



# 2023 Annual Report

## Franklin Park Fire Department

### Chiefs Note

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Who we are
- Who retired this year
- What has been accomplished
- Statistics from 2023
- Needs of the Department

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I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Franklin Park Fire Department for the calendar year 2023. This past year, the Fire Department maintained our focus and direction towards providing the best possible services to our residents, business owners, and visitors to the Village of Franklin Park.

During the year 2023, we responded to 4,004 alarms. Of those alarms, 1,898 responses were for fire equipment and 2,106 were for emergency medical services. We had an estimated fire loss this year of \$886,626.00 with a total pre-incident value of \$7,972,026.00. \$7,085,400.00 was the total value of all properties that were saved due to the efforts of this fire department.

Franklin Park is a member of MABAS Division XX and, we respond to calls outside of our village limits, responding mutual aid to over twenty other communities as well as responding automatic aid to Schiller Park, Leyden, River Grove, Elmwood Park, and Melrose Park.

Some of the programs we had success with this year were the ambulance billing, the smoke detector program, CPR/First Aid training, public education, and the Knox Box program. In October, we held our annual Open House. As usual, this was a great success, as it gives the residents of Franklin Park and visitors a chance to see what the Franklin Park Fire Department has to offer.

As we move forward, my future goals will be to focus on filling vacancies, upgrading our vehicles and equipment, needed station repairs, and continuing our high-quality training.

To Mayor Pedersen, the Board of Trustees, and to the members of the other Village Departments, I extend my sincere thanks for your support and cooperation that we have received throughout the year. In working together, we are able to provide the valuable services to our community daily. You can be assured that the commitment to excellence by the members of the Franklin Park Fire Department will continue as we serve the people of this Village.

*Fire Chief Mark Stewart*



#### Our Responses

2020: 3609 emergency calls

2021: 3742 emergency calls

2022: 4089 emergency calls

**We Serve to Save...**

## Dedication

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*This report will always be dedicated to the men and women, past and present, that have bravely served the Village of Franklin Park on the Franklin Park Fire Department, the thousands of firefighters that serve our great country, and the 85 firefighters that gave their lives in the line of duty in 2023.*



### MISSION STATEMENT

**We, the members of the Franklin Park Fire Department, are an organization of dedicated professionals who are committed to serving and protecting the lives and property of our community by providing services directed at the prevention and control of fires, accidents and other emergencies while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, efficiency, and effectiveness.**



## ***Battalion Chiefs***

Chief Officers in charge of an entire shift and its' daily operations

**Red Shift: Luke Palermo**

**Black Shift: Nick Steker**

**Gold Shift: Chris Ciolino**

# ***Acting Battalion Chiefs/ Lieutenants***

In charge of the shift in the absence of a Battalion Chief: one per shift



Dan Fidonik



vacant



vacant

## ***Lieutenants***

Company Officers on the front line of all calls



Dan Colantuono



Dave Augustine



Ignacio Garcia Jr.



Tony Tricoci



Jason Murphy



Jeff Mattas



Craig Burmeister



Kyle Shamie

# *Firefighters/EMT's/Paramedics*



Tony Nunes



Jim Kobyleski



Kevin Keefner



Mike Cicero



Bart Borowiec



Dan Torres



Kevin Bartnicki



Pete Hassett



Ralph Vicari



Justin Lucadello



Dan Ramey



Chris Kamin



Dennis Mossutto



Miguel Rivera



Pasquale DiCicco



Derek Roman



Scott Loconti



Chris Boykin



Rogelio Rodriguez



Vinnie Sandoval



Brandon Rodriguez



William Johnson



Arnel Sinanagic



Juan Bernal



John Buczkowski



Holt Puckett



Vacant



Vacant



Vacant



Vacant

# *Retirements*

Thank you for your bravery and the service you provided to the community



*LT. TONY  
TARASIUK*

Served the Village of  
Franklin Park for 24  
Years



*FF/PM TOMMY  
THOMSON*

Served the Village of  
Franklin Park for 24  
Years



# *In Memory*



*FF/PM DOMINIC  
RUBINO*

Served the Village of  
Franklin Park for 8  
Years

# Training

*One of the most important means of accomplishing professionalism in the Franklin Park Fire Department is through daily training and educational programs. The key to that success lies in the continued commitment and support of the departments training program. The department's training committee consists of Training Officer: Lt. Tony Tricoci, assisted by Lt. Jason Murphy and Lt. Craig Burmeister.*

