

Rochester Fire Department

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Department's Vision

Our vision is to provide the safest living and working environment by eliminating the loss of life and property. We want to prevent injuries through educational partnerships with our community.

Department's Mission

The City of Rochester Fire Department is a public safety organization that provides fire, rescue, and emergency services to a diverse community. We are committed to the preservation of life, property, and the environment. Through education and public awareness programs, we enhance the quality of life and the safety of the citizens we proudly serve.

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CITY OF ROCHESTER



William A. Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

The City of Rochester is uniquely centered within the heart of the Northeast Region. Located on Lake Ontario in Monroe County, it is bisected by the Genesee River. It has a population of 219,773, with an area of 36.44 square miles. Rochester was founded in 1803 and incorporated as a City in 1834.

The City of Rochester operates as a mayor-council form of government under the City Charter.

City Profile

Streets (combined length)	537 Miles
Water Mains (combined length)	585 Miles
Number of Fire Stations	16
# FD Uniformed Personnel	521
# FD Non Uniformed Personnel	28
Average Snowfall	95 inches

The Fire Department held its annual awards dinner on April 25, 2003, during which Deputy Chief Ralph Privitere received the 37th Firefighter of the Year Award. Pictured are, left to right, Local 1071 President Joseph Montesano, Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr., Deputy Chief Ralph Privitere (who later in 2003 was promoted to the rank of Executive Deputy Chief) and Fire Chief Floyd Madison.



LETTER FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



Floyd A. Madison
Fire Chief

It is with sincere pride that I submit the annual report of the Rochester Fire Department for calendar year 2003.

The report contains detailed information on the services and programs offered by the Department, and highlights activities and accomplishments throughout 2003.

This agency provides service to the citizens, workers and visitors in our great city in four major program areas, specifically through fire prevention, fire suppression, special operations and first responder pre-hospital medical care.

Our fire prevention efforts, which include a vigorous public education program, smoke detector installation program and the Adopt-A-School program, can be credited with playing major roles in reducing the

annual number of fire fatalities. Even though prevention is a top priority, an aggressive, well trained and well equipped suppression force is still required to handle the more than 28,000 emergency incidents that occurred in our city.

The entire organization is dedicated to fulfilling the mission of the agency and with Mayor Johnson's continuing support, I can assure every citizen that our mission will be accomplished in a fashion which reflects this Department's dedication to outstanding customer and community service.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Floyd A. Madison".



Ralph V. Privitere
Executive Deputy Chief

FIRE CHIEF'S OFFICE

The Fire Chief's Office is responsible for the overall management of the Department. These responsibilities include the establishment of personnel standards and policies, work schedules, public relations and the continuous review of operations and performance. Other areas of responsibility focus on fiscal control, personnel management, resource procurement and the coordination of the annual operating and capital improvement budgets.

The Fire Chief's Office expects and encourages professional development by all members of the Department. Standards, guidelines, and procedures are continuously reviewed and challenged as a result of new ideas and information brought to the table by officers and firefighters.

Throughout the annual report a number of initiatives are highlighted that were conceived and developed in the Fire Chief's Office. These include the Adopt-A-School, CO detector installation, open house, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and WMD programs. Often times the impetus for the development of programs such as these comes from conversations with citizens and community groups that continually meet with the Fire Chief and staff from his office in conjunction with Mayor William A. Johnson's 2010 Renaissance Plan for Rochester. This plan, the goal of which is to create a safe, healthy and responsible community, encourages and fosters communication between City officials and the citizens they serve.

Three initiatives that started or continued during 2003 are:

Executive Officer's School

Five officers continued to pursue career excellence by attending Executive Officers Training at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This is a four year program designed to prepare

senior leaders in fire departments for executive leadership roles. Prior to this year no officers from Rochester had ever been selected to participate in the training.

Community Emergency Response Team

CERT is a program that trains adults in a number of fundamental practices and procedures that allow them to take care of themselves and others during blizzards, ice storms and other types of emergencies that overwhelm normally available, professionally trained responders and cause response delays. In 2003, the Fire Department, with the support of the leadership of NBN Sectors 1, 4, 6, 7 and 10 and community organizations such as SEAC, SWAN, ABC, the Urban League, Group 14621 and Charlotte Community Association, continued providing CERT training to city residents. Over 120 city residents have participated in the program.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors

In 2003, we began a Carbon Monoxide detector distribution program supported by donations from the private sector. Over 200 detectors were installed in the homes of residents identified by neighborhood groups.



On January 10, 2003, First Alert representative Debbie Hanson presented the Fire Chief with a donation of 300 CO detectors, which were then installed by CREU and Line firefighters. Also pictured at the news conference announcing the donation are Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr., William Dube (staff assistant to Assemblyman Joseph Morelle), and Fire Chief Madison.

