



CHANNAHON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2014

ANNUAL REPORT

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## MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



It is my pleasure to present to you the Channahon Fire Protection District 2014 Annual Report. The purpose of the annual report is to communicate the progress of our fire district, our staff, and service to our community and service recipients. It is of the highest priority to ensure our community receives efficient service with the allocated fiscal resources. All of our administrative and operations staff at the Channahon Fire Protection District work diligently in their roles to provide the best services possible to the community.

2014 continued to challenge our fire district, personnel, and capabilities. These challenges do not deter our deployment of service you have come to expect as our community.

The services and the expectations of the fire service organization are dynamically changing, which places great demand on fire service personnel. The demands of our modern responsibilities increase the expectations of our local community. We will answer this challenge by encouraging our fire district's personnel to take ownership in the challenges that our fire district faces and instill leadership values that will prepare them to guide the services of our organization. Investing our efforts and budgets in our personnel and their training is what will result in the delivery of services that we pride ourselves on. I believe as our fire district progresses into the future, leadership, dedication, effective communication, creativity, and the willingness to take on new ideas and principles will allow us to adapt to our community's needs. With these practices embraced by our leadership and the direction of our Board of Fire Trustees, the Channahon Fire Protection District will provide the best possible service to our residents.

On behalf of the Channahon Fire District Board of Trustees, Channahon Fire District Fire Administration and the District staff, we will continue to place great emphasis on our commitment to serving the customers of the fire district. I am proud of all the men and women who serve with this organization and invite you to visit our facilities or allow us to visit you so we can share the pride we take in serving you! Please visit our website at [www.channahonfire.com](http://www.channahonfire.com). We also encourage you to follow us on Facebook for important notices and events.

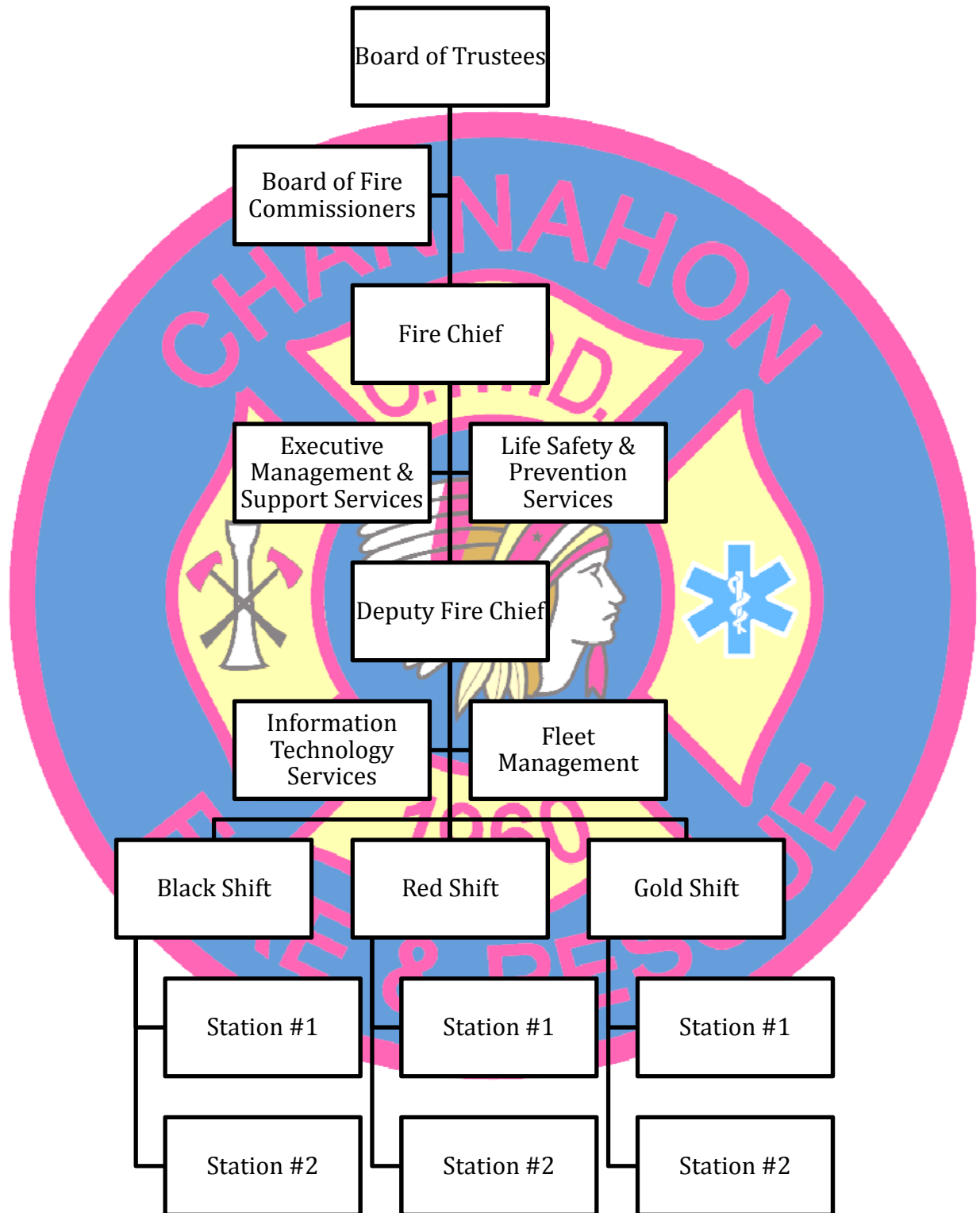
Thank you for allowing the distinct honor of calling us "your" fire district.