*The professional development of the officers and firefighters is a continuous and complex responsibility for the Bureau of Training. Among its many facets is the recognition that the fire service constitutes not only a job, but it is also a profession. The fire service has its own unique body of knowledge, an orientation towards community service and a commitment to a set of ethical standards. Professional development also involves the promotion of growth and development opportunities through professional associations, meetings, formal education, and a training curriculum.*

*The Bureau of Training strives to provide each member of the department the opportunity to reach not only the department's goals, but the firefighters' own personal and professional goals. Professional development and training are the cornerstone of an effective and well-managed fire service organization.*

*Every month, a schedule of topics are posted explaining the monthly drills, times, and locations. A minimum of twenty hours of training is expected of each officer and firefighter every month. There are also drills scheduled with our auto-aid towns.*

*The members of the Franklin Park Fire Department also participate in Division XX teams. These teams consist of Fire Investigations, Hazardous Materials, Safety Officers, Technical Rescue, and Water Rescue. These teams drill on a monthly basis at various locations in the division.*



# Specialty Teams

*The Franklin Park Fire Department has a number of teams that serve special need emergency situations as well as community needs. Team personnel train long and hard, as well as attend classes to perfect their skills and learn new techniques for rescue operations and protocol.*

\* Denotes Team Leader

## Fire Investigation

B/C Steker\*

FF/PM Kamin

FF/PM Roman

## Hazardous Materials

B/C Ciolino\*

LT/PM Shamie

FF/PM Borowiec

FF/PM Vicari

## Technical Rescue

LT/PM Garcia\*

B/C Ciolino

LT/PM Tricoci

LT/PM Colantuono

FF/PM Torres

FF/PM Lucadello

FF/PM Kamin

FF/PM DeCicco

## Water Rescue

LT/PM Mattas\*

LT/PM Murphy

FF/PM Ramey

FF/PM Mossuto

FF/PM Hassett

FF/PM Loconti

## Urban Search and Rescue

B/C Ciolino

Lt/PM Garcia

## EMS Advisors

LT/PM Fidonik

FF/PM Ramey

FF/PM Roman

## Safety Officers

Chief Stewart

B/C Palermo

B/C Steker

B/C Ciolino

LT/ABC Fidonik

## Honor Guard

FF/PM Borowiec

FF/PM Vicari



# Fire Investigation

*After every fire, the fire investigation team goes to work to determine the cause. Determining the cause of a fire can be a tedious and time consuming process. The Franklin Park Fire Department is fortunate to have highly trained investigators on staff. Battalion Chief Nick Steker heads the Fire Investigation Team, which includes FF/PM Chris Kamin and FF/PM Derek Roman.*



# Safety Committee

*It is the mission of the Franklin Park Fire Department, the officers, and the firefighters to enact a Health and Safety Committee dedicated to establishing programs and procedures to assure a reduction of injury and property damage. The goal of this continuing program is to maximize the service to our community through professional administrative methods and by reducing unnecessary expenditures due to such injuries and losses.*

*The success of a Health and Safety Committee is dependent upon the commitment and support of the fire department members to eliminate conditions and behavior that contribute to such losses. Recognizing that we have the ability to implement policies and procedures toward reducing losses, actions will be taken to assure the program's success. The Health and Safety Committee meets on a quarterly basis to discuss and make recommendations.*

## Safety Committee Members

Chief Stewart	LT Fidonik
B/C Palermo	LT Colantuono
B/C Steker	FF Keefner
B/C Ciolino*	FF DeCicco

# Public Education

The Franklin Park Fire Department participates in several public education programs and public relations events each year. We begin each year with planning and meetings to discuss various projects and set up.