FIRE CHIEF'S OFFICE

Operating Units

Five operating units report directly to the Fire Chief and assist him in the day to day operations of the Department: Planning and Research, Budget, Video Productions, Community Relations and Education Unit (CREU) and the Public Information Office.

Budget

The Budget Office supervises the preparation and administration of the annual budget and other appropriations. It maintains financial records and reports, enforces purchasing policies and standards and collects and stores all financial records.

Video

The Video Office responds to requests for video recording and production and develops promotional, documentary and training videos. Additionally it produces a quarterly newsletter, provides archival material upon request and supports the public information office as necessary.

Public Information

The Public Information Office issues press releases, schedules news conferences, arranges public appearances and provides information and background material to the news media.



Community Relations & Education

The Community Relations and Education Unit (CREU) continues its mission of educating the public about fire safety and prevention and increasing awareness of health and life safety issues. It accomplishes this through presentations, neighborhood canvasses, participation in community events and the installation of smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors.

In 2003, a City resident passed away from CO poisoning. In response to this tragedy First Alert donated 300 CO detectors and within days CREU began installing them in homes throughout Rochester. They also began an outreach program to educate the public about CO poisoning and to increase their awareness of a State law requiring any one or two family home, condominium or cooperative that is built or sold to have an operable CO detector.

The W-Kids Fire Safety House, donated to the Department by Wegmans Supermarkets and Chase-Pitkin home repair centers, continues to be popular with children and is a great teaching tool. In 2003, CREU visited 22 different locations. Over 3,200 children toured the house, and learned about fire safety, EDITH, and how to call 9-1-1.

CREU canvassed 107 City streets, conducted 1,792 fire safety presentations, installed 1,124 smoke and CO detectors/batteries, participated in seven NET Uplifts and in numerous community events including open houses and health and safety fairs.

Sparky's always a big hit with the children at the fire station open houses.

FIRE CHIEF'S OFFICE

Planning and Research

Planning and Research analyzes and evaluates operations and programs and assists in the implementation of policies, procedures and practices. The records management system (RMS) of the Department is centralized in the Planning and Research Office and they are responsible for purchasing, testing and installing all computer hardware and software applications.

In May 2003, a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new records management system was issued. This project represents a giant stride in streamlining information gathering with a goal of reducing the current paper based system. Six vendors submitted proposals and after an initial review three vendors were requested to provide product demonstrations to the RMS committee. Members of the committee were Battalion Chief Stephen McClary, Lieutenant John Appleby, Firefighter Jose Montes, Margaret Popolizio, Deputy Chief William Curran, Daniel Curran and Deputy Chief Anthony Infantolino. Another integral member of the RMS committee was Lisa Bobo, Manager of Database Systems from the Bureau of Information Services. Her insight and expertise provided invaluable guidance in all phases of the RMS project.

The committee rated each vendor and selected Alpine Software's Red Alert Enterprise System. The Red Alert incident reporting package is compliant with National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) standards which New York State adopted in 2001. Implementation of the new comprehensive RMS is targeted for January 2005.

In addition to development of a RFP and subsequent vendor selection the Division continues to maintain the current information processing hardware and software. The implementation of a new RMS will require that all computers be upgraded to compatible processing speed and

network capable.

Planning and Research was involved with other activities during the year including the ongoing installation of the Traffic Signal Preemption System in conjunction with the Monroe County Department of Transportation.



**BC Stephen McClary
Planning and Research**

The targeted completion for this project is Spring 2005. The Division also prepared materials for the successful 2003 Hydrant Inspection Program.

In 2003, the Division began coordinating fire station maintenance and building repairs. New kitchens were installed at the Emerson Street, Ridgeway and Dewey Avenue, Charlotte, North Clinton Avenue and North Goodman Street fire stations. Another major project was the apparatus floor replacement in the Hudson Avenue fire station. This project required members of Engine 16 to relocate for several months to the North Clinton Avenue station.

The primary goal for 2004 will be coordinating and administering the numerous tasks and details involved with the site installations of the new RMS, including placing new PCs into service, transferring data, testing connections and the training of all personnel.

SUPPRESSION



The Line Deputy and Battalion Chiefs, clockwise beginning with the top left photo, Group 1: BC Robert McEneaney, BC Dennis Prevost, BC Timothy Young and DC Robert Wegman; Group 2: BC Frederick Chesterton, DC John Caufield, BC John McDermott, BC Eugene Michael, BC Salvatore Mitrano; Group 4: BC Glenn Sheremeta, DC Bruce Yanz, BC Joseph Candelaria, BC Ronald Mendolera; Group 3: BC Robert Vallone, BC Sam Pecoraro, BC David Bagley and DC Anthony Infantolino.

