

# LOMBARD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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*The Mission of the Lombard Fire Department is to protect the lives and property of the citizens and visitors of the village of Lombard. This shall be accomplished through fire prevention, public education, fire suppression, advanced life support, emergency medical services, and maximum use of available resources in the mitigation of all disasters, both man-made and natural.*



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**VILLAGE BOARD AND  
DEPARTMENT HEADS**

### VILLAGE BOARD

**Keith Giagnorio**  
*Village President*

**Sharon Kuderna**  
*Village Clerk*

**Dan Whittington**  
*Trustee - District 1*

**Anthony Puccio**  
*Trustee - District 2*

**Reid Foltyniewicz**  
*Trustee - District 3*

**Andrew Honig**  
*Trustee - District 4*

**Dan Militello**  
*Trustee - District 5*

**William Ware**  
*Trustee - District 6*

### DEPARTMENT HEADS

**Scott Niehaus**  
*Village Manager*

**Nicole Aranas**  
*Assistant Village Manager*

**Tim Sexton**  
*Finance Director*

**Rick Sander**  
*Fire Chief*

**Roy Newton**  
*Police Chief*

**Carl Goldsmith**  
*Director of Public Works*

**Kathleen Dunne**  
*Director of Human Resources*

**Bill Heniff**  
*Director of Community Development*



*In 2019, we responded to over 7300 emergency incidents making us one of the busiest Departments in DuPage County.*

*We identified and developed a tracking system of all AEDs throughout the community that the general public can easily access in the time of need, and purchased several new software programs to improve our efficiency with data analysis, training, and payroll.*

*As more of our members are reaching retirement age, we are experiencing a generational shift in the makeup of the Department. While it is sad to see our retired members move on to their next phase of life, their knowledge and experience serves as a solid foundation as we welcome our new generation of firefighters and their passion for the job.*

*It is a privilege to serve the Village of Lombard and lead the dedicated members of the Fire Department who strive for excellence every day.*

*Sincerely,*

*Rick Sander*  
*Fire Chief*



*- Honor the Past; Embrace the Future -*



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FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

The Fire Department serves a population of approximately 44,000 residents and protects approximately eleven (11) square miles of incorporated and unincorporated areas of the Village. The Department responds to emergency and non-emergency incidents out of two strategically located fire stations that are staffed 24 hours a day by sworn full-time firefighter/paramedics.



Fire Station 45 (Headquarters) is located at 50 East St. Charles Road, and deploys two front line Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances and one front line (ALS) engine. This station also houses staff vehicles and other reserve vehicles.

Fire Station 44 is located at 2020 South Highland Avenue. This station deploys one front line (ALS) engine, one front line (ALS) tower ladder, one front line (ALS) ambulance and one front line battalion vehicle.

The firefighter/paramedics operate all Department apparatus and carry Advanced Life Support equipment which ensures the first arriving crew is equipped and prepared for all emergencies.

The minimum daily staffing of both stations combined is sixteen (16) personnel. The Lombard Fire Department is one of the busiest in DuPage County. In 2019, the Department responded to 7,355 calls for assistance.

The Department also provides fire safety programs to our schools, public education for our citizens, and fire inspections for our residents and business community through our Bureau of Fire Prevention.



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**OVERVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT**



