

CHANNAHON

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



2024

ANNUAL REPORT

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Mission Statement

The Channahon Fire Protection District and its members provide a unique service in the areas of emergency response, education, and community support with professionalism, dedication, and pride to the community and those in need.

Protect

The Channahon Fire Protection District will protect the firefighters who serve this community by furnishing them with state-of-the-art equipment, offering exceptional capability and safety. The Channahon Fire Protection District will protect the citizens of this community through the established service levels including fire suppression, pre-hospital care, fire prevention, community education, fire investigations, technical rescue, and water rescue operations.

Serve

The Channahon Fire Protection District shall foster a cohesive environment that promotes organizational ownership through opportunity and leadership, resulting in professional development. The Channahon Fire Protection District shall supply the citizens of this community with the expectation of upholding the highest professional conduct and delivery of service each time we may be called to assist a citizen in need.

Educate

The Channahon Fire Protection District shall prepare the firefighters of this community to operate as competent Firefighters, Paramedics, and Officers on the fire ground, in the fire station, and within the Channahon Fire Protection District at all times. The Channahon Fire Protection District will safeguard the citizens of this community through aggressive fire prevention and public education programs that instill the value of emergency preparedness.



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Message from the Chief

As the Fire Chief of the Channahon Fire Protection District, it's my pleasure to share our 2024 Annual Report with you. This past year has been full of hard work, growth, and continued dedication from the incredible men and women who serve this community every single day.

Whether responding to emergencies, offering safety education, or simply being a helping hand, our team has remained committed to keeping our community safe. We answered over 1,971 calls for service, trained extensively, and worked to stay ahead of the challenges that come with an evolving community and emergency service delivery.

We have also made important strides this year: investing in new equipment, completing the construction of our new satellite station, updating our facilities, and strengthening relationships with the people we serve. Our goal has always been to provide the highest level of service, and we're proud of the progress we continue to accomplish.

To our residents and businesses, thank you for your trust and continued support. To our community partners, your collaboration makes all the difference and fortifies our capacity to serve this community. And to our dedicated firefighters and staff, thank you for your passion, professionalism, and teamwork.

It is an honor to lead this department and be part of such a strong, supportive community. We're excited about what lies ahead in 2025!

With appreciation,

John Petrakis, Fire Chief

Board of Fire Trustees

Board of Fire Commissioners

Legal

Fire Chief

Deputy Chief

Executive Fire Support Manager

Fire Inspector

Life Safety Educator

IT Management

Community Support Services

Black Shift Captain

Red Shift Captain

Gold Shift Captain

Firefighter Paramedic

Firefighter Paramedic

Firefighter Paramedic

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Channahon Fire Protection District
Organizational Chart

District Highlights:

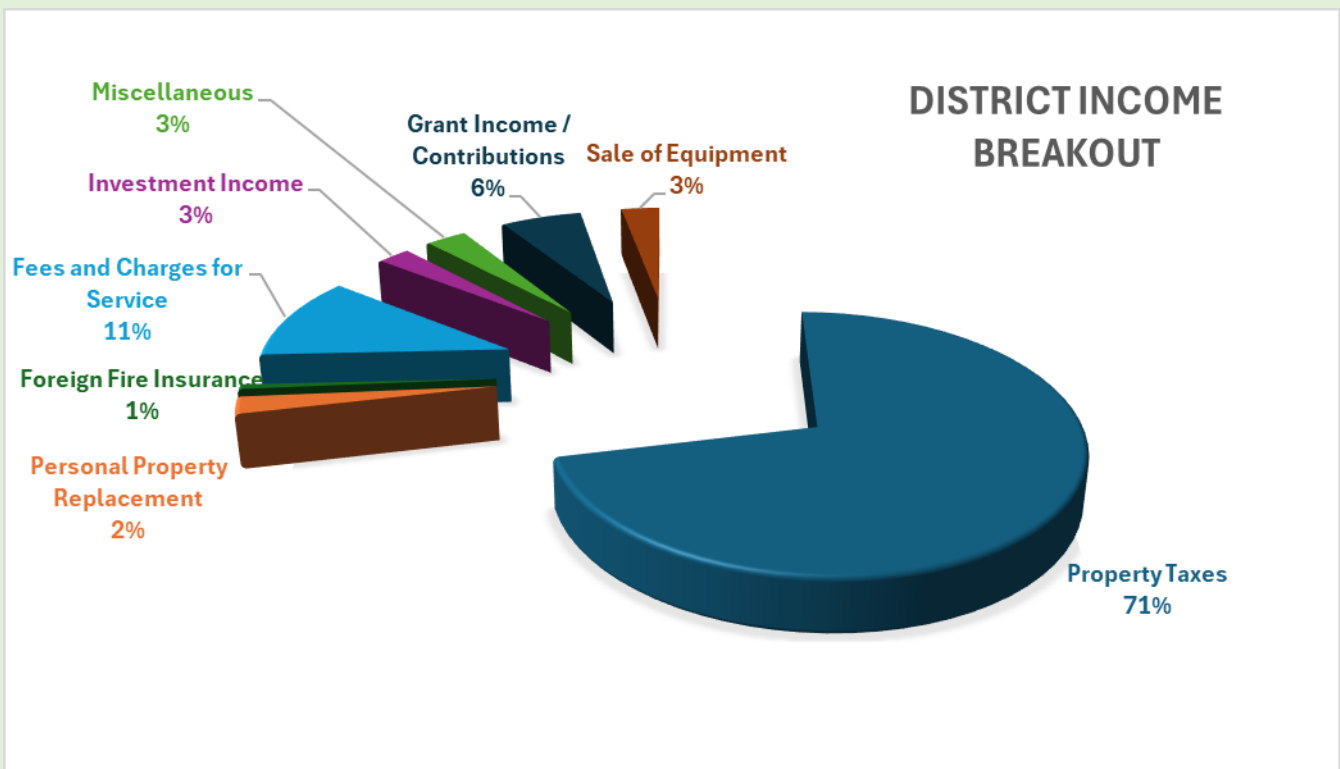
- ❖ Grand opening of our new Fire Station #2 at 23370 S Thomas Dillon Drive
- ❖ Delivery of a 2024 Ford 550 chassis, placed in service at Fire Station #2 with refurbished modular box completed by Medworks.
- ❖ Delivery of a 2024 Ford F59 chassis, placed in service at Fire Station #1 customized to serve our water rescue responses
- ❖ Specification of a new Pierce Enforcer Fire Engine planned for a 2028 delivery
- ❖ Established a new service program, Community Support Services, designed to implement a liaison to the community and provide necessary follow-up care and referrals to individuals who may require in-home services, access to mental health resources, substance abuse support, and other assistance that achieves continuation of care outside of emergency services
- ❖ Hired a part-time Support Services Coordinator, Luanne Cantrell, to manage the Community Support Services Program
- ❖ Hired a full-time Fire and Life Safety Educator, Sarah Fellows, to lead community life safety education programs
- ❖ Celebrated “FF Cindy” Wilson’s service to the Channahon Fire Protection District as the Fire and Life Safety Educator as she transitioned to her full-time role with the Minooka Fire Protection District
- ❖ Board of Trustees and Administration collaborated with community representatives to develop the inaugural Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Report
- ❖ Completed fire protection class rating field grading with the Insurance Services Office (ISO)

District Finances



The Channahon Fire Protection District continues to maintain a balanced budget while providing the best possible service to our community. Our budget process emphasizes fiscal responsibility and complete transparency.

REVENUE		Audited 2023	Audited 2024
	Property Taxes	\$ 4,012,481	\$ 4,244,167
	Personal Property Replacement	\$ 227,840	\$ 133,727
	Foreign Fire Insurance	\$ 32,807	\$ 37,184
	Fees and Charges for Service	\$ 708,152	\$ 667,739
	Investment Income	\$ 243,547	\$ 145,689
	Miscellaneous	\$ 206,632	\$ 181,428
	Grant Income / Contributions	\$ 112,711	\$ 362,782
	Sale of Equipment	\$ 5,080	\$ 171,950
Total Revenues		\$ 5,549,250	\$ 5,944,666
EXPENDITURES			
	Public Safety	\$ 4,387,374	\$ 4,793,584
	Debt Service	\$ 550,160	\$ 550,961
	Capital Outlay	\$ 2,171,241	\$ 2,117,367
Total Expenditures		\$ 7,108,775	\$ 7,461,912



