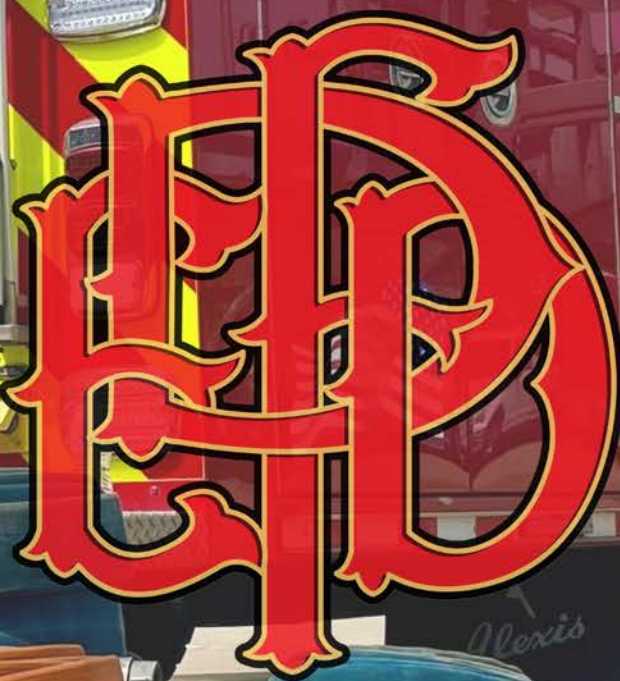


# EAST DUNDEE FIRE DISTRICT



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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# Welcome Message



**JASON PARTHUN**  
*Fire Chief*

We appreciate your review of the East Dundee & Countryside Fire Protection District's 2025 Annual Report.

As always, our agency provides the highest level of service to our residents, businesses, and visitors. As part of the Villages of East Dundee, South Barrington, and Barrington Hills, we are dedicated to protecting and serving the community through prevention, education, and exceptional emergency services. Our firefighters, paramedics, and officers are ready to address any emergency that might arise 365 days a year, and this report highlights their tireless efforts.

This incredible fire department consists of brave, passionate, and caring individuals, and I am honored to have the privilege of serving alongside them. We are committed to strengthening the structure and foundation established by our predecessors by incorporating modern technology and innovative approaches to fire suppression, emergency medical services, and emergency management.

The East Dundee Fire District has fifteen (15) full-time employees and thirteen (13) part-time employees who provide a wide range of services for residents. The fire district offers many services, including fire suppression, advanced life support, emergency medical services, CPR courses for the public, fire prevention and public education, fire risk analysis, water rescue, hazardous materials response, and technical rescue.

As the East Dundee & Countryside Fire Protection District Chief, I am proud of the department's accomplishments in 2025. To learn more about the District's activities, please visit [www.edifire.com](http://www.edifire.com). Our commitment to transparency and accountability is at the core of everything we do at East Dundee Fire District. Additionally, we encourage everyone to "like us on Facebook" and "view us on Instagram."

In closing, I want to thank each of our amazing staff members for their ongoing dedication and hard work. Without their efforts, the District's success would not be possible.

## Board of Trustees

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EDFD is governed by a Board of Trustees of three elected members. The Board of Trustees has the power to supervise, control, regulate and manage the District, and to make and enforce all necessary ordinance, and rules and regulations for the proper management and conduct of the business of the Board.



President Doug Hoyt, Secretary John Bonkoski, and Treasurer Mark Guth Jr.

## Board of Fire Commissioners

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A separate board, the Board of Fire Commissioners, is made up of three members appointed by the Board of Trustees to establish policies for recruiting, testing, selection, and promotion of members.



Chairman Dan Pearson, Secretary Louis Giacobbe, and Commissioner Arturo Carrillo

# Remembering Firefighter/Paramedic Kristina Diana #35



On Saturday August 18, 2025, we laid to rest former Firefighter/Paramedic Kristina Diana #35. She was surrounded by all that adored her, and our hearts go out to every single person who knew her and loved her. She was a dedicated firefighter/paramedic and courageous protector. Kristina served with honor, compassion, and unwavering commitment. Her light touched so many, and her spirit will live on in all of us.

# EAST DUNDEE FIRE DISTRICT



## Our History

EDFD began as a volunteer municipal department in 1890, providing services to the Village of East Dundee, established only 20 years earlier. The department was converted into a Fire Protection District in 1954. Celebrating 135 years of services in 2025, East Dundee Fire District is a combination career/part-time fire department responsible for emergency response calls like fire, rescue, and medical to residents and non residents. We protect approximately an 11 square mile response area split between Kane and Cook counties.

# Administration



**JOE SCHWAB**  
*Deputy Chief*

Thank you for reading our 2025 Annual Report. Each year, we have so many proud moments and achievements by our members. This will be evident as you read the reports following this letter, in which each of our program managers shares their specific area of responsibility and plans for the future. I continue to serve proudly in this organization as its Deputy Chief. In my position working with our personnel, I get to observe them continue to grow into the amazing staff who serve the community. I am excited each year as we build on our members' talents and skills and work to identify areas where each person can thrive and find fulfillment. We continue to have amazing support from our Board of Trustees and Board of Commissioners, enabling us to offer opportunities for growth and development for our members.

This empowers us to face the daily challenges with not just our best skills and professionalism, but also with the most vital human touch – truly caring for each other and those we serve. The firefighters of the East Dundee Fire District who wear our uniform are the best in the area, and I am confident that, should you ever require our services, you will be proud of your firefighters!

The East Dundee Professional Firefighters Local 4684 has worked diligently to grow the organization by investing in and developing its members within the District. We have welcomed a new full-time member to the organization and witnessed the promotion of a new lieutenant. We had new part-time members start this promising career, and members completed their one-year candidacy. Unfortunately, we had firefighters retire, and others left to pursue their own personal ambitions. We had new apparatus and equipment come in to make our staff safer and help the people. We saw our busiest year ever, with nearly 2,000 calls for service. As we start 2026, we are already excited to see what the year brings with new staff and growing opportunities. We will have two new full-time members helping the district reach 12 full-time members on duty. This is the most full-time staff the District has ever had! We are all excited to see what happens.

Please, enjoy reading each report that follows, and continue to expect only the very best from your East Dundee Fire Protection District!

# PROGRAM REPORTS





By Deputy Chief Joe Schwab

The men and women of the East Dundee Fire District Operations Divisions are proud to have the privilege and responsibility to provide emergency and non-emergency services to the citizens, business owners, and visitors who find themselves in need of our assistance. Among the services provided by the East Dundee Fire District include fire suppression, rescue operations, emergency medical responses, and special team functions.