## FIRE STATION 45

*50 East St. Charles Road*

Administration ♦ Engine 45 ♦ Medic 45 ♦ Medic 47



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## FIRE STATION 44

*2020 South Highland Avenue*

Training Division ♦ EMS Division ♦ Engine 44 ♦ Tower 44

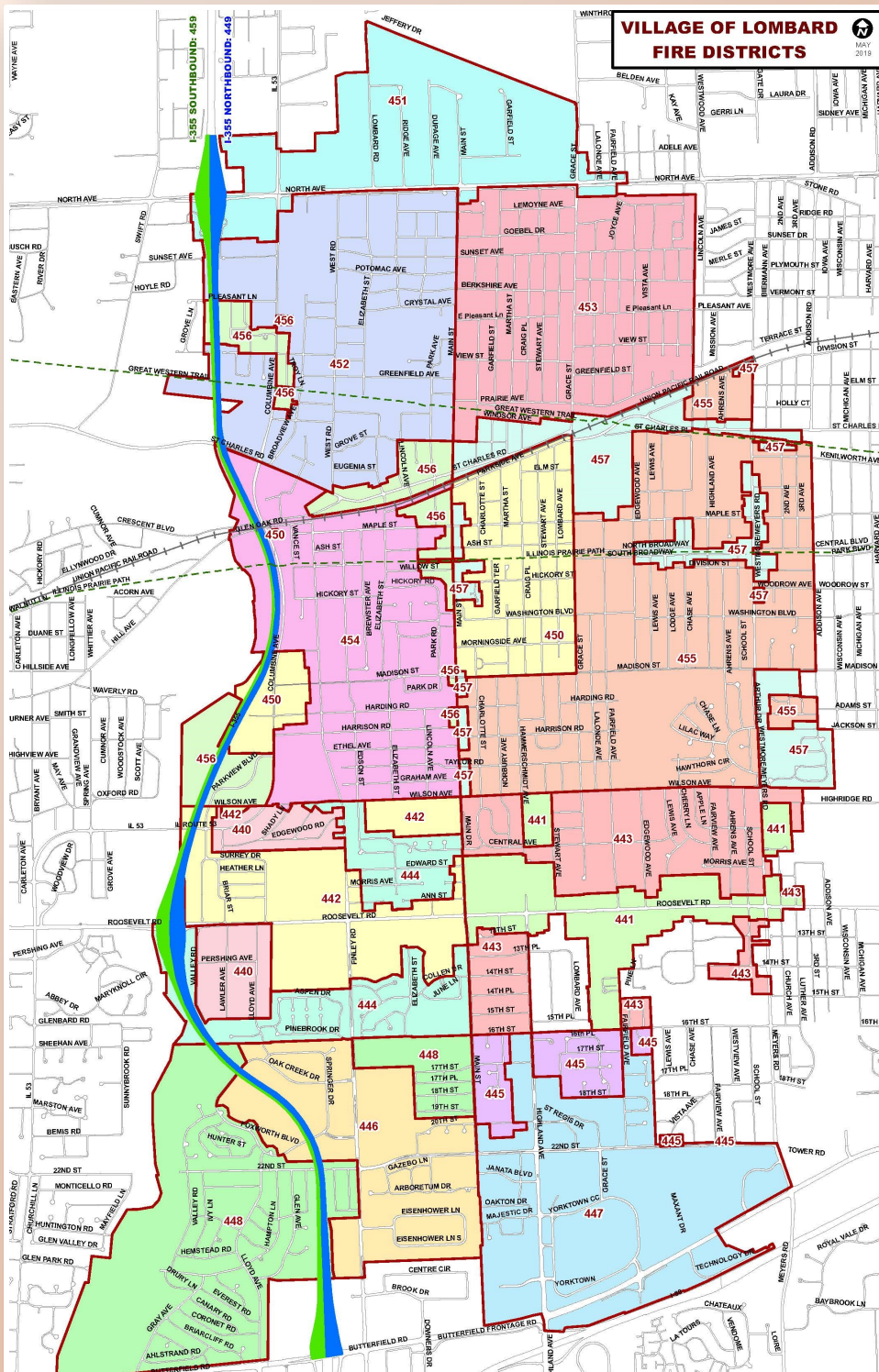
♦ Medic 44 ♦ Battalion 44



**LOMBARD FIRE STATIONS**

*The Lombard Fire Department ~ Serving Since 1913*

The Department provides coverage within Village limits and surrounding unincorporated areas.



