

# Agenda Item 4



2019

## ANNUAL REPORT

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# Forest View Fire Department

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February 7, 2020

Honorable President Larry Powell and Board of Trustees

Dear President Powell and Board of Trustees:

Attached for your information and review is our Annual Report of Activities of the Forest View Fire Department for 2019. I am pleased to provide this report for it reflects dedication and attention to responsibilities of the men and women who serves the citizens of Forest View.

This report is intended for you and the Board of Trustees or other interested parties who wish to review the activities of the Fire Department.

On behalf of the members of the Fire Department I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Village President Powell and the Board of Trustees for their kind consideration and continued support of our fire service efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Heller  
Fire Chief  
Forest View Fire Department



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Here is the Annual Report of activities of the Village's Fire Department for the year 2019. We had a total of 637 calls last year. We did not have any structure fires inside the Village last year. We did have a few car and truck fires, a small rubbish fire at Lake Shore Recycle Site, and a garbage can set on fire at Dunkin Donuts, two hazardous calls at Lake Shore Recycling, and a car crash involving a fuel tanker. We also responded to our neighboring towns to assist with their fires and emergency calls.

The fire at Lake Shore Recycling was a pile of rubbish that was being loaded up to be sorted. It was kept to the pile and did no damage to the structure. We had assistance from McCook and Stickney with engines and Riverside with a truck company. We used about 2,500 gallons of water to extinguish the pile. We



had to pull apart the pile to extinguish the fire. There was no injuries or again structural damage.

The garbage can fire at Dunkin Donuts was contained to the garbage can in the men's washroom. It was extinguished by the staff as we were responding. We investigated the cause and found out that it was started by a minor. The minor and his brother were captured on video going in and out of the wash room after starting the fire. They and their mother were still on the scene. We talked to the minor with mom. He admitted to starting the fire with some matches. Owner did not wish to press charges against the minor. We set up an intervention with Illinois State Fire Marshal's Junior Fire Setter Interventionist to talk to the child and help prevent any further problems.

The Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program is a statewide standardized program to provide prevention education/intervention and referrals if warranted for the children and families of Illinois to reduce the frequency and severity of fires set by youths. Partnering with the fire service, this program provides a coordinated referral center for the assessment and treatment of youth fire setters and their families, thereby slowing down the "en-devastating results of fire setting. Prevention education can quell the youth fire problem, but only when



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properly targeted, designed, and delivered. The behaviors causing the problem must be considered because what motivates their behavior is the surest clue to solving the youth fire setting problem. Deputy Chief A.J. Aiardo and myself are certified interventionist.

We have a few fires in other towns that we have auto aid and mutual aid with. Our Fire investigations have also responded to several fire scenes to assist with investigation of fires that have happened.

This year we had an ambulance crew returning from the hospital and came upon two residents laying on the parkway in distress. They render care and transport both of them to the hospital. The crew was recognized at a Village Board meeting. Both residents returned back home after a short hospital stay.

We had two (2) incidents at Lake Shore Recycling involving possible explosives. First one, was five (5) sticks of dynamite that turned out to be training sticks. We had the Cook County Bomb Squad come out and remove it. Second incident also involved an explosive. It was a hand grenade that was found in the recycling



pile. It also turned out to be inert (non-explosive). Cook County Bomb Squad removed it also.

On Easter Morning, April 21, 2019, we had a car crash that had a car drive under a fuel tanker on Harlem Ave. We had to shut down Harlem Ave. for a few hours and requested assistance from our neighboring





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towns as well as Chicago Fire Department to assist with a foam truck to assist with the removal of the car.

We had some small fires this year truck fire and car fires on I 55, grass fire next to the water tower, rubbish fire in one of the trucking yards on the east end and motor vehicles crashes.





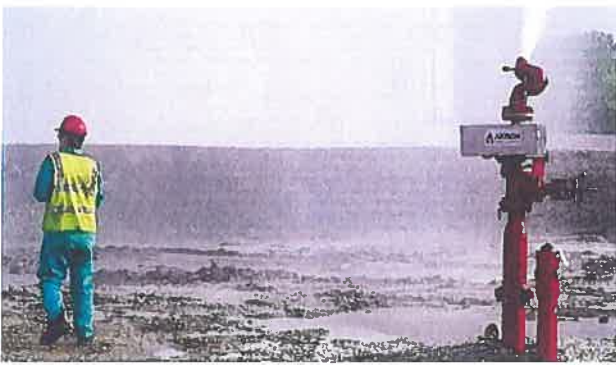
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We have conducted several new construction and remodeling inspections of businesses in the Village as well as conducted the annual business license for the front office.

