

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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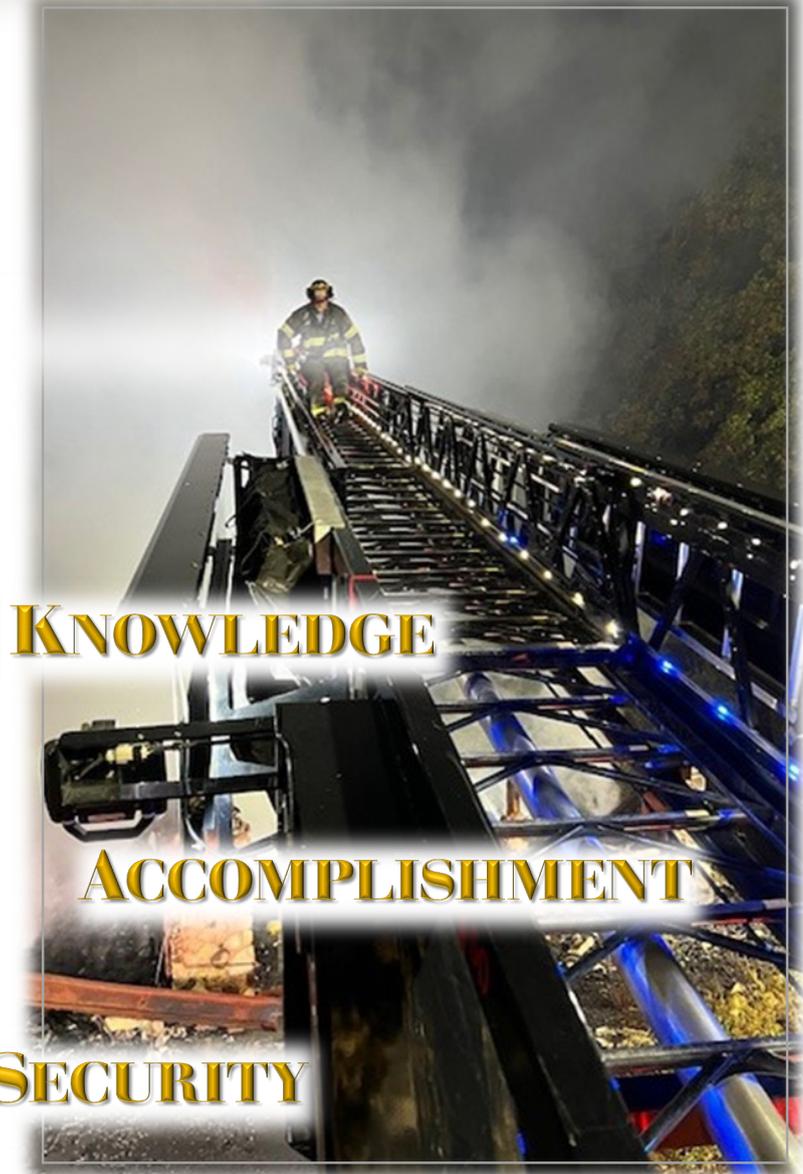


**Approximately 24,000 Residents (2021 Population)  
Within A 5.62 Square Mile Area**



# HONOR

CONTINUALLY EVALUATING OUR CURRENT AND PAST PERFORMANCE ENSURES THAT WE PERFORM AT A STANDARD CONSISTENT WITH THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY. WITH FOCUS ON IMPROVEMENT OF FUTURE RESPONSE, WE CULTIVATE A VISION THAT IS OPEN TO CHANGE, WE ADAPT AS THE COMMUNITY GROWS AND MATURES. WE STRIVE TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY; THE CITIZENS, BUSINESSES, AND VISITORS TO THE CITY OF ROLLING MEADOWS.



**KNOWLEDGE**

**ACCOMPLISHMENT**

**SECURITY**

# PRIDE

**DEDICATION**

**PROFESSIONALISM**

# TRADITION



## PETER SUTTER Fire Chief



# YEAR IN REVIEW

I am delighted to have the opportunity to present the 2023 Annual Report showcasing the essential services provided by the Rolling Meadows Fire Department. This Annual Report is a heartfelt documentation of the events and activities that have unfolded over the past year. The exceptional services rendered are a direct consequence of the dedication and commitment exhibited by the exemplary individuals within our Department. I am genuinely proud of their distinct skills, determination, and deep empathy for the citizens we are privileged to serve. We are grateful for the support that we, as a Department, receive from our esteemed Mayor, City Manager, Council Members, and Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

As displayed on the pages following, our hardworking Team has made substantial progress to enhance our overall productivity. We work with great conviction to reduce response times and boost the efficiency of the Department.

To ensure the safety and well-being of our community, we continuously monitor and assess emerging trends that impact fire prevention, life safety, and the welfare of our Team. In an effort to create a safer and more informed community, we have increased our outreach initiatives to educate the public on fire safety. Through this intentional commitment, we have strengthened relationships with the community on various levels. The concerted efforts of our Fire Prevention and Community Risk Reduction Teams have played a pivotal role in making our City a safer and more secure place to live and work.

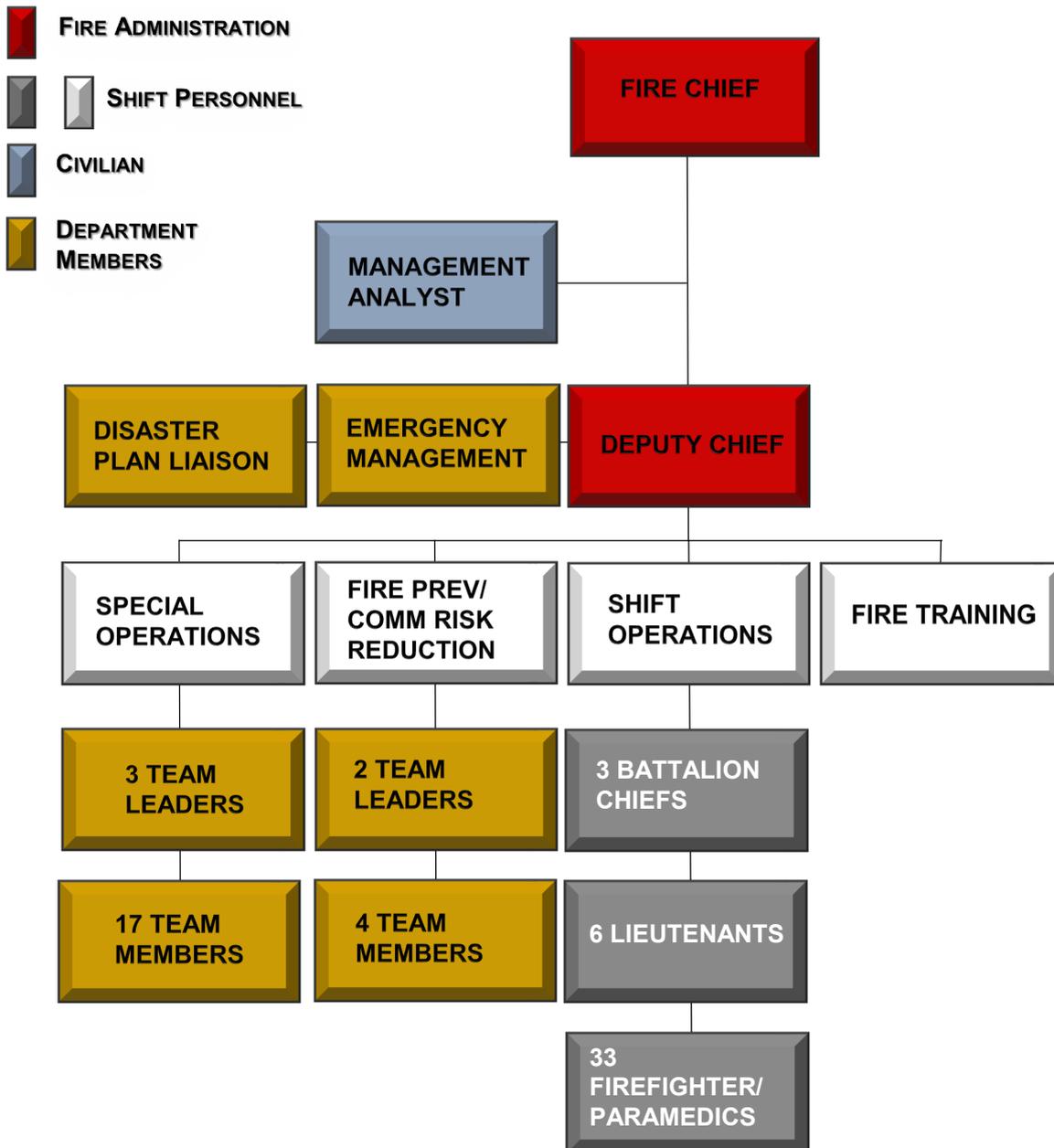
At the Rolling Meadows Fire Department, we take immense pride in our proactive approach to future readiness while delivering safe, effective, and efficient services to our City and visitors. Through ongoing education and training, we stand strong; continuously growing, fostering innovation, and building upon our strengths and successes.