1,971

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE



72
FIRES



225
SERVICE
CALLS



1,084
EMS/RESCUE



213
FALSE
ALARM

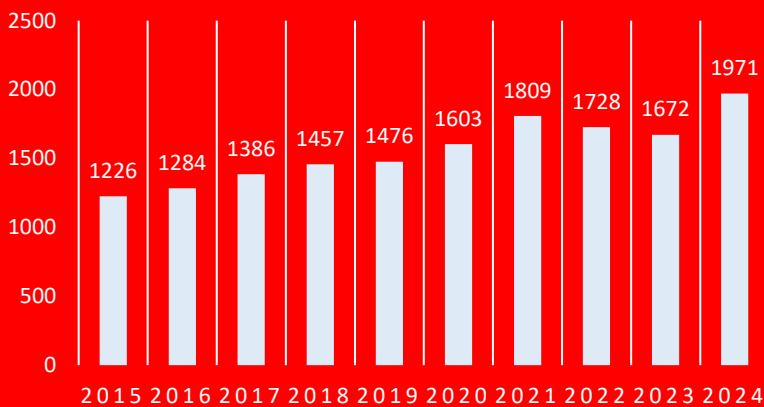


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HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS



339
GOOD
INTENTS

10 YEARS CALL VOLUME



- ❖ Service Call : Public service assistance
- ❖ Good Intent: Dispatched & canceled; controlled burn; no emergency found
- ❖ Hazardous Condition: Gas leaks, fuel spills, overheated mechanical equipment, carbon monoxide

Incidents

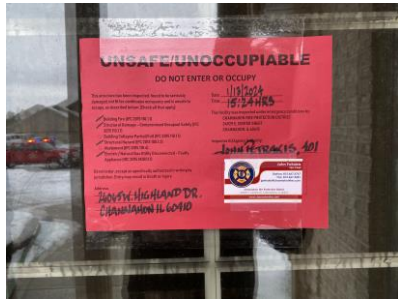


<u>Fire</u>	
Building fire	34
Cooking fire, confined to container	1
Water Vehicle Fire	1
Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1
Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	1
Passenger vehicle fire	5
Road freight or transport vehicle fire	9
Natural vegetation fire, other	2
Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	13
Outside rubbish fire, other	2
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	3
<u>EMS/Rescue</u>	
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	958
Vehicle accident with injuries	104
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	6
Search for person in water	2
Extrication, rescue, other	1
Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	3
High angle rescue	1
Extrication of victim(s) from machinery	2
Water & ice related rescue, other	1
Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	2
<u>Hazardous Condition</u>	
Hazardous condition, other	1
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	16
Carbon monoxide incident	8
Chemical spill or leak	2
Power line down	8
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2
Aircraft standby	1

<u>Service Call</u>	
Lock-out	2
Smoke or odor removal	3
Public service assistance, other	10
Assist police or other governmental agency	4
Police matter	3
Public service	26
Assist invalid	42
Cover assignment, standby, move up	134
<u>Good Intent</u>	
Dispatched & cancelled en route	292
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	27
Authorized controlled burning	1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	19
Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	1
<u>False Call</u>	
False alarm or false call, other	3
Extinguishing system activation	2
System malfunction, other	4
Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	1
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	11
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	15
CO detector activation due to malfunction	12
Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	21
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	35
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	17
Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional	83
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	9



