

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

WARRENVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

As I begin my tenure as Fire Chief, I am honored to serve the residents, businesses, and partners who make Warrenville such a strong and resilient community. This past year was one of transition and reflection for our District. We have taken time to understand our past: the traditions, achievements, and lessons that shaped us, while establishing a clear, forward-looking direction to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Our mission remains steadfast: to protect life, property, and the environment through professionalism, preparedness, and compassion. Every emergency response, prevention activity, and community interaction reflects the dedication of our firefighters, paramedics, and administrative staff who serve with skill and heart each day.

Over the past year, our Strategic Plan guided progress across six key focus areas: community engagement, career development, work environment, fleet and facilities, leadership, and staffing. Expanded outreach events, public education programs, and partnerships with local organizations strengthened our connection with the community and reinforced our commitment to prevention and preparedness.

Internally, we continued investing in our people and infrastructure through training, leadership development, technology improvements, and equipment upgrades to ensure our teams are prepared to operate safely and effectively. We also focused on fostering a supportive and professional workplace where members feel valued and empowered to serve at their highest level.

Looking ahead, we will continue building a sustainable workforce through recruitment and retention initiatives while responsibly investing in apparatus, facilities, and technology. By honoring our history while embracing innovation, we remain committed to building a safer, stronger future for the Warrenville community.

Respectfully,

Kevin O'Hare

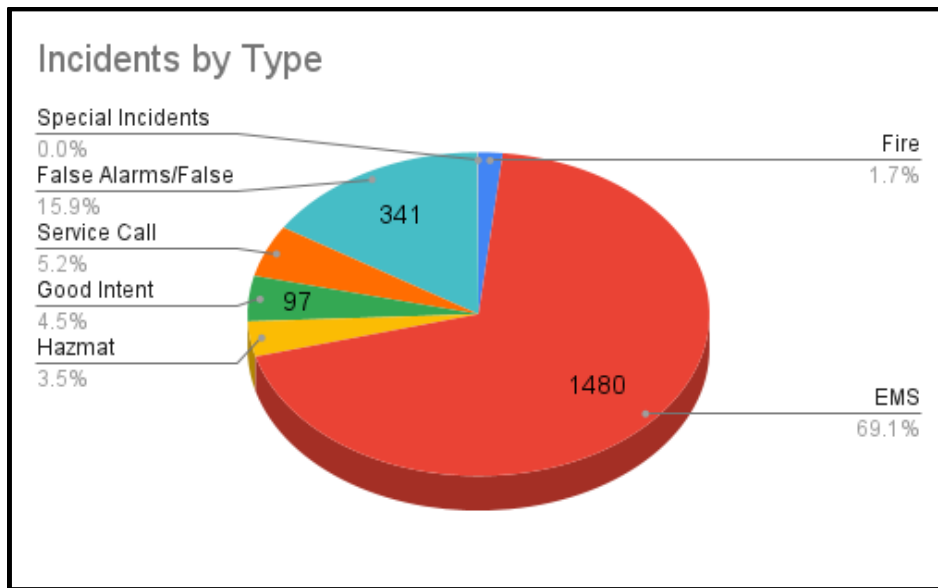
Fire Chief

Warrenville Fire Protection District

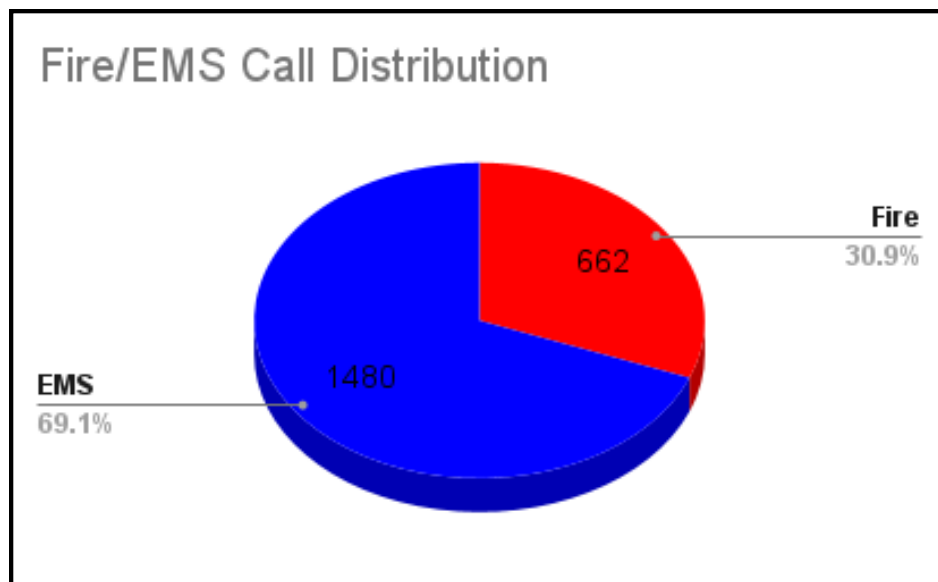


2025 RESPONSES

In 2025, the Warrenville Fire Protection District experienced a steady demand for service across fire, emergency medical, rescue, and hazardous materials incidents, reflecting the community’s continued growth and activity. Emergency medical calls once again represented the majority of overall responses, with the remaining incidents distributed among fire, alarm activations, motor vehicle crashes, hazardous conditions, and public service calls.



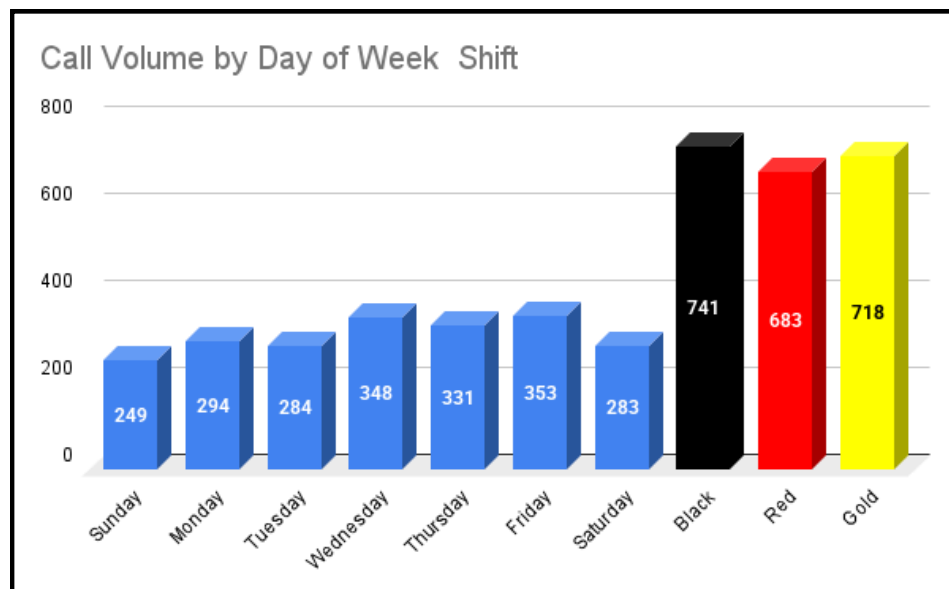
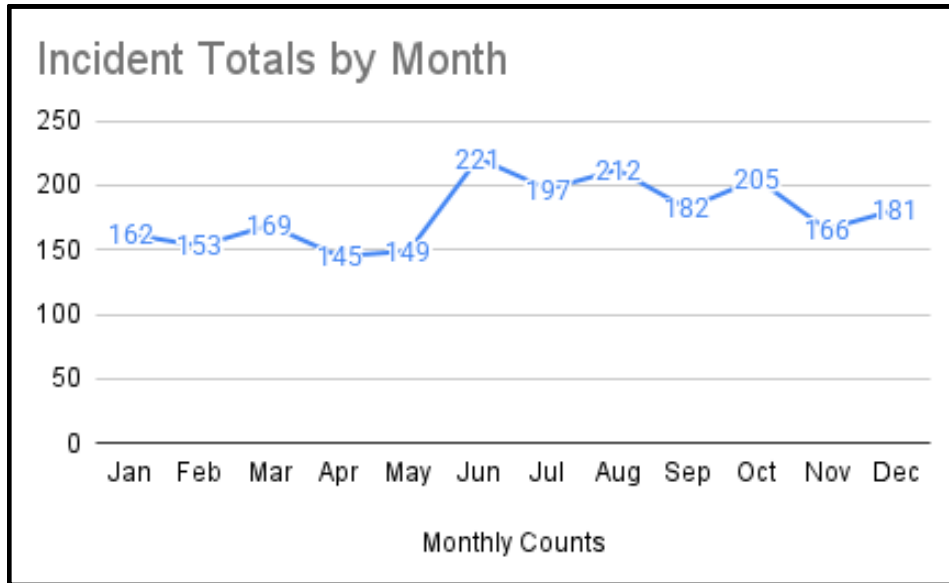
Throughout the year, call data was consistently analyzed to uncover trends related to the time of day, call type, and geographic distribution. This process facilitated informed decisions regarding deployment, staffing, training, and initiatives aimed at reducing community risk.