Our firm dedication to excellence is a testament to our unwavering commitment to safeguarding life, property, and the environment. On behalf of the entire Department, we extend our genuine recognition of our residents for their dedicated support.





# ORGANIZATION CHART





## FIRE CHIEF PETER SUTTER YEAR IN REVIEW ORGANIZATION CHART

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# YEARS OF SERVICE

**75% OF RMFD PERSONNEL  
HAVE BEEN ON STAFF  
8 YEARS OR MORE**



# YEARS OF SERVICE



**LT  
Christopher Lee**



**FF/PM  
Jay Delfin**



**Fire Chief  
Peter Sutter**



**FF/PM  
Brian Wirtz**



**FF/PM  
David Rill**



**FF/PM  
Nichole  
Junge**



**FF/PM  
Mark Hayden**



**FF/PM  
Ben Kamminga**



**LT  
Adam Taylor**



**FF/PM  
David Bacino**



**LT  
Ryan Lettieri**



**FF/PM  
Bradley Petrik**



**BC  
Dan Kusek**



**LT  
Michael  
Mullaney**



**BC  
Benjamin  
Dwyer**



# YEARS OF SERVICE



**BC  
Ryan Harding**



**LT  
Robert  
Rabelhofer**



**FF/PM  
Lance Neuses**



**FF/PM  
Chad Lovick**



**FF/PM  
Michael Padula**



**FF/PM  
Colin Barr**



**FF/PM  
Andre Hall**



**LT  
John Palmisano**



**FF/PM  
Timothy King**



**FF/PM  
Bryan Earl**



**FF/PM  
Stephen Zurek**



**FF/PM  
Zach Wynveen**



**FF/PM  
John Loesch Jr**



**FF/PM  
Matt Cappelen**



**FF/PM  
Paul Davis**



# YEARS OF SERVICE



**FF/PM  
Michael  
Baumgart**



**FF/PM  
Patrick  
O'Meara**



**FF/PM  
Craig Allen**



**FF/PM  
Dan Cheval**



**FF/PM  
Timothy Drain**



**FF/PM  
Charles Myers**



**FF/PM  
Matthew  
Bohnen**



**FF/PM  
Jerome  
Brault**



**FF/PM  
Dusty Psaila**



**FF/PM  
Javier  
Salgado**



**FF/PM  
Nicholas  
Mann**



**FF/PM  
Justin Kim**



**Deputy Chief  
Scott Mohr**



**Management  
Analyst  
Stacie Benhart**



# WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER

*Whose Caring Nature Touched Many Lives*



**JACEK BRYLEWSKI**

**Proudly Served  
2018 – 2023**



*...He Has Inspired Us To Support One Another*

# FIRE DEPARTMENT ANALYTICS



## 2023

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
EMS	263	253	256	223	287	267	234	271	231	249	235	252	3,021
FIRE	104	82	94	79	89	103	141	84	103	94	94	95	1,162
Month Total	367	335	350	302	376	370	375	355	334	343	329	347	4,183
Cumulative Total	367	702	1,052	1,354	1,730	2,100	2,475	2,830	3,164	3,507	3,836	4,183	4,183
Amb Transports	176	180	182	153	207	173	170	189	167	173	182	187	2,139

## 2022

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
EMS	271	191	232	257	258	263	287	252	284	249	248	270	3,062
FIRE	94	80	83	76	96	131	125	115	95	94	88	124	1,201
Month Total	365	271	315	333	354	394	412	367	379	343	336	394	4,263
Cumulative Total	365	636	951	1,284	1,638	2,032	2,444	2,811	3,190	3,533	3,869	4,263	4,263
Amb Transports	188	128	164	182	175	178	183	162	189	158	169	200	2,076

## 2021

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
EMS	197	191	249	235	211	202	212	249	243	256	196	275	2,716
FIRE	76	89	111	90	105	94	99	122	82	90	95	92	1,145
Month Total	273	280	360	325	316	296	311	371	325	346	291	367	3,861
Cumulative Total	273	553	913	1,238	1,554	1,850	2,161	2,532	2,857	3,203	3,494	3,861	3,861

## 2020

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
EMS	252	212	216	176	214	202	182	195	205	208	243	201	2,506
FIRE	88	67	94	67	82	115	96	90	80	81	77	91	1,028
Month Total	340	279	310	243	296	317	278	285	285	289	320	292	
Cumulative Total	340	619	929	1,172	1,468	1,785	2,063	2,348	2,633	2,922	3,242	3,534	3,534

