Bartlett Fire Protection District 2012
Mission Statement
The mission of the Bartlett Fire Protection District is to preserve lives and property in our community by providing services directed at the prevention of fire, accidents and other emergencies while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, efficiency and effectiveness.

Letter from the Chief

It is with a tremendous sense of honor that I present this 2011 Annual Report to the citizens of the Bartlett Fire Protection District. I present this report on behalf of the leadership of the Bartlett Fire Protection District’s Board of Trustees and the compassionate and courageous work of the men and women of the Fire District.

This report continues our efforts of reaching out and strengthening our positive relationship with the residents of our fire district.

We completed several milestones in 2012, including the design and construction plan for the remodel of Fire Station 2. We also received a tremendous recognition from GFOA for outstanding financial reporting by a governmental body. This was the second year in a row for this achievement. Significant accomplishments in our Training Division programs occurred and the Fire Prevention Bureau also worked through and made tremendous progress on the revision and update of our applicable fire codes. In addition, tremendous progress was made in preparation for switching to a new 700 mgH DuPage County radio system. With many years in the making, this enhanced radio communications system will be implemented in 2013.

It is my hope that this report effectively communicates with and links to you. Remember that the Bartlett Fire District is your Fire District and we are here to serve you in a professional and caring manner. I sincerely welcome your thoughts, questions, and comments by telephone at 630-837-3701. I also encourage your personal visit to my office as well.

Michael W. Falese
Fire Chief
Bartlet Fire Department

2012 Accomplishments

- Implemented a new interoperable radio communication system
  - 50 portable radios
  - 14 vehicle radios
  - 3 base radios
- Hired an architect and construction manager for Fire Station 2 renovation
- Received the Government Finance Officers Association’s Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the second year in a row

2013 Goals

- Complete construction renovation of Fire Station #2
- Receive a third Government Finance Officers Association budget award
- Purchase a new replacement ambulance
- Update the District website
- Replace all of the vehicle computers
- Restructure the business inspection program

Emergency Incident Responses
5 Year Overview

*Miscellaneous incidents include: lockouts, hazardous materials spill, power line down, water problem, false alarms, assist invalid, unauthorized burning, sprinkler activation, system malfunction, carbon monoxide detector activation, etc.
Facilities and Staffing

Minimum Daily Emergency Response Staffing = 14

Station 1

234 North Oak Avenue
Bartlett, IL 60103
(630) 837-3701

Engine 1
Medic 1

Station 3

1575 West Bartlett Rd
Bartlett, IL 60103

Ladder Truck 3
Battalion 3

Station 2

501 Struckman Blvd
Bartlett, IL 60103

Engine 2
Medic 2

Red Shift

( L to R) FF/P Rose Gonzalez,
FF/P Victor Adams,
FF/P Rodney Romine,
FF/P Dave Sudis,
Lieutenant Dana Costa Rica
and FF/P Kevin Galloway

Gold Shift

( L to R) FF/P Rob Irwin,
FF/P Nick Nelson,
Lieutenant Brain Cow, and
FF/P Mike Segovia

Black Shift

( L to R) FF/P David Dinian,
FF/P Kevin Chapman,
Lieutenant Dave Brewer,
FF/P Brian Becker,
FF/P Jason Helvey
and FF/P Andy Sourici

( L to R) FF/P Sam Sylvester,
FF/P James Bachelor,
Lieutenant Jeff Childers,
FF/P Jason Donald,
FF/P Clark Goerginger
and FF/P Rick Sadowski

( L to R) FF/P Wayne Moulding,
FF/P Michael Skow,
Lieutenant Bill Fieg,
FF/P Rich O’Donnell
and FF/P Rick Sadowski

( L to R) FF/P Matt Leathers,
FF/P James Werner,
FF/P Dave O’Brien,
FF/P Eugene Villanueva,
FF/P Brian Compere
and Lieutenant Edward Shyrock

( L to R) FF/P Justin Gomoll,
FF/P Ben Michels,
Lieutenant Richard Wilson
and Battalion Chief Mike Clarke

( L to R) FF/P Chris Kwak,
FF/P Dave Sudis,
FF/P Joe Caan
and Battalion Chief Dave Miner

( L to R) FF/P John Conall,
FF/P Ben Wichels,
Lieutenant Richard Wilson
and Battalion Chief Mike Clarke

( L to R) FF/P Rob Krenn,
FF/P Nick McLeod,
Lieutenant Brian Corn,
Lieutenant Ed Christ
and FF/P Mike Siegmann

( L to R) FF/P Joe Caan,
Lieutenant Dave Zamastil
and FF/P Rich Gustafson
The Bartlett Fire Protection District provides Advanced Life Support (ALS) service to the residents of the District. The District's ALS ambulances respond from Station 1 at 234 N. Oak and Station 2 at 501 W. Struckman. To enhance the level of ALS service to the District, all fire engines and ladder trucks are staffed with paramedics and capable of providing ALS care.