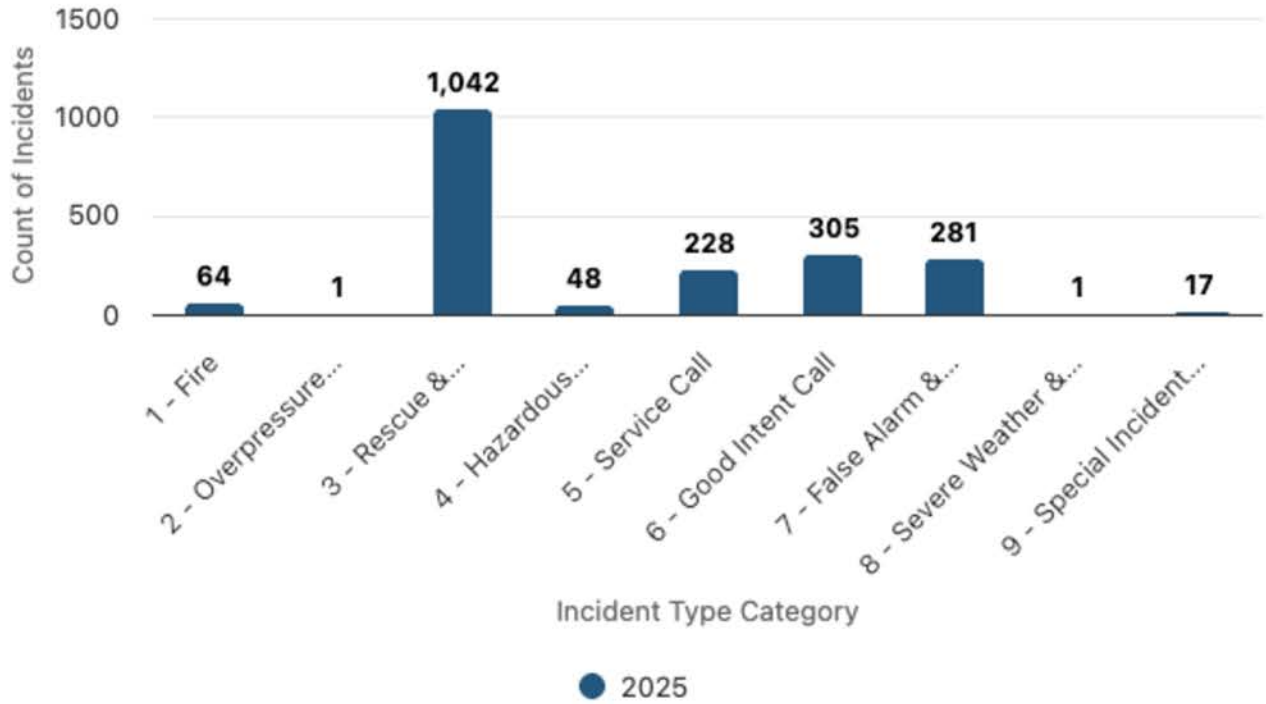
The East Dundee Fire District responded to a total of 1,992 incidents during 2025. The personnel from the East Dundee Fire District handled an average of 6 incident responses each day throughout 2025. This was a 2.63% increase in daily call volume over the previous year. Incidents that require a fire response are diverse in nature, but the East Dundee Fire District is adequately trained to respond utilizing policies and guidelines to ensure the most appropriate and effective protection and care procedures are used for the community we serve.

The East Dundee Fire District operates out of one strategically located fire house throughout the District. The district is organized into one Engine company, and one Ambulance company, every day of the year. The on-duty staff also respond with one Tender company, One UTV vehicle, and one Boat company. These firefighter/ paramedics dedicate themselves to continual training in order to maintain their knowledge and skills. A substantial number of these professionals are certified at the technician level in a variety of disciplines by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.



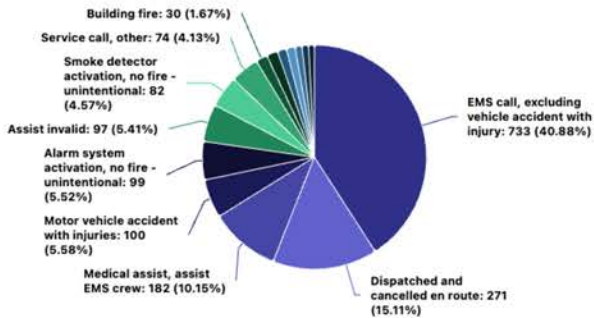
## Incidents by Category and Year

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025



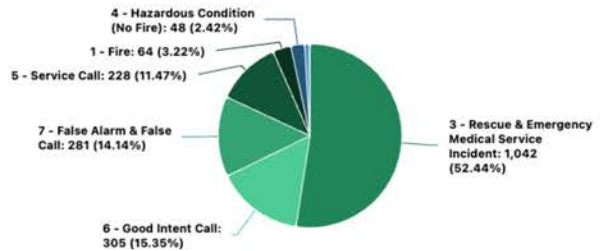
### Incident Types (Top 15)

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025



### Incident Type Categories

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025





Month Name	2025		2024		YTD % Change
	Grand Total - Current	% of Total Incidents - Current	Grand Total - Previous	% of Total Incidents - Previous	
January	177	9.00%	170	9.00%	4.12%
February	127	6.00%	119	6.00%	6.72%
March	195	10.00%	145	7.00%	34.48%
April	154	8.00%	128	7.00%	20.31%
May	165	8.00%	158	8.00%	4.43%
June	171	9.00%	196	10.00%	-12.76%
July	155	8.00%	179	9.00%	-13.41%
August	170	9.00%	198	10.00%	-14.14%
September	166	8.00%	167	9.00%	-0.60%
October	170	9.00%	163	8.00%	4.29%
November	177	9.00%	144	7.00%	22.92%
December	163	8.00%	169	9.00%	-3.55%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>1,936</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>2.79%</b>

## Incidents by Month

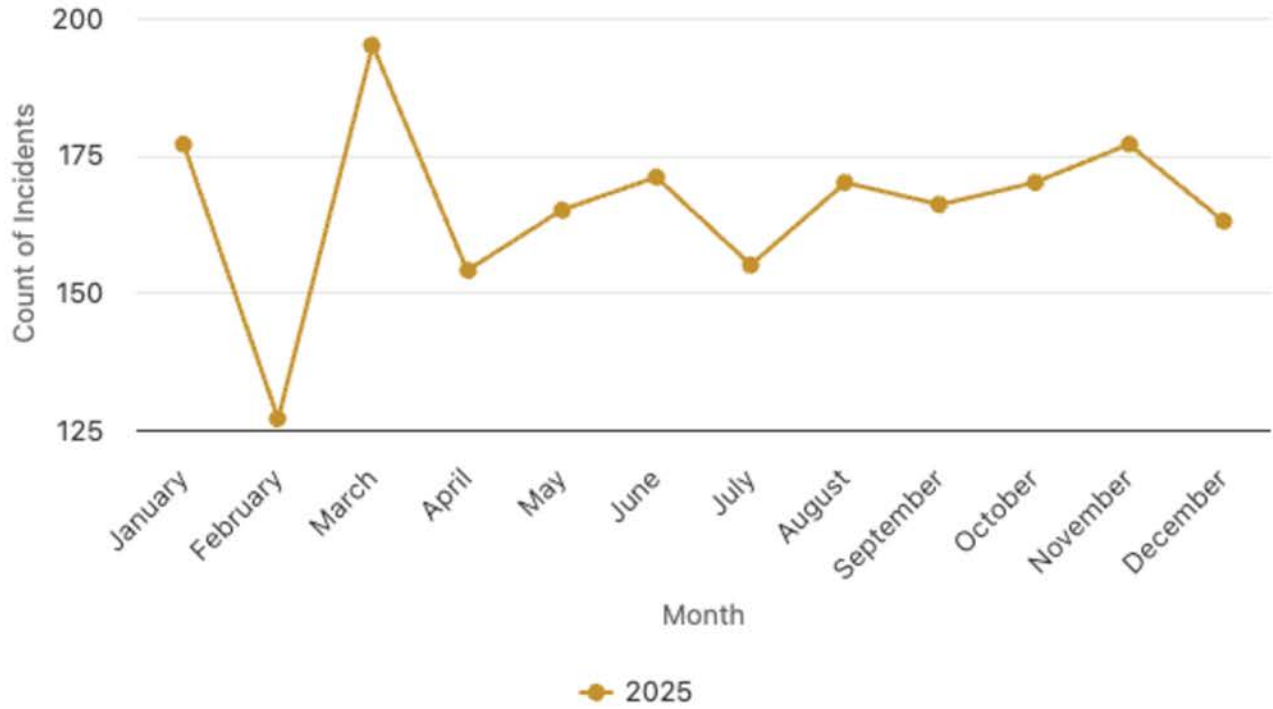
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## Fire Call Volume by Month