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2025 RESPONSES

Monthly call volume in 2025 showed noticeable variation throughout the year, with higher activity during certain seasonal periods. These monthly trends and peak periods help guide staffing plans, training focus, and community risk reduction efforts, ensuring that resources are aligned with predictable surges in demand.

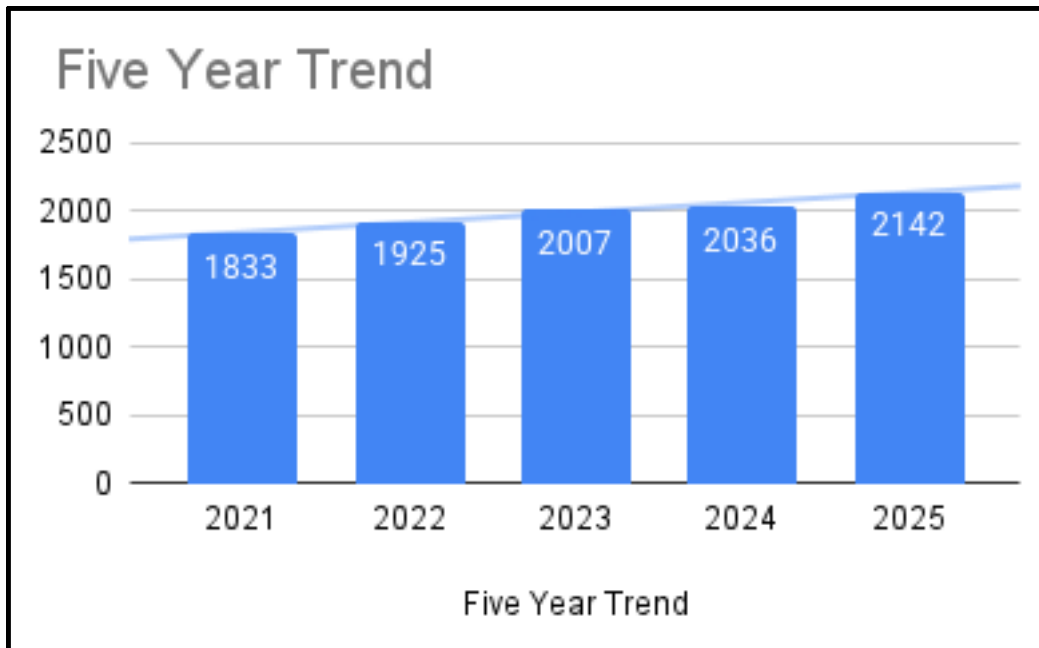


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2025 RESPONSES

Over the past five years, Warrenville Fire Protection District has seen a clear upward trend in call volume, reflecting both community growth and increasing regional demand for fire and EMS services. Within that overall growth, emergency medical incidents consistently accounted for the majority of responses, typically around 65-70 percent of total calls, while fire, rescue, alarms, hazardous conditions, and service calls made up the remaining share. This pattern underscores the District’s role as an all-hazards provider, with EMS demand driving much of the workload even as fire and special operations responses remain a critical focus.

The five-year data also shows that increases in call volume have been met with ongoing adjustments in deployment, staffing, training, and community risk reduction efforts to maintain performance relative to established response benchmarks. These trends reinforce the importance of continued investment in personnel, apparatus, facilities, and technology to ensure the District can sustain reliable, timely service as Warrenville and the surrounding area continue to evolve.



RESPONSE TIMES

Response performance within the Warrenville Fire Protection District is guided by the principles and benchmarks outlined in NFPA 1710, the national standard for the organization and deployment of fire suppression, emergency medical, and special operations by career fire departments.

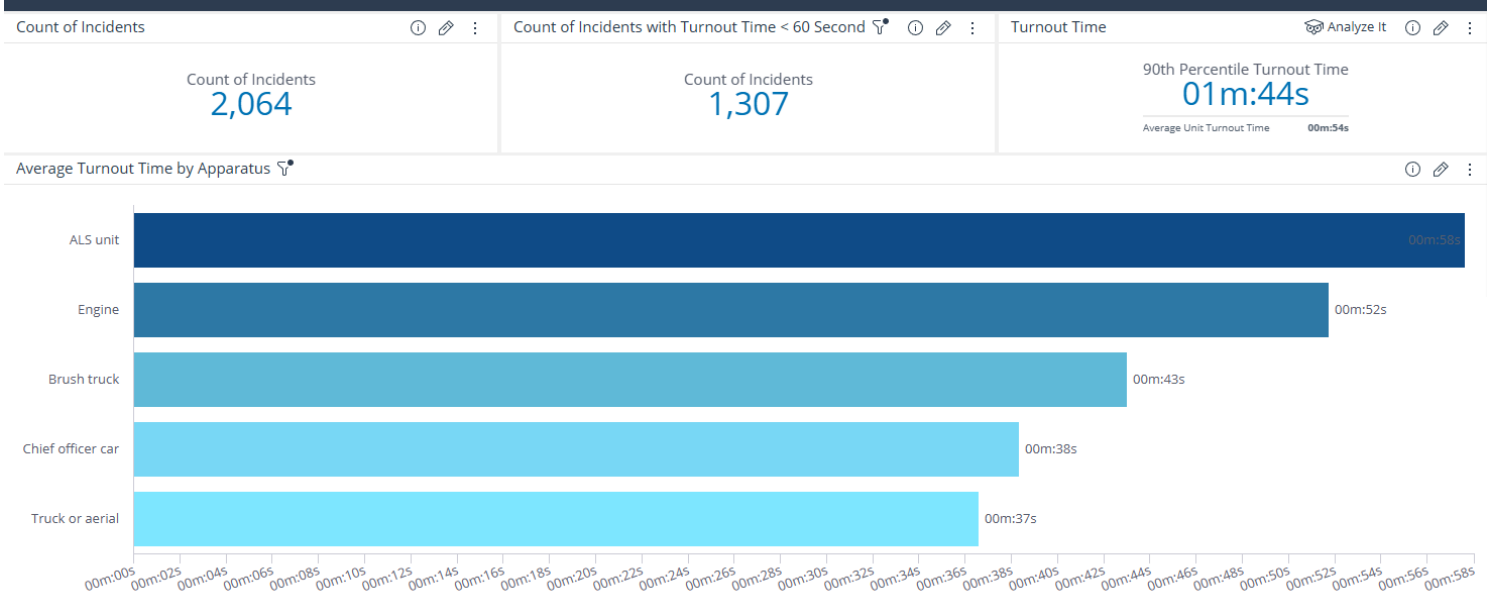
This standard emphasizes that time is a critical factor in life safety and property conservation, and it breaks response into key components such as call processing, turnout time, and travel time, each with specific performance goals. NFPA 1710 calls for departments to establish performance objectives that are met at least 90 percent of the time, reinforcing accountability and continuous performance evaluation.