Did You Know?:
- All full-time Bartlett Fire Protection District firefighters and several part-time firefighters are licensed paramedics with the State of Illinois
- Firefighter/Paramedics are authorized to provide paramedic level care under the direction of the Project Medical Director at Sherman Hospital
- Firefighter/Paramedics are required to attend monthly continuing education sessions to maintain their license
- Firefighter/Paramedics can send a copy of a patient's EKG from the field to the hospital to help reduce the time it takes to receive lifesaving procedures.

Types of Calls:
The graph shows the most common types of emergencies that the Bartlett Fire Protection District responded to in 2012.

**Medical Calls By Nature**

- Traumatic Injury 26%
- Pain (General) 23%
- Behavioral 21%
- Abdominal Pain 8%
- Chest Pain 13%
- Weakness 9%
Company Inspection Program
Inspections are conducted on an annual basis at the business, commercial and multi-family locations throughout the District. The purpose of these inspections is to identify fire and life safety hazards. Once a hazard is identified the inspectors and the fire prevention bureau work with the business owner to correct the situation. An active inspection program helps to prevent fires and ensure that the life safety features of a building are operational.

Most Common Hazards
In 2012, the most common hazards found during inspections are shown in the chart.

Most Common Hazards Found During an Inspection
- Emergency lights not working
- Exit signs not illuminated
- Fire extinguishers not serviced
- Housekeeping issues
- Excessive storage
- Electrical issues
- Outdated lock box keys

Fire Prevention Bureau Services
- Along with the company inspection program, the Bartlett Fire Prevention Bureau also provides the following services;
- Commercial plan reviews - Plans for new buildings or renovated buildings are reviewed to make sure they comply with the codes adopted by the District.
- New occupant inspections - When a new tenant plans to occupy an existing space an inspection is conducted to check if there are any code deficiencies prior to occupancy.
- Open burn permits - The fire prevention bureau reviews requests for open burning for code and EPA compliance prior to issuing a permit.
- Firework display permits - All commercial firework displays are required to have a permit. During the review process, compliance with national fire safety standards is evaluated prior to issuing a permit.
- Consultations - Fire prevention personnel regularly assist business owners, architects and developers on fire code requirements during the development process.
- Fire investigations - After a fire, District personnel trained in fire investigation work to determine the cause and origin of a fire.

The Bartlett Fire Protection District is there in a moment’s notice to respond to your emergency. However, we know that, through education, we can prevent medical and fire emergencies from occurring. District personnel are actively involved in promoting fire and life safety through many different avenues. The following are some of the educational programs provided in 2012:

✔ Bartlett High School Operation Prom Night
✔ Hanover Township Touch-a-Truck and Health Expo
✔ Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp
✔ Bartlett July 4th festivities
✔ Bartlett Police Department National Night Out
✔ MABAS Division 2 Touch-a-Truck
✔ Hawk Hallow School Cancer Rally
✔ Cub Scout meetings
✔ Elementary school poster contest

Please let us know about a meeting or event that you would like us to attend - call (630) 837-3701.

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Public Education

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Fire Station 2 Reconstruction

History
Fire Station 2 was built in 1985 to provide a higher, and much needed, level of fire and emergency medical services to a rapidly growing southern aspect of the community. At that time staffing of the fire department was with “on call” firefighters for fire emergencies. Fire apparatus responded from the Fire Barn at 218 Main Street (next to village hall) and Station 1 at 234 North Oak Avenue.

Accommodations
Fire Station 2 was built to house part-time employees and lacked amenities that are necessary for a full-time professional fire department. FGM Architects was hired by the District in 2009 to evaluate the existing facility with regard to current fire service guidelines, code requirements, space, and facilities in regards to current staffing arrangements of the District and future growth.

A full copy of the Study is available for review. The following is included in the executive summary:

The District’s Station No 2 is significantly undersized. This station was built prior to career firefighter status, and the size, quantity, and layout of the station reflects this. The only portion of the station that is adequately sized are the Apparatus Bays. In addition to being undersized, there are several items that impact safety, health, and security that further create non-ideal condition. Serious consideration must be taken by the district on a corrective solution.

FGM Architects, October 21, 2009

The Plan
Starting May 1, 2013, the construction of Station #2 will begin. The plan includes demolition of the existing living quarters, but keeps the apparatus bays. The current living area of the existing facility is roughly 2,418 square feet. The new living area proposed in the plan will be 5,948 square feet after construction. The apparatus bays will remain at their current size, but will be enhanced to meet the interior and exterior aesthetics of the new living area as well as meeting code deficiencies.

