Centimano  
Active Trustee, Pension Board Secretary

## Tri-City Ambulance

2015 has set the groundwork for future achievements for Tri-City Ambulance. This year has been filled with self-evaluation and standardization of the organization. This work will lead to the achievement of the goal to become accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) in 2016. Another avenue of standardization has been through an ambulance spec committee diligently working on a standard spec that will meet the overall needs for all of the departments of TCA. Batavia Fire Department is scheduled to receive the first of the "standardized" ambulances in the upcoming fiscal year.

Overall, ambulance responses continue to rise with a 4% increase in call volume from 2014. Tri-City Ambulance transported patients to our local hospitals 4,817 times. The paramedics assessed and treated 6,446 patients.

*Stephanie Hanson  
TCA Administrator*



## Milestones

# Welcome



*FF/PM Stephen Siwy*



*FF/PM Joseph Rehak*



*Emergency Preparedness  
Coordinator,  
Emily Kies*



*Tri-City Ambulance  
Administrator,  
Stephanie Hanson*



*Paramedic  
Meredith Marley*



*Fire Administrative  
Intern  
Christopher Thomas*



*Paramedic  
Daniel Miller*

Milestones, cont'd.

*Congratulations!*



*Lieutenant Guy Gresser  
December 7, 2015*



*From left to right: Lieutenant Walter Voelsch, Captain Darin Peterson,  
Battalion Chief James Kurczek  
July 6, 2015*

Milestones, cont'd.

# *Happy Retirement*



*Battalion Chief Joel Meeter  
Send-off, June 10, 2015*



*Emergency Preparedness  
Coordinator  
Paul Bumba  
July 1, 2015*

# *Remembering*



*James Urhausen, former  
Chairman of the Board of Fire  
and Police Commissioners*



*Mike Worthington, a great  
friend and champion of the  
St. Charles Fire Department*

# St. Charles Fire Department 2015 Annual Report

## 2015 Roster

2015 St. Charles Fire Department  
Roster

### **Administration**

Fire Chief Joe Schelstreet  
Assistant Chief Scott Swanson  
Sr. Administrative Assistant Nonda  
Anderson  
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator  
Emily Kies  
TCA Administrator Stephanie Hanson

### **Support Services/Fire Prevention Bureau**

Assistant Chief Kevin Christensen  
Lieutenant Brian Byrne  
Lieutenant John Kessler  
Administrative Assistant Carole Murphy

### **Black Shift**

Battalion Chief Marty Friel  
Captain Leo Veseling  
Lieutenant Anthony Centimano  
Lieutenant Jeremy Mauthe  
Lieutenant Anthony Cavallo  
Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Hansen  
Firefighter/Paramedic Steve Dries  
Firefighter/Paramedic Steve Rehak  
Firefighter/Paramedic Nick Marqui  
Firefighter/Paramedic Steve Siwy  
Firefighter/Paramedic Rainier Galliano  
Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Pyzyna  
Firefighter/Paramedic Kelly Malone  
Firefighter Phil Kuhn  
Paramedic Trent Moser  
Paramedic Tyler Assell  
Paramedic Brent Miller  
Paramedic Mark Elliott

### **Red Shift**

Battalion Chief James Kurczek  
Captain Lance Maxwell  
Lieutenant Jason Peterson  
Lieutenant Mike Schaben  
Lieutenant Mike Neumaier  
Firefighter Mike Mustard  
Firefighter/Paramedic Tim McCarthy  
Firefighter/Paramedic Don Fruland  
Firefighter/Paramedic Cliff Lo  
Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Tarro  
Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick Lacey  
Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Thomas  
Firefighter/Paramedic Chad Tinsley  
Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Rehak  
Paramedic Gwen Mayer  
Paramedic Alex Putz  
Paramedic Pat Mayer  
Paramedic Meredith Marley

### **Gold Shift**

Battalion Chief Nick McManus  
Captain Darin Peterson  
Lieutenant Walter Voelsch  
Lieutenant Al Wade  
Lieutenant Guy Gresser  
Firefighter Mike Thomas  
Firefighter Tim Masinick  
Firefighter/Paramedic Trevor Kelly  
Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Davila  
Firefighter/Paramedic Dave Chmelar  
Firefighter/Paramedic Wes Gosser  
Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Sulak  
Firefighter/Paramedic Brad Wilton  
Paramedic Drew Perry  
Paramedic Steve Williams  
Paramedic Dan Miller

### **EMA**

Bob Frederick  
John Moriarty  
Bud Howatt  
Ginger Smietana  
Dave Evans  
Marge Evans  
Dave Frye  
Brian Schmitz  
Jerry Schmitz  
Kurt Pfothenhauer  
Paul Pfothenhauer  
Ken Mettler  
Mike Mustard  
Mike Haase  
Tim Weals  
Jeff Morris  
Mike Scott  
Joe Linder