Bartlett Fire Protection District 2015
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.

Leadership of the Board of Trustees and the dedicated, passionate work of our personnel serve as the foundation on which this report is presented.

The underlying goal of the Bartlett Fire Protection District is to position our organization as a leader in the region in the delivery of emergency services. We function as an open, inclusive, and caring team of professionals that places the utmost importance on the residents we serve. We truly want to make a difference to the residents and in the community that we serve.

We work hard in the Bartlett Fire Protection District to provide high quality services. We dedicate ourselves and have a strong desire to continuously improve and be a part of an organization that is focused on high level performance. We pay a great deal of attention to customer service, cost efficiency, and emergency scene performance.

It is my hope that you enjoy reading and find value in this report. Please know 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 or by a personal visit to my office as well.

Letter from the Chief

Michael W. Falese
Fire Chief
Bartlett Fire Protection District

2015 Accomplishments

• Conducted acting lieutenant professional development classes
• Station 1 fitness room renovation project started
• Migrated internal email from a local server to the cloud
• Completed a lieutenant promotional process
• Completed a battalion chief promotional process
• Conducted a 4th of July fireworks safety press conference
• Conducted live burn training for all department members
• Replaced 3 Paramedic computers
• Completed the IT room renovation project
• Completed the administration copy machine area renovation project

Emergency Incident Responses
5 Year Overview

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*Miscellaneous incidents include: lockouts, hazardous materials spills, power lines down, water problems, false alarms, invalid assists, unauthorized burning, sprinkler activations, system malfunctions, carbon monoxide detector activations, etc.
Following the tragic event that occurred to the New York City Twin Towers on September 11, 2001; the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey took possession of more than 1200 pieces of steel left behind after the World Trade Center buildings collapsed. That steel was housed at Hangar 17 at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Police and fire departments across the world had the opportunity to receive a piece of steel. Bartlett Fire Protection District received word that they were approved as a steel recipient in June 2011. Lieutenant Rich Wilson drove to New York to pick up Bartlett’s piece of steel from the World Trade Center. Over the next 4 years District members developed a plan as to how to display the steel with honor, dignity, and respect.

Once a mockup was developed and approved, the daunting process of figuring out how to build the display began. Fortunately, there were many local companies that donated their time and material to put together the display.

AutoTruck of Bartlett was instrumental in fabricating the steel support system.

LG Hausys donated the Hi-Macs solid surface material for the display base. Geraldi Design, Elgin was instrumental in the overall design, fabrication, engraving, and installation. The Amish Furniture and Trim Company was generous in their coordination of the base materials, fabrication, and installation.

The Bartlett Fire Protection District members were instrumental in providing their design input and muscle to install the steel on top of the fabricated base. The members continue to maintain the monument to preserve the dignity that it deserves.

On April 11, 2015 the New York Trade Center steel was dedicated with many residents, past and current fire district members attending. The steel is proudly displayed in the lobby of Fire Station 1 located at 234 North Oak Avenue. It is available daily for public viewing. There is always a firefighter willing to explain how the steel came to be in Bartlett. The honor, dignity, and respect is apparent.
PREVENTING FIRES IN THE HOME.

It is obvious that the Bartlett Fire Protection District responds to fires and medical calls for help. But did you know, it is also the mission of the district to reduce fires and medical incidents.

The Bartlett Fire Protection District would like to offer some tips to reduce the risk of residential fires.

“COOKING WITH CAUTION”

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. Cooking is also the number one cause of home fires and home injuries! Always be alert when cooking in your home. If you are sleepy or otherwise impaired, the risk of cooking related fires increases.

- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer to remind you when the food is done cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop. Oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains all present increased fire risks.
- Stay in the kitchen if you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling foods. These cooking activities present a heightened risk of cooking fires.

If you have a grease fire…

- Smother stovetop flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning the burner off. Do not uncover the pan until it has fully cooled.
- Oven fires are best contained by turning off the heat and leaving the door closed.

Do not fight a fire.

Your safety is most important...

- Get out of the house. Close the door behind you as you exit.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately after exiting the home.
- Never go back inside after you’ve exited the home.

“CANDLE WITH CARE”

Fires started by candles are the fastest growing cause of house fires. Candles are pretty to look at, but can also be the cause of a house fire or home fire deaths. It is important to always remember that candles are open flames and should be treated with caution.

- Always blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. It is best to avoid candle use in bedrooms or other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.

If you do burn candles, always...

- Use candle holders that can’t tip over easily.
- Use candle holders on a sturdy surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair, and clothing away from the flame.
- Never burn a candle all the way down. Extinguish the fire before it gets too close to the container.
- Never use a candle if there is oxygen in use at the home.
- Do not use candles during a power outage. Keep flashlights and spare batteries easily accessible.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Electricity is a convenience that we don’t often think about being a fire safety issue. Several tips can reduce the risk of a home fire from electricity.