We have continued standard of training as seen in our hours, including training with our neighboring communities. We have also attended state certified courses.

We conducted the inspection and installation of new fire system at Kinder Morgan tank farm on Harlem.



We have started to flush and check the hydrants in the Village and plan to continue this in 2020. We



will also conduct flow tests of the hydrants this year. This is one of the things that we need to do to keep current with the code standards.

In 2019, we helped out the PTA from Home School with the Police Department and offered as a prize their annual fundraiser "Color Run". The prize was to offer the winner breakfast and take them to school on



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the fire Engine. We had two students who raised the same amount of money so we gave both students and their families breakfast and took them to school in the engine.

We have been working on applying for an Assistant to Firefighters Grant to replace the out of date Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). This is the packs that we use to help us breathe in smoke or hazardous atmosphere. They are over fifteen years old and are at the end of life.

The ambulance was purchased and placed in service in April, 2019. It is running fine. Would like to thank the Village Board in getting the ambulance.

We did have a loss of one of our former members, Fire Chief Edward Mikel. He was our third Fire Chief of the department and his son was also a full-time member.

We have started working on trying to replacing our 25-year-old engine. We hope that we can replace it this year.

We have joined with the State Fire Marshal Office to install free smoke detectors in residential homes. We have so far installed over 20 detectors in homes in the Village. The detectors are worry-free and do not require battery replacement and will last for 10 years.

So that is some of the things that we have done last year. We are going to continue to serve the residents and the community. We are going to continue to move forward and provide the best service in the world. We look forward to continue to work with the President and the Village Board. This will be our 65th year as a Fire Department and we hope to celebrate our anniversary serving the Village. If there is anything you need please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Thomas Heller

Fire Chief

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## Fire Department Number of years of service

Firefighter/EMT Shawn A. McMullen	07-22-1997	22.54
Lieutenant John W. Kiser	02-01-2002	18.01
Deputy Chief Alan J. Dudek	04-09-2002	17.82
Firefighter/paramedic Steve Gonzalez	09-01-2006	13.43
Firefighter/EMT Robert Aldape	09-01-2007	12.43
Lieutenant Dave DeLorenzo	05-19-2009	10.72
Lieutenant George M. Dowling	06-23-2009	10.62
Lieutenant Andrew J. Wilk	09-25-2012	7.36
Firefighter Paul Bonk	08-07-2013	6.50
Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher S. Dospoy	06-24-2014	5.62
Deputy Chief A.J. Aiardo	06-24-2014	5.62
Lieutenant Jeff Bailey	06-24-2014	5.62
Firefighter Zach Marcolini	03-18-2015	4.89
Firefighter/Paramedic Omar Sanchez	05-12-2015	4.73
Firefighter/Paramedic Cesar Palafox	05-26-2015	4.70
Lieutenant Kristopher O'Rorke	05-26-2015	4.70
Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Cichowicz	06-09-2015	4.66
Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Cortez	07-14-2015	4.56
Lieutenant Orlando Juarez	01-26-2016	4.03
Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Kennedy	05-23-2017	2.70
Firefighter/Paramedic Katarzyna Koscielniak	07-11-2017	2.57
Firefighter/Paramedic Erik Steinmetz	05-22-2018	1.71
Firefighter/Paramedic Ali Ahmad	11-13-2018	1.23
Lieutenant Rick Musil	12-11-2018	1.15
Firefighter/Paramedic Jesus Pineda	12-11-2018	1.15
Fire Chief Thomas A. Heller	01-16-2019	1.02
Firefighter/Paramedic Joshua Weller	02-12-2019	1.0
Firefighter/Paramedic Alejandro Barajas	06-11-2019	0.65
Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Lavery	08-13-2019	0.48
Firefighter/Paramedic Aiham Al-Sabbagh	10-22-2019	0.26
Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Hagman	10-22-2019	0.26
Firefighter/Paramedic Mark Jones	10-22-2019	0.26
Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Kuzmicki	10-22-2019	0.26
Firefighter/Paramedic John Quigley	01-14-2020	0.03



