



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Proudly serving Vernon Hills, Long Grove, Hawthorn Woods, Kildeer, Indian Creek and Unincorporated Areas of Lake County Since 1959.



2014 *Annual* Report



Jeff Steingart, Fire Chief
Francis L. Wolowic, President

- Respond -
- Solve Problems -
- Be Nice -



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



OUR MISSION

The Countryside Fire Protection District dedicates its activities to the preservation of human life and the conservation of property. To this end the District invests its personnel in the education of its public and the maintenance of a safe environment.

OUR VISION

The Countryside Fire Protection District will be a safe, efficient, fiscally viable, proactive provider of the emergency services for fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical care, fire prevention and public education, within a diverse family of communities. The District will work in concert with other providers to further enhance service delivery throughout the area.

OUR CORE VALUES

- Respond -
- Solve Problems -
- Be Nice -

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Commissioners, officers, firemedics, inspectors, 911 telecommunicators and staff, it is my pleasure to present the Countryside Fire Protection District 2014 Annual Report.

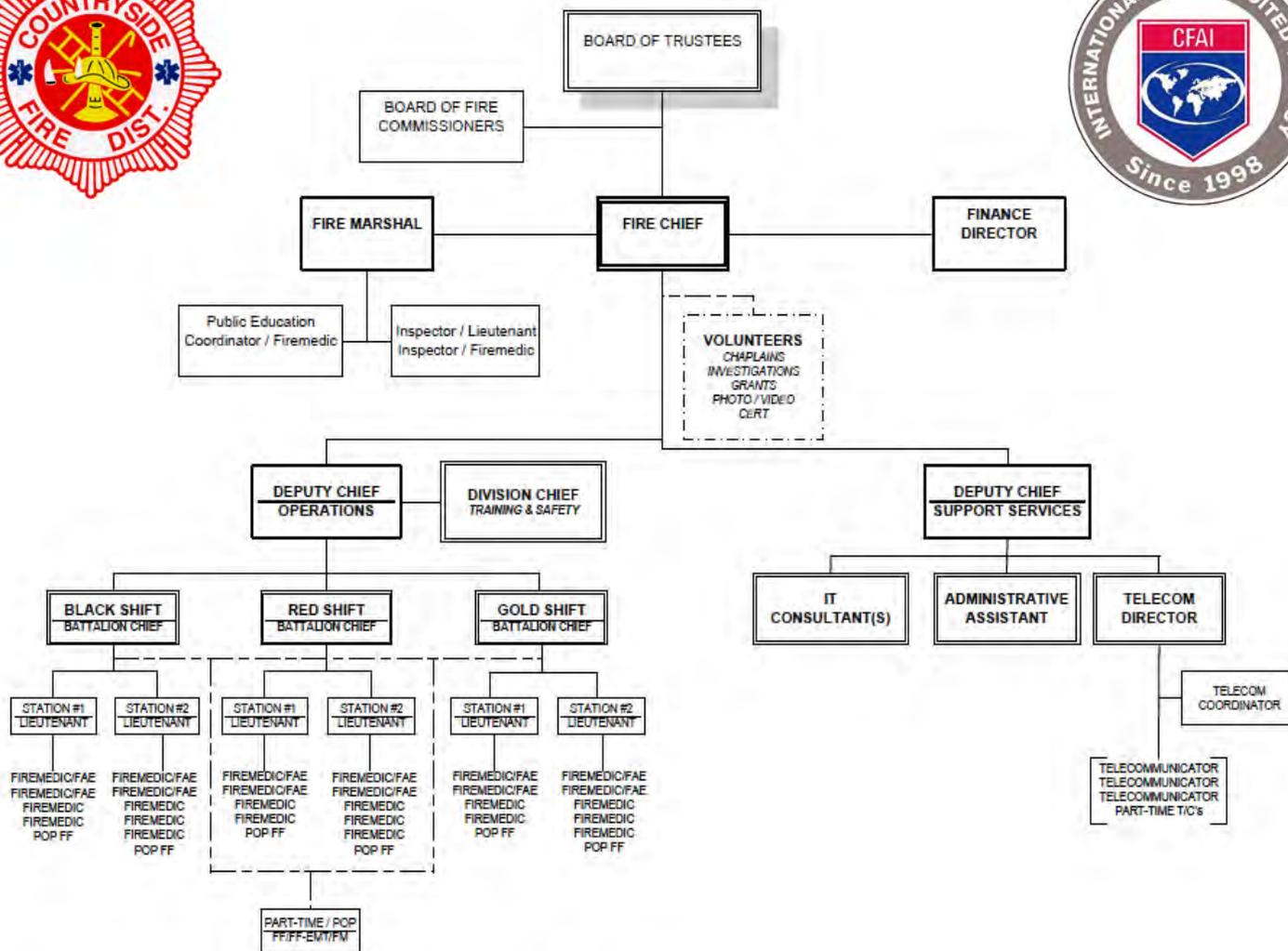
I truly am proud and blessed to lead the wonderful people that are members of Countryside Fire Protection District (CFPD). They are competent, compassionate men and women that are dedicated and committed to providing the community with excellent customer service. In 2014, we honored those that served Countryside in the past by constructing an honor garden at the headquarters station in Vernon Hills. Brick pavers and brass plaques display the names of the founding members and those that served 20 or more years.

