

# **Central Stickney Fire Protection District**

Annual Chief's Report – 2016



Serving with Pride

Citizens of Central Stickney  
Business Owners and Managers

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure that I present the Central Stickney Fire Protection Districts annual Chief's Report for the year 2016.

This report reviews emergency responses, staffing levels, training activities, equipment purchases, fire inspections, fire prevention and maintenance programs, along with other department roles and responsibilities.

I am particularly proud of our member's high level of efficiency and outstanding safety record while performing on these calls, all the time serving with a reduced staffing levels.

This year we have made upgrades to our building and the services we provide. I will list them later in this report.

The members of the Central Stickney Fire Protection District and I would like to thank Supervisor Louis S. Viverito, the members of the Board of Trustees , and our citizens and business owners for all of their hard work and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian McMahon  
Fire Chief

# The History of Fire Prevention Week

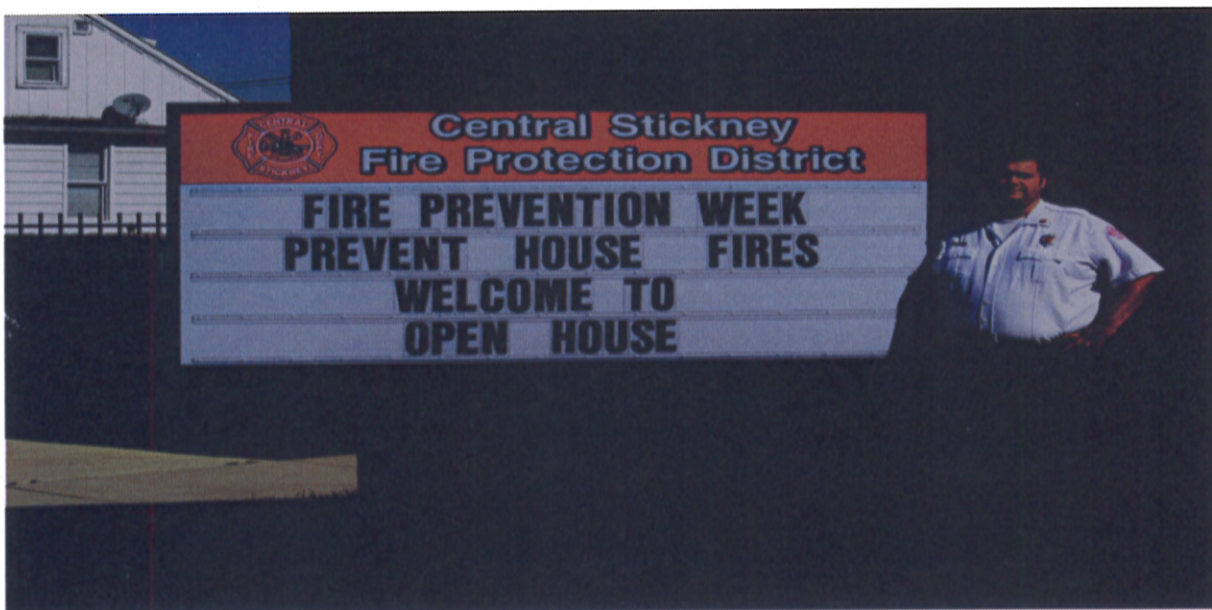
Preventing the devastating and deadly effects of fires is considered the fire service's most important role in the community. While this effort is carried on throughout the year, a one week period of each year is designated as Fire Prevention Week.

Many people wonder why this certain week is set aside for recognition of this important message. In 1911, the Fire Marshals Association of North America decided the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed in a manner to inform the public about fire prevention and fire safety and Fire Prevention Day was observed on October 11, 1911. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation. Then, in 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first Fire Prevention Week as October 4-10.

Although the original anniversary was set to recognize the Great Chicago Fire, which took the lives of more than 200 people, destroyed over 2,000 acres of land and nearly 18,000 buildings causing approximately \$200 million in property damage, little recognition was given to another, more deadly and destructive fire, that took place that very day, the Peshtigo (WI) Fire.

The Peshtigo Fire, although mostly forgotten, resulted in over 1,875 square miles or 1.2 million acres of forest being consumed, an area approximately twice the size of the state of Rhode Island. In addition, twelve towns were destroyed. Although an accurate death toll has never been determined since local population records were destroyed in the fire, estimates of between 1,200 and 2,500 people are thought to have lost their lives.