For fire suppression incidents, NFPA 1710 recommends that the first arriving engine company, staffed with a minimum of four firefighters, should arrive within 4 minutes (240 seconds) of travel time, with the full first-alarm assignment on scene within 8 minutes (480 seconds). For emergency medical responses, the standard identifies a goal of a unit capable of basic life support arriving within 4 minutes, and advanced life support within 8 minutes, in the majority of incidents. These benchmarks drive deployment planning, station location analysis, staffing models, and training priorities, helping ensure that Warrenville residents receive timely, effective service whether the emergency is a structure fire, a medical event, or a complex special operation.

First Apparatus Turnout Time

Tracks turnout times for the first apparatus from dispatch to response.



GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

In 2025, the Warrenville Fire Protection District continued to strengthen its Geographic Information Systems (GIS) capabilities as a core component of operational readiness, data integrity, and long term strategic planning. GIS initiatives this year focused on supporting the ISO review process, improving property addressing accuracy, and launching a new response performance analytics project designed to enhance decision making and deployment strategies.

A major project in 2025 was the ISO Site Visit conducted on May 27. GIS played a critical role in validating hydrant and water supply mapping, aligning property records with inspection databases, strengthening pre-incident planning accessibility, and supporting improvements in public education documentation.

Considerable effort was invested in ensuring spatial data accuracy and reporting consistency so that the District's operational performance and risk reduction activities were accurately reflected. Final ISO scoring is anticipated in 2026.

The District also initiated a targeted addressing and property alignment project at the St. Irene's campus in coordination with the City, Post Office, and parish representatives. This project resolved building numbering inconsistencies, improved multi-structure property identification, and ensured that dispatch and pre-plan systems reflect accurate structure designations. These improvements enhance emergency response clarity, reduce the potential for confusion during incidents, and strengthen long-term interagency data alignment.

In addition, the District launched a GIS-based performance analytics initiative focused on call processing and travel time analysis. This project maps dispatch to enroute times and en route to arrival travel times. The initiative directly supports ISO performance metrics and provides us with enhanced transparency and data driven insight for staffing, apparatus allocation, and future resource deployment planning.

Beyond these focused projects, GIS continues to support daily operational needs through real time incident mapping, optimized response routing, hydrant and water source identification, pre-incident planning, and long range resource planning. These tools are being integrated into our records management systems and web-based pre-plan platforms, capable of providing crews with geographic intelligence during emergency responses.

Collectively, 2025 GIS efforts improved ISO alignment, strengthened property data accuracy, enhanced response analytics capabilities, and positioned the District for more advanced performance based planning in 2026 and beyond.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Personnel Updates

New Hires: In 2025, we welcomed 12 new personnel to replace those who departed, including:

- Four Paid-on-Call Firefighters/EMTs
- One Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic
- Five Cadets
- One Part-Time Fire Inspector
- One Trustee

Community and Collaboration

- The District collaborated with the Warrenville Park District and the Warrenville Police Department to conduct the first week-long Junior Safety Academy, providing hands-on public safety education to local youth.

Union and Community Outreach

- Administration and firefighters donated 636 pounds of food to the Immanuel Church Food Pantry, supporting local families in need.
- The Warrenville Firefighters Union Local 5036 raised \$1,250 for the Warrenville Cancer Center through their annual t-shirt fundraiser to provide free supportive services to oncology patients and their families.
- The local chapter of Project Fire Buddies hosted its first-ever chapter fundraiser at Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery and conducted merchandise sales during the District's Open House. Project Fire Buddies is a statewide 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and uplifting children fighting critical illnesses.

Efficiency and Compliance

- Completed the review process for the Insurance Services Office Public Protection Classification (ISO) Program, reinforcing the District's commitment to maintaining strong fire protection standards.
- Awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. This represents the highest national recognition for transparent and accurate financial reporting and reflects our commitment to fiscal responsibility and accountability to the community.

These efforts demonstrate our unwavering commitment to protecting our community, strengthening our organization, and delivering the highest level of professional service.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Warrenville Fire Protection District is pleased to provide the financial report for the fiscal year May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025 (FY25). Under the strategic direction of the Board of Trustees and the Fire Chief, the District achieved significant financial milestones and outcomes.

The General Fund's financial performance for FY25 surpassed expectations. Actual revenues reached \$6,122,293, exceeding the budgeted \$5,705,225. Furthermore, actual expenses totaled \$4,748,867, coming in significantly under the budgeted amount of \$5,423,413. This successful management of funds resulted in a net revenue over expenses of \$1,373,426.

A monumental achievement for the District this year was the final payment on the 2020 Fire Engine lease, making the Warrenville Fire District entirely debt-free. This provides the District with enhanced financial security and flexibility, which it is committed to upholding.

Additionally, the District was honored with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award for the first time in its history. This award represents the highest recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting for state/local government, and the District is confident in its plans to continue to submit for and receive this annual honor.

The Warrenville Fire District extends its deepest appreciation to its residents, stakeholders, and employees for their unwavering support, dedication, and trust. Looking ahead, the District remains focused on its commitment to delivering high-quality community services, improving operational efficiencies, and maintaining fiscal responsibility.

The District's annual audit and other financial reports can be found at www.warrenvillefire.com.

Key Revenue:

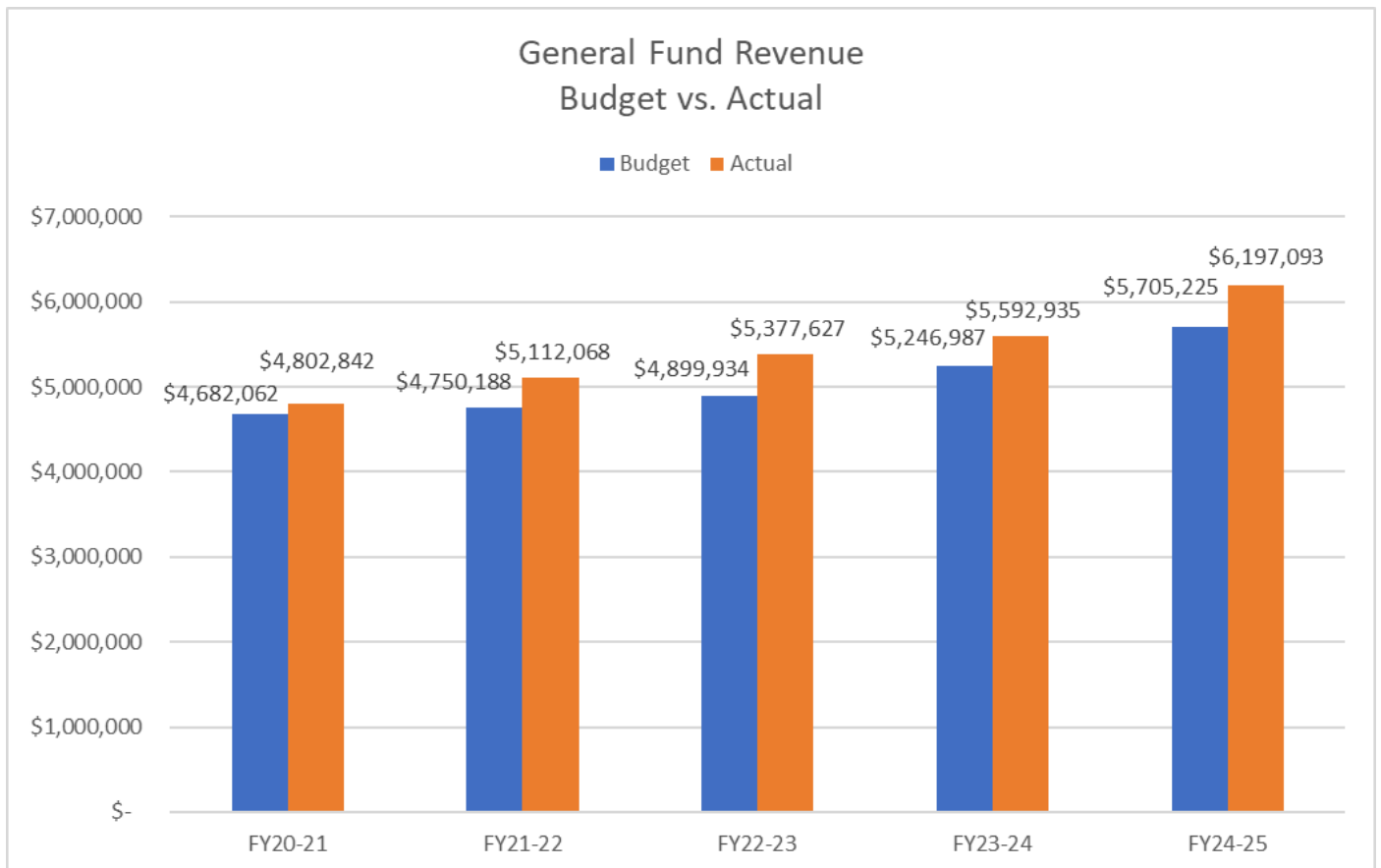
- Received grants totaling \$73,046, which included a \$20,171 Illinois Public Risk Fund Safety Grant, \$23,586 Firehouse Subs Grant, \$11,052 OSFM Training Reimbursement Grant, \$16,059 OSFM Small Equipment Grant, \$1,000 American Water Grant, \$300 Walmart Public Safety Grant, and \$900 from a prior year remainder FEMA grant
- Received property tax revenue totaling \$4,472,984, which was a 7.91% increase from the prior fiscal year
- Received ambulance billing revenue totaling \$1,324,438, which was a 8.12% increase from the prior fiscal year
- Received \$156,857 in interest income, an 88.28% increase from the prior fiscal year, primarily as a result of transferring funds to The Illinois Funds investment pool
- Received nearly \$75,000 for the sale of a 2004 Fire Engine and 1998 Ladder Truck

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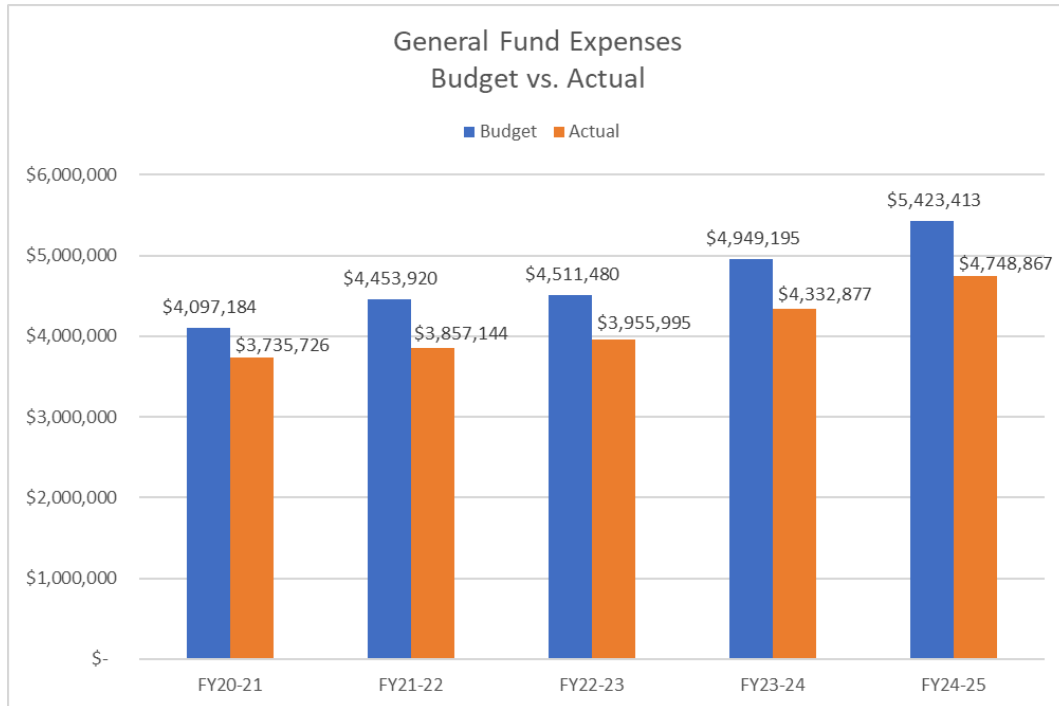
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Notable Expenses:

- The District purchased and received a new 2024 Ladder Truck totaling nearly \$2.3 million, without a loan
- The final payment was issued for the 2020 Fire Engine lease
- The Illinois Public Risk Fund grant was used to purchase a policy manual service subscription and a battery-assisted patient stair chair
- The Firehouse Subs grant was used to purchase a fire extinguisher training kit
- The OSFM Small Equipment Grant was used to purchase three complete sets of firefighter turnout gear
- Concrete apron replacement for \$40,000
- Carpet and furniture replacement in Administration area for \$25,000
- Cardiac monitor replacement for \$51,000
- Extrication tools replacement for \$19,000



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Looking forward to the subsequent fiscal year, the District anticipates the following revenue and expenses:

Upcoming key revenue for May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026 (FY26):

- IPRF Safety Grant for \$26,357 to purchase policy manual subscription
- OSFM Training Reimbursement Grant for \$5,900
- American Water Grant for \$1,000

Upcoming notable expenses for May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026 (FY26):

- Apparatus bay floor refinishing
- Masonry repairs to building
- Ambulance replacement purchase
- Power cot replacement purchase
- Turnout gear extractor washer replacement purchase
- Computer replacement purchases
- Basic Wildland Firefighter training
- Paratech technical rescue kit
- Overhaul and garage door training props

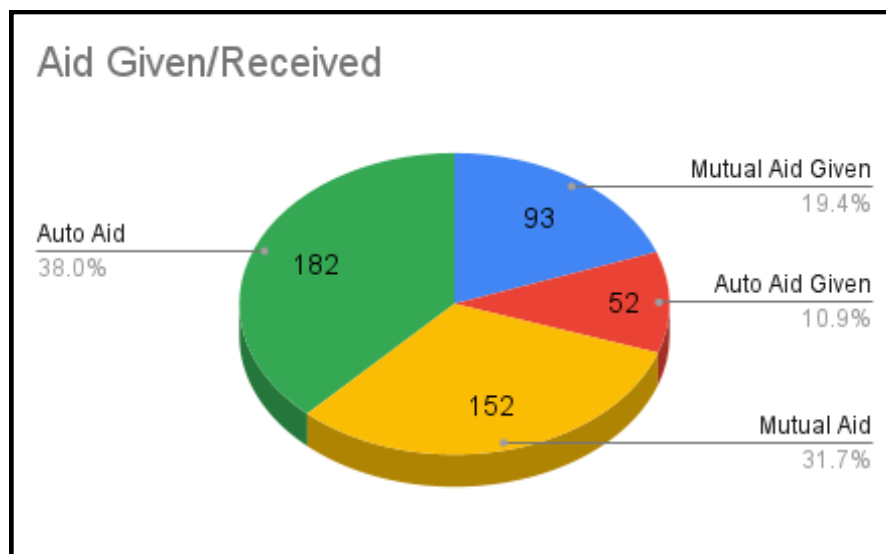
MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEMS

The Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 16 is a critical partner in extending the Warrenville Fire Protection District's ability to protect the community during major incidents and periods of high call volume. As a member of Division 16, the District participates in a regional network of fire departments that share resources, personnel, and specialized teams through a standardized, pre-planned mutual aid structure. This system ensures that when emergencies exceed local capacity, additional help is dispatched quickly and efficiently, often arriving with familiar operating procedures and interoperable communications.

