April 2019

2018 Annual Report

Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District

Special points of interest:

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Chief Joe Cluchey

2018 Has been an exciting year for the Elburn and Countryside Fire Protection District especially in the areas of professional development, personal commitment, and strategic planning. During this year our personnel have been very active in not just serving our "day-to-day" calls, but they have also been very active in helping us work toward addressing our future needs.

As a guiding force for all that we do, we utilize our shared vision referred to as "The Elburn Way". This document is based upon 10 key objectives. I think it would be appropriate to share with you these components and provide you with examples of how we have incorporated them into planning and operations during 2018.

1. Service To Others (It is what we do and why we exist).

During 2018 we responded to 1,823 total emergency calls. (specific details can be found on page 6, of this report).

Fire Prevention and Public Education. More important than the calls that we have responded TO, are the calls that we have PREVENTED from occurring. During 2018 our members engaged in over 1,600 activities directed toward fire prevention and public education in efforts to prevent emergency incidents from occurring and reduce the impact of those calls that we do respond to. More information about these activities can be found on page 7 of this report.

Community Service / Planning: During 2018 we engaged our community partners including representatives from the Villages of Campton Hills; Elburn; Lily Lake; and Virgil as well as Fox River Fire Protection District and Elburn Fire District Trustees and leadership to discuss "Concepts of Operations Strategies" for large-scale events.

2. Be Kind (Don't just maintain human dignity – promote it!)

- Celebrate success. Please see our service anniversaries on pages 16-17.
- Our members were extremely active in numerous philanthropic efforts last year. Our Firefighters Association and pancake breakfast raised over $27,000 for community giving. Our Union Local donated over $3,000 to various community service projects during the year and our Explorers raised funds to sponsor a local family in need during the holiday season.

3. Maintain a Shared Vision (One voice – align our individual goals with the shared vision)

- The evolution of the "Elburn Way" has transformed ideas into actions. This doctrine has served as the impetus for our professional growth and the principles of leading our future planning.

- During 2018, we identified the basic components needed to create a comprehensive strategic plan that will lead our organization into the future. Representatives from all levels of our organization have been actively engaged in identifying and acting upon these items. We hope to develop the actual plan in 2019.

4. Be Prepared (Mentally, Physically, and Mechanically)

- We are undertaking enhanced mental health awareness initiatives – including information in our "Nozzle News" newsletter, weekly reports , etc.
- Utilizing money from a grant, we have contracted a personal trainer who coordinates and oversees "circuit" workouts for on and off duty personnel three times weekly. Results from the first twelve months have shown that although we have aged by one year we have seen an average weight loss of 6 pounds, average pulse rate has reduced by 9.5%, number of push-ups in one minute have increased by 13% and 100% can maintain a plank for at least one minute.
- In an effort to maintain / improve our "technical" skills, our members compiled over 11,000 hours of training last year participating in departmental and outside skills development and training courses. (More details in the Training report on page 13.

5. Act! (Model the way, Do your job)

- Our members continually strive to be prepared to meet the needs of our residents and visitors. Some examples of this can be seen through the efforts of department members and committees toward establishing:

  -Response delivery objectives (and working collaboratively at discovering how we can best meet these objectives)

  -Providing the Board of Trustees with recommendations for the adoption of Fund Balance objectives and planning. These recommendations were approved by the Board of Trustees, and we are now working toward achieving those goals.

- Service to our regional community.

  -The regional mutual aid Technical Rescue team is led by Elburn Lt. Greg Algrim.

  -The regional hazardous materials response team is being led by Elburn Lt. James Lloyd.

  -Both of the afore-mentioned regional teams have several other Elburn members serving as team members.

  -Elburn Fire provides members and support to the Kane County Fire Investigations Task Force.

  -A/C Haley and A/C Hanson represented Elburn Fire as members of the Tri Com Joint Operations Committee.

  -A/C Haley continues to serve as treasurer for both the Kane County Fire Chiefs Association and MABAS Division 13.

  -Fire Marshal Schopp represented Elburn at the Fox Valley Building and Fire Inspectors group.

  -Chief Cluchey serves as an Officer of the Kaneland Public Fire and Safety Foundation Board which provides education services to the Kaneland School District.