Respectively,

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*John Petrakis - MSEFSL, CFO, MiFireE  
Fire Chief*





## GOVERNANCE, EXECUTIVE, & OPERATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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Jacque McLaughlin  
Executive Fire  
Support Manager



John Petrakis  
Fire Chief



Jeff Toepper  
Deputy Fire Chief



Pam Fink  
Administrative  
Assistant

### LIFE SAFETY & PREVENTION SERVICES



Cindy Wilson  
Life Safety Educator



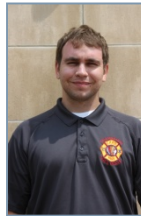
Laron Sullivan  
Fire Inspector

FLEET AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT



Rick Kruger  
Emergency Vehicle  
Technician

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES



Bill McCluskey  
Information  
Technology  
Manager

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Andy Anderson  
Lieutenant



Ryan Jandura  
Lieutenant



Allen Koranda  
Lieutenant



Brian McMillin  
Lieutenant



Jake Randich  
Lieutenant



Matt Skole  
Lieutenant

## SERVICE DELIVERY

The Channahon Fire Protection District serves about 8,500 residents within 40 square miles. Fire suppression and emergency medical services are delivered using one staffed Engine and Ambulance at Station #1 and jump company (3 firefighter/paramedics staff 2 vehicles based on incident type) at Station #2. Supplemental call back staffing provides additional staffing to a squad, water tender, and snorkel on specific incidents. Due to the complex hazards of water rescue and industry, specialty teams such as C.A.R.T. (Combined Area Response Team) and Water and Dive Rescue are maintained and active within our mutual aid agreements. The fire district also has certified fire investigators that provide post fire investigation within the fire district and are active with the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Fire Investigations Unit Division 15. In addition, the fire district has entered into several automatic aid and mutual aid agreements within our MABAS group to broaden the available resources and establish rapid deployment to various emergencies.

The District is comprised of nine (9) paid-on-call & part-time firefighters, nine (9) contract Firefighter/Paramedics, and twelve (12) District Firefighter/Paramedics, Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Executive Fire Support Manager, part-time Administrative Assistant, Cooperative Community Educator (shared with Minooka Fire Protection District), part-time Fire Inspector, Cooperative Information Technology Specialist (shared with Channahon Park District), and Emergency Vehicle Technician.

To effectively serve the community, the District has two staffed station. Station #1 is located at 24929 S. Center Street, and Station #2 is located at 23341 W. McClintock Road. These stations are staffed 24/7 with Firefighter/Paramedics.



*Channahon Fire Station #1*



*Channahon Fire Station #2*

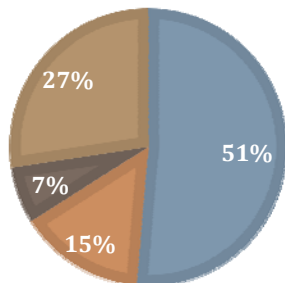
## OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL EXPENSES

The Channahon Fire Protection District is described as healthy and capable of sustaining service without fear of reductions in service or resources to our fire district. The fire administration and accounting representatives carefully monitor the economic trends and particularly the equalized assessed value (EAV) of land parcels within the district. The Board of Trustees continued to review the future financial climate and investments in the 2014 fiscal year.

The fire district operates on a calendar year budget. The budget is adjusted each fiscal year to reflect the necessary allocations for that fiscal year. Careful monitoring of the allocations and their expenditures by the Board of Trustees, Fire Administration, and Program Mangers will assist the organization to capture responsible spending and data driven budgeting ultimately influencing where we invest our resources.

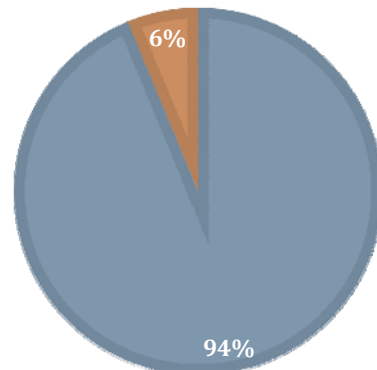
### FIRE CORPORATE

- General and Administrative Expenses
- Operating Expenses
- Building Expenses
- Financial Service & Pension



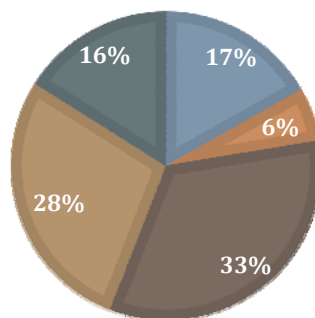
### AMBULANCE SERVICE

- Payroll and Insurance
- General and Administrative Expenses



### TORT AND LIABILITIES

- Liability Insurance
- Legal Service
- Worker's Comp Premium
- Protective Uniforms
- Miscellaneous