- Always have a qualified electrician perform electrical work.
- When purchasing or remodeling a home, have a qualified electrician inspect the home.
- Only plug one heat producing appliance into a receptacle outlet at a time (coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.)
- Minimize the number of extension cords and power strips in the home to reduce overloading an outlet.
- Always plug major appliances directly into an outlet. Avoid using extension cords or power strips.
- Use GFCI outlets to reduce the risk of electrical shock. Check Arc-fault and Ground-Fault outlets monthly.
- Use lightbulbs that do not exceed the maximum wattage for the light fixture.

If you smoke, smoke outside. Most fire deaths result from fires that originated in the living room, family room, den, or bedroom.

- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches and other smoking materials up high and away from children.
- Use a deep sturdy ashtray. Keep the ashtray away from anything that can burn.
- Do not throw cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, plants, shrubs, grasses, or leaves.
- Before you throw a butt away in the trash, ensure they are fully extinguished by dousing them in water or sand.
- Never smoke when medical oxygen is being used.
- Do not smoke if you are sleepy or have consumed any substance which may leave you impaired.
- Never smoke in bed.
The Pink Heals Tour visited Bartlett once again in 2015. This marks the fifth time in six years that the tour has stopped in Bartlett. The Bartlett Fire Protection District raised over $18,000 in 2015 as a result of the Pink Heals Tour. The Pink Heals tour focuses on supporting women’s illnesses and their families. The money is not given to a large corporate charity, but rather directly to local women in need.

The Bartlett Fire Protection District hosted the tour at the third annual Pink Heals Festival on July 15th. The Pink Heals fire engines were the main attraction, displaying thousands of names and messages of love written by people from throughout the country. Along with the Pink Heals engines, the event featured a live band, silent auction, raffle, kids’ activities and food.

Fundraising efforts continued beyond the festival with t-shirt and sweatshirts sales, as well as the annual basketball game. The fire district faced off against the Bartlett High School faculty in the third annual Pink Heals basketball game on November 4th. The fire district pulled out a victory in an overtime thriller to beat the faculty for the first time in three years.

Bartlett firefighters wear pink uniforms for two weeks of the year to support this great cause.

"WE CARE ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK"

Bartlett Fire Protection District operates three fire stations throughout the community to provide timely emergency services.

**Fire Station 1 234 North Oak Avenue – Headquarters**

Station 1 was originally built in 1973 and was last remodeled in 2000. Fire Station 1 serves as the headquarters station for the district administration. In addition, the station houses:

- One fire engine
- One squad/specialty equipment vehicle
- One primary ambulance
- One reserve ambulance

Minimum daily staffing at Fire Station 1 is 1 lieutenant and 4 firefighter/paramedics.

**Fire Station 2 501 West Struckman Boulevard - Hawk Hollow Forest Preserve Area**

Station 2 was originally built in 1986 and was significantly remodeled in 2013. Fire Station 2 serves as the primary station for the southern portion of the fire district. Fire Station 2 houses:

- One fire engine
- One 3500 gallon water tender
- One primary ambulance
- One reserve ambulance

Minimum daily staffing at Fire Station 2 is 1 lieutenant and 4 firefighter/paramedics.

**Fire Station 3 1575 West Bartlett Road – Bartlett Trail area**

Station 3 was originally completed and opened in October 2008. Fire Station 3 serves as the primary station for the western portion of the fire district and the Brewster Creek Business Park. Fire Station 3 houses:

- One 100’ tower ladder
- One fire engine
- One brush fire mini-pumper
- One shift commander car

Minimum daily staffing at Fire Station 3 is 1 Battalion Chief, 1 lieutenant, and 2 firefighter/paramedics.
Each year the Bartlett Fire District recognizes employee anniversaries and accomplishments from the previous year. The 2014 awards and recognitions were presented in February 2015.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

- Firefighter/Paramedic Denice Maiz was recognized for her continued devotion to the organization in her role as EMS coordinator.
- Assistant Chief Michael Figolah was recognized as the recipient of the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Life Safety Award.
- Chief Michael Falese was recognized as the 2014 Illinois Fire Chief of the Year recipient.
- Firefighter/Paramedics Brian Becker, Kevin Chapman, and David DiRienzo were awarded the Medal of Merit for their efforts at the scene of a motor vehicle collision in Hoffman Estates.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Monica Stawski was awarded the Medal of Merit for her efforts to save the life of a motor vehicle collision victim in Morris, IL while she was off duty.

In addition, the Bartlett Fire District recognized the following members of the community for their partnership and assistance with various projects and fundraising events.

- Tom Lia – Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board
- Murray Friedman – Bannerman’s
- Melene Laughlin – Jel Sert Company

**ANNIVERSARIES**

The following members of the Bartlett Fire District were recognized for their continued dedication and service to the Fire District.

**5 Years of Service**

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**15 Years of Service**

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**20 Years of Service**

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**GFOA**

We are proud to announce that the Bartlett Fire Protection District received a very distinguished award for the fifth year in a row.

