

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



Fire Department
ELMHURST

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

2021 was a year filled with many unique challenges, including the continuation of our encounters with the Covid-19 pandemic. Throughout these challenges, the Firefighters and Paramedics of the Elmhurst Fire Department continued to respond as dedicated and compassionate professionals. The Department is thankful for the support from our residents, business owners, Mayor Levin, the City Council, City Manager Grabowski and the interdepartmental City staff that have worked alongside us.



Our value to the residents and businesses in Elmhurst is measured directly by the quality of service that we provided. We take pride in delivering the best assistance to those that live, work, or visit our town. Our summary of these accomplishments can be found in this report.

2021 taught us to step back and reexamine how we interact and respond to calls for service as we adapt to the challenges and demands of our everchanging city and world, and as we move forward from the strains of the pandemic. The Fire Department continues to embrace innovative new practices and fresh ways of thinking. We are constantly evaluating and seeking ways to further develop our programs and services to the community.

The Elmhurst Fire Department is excited to announce fresh initiatives for 2022. A brand-new bike safety program for families, installation of the "Little Free Library" at each fire station, sensory day for children with special powers, "Cooks & Hooks" a cookbook filled with our firehouse favorite recipes, and our Noon Year's Eve bash for families to name a few. Please visit Elmhurst.org/fire for the latest events and initiatives.

In conclusion, I am extremely proud of our firefighters, paramedics and their families for their sense of duty, honor, integrity and professionalism. Without them, the Elmhurst Fire Department would not be able to continue setting and meeting new goals to move us forward in a positive and unified direction. We look forward to continuing to improve our service to the citizens of Elmhurst in 2022.

Sincerely,

Bill Anaszewicz

Acting Fire Chief

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW, DAILY OPERATIONS & EQUIPMENT

Current staffing at the Fire Department consists of a Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, 3 Battalion Chiefs, 6 Lieutenants, 33 full-time firefighters, 15 paramedics, and an Administrative Assistant. The Department is made up of several divisions including Emergency Medical Services, EMA, Fire Prevention, Public Education and Honor Guard and Training.



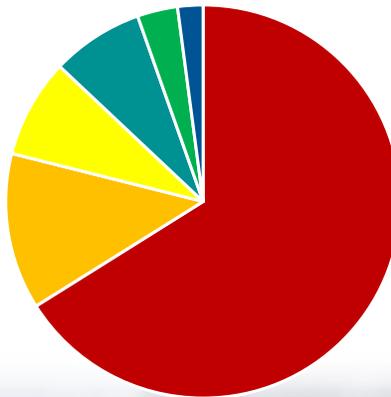
2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Elmhurst Fire Department accomplished many things in 2021, the most important was providing a safe environment for the community by minimizing the impact of fire and injury through public education, quality service, emergency preparedness and an overall culture of safety. Below are a few of our highlighted accomplishments.

- Maintained its ISO Class 1 Certification. The certification is based on the city's fire suppression, training, public education, fire prevention, and water distribution systems.
- Implemented a County wide fire station alerting system that was purchased through the Emergency Telephone System Board. The new standardized system helps improve the efficiency of dispatch and decrease response times.
- Hired firefighters from the current eligibility list to replace two members who have recently retired.
- Received a grant through Illinois American Water for the purchase of Lexipol software to help update and maintain existing operating guidelines to ensure department compliance and increase safety for all members.
- Applied for grant funding through both the Illinois State Fire Marshal and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase new equipment to upgrade and make repairs to the training center.

2021 CALLS BY INCIDENT TYPE

- EMS [66%]
- FALSE ALARM CALLS [13%]
- GOOD INTENT CALLS [8%]
- SERVICE CALLS [8%]
- HAZARDS [3%]
- FIRE [2%]



MISSION STATEMENT

The Elmhurst Fire Department consists of competent and valued professionals dedicated to providing life safety, emergency services, and educational programs for the protection of life and property in our community.

The mission is accomplished by holding devotion to duty above personal safety and comfort, and continually challenging our members to enhance the quality of services provided.