Each year, the National Fire Protection Association(NFPA) chooses a fire safety topic to promote and provides informational materials to fire departments across the country in a effort to standardize the fire safety message.



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## Mission Statement

THE MISSION OF THE CENTRAL STICKNEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IS TO PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY FROM THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF FIRES, SUDDEN MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, AND EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS. THIS COMMITMENT IS ACHIEVED BY DEVELOPING, PROMOTING, AND MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE FIRE SUPPRESSION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THESE QUALITY SERVICES THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO ALL WHO LIVE, WORK, VISIT OR INVEST HERE.

## Department Information

The Central Stickney Fire Protection District provides fire suppression, rescue and emergency medical services to our residents, business, and visitors within an area of 4.78 sq. miles. In addition, we respond on a mutual aid basis to any community within Division 21 as part of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) and on a reciprocal agreement program known as a "Full Assignment" to the surrounding communities of Bedford Park and Summit and Stickney for all structure fires. In return, these communities respond to our community when requested.



# Fire Officials

## Board of Trustees

President Michael Pac  
Treasurer Fortino Carrillo  
Secretary Bruce Zelasko

# Department Personnel

Fire Chief : Brian McMahon

Deputy Chief: Jason Staidl

Assistant Chief: Brian Cotter

Captains:

Christopher Wozniak

Christopher Williams

Lieutenants:

Charles Munley

Mathew Tomalla

James O'Donovan

Scott Taylor

Engineers:

Anthony Calzaretta

Jose Contreras

Nick DiCrescenzo

Juan Lopez

Kyle McSweeney

Michael Wodarczyk

Firefighters:

Michael Doolin

Arthur Farrell

Jeffrey Goworowski

Joseph Hicks

Robert Karpel

Christopher Kunder

Duncan Lanzirotti

Jacob Lopez

Joel Mulbrandon

Sean O'Connell

Robert O'Loughlin

Joshua Peet

Kevin Purvis

Ryan Sheehan

Robert Slater

Jeffrey Smith

Edwin Tapia

Andrzej Tylka

Thomas Usher

Michael Wolf

Joseph Wood



## Staffing

When fully staffed, The Central Stickney Fire Protection District maintains four members per shift on a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week schedule. Off-duty personnel, including paid-on-call firefighters, are also notified by pager when staffing levels at the station fall below a pre-established minimum or when the department responds to a report of an emergency incident. In the future we hope to have additional members on shift. Residents have asked what the pay scale is for our firefighters. The Crew made up of 4 members includes 2 Firefighter/Paramedics and 2 Firefighters. The member's hourly rate is \$11.25 per hour for Paramedic Shifts and \$8.25 per hour for Firefighter Shifts.



# Special Assignments

D/C Jason Staidl

Fire Operations, Fire Inspection, Fire Investigation  
Public Education

A/C Brian Cotter

Fire Operations, Fire Reporting,  
Equipment Specialist

Captain Wozniak

Training Officer

Lt. James O'Donovan

EMS Coordinator

Captain Williams

Apparatus Maintenance

Lt. Matthew Tomalla

Equipment Maintenance

Lt. Scott Taylor

SCBA Maintenance

Christopher R Gomez

Lead Fire Investigator

Check out our website at [..www.centralstickneyfpd.org](http://www.centralstickneyfpd.org)

# Emergency Medical Services Report



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) continues to be a major part of our response profile. By way of utilizing flexible staffing, the Central Stickney Fire Protection District is able to provide Paramedic level services with Ambulance 909, our primary paramedic unit. Ambulance 908, a secondary unit as a spare vehicle if the primary vehicle requires maintenance, and finally all our Fire Apparatus is equipped with First Responder medical equipment that is available to initiate treatment until a fully staffed Ambulance unit can intercept and continue treatment. Ultimately the citizens can appreciate a high level of service when requesting medical care.