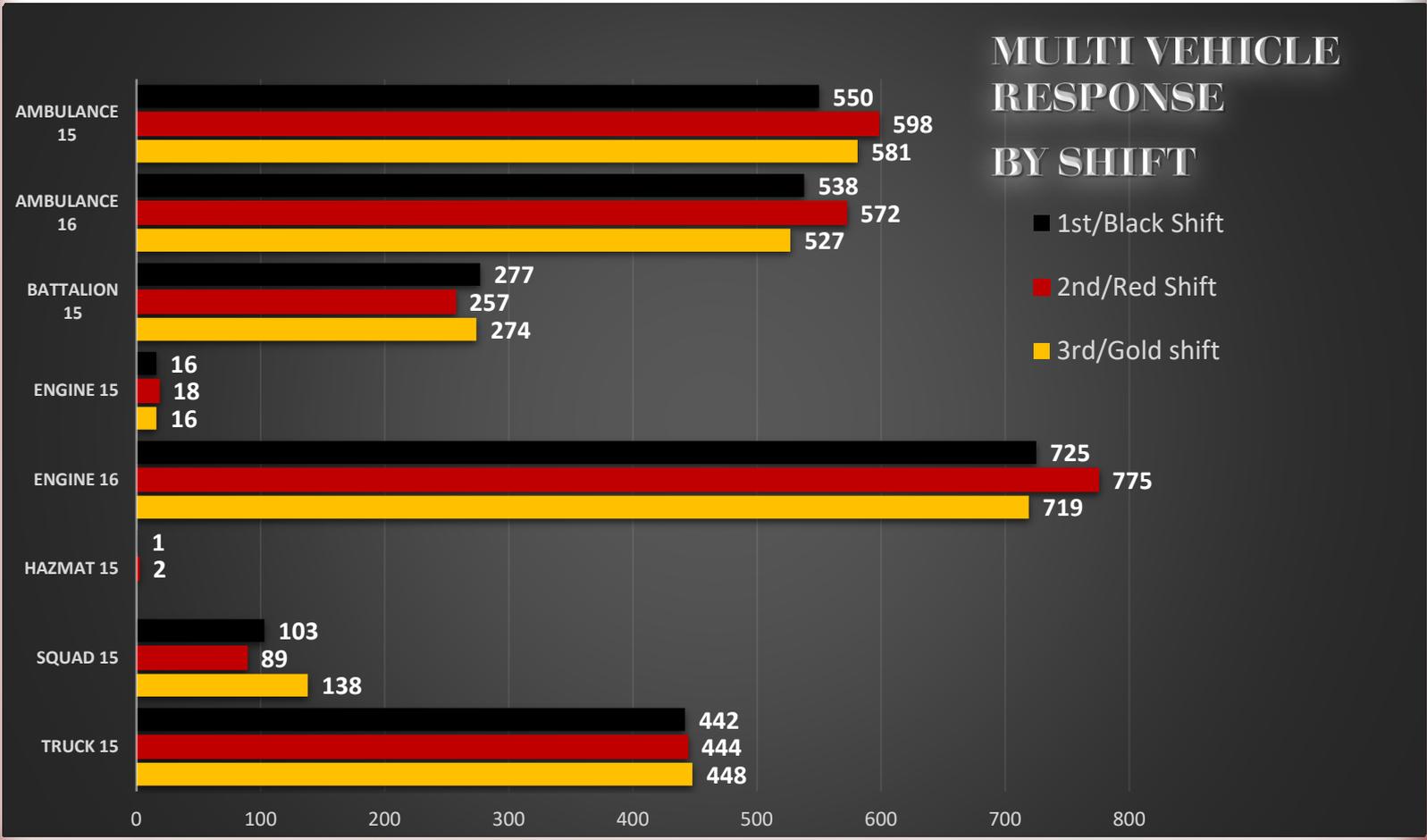
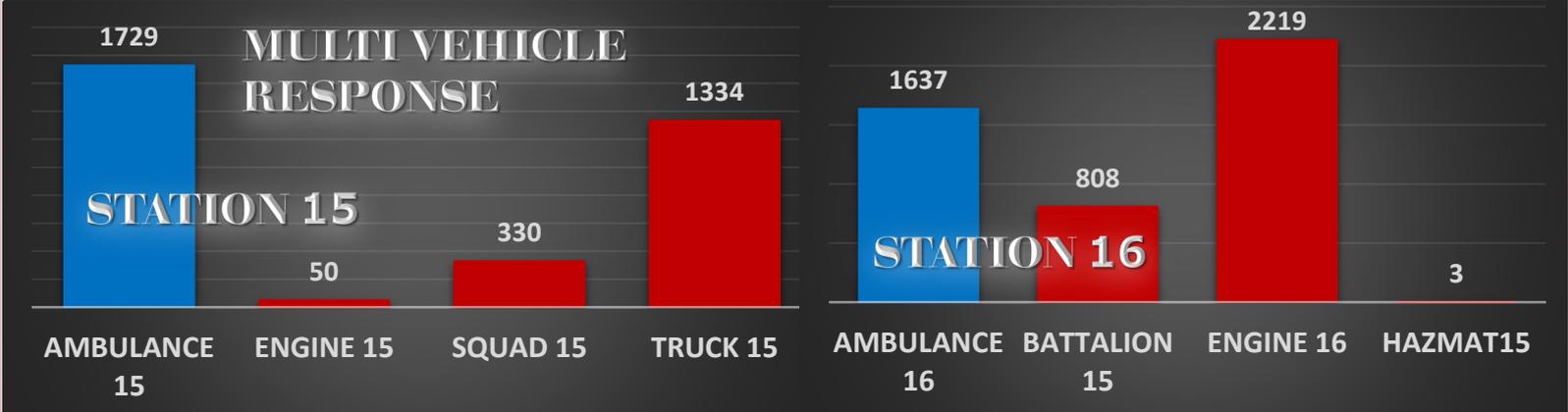
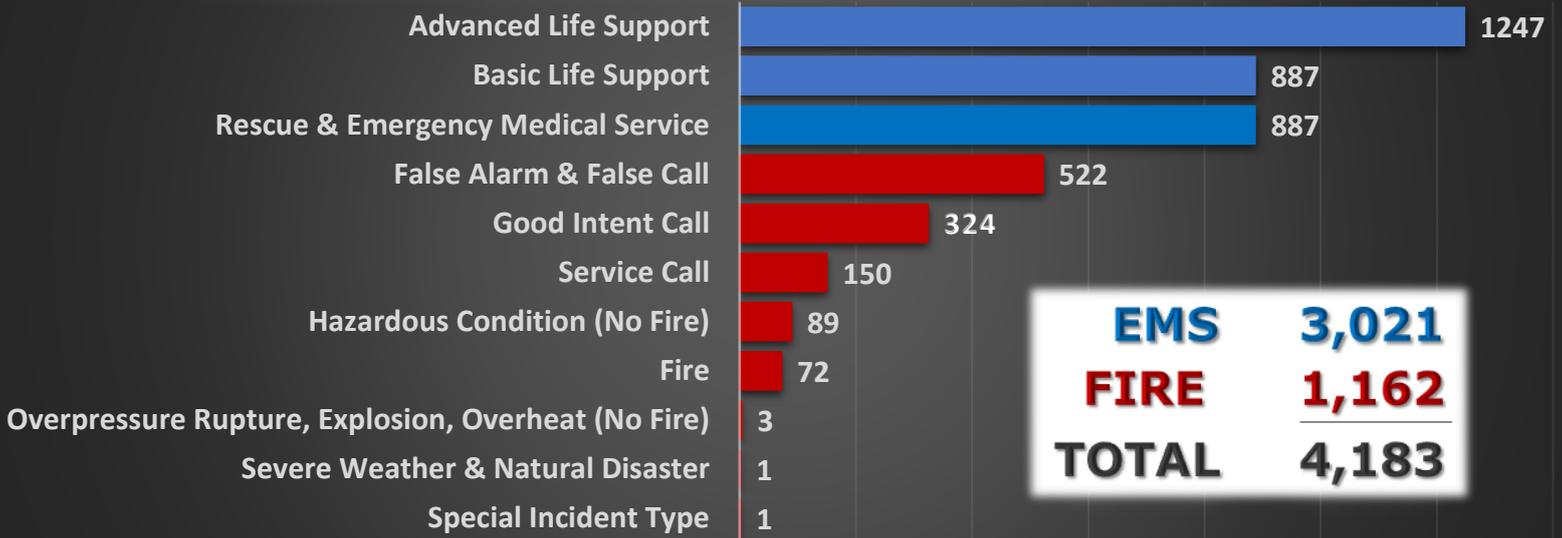
## 2019

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
EMS	202	182	247	245	240	220	216	216	244	228	240	256	2,736
FIRE	115	115	85	88	110	116	93	88	100	103	96	99	1,208
Month Total	317	297	332	333	350	336	309	304	344	331	336	355	
Cumulative Total	317	614	946	1,279	1,629	1,965	2,274	2,578	2,922	3,253	3,589	3,944	3,944

## 2018

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
EMS	261	219	218	229	243	225	229	255	239	227	235	216	2,796
FIRE	127	91	95	72	129	99	100	104	123	86	120	85	1,231
Month Total	388	310	313	301	372	324	329	359	362	313	355	301	
Cumulative Total	388	698	1,011	1,312	1,684	2,008	2,337	2,696	3,058	3,371	3,726	4,027	4,027

# INCIDENT RESPONSE BY INCIDENT CATEGORY





# INCIDENT RESPONSE BY INCIDENT CATEGORY WITH DETAIL

<b>RESCUE &amp; EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE</b>	<b>3,021</b>
Medical Alert-False Activation	32
Check on Well Being - No Patient	6
EMS Call, No Patient Contact	18
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2,733
Cardiac Emergency	7
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	110
Motor vehicle accident with extrication	5
Accident involving bicycle	1
Vehicle Accident involving motorcycle	2
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	6
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	16
Lock-in (if lock out , use 511 )	1
Extrication, rescue, other	1
Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	16
Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	1
Swift water rescue	1
Watercraft rescue	1
Rescue or EMS standby	1
Assist invalid	60
<b>FALSE ALARM &amp; FALSE CALL</b>	<b>522</b>
Malicious, mischievous false call, other	5
Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	3
Central station, malicious false alarm	2
Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
System malfunction, other	14
Trouble Alarm Unable to reset	54
Trouble Alarm Reset	8
Supervisory (tamper, low temp, low pressure)	2
Trouble Alarm - unknown reason	21
Trouble Alarm - Loss of signal/Comm Failure	8
Dry valve tripped - no fire	1
Smoke Alarm activation due to malfunction	34
Smoke Alarm - Low Battery/End of Life	2
Heat detector activation due to malfunction	3
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	47
Carbon Dioxide detection system malfunction	2
CO detector activation due to malfunction	1
CO detector - Low Battery/End of Life	4
Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	14
Broken Sprinkler Pipe - Unknown Reason	2
Broken sprinkler due to freezing	1
Smoke Alarm activation, no fire - unintentional	81
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	26
Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	174
Carbon Dioxide Alarm activation, unintentional	1
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	11