VALUE STATEMENTS

FAMILY AND FRIENDS - We value our family and friends.

TRUST - We value the trust of the community and each other.

INTEGRITY - We shall act in an honest and ethical manner.

RESPONSIBILITY - We will do what we say we are going to do.

WE PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY

WE ARE CORDIAL, RESPECTFUL AND PROFESSIONAL

WE ARE PROMPT WHEN SECONDS COUNT

WE EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON FIRE SAFETY

WE CONDUCT FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS

2022 FIRE DEPARTMENT GOALS

In order to continue to grow and remain successful, the Fire Department sets goals each year. Below are the top 10 goals for this year.

- 1.** Our mission will always be the protection of life and property in our community and our goal as a department will be to provide the best quality of protection and service.
- 2.** We will develop strategies and implement training programs to enhance firefighter health, safety and survival. Supervisors and employees will take an active role in their personal safety and the safety of their crews.
- 3.** Initiate the Fire Department assessment process through the International Fire Chiefs Association. The assessment will utilize strategic planning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the fire department and help improve operations.
- 4.** Community risk reduction including assisting in evaluation of emergency response throughout the City as it relates to traffic flow, congestion, and patterns.
- 5.** The Department will continue to work toward having all Officers and Firefighters NIMS certified.
- 6.** Update a target hazard assessment for the City and update resources as needed, review programs delivered by the Fire Prevention Bureau and evaluate possibilities for updating the materials to incorporate the latest technology.
- 7.** Seek additional funding and apply for grants through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help offset the cost of new equipment and resources that are needed and reduce the impact on the City's General Fund.
- 8.** Evaluate and seek ways to further develop our program and services to our community.
- 9.** Continue to collaborate with Fire East Chiefs Group and explore ways to provide services on a larger and broader regional basis, reduce costs with group purchases, develop standard operating guidelines, and train together to increase our efficiency during emergency incidents.
- 10.** Replace one command vehicle with a fuel-efficient hybrid vehicle.



COMMUNITY EVENTS & PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Elmhurst Fire Department continues to spend time in the community reducing risk through public education, community events, prevention inspections and fire investigations.

Teaching the youngest members of the community fire safety starts in our schools by teaching Cool Rules for Fire Safety to 1st grade students and then the Learn Not to Burn program to 4th grade students. At our annual fire station open house, the community can tour the fire station, see the equipment, kids can participate in safety drills in the mobile Elmhurst Safety House, and see demonstrations.

The department also offers the following public education and community events.

PUBLIC EDUCATION & COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Car Seat Safety Checks
- Home Safety Inspections
- Residential Knox Boxes
- Save Our Pets Program
- Sparky's Club for Kids
- Cooks & Hooks EFD Cookbook
- EFD "Little Free Library" at Fire Station 1 & 2
- Station Open House
- Block Party Apparatus Appearance
- Touch a Truck
- Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Installation & Recycling
- Adopt a Fire Hydrant



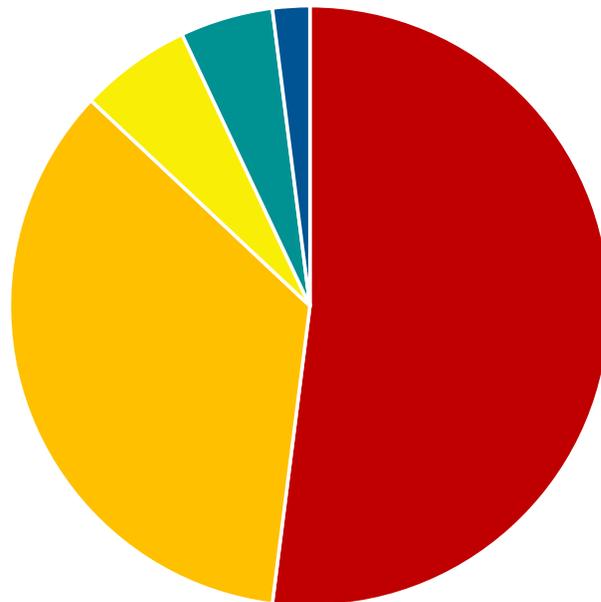
2021 TRAINING DIVISION REPORT

During 2021, the Elmhurst Fire Department continued to train with local, state and regional partners to prepare for emergencies affecting the community and surrounding areas. To meet Insurance Services Office (ISO) requirements, the department must have a training facility that encompasses at least two acres, have a drill tower, and a live fire training structure. The fire department conducts training in the stations, throughout the city, and the training facility located at 910 N. Addison.