Structure Fires



Accidents



Response Timeline

Number of Calls per District

District 1 = 974

District 2 = 449

District 3 = 43

155 = 60

Automatic/Mutual Aid = 445

9-1-1 call

Someone calls 9-1-1

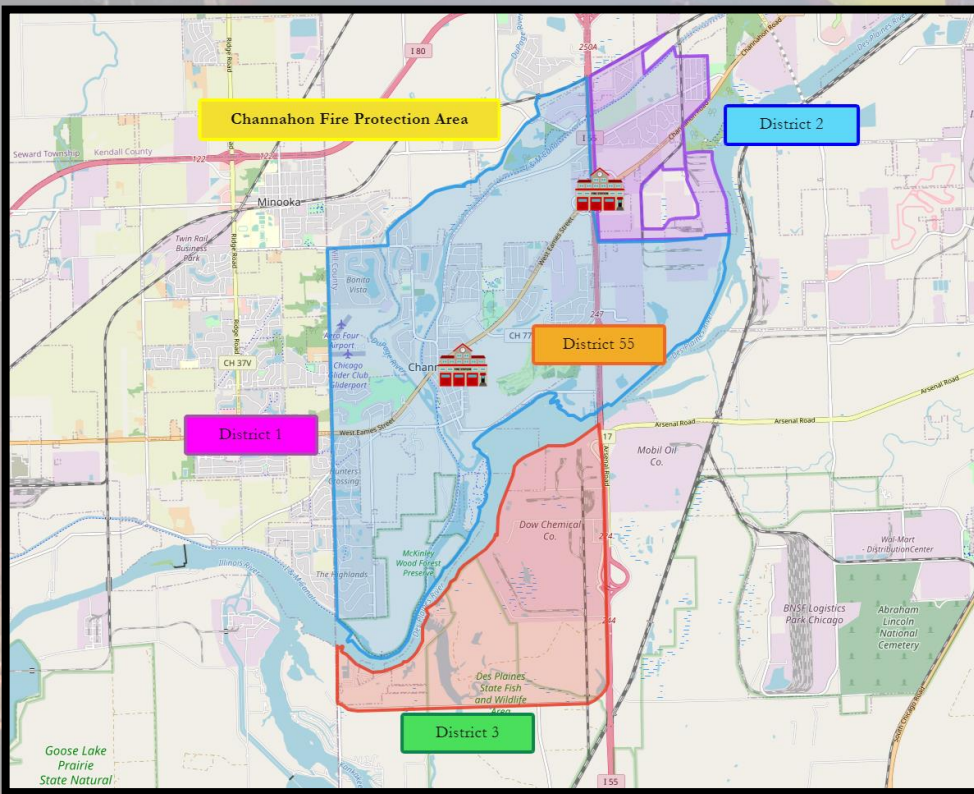


Dispatch

9-1-1 dispatch processes calls and dispatches the appropriate units.

Emergency call notifications are handled by our central dispatch center, Western Will County Emergency Communications Center (WESCOM). WESCOM is a state-of-the-art communications center,

staffed with professional call takers and dispatchers who answer emergency and service calls for 12 fire districts and 9 police departments. WESCOM's coverage area is approximately 452 square miles with a resident population of approximately 305,000.



Turnout

Travel

Time from unit dispatch to time when crew is geared up, in vehicle and leaving for the call

Time from unit leaving to when the unit physically arrives on scene

Unit	Turnout	Travel
414	1:33	5:15
411	1:14	6:55
424	1:35	5:39
421	1:58	7:47

District Fleet

Vehicle #	Maint. #	Description
448	ADM-2	2013 Ford Explorer
402	ADM-4	2023 Ford Explorer
401	ADM-5	2023 Ford Explorer
412	ENG-2	2004 Pierce Quantum Pumper
421	ENG-3	2012 Pierce Quantum Pumper
411	ENG-4	2021 Pierce Enforcer Pumper
417	TEND-1	2014 Kenworth T800
415	AM-3	2016 Ford 550/Horton
414	AM-4	2020 Ford 550/Horton
424	AM-5	2024 Ford 550/Alexis Re-furb
416	UT-1	1989 Ford/Marion
418	UT-2	2001 Ford Brush Truck
458	UT-3	2014 Ford 350 Pick-up
488	UT-5	2007 Kubota RTV 900
	UT-7	Tracker 1542LW Jon Boat
496	UT-8	2023 Ford F59 Step Van
498	UT-9	Manitou Tri-toon Pontoon Boat
Kubota Trailer	TR-4	2008 Aluma LTD Trailer
CART Trailer	TR-5	2012 CargoMate
Jon Boat Trailer	TR-6	2014 Basstracker 1542
Pontoon Trailer	TR-7	2023 Genesis
180		1946 Ford Antique



Preventative Maintenance

The act of performing regularly scheduled maintenance to help prevent unexpected failures in the future

Front-line Apparatus	Preventative Maintenance	Repair Costs
Ambulance 414 - 2020 Ford F550	\$ 1,537.11	\$ 2,058.48
Ambulance 415 - 2016 Ford/Horton	\$ 4,658.86	\$ 3,216.59
Ambulance 424 - 2023 Ford 550/Alexis	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,579.20
Engine 2004 - Pierce Quantum	\$ 2,244.12	\$ 25,615.14
Engine 2012 - Pierce Quantum	\$ 1,395.00	\$ 29,479.22
Engine 2021 - Pierce Enforcer	\$ 1,560.59	\$ 11,449.69
Tender 2014 - Kenworth T800	\$ 1,456.12	\$ 3,731.59
Total Front-line Maintenance Cost	\$ 18,034.44	\$ 92,373.95
2024 Total Fleet Maintenance Cost		\$ 112,636.78