# Forest View Fire Department

## Organizational Chart

Fire Chief

Tom Heller

Deputy Chiefs

Alan Dudek

A.J. Aiardo

Lieutenants

John Kiser

Dave DeLorenzo  
Kris O'Rorke

George Dowling  
Orlando Juarez

Andy Wilk  
Rick Musil

Jeff Bailey

Firefighters

Ali Ahmad

Aiham Al-Sabbagh

Robert Aldape

Alejandro Barajas

Paul Bonk

Ryan Cichowicz

Daniel Cortez

Christopher Dospoy

Steve Gonzalez

Eric Hagman

Mark Jones

Daniel Kennedy

Katarzyna Koscielniak

Michael Kuzmicki

Adam Lavery

Zach Marcolini

Shawn McMullen

Cesar Palafox

Jesus Pineda

John Quigley

Omar Sanchez

Erik Steinmetz

Joshua Weller



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We responded to a total of 637 calls for 2019

Runs by month	Jan- 37	Feb-41	Mar-37	Apr-43	May-56	Jun-58
	July-52	Aug-80	Sep-62	Oct-57	Nov-57	Dec-57

Break down of calls:

In the Village	79 Fire Calls (reported of fire, Smoke in the building, etc.)
Motor Vehicle Accidents	100
EMS (other including assists)	200
Mutual Aid or Auto Aid	258 (includes EMS, and fire responds) 21% of Auto and Mutual Aid = Cancelled En Route/ did not reach the scene

Responded to:

Bedford Park	1	Mutual aid given
Broadview	1	Mutual aid given
Brookfield	1	Mutual aid received
Chicago	1	Mutual aid received
Central Stickney	3	Mutual aid received
	1	Mutual aid given
LaGrange Park	3	Mutual aid given
LaGrange	2	Mutual aid received
	4	Mutual aid given
Lyons	2	Mutual aid received
McCook	18	Mutual aid received
	22	Auto aid received
	1	Mutual aid given
	15	Mutual aid given
Oak Brook	1	Mutual aid received
Pleasant View	1	Mutual aid received
	2	Mutual aid given
Riverside	2	Mutual aid received
	13	Automatic aid received
	6	Mutual aid given
	32	Automatic aid given
Romeoville	1	Mutual aid received



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Stickney	4	Mutual aid received
	18	Auto Aid received
	20	Mutual aid given
	62	Auto aid given
Summit	5	Mutual aid received
	14	Mutual aid given
Tri-State	1	Mutual aid received
Westmont	1	Mutual aid received

On most of the single mutual aid received was the Dive Box Alarm where McCook Police requested us to assist them in checking a car in the canal possible involved in a death investigation from their Village.

## Staff Training Hours and Number Calls Made:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Training Hours</u>	<u>Calls</u>
Ahmad	17.75	73
Aiardo	24.09	140
Al-Sabbagh (started in December)	4.0	0
Aldape	129.75	86
iley	42.59	68
Barajas	12.95	29
Benn	16.25	3
Bonk	12.17	46
Capello	4.25	0
Chichowicz	22.0	35
Ciurej	6.50	11
Cortez	16.75	62
Delorenzo	16.50	63
Dospoy	26.84	124
Dowling	87.25	43
Doyle	24.0	26
Dudek	16.75	106
Duncan	133.50	16
Feinberg	69.50	32
Gomez	36.0	44
Gonzalez	16.0	28
Hagman	25.25	9
Heller	112.0	183
Juarez	99.0	93
Kennedy	52.50	113
er	2.50	1





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## Training Hours Continued:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Calls</u>
Koscielniak	26.5	66
Kumicki	25.50	3
Lavery	7.5	19
Marcolini	46.83	128
McMullen	69.42	93
Musil	33.25	94
O'Rorke	22.50	37
Palafox	12.00	19
Pineda	43.92	64
Sanchez	9.50	20
Scardina	38.76	47
Schwerin	39.25	5
Sherman	10.25	9
Slaughter	9.25	3
Steinmetz	16.0	27
Weller	41.00	46
Werner	4.18	0
Ik	32.83	50
Winkelmann	24.25	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,539.33</b>	<b>637</b>