In addition to the numbers shown here, hours were spent on a mix of daily quick drills, officer training, public education, and the required Illinois State Fire Marshal OSHA workplace safety training.

2021 TRAINING BY TYPE

- FIRE BEHAVIORS [52%]
- QUICK DRILLS, OSHA, OFFICER TRAINING, PUBLIC EDUCATION [35%]
- TECHNICAL RESCUE [6%]
- EMS [5%]
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS [2%]



TRAINING BY THE NUMBERS

17,126

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS

9,000

FIRE TRAINING

900

EMS TRAINING

400

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TRAINING

1,000

SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL RESCUE TRAINING

439

HOURS OF TRAINING PER PERSON

239

HOURS OVER THE MIN. REQUIRED TRAINING



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Prevention Bureau consists of three individuals whose main goal is to ensure that all commercial occupancies within Elmhurst are safe and in compliance with the Elmhurst fire and building code. This work includes consultations with new business occupants, inspections, and plan reviews.

RESPONSE COVERAGE AREA MAP



403

FIRE PREVENTION /
NEW CONSTRUCTION
INSPECTIONS



632

COMPANY
INSPECTIONS



17

WIRELESS RADIO
INSTALLATIONS



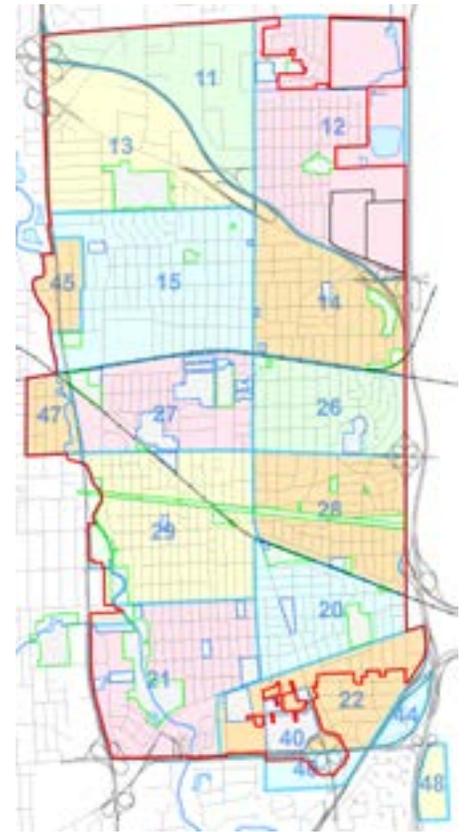
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SELF
INSPECTIONS



29

ANNUAL SCHOOL
INSPECTIONS





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2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUMMER

Sensory Day at the Fire Station
Summer Safety Night Out
Fire Safety Camp

FALL

Fire Department Prevention Week &
Open House Event
Citizens Fire Academy
Cool Rules Public Education
9/11 Memorial Ceremony

WINTER

Holiday Toy Drive
Mitten Tree Collection
Santa Clause is Coming Through Town!
Noon Year's Eve Bash
Hoops & Ladder

SPRING

Senior Safety Symposium
National Firefighter's Day Pancake Breakfast
Bike Ride and Safety Day
Learn Not to Burn Poster Contest

Throughout the year, we also host several blood drives through Vitalant Blood Donation. Please check Elmhurst.org/fire for confirmed dates.



FIRE STATION 1 (HEADQUARTERS)
404 N. York St.



FIRE STATION 2
601 S. York St.



TRAINING ACADEMY
910 N. Addison Ave.

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 Smart911.com