Repair Cost

The actual labor, equipment, and material costs to repair the equipment

District Fleet

CHANNAHON FIRE DISTRICT APPARAUTS REPLACEMENT TIMELINE

Vehicle	Type	Fleet #	Life Expectancy	Status	New/Frontline	Rotate to Reserve	Specification Year	Replace	Notes
412	Engine 2004 Quantum	ENG-2	16 Years Frontline/8 Years Reserve	Reserve	2004	2022		2028	59,920 miles as of December 31, 2024
421	Engine 2012 Quantum	ENG-3	16 Years Frontline/8 Years Reserve	Primary	2012	2028		2036	81,950 miles as of December 31, 2024
411	Engine 2022 Enforcer	ENG-4	16 Years Frontline/8 Years Reserve	Primary	2022	2038		2046	19,743 miles as of Decemebr 31, 2024
415	Ambulance 2016 Ford 450 Diesel	AM-3	8 Years Frontline/4 Years Reserve	Reserve	2016			2028	75,092 as of December 31, 2024
414	Ambulance 2020 Ford 550 Gas	AM-4	8 Years Frontline/4 Years Reserve	Primary	2020	2028		2032	62,000 miles as of December 31, 2024
424	Ambulance 2024 F550 Diesel	AM-5	8 Years Frontline/4 Years Reserve	Primary	2024	2032		2036	In-service December 2024.
417	Tender 2014 Kenworth	TEND-1	20 Years Frontline	Primary	2014	Not Applicable		2034	13,034 miles as of December 31, 2024
418	Brush Attack 2001 Ford Diesel	UT-2	20 Years Frontline	Primary	2001	Not Applicable			11,825 miles as of December 31, 2024
458	Utility 2014 F350 Gas	UT-3	12 Years Frontline	Primary	2014	Not Applicable	2026	2026	30,047 miles as of December 31, 2024
496	Water Squad 2023 Ford F59 Step Van	UT-8	20 Years Frontline	Primary	2024	Not Applicable		2044	515 miles as of December 31, 2024
448	Fire Prevention 2013 Ford Explorer	ADM-2		Primary	2013	Not Applicable			121,613 miles as of December 31, 2024
402	Staff Vehicle 2023 Ford Explorer	ADM-4	10 Years Frontline	Primary	2023	Not Applicable		2033	24,900 as of Deceeber 31, 2024
401	Staff Vehicle 2023 Ford Explorer	ADM-5	10 Years Frontline	Primary	2023	Not Applicable		2033	9,545 as of December 31, 2024

As of: 02/01/25

Water Rescue Unit 496

Due to some unexpected delays because of supply issues, the delivery of the Water Rescue Unit was delayed until April of 2024. Once the lettering and other equipment was installed, the Water Rescue Unit was placed in service.



To better serve the residents and provide a better functioning water rescue vehicle, the Trustees approved the purchase of a new vehicle to replace Squad 416, a 1989 Ford with a Marion Squad Body. Water Team Leader Lt. Hartman and DC Toepper researched the response needs of the District to guide the build. The specifications were sent out for bid, and Herr Display Vans was selected. The water rescue squad went to production in 2023.

The vehicle is an 18-foot 2023 Ford F59 Step Van. It is powered by a 7.3-liter gas engine. Its sole purpose will be for water rescue. We continue to support all aspects of water rescue including swift water, dive, surface ice, and the Division 15 sector sonar. The District is excited for this vehicle upgrade to provide better functionality for our members in Channahon as well as the entire MABAS 15 Water Rescue Team.

District Fleet

2023 Manitou Tri-Toon Pontoon Boat – Unit 498



The 2023 Manitou Tritoon features a unique design with three pontoons instead of the typical two, offering a more stable ride, especially in rougher water conditions. Manitou's V-Toon hull uses a larger center tube positioned lower than the outer tubes, creating a V-shaped hull that helps with stability and handling.

The tritoon design allows for more even weight distribution, leading to smoother turning and safer maneuverability in our water ways. The back platform allows for easier access to rescue individuals in the water, deploy divers, and use the multi-dedicated sonar systems for open water searches.



New Ambulance



The fire district went out for bid for an ambulance remount. The final award went to Alexis Fire Equipment for the following: 2023 Ford F 550 4X4 Ambulance Prep Package 7.3L Gas Chassis per the specifications in the bid package. Total Apparatus cost - \$239,689.00.

Welcome the new refurbished Ambulance 424. Ambulance 424 needed a make over as it was the oldest in the fleet of 3 and needed to be brought up to date. 424 took a much needed 9-month rest.

Why did we choose to refurbish an old ambulance instead of buy a new one?

- Budget – A new ambulance was approximately \$125,000 more than to refurbish. In addition, there was an approximate 2 year wait time for a new ambulance.

What is a refurbished Ambulance?

- We purchased a brand new F550 cab and chassis from Ford. The refurbish company removes the old ambulance box completing an entire makeover. Nothing is left untouched by the technicians. The old but now new box is placed on the new chassis, and we visit the facility for a complete inspection. A completion time of 9 months.

How does a refurbished compare to new in the long term?