6. **Enable, Encourage, Expect others to act**

- In 2018, we completed a Leadership Mentoring Program whereby six of our most tenured Lieutenants served as "Acting Assistant Chief" for an 8-week rotation. During the rotations, these candidates were put through administrative simulations, were assigned significant projects that helped provide the framework for many areas included in our strategic planning process, and were coached by an outside mentor on honing their administrative skills.
- 2018 marked the return of an "in-house" firefighter training program for new part-time members (as well as members from neighboring communities). Students were provided instruction in Basic Firefighting Operations commensurate with Illinois State Fire Marshal Standards and upon course graduation – were transitioned into the " department training" program.

7. Challenge the Status Quo Respectfully and Objectively (Find something that needs fixing and take action). Below are a few areas that our Leadership Mentoring Candidates were able to identify opportunities for improvement and took proactive measures in making the needed changes:

- Response procedures
- Health, Safety, and Welfare
- Policies
- Funds Available Balances
- Station #2 remediation and bunk room remodeling.
- Adoption of Organizational Vision and Mission Statement

Evaluation of programs to measure our preparedness and effectiveness.

8. Communicate (Honest, Open, Respectful, and Factual conversations)

- 2018 Marked the second year of a "weekly" report e-mail to each department member, staff member, Trustee, and Commissioner.
- Committees were empowered to conduct research, make recommendations, and act upon the input from their peers in helping to form our future. As an example, our Standardization Committee helped to establish training flow paths, policy recommendations, and work towards meeting our Service Delivery Objectives. Our new engine committee sought input from their peers and helped to design a state-of-the art engine that will be delivered in Mid-2019.

  Our Board of Trustees have listened to and evaluated many proposals by department members and have taken action to make several of these requests.

9. Regardless Of Your Position Within This Organization, Be GREAT In Your Role Or Demonstrate Continued Progress In Working Towards Achievement Of This Goal

- Contained within this annual report – you will see numerous examples of where our members have demonstrated their commitment and dedication toward providing great service to others. Admittedly, there are rare occasions where we have fallen short of attaining "greatness" – but even during those times, we have held true to demonstrating continued progress to achieve those goals.

10. HAVE FUN – BUILD PRIDE

- As Fire Chief of your Fire Protection District, I can promise that while working with the men and women who are sworn to serving you, I have had a great deal of fun. Because of their efforts and the communities support I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished together on your behalf!

In closing, I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for their faith and trust in our members to help guide the future direction of this organization. I would also like to thank the Fire Commission for their efforts in providing us the best possible employees , our administrative staff for their tireless work in meeting our day-to-day needs, and our personnel for the sacrifices and hard work that demonstrates their commitment to serving our community.

Joseph Cluchey

Fire Chief

- **Operations**
- **Personnel**
- **Incident Reporting**

Assistant Chief Matt Hanson

In October of 2018, I was sworn in as your new Assistant Fire Chief. It was immediately after this time that our Leadership Team underwent a re-organization of our Department. As a result of this, I have taken on responsibilities with our Operations, Personnel, Union as well as other areas. I am also now our representative at the Fire Operations meetings at Tri-Com Central Dispatch as well as the Joint Operations Group (JOG).

Being the Operations Assistant Chief has proven an excellent opportunity to continue working, tying together different areas of our operations, to support our adopted *Service Delivery Objective*. With the help of our Standardization Committee, we have been able to define our hazard levels and redesign our response packages to correspond to each level. Utilizing a "front-loading" concept for equipment and manpower to incidents, we have also redesigned our MABAS Box Alarm Cards, both of which were put into service early March 2019 with Tri-Com Central Dispatch. We believe this will allow us to better establish essential emergency incident scene tasking in a timely manner. Additionally, with the help of the Standardization Committee we have put into service our first, Initial Arriving Response Force (IARF) Fire Ground Operations Manual. In further support of developing our IARF , we added SCBA and fire equipment to the ambulances.

Throughout 2018, we made changes to our Fire House reporting structure and data collection abilities, this work continues each month and can be seen in our monthly incident reporting. This information proves itself beneficial with our district planning and resource structuring.