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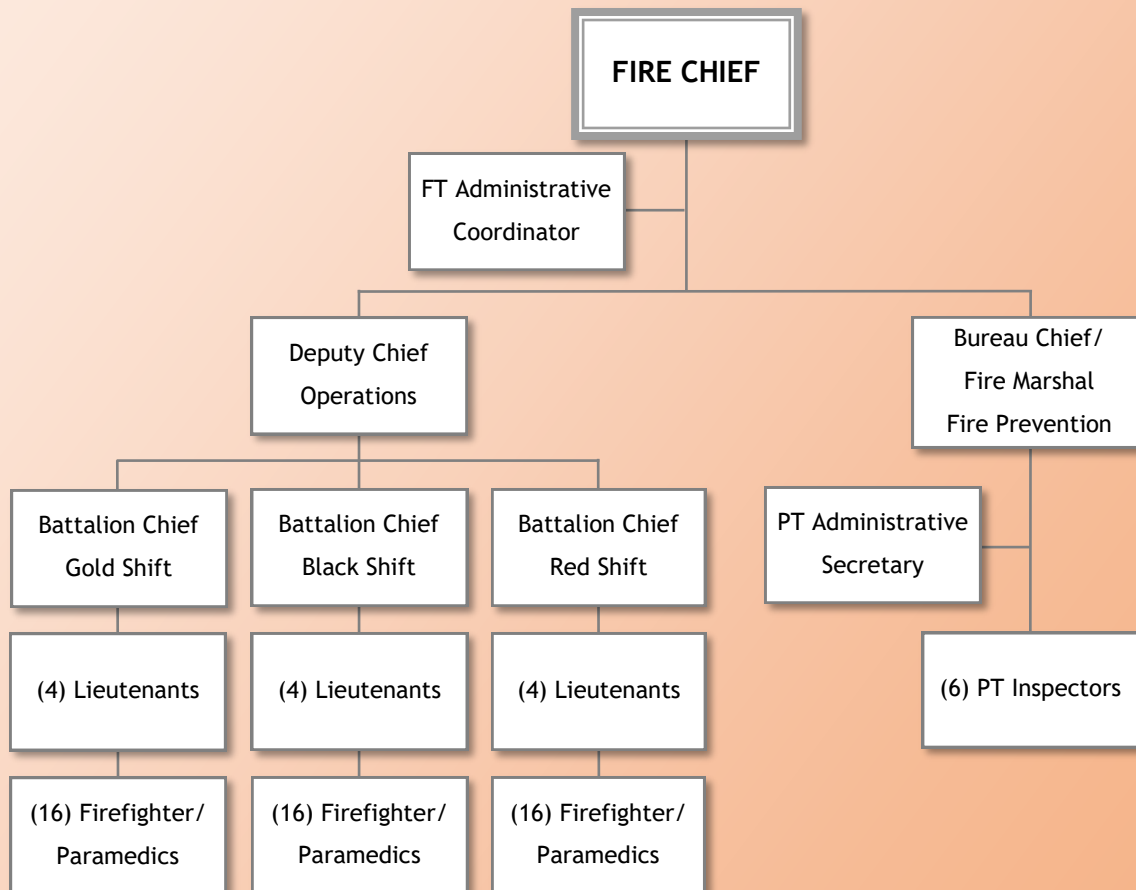
DEMOGRAPHICS



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Fire Chief	1
Deputy Fire Chief	1
Battalion Chiefs	3
Lieutenants	12
Firefighters/Paramedics	48
Bureau Chief/Fire Marshal	1
Fire Inspectors part-time	6
Administrative	1.5
<b>Total Sworn</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Total Fire Department Personnel</b>	<b>73.5</b>

**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**





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*Fire Chief*  
**RICK SANDER**



*Deputy Chief*  
**RAY KICKERT**



*Battalion Chief*  
**DOUG CAIL**



*Battalion Chief*  
**ALAN GREENE**



*Battalion Chief*  
**MIKE HEIMBECKER**



*Fire Marshal/Bureau Chief*  
**PERRY JOHNSON**



*Administrative Coordinator*  
**SHEILA YORK**



*Administrative Secretary*  
**TINA WEATHERHEAD**

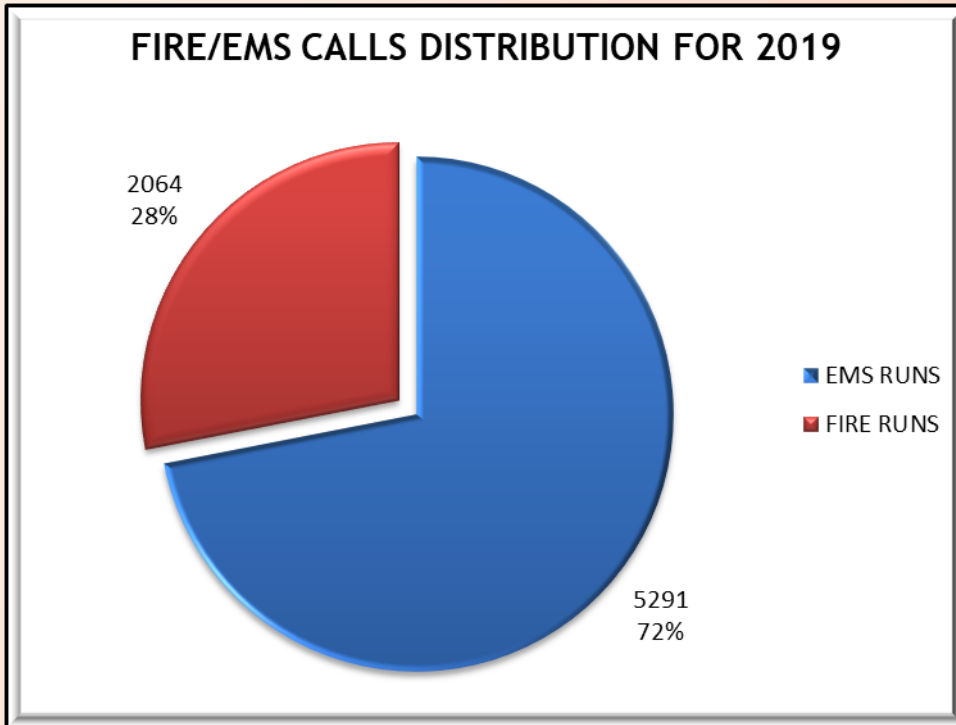
DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION



# 2019 ACTIVITY



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*TOTAL FIRE CALLS: 2064*

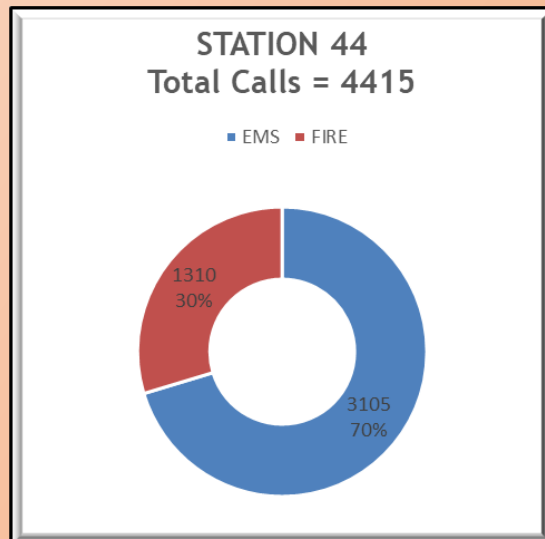
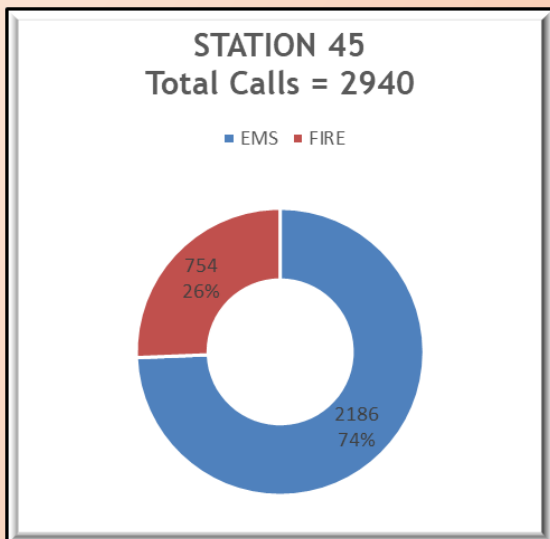
*TOTAL EMS CALLS: 5291*