<b>GOOD INTENT CALL</b>	<b>324</b>
Good intent call, other	2
Good intent call, No Patient Contact	8
Wires down, Not power	3
Dispatched and cancelled en route	232
Dispatched & returned by another agency	13
Errant Dispatch/Dispatcher Error	15
Wrong location	1
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	16
Authorized controlled burning	1
Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	2
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	28
Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1
Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	1
HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1

<b>SERVICE CALL</b>	<b>150</b>
Lock-out	35
Ring or jewelry removal	1
Water problem, other	2
Basement/Building Flooding (Significant)	1
Water or steam leak	8
Smoke or odor removal	4
Odor Investigation Unfounded/Unknown	28
Animal rescue	3
Public service assistance, other	6
Assist police or other governmental agency	11
Police matter	2
Public service	20
Special Event stand-by	1
Defective elevator, no occupants	1
Cover assignment, standby, moveup	27

<b>HAZARDOUS CONDITION (No Fire)</b>	<b>89</b>
Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition	2
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	20
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	23
Carbon monoxide incident	14
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	7
Overheated motor	3
Electric Power line down	11
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	9

<b>FIRE</b>	<b>72</b>
Fire contained in Appliance	4
Building fire	13
Building Fire Out of town	22
Fire in an Appliance	1
Fires in structure other than in a building	1
Cooking fire, confined to container	11
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
Commercial Compactor fire, confined to rubbish	1
Trash or rubbish fire, contained	3
Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	2
Passenger vehicle fire	3
Mulch Fire	5
Outside rubbish fire, other	1
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	1
Special outside fire, other	1
Outside equipment fire	1

<b>OVERPRESSURE RAPTURE, EXPLOSION, OVERHEAT (No Fire)</b>	<b>3</b>
Fireworks explosion (no fire)	2
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1

<b>SEVERE WEATHER &amp; NATURAL DISASTER</b>	<b>1</b>
Severe weather or natural disaster standby	1

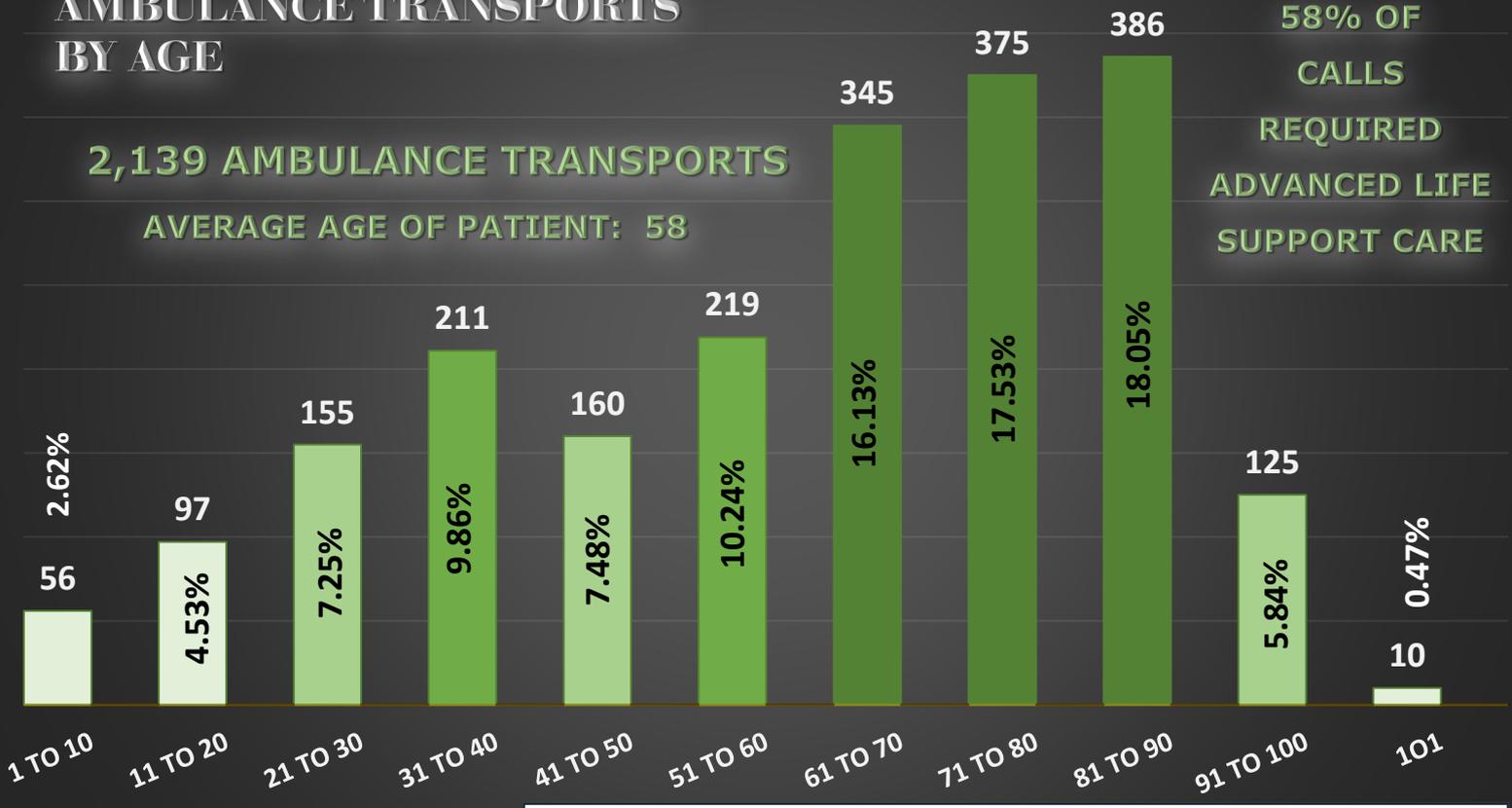
<b>SPECIAL INCIDENT TYPE</b>	<b>1</b>
Special type of incident, other	1

# AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS BY AGE

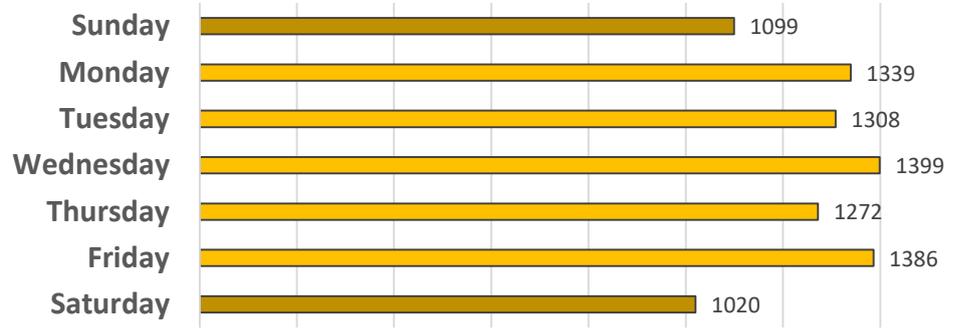
2,139 AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS

AVERAGE AGE OF PATIENT: 58

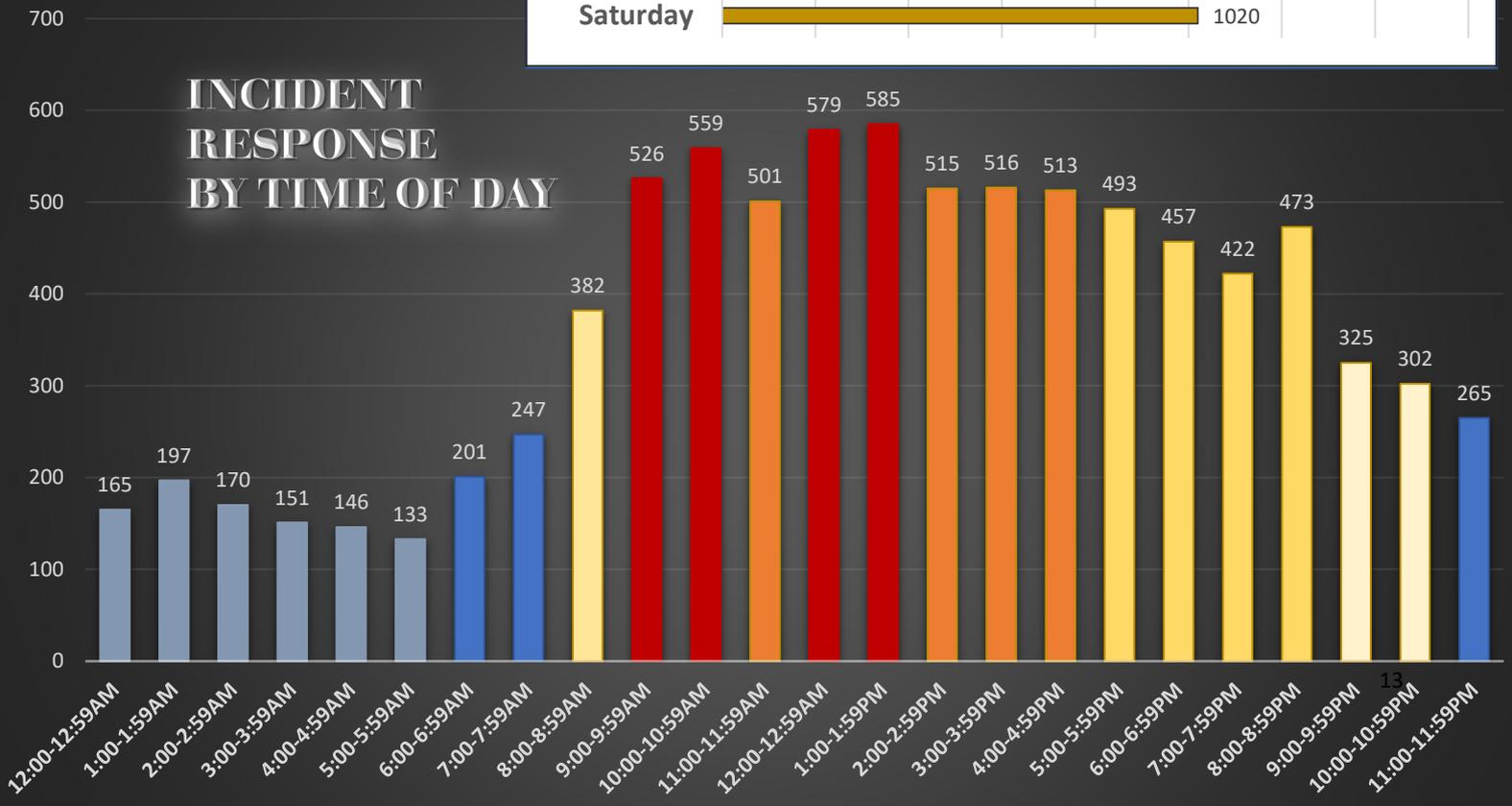
58% OF CALLS REQUIRED ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT CARE



## INCIDENT RESPONSE BY DAY OF WEEK



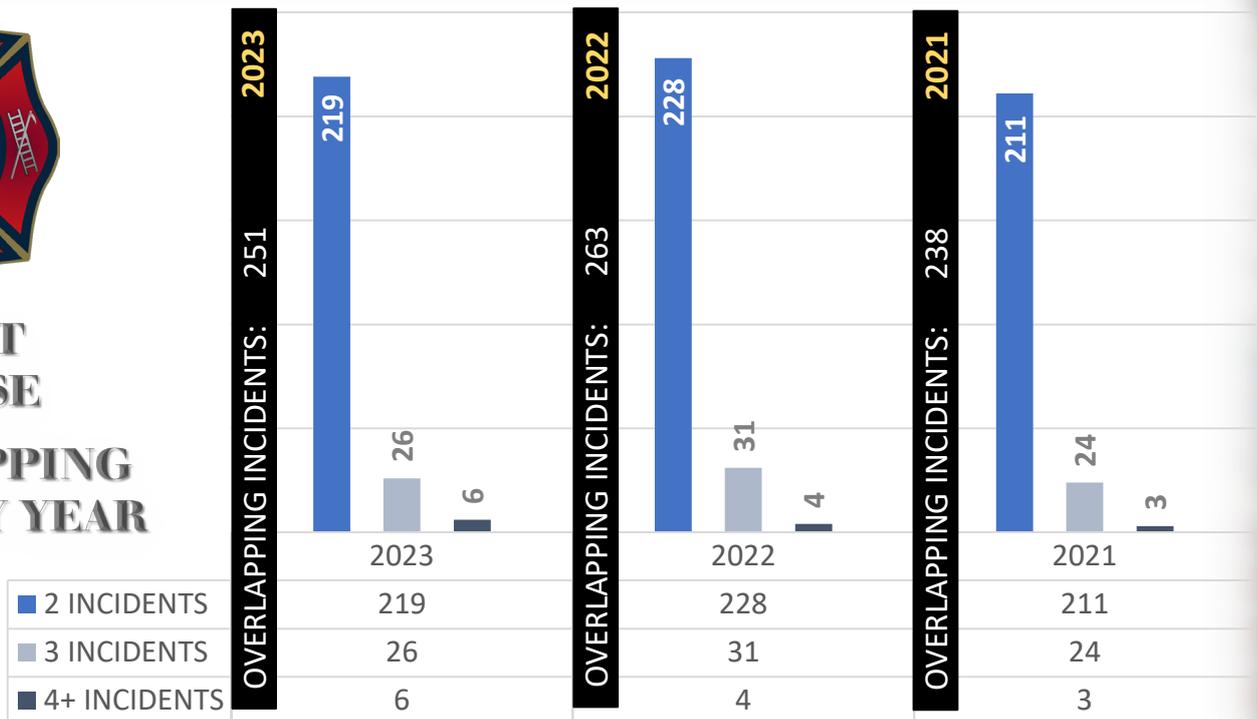
## INCIDENT RESPONSE BY TIME OF DAY





## INCIDENT RESPONSE

## OVERLAPPING CALLS BY YEAR



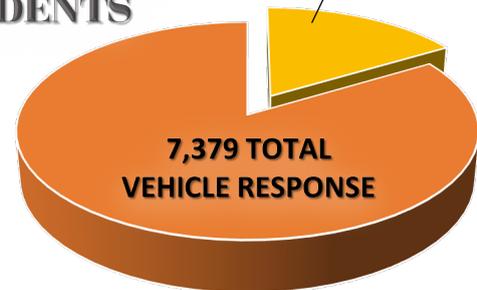
## MABAS DIVISION I

The Rolling Meadows Fire Department is part of the Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division I Team. MABAS defines response plans to any location within the State of Illinois when resources and assets to support disaster-stricken communities are in need. The Rolling Meadows Fire Department MABAS Division I Team is skilled and equipped to respond to Fire, EMS, Technical Rescue, Urban Search & Rescue, Water Rescue & Recovery, and Hazardous Materials incidents. Rolling Meadows Fire Department also responds as a MABAS Partner Agency with Cook County's Department of Homeland Emergency Management & Regional Security.

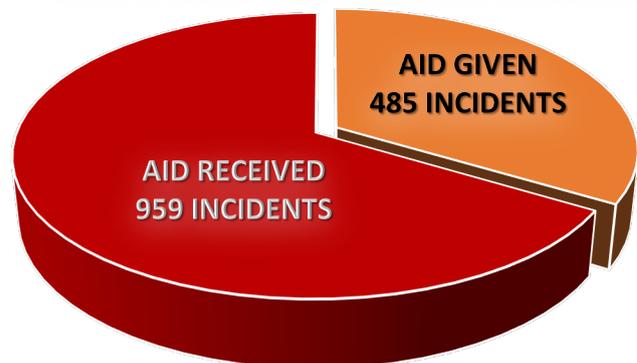
In addition to MABAS Agreements, we maintain Automatic Aid Agreements with three of our surrounding departments including Arlington Heights Fire Department, Palatine Fire Department, and Inverness Fire Protection District. These Agreements are designed to maximize resources to our respective communities and increase the efficiency of the responding agencies.

In 2023, **1,444** of the emergency vehicle responses for Rolling Meadows Fire Department involved a mutual aid response TO or FROM our neighboring departments.