Some of our projects and community services the Fire Department participates in are:

- CPR, AED, and First Aid Classes
- Residential Smoke Detector Program
- Station Tours for Families, Scout Troops, Day Camps, and schools
- Fire Department Open House
- Franklin Park Baseball Parade and Fall Fest Parade, as well as neighboring town parades
- Delivering Santa-Christmas in Hammill Square
- Fire Safety Courses for the schools and Community Groups
- Senior Health Fair
- Keep the Wreath Red Program

In cooperation with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM), the Franklin Park Fire Department is participating in the Be Alarmed! Program, aimed at educating Franklin Park residents on fire prevention and to help ensure that there are working fire alarms installed in every residential home.

As part of this program, the Fire Department will:

- Install NEW 10-year sealed lithium battery smoke detectors in the home, FREE!
- Explain the proper operation and maintenance of the new smoke detectors.
- Provide a home fire safety checklist and escape plan form for the family to review and practice.

One of the programs the department is looking to expand is the child safety seat inspections. Lt Garcia is a certified safety seat inspector for the fire department and looks forward to doing scheduled checks at the station.

<u>Smoke Alarms</u>	<u>CPR Classes</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 42 Residential Houses</li><li>• 207 Smoke Alarms Installed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 25 Classes Taught</li><li>• 137 Students Certified</li><li>• Additionally, District 84 teachers participated in the "Friends and Family" CPR awareness course which included 100 teachers.</li></ul>

## Public Education

FF/PM Lucadello\*

FF/PM Loconti

## CPR/First Aid

Lt. Mattas\*

FF/PM DeCicco

FF/PM R. Rodriguez

FF/PM Sandoval

## Smoke Detector

Lt. Mattas\*

## Social Media

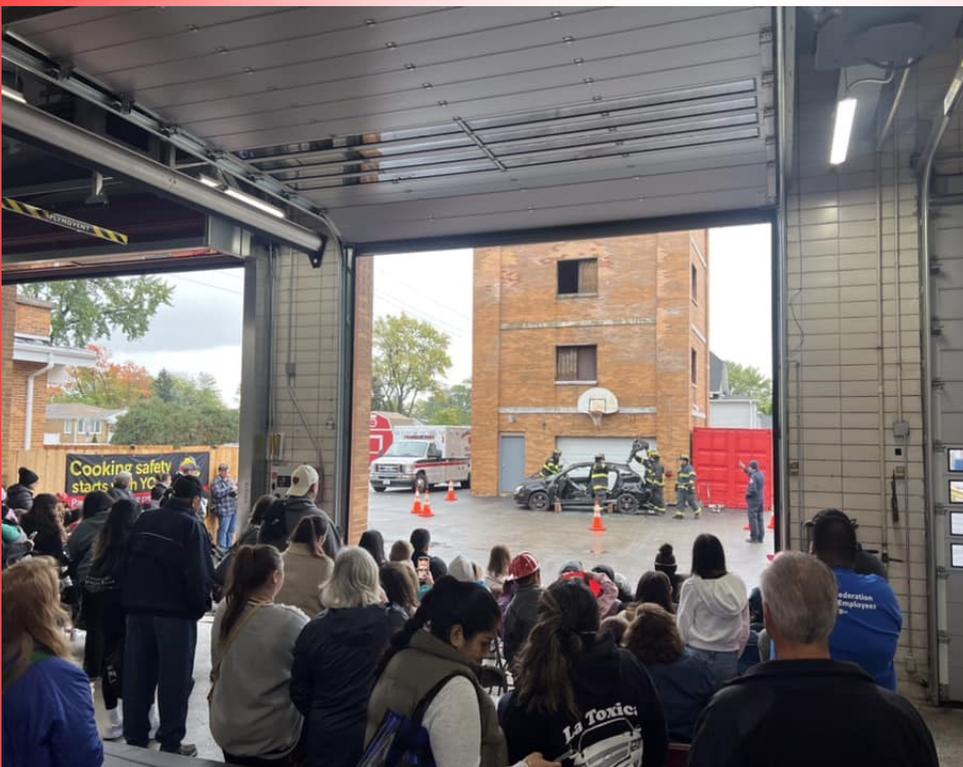
FF/PM Borowiec\*

# OPEN HOUSE

The Franklin Park Fire Department's biggest event of the year, Open House, was held in October of 2023. It was held again at Station #2. Everyone pitched in to make the day a success and also fun for the visiting families. The day included tours, demonstrations, and of course food like hotdogs, Italian sausage, popcorn, refreshments, and treats. It was a great day all around. The event was organized by FF/PM Justin Lucadello and FF/PM Scott Loconti.