This past year, I was accepted into the National Fire Academy's, Executive Fire Officer Program, of which I look forward to beginning the program. I look forward to the rest of the year and keeping this exciting momentum of our fire district moving as we continue to build each other and our team, as we plan, implement and succeed!

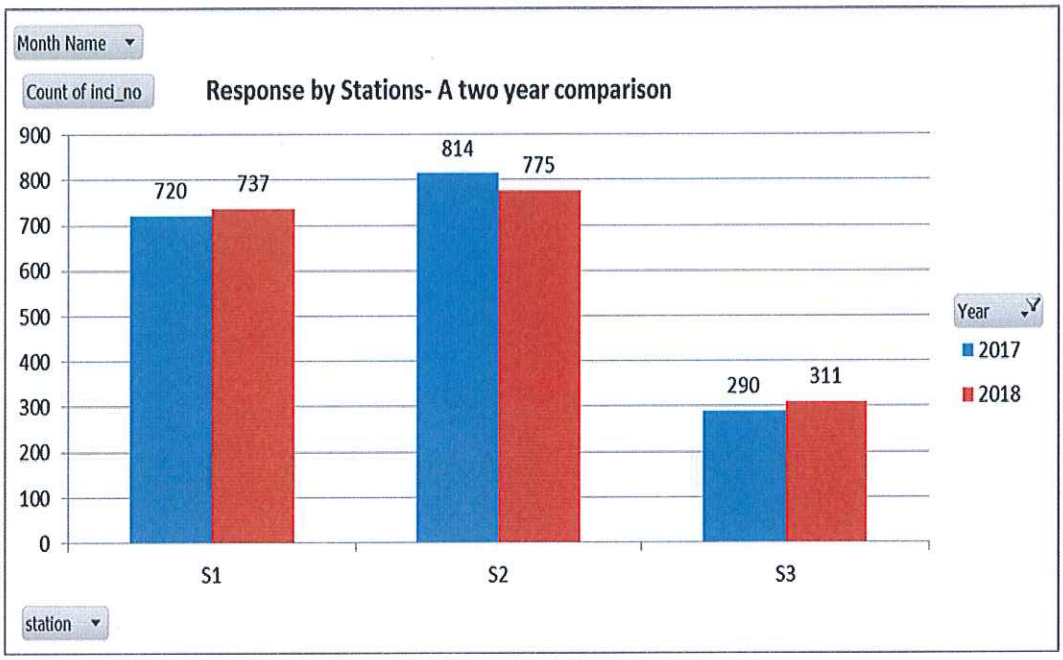


Members of the ECFPD Honor Guard, at the promotion ceremony for Assistant Chief Matt Hanson

2018 Incident Response Summary

2018			Station 1		Station 2		Station 3	
		Total		Total		Total		Total
Fire Incidents		92		43		39		10
Medical Incidents		1148		446		460		242
Service Incidents		583		248		276		59
Total Responses		1823		737		775		311

In the calendar year 2018, we completed 1823 emergency responses, broken out by the following charts by Station and District Zoning.



Zones	2017	2018
1.1 NORTH	321	329
3.1 CENTER	162	150
3.2 ELBURN	438	489
4.1 SOUTH	158	156
4.2 MICREK	424	407
5.1 Out	321	292
Grand Total	1824	1823

In 2018, we also put into effect, different measuring options in our Incident Reporting. This allows us to keep our adopted Service Delivery Objective, response target at the forefront of our data collection. This has helped provide data, to restructure the day to day operations to keep crews in position during peak call times.

Fire Marshall Lisa Schopp

In 2018 our fire inspectors performed over 500 annual fire and life safety inspections at businesses throughout our fire district. Many of those inspections required re-inspections, but our inspectors were ultimately successful in gaining compliance from the building and/or business owner with the fire and life safety codes. We do still have a couple of businesses that are a work in progress with code compliance.