Pre-Construction
Design & Preparation
January 2012

Vacate Fire Station
April 26, 2013

Demolition
May 1, 2013

Construction Starts
May 1, 2013

Construction Complete
January 2014

Training
Members of the District must be able to competently respond to whatever emergency finds its way to us through 9-1-1. While we associate the “Fire Department” as putting out fires and responding to medical emergencies, there are many other aspects of a firefighter’s job. Training is part of the daily routine. Some of the training topics covered throughout the year include:

- Fire Service Instructor
- Water Rescue
- Tactics & Strategies
- Rural Water Operations
- Confined Space Rescue
- Structural Collapse Operations
- Incident Command System
- Fire Hose Evolutions
- Ropes & Knots
- Paramedic Skills
- Forcible Entry
- Hydraulics
- Extrication
- Fire Service Vehicle Operators
- Rapid Intervention Team
- Blood-Borne Pathogens
- Fireground Safety
- High Angle Rope Operations
- Breathing Apparatus
- Structural Collapse Operations
- Fire Investigation
- Fire Service Management
- trench Rescue
- Water Rescue
- Hazardous Materials
- Rural Water Operations
- Vehicle Machinery Operations
- salvage & Overhaul
- Management
- Fire Officer
- Ground Ladders
- Ventilation

The duties and responsibilities of a modern day fire department greatly affect our apparatus, equipment, and training.

Apparatus and Equipment
While the fire engines and ambulances appear to be somewhat the same throughout the suburban communities, there are some specialty vehicles that the Bartlett Fire Protection District owns because of the types of calls that we respond to. Here are a couple examples:

- Tender 3 carries 3,000 gallons of water in addition to a fire pump and fire hose. This unit responds to fires where a fire hydrant or other water source is not available. Many of the unincorporated areas that the District is responsible for providing service does not have any water. We have to bring our own.

- Brush 3 is a four wheel drive truck that carries 250 gallons of water, a small pump, and a small compliment of rubber fire hose. This vehicle is designed to go off-road for grass fires. Bartlett has many large open grasslands that occasionally catch fire, which is where this vehicles responds.

- Squad 1 is designed to carry a large variety of specialized equipment in its’ large compartments. Some of the equipment includes hazardous materials suits, meters, and decontamination system. It also carries technical equipment and supplies for complicated above or below ground rescues. The most commonly used equipment is a large supply of air that is used to fill the firefighters air bottles at fires.

We Wear Many Hats
Additional Staff

The Bartlett Fire Protection District provides its’ services to community through many employees. You can see who the fulltime fire and EMS crews that are assigned to each station on page 4. In addition to the fulltime firefighters and paramedics, the District is made up of other personnel.

Part-Time Firefighters & Paramedics

- Todd Lewis, Andrew Smolenski, Monica Stawski, Dave Liberndt, Mark Uzitas, Ed Gholson, Robert Krenn, Rick Nelson, Scott Brichall, Mark Hubbard, Allen Pennazato, Bill White, Chris Weihe, Kevin Schrader, Ron Dierking
- Bill Baumann, Jr., Steve Kapfhammer, Eric Shipma, Kevin Bootz, Scott Dexter

Administration

Fire Chief Michael Falese,
Assistant Chief Mike Kelly,
Assistant Chief Mike Figolah,
Office Manager Janice Gumprecht,
Executive Administrative Assistant Colleen Kalber

Giving Back

Several District members participated in the Presidential Stair Climb (March) in Chicago and the Oakbrook Stair Climb (February) as well. Registration fees as well as additional donations that were obtained went to the Respiratory Health Association.

Several District members participated with Hawk Hollow Elementary School and some parents of children at that school to conduct a cancer awareness event as well as raise money for the Trisha L. Simon (TLS) Foundation. Money raised for this event totaled nearly $1000 and will be utilized to assist individuals suffering from different forms of cancer.

The District once again actively participated in the annual “Toys for Tots” program. The efforts resulted in collecting toys that were then distributed to selected families during the holiday season.

Several District members assisted with a fundraiser for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Personnel partnered with Baskin Robbins and helped scoop ice cream cones for hours while the line to get in the ice cream shop was literally out the door.

Several District members assisted with the St. Baldrick’s fundraiser for children’s cancer. Some District Personnel even having their heads for this cause.

Firefighters collected money (and donated themselves) for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). This took place during February 2012.