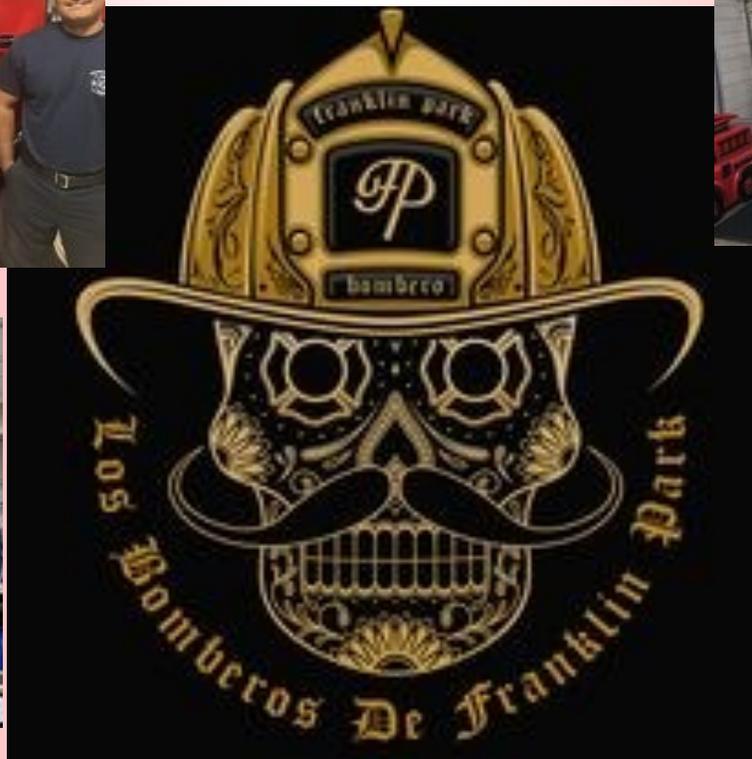


# OPEN HOUSE



# Special Event Fundraisers

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage month the Franklin Park Fire Firefighters wore a newly designed t-shirt as part of their daily uniform. The t-shirts were sold to raise money for two local charities in Leyden Township, The Unity in Community Foundation and The Leyden Food Pantry. The gifts and cash donations brought in \$4000.00 for each charity for a total of \$8000.00 raised. We are happy to have had this opportunity to give back to our community. The t-shirt idea and design were created by B/C Nick Steker and FF/PM Dan Torres.



# Special Event Fundraisers

For the past 17 years, the Franklin Park Fire Department has sponsored a St. Baldrick's Event. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer and donor powered charity committed to supporting the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. The Franklin Park sponsored event has raised over 2 million dollars for pediatric cancer research. The lead organizer of this event has been Lt. Dan Colantuono.