### MUTUAL AID INCIDENTS



### AID GIVEN VS. AID RECEIVED





# FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS





# APPARATUS COMMITTEE

We are pleased to present Squad 15. In service in 2023, this “toolbox” is equipped with the necessary equipment to respond to a fire, to vehicle accidents, dive, swiftwater rescue, hazardous materials, and technical rescue incidents. This vehicle will facilitate a rapid response during an emergency. We take pride in the customization of Squad 15 which will serve our community for many years to come.



**Fire Chief  
Peter Sutter**



**LT John  
Palmisano**



**FF/PM Ben  
Kamminga**





# COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The Communications Division oversees the use and maintenance of the Department radios, station alerting equipment, and the computer aided dispatch system. The Division works closely with the Rolling Meadows IT Department to ensure the vehicles are mounted with mobile data terminals (MDTs), and are operational and updated at all times. With the assistance of the Rolling Meadows Public Works Motor Pool Division, the Communications Division also installed radios and MDT hardware in our vehicles.

In 2023, the Communications Division oversaw several noteworthy items:

- RMFD participated in the Northwest Central Radio Replacement Committee field testing new radios to evaluate essential features for local area departments. Northwest Central Dispatch will fund the purchase of these portable radios for member agencies.
- The Communications Division works to continuously assess the effectiveness of our response often updating programming to ensure successful communications on a local and state-wide level.
- First Arriving Digital Dashboards were added to Station 15 and Station 16. These “real-time” Dashboards disseminate emergency response details including location mapping and a Google street view of the incident location. The Dashboards also provide a platform to display training information, weather, apparatus and equipment maintenance, facility issues, and the daily schedule.



**LT Robert Rabelhofer**



**FF/PM Lance Neuses**

**AMBULANCE** 02:39:05

**ALGONQUIN RD, ROLLING MEADOWS, IL**

Cross Street: CARRIAGEWAY DR / KEYSTONE CT  
 RMF/A16-/RMF/T15-

CAD RESPONSE: ALS/CC: 33PROBLEM: INTOX SUBJ RESIDENT CC TEXT: TRANSFER / INTERFACILITY / PALLIATIVE CARE 70-YEAR-OLD, MALE, CONSCIOUS, BREATHING DISPATCH LEVEL: 33C01 (NOT ALERT (ACUTE CHANGE)) DISPATCH SUFFIX: T (TRANSFER/INTERFACILITY) 1. RESULT OF EVAL BY NURSE OR DOC. 2. TRANSFER/INTERFACILITY CASE. 3...

Distance: 0.5 miles / Time: 00:02:00



## STROKE FOLLOW UPS

### Pre-Hospital Stroke Patient Follow-Up

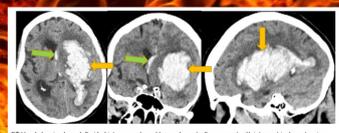
**Patient Summary:**

This 80-year-old male was brought to the ESI for altered mental status, vomiting, and possible seizure. Past medical history significant for Turner Syndrome, AFB (on Eliquis), and deafness. CT Head showed a large acute left-sided parenchymal hemorrhage (PH) estimated to be 5.0ml in volume with intraventricular extension. The PH caused mass effect and left to right midline shift. Patient's BP on arrival was 205/118. Patient's family opted to discuss on comfort measures only and not pursue aggressive treatment.

EMS Agency	Rolling Meadows	Key Interventions Performed & Documents
1. Patient	K9	Last known well time: Unknown
2. Age/Gender	83 Female	TV Access obtained: Yes
3. Date of Service	4/17/2024	Blood glucose: 148
4. Discharge Diagnosis	IPH	Pre-hospital notification: Yes
5. Discharge/Disposition	Hospice	Run #: RMF24-01136

**Current Patient Symptoms:** Patient discharged to a Skilled Nursing Facility on Hospice the day after arrival.

Thank you for being a part of the Stroke Team at NCH.



CT Head showing large left-sided intraparenchymal hemorrhage (yellow arrows) with intraventricular extension (green arrows).



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**2,035+**  
**DEPARTMENT**  
**TRAINING**  
**HOURS**

The Rolling Meadows Fire Department members are all Illinois State Certified Paramedics. This structure allows our Department to staff two Advanced Life Support (ALS) Transport Ambulances, one ALS Non-Transport-Engine, and one ALS Non-Transport Fire Truck on a daily basis. One ALS Non-Transport Engine, one ALS Medium-Duty Squad, and one fully equipped ALS Transport Ambulance stand ready in reserve status should they be needed. Our Reserve Ambulance is utilized for special events and is available should a front-line ambulance require repair or maintenance.

Rolling Meadows Paramedics function under the direction of the Northwest Community Hospital EMS System and receive a minimum of 30 hours of Continuing Education (CEs) annually. These CEs address Adult and Pediatric ALS and BLS Care, they require maintenance of a current American Heart Association CPR Card, and completion of annual competencies in Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Risk. This Standard is a minimum, RMFD Paramedics far exceed these requirements.

To maintain our superior level of service to the community, our EMS Committee Members attend monthly meetings at Northwest Community Hospital including:

- Provider EMS Coordinator (PEMSC),
- Provider Based Quality Improvement (PBQI),
- Computer Aided Reporting System (CARS),
- Education, Research and Development, Advisory Board, and Emergency Preparedness.

The Rolling Meadows Fire Department EMS Division continually strives to provide the highest level of care for our residents and visitors alike.



**BC Dan Kusek**



**FF/PM Nichole Junge**



**FF/PM Mark Hayden**



**LT Ryan Lettieri**



**FF/PM Andre Hall**



**BC Ben Dwyer**



**FF/PM Matt Cappelen**



**FF/PM Steve Zurek**



# FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

**13,627**  
DEPARTMENT  
TRAINING  
HOURS

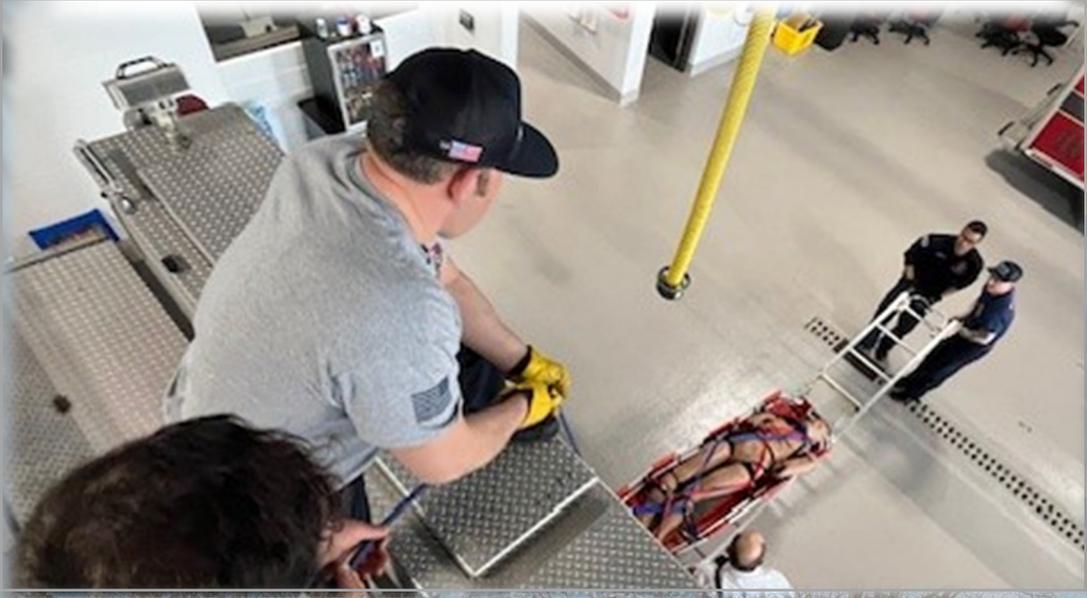
To ensure crews are mission ready at all times, training continues to be a top priority at the Rolling Meadows Fire Department. Through education and training opportunities, we continue to maximize our efforts to reduce response times and increase the expertise and efficiency of our response.

In 2023, the Department acquired an 11-story high rise structure to utilize for training prior to it being torn down; the Department took full advantage of this opportunity. Crews worked various training evolutions to increase efficiency including the rare opportunity to flow water utilizing a building's fire pump.