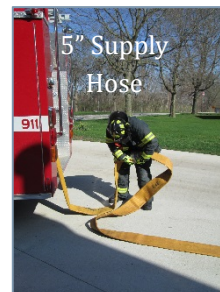


## BUDGET PLANNING ACHIEVEMENTS

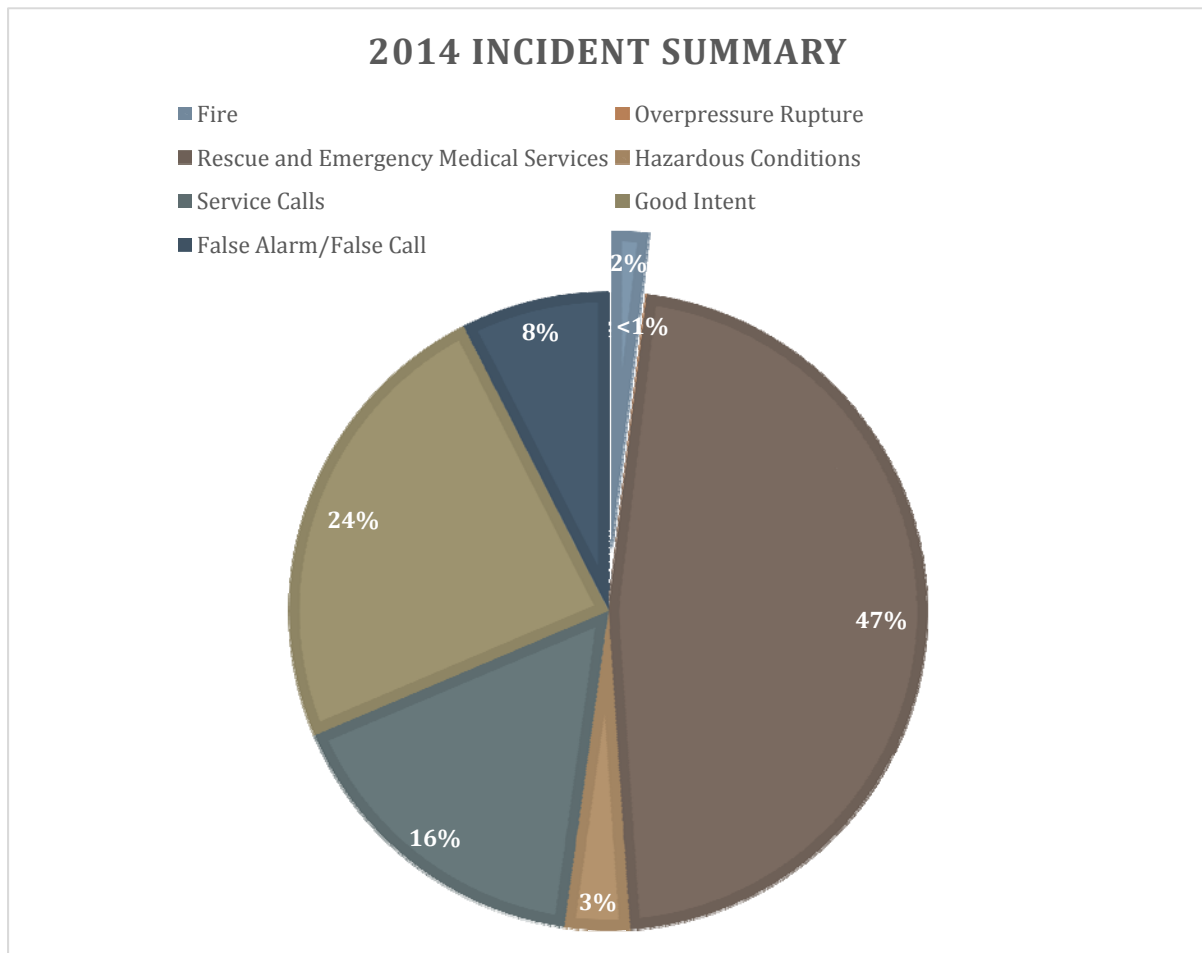
Budget planning is an integral part of financial responsibility. Each year the executive leadership works with the operational component to plan for routine and replacement expenses. Items not categorized as routine operating expenses are reviewed for approval. If approved, the item is provided an objective and objective description to track the expenditure from start to finish.

In 2014, the fire district executed the following objective based expenditures:

- Natural Gas Monitoring Devices
- Swift Water Rescue Equipment
- RAD 57 Carbon Monoxide Blood Saturation Monitor
- Flat Bottom Water Rescue “Jon” Boat and Trailer
- Thermal Imaging Camera
- Stryker Power Load Systems for Ambulance 414 and 424
- 5” Supply Hose Rotation
- Search and Rescue Training Mannequins

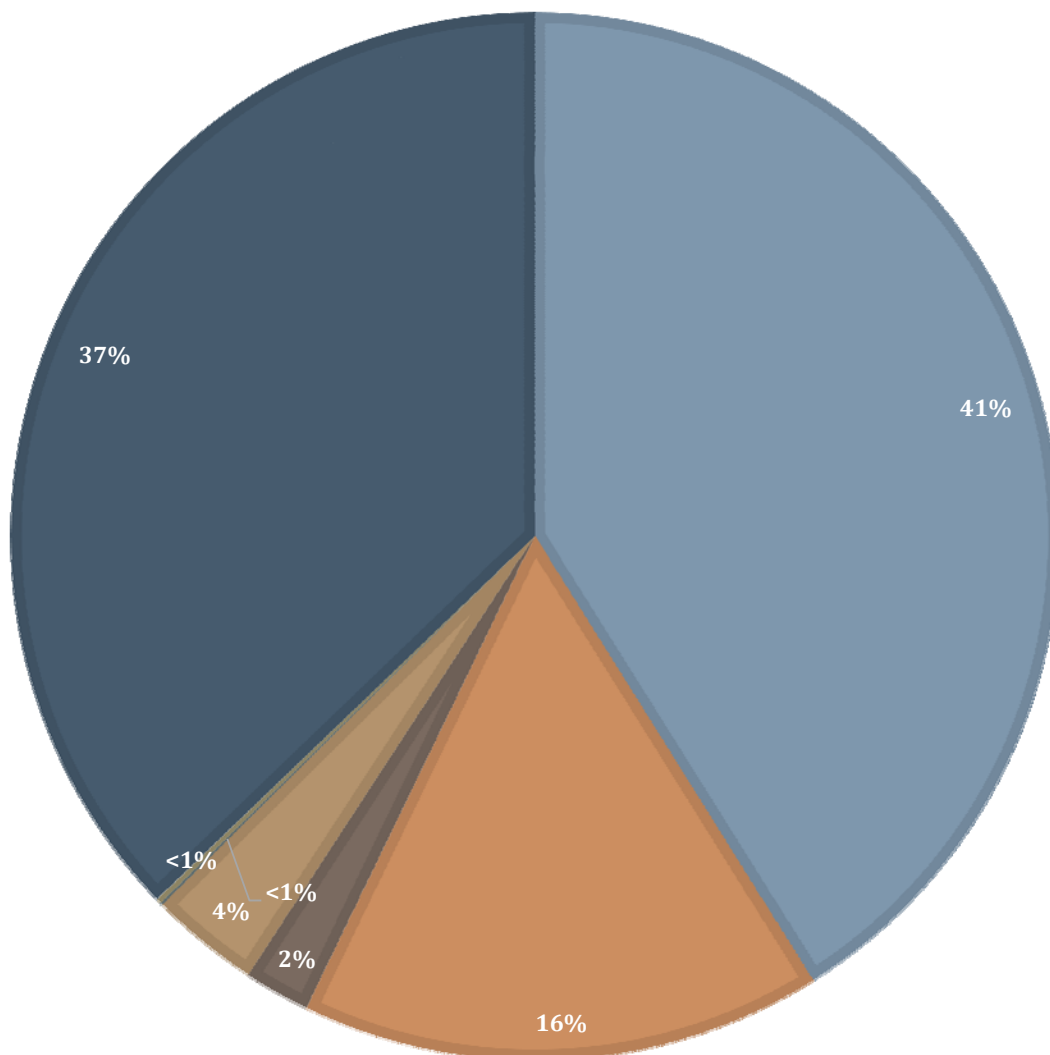


- The District responded to 1,336 incidents
- There were 3.66 calls per day
- There was one call every 6.55 hours
- There was one EMS call every 16.07 hours
- Mutual aid was requested 163 times
- Mutual aid was provided 486 times
- The average response time for the first unit to arrive was 4 minutes 50 Seconds
- The average response time for the second unit to arrive was an additional 2 minutes and 15 seconds
- Total fire loss \$109,750.00
- The average fire loss per incident was \$18,292.00
- The average structure fire loss was \$26,625.00
- The value of the property that was involved in the fires was \$687,250.00. This equates to a "value saved" of 84.03%