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025



## Aid Given and Received Summary

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025

Fire Department	Automatic Aid Given	% of Total Automatic Aid Given	Automatic Aid Received	% of Total Automatic Aid Received	Mutual Aid Given	% of Total Mutual Aid Given	Mutual Aid Received	% of Total Mutual Aid Received
Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection Dist	0	0.00%	2	0.46%	1	0.43%	0	0.00%
Barrington Countryside FPD	13	3.13%	10	2.28%	8	3.48%	1	25.00%
Barrington Fire Department	0	0.00%	1	0.23%	1	0.43%	0	0.00%
Bartlett Fire Protection District	1	0.24%	3	0.68%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Carpentersville FD	264	63.61%	275	62.79%	137	59.57%	2	50.00%
Cary FPD	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.43%	0	0.00%
Elgin Fire Department	4	0.96%	8	1.83%	10	4.35%	0	0.00%
Elk Grove Village Fire	0	0.00%	1	0.23%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Fox River & Countryside FPD	5	1.20%	1	0.23%	5	2.17%	0	0.00%
Fox River Grove FPD	0	0.00%	1	0.23%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Hampshire FPD (GE)	4	0.96%	4	0.91%	4	1.74%	0	0.00%
Hanover Park Fire Department	0	0.00%	1	0.23%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
HOFFMAN ESTATES FD	10	2.41%	10	2.28%	5	2.17%	0	0.00%
Huntley FPD	0	0.00%	1	0.23%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Inverness Fire Protection Dist.	0	0.00%	2	0.46%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Lake Zurich Fire / Rescue	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.43%	0	0.00%
Plingee Grove FPD	2	0.48%	4	0.91%	3	1.30%	0	0.00%
Rutland / Dundee FPD	12	2.89%	28	6.39%	4	1.74%	0	0.00%
South Elgin / Countryside FPD	4	0.96%	0	0.00%	3	1.30%	0	0.00%
Streamwood Fire Department	9	2.17%	1	0.23%	11	4.78%	0	0.00%
West Dundee FD	87	20.96%	85	19.41%	36	15.65%	1	25.00%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



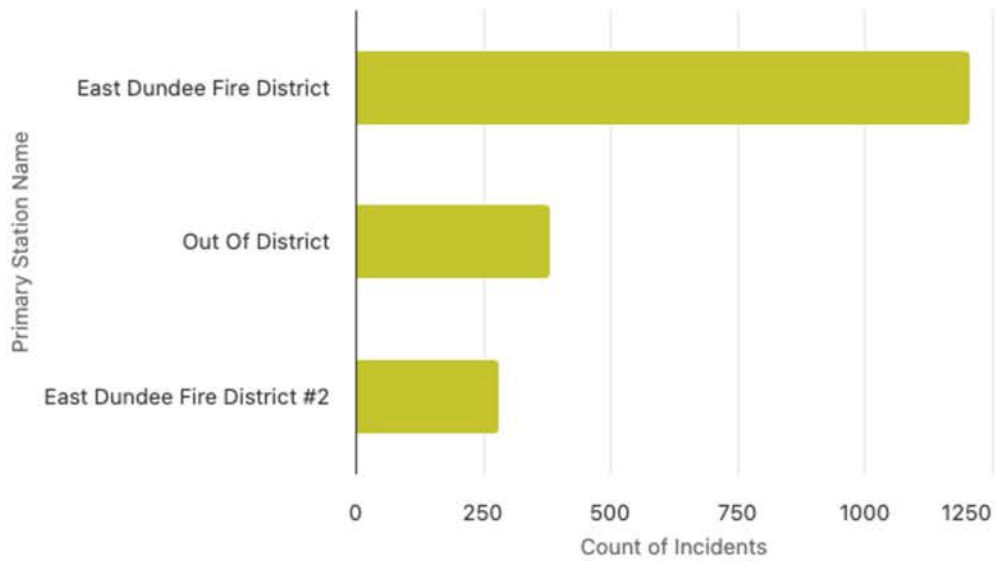
### Incidents by Day and Hour

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Day of Week	0000	0200	0400	0600	0800	1000	1200	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200												
Sunday	8	15	9	7	4	8	7	6	10	16	7	16	12	20	12	12	9	19	26	18	16	11	8	6
Monday	11	7	5	7	5	7	9	13	21	15	23	15	18	13	22	21	14	20	13	11	14	7	8	12
Tuesday	3	2	1	2	4	4	8	16	9	16	20	17	14	25	18	23	18	16	14	15	9	12	4	6
Wednesday	7	3	8	4	3	7	5	13	13	13	19	22	16	23	27	9	17	19	20	18	14	16	10	11
Thursday	6	7	2	7	2	9	7	6	8	16	23	13	15	15	23	14	18	18	15	15	17	7	8	11
Friday	5	4	3	7	1	4	10	6	16	8	12	10	12	17	14	9	11	17	14	11	17	16	11	16
Saturday	11	8	5	10	5	8	9	9	10	12	11	15	9	16	11	18	16	18	14	12	15	12	9	8

### Incidents by Primary Station Name

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025



# Personnel Assignments as of December 2025



## **BLACK SHIFT**

Lt. Braden Wilson  
FF/PM F. Bravo  
FF/PM C. Nolan  
FF/PM A. Picchi  
FF/PM M. Frank  
FF/EMT A. Johnston

## **RED SHIFT**

Lt. Tyler MacDonald  
FF/PM J. Padron  
FF/PM K. Huffman  
FF/PM J. Peters  
FF/EMT S. Johnson  
FF/EMT P. Grimmer

## **GOLD SHIFT**

Lt. Jeremy Schwab  
FF/PM M. Reibel  
FF/PM L. Meyer  
FF/PM T. Kamp  
FF/EMT S. Adkerson  
FF/EMT T. Powers

## **PART-TIME SIGN-UP STAFF**

W. Anderson  
A. Clark  
C. Steichen

B. Stumbaugh  
D. Baribeau  
L. Wojnicki

# Apparatus



AMBULANCE 41



AMBULANCE 42



ENGINE 41



ENGINE 42



TENDER 41



UTV 41



Fire Marshal Marc Quattrocchi

The East Dundee Fire District Fire Prevention Bureau operates under the direction of the District Chief and Deputy Chief and delivers the District's core community risk reduction services. The Bureau is staffed by one full-time Fire Marshal and one part-time inspector. It is responsible for fire prevention, life-safety inspections, life-safety systems plan review, and enforcement across the Village of East Dundee, the Village of South Barrington, and unincorporated areas of Kane and Cook Counties.