MABAS Division 16 Agencies:

Argonne National Laboratory Fire Department
 Bolingbrook Fire Department
 Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District
 Downers Grove Fire Department
 Fermi National Laboratory Fire Department
 Lisle-Woodridge Fire Protection District
 Naperville Fire Department
 Warrenville Fire Protection District

Division 16 provides access to several specialized response capabilities, including a Hazardous Materials Team, a Dive/Water Rescue Team, and a Technical Rescue Team, which support complex incidents such as chemical releases, water emergencies, and structural collapses. Through MABAS, these resources can be requested using pre-designed run cards and common radio channels, reducing delays and improving coordination during rapidly evolving events. For Warrenville residents and businesses, this regional collaboration means a higher level of preparedness and resilience, with depth of coverage that a single department could not sustain on its own.



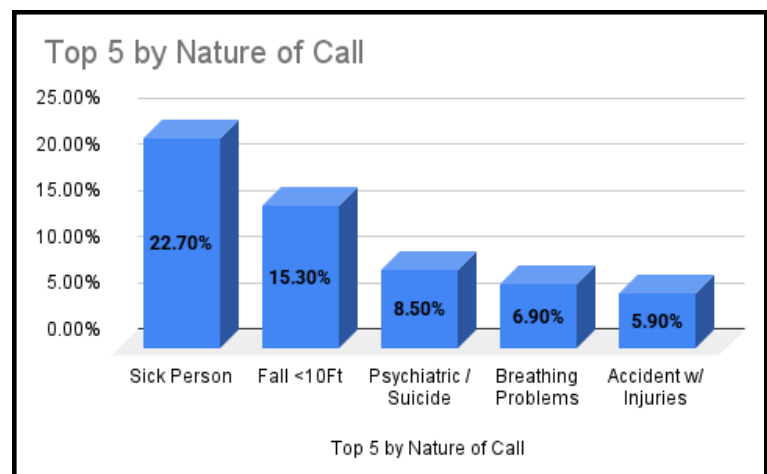
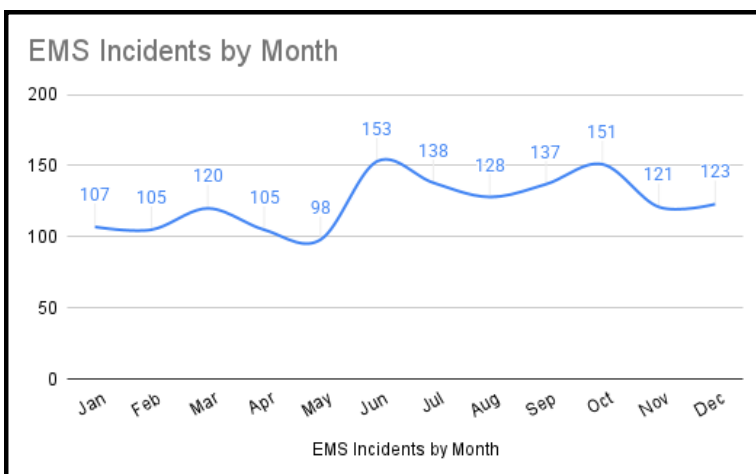
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Emergency medical services (EMS) remain a core component of the Warrenville Fire Protection District's mission, providing rapid, high-quality care to residents, workers, and visitors 24 hours a day. Our firefighter/paramedics deliver both basic and advanced life support, responding to medical emergencies ranging from cardiac events and traumatic injuries to respiratory distress and complex medical conditions. Each EMS response reflects a commitment to clinical excellence, compassionate patient care, and seamless coordination with area hospitals.

The Warrenville Fire Protection District responded to 1,486 incidents in 2025, which is a 33% increase from the previous year.

The District's EMS program emphasizes continuous training, evidence-based protocols, and the effective use of medical technology such as cardiac monitors, airway management equipment, and electronic patient care reporting systems. Paramedics participate in ongoing education and skills verification to maintain proficiency in critical interventions including defibrillation, medication administration, and advanced airway procedures. Collaboration with Illinois Region Eight medical directors and hospital partners supports quality improvement efforts, helping to refine treatment practices and improve patient outcomes.

Community engagement is also a key part of EMS, extending care beyond 9-1-1 calls through public education and prevention initiatives. The District supports CPR and AED training, public information on recognizing medical emergencies, and outreach to vulnerable populations, reinforcing that early recognition and early intervention save lives. Through this integrated approach, emergency response, clinical quality, and community education, the Warrenville Fire Protection District's EMS program provides a strong, reliable safety net for the community.



TRAINING

For 2025, the Training Division schedule aligns with the latest NFPA consolidations, state-level certification changes, Insurance Rating Office Schedule, and OSHA compliance. The division provides structured training drills for on-duty companies, Paid-On-Call, and Cadets. These drills are developed to bring up our personnel, preparing them to serve the citizens of Warrenville and surrounding communities.

Along with our structured training program the district provides financial sponsorship for personnel to attend premier regional academies including: College of DuPage, Elgin Community College, Romeoville Fire Academy, Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA), and Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI).

The District is a member of Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). We are in Division 16 with Argonne, Bolingbrook, Darien-Woodridge, Downers Grove, Fermi-Lab, Lisle-Woodridge, and Naperville. This relationship provides monthly multi-company training on high-risk, low frequency scenarios including: Live Fire Training, Active Shooter/Hostile Threat, and Special Operations training.

The Training Division also oversees the Firefighter Cadet program, which is exclusively available to high school seniors, offering them insight into what it takes to become a firefighter. This year-long program mirrors the curriculum found at a traditional Fire Academy. Completing our program grants access to IFSI's Explorer/Cadet Weekend in Champaign and provides sponsorship for those pursuing a career in the Fire Service.

The cost of providing training and materials for firefighters to improve skills comes with a high dollar amount as State and Federal Grant money has dried up. The Training Division would not be able to purchase many items alone. The Foreign Fire Insurance Board has assisted with acquiring several training props.

Firefighter Certification Highlights:

- Seven firefighters sponsored for **Basic Operations Firefighter**
- Seven firefighters sponsored for **Hazardous Materials Operations**
- Three firefighters sponsored for **Advanced Technician Firefighter**
- Two firefighters sponsored **Fire Apparatus Engineer**
- Two firefighters sponsored for **Company Fire Officer**
- Three firefighters sponsored for **Fire Service Instructor I**
- One firefighter sponsored for **Incident Safety Officer**
- Three firefighters sponsored for **Common Passenger Vehicle**
- One firefighter sponsored for **Heavy Vehicle Rescue**
- Two firefighters sponsored for **Rope Rescue Operations**
- One firefighter sponsored for **Hazardous Materials Technician**
- One completed the **Fire Service Vehicle Operator**
- One administrative personnel sponsored for **Fire Service Executive Support**
- Twenty-eight firefighters completed **S-130 & S-190 Wildland Firefighter**

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TRAINING

The annual training hours completed by personnel was **10,778**. Below is a breakdown of hours by month and personnel type.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1076	967	1048	921	1000	814	612	917	774	877	773	879	10778

Training Props that were built and / or purchased by the District:



The King Ceiling/Overhaul prop allows for practicing the technique of pulling ceilings and breaching walls. We also purchased the attachment for burglar bars and garage doors.