### INCIDENTS BY RESPONSE DISTRICT

- District 1 - West of I-55 and North of Des Plaines River
- District 2 - East of I-55 and North of Des Plaines River
- District 3 - South of Des Plaines River
- District 55 - Southbound I-55 MM249.5 to Blodgett Road & Northbound I-55 MM245 to MM249.5
- DuPage River
- Des Plaines River
- Out of District



## SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

The fire district is challenged each day with various types and magnitudes of emergency responses. The following are incidents which immediately overwhelmed internal resources, required large incident management, or possessed challenging circumstances.

- **February 2, 2014 – Interstate 55 Northbound at Milemarkers 247 & 248; Multi-Vehicle Accidents with Multiple Extrications**

- A multiple vehicle accident involving 5 passenger vehicles and 3 semi-trailers at separate locations a mile apart from each other resulted in overwhelming challenges. Two patients were categorized as critical; one rapidly transported to Provena St. Joseph's Medical Center in Joliet and one airlifted to Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. Extrication times were extended due to damage and configuration of the vehicles after impact.



- **April 12, 2014 – Burr Road; House Explosion**

- A residential home in the central portion of the fire district reported to have exploded. Upon the arrival of firefighters, they noted a residential home that had appeared to have sustained significant damage associated with an explosion. A small fire was brought under control quickly by fire crews. Channahon Fire Protection District's technical rescue team was summoned to the home to conduct a structural assessment. Two people were occupying the home at the time of the event and survived.



- **April 27, 2014 – Woodrush Lane; Building Fire**

- Fire crews responded to a house fire which appeared to be fed by a natural gas meter. Fire travel was rapid but firefighters were able to stop further extension into the home after executing well deployed fire attack. Although the home sustained fire, smoke, and water damage, the home and many contents were saved. The cause of the fire was later determined to be discarding smoking materials in the mulch bed outside of the home.





## SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS -CONTINUED

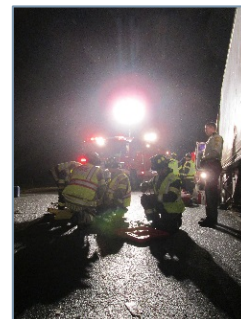
- **April 28, 2014 – Walnut Lane; Building Fire**

- Fire crews responded to a building fire in a local forest preserve district that was traveling the adjacent void spaces in the walls and ceiling spaces around the fire place. Access and water supply were a challenge but overcome with great skill of the first arriving firefighters. Over 900 feet of supply hose was deployed over a narrow drive path to establish fire attack. The fire was contained to the room of origin and the building was salvaged.



- **December 15, 2014 – Interstate 55 Northbound at Milemarker 244; Multiple Semi-Truck Accident with Extrication**

- Two semi-trailers collided resulting in one of the trucks jack-knifing pushing the rear of the cab forward and pinning the driver against the dashboard. Fire crews had to construct a deliberate plan because of the configuration of the cab after impact. The extrication time was approximately 60 minutes because of the careful tunneling that required planned cutting. The driver was taken to Provena St. Joseph's Medical Center in Joliet in stable condition.



- **December 17, 2014 – Interstate 55 Northbound at Milemarker 247; Semi-Truck Rollover with Extrication**

- A single semi-trailer rolled over and came to rest on its driver's side in the ditch on the east side of the interstate. The position of the cab where it came to rest caused the weight of the cab and trailer come to rest on the driver's pelvis and left leg. Significant force was place on the driver's lower extremities which influenced a very cautious and laborious extrication. The extrication time was 90 minutes in length. The driver was airlifted to Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove in stable condition.





## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our mission to serve extends beyond our call to duty during someone's worst moment. The Channahon Fire Protection District is involved in initiatives to give back to local and surrounding area programs. Through our involvement, we strive to promote our organization's values and share those values by taking part in our community.

During 2014, the Channahon Fire Protection District was involved in several community outreach programs. The following are descriptions of some of the highlights:



### Grundy County Fallen Officers Memorial

Each year the Channahon Fire Protection District participates in the Grundy County Fallen Officers Memorial to remember those local police and firefighters who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and honor their families. Specifically, our organization recognizes fallen Firefighter Kenneth Frayne who died in the line of duty on October 13, 2001.

### State of the Fire District

In 2014, we initiated the "State of the Fire District" event to communicate the highlights of our annual report and share the vision and goals of our organization. The invitation to attend was extended to local administrators, businesses managers, and government officials. In all, we hosted 35 members of the community. Chief Petrakis shared the accomplishments, challenges, and anticipations with the attendees. The event is another outreach program to share the mission of our organization.



### Back to School Awareness

Our Community Educator, Cindy Wilson, accompanied by our firefighters posted "Back to School" Awareness posters on fire apparatus at each Channahon School District 17 building during the first week of school to remind motorists that student and buses were active. The initiative is an ongoing program to raise situational awareness in school zones.

### Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Every October, the Channahon Fire Protection Uniform is altered and duty crews don pink uniform shirts to commemorate those brave women who are currently battling the disease or remember those who lost their courageous fight. Regardless, the firefighters wear the shirts to celebrate the bravery exhibited by these women and remind all of us that there is no greater fight than for our life.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH - CONTINUED

### *Guns and Hoses Football Game – Benefit for Chanooka Wish*

Firefighters and Police Officers from Channahon participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event to benefit the Chanooka Wish Foundation. Channahon Fire and Police, in conjunction with the Chanooka Braves Youth Football Program, were able to raise over \$2,000.00 to donate to Chanooka Wish Foundation. The event attracted approximately 250 spectators.