*TOTAL CALLS: 7355*

*TOTAL STRUCTURE FIRES: 12*

*ESTIMATED PROPERTY LOSS: \$652,726*

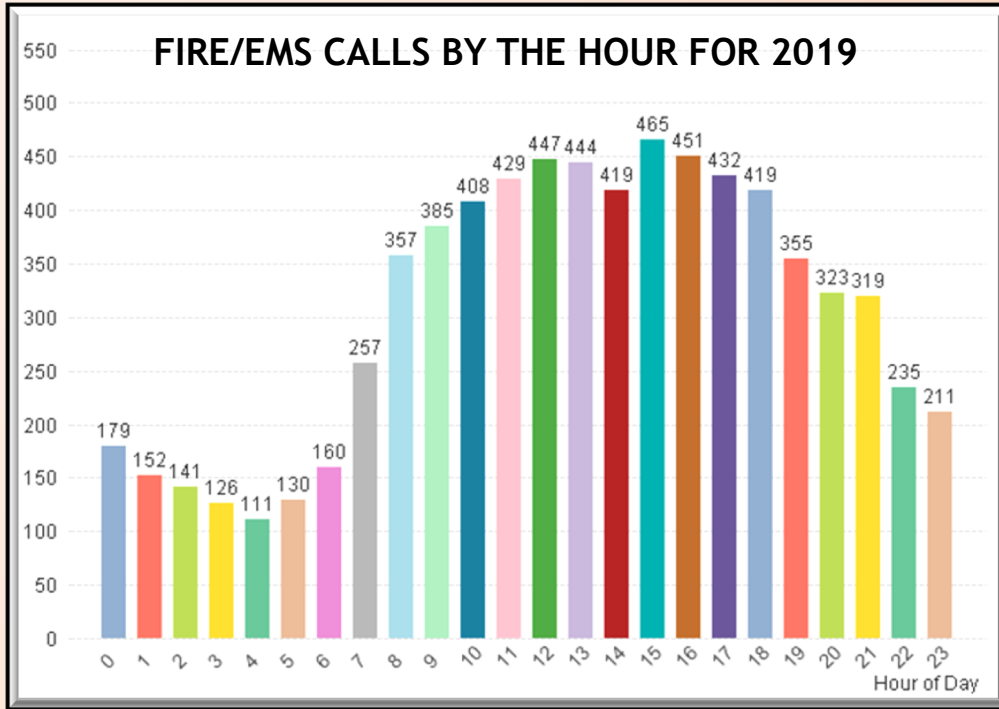
**DEPARTMENT STATISTICS**



# 2019 ACTIVITY



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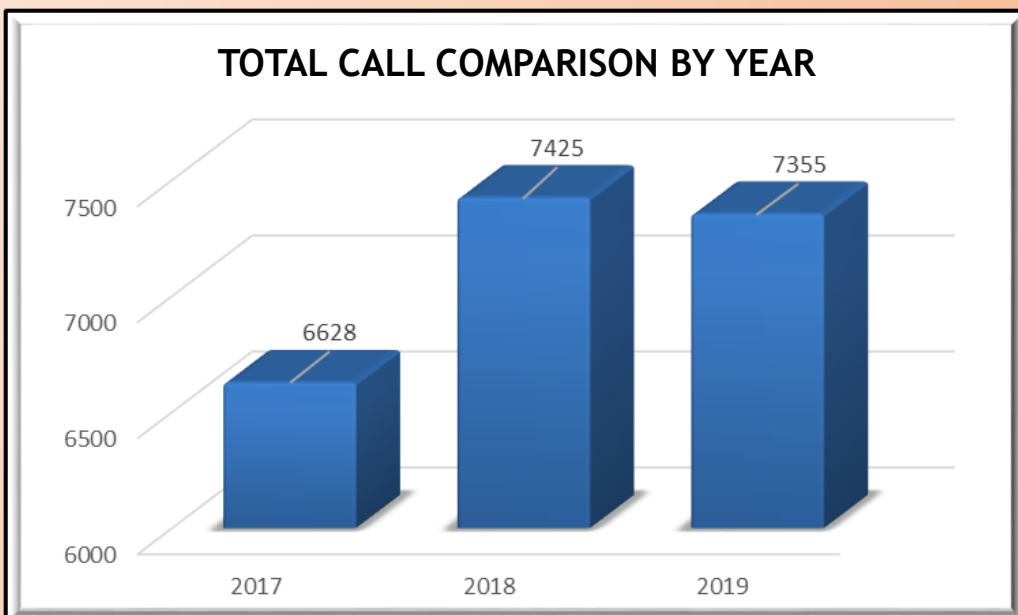


## TOTAL CALLS

2019: 7355

2018: 7425

2017: 6628



DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

The Fire Prevention Bureau is overseen by the Fire Marshal/Bureau Chief, and includes one part-time Administrative Secretary and six part-time Fire Inspectors.



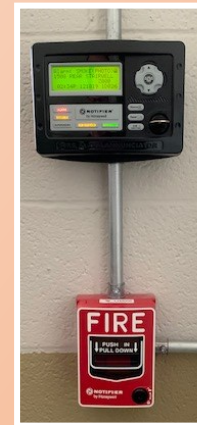
The Bureau handles a variety of duties which include:

- Annual Fire Inspections
- Fire Alarm, Detection and Suppression Systems Inspections
- Occupancy Inspections
- School Fire Safety Inspections
- Plan Reviews
- Fire Code and Regulation Inquiries

There are approximately 2,300 commercial businesses within the Village. The Fire Inspectors conduct inspections of these businesses on a regular basis to encourage and confirm compliance of the fire and life safety codes. The number of annual inspections may change due to a change in building use, occupancy, remodeling, new construction, and the willingness of the owner/occupant to comply with the violation. During 2019, the Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 1916 inspections.

#### Plan Review

Plan review activity is based on factors that may be attributed to economic growth or stagnation and the amount of changes to existing buildings. Plan reviews of sprinkler and fire alarm systems continue to be steady through the year. The Fire Prevention Bureau reviewed 117 Plans; including 44 Sprinkler Plans, 52 Fire Alarm Plans, and 21 other specialized systems.