SUPPRESSION

The Suppression Division, under the command of Executive Deputy Chief Ralph Privitere, responds to all emergency incidents within the 36 square miles of the City of Rochester. There are 16 fire stations with an average of 113 firefighters and officers assigned to each of four groups. Front line apparatus includes nine quints and midis, eight engine companies and a heavy rescue unit. Approximately 80% of the total Fire Department budget is allocated to fire suppression activities.

We have developed six specialty teams from the 16 Suppression companies. They are dispatched on an as needed basis to unconventional emergencies. Each team receives specialized training, and when dispatched, becomes the lead company at



Above, on April 29, a tanker truck, filled with 12,000 gallons of gasoline, rounded the corner at Ridge Road West and Route 104, rolled over onto its side and exploded. The explosion touched off a five-alarm fire with flames reaching 35 feet in the air and 600 feet down the road. The fire took the life of one resident and injured a number of other residents, firefighters and police officers and forced many people to evacuate the area. Scores of homes were damaged. Miraculously the tanker truck driver survived, suffering only facial burns. To the right, the aftermath. Photos by F.F. Jason Walter.



Response Data

29,295	emergency incidents
51,458	unit responses
1,574	fires
35	multiple alarms
11,264	emergency medical calls

the scene. The teams are:

Hazardous Materials - Engine 17 and Rescue 11. The team leader is Captain John Taillie. This team responds to an increasingly complex variety of incidents involving hazardous chemical substances. Their training and equipment allow them to analyze, monitor, control and decontaminate an incident scene.

High Rise - Engine 13, Quint and Midi 7. The team leader is Captain Bart Joseph. This team responds to high rise building fires and any other incident where command post functions must be augmented for effective resource management. They are trained in specialized procedures that are unique to high rise fires and other incidents requiring a large scale incident command system.

SUPPRESSION



The ice rescue team trains in late March on weak ice at the pond in Riverside Cemetery.

Water Rescue - Swift Water: Quint and Midi 6, Engine 17 and Rescue 11; Ice Rescue: Quints and Midis 1, 3 and 6, Engine 17 and Rescue 11. The team leader is Captain Mark Strzyzynski. Boat Operations - Quints and Midis 6 and 8, Engines 7 and 17 and Rescue 11. The team leader is Captain Mark Voekl. They are trained to use specialized boats, rope systems and unique water rescue tools to rescue victims during swift water, ice, or shore-based operations.

Heavy Rescue - Rescue 11 (Engine 17 as back-up). The team leader is Captain Shaun O'Hara. They respond to fires and incidents involving technical rescue operations. Members are equipped with a large selection of tools and equipment and continually train with this equipment and with other specialty teams in order to maintain the level of skill required for the large response area and wide range of incidents they encounter.

Extrication - Quints and Midis 2 and 9, and Rescue 11 (Quint and Midi 4 and Engine 10 provide back-up). The team leader is Captain John Schreiber. This team rescues accident victims trapped in motor vehicles and machinery. They are trained to use powerful hydraulic tools and a variety of hand tools to safely remove the victim and enable quick access to medical treatment.

Confined Space - Quint and Midi 6, Engine 17 and Rescue 11. The team leader is Captain Mark Voekl. This team rescues people entrapped or engulfed in spaces such as manholes, sewers,