# Apparatus / Equipment Maintenance Report

One of the most frequent compliments paid to members of our Department is the extremely clean and well-kept appearance of both our apparatus and fire station. Visitors are often impressed at the condition of our apparatus and are shocked to learn their high level of use. The fact is, members of our Department take great pride in taking care of both the apparatus and station and respect the fact that we proudly take on the task of maintaining the equipment that belongs to the citizens of Central Stickney, not the members of the department. Below is a list of our current apparatus and their relative condition:

ID	TYPE OF APPARATUS	YEAR	MAKE AND MODEL	CONDITION
E905	ENGINE	2004	PIERCE ENFORCER 1500/500	GOOD
E907	ENGINE	2004	PIERCE ENFORCER 1500/500	GOOD
T906	AERIAL LADDER	1994	SIMON-DUPLEX LTI 1500/200 75'	POOR
A909	ALS AMBULANCE	2008	FORD F350 WHEELED COACH	FAIR
A908	BLS AMBULANCE	1997	INTERNATIONAL ROAD RESCUE	FAIR
C903	PICK UP TRUCK	1999	DODGE RAM	POOR
C900	CHIEF'S CAR	2010	FORD EXPLORER	EXCELLENT

# Training Report

The Training Bureau is managed by the department Training Officer whose primary responsibility is to organize, develop and schedule training for all department members in compliance with federal, state or local requirements. The goal of the training bureau has been, and will continue to be, to provide all employees with quality training that is specific to their job description and needs, yet provides them with the knowledge, skills and abilities to fulfill the mission of the department. Funding for training is provided by a budget line item that not only reflects the District's commitment to maintaining well trained employees, but the department's dedication to providing the best trained "customer service" delivery force available.

Training is provided to all shifts Monday through Sunday by their respective Officer or another carefully chosen "expert" in the topic. Much of the training information is taken from the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) texts or based on NFPA standards and locally or nationally recognized acceptable practices.

Because of the unique cross-staffing situation utilized by the department, all members are cross-trained in all aspects of every position.

Many training activities take place at locations remote from the fire station.

These sites included the Illinois Fire Service Institute, Cicero Fire Department Burn Tower, Division 21 fire stations, and any acquired residences.

Also our department participates in several multi-department-wide drills. This training is intended to have the entire department train together on common topics with the surrounding community's firefighters.





# Equipment Purchases and Upgrades

In 2016, the department made several purchases and upgrades in an effort to improve the safety and efficiency of our operations.

- \* All SCBA's (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) had preventative maintenance completed. (a maintenance that is required every year).
- \* 2 new portable radios were purchased to replace old and outdated models.
- \* A new Thermal Imaging Camera was purchased. This camera can help firefighters see through smoke, assist with finding hidden fire and search and rescue
- \* A new computer was purchased for our training room. In this computer and internet world, we wanted to keep our firefighters up to date and give them the ability to train using the newest methods. Our training room has a projector and the ability for the firefighters to use the equipment for webcasts, power point presentations and videos.
- \* The Apparatus Bay Floor was painted. (First time in over 20 years)
- \* 600 feet of Firefighting hose was replaced.
- \* A new Hurst RAM tool was purchased to replace our old unit that was 21 years old. This new RAM is part of our vehicle extrication equipment.
- \* With the help of State Grants our Firehouse lighting was upgraded to all LED lighting. In addition to the cost savings of replacement bulbs we have already seen a substantial decrease in our Electric bill.





# Public Education Report

The Central Stickney Fire Prevention Bureau is also responsible for Public Education. The purpose for public education and public safety is to inform all residents and business occupants of current public education opportunities and safety issues as well as any new safety requirements.

The Fire Prevention Bureau conducts numerous events year round to keep the community informed. We use the marquee sign to communicate any events, educational opportunities, and other important information as needed.

## **Fire Prevention Week**

The students from Sahs School are able to take a field trip to the firehouse during this week to learn firsthand about fire safety from the firefighters. They take a tour, look at the equipment and apparatus as well as try on the fire gear with the help of the firefighters. The students usually experience the Fire Safety House however this trailer was in poor condition and was removed from service. This trailer was donated to our department and we made great use of it for years. We will continue to look for opportunities to replace it via grants and donations.

## **Open House**

The CSFPD opens the doors to the community one day a year in October. During this time, we offer fire safety presentations to families as well as tours. There are brochures available filled with information to take home. Children are given the chance to spray water from the hose to put out the little house fire. Food is provided, and it is also a great time to have your blood pressure checked.

