

RECOGNITION OF LOMBARD FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS

Two Lombard Firefighter/Paramedics Fred Kwapisz and Greg Sauchuk returned home from New Orleans this past Sunday after serving two weeks in New Orleans. Kwapisz and Sauchuk were among the hundreds of Illinois firefighters who went to New Orleans to help in the recovery efforts of Hurricane Katrina. Both firefighters were assigned to a fire engine located at a fire station at 7th & Magazine. This fire station was one of the six staging areas for emergency personnel in New Orleans. They dealt with 100-degree temperatures, high humidity and tried to sleep in tents and at a flood-damaged fire station.

Fred Kwapisz has been on the Lombard Fire Department since August 1979 and Greg Sauchuk since March 1988.

The Village of Lombard is very proud of the contribution in aiding New Orleans in their recovery from Hurricane Katrina. Firefighter/Paramedics Kwapisz and Sauchuk represented the Village of Lombard in the best tradition of the fire service.