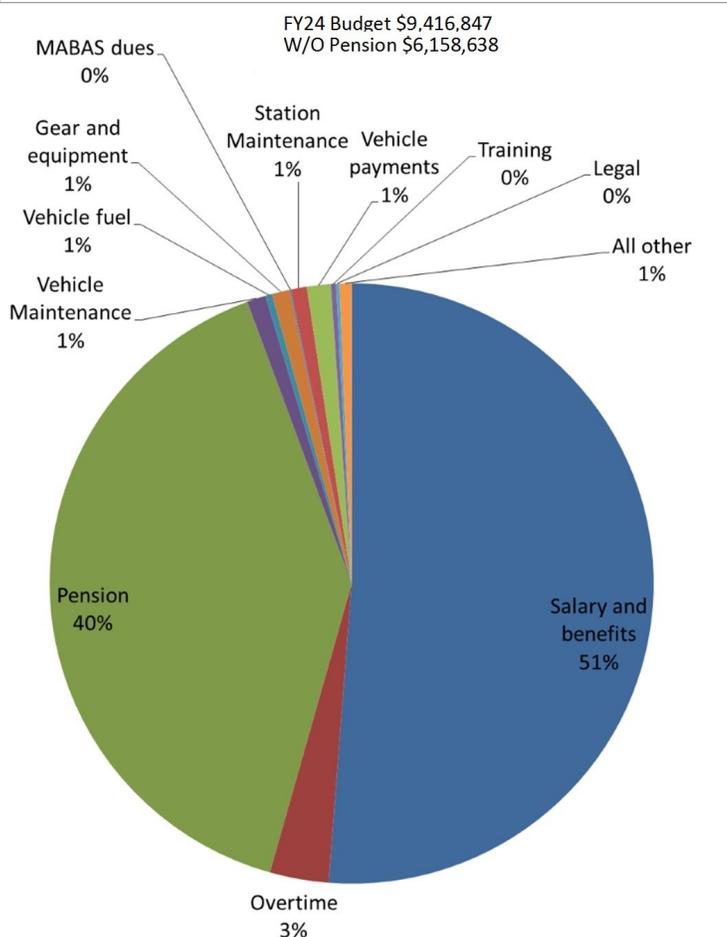
The Franklin Park Firefighters participated in a charity event by playing sled hockey against the Hornet Sled Hockey Team. The Chicagoland Hornets are a sled hockey organization consisting of players 5 and older whom have physical disabilities yet are determined to play ice hockey. The program is completely free to all of the participants. All funding is from donations, and 100% of the money collected goes directly towards their equipment and ice time.



# DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Completed in 2023

- Replaced garage doors at Station 1 and Station 2.
- Painted exterior of Station 1.
- Purchased new ambulance.
- New computers installed in all fire vehicles.
- Installed Station 2 fencing to enclose seating area.
- Cracked front stoop replaced at Station 2.
- Boiler repaired at Station 2.
- Upgraded our EMS reporting system.
- Department policies updated with Lexipol.
- Hired 5 Firefighter/Paramedics.



## For 2024

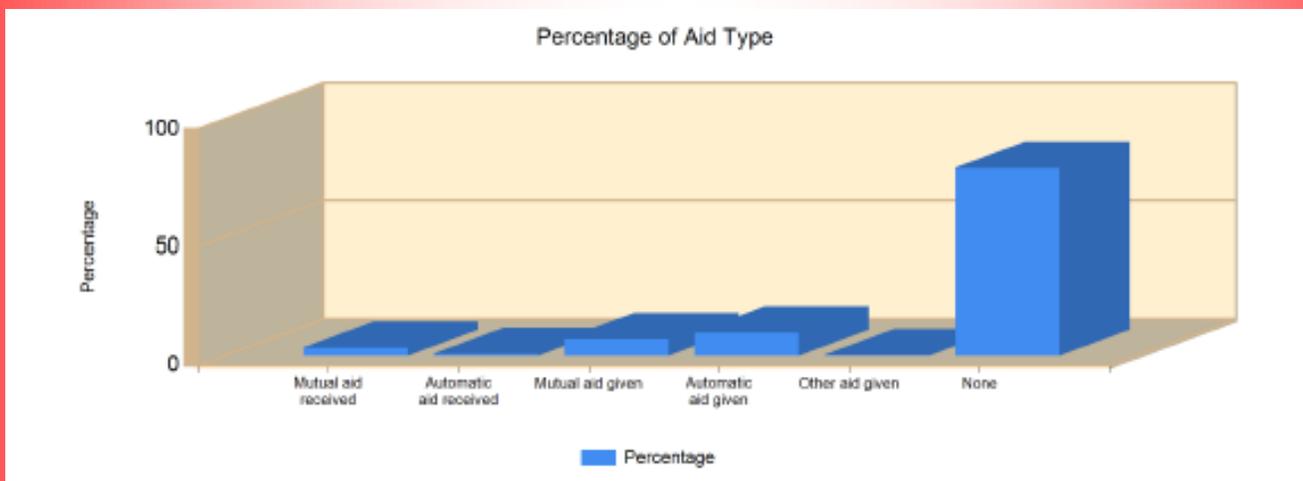
- Hire needed Firefighter/Paramedics.
- Replace roof on Station 2.
- Repair roof on Station 1.
- Replace roof on fire museum.
- Fire Alarm system install at Station 1.
- Upgrade front doors at Station 1 and 2.
- Stove vent system updated at Station 1.
- Receive new engine.
- Receive new ambulance .
- Structural Engineer Inspection of drill tower

# Mutual and Automatic Aid

MABAS provides the framework for automatic / mutual aid responses across geographical areas. Each participating fire department, within the MABAS Division, responds based on geography, fire hazards, and incident size.