Also in 2018, the duty crews flushed 970 hydrants throughout our fire district, including the Village of Elburn, Mill Creek, Wasco and the Windings. Specific hydrants were also flow tested. Flow testing provides information on water supply and performing this yearly helps to determine any changes in our water supply. The duty crews were able to use the IPads for their inspections and for tracking the hydrants they flushed and flow tested. The IPads helped speed up the process as they did not have to write down all the information, and then come back and input all the data into the computer at the end of the day.

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The lieutenants and I issued almost a hundred Burn Permits in 2018 for ecological management of prairies, wet land and/or woodland property. Multiple Above Ground Storage Tanks and Hot Works Permits were issued to businesses. After performing plan reviews, I issued permits for Building Plans (new and remodels), Fire Alarm Systems, Hood Systems, Solar Systems, and Sprinkler Systems totaling $9,234.83. Four more three-story apartment complexes were built in Mill Creek. Elburn Station began construction. Ryan Homes started construction of townhomes equipped with sprinkler systems in Blackberry Creek.

Throughout the year multiple public education events were attended, including: Blackberry 5K Bolt; Blood Pressure Checks bi-monthly at Greenfields of Geneva; Burn Camp Parade and Visitation; CPR Classes (17); Elburn Christmas Stroll; Elburn Days; Elburn Fire Pancake Breakfast; Fall Fest at Rejoice Lutheran Church; Halloween Community Trick or Treating; Halloween Bags were passed out to all the schools; Home Depot Safety Day; Jinglepalooza; Kane County Safety Days; Keep the Wreath Red; LaFarge Safety Day; National Night Out in Campton Hills, and National Night Out for the Village of Elburn; Reading days at the schools; Remembering When at Meadows Senior Apartments; Silver Games at Greenfields of Geneva; Wellness Fair at Greenfields of Geneva; and multiple block parties and parades were attended.

Fire drills were performed at Greenfields of Geneva and Meadows Senior Apartments, Blackberry Creek Elementary School, Creative Beginnings Elementary School, Fabyan Elementary School, John Stewart Elementary School, Lily Lake Elementary School, Mill Creek Elementary School, the six Marklund Group Homes, and the Marklund Hyde Center.

Fire Prevention Week safety demonstrations included Firefighter Dress-up; Stop, Drop & Roll; EDITH Drills in the Smoke House; Hazard House; and Touch a Truck. Fire Prevention demonstrations were held at Blackberry Creek Elementary School, Creative Beginnings Elementary School, Fabyan Elementary School, Hand in Hand Preschool, John Shields Elementary School, John Stewart Elementary School, Lighthouse Academy, Lily Lake Elementary School, McDole Elementary School, and Mill Creek Elementary School.

It was a busy year, and I am extremely grateful to all of our members who have assisted in all of the above activities to help make our community a safer place!



Local 4749 President, FF/PM Michael Didenko

In 2018 Local 4749 continued to work on building and maintaining a strong working relationship with the Elburn and Countryside Fire Protection District Chiefs, Trustees, and POC staff on a daily basis.

Many of our brothers and sisters took the opportunity as part of the standardization committee along with members of the executive board took on the task of working with the Fire District to reorganize the POC staffing model to fall in line with the *Service Delivery Objective* established by AC. Matt Hanson.

Starting in 2018 our local started a project to add to the rich history the department already has and maintains. Local 4749 members worked on establishing a list of career badge numbers for any full-time member who has served the Ambulance Division or Fire District for more than 1 year of full-time service. Additionally ,local 4749 is in the process of establishing a department wide committee to work on creating a wall of Honor and dedication to any member who has served the Fire District or Ambulance Division for more than 5 years and above. I am excited to see where this project will lead us.

Additionally as this project continues the local will work with the dist. To redesign the badges for the Fire Department along with work on a new department patch with the permission and guidance of the district. We hope to roll this out much like the scramble coat project.

In 2018 we were fortunate to watch Brother Lt. Hanson be promoted to the position of Asst. Chief. We lost 1 other brother FF/PM Ryan King to another dept. We are excited to be adding a new member to our local and Elburn Family and hope to work with the district on ways to add more in the future.



Members of L4749 out assisting with community service projects.