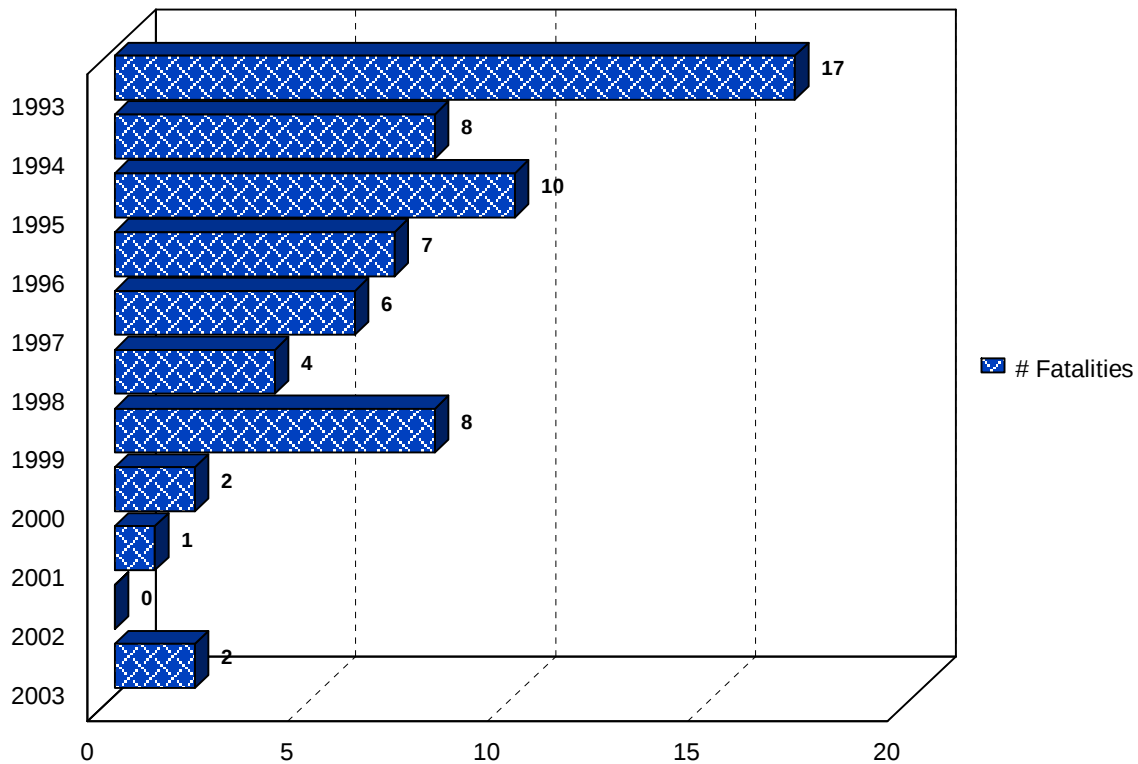


Members of the haz mat team at a training maneuver on Main Street.

tunnels, storage tanks and other restrictive spaces that may have toxic, explosive or asphyxiating atmospheres. Team members are trained in specialized procedures that are unique to these types of rescue operations.

Team captains are responsible for team training, equipment maintenance and replacement, drill planning, group-wide training and monthly status report submissions to the Special Operations Office.

Fatalities 1993-2003



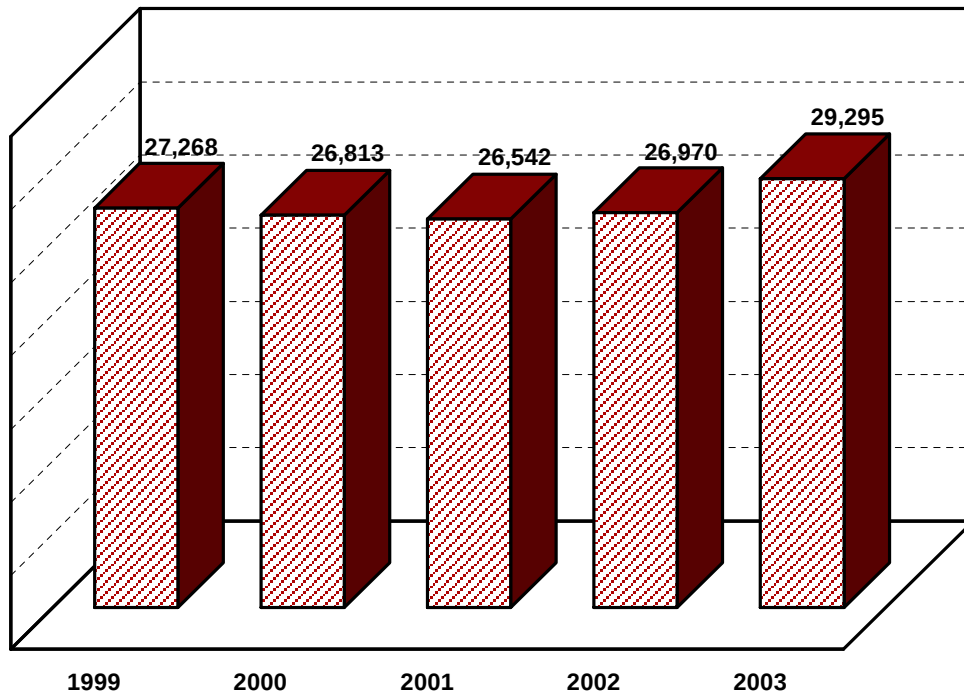
On March 21, 2003, the Fire Department celebrated 25 months without a fire fatality and three years without a juvenile fire death. NYS Fire Administrator Jim Burns came to Rochester to take part in a news conference and ceremony and he also presented the Fire Chief with a plaque. Also in attendance (and pictured above) was a cross section of the Rochester community, including representatives from area schools, neighborhood associations, businesses, hospitals and churches, as well as members of the Fire Department.