The Firehouse Fabricators meat grinder is an extrication prop that requires the use of use small tools to effect a rescue of a person trapped.



Acquired lumber to construct a mock hose bed, facilitating easy ground-level packing and deployment of hose lines during training sessions.

FIRST AID, CPR / AED, & STOP THE BLEED

The Warrenville Fire Protection District offers CPR, AED, and First-Aid training based on American Heart Association guidelines for both community members and fire district employees.

Three raining courses are available:

- **BLS Provider:** Designed for individuals working in healthcare settings, such as EMTs, nurses, and doctors.
- **Heart Saver CPR/AED:** Intended for those not involved in healthcare settings. A comprehensive course covering basic medical, traumatic, and environmental emergencies, equipping participants with the knowledge and practical skills to provide First-Aid care until advanced medical help arrives.
- **Stop the Bleed:** This course, developed by the American College of Surgeons, focuses on managing life-threatening hemorrhages.

These courses equip rescuers and bystanders with the cognitive and psychomotor skills necessary to improve outcomes for individuals experiencing cardiac arrest or medical/traumatic emergencies. Each course completed successfully results in a course completion card, valid for two years.

In this past year, WFPD CPR instructors conducted 18 classes and issued a total of 48 American Heart Association CPR course completion cards. Additionally, one Stop the Bleed course was offered to the community. WFPD instructors receive their BLS Instructor certification through Edward Hospital's simulation and training department, and there are currently four CPR instructors on staff. Our commitment is to provide the community and fire district employees with the most current knowledge and hands-on training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Automated External Defibrillator use, and First-Aid.

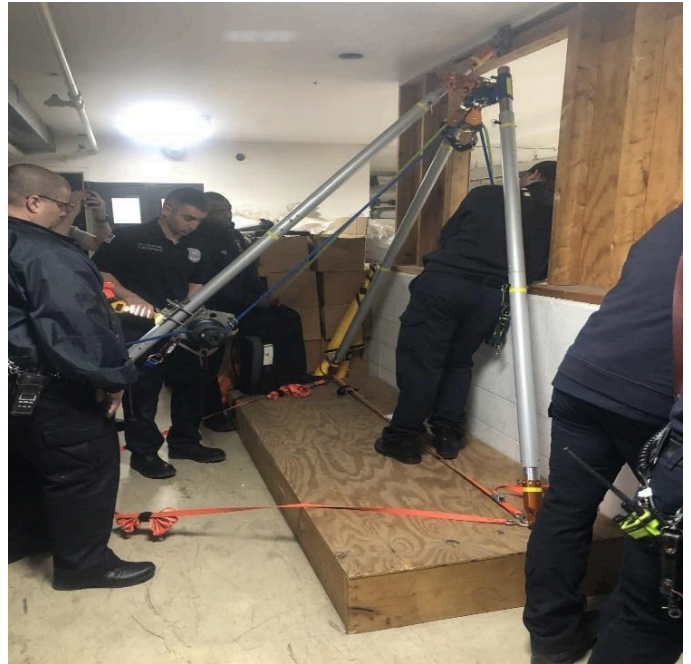


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CPR & First Aid

TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM

The Warrenville Fire Protection District ensures resident safety in complex emergencies through our partnership with the MABAS Division 16. Technical Rescue Team. Warrenville Fire District has (1) members on the team that carries all the technician level certifications under the disciplines of Technical Rescue (Rope Rescue, Trench Rescue, Con-Space Rescue & Structural Collapse). The District currently does not support its own team, but has several members with a handful of certifications that would be valuable in an incident. Training is provided to the division team on a monthly basis with each department hosting and rotating through the disciplines. Our one member on the team attended 36 hours of training with the Division team in 2025.

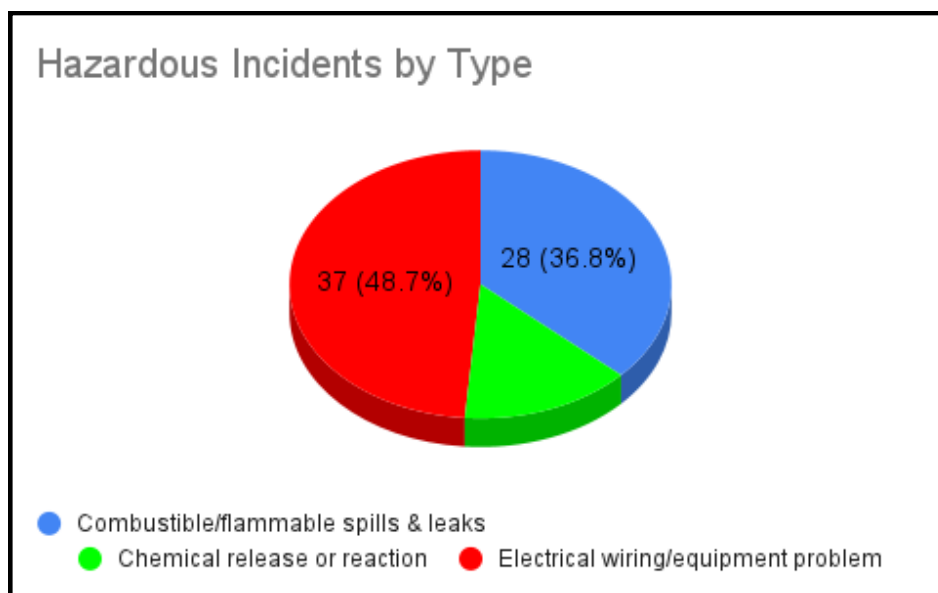


The District does own Technical Rescue equipment found on Tower 11. Our organization holds the position of being an “Operations Level” organization. This level of training provides stability to the incident for the first 10-15 minutes, awaiting the more specialized equipment from the Division Team. Fiscally the district has continued to support the replacement of outdated equipment and adding equipment that is cutting edge in the industry.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal has made requirements for re-certification for all 4 disciplines of Technical Rescue. Training with the District & MABAS will be adequate to meet objectives in the re-certification process. The training division continues to expose firefighters to the disciplines and moves training for Company Officers to be able to make decisions and request resources.

HAZMAT INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM

The Warrenville Fire Protection District's hazardous materials (HazMat) response capability is a specialized resource designed to protect the community from chemical, biological, radiological, and other dangerous substance releases. The team is a specialized group of highly trained professionals within MABAS Division 16 that are equipped to identify products, evaluate risks, control leaks or spills when possible, and coordinate protective actions such as evacuation, shelter-in-place, or decontamination. These efforts help limit exposure, reduce environmental impact, and support the safe resolution of complex incidents.



HazMat team members receive advanced training in recognition, monitoring, containment, and incident command, and they operate under nationally recognized standards and procedures to ensure safe, methodical operations. Specialized equipment, such as detection instruments, protective clothing, and decontamination systems, allows responders to work effectively in high-risk environments while maintaining their own safety and that of the public. Warrenville team members work closely with regional mutual aid partners and regulatory agencies, enhancing overall preparedness and ensuring that large-scale or long-duration hazardous materials incidents can be managed with depth and expertise.

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

The Warrenville Fire Protection District's fire investigations team plays a vital role in determining the origin and cause of fires, supporting both community safety and legal processes. After a fire is extinguished, trained investigators conduct systematic scene examinations, document evidence, and interview witnesses to piece together how the incident started and how it progressed. This work helps distinguish between accidental, natural, and intentionally set fires, and provides critical information for insurance representatives, law enforcement, and regulatory agencies when needed.