As you will read, 2014 proved to be a very busy year with 4,380 incidents. A couple large scale emergencies of significance were the Long Grove house explosion in April and the truck rollover at Butterfield and Route 60 in Vernon Hills where hazardous materials leaked from the truck. Though challenging, both incidents were handled by CFPD resources and assistance from several neighboring agencies utilizing the Mutual Aid Box Alarm system (MABAS).

Growth throughout the Countryside Fire District has picked up some steam over the last year. New construction at Hawthorn Mall, retail space and single & multiple family residential building is keeping our fire prevention bureau very busy doing plan reviews, fire alarm & sprinkler system tests and fire & life safety inspections.

ORGANIZATIONAL FLOW CHART

As of June 1, 2012





Chief's Message Continued...



The District continues to explore opportunities to provide service cost effectively and efficiently. One fine example is sharing dispatch services with the Vernon Hills Police. In 2014, the Knollwood Fire Department also joined Countryside and Libertyville to provide E-911 dispatch services.

You are always welcome to come and visit us at one of the firehouses. Please let us know what we can do to help you stay safe at home, in your vehicle and at work. Our website is full of safety tips and information about the Countryside Fire District.

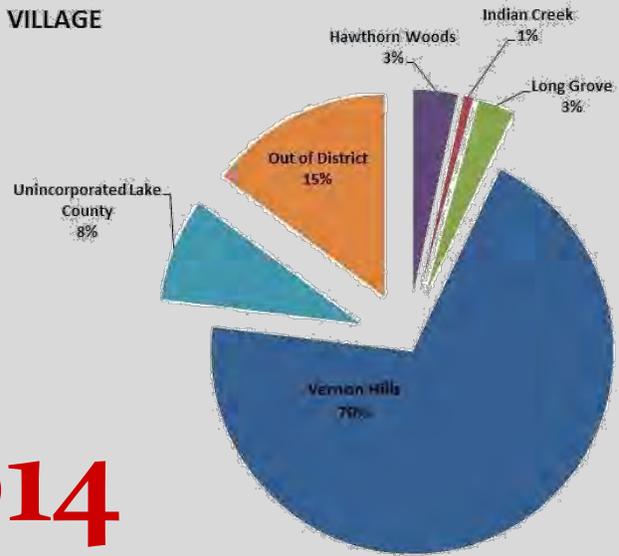
We are privileged and stand ready 24/7/365 to serve you; **Respond, Solve Problems and Be Nice**, with pride and professionalism.

Yours in Safety & Service,

Jeff Steingart, CFO
Fire Chief



INCIDENTS BY VILLAGE



2014

INCIDENT RESPONSES

The Countryside Fire Protection District responded to a total of 4,380 incidents in 2014; a five (5) percent increase from 2013. Of those incidents 3,780 were within the boundaries of the Fire District.

Multiple calls; back-to-back incidents occurred 35% of the time.

Automatic response and mutual aid to other fire departments was provided 650 times. In turn, there were 875 occurrences where Countryside received assistance from our neighboring fire departments.

Analyzing this data annually guides the District in its planning process and decisions to staff, equip and respond to serve the community best.

CALL VOLUME

Type of Call	Total	%
Fire Calls	117	3 %
Rescue	2,814	64 %
Hazardous Condition	131	3 %
Service Calls	432	10 %
Good Intent	137	3 %
False Alarm Calls	649	14 %
Carbon Monoxide	94	2 %
Severe Weather	6	1 %
TOTAL	4,380	

- In 2014, CFPD averaged 12 calls per day.
- November was the busiest month in 2014.
- The busiest day of the week was Friday.
- The hour of 11:00 am was the busiest time of the day.

4:27 Average response time to emergencies

96.9% Arrived on scene of emergencies within 8 minutes

Operations

During 2014, Countryside firefighter/paramedics (firemedics) continued to meet the demands of an increasing call volume while maintaining the same staffing levels of previous years. Countryside Fire Protection District operates out of two stations, one in central Vernon Hills and one in Mundelein.

On a daily basis, we staff two (2) engines, three (3) ambulances, and a command vehicle. This staffing model is supplemented during the week by three (3) Firemedics in the Fire Prevention Bureau, three (3) Administrative Chiefs, and a Training Chief. During times of anticipated high call volume, off-duty Firemedics are recalled to provide additional resources to the community.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE OPERATIONS DIVISION

- Revised and updated the Standard Operation Guidelines to incorporate the latest scientific research by Underwriters Laboratories on fire behavior and modern firefighting tactics.
- Placed a John Deere Gator 6x6 donated by the Libertyville Fire Department in service. This vehicle is deployed to special community events, emergencies located on trail systems or in difficult to reach areas and on brush/wildland fires.
- Enhanced Automatic Aid Response Agreements (ARA's) with our neighboring communities to provide the most efficient and fastest response to emergencies.
- Conducted a large scale Hazardous Material Response and Mass Casualty drill at the Sullivan Center in Vernon Hills. This drill tested the response and readiness of several area fire departments, the Lake County Hazardous Materials Team, and Advocate Condell Medical Center EMS System.