# TRAINING IS TOP PRIORITY





# SPECIAL OPERATIONS





# FIRE INVESTIGATIONS TEAM

**340**  
**TRAINING**  
**HOURS**

It is the responsibility of the Fire Chief by Illinois State Statute (425 ILCS 25) to ensure that the cause and origin of every fire is investigated. This responsibility has been designated to the Fire Investigations Team (FIT). All of our Investigators have attended a 120-hour Fire Investigations Class, and are Certified by the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal. In order to maintain this Certification, each Investigator must also complete 100 hours of Continuing Education (CE) in a four-year-period. These CE hours can be obtained through classes, seminars, ride alongs, and investigations of actual fires.

During an investigation, the evidence from the scene is evaluated, the fire room and its contents are reconstructed, interviews are conducted, scene sketches are created, and photographs of the scene are taken. Depending on the size and scope of the fire, assistance from the MABAS Fire Investigations Committee, the State Fire Marshal's Office, or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) can be deployed. We also have the ability to call for help within the Inverness, Palatine, and Rolling Meadows (RPM) Departments. Palatine and Inverness have the ability to call for our assistance through the same process.



In 2023, the Rolling Meadows Fire Department FIT welcomed FF/PM Paul Davis and FF/PM Matt Bohnen to the Team. Once they completed their 120-hour Fire Investigator Course at NIPSTA, they began working with existing Team Members to learn equipment, and policies and procedures. Each member of the FIT continue required annual CEs.

**LT Chris Lee**



**FF/PM Ben Kamminga**



**BC Dan Kusek**



**LT Robert Rabelhofer**



**FF/PM Paul Davis**



**FF/PM Matt Bohnen**





# HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM

The Rolling Meadows Fire Department Hazardous Materials Team (HazMat) had an active year in 2023. Our HazMat Team consists of six members, three of which are on the Deployable Roster for MABAS Division I. Over the past year, MABAS Team Members participated in quarterly large-scale training drills. Members also trained on-and off-duty several times per year.

Training topics in 2023 included:

- HazMat Rapid Intervention
- Metering
- Substance Identification and Collection

In 2023, the HazMat Team responded to 89 HazMat incidents including:

- Gas Leaks
- Electrical Wiring/Equipment Issues
- Overheated Motors
- Electric Power Line Down

## 410 DEPARTMENT TRAINING HOURS



**FF/PM Chad Lovick**



**FF/PM Tim King**



**FF/PM Steve Zurek**



**FF/PM Zach Wynveen**



**FF/PM Jerome Brautt**



**FF/PM Javier Salgado**





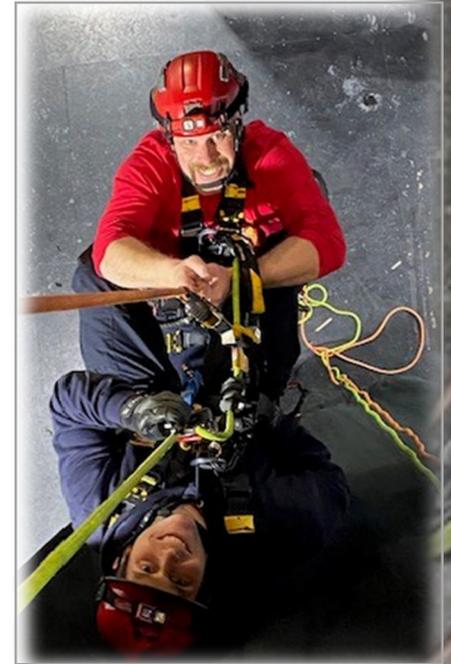
# TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM

**600**  
**TRAINING**  
**HOURS**

Members of the Technical Rescue Team (TRT) are trained in specialized areas of rescue beyond that of firefighting and EMS including Rope, Confined Space, Trench, and Structural Collapse. Our Members are part of the MABAS Division I Technical Rescue Team comprised of fourteen area departments trained to State and National Standards allowing interoperability at local, regional, and national incidents. Our Team Members are dedicated rescuers who are driven to perform under less than ideal conditions at an extremely high level of competency.

The Technical Rescue Team accomplished the following in 2023:

- FF/PM Tim Drain and FF/PM Matt Bohnen attended the Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians (SPRAT), Level 1 Training through Elevated Safety. SPRAT is an organization that advances the safe use of rope access through education, standard and development, and certification administration.
- FF/PM Tim Drain and FF/PM Matt Bohnen attended Rope Rescue Technician.
- FF/PM Tim Drain and FF/PM Matt Bohnen attend Structural Collapse Operations.
- FF/PM Tim Drain and FF/PM Matt Bohnen attended Trench Rescue Technician.
- FF/PM Matt Bohnen attend Confined Space Operations.
- FF/PM Tim Drain attended Structural Collapse Technician.
- FF/PM Tim Drain finished all eight required Technical Rescue courses advancing him to the MABAS Division I TRT Deployment Roster.
- Included on the MABAS Division I TRT Deployment Roster in 2023 are LT Rob Rabelhofer, LT Chris Lee, and FF/PM John Loesch, Jr.



**LT Rob  
Rabelhofer**



**LT John  
Palmisano**



**LT Chris  
Lee**



**FF/PM John  
Loesch Jr**



**FF/PM Tim  
Drain**



**FF/PM Matt  
Bohnen**



# SWIFTWATER / DIVE RESCUE TEAMS

In 2023, the Swiftwater Team participated in various MABAS Division I training exercises including an eight-hour drill held on the Fox River at the Algonquin Dam as shown below. The drill included Team Members expediting victim rescue. The Swiftwater Team will continue to train to enhance our skills and efficiency with MABAS Division I and our neighboring departments.

RMFD created a new Dive Rescue Team after 14 years of being decommissioned. The Team will provide sub-surface search and rescue to Rolling Meadows residents and surrounding communities. The Team is comprised of six rescue-divers who continuously work to improve efficiency.