EMS Coordinator, Lt. Sheri Nielsen

In 2018 our department purchased our first mechanical CPR device by Phyiso Control, the LUCAS 3.0 Device. As this device is very costly, with the help from our great local business partners within our community and our own department we were able to make this purchase. In this past year the device has been great for our department, and it has been put to use, is has been receiving great feedback from our members.

> "The LUCAS allows us to be able to perform proper, uninterrupted chest compressions"



The LUCAS allows us to be able to perform proper, uninterrupted chest compressions and in turn allowing us to free up our personnel to be able to perform other important lifesaving skills. We are hoping to purchase another device this year to be put into service. We also hope to implement new technology with an upgrade to IPads for our electronic patient care reports which we will be able to carry into the residence and start the patient care report. With this we hope to cut down on our stay at the hospital writing reports and to get back into our service area much quicker.

Our department as well as our neighboring departments have the great opportunity to be able to call upon a great piece of technology from the Northwestern Medical system that makes an outstanding improvement in patient outcomes when it comes to Strokes and brain bleeds. We are able to contact a mobile stroke unit (Medic 34 MSU) from the scene of an emergency incident to come to a pre-determined location and preform a CT scan. After the scan clot busting medications can be administered or determine if active bleeding is present. This will let the patient get to definitive care that much quicker. Doing this increases the chances the patient returns to normal with little or no deficit if a stroke is present. This is a great "tool" for us to be able to pull from our medical "toolbox".



So, we hope for another great year for EMS here at our department. Our EMS team will be moving our department forward along with the Southern Fox Valley EMS system, as we make new strides in the coming year to be the best progressive medical department in the EMS field.

Special Teams

MABAS Division 13 Technical Rescue Team Coordinator, Lt. Greg Algrim
ECFPD Technical Rescue Team Coordinator– FF/PM Trevor Hall

The ECFPD TRT Team continues to lead the Division 13 TRT team with Lt. Algrim as the Division 13 TRT Team Coordinator, with myself the ECFPD Team Coordinator, both Lt. Algrim and myself are also a part of the Division 13 TRT training group We currently have the following members on both the ECFPD TRT Team as well as the Division 13 Deployable Team: AC Hanson, Lt. Algrim, and Lt. Huneke. We have 3 members joining the team, M. Linden, R. Seggebruch, and J. Rissman. All three are in the process of taking their required classes. ECFPD Participated in four Division 13 TRT drills last year. We did not go on any TRT responses for the year but continue to help lead the way with training to make sure our team is ready to go at a moment's notice. In this coming year we are going back to the basics with training and are going to be holding training with work stations instead of response drills. I also anticipate a drill sometime later this year with DeKalb's TRT team. This will help us coordinate our resources and build a better working relationship, as we are now utilizing them on our current Box Cards.





TRT Member R. Seggebruch, demonstrating rope rescue techniques, while simulating rescue of a patient from a ravine.

Fire and Arson Investigations Team-FF/PM Rob Stevens

The Investigation Team added two new members in 2018, FF/PM Eric Daffron and FF/PM Mike Didenko, bringing the ECFPD Investigation Team to six members. With this addition, the Investigation Team is able to have a Fire Investigator dedicated to each shift. The ECFPD Team is made up of six active members of which four members currently serve on the Kane County Fire & Arson Investigation team; Robert Stevens, Lt Mulvihill, Eric Daffron and Mike Didenko. This Team is a combination of Fire & Arson Investigators throughout the Kane County areas Fire Departments, who come together to determine and assist Kane County Fire Departments, with origin and cause to fires, and explosions.

The Fire Investigation team was provided an office located in the basement of Station 1. This office is much appreciated and was much needed. This space has been set up with a desk, computer and the necessary means to help conduct our Investigations and prepare reports, along with providing an area for witness interviews. As well as meeting with Insurance companies after a fire to help them in their investigations.

The Fire Investigation Team conducts systematic investigations following NFPA 921, the national standard for fire investigations. The many facets of an investigation include scene examination and analysis, photograph and video documentation, evidence recognition and collection, diagrams, interviews, and reporting. The investigations are based on facts and evidence and utilize the scientific method, which provides a widely accepted organizational and analytical process.