Housed within the Fire Prevention Bureau, the Office of Fire Investigation (OFI) provides fire investigation services for in-district incidents and supports partner agencies throughout the Quadcom area, while also maintaining active participation in the Kane County Fire Investigations Task Force.

The Fire Prevention Bureau also leads the District's Drone Team, which provides aerial intelligence and public safety overwatch to support emergency operations and community events. In 2024, the Drone Team supported local public safety overwatch and aerial coverage missions—including community events and incidents such as brush fire response and mutual aid aerial operations.

Together, the Fire Prevention Bureau, OFI, and Drone Team strengthen on-scene operational decision-making, improve prevention and compliance outcomes, and enhance public safety through coordinated inspections, investigations, and real-time incident support.



## Inspections

The Fire District includes 884 total occupants, of which 834 are classified as inspectable. During the reporting period, the Fire Prevention Bureau completed 100% of the scheduled annual inspections (834 of 834). With the addition of a part-time inspector, overall inspection completion increased by 8.62% compared to 2024, marking the first time in District history that this benchmark has been achieved. In total, the Bureau conducted 1,626 inspections, including annual inspections. Totals for the other inspection categories are as follows:

- Occupancy Inspections:
  - 70
- Temporary Occupancy Inspections:
  - 11
- Violation Inspections:
  - 12
- Permit Inspections:
  - 47
- Plan Reviews:
  - 69
- Re-Inspections (including 1st, 2nd, & 3rd):
  - 582
- Civilian Complaints:

## The Compliance Engine (TCE). Brycer

The Fire Prevention Bureau currently utilizes Brycers Compliance Engine to track all Life Safety System inspections, deficiencies, and compliance within the district.



5-year Sprinkler	107	Fire Alarms	196	Paint/Spray Booth Suppression	3
5-year Standpipe	2	Fire Escapes	1	Private Fire Hydrants	3
Auto Closing Fire Assemblies	1	Fire Pumps	7	Special Suppression	1
Commercial Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning	51	Gas Detection Systems	3	Sprinkler System	106
Emergency Power Generators	1	Hood Suppression Systems	48	Standpipes	3

**Water Distribution System**

***Hydrant Inspections***

The Fire Prevention Bureau has a written agreement with the Village of East Dundee that allows Public Works to inspect hydrants on our behalf. There is currently no written agreement with the Village of South Barrington.

All 558 wet-barrel hydrants in our District were inspected and flushed, achieving a 100% inspection rate. Of these 558 hydrants, 412 within the Village of East Dundee have undergone inspections twice this year:

In 2025, crews once inspected all three listed dry hydrants within our fire district on their respective shifts.



## **Water Distribution System**

### ***Hydrant Flows***

The Fire Prevention Bureau completed hydraulic calculations for 15 hydrants in both villages' water distribution systems. These calculations account for the high- and low-systems in the Village of East Dundee and the north and south ends within the Village of South Barrington.

## **2025 FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU ACHIEVEMENTS**

### ***Fire Prevention***

In 2025, the Fire Prevention Bureau accomplished a milestone never before achieved in the fire district: 100% completion of annual inspections. The bureau completed 1,626 total inspections, including annual inspections, plan reviews, and permit inspections—an achievement supported by the addition of a part-time inspector.

The bureau also advanced operational readiness by facilitating three crew walkthroughs throughout the year, strengthening familiarization and pre-incident planning.

Training and professional development were expanded by hosting two in-house IFSI classes: an IFSI Inspector II course and an IFSI Public Fire & Life Safety I & II course.

Community risk reduction efforts continued through the bureau's smoke detector and Knox Box initiative, with 30 smoke detectors and five residential Knox Boxes successfully installed.

Finally, the Public Education Committee maintained a strong presence in the community, attending 20 public events in 2025.



## **THE 2026 YEAR**

### ***Fire Prevention***

In spring 2026, the Fire Prevention Bureau plans to launch an updated Be Alarmed Smoke Detector Program to assist homeowners who do not qualify for free 10-year sealed smoke alarms.

To better serve homeowners whose residences require hardwired smoke alarms, the East Dundee and Countryside Fire Protection District is starting a new Hardwired Smoke Alarm Assistance Program.

Under this program, homeowners will have two options:

#### **Option A: Homeowner Purchase with Installation Assistance**

The homeowner may purchase the proper hard-wired smoke alarms, and the fire district will either install them or assist the homeowner in identifying the correct alarms to purchase.

#### **Option B: Alarm Purchase Assistance**

The fire district may purchase the proper hard-wired smoke alarms for the homeowner. The homeowner will then reimburse the fire district for the cost of the alarms, and the fire district will issue an invoice for payment.

This program is intended to help ensure that every home in our district has the appropriate smoke alarm protection based on the home's construction and required alarms.

Residents who are unsure whether they qualify for the Be Alarmed Program, or whether their home requires hardwired smoke alarms, are encouraged to contact the fire district for assistance.



## **THE 2026 YEAR**

In addition, during 2026, the Fire Prevention Bureau plans to research and apply for applicable fire prevention grants to help offset the cost of residential Knox Boxes, hydrant flow equipment, and investigative tools.

### ***Conclusion***

The Bureau is dedicated to attaining a 100% inspection rate at a high-quality standard and achieving 95% compliance with all fire protection systems within the district by the end of 2026, while continuing our educational initiatives.

The Fire Prevention Bureau has undertaken significant efforts to maintain effective communication and relationships with local governing authorities and businesses within our Jurisdiction. These endeavors fortify our relationships each year, facilitating the proactive planning of decisions, events, laws, and actions that directly impact the Fire District's operational efficacy.

The Office of Fire Investigations will persist in its educational endeavors by completing year-long courses as they are scheduled across the State, in conjunction with the required quarterly training mandated by the Kane County Task Force.





By Lieutenant Tyler MacDonald

In 2025, the East Dundee Fire District responded to 833 requests for emergency medical care, representing a four percent increase over the previous year. The department continues to see an increase in the volume of requests originating from senior living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and automatic/mutual aid request. Crew delivered advanced life support care on 392 patient encounters, and basic life support care on 143 patient encounters. Crews then encountered 298 refusals of services. Patients were primarily transported to Sherman ER, and St. Alexis Medical Center.

2025 was a year filled with training, patient encounters, and supporting our emergency medical providers. Our tradition in the EMS Division is to deliver the highest quality of customer service to whomever request us. We are proud to share that our mailbox is filled with thank you letters, and kitchen table is always stocked with a thank-you treat from a previous patient gratitude.

The EMS Division is also proud of the support of our Fire District Administration and Board of Trustees, who ensure we have the best, most up-to-date equipment and resources to deliver that quality of care.



In 2025, the Fire District continued its strong training culture to focus on EMS training, which included hundreds of hours dedicated to reviewing standing medical orders, policies, equipment review, and skills training. Our crew put a large focus in to 'low frequency' events; like advanced airway treatments, and mass casualty scenarios. Furthermore, the collaborative active shooter training with the East Dundee Police Department has proven to be a vital training component and collaboration for our agencies.

