

Park Ridge Fire Department

*OUR MISSION: TO LIMIT THE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY THROUGH
PLANNING, PREVENTION AND RESPONSE*

On February 2, 2011 a blizzard dumping over 17 inches of snow, covered the Chicagoland area. The Park Ridge Fire Department had a very difficult time getting down streets to get to patients, shoveling paths to get to the patients in their homes, dealing with power outages and opening and manning the EOC (Emergency Operation Center) that is located in the basement of St. 36, pictured below.



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Highlight of the Month



PARK RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT
CORRESPONDENCE

2011-005

Reviewed

Station _____
Black Shift : ____ Date: _____
Red Shift: ____ Date: _____
Gold Shift: ____ Date: _____

DATE: February 11, 2011
TO: All Fire Department Personnel
FROM: Deputy Chief Sorensen
SUBJECT: Firefighter of the Year Award 2010

- Information
- Operational Update
- New Policy
- Personnel Change
- Revised Policy
- Other

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Please join me in congratulating Firefighter/Paramedic Frank Villari on being selected for the 2010 Firefighter of the Year Award. Frank will be formally recognized at a ceremony to be held on March 14, 2011 at the Park Ridge V.F.W. Post.

Firefighter/Paramedic Frank Villari has consistently demonstrated his commitment to providing superior service throughout his career. Frank is being recognized for his work in 2010 that included an EMS call with a successful resuscitation and for serving as a leader in our City's emergency response to flooding in Westchester. The success in both of these incidents can be attributed to the skill, commitment and leadership of Firefighter/Paramedic Frank Villari.

The actions of the Frank Villari are consistent with the high standards of excellence of the City of Park Ridge Fire Department. Thank you Frank for a job well done!

Special thanks to Lt. Derek Decker for keeping this awards process going and working each year on the nomination process and the selection committee. I would also like to thank the members of this Department that served on the selection committee including Matt Jarka and Bill Smaha.





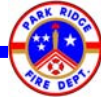
On January 17, 2011, at the City Council meeting, Chief Zywanski presented commendations on an AED save at the Loyola Center for Heart and Vascular at 1030 W. Higgins. Park Ridge Fire Department Station #35 units responded. The patient was a 71 year-old male who made a complete recovery from the incident.

Personnel News



Battalion Chief Sankey and his wife are proud parents to Carlin Aubrey Sankey. She was born on 2/17/11 weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Congratulations!





Kiwanis warms hearts with spaghetti dinner: Kiwanis Noon Club president Dave Samson takes time to greet dinner guest Deputy Chief Jeff Sorenson, president of the Kiwanis Morning Club. (Valerie Niskanen for Sun-Times Media)

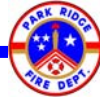


The 2011 Hustle up the Hancock Team included the following:

Top - Jeff Laube, Tim Schneider, Ken Weingart

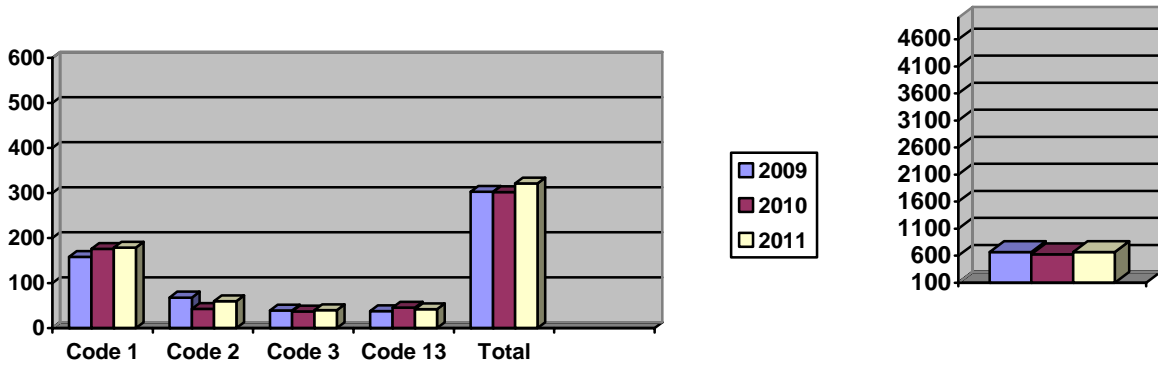
Bottom - Matt Jarka, John Piltaver, Erica Portnoy





Response Statistics
Fire Administration

CODE	MONTHLY REPOSES 2010	MONTHLY REPOSES 2011	MONTHLY PERCENT 2010	MONTHLY PERCENT 2011
1- ambulance	176	179	58%	56%
2- single vehicle	43	60	14%	19%
3 - full fire	37	40	12%	12%
13 - mutual & auto aid	46	42	15%	13%
TOTAL RESPONSES	302	321	100%	100%



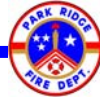
CURRENT MONTH

TOTAL ALARMS YTD

FIRE INVESTIGATION
Lieutenant Derek Decker

This has been the second time we can proudly announce there is nothing to report for February for fire investigations.





Special Teams

Battalion Chief Scott Sankey

Hazardous Materials Team (HAZMAT)

HAZMAT team leader, Lt. Tim Debs reported the Park Ridge Hazardous Materials Response Team participated in Division III training at the Evanston Fire Department. Evidence collection skills were practiced.