### *Channahon, Minooka, and Troy Fire Protection Districts' Chili Cook Off*



The Channahon, Minooka, and Troy Fire Protection Districts held the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Chili Cook Off event hosted at Minooka Fire Protection District Station #1. Each fire district armed themselves with their “best” cooks and secret chili recipes. The event was open to the public and each patron donated a dollar to sample each team’s chili recipe. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the event were donation to the Illinois Fire Sprinkler Association’s Camp “I am Me” for child burn victims.

### *Wreaths Around America*

The Channahon Fire Protection District raises money for the annual “Wreaths Around America” event at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery during December. Off duty firefighters attend the ceremony and assist in the placement of the wreaths on fallen soldiers grave sites.



## PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION ACHIEVEMENTS

### **Service Awards**

#### *One Year*

- Michelle Arnold
- Seth Baxter
- Kent Farris
- Brad Giacomi

#### *Fifteen Years*

- Adam Hughes
- Lt. Ryan Jandura

#### *Forty Years*

- Laron Sullivan

### **Company Citations**

- Awarded for the following companies' actions at an emergency incident that demonstrated a high standard of performance.
  - February 3, 2014 / 14-0153 - NB I-55 MM 247 & MM 248 MVAs
    - Lt. Matt Skole, FF/Medic Terrence O'Hern, FF Bill Hulbert, FF/Medic Matt Bowles, FF/Medic Steve Garry, FF/Medic Rich Arnold, FF/Medic Dan Grubisich, FF/Scott Schneider, FF/Medic Brett Proctor, Chief Engineer Rick Kruger, FF/Medic Edward Eddy, & FF/EMT Chaz McGinnis
  - August 8, 2014 / 14-0805 - Eames and Center Street MVA
    - Lt. Jake Randich, Lt. Brian McMillin, FF/EMT Zack Toepper, FF/Medic Mike Hammerstein, FF/Medic Edward Eddy, FF/Medic Andy Anderson, FF/Medic Terrence O'Hern, & FF/Medic Dan Grubisich
  - October 15, 2014 / 14-1062 - STEMI at Loaders Croklaan
    - FF/Medic Ryan Jandura, FF/Medic Rich Arnold, & FF/Medic Dan Grubisich
  - December 17, 2014 / 14-1291 - NB I-55 MM 247 Semi MVA
    - Lt. Jake Randich, FF/Medic Terrence O'Hern, FF/Medic Jason Hartman, FF/Medic Mike Hammerstein, FF/Medic Ryan Jandura, FF/Medic Brennan Dircks, FF/ENG Keith Swatek, FF/Medic Chaz McGinnis

### **Chief's Cross Commendation**

- Recognizes a member or members for some outstanding achievement, within or outside the fire district that causes a positive and dramatic change in the fire district.
  - Motorola Premier One CAD Integration Project: Bill McCluskey & Deputy Chief Toepper

## PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION ACHIEVEMENTS - CONTINUED

### **Service Appreciation**

- Sue Davis, Board of Fire Commissioners – Recognition for contribution to the Channahon Fire Protection District's Board of Fire Commissioners and aspiration to contribute to the selection of quality fire service staff that is sworn to serve the Channahon Community.

### **New Fire District Hires**

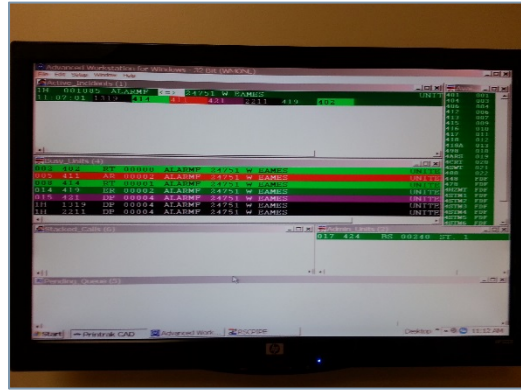
- Jason Hartman was promoted to the rank of career Firefighter/Paramedic on November 5, 2014
- The following staff members were hired as contractual Firefighter/Paramedics under the Kurtz Ambulance Staffing Contract:
  - Chaz McGinnis August 2014
  - Brennan Dircks November 2014
  - Michael Lang November 2014
  - Seth Baxter November 2014

### **Educational Scholarships**

- The following individuals were awarded Illinois Fire Chief Association Educational and Research Foundation Scholarships for continued education in officership or advanced degrees:
  - Lt. Ryan Jandura
  - Lt. Allen Koranda
  - Firefighter/Paramedic Terrence O'Hern
  - Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Hughes
  - Firefighter/Paramedic Edward Eddy

### **Will County 911 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) Infrastructure Software Upgrade**

- In November, a county wide upgrade took place to update the aging CAD and MDT software and improve the platform to meet modern requirements. Along with the software upgrade, several components within the internal network and inventory required upgrading. New PC stations were purchased for each station as well as new MDT computers for specified fire and ambulance apparatus. The initiative was diligently lead by Bill McCluskey, IT Manager, who monitored the progress and ensured proper integration into our operations. In addition to the software upgrade, it required our organization to update our response recommends and provisioning to ensure continued reliability in properly dispatched fire and emergency medical service incidents.



### **2014 Kenworth/US Tanker Water Tender**

- A 2014 Kenworth/US Tanker water tender was placed into service. The new tender replaced two (2) aging water tenders with a combined service of 59 years. The new tender has a water hauling capacity of 3,000 gallons and will be equipped with a 1,250 gallon per minute (GPM) water pump. The vehicle's primary use is to deliver large quantities of water in rural or non-hydranted locations of the fire district. The acquisition of the new tender provided the ability to revisit our mobile water supply operations and refine our practice. The improved operations were influenced by the vehicle's increased water capacity, pump capacity, and water dumping abilities. Firefighters underwent extensive training in order to learn how to operate the tender. The vehicle is assigned to Fire Station #1 on S. Center Street.