MABAS Division 13 and ECFPD Hazardous Materials Teams, Lt. James Lloyd



The past year we were requested to assist MABAS Division 13 with a team response. We currently have 9 members who are certified to the Technician B level. We have recently added 3 new members who will be attending training during 2019. Alex Poynor, Stephen Coomes and Chris Spitzock are the newest members. All 3 of them are currently on the MABAS training roster, this allows us to receive the training at no cost to the department. The team continues to support the MABAS team with hosting and attending Division 13 drills. We continue to support the State wide response team with 2 members assigned to the deployment roster. John McCafferty and I are the members who currently hold this position. We had 2 members attend Tank Car Specialist Training at The Security and Emergency Response Training Center in Pueblo Colorado. Captain Brian Schopp and John McCafferty completed this 40 hour class. This training consisted of classroom and hands-on training, and concludes with an intense train derailment incident involving numerous railcars. This brings the number of members to 4 who have completed this training. This training is supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Union Pacific Railroad, with all expenses paid for by them.

We continue to attend the quarterly MABAS drills and we have started doing in-house team training in the months we do not have a quarterly MABAS drill. This allows us to work together as a team and become more proficient with our equipment. We held 3 drills last year and 1 of those drills we were able to incorporate the crew that was on duty into the drill. This allowed us to have those members fill roles that they would be doing on the scene of an actual incident.

This past year I became the Hazardous Materials Coordinator for MABAS Division 13. I have been working with the coordinators of the other departments to continue to provide quarterly drills for members. The coordinators are also working on reviewing and updating the SOP's/SOG's for the Division Team. We have also worked on standardizing some of the forms we use for incidents. I also work with the MABAS Chiefs to ensure that we are meeting their goals and expectations. This year we are working to expand the training to work with the Technical Rescue Team to accomplish a joint deployment drill. This is still in the early planning stages to see if it can be accomplished.

Foreign Fire Insurance Board, FF/PM Eric Daffron

The Foreign Fire Insurance Board consists of seven trustees. The District Fire Chief, who holds office by virtue of rank; and six members who are elected at large by the members. It is the mission of the Foreign Fire Insurance Board to receive and account for revenues from the tax on fire insurance policies sold by foreign (out of state) insurance companies, and to use such funds for the maintenance, use, and benefit of the Elburn and Countryside Fire Protection District.

In 2018 the Foreign Fire Insurance Board went through several changes in board members and officers. This new board has continued to follow the policies and practices in making responsible purchases. In 2018 the board purchased items to benefit the district and it members. Purchases included fitness equipment, safety equipment, TV service subscription, kitchen equipment and I am Responding Software subscription. The Foreign Fire Insurance Board also took part in assisting the Fire District purchase their first Lucas Chest Compression System (CPR Device).



The Foreign Fire Insurance Board purchased fitness equipment such as this air assault fitness bike.

Lead Explorer Advisor, FF/PM Kristy Suriano

This past year was a very productive and busy year for the Explorer Post 1357. The Explorers have been working hard on building their Fire/EMS skills as well as their life skills. The Advisors of the post strive hard to help teach the members Leadership, Accountability, and Work Ethic. The Explorers learned how to build a resume, how to interview for a job, plan events, public speaking, and a whole lot more.

The Explorers volunteered for countless amounts of events within the community. They assisted teaching public education to a variety of groups, manning the First Aid tent at the Elburn Day Festival, and assisting at the Christmas Stroll. For the third year in a row, the Explorers sponsored a family within the community and were able to spread the holiday spirit through gifts to a family who was having some financial restraints. As Advisors of the post, we strive to show the Explorers what it is like to be part of the community. We strive to be active and assist when needed.

Our membership fluctuated this past year. Four of our members were offered part time positions with the Elburn Fire Department. One member joined the military following high school graduation. Our program has been extended out to the local communities and our enrollment is higher than ever. We are now recruiting Explorers from all of the surrounding high schools, including Sycamore.

This past year, we had the honor to watch three previous members reach their ultimate goal. Three previous Explorers were sworn in as Full Time Firefighter/Paramedics. Watching these three men make this transition was very inspiration for all of the Explorers. It shows the members that hard work does eventually pay off. We are proud of the members who reached their ultimate goal and will continue to guide others to accomplish the same, if they so choose.