## **Department Web Site**

The department has created a web site to help educate the public about the Central Stickney Fire Protection District. Please visit our site @ [www.centralstickneyfpd.org](http://www.centralstickneyfpd.org)

## **Department siren use**

We no longer use our siren for emergency calls however The siren is used for tornado warnings. If the pitch is constant it has been activated for a tornado warning. The tornado siren is only activated when a tornado has been spotted within 30 miles of our community. It is also tested every first Thursday of the month at 10:00am

## **Santa Around Town**

Santa joins the firemen of CSFPD as we parade around the town with the engine, ambulance, and truck to spread holiday cheer.

## **Facebook**

We have joined the social media craze, and we have a Facebook page. Our firefighter's association has one as well.

# Fire Inspection Report

**The** purpose of the Central Stickney Fire Prevention Bureau is to inform all current business occupants as well as prospective business owners on the initial requirements as well as ongoing requirements that will be enforced on a yearly basis.

**Our** fire protection district covers roughly 5 square miles encompassing unincorporated Cook County Stickney Township. If your occupancy falls within our districts, please feel free to contact us at the fire station with any questions during normal business hours.

**The** Fire Prevention Bureau shall be the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) and is responsible for all Life Safety and Fire Prevention code enforcement and the review of all such related plans. Our bureau works in conjunction with the Cook County Building Department and will ensure all business are up to current standards prior to issuing any Occupancy Permits for all occupancies as listed below, located within our fire district. Any commercial / mercantile occupancy as well as multi-family occupancies of three or more units shall be compliant with the codes and ordinances that have been adopted by the Fire Protection District.

## **Initial Inspection / Occupancy Permit**

All new construction and changes of use or occupant shall require an inspection that will ensure the occupancy is compliant with current standards. This inspection shall be forwarded to the Cook County Building Department.

## **Annual Fire Inspections**

All existing occupancies shall have a fire inspection completed annually.

## **Biannual Fire Preplans**

All existing occupancies shall have a fire preplan completed biannually.

## **Fire Alarms**

All applicable commercial / mercantile occupancies shall have a fire alarm installed in accordance with NFPA 72. The fire alarm system shall be tested by a licensed company annually. This certificate shall be on hand at all times.

## **Fire Alarm Monitoring**

All fire alarms shall be monitored directly by our dispatch center in Oak Lawn via ADT Alarms.

## **Fire Sprinkler System Requirements**

A fire sprinkler system is required as follows: Any new building that is five thousand (5,000) Sq. Ft. or more, any existing building, when any addition and / or additions are constructed increasing the new total Sq. footage of the building to exceed five thousand (5,000) Sq. Ft. or more, and any change of use / occupancy type of building already exceeding five thousand (5,000) Sq. Ft.

The fire suppression system shall be tested by a licensed company annually. This certificate shall be on hand at all times. If the suppression system contains a fire pump, the fire pump shall be tested by a licensed company annually. This certificate shall be on hand at all times.

## **Knox Box Requirements**

All commercial / mercantile occupancies that have a fire alarm or fire suppression shall have a Knox Box installed on its building.

The Knox Box shall be located on the exterior of the building at the direction of the bureau and shall be installed 60" above final grade.

A Knox Box Pad Lock will be required for any exterior gates that access the building.

The Knox Box shall have a current set of keys for the occupancy to access **ALL** parts of the building.

## **New Requirements for 2010**

Effective January 1, 2010 ALL Commercial Kitchen Suppression System must be changed over to UL 300. For more details visit the Office of Illinois State Fire Marshal website.

## Response Statistics

	EMS		FIRE
JANUARY	22		47
FEBRUARY	22		25
MARCH	24		29
APRIL	20		36
MAY	19		37
JUNE	21		37
JULY	31		40
AUGUST	35		39
SEPTEMBER	30		39
OCTOBER	22		36
NOVEMBER	25		30
DECEMBER	22		57
TOTALS	293		415





## The Future....

The Fire Service is an ever changing and dynamic field and the Central Stickney Fire Protection District will continue to change with it. It is this department's goal that we continue to advance into the future.

We will continue to strive to provide excellent service to our community and hope to increase staffing levels as budgets allow. Staffing is a number one priority!