Underwater and Rescue and Recovery Team

On February 17th, members of the dive team participated in an ice dive hosted by the Northbrook Fire Department. The dive was held at a small lake at Underwriters Laboratories in Northbrook. The training involved an exercise in recovering targets from the bottom of the ice-covered lake, underwater radio communication, and tender to diver line signals.

Technical Rescue Team (TRT)

February was the first scheduled month of training for 2011. A confined space entry rescue drill was held in Highland Park at their water pumping station. This was a simulated response to three workers down in a low oxygen atmosphere. A first responding firefighter was also down, due to poor air quality. There were approximately 55 attendees from Division III. The Division III air truck along with several department squads were used to help with this rescue drill.

Training

Battalion Chief Scott Sankey

Daily Quick Drills

Each shift day the Training Division assigns a quick drill to be discussed at the morning roll call. The quick drills for February included ventilating steel roof decks, wall collapse types, the car fire playbook, fire alarm investigations, safe roadway work zones, and map grids 3585, 3586, 3681, and 3682.

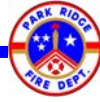
Fire Scene Evidence Preservation Training

Lt. John Ortlund presented each shift with classroom training on the importance of evidence preservation for fire investigations.

Union Pacific Railroad Safety Seminar

Battalion Chief Norton attended a half-day railroad safety seminar at Oakton Community College.





MABAS Division III Special Teams

Members of the Fire Investigation, HAZMAT, URRT (Dive), and TRT teams participated in Division III training drills.

Outside Training

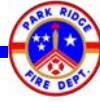
No outside training this month.

Apparatus & Equipment
Battalion Chief John Hanson

Due to the high amount of miles and the stresses that the vehicles are put under, it is critical that we perform routine and emergency maintenance in cooperation with City Garage. Below is a list of the maintenance completed for the month:

F-26	1998 Command Van	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seat belt retractor replaced - Replaced auto-eject - New emergency light control panel installed
F-32	2005 Ambulance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replaced right rear door open sensor
F-33	2005 Ambulance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replaced struts in bench seat - New drawer slides installed in module - Replaced rear dome lights
F-41	1995 Engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Low coolant sensor replaced on radiator - Replaced exhaust pipe from turbo charger to muffler
F-42	1996 Engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fuel gauge sending unit replaced
F-43	2005 Engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Left rear air bag linkage rod replaced - Replaced drivers rear tire stem valve - Windshield washer nozzles replaced - Repaired rear rotating light
F-45	2001 Aerial Platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New windshield washer assembly installed - Aerial ladder cleaned and greased
F-47	1995 Pickup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New temperature gauge installed





Fire Prevention

Lieutenant Kevin Plach

Activity	Monthly Totals 2010	Monthly Totals 2011
Initial Inspections	12	0
Re-Inspections	32	1
Pre-Permit Meetings	2	0
Construction Visits	4	4
Final Inspections	7	7
Plan reviews	6	14
Sprinkler Hydros	2	1
Storage Tank Installs	0	0
Storage Tank Removals	0	0
Residential Sprinklers	0	0
Fire Flow Tests	0	0
Fire Alarm Tests	0	4
Fire Pump Tests	0	0
Key Box Insp./Installs	2	5
Hood Test	2	0
Single Family Home Inspections	1	1
Citations	0	0
Meetings	11	21
Fire Drills	0	0
Seminar/Schools	2	0
Complaints	0	1
Shift Tours	3	0
Public Education Tours	0	0
Total	86	59

Public Education

Lieutenant Kevin Plach

Car Seat Safety Checks

17 car seat safety checks were performed in February.

CPR and First Aid classes

8 people attended CPR and First Aid classes in the month of February.

The following classes were provided:

- 1 Health Care Provider class
- 1 Heart Saver First Aid and CPR classes
- 1 Heart Saver AED class





CPR and First Aid training was provided to:

- 8 people in our 2 public classes

Park Ridge Fire Explorer Post 3536

The Explorers had 2 meetings in February on the 9th and 23rd. At both meetings 13 Explorers familiarized themselves with the post's SCBA's, trained on donning, doffing, and emergency procedures and used the training tower to practice search techniques while using the SCBA.

Monthly Tip

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**NEWS
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January 31, 2011

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Putting the freeze on winter fires

OSFM warns of space heater and fireplace dangers

CHICAGO – While space heaters and fireplaces make us feel warm and toasty, these two heat sources also represent a leading cause of home fires and fire fatalities, according to the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM)

Nationally, heating equipment caused an estimated 66,100 home structure fires resulting in 480 civilian deaths, 1,660 injuries and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage in 2008.

“Because home heating fires are often the result of human error, the majority of them are preventable,” says Larry Matkaitis, Illinois State Fire Marshal. “By following basic safety precautions and making some simple modifications and adjustments, people can greatly reduce their risk.”

OSFM offers the following advice to stay warm and fire-safe:

- All heaters need space. Keep things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- Use heating equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instruction. Have a qualified professional install the equipment.
- Make sure all fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. CO is created when fuels burn incompletely. CO poisoning can cause illness and even death.
- Make sure the venting for exhaust is kept clear and unobstructed. This includes removal of snow around the outlet to the outside.
- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms inside your home to provide early warning of carbon monoxide.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Turn space heaters off when you leave a room or go to sleep.

For more information about fire safety and prevention, please visit www.state.il.us/osfm or www.nfpa.org.

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