3/19/14 - Overturned Tandem Trailer Incident



4/25/14 - Royal Melbourne Explosion

SOME NOTABLE 2014 INCIDENTS...

- On March 19, 2014, a tandem semi-tractor trailer had the rear trailer tip onto its side at Butterfield Rd. and Townline Road during the morning rush hour. The tractor trailer was carrying two containers of hazardous materials that were damaged and leaking. The initial response by Countryside contained the chemicals from injuring the public or polluting the nearby environment. The Lake and McHenry County Specialized Response team responded to mitigate the incident. Fortunately there were no injuries.
- April 25, 2014, an explosion in the Royal Melbourne subdivision in Long Grove prompted a multi-day response and investigation. Initial Countryside crews arrived on scene to find a large residential home had been destroyed by an explosion. The resulting explosion damaged nearly 50 homes in a ½ mile radius. Although the exact cause of the explosion is still under investigation, natural gas is being blamed as the source. There were two minor injuries. Repairs in the subdivision are still ongoing one year later.

Operations Continued...



HIGHLIGHTS

- Placed a 10' inflatable boat with 8hp removable motor in service for rapid deployment in smaller bodies of water within the District.
- Assisted the Secret Service with a United States Vice-Presidential detail at the Vernon Hills Sullivan Center.
- Added three new part-time firefighters.
- Special Response Team call-outs:
 - * HazMat Team called twice (1 in District / 1 Mutual Aid).
 - * Dive Team called twice (both times Mutual Aid).
 - * One structural collapse response (Mutual Aid).
 - * Sonar Team called seven times (all Mutual Aid—6 times for missing person searches; and 1 time for evidence recovery).

Training Division



In 2014, Countryside firefighters averaged 224 hours of fire and EMS training throughout the year. This training prepares personnel for all types of emergencies and is vital to the success of the organization. Scheduling structured hands-on type training, as well as company led and self-study type drills aids in the preparation of personnel.

TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In January, the District and The Illinois Fire Service Institute hosted a Courage to be Safe class for all personnel. This class addresses various safety initiatives and how to implement the initiatives in their personal and professional lives as well as at the department level. The Illinois Public Risk Fund also brought out their electronic driving simulator which provides different defensive driving scenarios that may be encountered on a daily basis.
- A one week Fireground Survival class was held at Station 1 where multiple Lake County fire departments had the opportunity to have personnel become certified as Fireground Survival train-the-trainers. Once certified, they are able to go and train their own firefighters on fireground survival techniques.
- In August, we were provided the opportunity to train in an acquired

structure, which was being demolished to make room for a new building. This provided the District a chance for some joint training with the Libertyville and Lincolnshire Fire Departments where we were able to train on forcible entry, search and rescue, ventilation and hose deployment.

- We also joined with Libertyville, Mundelein, and Lake Zurich Fire Departments and hosted IFSI for



PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS

- Lieutenant Echtenacher continues to manage the part-time firefighters group and provide a weekly training session in order for them to continue to keep up with current events within the District and the changing trends within the fire service.



Emergency Medical Services



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) remains a core service of Countryside Fire Protection District, accounting for approximately two thirds of our total incident responses. The following are some highlights of the District's EMS program in 2014:

- Countryside Firemedics and emergency medical technicians (EMT's) continue to receive 30 hours of continuing education annually provided by our resource hospital, Advocate Condell Medical Center. Personnel also receive additional EMS training monthly to learn new skills and improve on their existing ones.
- The Working Together EMS Conference put on by the Wisconsin EMS Association was held in Milwaukee in January of 2015 and CFPD had 4 members in attendance. Personnel participated in numerous classes throughout four days.
- In the fall of 2014, a small group of dedicated firemedics formed a committee to devise a training program to improve the outcomes for cardiac arrest patients. The group brainstormed ideas and is in the final stages of the program's implementation. The plan will follow a "Pit Crew" type resuscitation style, as each person will have a set task that needs to be accomplished. Other areas in the country have moved to this style of resuscitation and have seen vast improvements in cardiac arrest save rates.
- June of 2014, CFPD congratulated the following members who completed the 2013 Advocate Condell Medical Center paramedic class: Matthew Melvin, Andrew Katzner, Kevin Learch and David Roscoe. The District currently has 4 members enrolled in the 2014 paramedic class with graduation commencing in June.



12 MINIMUM DAILY STAFFING

STATION NO. 1



801 S. Midlothian Road
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

STATION NO. 2 HEADQUARTERS



600 N. Deerpath Drive
Vernon Hills, IL 60061



PATIENT TRANSPORTS **1,953** RELEASE / NO TRANSPORT **467**

Fire Prevention



The Fire Prevention Bureau had another busy and productive year. The bureau activities consisted of fire safety inspections, plan reviews, water supply systems, preplan drawings, fire investigations and code enforcement issues throughout the district. The bureau stays educated on current and past code editions to conduct thorough inspections. The Fire Prevention Bureau Division 2014 Annual Report summarizes the activities and results of the Fire Prevention Bureau team which supports the commitment of all Countryside Fire Protection District personnel in the preservation of life and property.