Mutual Aid is when an incident grows too big to handle alone and we request help using “Box Cards.” When you hear a fire is a 3-alarm, or 3-11 (for example) it means we are using the 3rd alarm “box” that lists all of the help we are receiving.

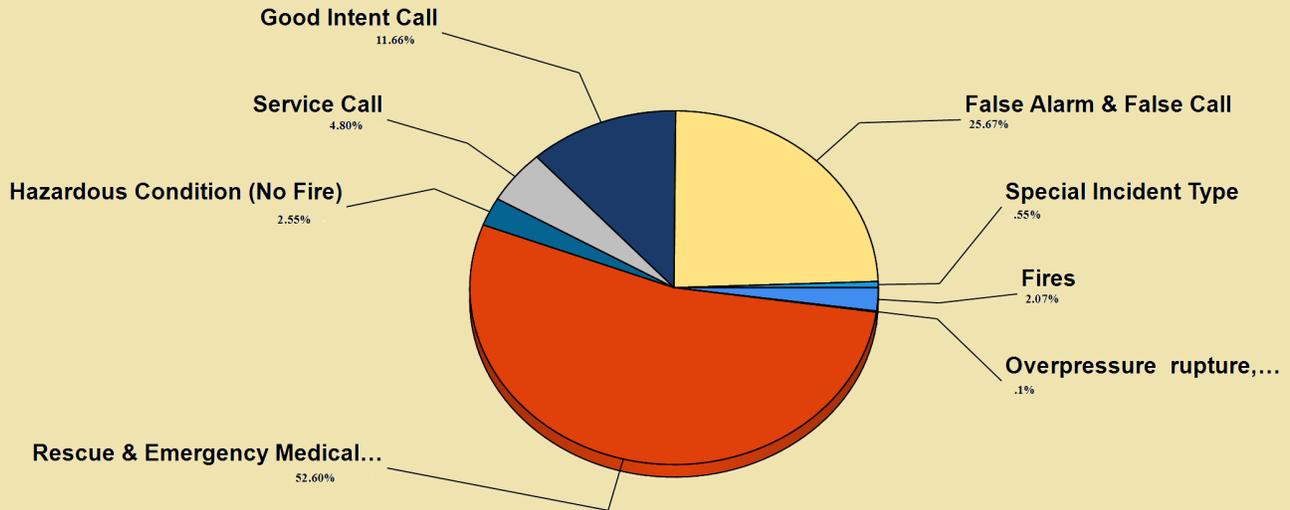
Automatic Aid is when a neighboring town has an incident like a fire alarm and we respond to assist automatically .



AID TYPE	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Mutual aid received	131	3.27%
Automatic aid received	28	0.7%
Mutual aid given	276	6.89%
Automatic aid given	382	9.54%
Other aid given	2	0.05%
None	3185	79.55%

# FIRE INCIDENT STATISTICS

2023



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	83	2.07%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	4	0.1%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	2106	52.60%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	102	2.55%
Service Call	192	4.80%
Good Intent Call	467	11.66%
False Alarm & False Call	1028	25.67%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0.0%
Special Incident Type	22	0.55%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4004</b>	<b>100%</b>