**620**  
**COMBINED**  
**TEAM**  
**TRAINING**  
**HOURS**



**LT John Palmisano**



**BC Ben Dwyer**



**LT Mike Mullaney**



**FF/PM Ben Kamminga**



**FF/PM Dusty Psaila**



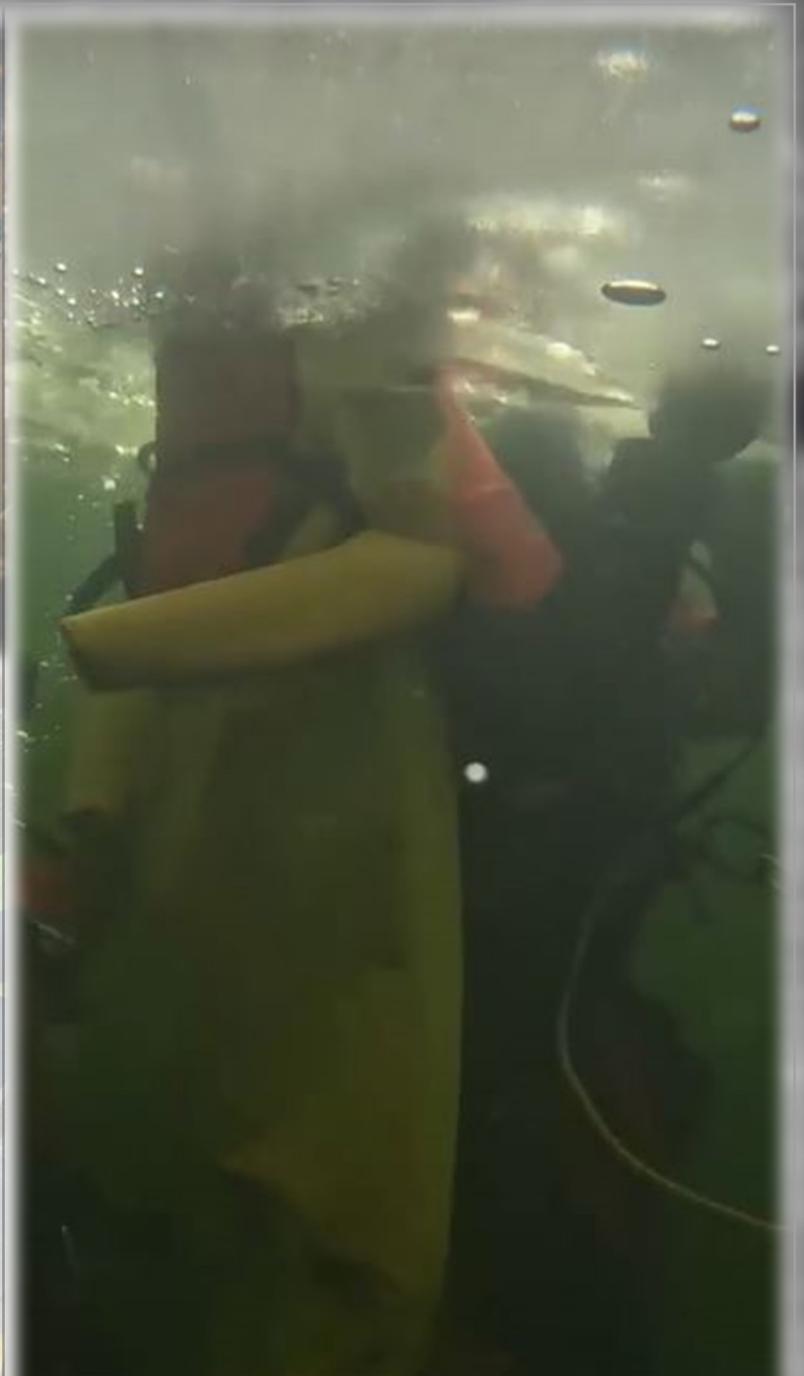
**FF/PM Paul Davis**



**FF/PM Nicholas Mann**



**FF/PM Charlie Myers**



WE TRAIN FOR  
EXTREME  
CIRCUMSTANCES





# FIRE DEPARTMENT DIVISIONS

Photo Courtesy of Fire Photographer John Kleeman





# CPR/AED & BLS TRAINING

**150+**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**EDUCATION**  
**HOURS**

Over the past year, the Department CPR/AED and BLS outreach training program provided the community and local healthcare providers training to promptly recognize several life-threatening emergencies, and when appropriate, respond with confidence. Our CPR/AED hands-on practical approach to these lifesaving techniques continues with high-quality chest compressions, appropriate ventilations, and early use of and AED. Our Healthcare Provider BLS training focuses on meaningful skills practice and the importance of an effective team during multi-rescuer CPR.

The Rolling Meadows Fire Department is proud to deliver the best practices, and latest techniques endorsed by the American Heart Association. The Department will continue the opportunity to teach this essential life saving skill to various corporations, doctors' offices, day care centers', and the community for years to come.

Photos Courtesy of American Heart Association





# FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU/COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

**One of the most effective ways to reduce fire loss is to prevent fires from starting.** The Rolling Meadows Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau's duty is to inspect the occupancies and buildings within its jurisdiction.

## FIRE INSPECTIONS

Performing fire inspections can reduce the potential of a fire from occurring and keep fire safety at the forefront of the business owners' and property managers' programs and plans. Decreasing the dollar loss to a business and time lost when a fire occurs is important, not only to the business owner, but the City as well.

## OCCUPANCY INSPECTIONS

Inspections of business, multi-family, and industrial occupancies are performed to maintain the health, safety, and general welfare of all concerned. A greater percentage of the inspections in our City have been performed with the help of off-duty firefighter inspectors.

## PRE-PLANNING AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Performing inspections are important, not only to the business, but to the firefighters as well. The information obtained during an inspection is recorded with the building's pre-plan providing pertinent details preparing crews for response to an emergency at each location.

## RESIDENTIAL SAFETY AWARENESS

On-duty fire personnel perform the initial fire inspection on multi-family occupancies and observe conditions that may effect firefighting tactics. Our firefighters communicate the importance of maintaining a fire-safe environment to the public on a daily basis.





# FOREIGN FIRE BOARD

The Rolling Meadows Foreign Fire Tax Fund receives revenue via Illinois State Statute (65 ILCS 5/11-10-1) which mandates insurance companies headquartered outside of the State of Illinois to pay a fee not exceeding 2% of gross receipts received from fire insurance on properties in Illinois that have established fire departments. Per the Statute, money is collected by the Illinois Municipal League for distribution, this revenue has an elected Foreign Fire Insurance Board to manage the distribution of the Funds. Fire departments that are eligible to receive this Fund, provide services for municipalities with fewer than 500,000 residents. The Rolling Meadows Foreign Fire Tax Board is authorized to expend the Funds for the following purposes:

- Personnel expenditures for safety devices or education;
- Personnel expenditures for training or training materials;
- Personnel expenditures for health or physical fitness;
- Furniture, appliances, and other materials necessary for personnel at the firehouse;
- Specialized equipment as appropriate to support daily operations and essential functions.

Major purchases in 2023 included:

- Gear Dryers
- Swiftwater Team Equipment
- Bay Floor Ceiling Fans
- Dive Team Equipment
- Running/Workout Shoes For Each Department Member
- Technical Rescue Team Equipment

Board Members complete required ethics training through the Illinois Attorney General's Office and are responsible for each purchase made by the Fund.



**FF/PM Matt Bohnen  
President**



**FF/PM Javier Salgado  
Secretary**



**FF/PM Charlie Myers  
Treasurer**



**FF/PM Paul Davis  
Trustee**



**FF/PM Bryan Earl  
Trustee**



**FF/PM Nicholas Mann  
Trustee**



**Chief Peter Sutter  
Ex-Officio Member**



# HONOR GUARD

**361**  
HOURS

In 2023, the Rolling Meadows Fire Department Honor Guard participated in numerous district drills. Members attended The Annual Honor Guard State Convention in Lombard, Illinois, and the Guard led the City of Rolling Meadows Memorial Day Parade alongside the Rolling Meadows Police Department Honor Guard members.

During the AFFI Honor Guard Convention, the State of Illinois Honor Guard activated for the LODD for our brother, FF/PM Frank Nunez who lost his life tragically to cancer on January 22, 2023. FF/PM Nunez was an active member of the Itasca Fire Protection District. Our Members honored FF/PM Nunez during his memorial service held during the Annual Convention on January 27-29, 2023.

The Guard also presented colors prior to the District 3075 Union Meeting and the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony held at BluSky Restoration in September.



*TO HONOR, TO CHERISH, TO REMEMBER,  
TO SALUTE WITH OVERWHELMING  
PRIDE FOR YOU,  
MY COMRADE I WILL.*



**FF/PM Mark Hayden**



**LT Rob Rabelhofer**



**LT Ryan Lettieri**



**LT Chris Lee**



**FF/PM Lance Neuses**



**FF/PM Zach Wynveen**



**FF/PM Matt Cappelen**



**FF/PM Mike Baumgart**



**FF/PM Dan Cheval**



**FF/PM Matt Bohnen**



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## BOOT DRIVE

Rolling Meadows Fire Department Local 3075 made a large financial contribution this past year to assist with funding participants at the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp.



## PARADES

On an annual basis, the Department participates in the Memorial Day Parade, Veterans Dinner and Ceremony, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.





# 500+ COMMUNITY EDUCATION/ PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS

Over the past year, the Public Education Team hosted the **Annual Open House**, and various **Touch-a-Truck** events held in conjunction with the Rolling Meadows Park District. There were multiple events held for preschool and grade school classes, as well as a local home school program including **High Five Fridays**, and more. The **Local 3075 Annual Pancake Breakfast** was a huge success to kick off Spring. Our Community Risk Reduction Team attended the **Rolling Meadows Block Party** in June, and continued our **Safe Senior Monthly Meeting Program** focusing on various safety topics for our seniors throughout the year. Local 3075 sponsored a **BBQ Luncheon** for our senior citizens. The Department participated in the **Annual Trunk-or-Treat** in October, and Department members along with Local 3075 donated a large amount of food to the **RMPD December Food Drive** which supports the Palatine Food Pantry.

We look forward to, and will continue to participate in the career fairs, and various other community events in the years following.



**FF/PM Steve Zurek**



**FF/PM Lance Neuses**



**FF/PM Paul Davis**



**FF/PM Javier Salgado**



**STATION 15**  
**3201 ALGONQUIN ROAD**



**STATION 16**  
**2340 HICKS ROAD**



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