Countryside Fire Protection District was recently presented with a Life Safety Achievement Award for our fire prevention accomplishments by the National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire Research and Education Foundation. CFPD is one of 142 fire departments across the U.S. to receive this award for recording zero fire deaths during 2014.

2014 INSPECTIONS & PLAN REVIEW TOTALS

BUREAU INSPECTIONS

3,581 inspections

COMMERCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & MULTI-FAMILY INSPECTIONS

1,440 inspections

NEW CONSTRUCTION & REMODEL PROJECT INSPECTIONS

61 inspections

PLAN REVIEWS

189 plan reviews



Fire Prevention Continued...

ADMINISTRATION & STAFFING

- 2014 Fire Prevention Bureau Division team consisted of Fire Marshal Mike McNally, Lt. Ron Cielek, Inspector/Firemedic Bill Wolff and Public Education Coordinator/Firemedic Tony Rodkey. Lina Diaz provided administrative support.
- Bureau personnel responded to emergency calls, assisted duty crews, conducted inspections, plan reviews, hydrant testing, fire investigations and public education.
- Bureau personnel maintained certifications and requirements as licensed paramedics, firefighters, fire apparatus engineers, fire origin/cause investigators and other special response teams.

WATER SUPPLY



- Water supply systems were tested and reports completed to support fire suppression, and the planning process. Water flow and inspection results were communicated to all interested parties to assure adequate water supply systems were maintained.
- Two hundred wet and dry drafting hydrant inspections, and one hundred fifty-five (155) water flow tests were conducted in 2014.
- Sixty (60) dry hydrants were given a fresh coat of paint.
- Additional wet hydrants were added for a new subdivision at Midlothian and Gilmer Road for the Hawthorn Hills subdivision.



INSPECTIONS

- 3,581 Bureau inspection activities were recorded in 2014.
- All 1,440 existing commercial, educational and multi-family occupancies were inspected.
- Sixty-one (61) new construction and remodel projects were inspected to insure all fire protection systems and life safety requirements were in compliance.
- Special inspections were conducted throughout the year for special events such as, fireworks shows, Summer Celebration in Vernon Hills, Circus and Mall promotions.

PLAN REVIEWS

- One hundred eighty-nine (189) plan reviews were completed in 2014 for sixty-one (61) new and existing construction projects covering 792,380 sq. ft.
- Bureau personnel continued to promote the installation of sprinkler coverage for single homes (42 new residences were built with NFPA 13D sprinkler systems).
- 2014 plan reviews included some large projects such as, Westfield Hawthorn Mall adding roughly 90,000 square feet. Included in this project are six (6) new tenant spaces and an AMC 12-screen theatre, which opened in spring of 2015, and Dave & Buster's finished their 39,551 sq. ft. project. We reviewed a two-story 287,000 sq. ft. Menards that is currently under construction with a finish date of fall of 2015.

PRE-PLANS

- Pre-plans are developed and designed to help assist command and other crews on a basic floor plan layout and some additional important items such as electric, water and gas disconnects.
- Fourteen (14) new pre-plan drawings were completed in 2014.
- Three hundred twenty-nine (329) pre-plans are updated and maintained on an annual housekeeping inspection or when that occupancy remodels.



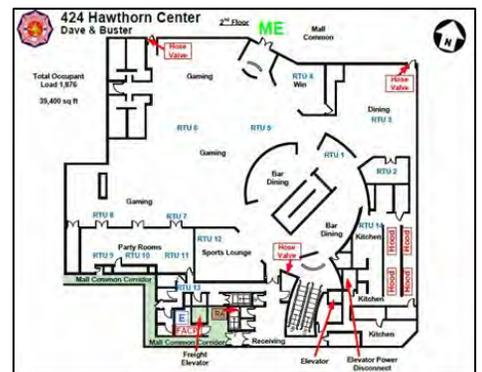
Maggiano's



AMC Theatres



Dave & Busters





PROPERTY SAVED
\$7,031,938

Fire Prevention Continued...

FIRE INVESTIGATION ORIGIN & CAUSE

- Total estimated 2014 fire losses were \$4,375,564 (\$3,019,914 were due to a Long Grove fire/explosion).
- There were five (5) civilian fire related injuries, two (2) firefighter injuries and no fatalities. We were able to “Keep the Wreath Red” over the holidays again with no fire incidents related to holiday decorations.
- Forty (40) fire investigations were completed by bureau fire investigators. The number one fire incident type investigated was building structure fire at eighteen (18).
- Fire investigators attended required training including seminars and Fire Investigation Strike Force meetings to maintain certification through OSFM.
- Seven (7) fires involved bathroom exhaust fans and dryers. Education to the public on this matter was sent out via local broadcasting and our website.
- Bureau reported fires with preventable causes to OSFM, NFPA, and the United States Consumer Products Safety Commission.
- Fire Prevention messages were highlighted through various media channels including the CFPD WEB site, cable Public Station TV videos and newspapers.
- A significant fire/explosion that damaged approximately sixty (60) homes with damages adding up to approximately \$18,000,000.
- An arsonist was arrested for setting a series of trash can fires.