Team Members:

A/C Joe Levy

Capt. Bill Zabler

Inv. Teresa McBride

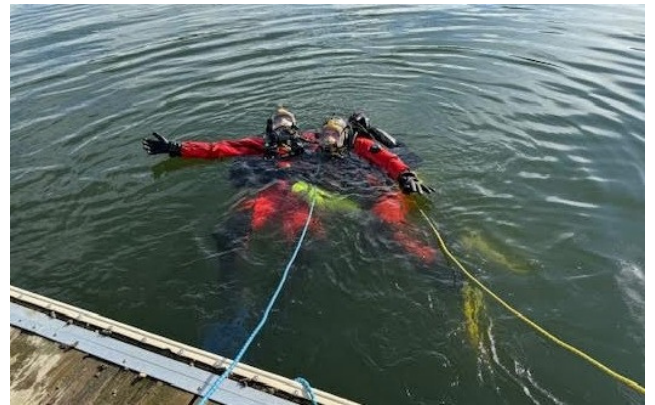
Our team works closely with the Warrenville Police Department, DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force, Illinois State Fire Marshal's Arson Investigators, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms to determine the origin and cause of each fire. Our investigators participated in a rotation system, being on call for two weeks with a two-month cycle, ready to respond to significant fire incidents that required the task force's expertise. This resulted in 17 "callouts" throughout DuPage County.

Team members receive specialized training in fire behavior, building construction, evidence preservation, and investigative techniques, following widely recognized investigative methodologies and best practices. Findings from investigations are used to identify trends and recurring hazards, which in turn inform fire prevention efforts, code enforcement priorities, and public education messaging throughout the District. By learning from each incident and sharing those lessons, the fire investigations team helps reduce the likelihood of similar events in the future and strengthens the overall safety of the Warrenville community.



WATER RESCUE TEAM

The Warrenville Fire Protection District (WFPD) Water Rescue Team serves as a specialized response unit dedicated to water-related emergencies, including dive operations, rescues, and recoveries. The team supports the district as well as neighboring communities through mutual aid responses. This annual report highlights team activity, staffing growth, operational responses, and the continued commitment to training over the past year.



During the reporting year, the Water Rescue Team experienced significant growth. Four new members were added to the team, strengthening overall staffing levels and improving the team's ability to manage extended or complex incidents. Existing members continued to serve as mentors, supporting the onboarding process and reinforcing established operational standards.

A strong commitment to training remains the foundation of the Water Rescue Team's success. Team members participated in regular training sessions focused on dive operations, water rescue techniques, equipment use, and safety protocols. In addition to dive operations, the team maintains training and operational capability in swiftwater rescue and surface ice rescue operations, ensuring readiness across a wide range of seasonal and environmental conditions.

Training emphasized skill maintenance, risk management, and team coordination under realistic conditions, including moving water environments and cold-weather, ice-related scenarios. These disciplines require a high level of technical proficiency and reinforce the importance of continual practice.

With the addition of new members, the team placed particular emphasis on foundational training and certification progression while ensuring experienced personnel maintained advanced proficiency. Ongoing training ensures compliance with applicable standards and prepares the team to respond safely and effectively to a wide range of water-related emergencies.

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WATER RESCUE TEAM

Throughout the year, the Water Rescue Team responded to two dive-related incidents through mutual aid requests. One response occurred in the City of Naperville, and the second took place in the City of St. Charles. In both incidents, the team operated alongside partner agencies, demonstrating professionalism, interoperability, and adherence to established safety and incident command procedures. These responses highlight the importance of regional collaboration and the team's ability to operate effectively beyond district boundaries when needed.

The Warrenville Fire Protection District Water Rescue Team remains a vital and dependable resource for both the district and neighboring jurisdictions. Through successful incident responses, team expansion, and a continued commitment to training, the team is well-positioned to meet future operational demands while upholding the highest standards of safety and professionalism.



WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE TEAM

In 2025, the District expanded its preparedness for wildland fire incidents through the development and training of its Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Team. Nearly 30 firefighters successfully completed the S-130 and S-190 Wildland Firefighter training courses, achieving certification in wildland fire suppression and safety.

These nationally recognized courses provide foundational training in wildfire behavior, fireline safety, suppression tactics, and incident organization. Completion of this training strengthens the District's ability to respond effectively to vegetation fires and incidents occurring in areas where natural fuels and developed properties intersect.

The WUI Team also supports the District's broader Community Risk Reduction strategy by increasing awareness of wildfire hazards and promoting preparedness within the community. By enhancing operational readiness and expanding specialized training among personnel, the District is better equipped to mitigate wildfire risk and protect life, property, and natural resources.

These efforts represent an important step in aligning operational capabilities with the evolving risks facing the Warrenville community.



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Executive Overview

The Fire Prevention Bureau remained focused on protecting life and property through code enforcement, construction oversight, inspections, and interagency coordination throughout 2025. The Bureau maintained a proactive approach to fire and life safety compliance while supporting the District's continued growth and development. Efforts during the year included inspection and plan review activities, oversight of several significant construction projects, coordination with municipal partners, and preparation for the ISO review process.

Inspections, Plan Review, and Code Compliance

The Fire Prevention Bureau continued to conduct routine inspections, re-inspections, and plan reviews to ensure compliance with applicable fire and life safety codes. These efforts are essential in identifying hazards before incidents occur and ensuring that buildings within the District maintain safe operating conditions.

Throughout the year, the Bureau worked closely with property owners, contractors, and the City's Building Department to resolve fire and life safety concerns in a timely and cooperative manner. Several referrals and code compliance issues were addressed through this partnership approach, allowing the District to maintain strong working relationships with local businesses while ensuring that life safety standards were upheld.

Seasonal conditions also resulted in several fire protection system issues, including sprinkler malfunctions related to freeze and thaw conditions. The Fire Prevention Bureau coordinated with property managers and contractors to quickly address these issues and restore system functionality.

Development and Construction Oversight

The Bureau continued to provide oversight for several significant construction and redevelopment projects within the District. These projects require coordination during the planning, construction, and inspection phases to ensure fire protection systems and life safety features are properly designed and installed.

Notable projects included continued development of the Northwestern Medicine Cancer Center expansion, fire protection system work at the Illinois Youth Center, and various commercial and residential development projects throughout the community. The Bureau also monitored infrastructure improvements such as the new water tower and water treatment facility projects, ensuring that fire protection considerations were incorporated during development.

Through consistent engagement with developers, contractors, and municipal partners, the Fire Prevention Bureau helped ensure that new construction projects meet the District's fire protection standards while supporting responsible community growth.

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Interagency Collaboration

Strong collaboration with the City of Warrenville Building Department remained a key component of the Bureau's work in 2025. Regular communication and coordination allowed both agencies to address fire and life safety concerns efficiently and maintain a consistent regulatory approach.

This partnership proved particularly valuable when addressing multi-property issues and coordinating enforcement efforts where both building and fire code considerations were involved.

Organizational Transition

2025 also marked an important transition for the Fire Prevention Bureau. After 38 years of dedicated service, Fire Marshal Carl Voda retired at the end of the year, concluding a long and distinguished career serving the Warrenville Fire Protection District and the community. Fire Marshal Voda's leadership and institutional knowledge played a significant role in shaping the District's fire prevention programs and ensuring a strong foundation for the Bureau moving forward.

The District began preparing for this transition during the year and remains committed to maintaining the high level of service and professionalism established under his leadership.

Looking Forward

As the District continues to grow, the Fire Prevention Bureau will remain focused on proactive code enforcement, development oversight, and continued collaboration with municipal partners. These efforts are essential to reducing fire risk, improving life safety, and supporting the long-term safety of the Warrenville community.