Several members participated in the “Hustle up the Hancock” event in February 2012. Each climber raised money for Bartlett Rotary. District personnel, Bartlett Rotary members, and local businesses raised over $3000 for the Bartlett Rotary.

Several members assisted in the “Camp I Am Me” burn camp. District members volunteered upwards of a week to help out with camp.

Twelve District members participated in the Ragnar 200 mile relay in Minnesota. This was the 3rd year in a row that District personnel participated in this event that raises money for Special Olympics. For the 3rd year in a row, District personnel contributed their own money to purchase Target gift cards for needy families just prior to Christmas. This year, over $2000 was raised, which resulted in providing a $200 gift card to eight families.

Several District members participated in the 2012 Sea Blue Prostate Cancer walk in September that raised over $500 for prostate cancer awareness.

The District once again hosted the Pink Heals event. This event includes the arrival of several pink fire engines that travel across the country to raise awareness and money for women’s cancer. This event raised nearly $1000. This event also included a blood donation.

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Financial Summary

The Bartlett Fire Protection District uses a very conservative budgeting model that emphasizes fiscal responsibility and complete transparency.

Governance

The Bartlett Fire Protection District is a separate government agency. As a separate unit of government the District has its own Board of Trustees. The Board is elected by the community.

James R. McCarthy, President
Donald A. Wisniewski, Treasurer
Broc Montgomery, Secretary
John A. Whitmer, Trustee
Kevin R. Wiley, Trustee

The hiring of new firefighter/paramedics, promotions, and discipline falls under the responsibility of the Fire Commission in accordance with state statute. The Commission members are appointed by the District Board.

Rick Wagner, Chairman
Michael D. Bersani, Commissioner
Frank Giovannelli, Commissioner

Expenditures by Function
For the Year Ending December 31

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Revenues by Source
For the Year Ending December 31

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Awards

Government Finance Officers Association Award (GFOA)

For the second year in a row, the District was awarded the prestigious Government Finance Officers Association’s highest award – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Chief Falese – President, Illinois Fire Chiefs Association

On October 16, 2012 Bartlett Fire Protection District Fire Chief Michael W. Falese was sworn in as President of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. As President of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, Chief Falese leads the organization presiding over an executive board, which is made up of 2 vice-presidents, the past-president, 4 directors, an International Fire Chiefs Association representative, and 15 area representatives.

The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association mission statement: The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association is dedicated to promoting excellence in the fire service by providing an information-sharing network and by offering educational, legislative, and technical opportunities to our diverse membership and associated partners.
Facebook: Bartlett Fire Protection District
Check us out on Facebook to receive local fire news, updates, and safety tips for fire prevention and extreme weather conditions.

Website: www.Bartlettfire.com
Our website provides detailed descriptions of the Bartlett Fire Protection District. Here you can find information on history, staffing, new training, safety tips, and local public education events that occur annually. The website is the perfect place to see what we have been doing to better serve the Bartlett community.

FAQ:
Q: Who answers the 9-1-1 call?
A: All Bartlett fire, EMS, and police emergency calls are answered by DU-COMM, an intergovernmental communications agency that provides centralized communications for most police and fire departments in DuPage County. 9-1-1 Calls are immediately dispatched to the appropriate fire station, apparatus, and personnel.

Q: Why does the dispatcher ask so many questions?
A: The dispatcher is required to ask as many questions as necessary to gather pertinent information about your emergency call. They relay the information you provide directly to the emergency personnel en route to better prepare the firefighter/paramedics for your specific situation. It is in your best interest to answer as many questions as you can but you are not required to do so and may decline at any time. Also, the 9-1-1 dispatchers are trained to provide pre-arrival instructions to the caller on emergency medical situations. The dispatcher will provide emergency first-aid to the phone caller while firefighter/paramedics are en route to the incident. These instructions DO NOT delay the emergency dispatch and response of the fire department.

Q: Why do fire engines and ambulances from other departments respond to Bartlett calls?
A: The Bartlett Fire Protection District has agreements with neighboring fire departments that include mutual aid. Neighboring fire and EMS vehicles respond into Bartlett when they may be closer than our apparatus or when all of our resources are committed on a simultaneous incident. Fire District personnel often respond to other communities to provide similar assistance. Simply put, the Bartlett Fire Protection District, in conjunction with neighboring departments, work together to provide the timeliest and most efficient care to our residents.

Contacts

Emergency Services: 9-1-1
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Fire suppression

Non-Emergency Services: (630) 837-3701
- CPR and First Aid training
- Incident reports
- Disaster and crisis planning
- Fire prevention
- Building inspections
- Fire Investigations
- Fire code enforcement
- Lock box questions
- Smoke detector installation and replacement
- Fire Station Tours
- General Fire Department questions