**ESTIMATED
FIRE LOSS
AMOUNT**

\$4,375,564



1/4/14 - 223 Route 45 Structure Fire



5/19/14 - 1027 Royal Oak Dr. Structure Fire



7/20/14 - 821 Faulkner Pl. Structure Fire



8/28/14 - 100 Burnside Ct. Structure Fire



10/4/14 - 18919 Hickory St. Structure Fire



10/21/14 - 204 April Ave. Structure Fire

Public Education

The Public Education Division 2014 annual report provides a summary of the fire and life safety and injury prevention programs provided throughout the Countryside Fire Protection District.

Countryside Fire Protection District is committed to providing fire and life safety programs in the communities of Vernon Hills, unincorporated Mundelein, Long Grove, Hawthorn Woods and unincorporated Lake County within the Fire District.

CFPD has five (5) public school districts which include, fifteen (15) schools from elementary, middle and high school, as well as eight (8) private pre-school and daycare facilities that receive a least one visit per grade level annually. Countryside Fire Protection District also meets the requests of any business in the fire district to expand fire and life safety education in the communities, as well as maintains an excellent relationship with the Villages and various government entities requesting fire and life safety programs to strengthen our partnerships.



COMMUNITY SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

- **Adopt A Fire Hydrant.** Residents agree to keep fire hydrant clear of debris, weeds and snow and report any damage. A certificate is issued to the resident. The Village of Vernon Hills, Vernon Hills Park District and CDW promoted this program on their electronic marquee boards.
- **Block Party Requests.** Attended eight block parties and interacted with 580 residents in neighborhoods throughout the District.
- **Countryside Fire Website.** Current safety information and programs according to the changing season makes the website fluid and up to date, while providing a profile of the Fire District.
- **Child Car Seat Installations/Safety Checks.** One hundred fifteen car seat installation and/or inspections were completed in 2014. The ranks of Child Car Seat Technician were increased by one this year for a total of eighteen (18) on staff. We participated in two car seat check points at American Hotel Register & Advocate Condell Hospital.

- **First Aid, CPR & AED Courses.** Fifty-two (52) classes were held in total, certifying 1,521 participants, including 528 students from district middle schools and 350 Vernon Hills High School students.
- **Fire Extinguisher Training.** One hundred fourteen (114) participants were provided fire extinguisher training in area businesses, two hundred sixteen (216) 8th grade science students at Fremont Middle School, and one hundred twenty-five (125) 8th grade science students at West Oak Middle Schools also received this lesson.
- **Firefighter for a Day.** Five (5) individuals had the opportunity to receive this incredible experience.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH...



Public Education Continued...

- **Monthly Fire Safety Video Clip with Channel 4 News.** Fireman Tony appeared on the Vernon Hills Update Monthly Television Show with information and safety tips to village residents for the year. There is no real quantitative data of knowing how many residents we reach from these public broadcasts. Although the positive anecdotal and testimonials we receive from our customers demonstrates the importance maintaining this connection.
- **Smoke Alarm Giveaway.** Maintained participation in the Office of the State Fire Marshal "FREE" Smoke Alarm Program that provided smoke alarms with properly completed documentation submittal. Twelve (12) smoke alarms were installed in fire district homes without a working smoke alarm.



SMOKE ALARMS

SAVE LIVES

TEST YOURS TODAY!

- **Remembering When.** Maintained participation in the Office of the State Fire Marshal Fire and Fall Prevention program for residents 65 years and older. "Remembering When" offers a home inspection, free smoke alarms, night lights, oven mitts and recommendations to help prevent our senior residents from accidentally starting a fire or accidental falls. Countryside provided quarterly visits to Brookdale/Hawthorn Lakes, Brookdale of Vernon Hills and the Victory Centre with safety awareness programs, ladder truck demonstrations and fire sprinkler demonstrations.

- **Station Tours.** Eight (8) station tours provided for 110 participants combined at both fire stations.

SKIT CONTEST FOR FIRE SAFETY & BURN PREVENTION

Public Education Coordinator, Tony Rodkey managed this CFPD Pilot program in our Hawthorn Middle North School. The idea is to allow the 8th grade students to create a fire safety message and perform/act out the message to the 6th and 7th grade students in an assembly format. This is a peer to peer method of teaching a hard to reach audience. The Advisory Groups within the middle school consisted of 10-12 students, forming nineteen (19) groups/performances. In evaluating this pilot program, we learned that a name change was in order to prevent limitation of imagination and creativity by the students. Next year the program will be called "Variety Show for Fire Safety" sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings, Cold Stone Creamery and Wendy's.

GRADUATION LIFE SAFETY KITS

The Graduation Life Safety Kit was delivered for the 7th consecutive year to 348 Class of 2014 Vernon Hills High School graduating seniors. The idea was to send the graduates with fire and life safety information, supplies and equipment they could use to be safe beyond high school. Public Education Coordinator, Tony Rodkey secured partnerships with area businesses to help fund this awesome gift including, Allstate Insurance, CareFusion, DaVita Village Health, Sam's Club, Toshiba and Walgreens.