Training, Lt. Greg Algrim

In 2018 the ECFPD amassed over 11,000 hours of training for its members. The Fire Department is responsible for providing training to all personnel in over thirty different subject areas including: Fire suppression, fire attack tactics and strategy, emergency medical services, specialized rescue and driving/vehicle operations. These different areas of training ensure that all personnel have a well-rounded training base to properly service all of the possible needs of our residents. Compliance with fire training standards is regulated by a number of organizations including the Office of State Fire Marshal, the National Fire Protection Association, the Insurance Services Organization and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Southern Fox Valley EMS is tasked with providing mandatory monthly continuing education for all of our paramedics and emergency medical technicians to assure compliance with Illinois Department of Public Health and EMS system standards.

In 2018 Joe Miller and Steve Walters completed Paramedic Class through Waubonsee Community College.

In 2018 the following people were certified by the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal:

Riley Capes- Basic Operations Firefighter, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations

Tanner Cox- Basic Operations Firefighter, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations

Stephen Coomes- Fire Apparatus Engineer

Dan Czaruk- Fire Prevention Principles, Tactics & Strategy I, Management I &II

Eric Daffron- Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations

Corinn Groom- Basic Operations Firefighter, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations

Michael Horner- Basic Operations Firefighter, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations

Michael Huneke- Chief Fire Officer

Zachary Ipsen-Parker- Basic Operations Firefighter, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations

James Konen- Basic Operations Firefighter, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations

Mathew Linden- Advanced Technician Firefighter, Management II, Instructor I, Fire Prevention Principles, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Rescue Specialist-Confined Space, Rope Technician, Structural Collapse Technician

James Lloyd- Fire Department Health and Safety Officer, Fire Department Safety Officer

Benjamin Long- Basic Operations Firefighter, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations

Jacob Marchewka- Basic Operations Firefighter, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations

Sheri Nielsen- Fire Department Health and Safety Officer

Alex Poynor- Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations

Lisa Schopp- Fire Department Health and Safety Officer, Fire Department Safety Officer

Ryan Seggebruch- Rescue Specialist-Confined Space, Rope Technician, Structural Collapse Technician

Christopher Spitzock- Fire Apparatus Engineer

Honor Guard, Co-Commander FF/PM Stephen Coomes

The ECFPD Honor Guard was re-established during the weekend of January 12th through January 14th of 2018. During that weekend, seven Full-Time members of our department drove down to Peoria, IL to the Associated Firefighters of Illinois Honor Guard convention. Our members completed many hours of training and were officially inducted into the AFFI Honor Guard on January 13th 2018. During the year our Honor Guard was very active in completing training through the AFFI and the department. We were able to participate in many events such as standing casket guard for a retired firefighter from a neighboring department, posting the colors for the Elburn BOF academy recruit graduation in May of 2018, the Kaneland High School Homecoming football game in September of 2018, and for the swearing in ceremony of Assistant Chief Matt Hanson in October of 2018, and Leading the Elburn Fire Apparatus in the Elburn Days Parade in August of 2018. Our Honor Guard also participated in the annual September 11th memorial ceremony and went down to Chicago in May of 2018 to assist with Honor Guard duty for a Firefighter Line of Duty Death funeral. In January of 2019, we had two more Full-Time members join the AFFI honor guard at the annual convention in Collinsville, IL.

Our goals for 2019 are to continue to be active in the department and community with multiple events already scheduled such as the swearing in of new Full-Time members, the 2019 Elburn BOF recruit academy graduation, the Elburn Memorial Day Parade, Posting the colors at two Minor League Baseball games, the Elburn Days Parade, our annual ECFPD 9/11 memorial ceremony, and any other events that we are called upon to help. We also have a couple of honor guard members that are starting the process of learning the Bagpipes and drums to add that honorable tradition to our Honor Guard. We are very grateful to have the ability to bring a professional Honor Guard to our Fire District and community and look forward to continuing to improve our skills and provide the most honorable service whenever we are requested.