- The warranty on the new cab and chassis is standard what comes from the dealer. The new box has warranties for structural 20 years, electrical 7 years, paint 5 years, and general items 3 years. In all it goes the same distance as if a brand-new ambulance was purchased.

Are there additional benefits to refurbished?

- A mobile technician is a huge help. They come to your facility, so you do not have long down times and extra miles added traveling to a maintenance facility.

Emergency Medical Services

EMS Statistics 2024

Total EMS Runs: 1084

Most Common EMS Calls:

Abdominal Pain, Back Pain, Falls, Dizzy/Lightheaded,
Weakness, Arm/Leg Pain, Traumatic Injuries.



Lucas device by Stryker

Cost - \$47,000.00 for two (2)

Will be In-Service 03/2025

Located in – AMB 414 and AMB 424

This device assists our responders with CPR. It takes less than two (2) minutes to deploy and for the device to be fully active. It allows our crews to gain back a person to perform other tasks. It can even be put on someone who is sitting up in a car during a long vehicle extrication. There are two (2) limitations, anyone too big or too small and the device does not have enough space or too much space leaving the piston inoperable. This replaces the previous model due to age and technology upgrades.

Why does the fire engine accompany the ambulance on medical calls?

All our staff are trained at the paramedic level and operate on the ambulance. While the ambulance crew attends to the patient, the engine crew is doing all the background work. This all depends on the type of medical incident and the severity of the situation. Here are calls the engine will automatically respond with the ambulance.

- * Chest pain
- * Stroke
- * Burns

- * Cardiac Arrest
- * Seizure
- * Trouble Breathing

Emergency medicine is a large part of what our organization does. We continually train on protocols and new techniques to keep sharp. Challenging incidents arise every day, and we strive to be on top of our game.

Specialty Teams

Fire departments often have specialized teams to handle unique or hazardous situations. These teams include Technical Rescue, Hazardous Materials, Fire Investigations, and Water Rescue. These specialty teams are essential for addressing a wide range of emergency situations that require specialized knowledge, equipment, and training beyond the standard firefighting tasks.

TECHNICAL RESCUE

Technical rescue involves using specialized tools, skills, and training to address complex rescue situations that go beyond standard emergency response. This includes areas like rope rescue, high angle rescue, grain bin rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue, and structural collapse rescue. Essentially, it's about deploying specialized resources to handle challenging rescue scenarios where standard procedures are insufficient.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

A hazmat team, short for hazardous materials team, is a specially trained group of professionals responsible for handling and mitigating incidents involving hazardous substances. These materials pose significant risks to health, property, and the environment. Hazmat teams are deployed to manage spills, leaks, and other accidental releases of hazardous materials.

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

Fire investigation is the process of determining the origin and cause of a fire, including whether it was accidental or intentionally set. It involves examining the scene, collecting evidence, and applying scientific methods to identify the fire's starting point, factors that contributed to its spread, and potential causes. Members of the team are trained to State and National standards for fire investigation.

WATER RESCUE

A water rescue team is a specialized group of trained personnel equipped to respond to incidents involving various bodies of water, with a primary focus on rescuing individuals from these environments. Team members are qualified in the following disciplines of water rescue: under water rescue and recovery, boat operations, sonar imaging, surface ice, and swift water rescue.



District Training

A "training division" refers to a department within an organization that is responsible for providing training and development programs to enhance the skills and knowledge of its members. This can include initial entry training for new recruits, ongoing professional development for experienced personnel, specialized training for specific roles, and support of outside departments' trainings.

10,118 Total hours for 2024
510 hours per member
42 hours avg a month per member



Fire & Life Safety Education



My name is Sarah Fellows. I started as the Fire and Life Safety Educator in September 2024. Before coming to Channahon Fire, I worked at Joliet Township High School. Before that, I ran an in-home daycare and preschool for over 20 years. I created curriculum, wrote grant requests, researched infants, toddlers, and preschool education to develop the best possible program I could provide. During this time, I also raised 4 boys who are now 25, 22, 19, & 17.

Since I started in September, I received the following certifications: A Matter of Balance Coaching Training, Steps to Safety: Prevent Fires and Falls, An introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS-100), Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response (ICS-200), SafeSitter, Mental Health First Aid (youth), National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification, Public Fire Life Safety Educator Certification Course, Active Shooter Reunification Training, and Instructor Essentials BLS Course, and CPR instructor.