REWARDS FOR PRACTICING FIRE SAFETY

The Cold Stone Creamery, Robeks and Qdoba continued to partner with CFPD Public Education Division for the 5th year by endorsing coupons for free ice cream, smoothies and entrees to students who completed assigned fire safety homework following various fire safety education program visits. New partners have been contacted and are considering joining this program for 2015 which include: Red Mango, Chick-fil-A and Calzone & Macaroni Company.



Public Education Continued...

Countryside Fire Protection District attended seventy various events in the Fire District reaching 12,928 participants. CFPD also maintained a close working relationship with the Lake County Fire Chief's Association and the Northern Illinois Public Education Team (NIPET).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Open House.** The 55th OPEN HOUSE was very special this year. Everyone who participated did an excellent job to make the Open House an annual "must attend" community event. The 2014 NFPA annual theme was, "*Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives.*" In conjunction with this year's theme, Batteries Plus provided free batteries to residents for smoke alarms, Vernon Hills Allstate Insurance Company provided "Be Cool about Fire Safety" materials, and Chiro One provided spinal checks and massages for attendees. In addition, Record A-Hit provided an inflatable fire engine crawl through apparatus, and the Countryside Fire District static display, handouts and giveaways were provided by FEMA, IDOT, Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and OSFM. We also had volunteers from the Fremont Township Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) on hand for recruitment and assisted with traffic control, and Boy & Girl Scout Troops provided assistance in the pancake breakfast area to free up firemedics for public education activities. The event was a fun and informative event; and as a result, CFPD received many compliments from approximately 2,000 residents who attended.
- Parade-4th of July Handouts.** Fireman Tony brought up the rear of the parade and passed out various fire safety trinkets with a fire safety message for an excellent public relations opportunity in the Village of Vernon Hills.



Fireman Tony Rodkey Teaching middle school students about kitchen fire safety.



Countryside hosts Cook Memorial Library Storytelling evening in front of the firehouse.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

CFPD demonstrates a commitment to its fire and life safety education programs by visiting each grade level of every school within the fire district. It is this level of commitment that assists in helping prevent fire and injuries in the communities. In 2014, approximately 15,183 students in the schools had contact from a CFPD member. The public education division continued to double the visits in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and in the high school. The more visits our fire district is permitted to provide in the schools, coupled with attending community events and reinforcing the safety messages, will continue to show a decrease in fires and injuries within the fire district. The following list is age appropriate programs for the school grade levels:

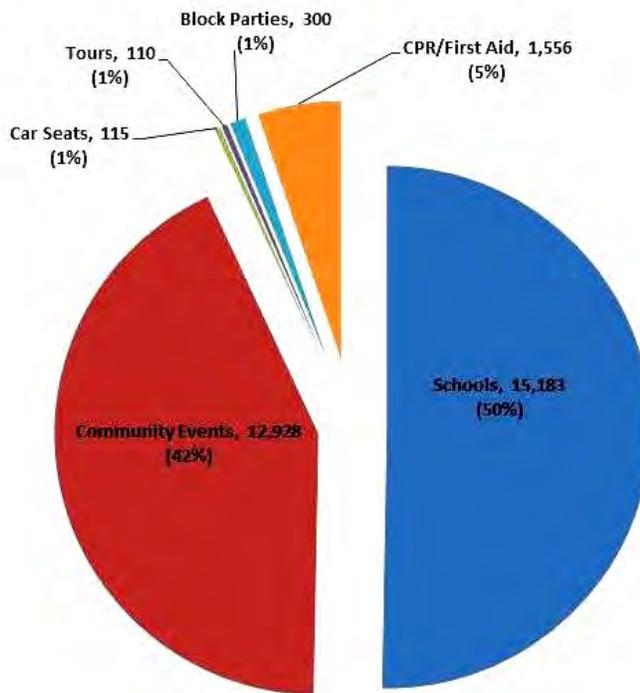
Preschool	Firefighter Friendly and Storytelling
Kindergarten	Firefighter Friendly and What's Hot What's Not
1st Grade	Join My Fire Safety Club and Tool vs. Toy
2nd Grade	Where There's Smoke There's Science and Tool vs. Toy
3rd Grade	Be Cool About Fire Safety and the Hazard House
4th Grade	The Great Escape Challenge and the Smoke Trailer
5th Grade	The Smoke Alarm Show and Fire's Fury
6th Grade	Sprinklers Save Lives (Live Demonstration) and Kitchen Fire Safety
7th Grade	Safety Smart with Bill Nye and Severe Weather Safety
8th Grade	CPR in the Schools and Chemistry of Fire and Fire Extinguisher Lesson
High School	CPR in the Schools, Get out Stay Alive/College Fire Safety, Fire Service Career, Holiday Fire Safety, Kitchen Fire Safety, Chemistry of Fire, Health Fair, Hazard House the Graduation Life Safety Kit & D128 Adult Education Program Fire Behavior & Extinguishers.

Public Education Continued...