### **Water Rescue Team Equipment and Deployment**

- The Water Rescue Team reviewed their response efficiencies after completing a general assessment of equipment and deployment capability. For many years, the water team had to deploy several pieces of apparatus including a boat trailer and 14' box trailer. With the assistance of the fire district fleet maintenance manager, members of the water rescue team reconfigured the rescue squad to store all the equipment. In addition, the walk-in area of the squad was adapted to house a screen for the sonar unit, Starcomm radios with charger base, and dressing area for divers. A hitch was also installed to pull the new 15' jon boat and zodiac boat. The equipment relocation and improved towing ability has greatly enhanced the response time.





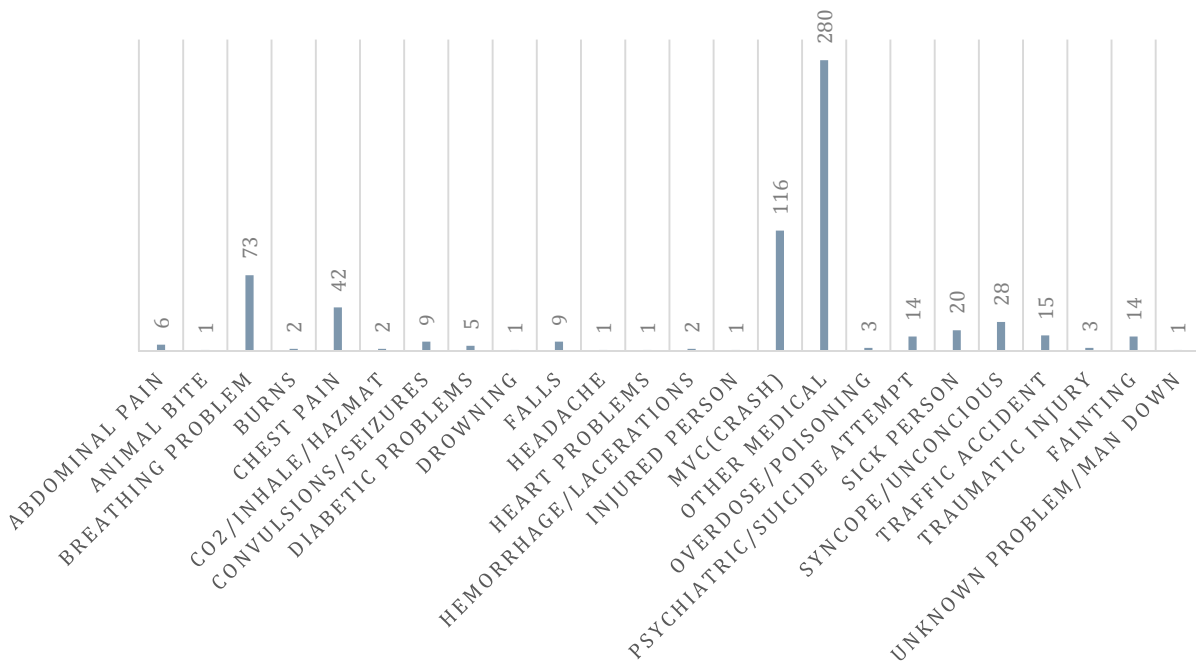
## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – LT. RYAN JANDURA

The Channahon Fire Protection District EMS Division responded to 655 calls for service in 2014, where a patient was transported to an Emergency Department, or was treated and released at the scene. This number does not account for Lift Assist calls, No Patient Found calls, or Mutual Aid responses to neighboring departments.



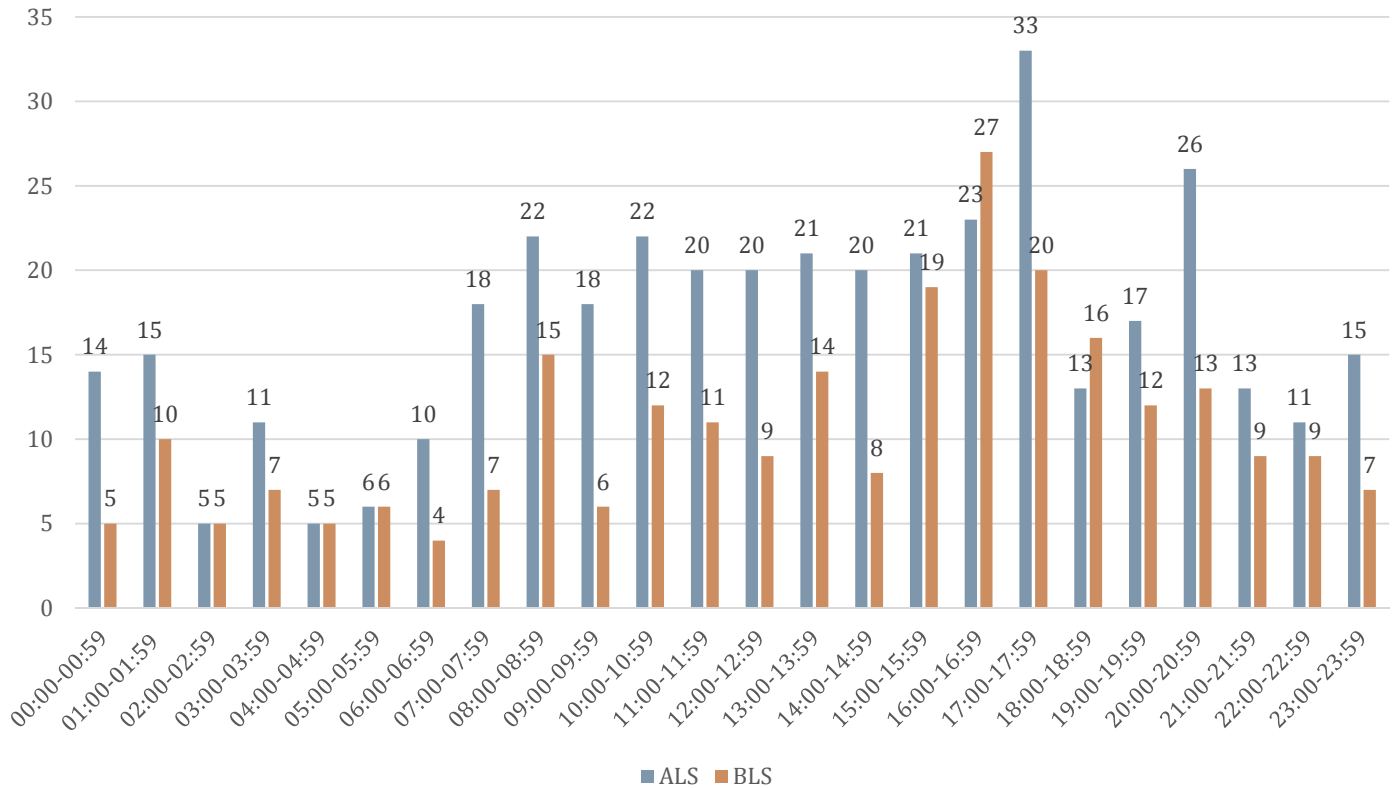
The EMS Division upgraded the fire district's cardiac monitors this year to Physio-Control Lifepak 15 models. This is a much needed upgrade for our paramedics when it comes to diagnosing our patient's condition and the quality of their interventions. These units replace two Lifepak 12 units that were approximately 10 years old. The new models offer ETCO2 monitoring to measure our patients end tidal CO2 levels, which is important in monitoring our patients with COPD, and during cardiac arrest resuscitation attempts. The new monitors will also monitor patient's carbon monoxide blood saturation level, which is vital during carbon monoxide poisoning calls, and during firefighter rehabilitation.