Members of the ECFPD Honor Guard, while attending AFFI Honor Guard Training

Fleet and Facilities, Lt. Michael Huneke

Vehicle Maintenance-

This year we changed our current department vehicle inspection process by hiring a 3rd party mechanic service. These inspections were all completed in early fiscal year 2018/2019. We found several significant repairs were needed to the aging fleet of vehicles. The reserve engine and E301 were both down for over a month. We also incurred heavy cost on the major repairs required. I believe the program accomplished what we set out to do which was provide for safe and maintained vehicles for our personnel and the citizens we serve. WE continue to do routine repairs to the vehicles with our in house mechanics. Anytime we complete and brake work or alignment repairs we send the vehicle to EVS in order to conduct a VIS machine test which verifies the alignment and braking ability of the vehicle. In august we traveled to new York to complete the order for our New Eone Engine. Delivery is expected in July 2019 and the committee should be traveling to New York again in May or June to do a mid-point inspection and a final inspection prior to it leaving the factory. A new red color shade was picked by the engine and ambulance committees to be a future color scheme of the ECFPD fleet. In the upcoming Fiscal year we are due for an ambulance replacement and Car 301 is due to replacement as during inspection several rusting issues were discovered. The committee also secured in the bid for the new engine an add on clause which allows us to purchase an identical vehicle for the same or like cost.



E302 currently housed at Elburn Station #2

Buildings and Grounds

This year we completed a significant remodel on the bunk room at station 2. The project included making individual bunk rooms instead of an open common area concept. We have completed electrical upgrades on the exterior parking lot lights and the apparatus floor. Both utilized the ComEd grant program and should save us significantly in the energy cost at station 2. We have received plans and written a bid spec for the bunkroom bathroom remodel in order to update the bathrooms as well as fix the underground floor plumbing which has significant defects. The upgrade also includes a new drain in the cleanup room off the apparatus floor for a new gear washer. This would also allow us to put a separate washer and dryer in the bathroom for uniforms and clothes and allow gear and truck towels to be cleaned in a separate machine on the apparatus floor. We should continue to develop a plan for station 3 which needs several upgrades in order to keep it up to date and in order to meet the needs of the citizens and employees who work in station 3's district. At station 1 we investigated possibly securing solar energy for the building, and at this time, the cost to do so seemed better served in other areas of the district.

Service Awards

At our Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner we were proud to recognize the following service awards:

Employee	Years of Service Award
Keith Callaghan	35
Sheri Nielsen	30
Assistant Chief Haley	25+
Steve Hall	25+
Trish Modaff	25+
Robert Lennon	20
Travis Lange	15
Trevor Hall	10
Stephen Fuller	10
Christopher Mulvihill	10
Joel Rissman	10
Robert Stevens	10
Stephen Coomes	5
Christopher Elliott	5
Jameson Horn	5
Gregory Johnson	5
Mathew Linden	5
Christopher Meyers	5
Joseph Miller	5
Andrew Oliver	5
Austin Shingledecker	1
Christopher Spitzock	1

Department Commendation

FF/PM Daniel Czaruk

Award of Exemplary Action

Zac Schrieber

Firefighter of the Year

FF/PM Joseph Miller

Rookie of the Year

FF/EMT Samuel Ferris

Explorer of the Year

Colton Novinsky

The following individuals retired in 2018

Fire Commissioner Robert Loula-Founding Member and long serving President of the ECFPD Board of Fire Commissioners

PM Michael Gorney-Nearly 20 years of service to the District!

Closing Remarks, Assistant Chief Matt Hanson

2018, was certainly a pivotal year for our ECFPD! With a renewed focus on the organization of the department, and each division head taking ownership of their areas of responsibility, we have laid the frame-work for the next year(s) to come. We plan to see increased development in each area of responsibility and look forward to the ideas and proposals from our members to increase efficiency and effectiveness. We will add structure to staffing, objective based emergency response packages, and use The Elburn Way as we continue to invest in our most important and most valuable resource. Our people!

From "*The Elburn Way-Clear Leader Intent*" Chief Joe Cluchey

> ***SERVICE to Others. It is what we do and why we exist. We need to continue serving the community through readiness (prevention), response, and recovery.***
> ***Maintain a very visible presence in the community.***