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
100 - Fire, other	2	0.05%
111 - Building fire	37	0.94%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	4	0.1%
117 - Commercial Compactor fire, confined to rubbish	2	0.05%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	5	0.13%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	18	0.46%
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	0.03%
133 - Rail vehicle fire	1	0.03%
138 - Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1	0.03%
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	1	0.03%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	6	0.15%
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	3	0.08%
154 - Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	2	0.05%
200 - Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other	1	0.03%
223 - Air or gas rupture of pressure or process vessel	1	0.03%
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	2	0.05%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	0.03%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	49	1.25%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1779	45.24%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	135	3.43%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	21	0.53%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	109	2.77%
331 - Lock-in (if lock out , use 511 )	2	0.05%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	3	0.08%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	6	0.15%
361 - Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	1	0.03%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	3	0.08%
410 - Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition, other	1	0.03%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	3	0.08%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	21	0.53%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	4	0.1%
421 - Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	3	0.08%
422 - Chemical spill or leak	6	0.15%
423 - Refrigeration leak	1	0.03%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	20	0.51%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	13	0.33%
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1	0.03%
442 - Overheated motor	3	0.08%
444 - Power line down	15	0.38%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	5	0.13%
461 - Building or structure weakened or collapsed	2	0.05%
481 - Attempt to burn	1	0.03%
500 - Service Call, other	10	0.25%
511 - Lock-out	11	0.28%
520 - Water problem, other	1	0.03%
522 - Water or steam leak	3	0.08%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	2	0.05%
541 - Animal problem	1	0.03%
542 - Animal rescue	1	0.03%
550 - Public service assistance, other	6	0.15%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	3	0.08%
552 - Police matter	9	0.23%
553 - Public service	49	1.25%
554 - Assist invalid	83	2.11%
555 - Defective elevator, no occupants	6	0.15%

# FIRE INCIDENT STATISTICS

2023

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
561 - Unauthorized burning	5	0.13%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2	0.05%
600 - Good intent call, other	12	0.31%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	396	10.07%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	29	0.74%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	1	0.03%
650 - Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other	3	0.08%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	18	0.46%
653 - Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	1	0.03%
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	7	0.18%
700 - False alarm or false call, other	2	0.05%
714 - Central station, malicious false alarm	2	0.05%
730 - System malfunction, other	8	0.2%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	7	0.18%
732 - Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	2	0.05%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	19	0.48%
734 - Heat detector activation due to malfunction	8	0.2%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	637	14.37%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	8	0.2%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	38	0.97%
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	13	0.33%
742 - Extinguishing system activation	1	0.03%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	70	1.78%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	15	0.38%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	191	4.86%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	7	0.18%
900 - Special type of incident, other	21	0.53%
911 - Citizen complaint	1	0.03%
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</b>	<b>4004</b>	<b>100%</b>

# FIRE INCIDENT STATISTICS

2023

## Franklin Park Fire Dept



### Incident Statistics

Start Date: 01/01/2023 | End Date: 12/31/2023

INCIDENT COUNT			
INCIDENT TYPE		# INCIDENTS	
EMS		2106	
FIRE		1898	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4004</b>	
TOTAL TRANSPORTS (N2 and N3)			
APPARATUS	# of APPARATUS TRANSPORTS	# of PATIENT TRANSPORTS	TOTAL # of PATIENT CONTACTS
<b>TOTAL</b>			
PRE-INCIDENT VALUE		LOSSES	
<b>\$7,972,026.00</b>		<b>\$886,626.00</b>	
CO CHECKS			
424 - Carbon monoxide incident		20	
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction		8	
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO		7	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>35</b>	
MUTUAL AID			
Aid Type		Total	
Aid Given		660	
Aid Received		159	
OVERLAPPING CALLS			
# OVERLAPPING		% OVERLAPPING	
1140		28.99	
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (Dispatch to Arrival)			
Station	EMS	FIRE	
Other Agency			
Station 1	0:04:47	0:05:56	
Station 2	0:06:07	0:06:32	
<b>AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS</b>		<b>0:05:19</b>	
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME (Dispatch to Enroute)			
Station	EMS	FIRE	
Other Agency			
Station 1	0:01:38	0:01:56	
Station 2	0:01:46	0:02:19	
<b>AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS</b>		<b>0:01:44</b>	
AGENCY		AVERAGE TIME ON SCENE (MM:SS)	
Franklin Park Fire Dept		13:16	

# *Franklin Park Fire Department*



**Station #1**

**3113 Atlantic St.**

**Headquarters Station #2**

**10001 Addison Ave.**

**Station #3**

**2940 Elm St.**

**Phone: 847-678-2400**

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