### NATURE OF CALL

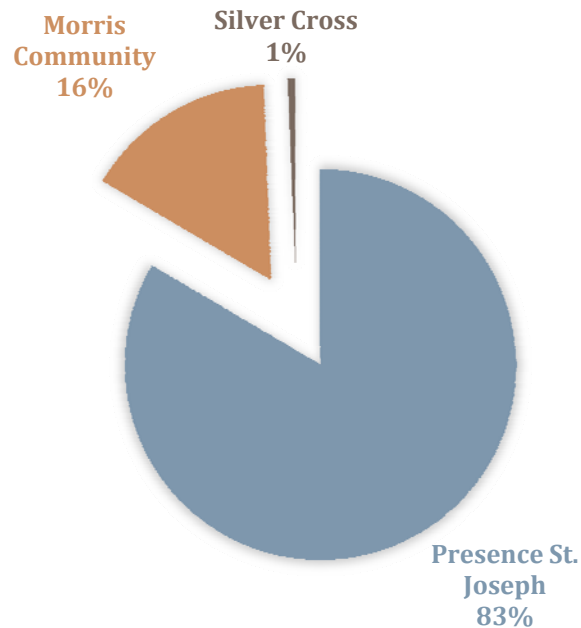


## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – LT. RYAN JANDURA

### EMS CALL TIME ANALYSIS

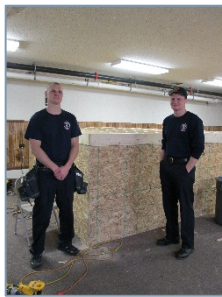


### HOSPITAL CHOICE



## TRAINING – LT. BRIAN MCMILLIN

In 2014, the Training Division assisted various members with achieving certifications including but not limited to Basic Operations Firefighter, Advanced Technician Firefighter, Fire Apparatus Engineer, Chief Fire Officer, Rope Operations, Water Operations, Sonar Operations Technician, and Swift Water Rescue Technician.



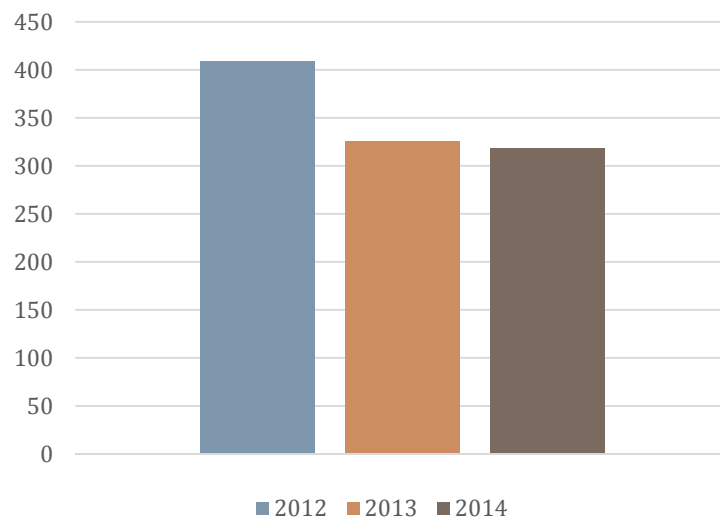
The members of the Channahon Fire Protection District also designed and built a Search and Rescue simulator that provides versatile fire and rescue training evolutions. The simulator is also used by Troy Fire Protection District's Basic Operations Firefighter Academy for twelve hours of firefighter rescue and survival training each year.

Among the many internal training opportunities offered by the fire district, our members also participated in outside training opportunities.

- Minooka Elementary School District Active Shooter Functional Drill
- Minooka Fire Protection District Live Fire Training
- Lyondell Basell Functional Disaster Drill
- Oil Tanking Emergency Response Drill
- MABAS Division 15 Incident Management Drills



### ANNUAL AVAILABLE TRAINING HOURS COMPARISON



## LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION – CINDY WILSON, COMMUNITY EDUCATOR

Fire and Life Safety Education is important to ensure our communities stay safe. We provide quality educational programs for all ages within the fire district, school district, and at community events. We coordinate our programming to meet the needs of diverse demographic within the fire district.