#### Fire Alarm Systems

The Fire Prevention Bureau reinstated the False Fire Alarm Fee Ordinance to help reduce the malfunctioning fire alarm systems. Over the course of the year, 670 Fire Alarm Reports were reviewed, including 220 False Fire Alarms.

#### Plans for 2020

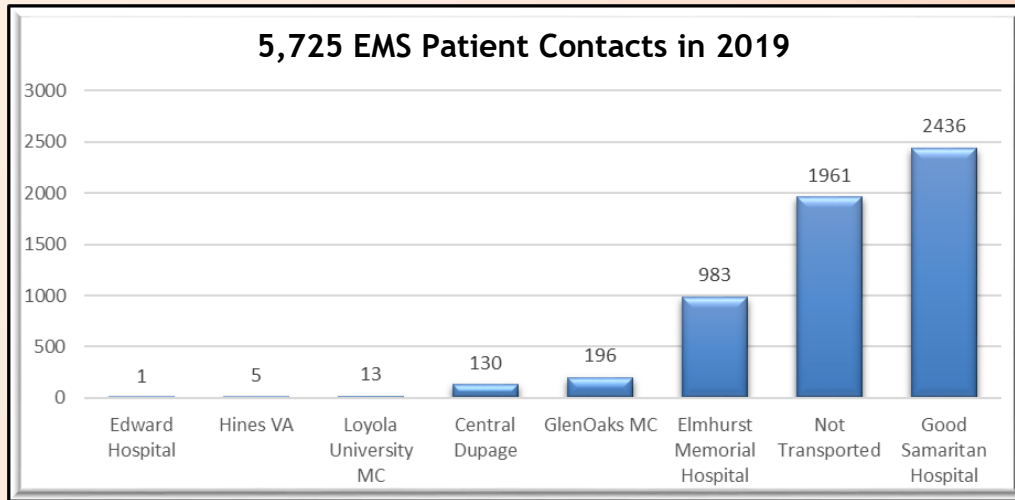
- Continue to provide professional service and code enforcement, to assist our business partners in maintaining a safe community
- Provide and refine existing public education programs for the Fire District to “get the word out” on Fire Safety through the schools and the Fire Department Open House
- Develop guidelines, training, and instructions for on-duty personnel, to update and review Pre-Plans
- Work with Building Division and Board of Building Appeals on introducing new 2018 IBC, NFPA and IFC codes, along with any amendments to the local codes for 2020

The Fire Prevention Bureau works diligently to keep our community a safe place to live and work. With the continued support of the Village officials and continued training of staff, we shall achieve our goals.

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

In 2019, the Fire Department had 5725 EMS patient contacts; 3,764 of these patients were transported to nearby hospitals. Lombard remains one of the busiest Departments in the area for EMS responses.



Lombard Fire Department received the Elmhurst Hospital’s “Excellent Run Award”. The crews were recognized for their keen assessment, early notification, excellent ALS care, and rapid transport; setting a hospital record for the shortest arrival time to CT scan time. The combined care of the hospital and pre-hospital teams, led to an excellent outcome for the stroke patient.

The EMS Division of the Lombard Fire Department strives to provide the highest quality of care for Lombard’s residents and visitors.



Elmhurst Hospital’s “Excellent Run Award” recipients: Lieutenant Chris Brasile, and Firefighter/Paramedics Rob Blockinger, Adam Bonnan, Tim Gorvett and Maris Hovee. Also pictured, Fire Chief Rick Sander.



The role of the Training Division is to ensure Department members are trained to the highest level possible to provide outstanding service to Lombard residents and visitors. Led by Training Officer Lieutenant Mike Ringa, the Training Division was responsible for the delivery of over 800 drills in 2019. Department members participate in a variety of hands-on and classroom drills. Drills occur at the training facility located at Station 44, classrooms located at each fire station, at area and

national training centers, and at donated structures within Lombard. These drills follow standards set by entities such as the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the National Fire Protection Association, the Illinois Department of Labor, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration.

In 2019, the Training Division spent a significant amount of time training newly hired Department members. The Lombard Fire Department hired six new Firefighter/Paramedics during 2019. A new Firefighter/Paramedic participates in an 11-week initial training program, followed up by specialized training throughout the remainder of their one-year probationary period. In addition to new hire training, the Department worked to ensure succession planning. Numerous Department members participated in a week-long Company Officer Academy, designed for new or soon to be promoted Lieutenants. Members also participated in a Command Officer Academy, designed for newly promoted or aspiring Battalion Chiefs. The Company Officer and Command Officer Academies were put on by the Illinois Fire Service Institute, the State Fire Academy.