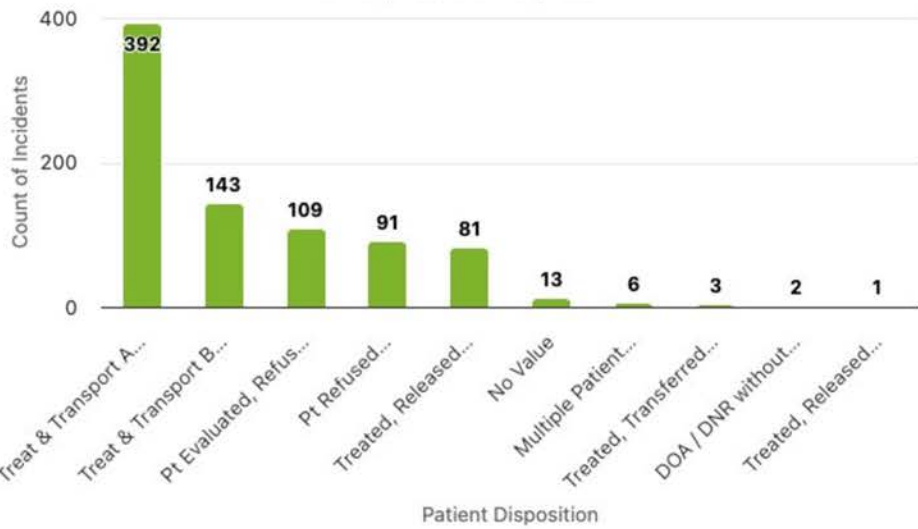
The Fire District employs 17 licensed paramedics, and 11 EMT-Basic's. The Fire District also maintains a strong relationship with the Advocate Sherman Hospital Paramedic Program, as well as, the Elgin Community College EMT Programs. This relationship brings us many students throughout the year who complete their clinical field experience with our ambulance crews. These students then receive early institutional knowledge, and experience with East Dundee Fire District turning them to a valuable candidate to hire for ours or other organizations. An emerging concern for the future, like many organizations, will be continuing to retain the paramedics we train with the Fire District. This partnership with these education program helps address that concern. As well as the Fire District hiring two additional full-time paramedics in early 2026. This growth to our staff brings consistent delivery of care to our patients.

We anticipate 2026 build on the experiences of 2025, with a focus on training and supporting the districts emergency medical technicians who will always deliver the highest quality of care to our patients.



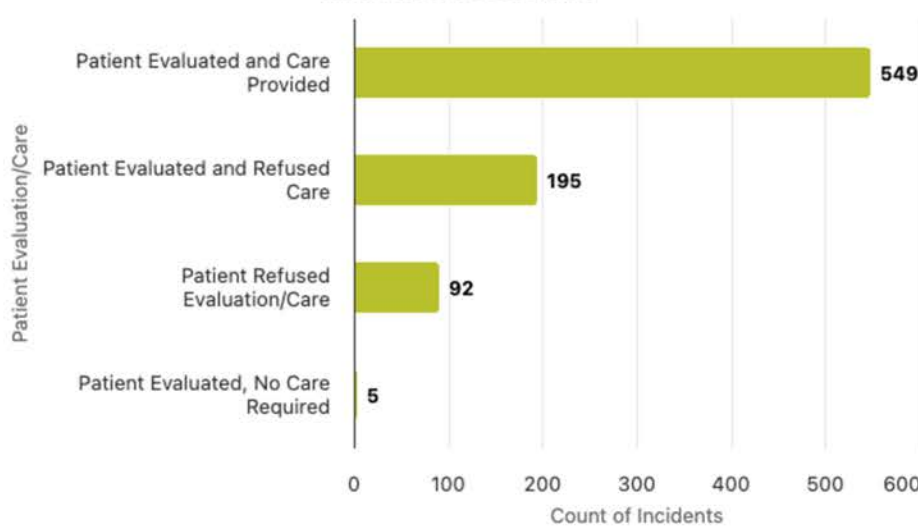
### Incidents by Patient Disposition

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### Incidents by Patient Evaluation/Care

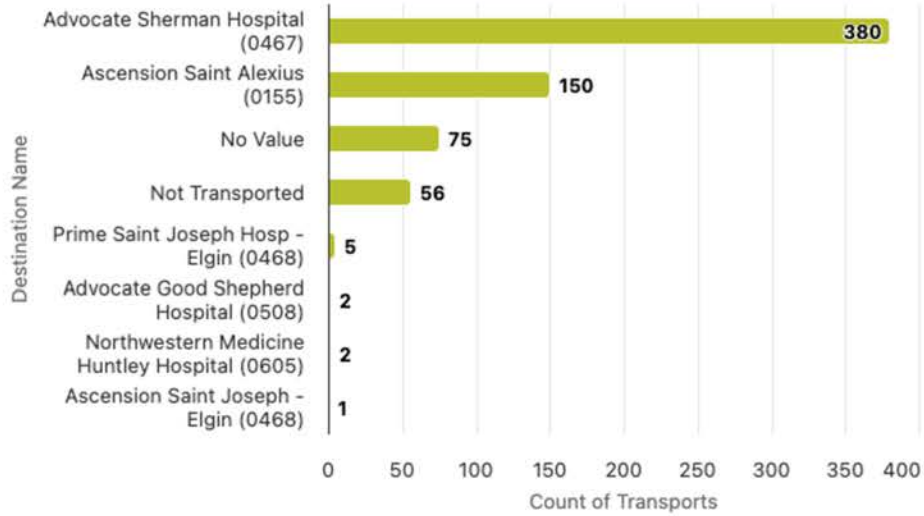
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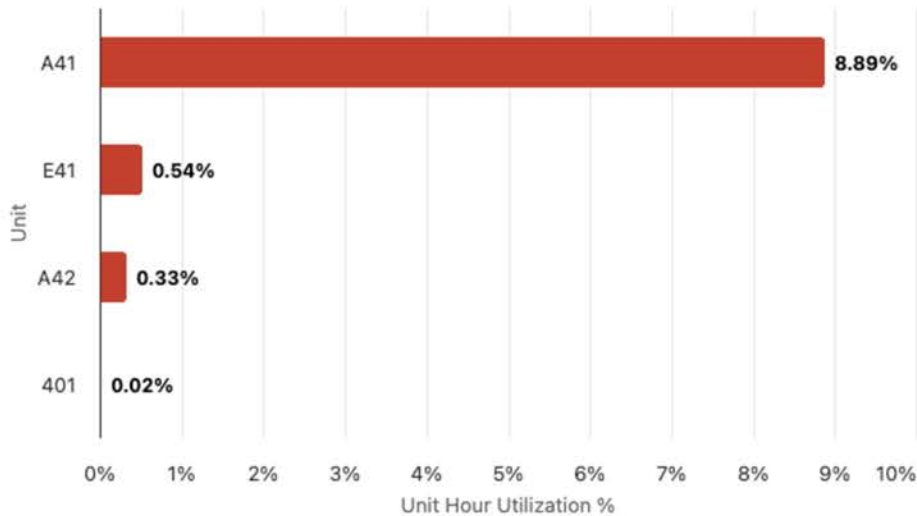
### Transports by Destination (Top 40)

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025



### Unit Hour Utilization (Top 20)

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025





By Lieutenant Braden Wilson

In the fire service, training is an expectation for firefighters at every level. It has always been a key part of developing and reinforcing lifesaving skills. Whether operating on the fireground or responding to an EMS call, training is what firefighters rely on. It serves as the foundation of the department and is one of the most important aspects of the job outside of answering calls.

Over the years, East Dundee Fire has consisted of a mix of full-time and part-time members. Regardless of position or hours worked, all members are expected to perform at a high level of skill at any time of day to protect lives and property. This directly reflects the training they receive. These standards would not be possible without providing high-quality training opportunities.