Fire Marshal Carl Voda's Retirement ceremony

PUBLIC EDUCATION

In 2025, the Public Education Division expanded its reach through new partnerships, youth programs, and improved data tracking, strengthening the District's ability to measure impact and plan future outreach. Programs were also aligned with community-specific risks, including Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) response and water rescue operations, ensuring education reflects the hazards most relevant to Warrenville.

Measuring Community Impact

A major 2025 initiative focused on improving how the District tracks public education engagement. Previously, large-event attendance was estimated using indirect metrics such as food distribution totals. This year, more accurate methods were implemented, including wristband tracking at the annual Open House, which documented approximately 700 attendees and revealed prior estimates had likely been understated. The District also began tracking total public education encounters by adult and youth participants, allowing for better evaluation of program reach and more strategic planning for future outreach.

Community Risk Reduction Focus

Public education messaging in 2025 also began aligning more closely with operational risks specific to the Warrenville community. Two key focus areas were identified:

- **Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) response**
- **Water rescue operations**

Educational messaging and outreach now incorporate these topics to increase public awareness of water safety and reinforce preparedness related to WUI incidents.

School-Based Fire Safety Education

The District continued delivering age-appropriate fire prevention education throughout the school year.

- **Preschool Programs (Ages 3–5):** Monthly sessions conducted at five local preschools reached 250 students, focusing on smoke alarms, home escape planning, Stop, Drop, and Roll, and calling 911.
- **Elementary Programs (Ages 6–10):** Classroom instruction reached 746 students, reinforcing fire safety principles through scenario-based learning and interactive discussion.

Youth Engagement Programs

Hot Shots Program: Monthly sessions for youth ages 11–14 with the Warrenville Police Department focused on fire prevention, safety awareness, and personal responsibility.

Junior Fire Safety Academy: The inaugural program welcomed middle school students for hands-on instruction in fire service and law enforcement in partnership with the Police Department and Park District. The program focused on leadership, teamwork, and emergency preparedness.

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PUBLIC EDUCATION

Community Partnerships & Outreach

The District maintained a strong community presence through training opportunities, public events, and partnerships.

- 4 Fire Extinguisher Training Classes conducted for local businesses
- 6 Station Tours reaching 153 participants
- Participation in numerous community events, including library programs, park district activities, and neighborhood gatherings
- A new partnership with the Warrenville Library offering monthly public safety education programs
- Continued collaboration with OutReach Community Ministries supporting youth mentorship and leadership development

Personnel also participated in major community events including the Independence Day Parade, Firecracker 5K, and fireworks celebration, providing seasonal safety messaging and community engagement.

Special Community Events**Annual Open House**

In 2025, the event was restructured to enhance visitor engagement, featuring designated activity areas with updated visual displays, hands-on demonstrations, and a recruitment table. Attendees were able to interact directly with firefighters, explore apparatus and equipment, and participate in safety-focused activities. The updated format provided a more immersive experience while highlighting fire service careers and strengthening community connections.

Tower 11 Push-In Ceremony

A community ceremony celebrated the arrival of the District's new aerial apparatus while providing another opportunity for public education and engagement. Residents were able to explore the apparatus up close, ask questions of firefighters, and learn about the equipment's role in keeping the community safe.

Public Education Activity Totals – 2025

- School Visits: 46
- CPR Programs: 21
- Smoke Detector Installations: 35
- Car Seat Installations: 149

Looking Ahead

Through expanded partnerships, youth programs, improved tracking, and targeted messaging, the Public Education Division maintained a visible and meaningful presence in the community. These efforts reflect the District's ongoing commitment to prevention, education, and long-term community safety.

LOGISTICS

Logistics supports administrative staff by collaborating with service companies to maintain the District's sole station. By coordinating these efforts, logistics ensures that all maintenance and upgrades are executed smoothly and efficiently.



The most notable project completed in 2025 would be the resurfacing of the apparatus bay floor.

2025 Completed Maintenance Projects

• Plumbing & Appliances:

- Installed a water filter in the basement to feed the kitchen bottle fill station, ice maker, and coffeemaker.
- Replaced the kitchen dishwasher and microwave.
- Completed hydro-jetting and triple basin clean-out of bay floor drains.

• Electrical & Safety:

- Replaced the basement exit light with a new exit/emergency light unit.
- Repaired malfunctioning basement outlets.
- Conducted asbestos testing in the bunk room, day room, and living side stairwells.
- Completed asbestos mitigation for the bunk room closet.

• Station Infrastructure:

- Performed annual bay garage door service.
- Repaired the kitchen door and replaced a malfunctioning bay door sensor.
- Refinished the bay floor and addressed the final punch list items.
- Installation of two dashboards in the station

2026 Pending & Ongoing Projects

The upcoming calendar year will focus on structural, mechanical, and electrical repairs/updates to the facility. Planned work includes executing masonry crack repairs to the hose tower based on engineering reports while replacing its windows. Additionally, the district, provided the projects are funded will remove five decommissioned air filter machines from the bay ceiling, and perform necessary repairs and servicing of the shoreline outlets on the bay floor.

HONOR GUARD

Purpose of the Honor Guard

The Honor Guard serves to provide dignified and honorable services as a line of duty death benefit for fallen fire service members and their grieving families, organizing and participating in funeral and memorial services.

Warrenville Fire Protection District Honor Guard

Now in its eighth year, the Warrenville Fire Protection District Honor Guard proudly upholds the tradition of honoring, cherishing, and remembering the brave men and women of the fire service. This Honor Guard operates under the guidelines set by the Associated Firefighters of Illinois State Honor Guard.

In 2025, it is with great sadness that AFFI Honor Guard members were called upon to participate in the funeral services for:

- Capt. David Meyers (Chicago FD)
- Pete Bendinelli (Calumet City FD)
- Asst. Chief Timothy Rolewicz (Cicero FD)
- Division Chief Doug Erwin (Naperville FD)

Additionally, District Honor Guard members took part in the funeral services for retired members Randy Price and Brian Victorine.

Beyond funeral duties, the Honor Guard is tasked with maintaining and presenting the colors for the Warrenville Fire Protection District and the Warrenville Professional Firefighters Union Local #5036 at parades, celebrations, and memorials.

Current Members of the WFPD Honor Guard

- Assistant Chief Joseph Levy
- Captain William Zabler (AFFI Member)
- Lieutenant Michael Vaughn (AFFI Member)
- Lieutenant Joshua Hamman
- Lieutenant Amelia Ingram
- FF/Medic James Reavy (AFFI Member)
- FF/Medic David Koelper (AFFI Member)
- FF/EMT Nadia Slates



MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

Mission

The mission of the Warrenville Fire Protection District is to respond to and mitigate emergencies in a safe and efficient manner. We will serve our community by providing high-quality public education, fire prevention, and risk reduction services all while displaying a high level of respect and compassion for our residents, our visitors, and one another.

Vision

Our vision is to pursue excellence in emergency and non-emergency services through continuous improvement in all that we do while honoring the foundation of selfless service, tradition, family values, and fiscal responsibility which our institution was built upon.

Values

Respect

Respect is a guiding value for all members of the Warrenville Fire Protection District. We will treat others in the same way we would like to be treated ourselves. Open and honest communication is key to building a respectful environment in which trust and transparency thrive.

Integrity

Integrity is the foundation on which relationships and trust are built. We are honest with ourselves, with each other, and with the community we serve. When faced with difficult decisions and hard choices, we do the right thing even in the face of adversity.

Passion

Passion is the value that drives and motivates us. It is a love for what we do, why we do it, and whom we do it with. Passion is the fire that fuels our desire to accomplish great things.

Dedication

Dedication is complete and committed loyalty. It is connecting oneself physically, mentally, and principally to a course of action and seeing it through. It is the last of our core values because, without dedication, the other values are meaningless.