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TRAINING DIVISION



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The Lombard Fire Department's Technical Rescue Team (TRT) is made up of six members. Members met the requirement to attend at least eight drills per year to remain active on the MABAS Division 12 Team. Of the 88 members of the Division 12 team, 20 members are identified as "deployable" and two of those on the deployable roster are from our Department. In 2019, four members completed the following classes: one in Structural Collapse Operations and three in Structural Collapse Technician. The Technical Rescue Team responds to rescues that are beyond the training of fire companies, such as trench collapse, high angle rope rescue of window washers/ construction workers, sewer or tank workers injured or overcome by hazardous environments, or a building collapse due to weather or man-made events. This summer LFD hosted a MABAS Division 12 drill in which simulated workers, overcome by an oxygen deficient atmosphere, were rescued from an underground confined space.

Two new members were brought on to the team in late December 2019, and will start training in 2020.



**TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM**



The Public Education Team, led by Lieutenant Tony Sally, continues to deliver fire and life safety programs to schools and the community of Lombard.

- ◆ Firefighter/Paramedics Bob Hopper, Tim Gorvett, Chris Wilmot, and Dale Farris provide the fire and safety program to kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.
- ◆ The above members, in addition to Lieutenants Greg Vazquez and Tony Sally, provide fire and life safety programs at community events and tours at the fire stations.
- ◆ Firefighter/Paramedics Juan Placencia and Adam Bonnan are available to provide a multilingual version of the fire and life safety program in English and Spanish, when needed.



The team helped to facilitate the Fire Prevention Week Open House and deliver this year's theme of "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape, Plan and Practice Your Escape!"™

- ◆ The Open House event also involved the Pink T-Shirt campaign, organized by Firefighter/Paramedic Bob Hopper. The funds raised were donated to Good Samaritan Hospital's Bhorade Cancer Care Center.





The Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) investigates any significant fire; whether they are initially suspicious or not. A thorough fire investigation provides the Fire Department with a better understanding of the causes of fires, the ways fires spread, and the procedures to prevent future fires. Fire investigations have also led to the discovery of defects in home appliances and other electronics resulting in product recalls which in turn can help prevent similar fires from occurring elsewhere. In 2019, the FIU investigated 21 fires. Some fires

were attributed to negligence; however, none were determined to be intentionally set, while a few are still open cases.

The Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) is comprised of six fire personnel: three Lieutenants and three Firefighters. Lieutenant Mark Sepe, the FIU Commander, serves as the certified Fire and Arson Investigator. The other five members are certified as Fire Investigators. Completing the team are two members of the Lombard Police Department.



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FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT





The Hazardous Materials team is made up of seven members, led by Battalion Chief Doug Cail. The team is trained to respond to hazardous material incidents within the Village of Lombard and when called upon by MABAS Division 12 for the DuPage County area. Team members attend monthly Division 12 training on a variety of topics throughout the year. Annual team training requirements were met by all members outside their normal work

schedules, with some members exceeding the minimum standards. Technicians participated in the specialty sampling process training with the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and the State and County Departments of Health and Federal Law Enforcement Partners; displaying the readiness of the Division to meet the needs presented in today's world.

In September 2019, Haz-Mat Team personnel participated in an interdisciplinary exercise coordinating with the FBI, the Army Civil Support Group, DuPage Sheriff, METRA and other agencies at a full-scale practical drill. Lombard team members shared their knowledge ensuring that the remaining Department members are training to their operations level requirements with a decontamination drill; another important role in a hazardous materials incident.



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**HAZMAT TEAM**



In 2019, Lieutenant Chris Brasile and Firefighter/Paramedic Nathanael Noon continued training with the SWAT team, participating in monthly drills and multiple real-life scenarios held during the year. They attended and completed Tactical Combat Casualty Care at the Great Lakes Naval base. The class, instructed by navy corpsmen, focused on the types of injuries sustained on the battle field and how to render care during hostile situations. Both medics also completed the Basic SWAT School, hosted by FIAT SWAT, where they

learned how to clear rooms, handle weapons, breach doors, deploy less lethal devices, take suspects into custody and move together as a team. Lieutenant Brasile and Firefighter/Paramedic Noon performed well enough with the use of a handgun and rifle to pass the high qualifications required by SWAT. Both attendees were given a special tactical medic pin upon graduation. Shortly after the completion of school, the FIAT SWAT team merged with the DuPage County SWAT team to form the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team or MERIT SWAT. The merge lead to FF/PM Nathanael Noon being appointed assistant team leader of the TEMS team. MERIT SWAT now covers all of DuPage county excluding Naperville. Both teams combined training in order to work together to become one cohesive unit. Both Lombard Fire Department members of the team also responded to several call-outs throughout the year, consisting of high-risk search warrants and one barricaded subject.