The development of a Training Plan is reviewed and updated each year to remain current with requirements from the Insurance Services Office (ISO), Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the Secretary of State (SOS).

In 2025, East Dundee Fire consisted of 2 Chief Fire Officers, 3 Fire Lieutenants, 8 Driver Operators, and 13 Firefighters, not including 1 Fire Marshal and 1 Fire Inspector.

During the 2025-year, East Dundee Fire had the privilege of hosting an Electric Vehicle Fire Rescue class that included surrounding departments and focused on response considerations and hazards related to electric vehicles. The department also completed an NFPA 1403 live burn down of a structure off Route 72, which is becoming less common due to the limited availability of structures to burn down and EPA regulations. This type of training provides some of the most realistic fireground experiences possible. Special thanks to the Cook County Forest Preserve for donating the structure used for this training.

Every 3 to 5 years, fire departments are evaluated by the Insurance Services Office through a detailed scoring process, with training being a major component. East Dundee Fire currently holds a Class 2 ISO rating, which only a small percentage of departments achieve. The department continues to prioritize training to maintain and improve this rating.

In 2025, with a total of 26 members, the department completed the following training hours:

- Company Training: 4,697.56 hours
- Driver Operator Training: 452.75 hours
- Facility Training: 132 hours
- Hazmat Training: 239 hours
- Officer Development: 47.5 hours
- EMS Training: 1,067 hours

In 2025, the East Dundee Fire District utilized Vector Solutions to track and document all departmental training activities. Training is logged daily for each individual member upon completion to ensure accurate and up-to-date records. The department maintains a Google Calendar that is embedded within the Vector Solutions platform. This calendar is used to notify personnel of scheduled daily training sessions. Training schedules are reviewed and adjusted annually to ensure compliance with state and federal regulations.

To streamline compliance and documentation, East Dundee Fire District uses a credential-based system within Vector Solutions. Each member is assigned multiple required credentials at the beginning of the year. All assigned credentials must be completed at 100% by the end of the calendar year. These credentials are aligned with the Illinois State Fire Marshal requirements and have been integrated into a new recertification process. Members are now assigned credential pathways that directly correspond to Illinois State Fire Marshal standards, ensuring consistent compliance and simplified recertification tracking.

In 2021, the Illinois State Fire Marshal announced that beginning in January 2022, most firefighter certifications would require recertification every 4 years bringing a deadline of December 2025. Training programs were adjusted to meet these new requirements. After thousands of hours of drills and skills training, we are proud to report that our members have successfully maintained all required certifications.

Another critical component of the East Dundee Fire District's training program is the number of hours completed in coordination with neighboring agencies. During emergency responses of all types, the department operates in close partnership with the Carpentersville Fire Department, West Dundee Fire Department, and Rutland Dundee Fire Protection District. To ensure seamless operations during mutual and automatic aid incidents, the departments follow a structured and regimented training schedule. Joint training focuses on core EMS and fire suppression fundamentals to maintain operational consistency, communication efficiency, and tactical alignment across agencies.



In 2025, East Dundee Fire District documented 612 hours of automatic aid training conducted in partnership with these agencies. This regional training commitment is essential, as these departments routinely respond together with a unified objective: protecting lives and property.

The joint training evolutions conducted throughout the year included:

- Live fire evolutions
- Ice rescue operations
- Emergency medical services
- Fire apparatus pumping operations

These multi-agency drills strengthen interoperability, enhance firefighter safety, and ensure that personnel operate under standardized procedures during real-world incidents.

Throughout a typical year, members of the East Dundee Fire District dedicate significant time to training within the department to develop and refine operational skills, tactics, and strategies. In addition to internal training, many members actively pursue outside educational opportunities to further expand their professional knowledge and bring the most current practices back to the department.

These external training opportunities cover a wide range of topics, including basic firefighting fundamentals, advanced firefighting techniques, vehicle extrication, and officer development and leadership training. By participating in these programs, personnel gain exposure to evolving industry standards, new technologies, and modern emergency response strategies that enhance the department's overall operational readiness.

The table below outlines the courses attended by department members during 2025. The adjacent column lists the certifications that were obtained because of completing these programs.

Obtaining a certification indicates that a member successfully attended and completed the required coursework and demonstrated documented practical skills that meet established state standards.



## 2025 Class Report

### Classes Completed

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Company Officer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Jordan Padron</li> <li>◦ Lucas Meyer</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Confined Space Entry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Christian Nolan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Fire Department Incident Safety Officer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Tyler MacDonald</li> <li>◦ Braden Wilson</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Fire Inspector II</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Matthew Frank</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Fire Service Vehicle Operator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dylan Baribeau</li> <li>◦ Brandon Stumbaugh</li> <li>◦ Lucas Wojnicki</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Hazardous Materials Operations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dylan Baribeau</li> <li>◦ Brandon Stumbaugh</li> <li>◦ Lucas Wojnicki</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Public Life Safety Educator I</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Matthew Frank</li> <li>◦ Jordan Padron</li> <li>◦ Inspector Terry</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Rope Operations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Christian Nolan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Rope Technician</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Christian Nolan</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Electric Vehicle Rescue</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Andrew Clark</li> <li>◦ Tommy Powers</li> <li>◦ Shawn Adkerson</li> <li>◦ Justin Peters</li> <li>◦ Paul Grimmer</li> <li>◦ Alex Picchi</li> <li>◦ Tarrah Kamp</li> <li>◦ Jeremy Schwab</li> <li>◦ Stephen Johnson</li> <li>◦ Jason Parthun</li> <li>◦ Cade Steichen</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Jordan Padron Structure Burn</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Jason Parthun</li> <li>◦ Jeremy Schwab</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Veterans in the Fire Service</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Thomas Powers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Smoke Divers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Jeremy Schwab</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Rapid Intervention Team (Chief)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Jeremy Schwab</li> <li>◦ Joseph Schwab</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Standard Response Protocol</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Jason Parthun</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Tarrah Kamp</li> <li>◦ Alexander Picchi</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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## 2025 Certification Report

### OSFM Certification Received

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Advanced Technician Firefighter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Francisco Bravo</li> <li>◦ Christian Nolan</li> <li>◦ Jordan Padron</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Basic Fire Prevention Officer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Matthew Frank</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Basic Operations Firefighter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dylan Baribeau</li> <li>◦ Andrew Clark</li> <li>◦ Cade Steichen</li> <li>◦ Brandon Stumbaugh</li> <li>◦ Lucas Wojnicki</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Confined Space Operations</b></li> <li>• Christian Nolan</li> <li>• <b>Fire Apparatus Engineer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Stephen Johnson</li> <li>◦ Justin Peters</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Fire Depart. Incident Safety Officer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Tyler MacDonald</li> <li>◦ Braden Wilson</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Fire Inspector 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Matthew Frank</li> <li>◦ Kanen Terry</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fire Inspector 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Matthew Frank</li> <li>◦ Kanen Terry</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Fire Service Instructor 1</b></li> <li>• Christian Nolan</li> <li>• <b>Fire Service Vehicle Operator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dylan Baribeau</li> <li>◦ Andrew Clark</li> <li>◦ Brandon Stumbaugh</li> <li>◦ Lucas Wojnicki</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Hazardous Materials Operations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dylan Baribeau</li> <li>◦ Andrew Clark</li> <li>◦ Cade Steichen</li> <li>◦ Brandon Stumbaugh</li> <li>◦ Lucas Wojnicki</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Public Life Safety Educator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Matthew Frank</li> <li>◦ Jordan Padron</li> <li>◦ Kanen Terry</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Rope Operations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Christian Nolan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Rope Technician</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Christian Nolan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Training Program Manager</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Braden Wilson</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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	Sum of Hours
Community Risk Reduction	113
Company Training	4697.56
Driver/Operator Training	452.75
Facility Training	132
Hazmat Training	239
New Driver/Operator Training	69.11
Officer Training	47.5
Other Training	1627.1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7378.02</b>