I got right into the schools to start teaching Fire and Life Safety Education to over 730 students. So far this school year I have taught the elementary students fire drill safety, fire safety, stop-drop-and-roll, holiday safety, vehicle safety, and poison safety. I taught the students at Three Rivers Intermediate School bike & motor vehicle safety, fire/burn prevention, water & choking/strangulation/suffocation prevention, firearms injury prevention, falls prevention, and poison prevention. I reached over 30 seniors to share fire safety, evacuation procedures, and home safety. I have worked on updating the districts website and our Facebook posts.

I have enjoyed learning, connecting with the community, and connecting with business owners throughout the fire district. I look forward to planning and growing this program and connecting with more individuals through fire and life safety education. Thank you for this incredible opportunity!

Fire & Life Safety Education



**Station Tours:
Channahon Library Field Trip
Girl Scouts Tour & First Aid Class**

REMEMBER TO BE SAFE ON HALLOWEEN

- 😊 Wear bright clothing
- 😊 Carry a flashlight
- 😊 Walk in Well-lit areas
- 😊 Stay in groups



**AED Donation from
Amsty & DuPont to
Channahon Baseball
League**

Fire & Life Safety Education

School

Galloway
Preschool
32 Children

Fire

Galloway
Kindergarten
98 Children

Safety

Galloway
1st and 2nd Grade
218 Children

Education

Galloway
6th Grade
115 Children

Channahon Park District
Preschool
99 Children

United Methodist Church
45 Children

Christ First Church Home School
25 Children

Senior Education

St. Elizabeth Meet and Greet
24 Adults



CHILD SAFETY SEATS
FOUR STAGES OF PROTECTION FOR YOUR CHILD IN A CAR

1. REAR-FACING
0-2+ YRS OLD →

2. FORWARD-FACING
2-7 YRS OLD →

3. BOOSTER SEAT
4-12 YRS OLD →

4. SEAT BELT
8-ADULT →

Every time you move to the next stage, less protection is provided.
So, don't be in a hurry to move them!
Always follow BOTH the safety seat instructions and the vehicle's owners manual for proper installation.

10 Car Seat Installs in 2024



SafeSitter Class
12 Children



CPR
20 Classes
130 Adults



Fire & Life Safety Education



Open House

Wednesday
May 29th
5p - 7:30p

Fun activities for all!

- Touch-a-Truck
- Kids Obstacle Course
- Food
- Displays

A NIGHT at the STATION



Thank you, Firefighter Cindy

The Channahon Fire Protection District invites you to join the celebration to thank Firefighter Cindy for her hard work and dedication over the last 17 years



Community Support Services

My name is Luanne Cantrell, and I am the Community Support Services Coordinator for the Channahon Fire Protection District. I began with the CFPD eight years ago as a volunteer chaplain. At the time, I was also the senior pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Morris but lived in Channahon. I responded to residential structure fires and other traumas to assist those affected by the crisis. I took courses in CPR, incident command structure, and many others to learn about the fire service. I did ride-a-longs with all three shifts to get a small glimpse of what they did daily. During my training to be a pastor, I spent a summer as a full-time intern chaplain at a level one trauma center. That training was essential to learn how to handle a crisis and care for those involved.

Over the years, Chief Petrakis and I began to see a new model emerge from what would be considered a classic chaplain model. We noticed there were many needs people had that went far beyond standing next to someone as their home burned down, handing them a business card then leaving. They needed resources, guidance, and support during this vulnerable time over the next few days, weeks, and even months. We also found that there were many other types of needs in our community that the CFPD crews encountered daily. Together we had a vision of what would become Community Support Services.

In June of 2024 I retired as a full-time pastor and was hired by the Channahon Fire Protection District as the Community Support Services Coordinator. It is my job to connect the residents of our community with the resources they need after a traumatic event. Some of the resources included are senior services, counselling, substance abuse support, in home health care, and many more. Since the program began in June of 2024, we have received sixty-five referrals from our crews and the Channahon Police to assist residents in need. The evolution of the program continues as we experience and learn more. Please check out our website under “Community Support” and see what we have to offer. Our motto is, **“Connecting community with compassion and care.”**



Mental Health Matters Class



Fire Inspections

A fire inspection is a process where authorized personnel evaluate a building or facility to identify potential fire hazards and ensure compliance with fire safety regulations. The goal is to minimize the risk of fire outbreaks, protect lives, and safeguard property. The District's Fire Inspector assisted the Village of Channahon's Chief Building Official with the review and planning of new developments within the Fire District.