The Building, Equipment and the Training of our members are also items we will continue to improve upon. We are focusing time and research on ways to improve our aging fleet and strive to achieve a fully functioning fleet.

# **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

<b>Central Stickney Fire Department Emergency</b>	<b>Dial 911</b>
<b>Central Stickney Fire Department Non/Emergency</b>	<b>(708) 496-1268</b>
<b>Cook County Sheriffs Police</b>	<b>Dial 911</b>
<b>Com-ED Emergency</b>	<b>1-877-426-6331</b>
<b>Nicor Emergency</b>	<b>1-888-642-6748</b>
<b>C.S. Sanitary District</b>	<b>(708) 496-3520</b>

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

<b>Sahs School</b>	<b>(708) 458-1152</b>
<b>Central Stickney Clinic</b>	<b>(708) 458-4126</b>
<b>Office on Aging</b>	<b>(708) 424-9200</b>
<b>Public Health</b>	<b>(708) 424-9200</b>
<b>Environmental Health</b>	<b>(708) 424-9200</b>
<b>Highway Department</b>	<b>(708) 424-5570</b>
<b>Township Supervisor</b>	<b>(708) 424-9200</b>
<b>Cook County Building &amp; Zoning</b>	<b>(312) 603-0500</b>
<b>Central Stickney Park District</b>	<b>(708) 496-8292</b>





Office  
708/496-1268  
Fax  
708/496-1160

## *Central Stickney Fire Protection District*

4951 SOUTH LOTUS AVENUE STICKNEY TWP., ILLINOIS 60638

Hello all of our valued residents of Central Stickney

Over the past month we have heard that a few of our residents have had problems when they dial 911 and they get bounced around between Chicago, Cook County and finally our Fire Department Dispatch.

This Problem mainly occurs when a resident uses a cell phone. We have a 7 digit Emergency number that we would like all of our residents to program into their cell phones. The number goes directly to the Central Stickney Fire Department's Dispatch.

If you live or work in Central Stickney, Please program 708-458-2151 into your cell phone for the Central Stickney Fire Department Emergency Number.

Thank you

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Witam wszystkich naszych cenionych mieszkańców Central Stickney,  
W ciągu ostatniego miesiąca , słyszeliśmy kilka naszych mieszkańców mieli problemy gdy wykręcili 911, i dostają odbiły pomiędzy Chicago, Cook County , i wreszcie do naszego straży pożarnej w Central Stickney.

Ten problem występuje głównie wtedy, gdy mieszkaniec używa telefonu komórkowego . Mamy 7 - cyfrowy numer alarmowy który chcemy wszystkich naszych mieszkańców zaprogramować do swoich telefonów komórkowych. Ten numer łączy bezpośrednio do do naszego straży pożarnej w Central Stickney.

Jeśli mieszkaniec lub pracujesz w Central Stickney , należy zaprogramować 708-458-2151 w telefonie komórkowym nasz numer pożarowy w Central Stickney.

Proszę podzielić się tą informacją z znajomymi którzy mieszkają lub pracują w Central Stickney .

Dziękujemy Serdecznie,

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Hola todos nuestros residentes apreciados de Central Stickney.

Durante el último mes hemos oído que algunos de nuestros residentes han tenido problemas cuando marcan 911 y su llamada la recibe Chicago, Cook County y por fin llega al departamento de bomberos.

Este problema ocurre principalmente cuando un residente utiliza un teléfono celular. Tenemos un número de emergencia de 7 números que quisiéramos que todos nuestros residentes programaran en sus teléfonos celulares. El número va directamente al envío va directamente a nuestro departamento de bomberos.

Si usted vive o trabaja en Central Stickney, por favor programe 708-458-2151 en su teléfono celular para el número del centro de emergencia del departamento de bomberos Central Stickney.

Gracias

## The Firefighter's Creed

When I am called to duty God  
wherever flames may rage,  
give me strength to save a life  
whatever be its age,  
Help me to embrace a little child  
before it is too late,  
or save an older person from  
the horror of that fate,  
Enable me to be alert  
to hear the weakest shout  
and quickly and efficiently  
to put the fire out.  
I want to fill my calling and  
to give the best in me,  
to guard my neighbor and  
protect his property  
And if according to your will  
I have to lose my life  
bless with your protecting hand  
my children and my wife.