Row Labels	Sum of Hours
'Administrative'	469.5
'Communication'	20.25
'Compliance Training'	381.5
'District Familiarization'	250.5
'Driver/Operator Training'	252
'Drivers Training'	173.5
'EMS Scenario'	15
'EMS Skill'	31
'EMS SMO'	13
'EMS'	1008
'Engineer Packet'	57.11
'Facility Training'	60
'Fire Behavior'	66.5
'Fire Protection Systems'	37.5
'Firefighter Skills'	148.5
'Firefighter Survival'	67.5
'Forcible Entry'	146
'Hazardous Materials'	153.5
'Health and Wellness'	93.96
'Hoseline Operations'	299.5

Row Labels	Sum of Hours
'Instructor'	31
'Ladders'	90
'Live Fire Training'	308
'NFPA 1410 Evolutions'	96
'Orientation'	24
'Probation Program'	186.95
'Quadcom Training'	57
'Rural / Wildland Operations'	119
'SCBA'	511.75
'Tactics and Strategies'	76.5
'Tool Activities'	1663
'VMO'	70
'Water Rescue'	82
Officer Training	47.5
'Building Construction'	28
OSFM Recertifications	75
Investigator	113
Rescue Task Force	14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7337.02</b>



By Firefighter Jordan Padron

The East Dundee Fire District takes pride in the fire safety awareness its members promote throughout 2025! Through smoke detector installation programs, school talks, and classic touch-a-truck events, our members have made a significant impact on our community. Every member, from part-time personnel to the Fire Chief, has been involved in teaching, demonstrating, and encouraging our community to live more safely. From medical safety advice to fire safety tips and tricks, there is always a way that every resident of our town can improve their lives and those around them.

In 2025, our department participated in a Smoke-Detector Installation program with ‘Camp I AM ME,’ providing free smoke detectors to residents and installing them properly for those in need. This initiative not only reduced the risk of house fires but also gave us the chance to connect with residents, build rapport, and instill confidence in those who rely on us.

Every October during Fire Prevention Month, our local school invites us to teach students of all grade levels about fire safety. From Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, our members dedicate time to provide engaging ways for them to learn and remember what we teach. For the youngest students, from Pre-K to Kindergarten, we focus on planting the fundamentals of fire safety that will benefit them in the years ahead. 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> graders participate in an assembly-style training, where they learn about topics like the “safe meeting point,” cooking safety, and navigating through smoky conditions. They also have opportunities to win prizes for answering questions and to try on our firefighter gear! Students in 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade receive individual classroom lessons, where more in-depth topics are covered. They learn how to manage smoke detectors, understand the Fire Tetrahedron, and properly communicate with dispatchers if they need to call 911. At the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade sessions, we love to finish by taking the kids outside to operate our brush truck and spray water at a burning house prop that Lt. Schwab built for them.



Along with visiting and teaching school kids every year, we have the privilege of visiting multiple daycares within our community. Each spring, we arrange safety talks with the staff so we can come out and teach children of all ages who attend. Handouts are provided for kids to fill out with their parents, and prizes and goodies are given to everyone to help reinforce what they learned. Of course, all the kids also get to climb into the fire engine!

Throughout the year, various events are hosted in our town, including concerts, parades, car shows, and business outings. Because of the strong relationships we maintain within our community, we are often invited to participate in these events. Last year, we attended numerous social outings at the South Barrington Arboretum, where we showcased our Ambulance or Fire Engine, allowing kids and parents to check them out while we handed out stickers, pencils, and fire safety pamphlets. In October, we took part in the Randall Oaks Boo-Thru event, where a few of our members decorated our ambulance for Halloween and distributed candy to families driving by with children.

Santa's Village always enjoys having us participate in a touch-a-truck event, and we always look forward to attending. Not only does this give us the chance to educate local residents, but it also allows us to share our knowledge beyond our usual boundaries. Along with numerous touch-a-trucks, we provide medical and fire safety presentations to various community groups across town. For example, our public library and Village Green received presentations this past year, including fire-extinguisher training, emergency response plans, and insights into our fire department's operations and services.

Overall, our department and public education program were very proud of our most successful year yet. By booking more safety presentations, station tours, touch-a-trucks, and community-participation events than in any previous year, we are thrilled with our progress. This program was only made possible through the continuous attention to detail and dedication of all the members who stepped up. We set the bar high and are excited to surpass it once again this year.





By Firefighter CJ Nolan

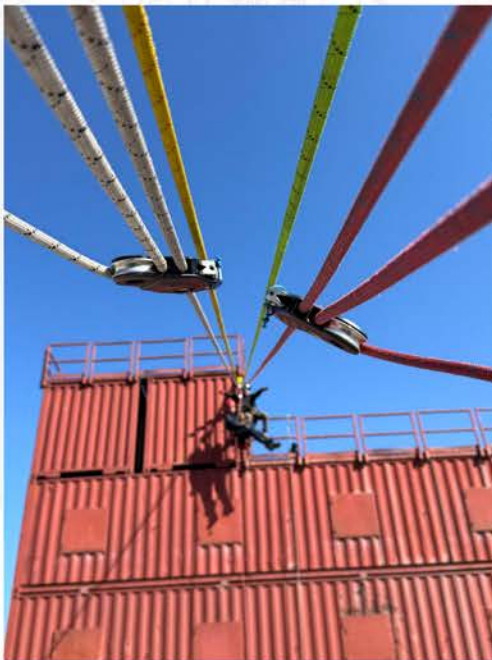
The East Dundee Fire District's Technical Rescue Team (TRT) continues to develop its capabilities while maintaining readiness to respond to complex rescue incidents. As a participating agency within MABAS Division 2, the district remains committed to training and collaborating with surrounding departments to ensure a coordinated regional response to any technical rescue incident.

Over the past year, the district has focused on strengthening its training foundation and ensuring the reliability of the equipment used during technical rescue operations. FF/PM CJ Nolan completed several key training programs, including Rope Rescue Operations, Rope Rescue Technician, and Confined Space Operations. These courses provide the advanced knowledge and hands-on skills necessary to support the district's technical rescue capabilities and assist with future training opportunities within the department.

In addition to training advancements, a significant milestone was achieved with the complete review and replacement of expired items within the district's TRT inventory. Maintaining operational readiness requires that all equipment meet current safety standards and remain reliable for deployment. Through this effort, all outdated or expired equipment was identified and replaced, ensuring the team's rescue cache is fully serviceable and prepared for response.

Being part of MABAS Division 2 provides opportunities for regional training and operational coordination with other technical rescue teams across the area. These partnerships allow departments to share resources, standardize rescue procedures, and strengthen interoperability during large-scale or complex incidents.