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT OVERVIEW

The Countryside Fire Protection District Fire & Life Education Programs have made contact with 30,192 participants. Fifty percent of the participants we contact are within the five school districts aligned within the Fire District. In 2014, one firemedic was certified to assist with child car seats for this very important service offered to the small number of constituency needing help. Station tours are given by on-duty personnel and also have a very small group of residents utilizing this program. Our visits to residential block parties have had a positive effect on the community, although a small portion of program participants as well. Community events are where CFPD participates and makes contact with 42% of all our participants. By participating in various community events, we not only have the opportunity for positive public relations, but we take the time to provide public education to improve the overall community risk reduction. A breakdown of these activities and the percentage of where program participants are contacted are demonstrated in the following chart of time well spent in keeping with the mission of the Fire District.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION CONTACTS



GRANTS

Countryside Fire Protection District was awarded \$300.00 in grant funding. The \$300.00 grant from the Firefighters Charitable Foundation assisted the Graduation Life Safety Kit to benefit the Vernon Hills High School graduates.



JOIN US

**IN FIRE
PREVENTION**

**Fire
Sprinklers
Save Lives**

**PRACTICE YOUR
ESCAPE PLAN**

Awards & Recognitions

“A CUT ABOVE” AWARD

The “A Cut Above” award was established to recognize the exemplary efforts of local firefighters and paramedics by Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital of Lake Forest, Illinois.

On the morning of July 12, Firefighter/Paramedic Mark Skala and Firefighter/Paramedic Dan Lainio were training on the "pit crew" CPR method. They later responded to a call for a 92-year-old female with chest pain. The patient went into ventricular fibrillation, so the crew defibrillated the patient, helping her regain spontaneous circulation and consciousness.

“It is an honor for us to host this annual event to commend our firefighters and paramedics and recognize the team efforts that saved lives.”

*- Thomas J. McAfee, President
Lake Forest Hospital*



Firefighter/Paramedic Dan Lanio & Firefighter/Paramedic Mark Skala recognized at ceremony.



**Lake Forest Hospital
honors first responders
with “A Cut Above” Award**

LIFE SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On June 25, 2014, Countryside Fire Protection District was awarded the 2013 Life Safety Achievement Award by the NASFM Fire Research & Education Foundation together with Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, and the Residential Fire Safety Institute.

This national award recognizes fire departments whose fire prevention activities reduce fire fatalities in their communities.

To qualify, Countryside Fire Protection District must have recorded zero fire deaths in residential structure fires or a 10 percent reduction of fire deaths during 2013, in addition to demonstrating a commitment to preventing residential fires through effective fire and life safety programs throughout the communities CFPD so proudly serves.



SAVE *the* DATE

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
&
OPEN HOUSE**

Telecommunications

Through the continued full-time support in Telecommunications, the District has continued to make improvements in its services and operations. In August of 2014, Countryside began dispatching for Knollwood Fire. Along with this, the partnership with Vernon Hills Police Department and Libertyville Fire Department continues to be of benefit to both agencies in 2014.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



- Began dispatching Knollwood fire in August of 2014
- 10 digit emergency lines – 4,373
- Alarm lines – 16,725
- Average call processing time for all 3 agencies – 20.53 seconds
- Total alarm signals processed – 810,160 (411,664 by operator)
- 25,237 fire alarms processed
- 146,864 trouble alarms processed
- Countryside MABAS Box alarms – 7
- Libertyville MABAS Box Alarms – 3



911 CALLS

19,511 calls

DISPATCHED CALLS FOR COUNTRYSIDE

4,380 calls

DISPATCHED CALLS FOR LIBERTYVILLE

3,978 calls

DISPATCHED CALLS FOR KNOLLWOOD

630 calls for the year

221 dispatched by CFPD

911
EMERGENCY



Countryside Firefighter's Association



The mission of the Countryside Firefighter's Association (CFA) is to provide for the welfare of its members, to support the mission of the Countryside Fire Protection District and to serve the residents of the Countryside Fire Protection District.

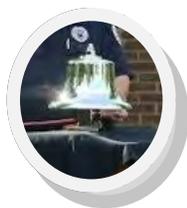
As with every new year, the members seek measureable objectives to improve upon the following years successes and 2014 was no exception. Among the camaraderie, our members are engaged in the tradition to raise awareness in life safety and education; moreover, provide assistance to local charities and District townships programs.



DEPARTMENTAL RECOGNITION OF SERVICE & TRADITION

The Association reinvests its efforts to recognize new hire, current and retired members. Graduating cadets from the fire academy will have their company flag hung alongside prior and future classes signifying their unit great source of pride. With the assistance of the Countryside Firefighter's Association, Countryside Fire Protection District dedicated an HONOR GARDEN to its retirees for their time served. Retirees having served 20, 25, 30 and over 35 years were presented with their name and time served in a brick that will be placed in the Honor Garden or an engraving on a pillared plaque for all to witness before stepping through our doors at 600 N. Deerpath Drive, Vernon Hills.

Moreover, a 1960's engine bell restoration has been accomplished, which will serve as Countryside's ceremonial bell.



DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT & TOOLS FOR RESPONSE

Tools of our trade cannot always be provided from CFPD due to department fiscal budgetary concerns; therefore, the CFA reinvests accordingly to supplement personnel equipment and/or tools to perform effectively and efficiently while training, but above all responding.