The following Fire Inspection activities were completed in 2024:

231 – Annual Fire Inspections

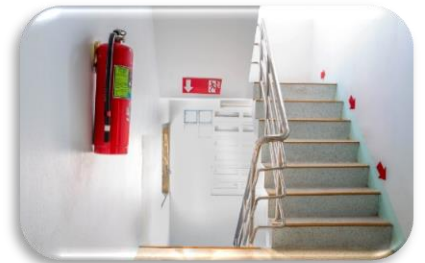
194 – Re-Inspections

693 – Life Safety Violations

6 – Fire Suppression/Detection Plan Consultations

11 – Mobile Food Vendor/Tents Inspections

1 – Stop Work Order



Incident Pre-Planning

The goal of pre-planning different types of buildings is to identify specific characteristics or features of the building, processes, and layout, as well as developing operational plans to mitigate the determined risk.

It reduces the “guess time” or lag in determining critical features and promotes ready identification of specific features or systems that are critical for access, suppression, and connections, etc.



Foreign Fire Insurance Board

The Channahon Fire Protection District Foreign Fire Insurance Board (FFIB) is responsible for managing funds collected from a 2% tax on fire insurance policies sold by out-of-state insurance companies, which is collected by the Illinois Municipal League (IML). The funds are used for the "maintenance, use, and benefit" of the fire department. This generally includes items like equipment, training materials, and resources that support the department's operations and public safety. The FFIB typically consists of seven trustees, with the District Fire Chief serving as one of the members by virtue of their rank, and six elected members.

Listed below are some of the items that the FFIB assisted the District by purchasing during 2024.

Uniforms \$9,027.00



- Carhartt Jackets with embroidery
- 511 winter jackets with embroidery

Fitness Equipment St 2 \$15,893.00

- St 2 Weight Room Equipment



Apparatus Bay Updating \$25,541.00

- Paint
- Coffee Machine
- Gear Lockers
- Plumber and Painter Labor fees
- Ice Machine
- Bay door window tint
- Water Filter System for coffee maker
- Rolling cabinet for coffee Machine



Water Team Equipment \$5,838.00

- Buoyant Cold suit coveralls
- Dry Gear Bags
- Water Rescue Rope
- Pro Rope Throw Bag 75'
- Double End Rope Bag Medium
- Ice Rescue Carabiner
- Res-Q Disc



Lawn Equipment \$1,032.00

- Station 2 lawn care equipment

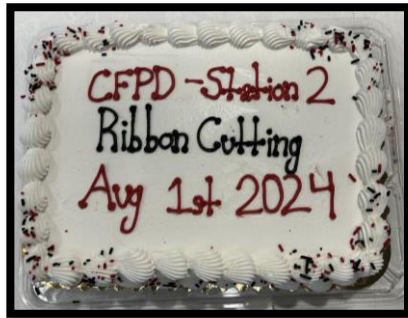


Kitchen at Station 2 \$4,329.00

- Kitchen Table
- Kitchen Appliances



Station #2 – Grand Opening



Thank you to all those that made this possible.



New Hires



Dale Tobolt



Bruce Rigoni

End of Probation



**Congratulations
Firefighter/Medic Jeff Kazak**



District Trustees

Welcome New Trustee

The Board of Trustees welcomed the newest Trustee Michael J. McMillin, on May 9, 2024. Mr. McMillin has been a lifelong resident of the Village of Channahon. He looks forward to serving the community and help the fire district continue to grow.



Channahon Fire Protection District Trustees: (as of July 2024)

President – Stephen Rittof, Jr.

Secretary – Michael Rittof

Treasurer – Michael McMillin

Trustee – Donald Montgomery

Trustee – Michael J. McMillin

The district board meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m., all are welcome to attend.

2025 District Goals and Projects:

- ❖ Implementation of the pilot firefighter candidate program
- ❖ Seek a qualified candidate to appoint to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief
- ❖ Seek a qualified candidate to appoint to the rank of Community Risk Reduction Management
- ❖ Update and refine district administrative policies and guidelines
- ❖ Update succession planning document
- ❖ Update change management document
- ❖ Coordinate data collection and review with the Insurances Services Office to sustain fire protection Class 2
- ❖ Manage the production timeline of a new engine specification due for completion in 2028
- ❖ Seek potential grant funding opportunities for staffing, self-contained breathing apparatus replacement, and support services/public education
- ❖ Continue to review and manage the implementation of suggested administrative and operational changes birthed from the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency
- ❖ Continue our focus on professional development of the various ranks of the organization and assisting staff working towards their professional goals through coaching and mentoring
- ❖ Continue review of operational and administrative capabilities; analyze opportunities for improvement or efficiency and implement necessary changes accordingly

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