The “Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award” was presented to the District in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 by the Government Finance Officers Association. This award recognizes government agencies that go above and beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted governmental accounting principles. According to the Government Finance Officers Association, “Due to the rigor of financial management required, only a few Illinois Fire Districts have been presented this prestigious award. This award recognizes well organized financial spending, which benefits the community.”

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**Lt. Denice Maiz: Promotion**

On November 18, 2015 Denice Maiz was promoted to the rank of lieutenant/paramedic. Denice started her career with the Bartlett Fire Protection District on October 28, 1998. She served as a firefighter/paramedic and an acting lieutenant until this promotion. Denice is responsible for the EMS Division, which oversees the medical training and certifications of all of the District’s paramedics. Additionally, as the EMS Division leader, she is responsible for developing specifications for new ambulances, procuring medical supplies, and purchasing and maintaining the medical equipment on the District’s ambulances and fire apparatus. Emergency medical responses are the majority of incidents that the District crews respond to. Denice’s outstanding performance in leading the EMS Division over many years proved that she was qualified and ready to take on additional responsibilities in her new role as lieutenant.

**Trustee John Whitmer – Retirement**

On April 11, 2015 the Bartlett Fire Protection District honored John Whitmer in a formal ceremony for his service to the District starting in 1959 and culminating in 2015. During his many years with the District, John held many positions from firefighter through the rank of Deputy Fire Chief. He also became a Commissioner and then served 18 years as a Trustee. The longevity and vast array of positions are unmatched by anyone in the District’s 100+ year history.

More than 100 people attended the ceremony to congratulate John for all he has done for the Bartlett Fire Protection District and the citizens of Bartlett and surrounding areas.
How Bartlett Fire Compares

**TOTAL NUMBER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSES BY STATION**

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**2015 EMERGENCY INCIDENTS BY DEPARTMENT**

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**TOTAL 2015 TAX RATE**

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*2013 response times were longer due to the Fire Station 2 remodel project.*
Meet the Firefighters

Meet the Firefighters is an annual addition to the report where firefighters of the Bartlett Fire Protection District are featured. It is important that the community is familiar with the Bartlett Fire Protection District members who proudly serve our community.

Lieutenant/Paramedic Dave Zamastil

Lieutenant Dave Zamastil began his career in EMS with McHenry Rescue. He served from 1978 until 1987 and obtained his Paramedic license through McHenry Rescue. Dave also served with Wonder Lake Fire Department from 1980 to 1984 and was trained as a firefighter and scuba diver.

In 1980 Lt. Zamastil was hired to work at Bartlett Fire Protection District. During his time with Bartlett he has obtained certifications as; fire officer 1, fire officer 2, advanced firefighter, fire investigator, vehicle and machinery extrication operations, apparatus engineer, and lieutenant. Dave was promoted to lieutenant on October 6, 2008.

Firefighter/Paramedic Rick Sadowski

Firefighter/Paramedic Rick Sadowski began his service with the Bartlett Fire Protection District in December of 1996 as a paid on call firefighter. In 2004, Rick was hired by Paramedic Services of Illinois (PSI) to work at Bartlett full time. In 2006, Rick was appointed to the position of PSI coordinator for the fire district. In the time he has served the Bartlett Fire Protection District, he has attained his Paramedic license, firefighter III, hazardous materials operations certification, confined space awareness, and is an American Heart Association CPR instructor.

When asked what Rick likes most about his role in the department, he stated "If a resident calls the fire department it is usually not a good day for them. There is nothing like the feeling of being able to give back to the residents of this community in their time of need. Sometimes it is as simple as holding their hand as we take them to the hospital."

Financial Summary

REVENUES BY SOURCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

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REVENUES BY SOURCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

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<td><strong>Total Revenues</strong></td>
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Smoke Alarms
- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area.
- Larger homes need more smoke alarms.
- Use interconnected smoke alarms whenever possible.
- There are two kinds of smoke alarms. Each type has advantages and the best protection is offered when both types are used in the home.
- Smoke alarms should be installed at least 10 feet from the stove to reduce false alarms.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms
- Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms should be installed inside each sleeping area.
- Install alarms on every level of the home. Interconnected alarms are best.
- Follow manufacturer’s instructions to properly install the alarm.
- Know the sound your CO alarms make. It will make a different sound when the battery is low or if it is time to replace the alarm.
- It is recommended that CO alarms be replaced every 5 years.

Preventing CO Poisoning
- When warming your vehicle, move it outside.
- Do not run fueled engines indoors.
- During or after a snowstorm, ensure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow buildup.
- Check and clear your vents regularly.
- Only use grills outdoors.
- Always use generators outdoors.
- Open the fireplace damper before starting a fire.
- Never heat your home with a stove or oven.

Contacts

Emergency Services: 9-1-1
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Fire Investigation
- Fire Suppression

Non-Emergency Services: (630) 837-3701
- CPR and First Aid Training • Incident Reports
- Disaster and Crisis Planning
- Public Education • Building Inspections
- Fire Investigations • Lock Box Questions
- Smoke Detector Installation and Replacement
- Fire Station Tours • General Questions

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