CFPD ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



Our house is your house! This is our day to show off and anticipate seeing old and making new friends. What is truly a significant time of fun and interest can be experienced by sharing stories, learning about the vehicles and receiving public education and life safety material for all ages. During our 2014 Open House, over 1200 adults and children passed through our doors in our support, but we cannot also forget the significant contributions from district businesses that donated towards the fundraising raffle as well. Without our District and community support, CFA's mission would be dramatically affected as both play an essential part in CPPD's calling to serve and protect.

MDA FUNDRAISER

Members are first recognized within the District campaigning on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association to raise funds, instill community outreach and public confidence. With this example of compassion, we can generate necessary funds for a cure, research and care for individuals affected.



HONOR GARDEN







LOVE

Firefighters rock!
Thank you so much!

Chief Steingart & Staff

It was so wonderful for me to meet several of you last Friday.

Thanks again for making it possible for me to continue enjoying life. Not a day goes by that I don't realize how blessed I am to be alive.

Sincerely,

Becky

Jeff, Mike and all the Great Firefighters who came to our Rescue Last Sunday Night:

! Thank You!

You are our heroes and we appreciated each of you.
Be Safe Always!

Dear Jeff and all the members of the Countryside Fire Department -
I want to thank all of you for the compassion and care that you gave to my mother Alma when you responded to the 911 call on Monday morning (8-18). Sadly my mother passed away Wednesday at Londell. She will be missed but life has changed not ended.

We are so lucky to have all of you at Countryside... you truly are special men and women who give back to this community. I have included the obituary that will be in the Daily Herald in a few weeks. Larry and I would be honored if you can attend to celebrate her life. She love chocolate so here is one of her favorite pound cake recipes for you all to enjoy.
Sincerely,
Cindy

Dear Jeff,

On behalf of SPALC, I would like to thank you for sending two of your Fire fighters to our 23rd Annual Family Day and Fishing Derby. Our participants really enjoyed this event and their attendance was greatly appreciated. Sincerely,

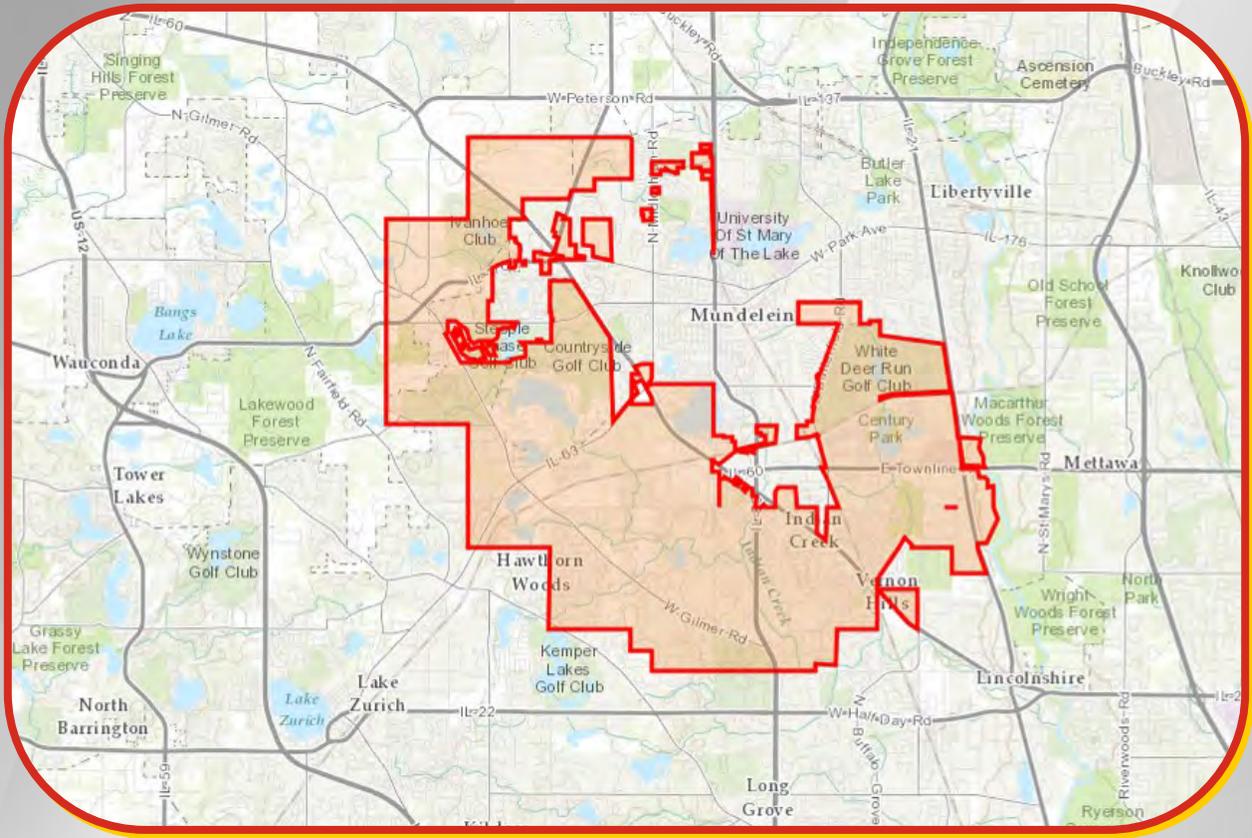
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