

Long Grove Fire Protection District and the Village of Long Grove Joint meeting
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Background on Long Grove Fire Protection District

The Long Grove Fire Protection District (LGFPD or District) was created in 1929 and is overseen by a three-member Board of Trustees. It has evolved from an all volunteer unit, to an all paid-on-call group, to a full-time contracted with paid-on-call and paid-on-premise personnel to the combination full-time traditional with paid-on-call and paid-on-premise organization it is today. With the coming of traditional full-time personnel, came the creation of the Board of Fire Commissioners. This Board is basically responsible for the hiring, firing and discipline of full-time personnel.

The District's 2015 operations budget is \$4,486,666, with a capital budget of \$395,700. The 2015 starting Firefighter/Paramedic pay rate is \$59,961/year with top pay at \$91,403/year, after completing your 6th year. The District offers an excellent benefits package. Our auditor states that the District is in a financially sound position.

The District covers a population of about 10,000 residents, in an approximately 14 square mile area, out of one fire station. The area covered includes portions of five different villages (Deer Park, Hawthorn Woods, Kildeer, Lincolnshire and Long Grove), three different townships (Ela, Palatine and Vernon), and two different counties (Cook and Lake). The Cook County side is known for multi-family, lower-income apartment buildings with "city type" water supplies while the Lake County side is known for large upscale housing, long and narrow private driveways and roads, a historic business district and rural water supply. The Lake County side of the District has a combination of Dry (Drafting) hydrants, limited private water systems, and a small public water system. The District is also home to one public elementary school, three private elementary schools, two nursing homes, a large corporate office complex, several religious institutions, and four country clubs along with various other retail establishments.

Long travel routes to some areas within the District along with traffic congestion during rush hour periods and generally poor road conditions during inclement weather are a major concern/problem. In addition to long travel time, we encounter the previously mentioned narrow private driveways that delay or prevent access for fire apparatus.

As stated above, LGFPD has limited water systems and relies heavily on rural water supply operations. On every reported fire we have multiple water tenders responding carrying approximately 12,000 gallons of water.

The District is dispatched by RED (Regional Emergency Dispatch) Center and has an ISO blended rating of 3/4 throughout its jurisdictional boundaries. Total incidents range from 1525 to 1725 calls per year. Approximately 20 percent of these incidents are multiple call situations.

Seven personnel are scheduled 24 hours per day. However, average duty crew size would be six personnel with five as a minimum. Generally, the staffing consists of a Chief Officer, Lieutenant, and firefighters. At least three of the personnel on duty are paramedics (4 usually), and at least 2 of the firefighters are fire apparatus engineers. The District has 12 full-time sworn personnel, 20 part-time firefighters, a full-time Fire Marshal, part-time Fire Inspector, a full-time Administrative Assistant, and a part-time Office Assistant. Future growth within the District (including two assisted living facilities) and retirements will necessitate the hiring of more full-time and part-time personnel in the future. Currently, we hope to hire one full-time position in January 2016, and the possibility of three total full-time hires off this new eligibility list.

LGFPD has thirteen different automatic response agreements (all give and receive) in place with neighboring jurisdictions and is very active within the MABAS Box Alarm System.

The District owns/operates the following apparatus/equipment/vehicles:

- 2005 ALS KME Pumper/Squad (2000 GPM/1000 Gallons of water and 60 gallons of foam) with Extrication Equipment
- 2002 ALS KME Water Tender (3000 GPM/3000 Gallons water) with Extrication Equipment
- 2013 ALS Alexis Water Tender (1250 GPM/1850 Gallons of water and 40 gallons of foam) with Extrication Equipment
- 2010 ALS Ford 4WD F550 Type 6 Wildland Engine (500 GPM/ 300 Gallons of water and 15 gallons of foam) with Extrication Equipment
- 2014 ALS AEV 4WD Ambulance
- 2015 ALS AEV 4WD Ambulance
- 2006 BLS Ford Excursion 4WD Command Unit
- 2009 BLS Ford Exhibition 4WD Chief's Vehicle
- 2010 BLS Ford Exhibition 4WD Deputy Chief's Vehicle
- 2008 BLS Chevrolet Silverado 4WD Deputy Chief's Vehicle
- 2010 BLS Ford F150 4WD Fire Marshal Vehicle
- 2012 BLS Ford Escape
- 2004 BLS Ford F250 4WD Utility Pick-Up Truck
- 2003 Zodiac Inflatable Boat and Trailer
- 2015 Polaris 4 seat UTV wildland brush unit with patient transport capability
- Two Refurbished BLS Mountain Bicycles

In addition to the above apparatus/equipment/vehicles, the District is a joint owner of a refurbished/fabricated Hose Tender with Countryside Fire Protection District and

Wauconda Fire Protection District. The Hose Tender carries 4000' of 5" LDH, and is housed at Countryside FPD station #1.

The District is a member of the Lake & McHenry Counties Specialized Response Teams and has personnel assigned as Divers, Technical Rescue Technicians, Hazardous Materials Technicians, Mechanics Team and Wildland Firefighters. Other special assignments include Fire Investigations and the Bicycle EMS Program.

The District is a joint owner of a comprehensive training facility located at 851 Krause Boulevard in Buffalo Grove with the Buffalo Grove FD, Lincolnshire-Riverwoods FPD and Wheeling FD.

The District participates heavily in all facets of training and maintains a quality fire prevention bureau and public education division (both fire and EMS focused). The District is also heavily involved in disaster preparedness, recovery, and special events planning through our partnerships with local emergency management, and the South Lake County Regional Community Emergency Response Team.