Looking forward, the district plans to continue expanding its technical rescue training and participating with regional teams. We hope to add more members to our growing team as well! Emphasis will remain on maintaining equipment readiness, building technical rescue knowledge within the department, and ensuring personnel are prepared to respond safely and effectively to specialized rescue incidents.





By Firefighter Francisco Bravo

During the year, department members and QuadCom personnel were recertified in Hazardous Materials Operations utilizing an internally developed lesson plan. Our tech response to an ammonia release incident in the Village of Barrington. Our Hazmat Tech also participated in two FBI Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training sessions. The first session included a WMD and threat awareness briefing, Improvised Explosive Device (IED) training, and response procedures for suspicious white powder letters. The second session focused on toxins and biotoxins, including related legislation and threat awareness.

Additionally, our Hazmat Tech successfully completed the Hazardous Materials Incident Commander course through the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI).

Throughout the year, our tech participated in six Division 2 drills, including a full-scale response exercise hosted by the Bartlett Fire Protection District. This drill simulated an ammonia release at the Rana Meal Solutions facility, which experienced a similar incident several years ago, and included outside evaluators.

The department currently maintains one Hazardous Materials Technician and continues to encourage additional members to pursue technician-level certification as interest develops.





By Lieutenant Jeremy Schwab

The East Dundee Fire District Water Rescue Team currently comprises three active Water Rescue Specialists, each certified in multiple disciplines, including Paramedic, Public Safety Dive Supervisor, Swift Water Technician, Surface Ice Rescue, and Rope Rescue Operations. Our team is an integral part of the MABAS Division 2 Water Rescue Team.

The East Dundee Fire District is fully equipped to support our technicians in managing a wide range of water-related emergencies within East Dundee, the QuadCom service area, and in support of multiple MABAS Division teams as requested.

Our department operates a 16-foot Rescue One Connector boat, enhancing the district's operational capabilities. Boat 41 is outfitted with a 50-horsepower motor, Lowrance Sonar with side scan, down scan, and GPS functionality, as well as rope rescue equipment and various specialized tools to support our Water Rescue Specialists in any water rescue scenario.

Our members continually train with water rescue situations annually.

- Ropes, knots, rigging, and tying off
- Rescuing victims within a swift water environment
- Rescue victims in an ice rescue situation

Our current members on the Water rescue team are:

- Lieutenant Jeremy Schwab – Team Supervisor
- Kyle Huffman
- Luke Meyer



By Firefighter Francisco Bravo

Throughout the year, our coordinator continued to develop and deliver Rescue Task Force (RTF) training for our department as well as neighboring agencies. These efforts have contributed to the continued growth and strengthening of our working relationship with the East Dundee Police Department. Our coordinator also attended and completed the ITOA RTF instructor course. Additionally, our coordinator was requested to assist the Carpentersville Police Department and Carpentersville Fire Department during a response drill conducted at the AMC South Barrington 24 theater. During this exercise, the coordinator served as both a consultant and evaluator.

These opportunities have supported the continued development of interagency partnerships and enhanced regional preparedness with surrounding public safety agencies.





By Deputy Chief Joe Schwab

The East Dundee Firefighter Pension Fund is composed of five trustees: two elected Active Firefighters, one elected Retired Firefighter, and two Board Appointees. The East Dundee Fire Protection District Board of Trustees appointed Treasurer Mark Guth Jr. and Deputy Chief Joe Schwab. The annual election of Officers of the Board saw the retention of Appointee Trustee Schwab as President and Retired Trustee Setzer as Secretary.

Notable processes completed in 2025 are as follows:

- One retirement applications were received, reviewed and approved.
- One new member was added to the Fund.
- Fiduciary Liability Insurance policy was renewed.
- Lauterbach & Amen continues to provide meeting compliance and employee record management.

The Fund continued to perform well during 2025 even with highs and lows occurring in the investment space. Key highlights from annual reporting include:

- Total Market Value (December 31, 2025)- \$ 5,245,919.16
- Employee Contributions- \$109,843.52
- Employer Contributions- \$328,305.03
- Investment Income- \$748,358.41

The fund continues to strive for the 2040 mandate funding goal of 90%

Current Pension Fund Members Include:

- Joe Schwab - President
- Mark Setzer - Secretary/Retiree Representative
- Mark Guth Jr. - Trustee
- Braden Wilson - Trustee
- Matthew Reibel - Trustee



By Lieutenant Jeremy Schwab

The Foreign Fire Insurance Board is composed of sworn and elected members of the East Dundee Fire District, along with the Fire Chief, and is responsible for managing and allocating revenues collected from taxes on fire insurance policies. These funds are generated from policies sold to businesses by out-of-state insurance companies. The Board's primary responsibility is to ensure these funds are used for the maintenance, operations, and benefit of the Fire District.

The Board meets quarterly to review and approve proposals that enhance the efficiency, safety, and well-being of the Fire District and its personnel. In 2025, the Board approved a number of initiatives aimed at supporting both operational readiness and member welfare.

### **Station Improvements**

- New recliners were purchased to replace aging seating, providing members with a comfortable space to rest during long shifts.
- Kitchen equipment and grill replacement parts were acquired to support meal preparation for personnel.
- A new assignment board was installed in the apparatus bay, streamlining the assignment of personnel to apparatus and facilitating communication regarding equipment status and maintenance.

### **Membership Benefits**

Each member received an allowance to purchase small tools to support their firefighting and medical responsibilities. Items procured included radio strap holders, flashlights, and hand tools, enhancing both safety and operational efficiency.

## Operational Equipment

- Samson Straps were purchased for all Advanced Life Support (ALS) apparatuses. These straps assist medical personnel in lifting, moving, and transporting patients safely, reducing the risk of injury to both firefighters and patients.
- A new forcible entry training door was acquired, allowing members to practice skills such as handling inward- and outward-swinging doors, lock manipulation, panic bar hardware, rebar cutting, and security door forcible entry techniques. This equipment enhances readiness and skill proficiency for real-world scenarios.

Through these initiatives, the Foreign Fire Insurance Board continues to ensure that resources are allocated in ways that directly benefit the East Dundee Fire District, its members, and the community it serves.

Our current Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board consisted of the following members:

- President – Lt. Jeremy Schwab
- Secretary – Luke Meyer
- Treasurer – Matt Reibel
- Trustee – Francisco Bravo
- Trustee – Jordan Padron
- Trustee – Christian Nolan





# 2025 RETIREMENTS, PROMOTIONS, AND NEW HIRES

## Retirements

Lieutenant Nick Arneson retired from the East Dundee Fire Protection District after serving 14 years.

Lieutenant Arneson was instrumental as a leader to his shift. He also ensure the fire station was kept up to date.



## Promotions

Firefighter Braden Wilson was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on February 18, 2025



## Newly Hired Full-Time Personnel in 2025

Firefighter Justin Peters was sworn-in on March 18, 2025



## Newly Hired Part-Time Personnel in 2025

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Firefighters Andrew Clark, Cade Steichen, Dylan Baribeau, Brandon Stumbaugh, and Lucas Wojnicki were all hired as part-time employees in 2025

## Firefighter that Completed their Probation Period in 2025

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Firefighters Thomas Powers, Shawn Adkerson, and Paul Grimmer completed their Probationary period as part-time employees in 2025

## New Apparatus in 2025

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 the firefighters pushed in our new Engine. It was two years of planning, reviewing, and inspecting to ensure this vehicle can respond to incidents for many years.









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