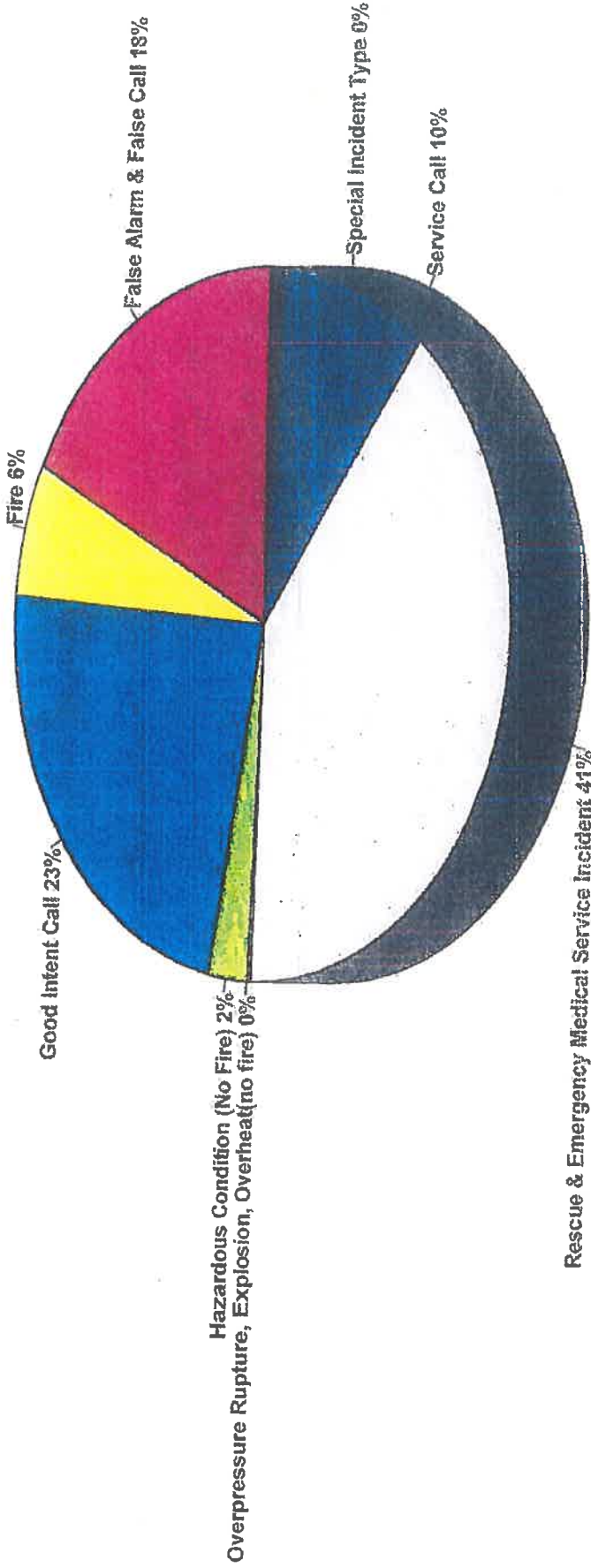
We have participated in two (2) live Mutual Aid Box Alarm (MABAS) Division 10, live burns at Romeoville fire academy and had total of 16 members take part in the training.

We have drilled a total of 42 hours with our auto aid departments.

Members have taken courses sponsored by the Office of State Fire Marshal and obtained state certifications

Fire Apparatus Engineer:	Ahmad, Bonk, Clurej, Koscielniak
Rope Operations	Aiardo, Doyle, Sanchez
Advance Fire Officer	Musil
Fire Service Vehicle Operator	Ahmad
Vehicle Machinery Technician	Aiardo
Youth Fire Setter Specialist	Aiardo

Incident Type Summary  
 Alarm Date Between {1/1/2019} And {12/31/2019} and Station = "1 "



- False Alarm & False Call
- Good Intent Call
- Hazardous Condition (No Fire)
- Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat(no fire)
- Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident
- Service Call
- Special Incident Type