<b>Educational Program</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>
Adopt-a-Firefighter Program	125	-	-
Fire Extinguisher Classes for Businesses	-	-	-
Health Care Provider CPR	-	43	-
Heart Saver CPR/AED	-	137	-
Heart Saver First-Aid/CPR/AED	-	25	-
Family & Friends CPR	-	2	-
Monthly Fire Safety School Programs	300	-	-
Rainbow Valley Program	100	-	-
Remembering When Program	-	70	-
Risk Watch Program	125	-	-
Station Tours	-	7	21
Three Rivers Fest Safety Trailer	-	45	170
Safety Trailer-Other	-	-	149
Open House	-	50	150
<b>Totals</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>490</b>

<b>Safety Activity</b>	<b>Total</b>
Child Seat Inspection/Installs	35



## FIRE PREVENTION AND INSPECTIONS – LARON SULLIVAN, FIRE INSPECTOR

The Channahon Fire Protection District Fire and Life Safety Inspection Program aims to reduce the frequency and severity of fires and other life safety incidents. This is accomplished through a multi-dimensional approach that includes enforcement and plan review.

<i>Total Occupancy Inspections</i>	<i>166</i>
<i>Total Re-Inspections</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>    New Buildings</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>    New Businesses</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>    Remodels/Additions</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>    Plan Reviews</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>    Knox Box Applications</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>    New Fire Alarm Tests</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>    New Sprinkler Acceptance Tests</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>    Existing Fire Alarm Tests</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>    Existing Sprinkler Tests</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>    Cooking Hood Reports</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>    Fire Door Drop Tests</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>    Fire Pump Tests</i>	<i>4</i>





## PRE-INCIDENT FIRE PLANNING – LT. ALLEN KORANDA

Channahon Fire Protection District continues the Pre-Incident Planning Program to review high hazard occupancies within the fire district. Preplans assist the responders while on the scene of an incident in locating the closest water source, fire alarm panel, Knox box, exposures or hazards on the premises. They also serve as a training tool to be used in the event an emergency incident should occur. Existing pre-plans are updated annually.

### 2014 Pre-Incident Planning Activity

Completed Date	Occupancy Name	Occupancy Address	Updated
2013	Guardian Pipeline	23823 Amoco Road	2014
2013	Romar Cabinet	23949 Northern Illinois Drive	2014
2013	Scott's Hyponex	23580 Bluff Road	2014
2013	VCA Hospital	24725 W. Eames Street	2014
2014	KG9	25346 Center Street	2015
2014	Vereco Plastics	23315 Youngs Road	2015
2014	St. Ann's Church	24500 S. Navajo Drive	N/A
2014	Resurrection	25050 Eames Street	N/A
2014	Families of Faith Church	24466 W. Eames Street	N/A
2014	Southfield Church	24557 W. Eames Street	N/A
2014	Living Stones	25124 S. Fryer Street	N/A
2014	Manta Industrial	23410 S. Frontage Road	2015
2014	Living Stones	24901 Sage Street	N/A
		<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>



## SPECIAL OPERATIONS

### Water Rescue

The Water Rescue team was dispatched to twenty emergency calls throughout 2014. The fire district certified three (3) additional SCUBA divers. These individuals increased out total divers to five (5). Channahon Fire hosted a Swift Water Technician course instructed by Dive Rescue International. The course completion enabled seven members to be added to the Swift Water Team bringing the total Swift Water Techs to nine (9). Six (6) members also attended a certification course to operate the underwater sonar unit sponsored by the fire district. The fire district also purchased a new 15' jon boat and trailer for use in shallow rivers and shoreline searches/recoveries.



### Fire Investigations

The fire investigators responded to approximately 21 combined calls of the 48 call outs received for the MABAS 15 Team. Internally, we responded to two notable incidents. Fire investigators responded to a mutual aid request by Alsip Fire Department. Our members were tasked with an area survey for witnesses. Their efforts aided in the identification of the offender which led to an arrest and charges filed within hours of the fire.

On April 27, 2014 Channahon Fire Protection District responded to a residential structure fire. At the time of the fire the home was occupied by two minors. A neighbor alerted the occupants and got them out of the house. Fire was located in the SW corner of the structure with the NICOR gas line being compromised. Investigators worked with NICOR and the insurance company investigators in solving the case determining careless disposal of smoking materials.



### Combined Agency Response Team (CART)

During 2014 the team responded to one call within our fire district for the house explosion in Channahon. Team members performed a structural assessment and victim assessment. After determining the structure was unoccupied at the time of the teams' arrival and there was significant structural damage to the structure the scene was secured and turned over the home owners.



The team received a donation of "The Great Wall" by the Will County Corn Growers and Women for Family Farms Committee. The device is utilized to prevent secondary collapses occurring around a victim in grain entrapment as rescuers work to free them. Thanks to these organizations our Grain Bin rescue techniques have been greatly enhanced allowing quicker rescue efforts.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

### Fleet Management

	Jobs
Apparatus/Equipment Upgrade	1
Brake Service	1
General Repair	53
Lighting/Bulb Repair Maintenance	8
Preventative Maintenance – Inspection	12
Preventative Maintenance – Lubrication	5
Preventative Maintenance – Major Inspection	17
Preventative Maintenance – Oil Change	19
Preventative Maintenance – Other	1
Preventative Maintenance – Transmission	2
Pump Test	4
Tire Replacement/Repair	2



### Radio Communications

- Installed new Harris satellite radios on Squad 416 and Boat 498.
- Purchased twelve new portable radio batteries to replace failing units.
- Reprogrammed existing radios with new WESCOM tactical frequency.



### Respiratory Protection

- Mask and SCBA batteries were changed in February and August.
- All MSA SCBAs and masks were flow tested per NFPA guidelines.
- All passed and were returned to service.
- Annual Fit testing was completed in August.



### Structural Firefighting Personal Protective Ensembles

- Completed two advanced inspections due to thermal damage.
- Purchased four new ensembles to rotate and maintain serviceable life.

## CLOSING



The Channahon Fire Protection District will continue to strive towards innovative and unique service delivery. Our organization will maintain a proactive approach to the challenges and trends that currently and have the potential to influence our service ability. Regardless of what lies in the future, our approach is to embrace the challenges and harness the opportunities that may be presented. Our progression is goal driven and performance

based. We will expound on our visions and commit ourselves to steady improvements resulting in operating standards that better serve our community.

On behalf of the Channahon Fire Protection District Board of Trustees, Executive Fire Leadership, Administrative Support, and Operations Staff, thank you for allowing us the privilege to serve you, the Channahon Community.