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TACTICAL EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES



## ISO RATING = 2

In 2018, the Fire Department received notification from Insurance Services Office (ISO) that our Public Protection Classification (PPC™) is due for re-evaluation.

In October 2018, a representative from ISO made an on-site visit to our Department, spending a myriad of hours collecting data, verifying records, cross-referencing documents, observing fire flows, and asking numerous questions about overall operations. The compiled data was applied to their evaluation process to determine the appropriate ISO rating.

Effective, November 1, 2019, the Fire Department received an improved ISO rating from our current rating of 3 to a rating of 2, being one of 1,673 out of 40,355 fire departments across the county to receive this rating.

## New Windows at Fire Station 45

In December 2019, Fire Station 45 had new windows installed throughout the building. These replaced the original windows that were installed in 1987. This was part of a Village project, in which all the Village Hall windows were also replaced.



The Fire Department received a \$1,000.00 grant from the Illinois American Water Company as part of their 2019 Firefighter Grant Program.

Representatives from the Illinois American Water Company presented a check to the Department, at Fire Station 45. The company has an annual grant program for those departments serving Illinois American Water's service territory.

The grant offset the cost of reflective vests for the Department.



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GRANTS RECEIVED



In 2019, The Fire Department received a \$3000 Grant from the Safety National Risk Control. This money was used to pay for 50% of our recently purchased training software from Target Solutions.

For the past 19 years, the Lombard Fire Department hosted a Holiday Toy Drive and Parade to provide toys, gift cards, and baby supplies for families in need.

New children's toys and baby supplies are collected at each station for the month before the parade. During the parade, citizens line Main Street braving the cold wintry weather and contribute children's gifts to firemen and volunteers walking along side fire apparatus; adorned with Christmas lights and decorations featuring Santa Claus and his Elves.

In addition to the assistance from Yorktown Mall, Glenbard East High School, York Township, and the Fire Department Coordinators, we saw an increase of participation from local businesses and government entities including Clark Orthodontics, the Lombard Park District, and District 44 schools participation grew from four to five schools.

The Parade was a huge success. Because of an increase in the amount of donations, the Department used a second ambulance to transport the donations. The gifts that were collected by the Department were then delivered to York Township for distribution to local charities and families in need.

Thank you to all who donated and volunteered.



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TOY DRIVE AND PARADE





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*Fire Inspector*  
**MIKE NEVILLE**  
January 2019



*Firefighter/Paramedic*  
**JOEL MONTIEL**  
February 2019



*Firefighter/Paramedic*  
**BRIAN KURTH**  
February 2019



*Firefighter/Paramedic*  
**MARIS HOVEE**  
April 2019



*Fire Inspector*  
**NICK MCDONOUGH**  
June 2019



*Firefighter/Paramedic*  
**MICHAEL LURQUIN**  
July 2019



*Firefighter/Paramedic*  
**BRENNEN LEGAN**  
September 2019



*Firefighter/Paramedic*  
**CARY ROGDE**  
November 2019

**NEW DEPARTMENT MEMBERS**



*Lieutenant*  
**JOE SHARK**  
Promoted February 2019

On February 21, 2019, at a Swearing-In Ceremony, the Fire Department recognized the promotion of Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Shark to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Shark began his career with the Department in October 2006.



*Lieutenant*  
**CHRIS BRASILE**  
Promoted August 2019

On October 17, 2019, at a Swearing-In Ceremony, the Fire Department recognized the promotion of Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Brasile to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Brasile began his career with the Fire Department in February 1998.



*Lieutenant*  
**BRAD DELATORRE**

Brad retired with 20 years of dedicated service with the Fire Department. His last shift day was on January 30, 2019.



*Firefighter/Paramedic*  
**DUDLEY ELVERY**

Dudley retired with 22 years of dedicated service with the Fire Department. His last shift day was January 5 and retired February 13, 2019.



*Firefighter/Paramedic*  
**TIM HOGAN**

Tim retired with 19 years of dedicated service with the Fire Department. His last shift day was on June 2, 2019.



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*Serving the Community of Lombard Since 1913*





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DUTY ~ PRIDE ~ TRADITION

