

# Troy Fire Protection District

Annual Report 2024



# Fire Station Locations

- Station 1 (Headquarters)
  - 700 Cottage St. (IL-59)



- Station 2
  - 25454 W. Seil Rd.

- Station 3
  - 748 Jones Rd.  
Minooka, IL
  - Future fire station
  - Training tower and classroom



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## Mission, Vision, and Values Statements

### Mission Statement (Our Purpose)

- *“Our mission is to provide a professional and courteous team that strives to exceed the community’s expectations. This mission requires our members to be part of a safe, capable, aggressive, all-risk fire protection district that focuses on emergency medical care, emergency services, fire suppression, community risk reduction, and public education.”*

### Vision Statement (Our Future)

- *“We strive to be a progressive organization that leads the community in public safety. The service we provide will be the highest quality afforded to the citizens and visitors of our community.”*

### Values Statement (Our Principles)

- *“We encourage and support excellence in leadership, innovation, and service. We aspire to the highest level of competency through training and mentoring. We honor our families and respect the deep traditions of the fire service. We will act quickly and ethically with esteem and integrity in all situations.”*



2024 was another busy year for the Troy Fire Protection District. Many milestones were achieved this year, including one firefighter completing his one-year probationary period and the promotion of two members to the rank of Lieutenant. In addition, we added two full-time members to the department, bringing our daily staffing to 14. These personnel staff 3 Advanced Life Support, or ALS, ambulances, 2 ALS engines, 1 ALS ladder truck, and a Shift Commander.



Our firefighters responded to **3,771** calls for service this past year, representing a **6.1%** increase over 2023.





The Fire District continued working on the development of our state-of-the-art training facilities with the completion of the pond expansion for water rescue training, refurbishment of the on-site

classroom building, and construction of a new storage accessory building. The training center will be a “one-stop” regional asset for fire and police agencies to conduct classroom education as well as hands-on training. We are able to offer classes ranging from CPR and drone classes to advanced firefighting and fire officer training.

The training burn tower can provide real-life smoke environments to allow firefighters to hone their skills in search and rescue. It can also teach “saving our own” skills for when unexpected emergencies occur on the fireground. Further, the tower can be used for tactical rescue, simulating rescues from electrical or cellular towers, along with confined space training exercises. The “training pen” is an area where firefighters and paramedics can practice auto extrication. We have a burn cell dedicated for fire investigators to conduct specialized training, and a semi-trailer tank where hazardous materials teams can practice containing fuel leaks or spills.

The training facility is instrumental in the Fire District’s annual fire academy hosted in conjunction with Joliet Junior College, training the next generations of firefighters.





2024 saw the renewal of the District's ISO Class 1 certification. The Fire District is extremely proud of this designation, as there are only 498 fire departments in the United States and 26 in the State of Illinois certified as Class 1.

In 2024 we were also SHARP recertified. SHARP is a program within the State of Illinois Department of Labor that stands for Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program. Troy Fire is one of only three fire departments statewide to have earned this recognition.



In April of 2024, the Fire District ratified a successor agreement with our labor union, IAFF Local 4909.

Throughout the year multiple firefighters and officers continued their education, completing advanced degrees and state certifications through the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshall (OSFM).





The Fire District sent our aging 2012 ambulance for a new 2024 Ford chassis, representing significant cost savings versus purchasing a completely new ambulance. This new ambulance will respond from

our Seil Rd. station in District 2.



The 2012 chassis was then repurposed by installing a flatbed unit and a snow plow to serve as a utility vehicle for District facilities.

In October we took delivery of our new Pierce ladder truck. This vehicle was ordered at the end of the pandemic and spent the last three years being custom built. All members of the District received training from factory personnel on the operation of this new piece of highly sophisticated equipment which will serve our citizens for many years to come. The new 2219 will respond out of Station 1 on Cottage St., replacing the 2003 tower ladder which will be moved to reserve status.



The EMS Division of the District made significant improvements to service and equipment in 2024, replacing aging medical equipment on both ambulances and fire apparatus. A second CPR assist device was acquired, placing one on each first out ambulance. This device,



known as the Auto Pulse, assists responders to ensure that CPR being performed is efficient and of the highest quality on the scene of a medical emergency. Lastly, new video laryngoscopes were purchased with the help of a grant, providing the latest technology for advanced airway treatment.

District personnel received multiple recognitions from St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet in 2024, demonstrating outstanding care for emergent cardiac and stroke patients. Multiple life save awards were acknowledged, reflecting the exceptional individual efforts of our personnel in the pre-hospital setting. We continue to be proud of the service we provide to our citizens and visitors of the Fire District.





Troy specialty teams also had a busy year, spending considerable time both training and responding to requests for service both in our jurisdiction as well as assisting other agencies in our MABAS Division.

The busiest team was the Fire Investigation Team. Led by Team Leader and Arson Investigator Lt. Dan Rozak, the Troy Fire Investigation Team is made up of 6 Investigators. Arson Investigators D/C Rusty Kamp, Lt. Mike Arellano, Lt. Adam Menard, Lt. Phil Morel, and Fire Investigator FF Tim Anderson.

As part of the larger MABAS 15 Division Team, our members were called out 46 times. Of those 46, a Troy Fire Investigator was present over 50% of the time, and operated as the lead investigator on 3 incendiary fires that resulted in arrests and felony arson charges.





Another busy area of the Fire District is our Public Education Division. Last April the Village of Shorewood held the annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at our Station 2 on Seil Rd. The Fire District passed out safety information to families at the Shorewood Crossroads Fest, we had several community groups visit for tours of the fire stations, and we joined the Village at Towne Center for the annual Trunk or Treat event. In September we teamed up with the Village for an Open House/Touch-A-Truck event held at Fire Station 2 and Four Seasons Park. The most popular event was the Santa Around Town parade in December, a big favorite of kids and adults alike.





Technical Rescue Team members responded to three calls for service in 2024. As a member of the larger MABAS 15 Team, members assisted in the rescue of an ill worker trapped in a water tower in Channahon, which was covered extensively by local and Chicago media.





The Troy Honor Guard has partnered with the Shorewood Police Department Honor Guard to participate in local ceremonies and post colors for special events. The Troy Honor Guard had the privilege of marching at the 2024 Memorial Day ceremony at Village Hall, led the Crossroads Fest Parade, and posted colors at Troy Baseball Opening Day and Veteran’s Day.



This year members of our Fire District, along with many others nationwide, will be wearing RED shirts on Fridays to Remember Everyone Deployed (RED). We extend our thanks and gratitude to those who have and who are currently serving in our Armed Forces.







This year also marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Troy Fire Department. We are proud of what this organization has grown to from its humble beginnings in 1955; thanks to a few brave members who wanted to serve their community.

The hard work of every member since 1955 is valued and appreciated. Their dedication set the foundation for what the Troy Fire Protection District is today.

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