YEARLY REPORT SUMMARIES

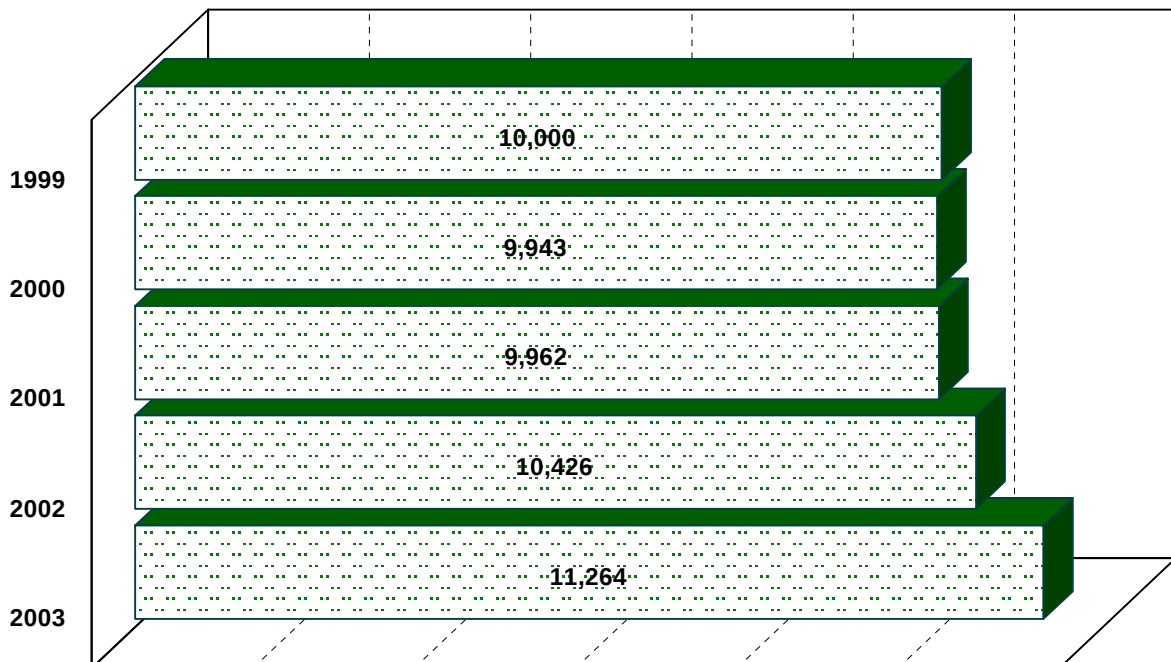
1999 Thru 2003

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
TOTAL INCIDENTS	27,268	26,813	26,542	26,970	29,295
TOTAL RESPONSES	54,263	47,333	47,748	52,458	51,458
FIRES:	1,997	1,769	1,852	1,660	1,574
Structure Fires	925	898	875	863	852
Vehicle Fires	436	358	340	304	310
Other Fires	637	513	637	493	412
MULTIPLE ALARMS	28	21	19	22	35
EMS	10,000	9,943	9,962	10,426	11,264
TOTAL FALSE:	3,574	3,631	3,410	3,238	3,464
False Automatic	2,043	2,004	1,920	1,800	1,762
False Other	1,531	1,627	1,490	1,438	1,702
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS:	1,316	1,486	1,598	1,663	1,591
Cause & Origin Section	914	996	1,122	1,142	1,097
Task Force Section	90	127	157	152	171
F.R.Y. Section Contacts	312	363	319	369	258
ARRESTS:					
Adults	26	38	22	39	25
Juveniles	36	48	38	53	34
Total	62	86	60	92	59
FIREFIGHTER ON DUTY INJURIES	154	195	168	168	191
CIVILIAN INJURIES	39	25	36	52	44
FIREFIGHTER DEATHS	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIAN DEATHS	8	2	1	0	2
LINE COMPANY INSPECTIONS:					
Occupancies Inspected	6,914	5,245	6,011	3,610	6,348
Complaints	4,230	2,154	2,642	1,721	2,423
Total Inspections	8,198	5,985	6,894	5,531	8,771
CODE ENFORCEMENT:					
Inspect/Reinspect	9,230	8,767	10,959	9,006	11,614
Orders Issued	6,626	3,637	4,311	4,862	6,662
Violations Corrected	5,434	3,885	4,701	4,457	4,924
PERMIT SECTION:					
Premises Inspected for Permits	1,505	1,937	2,321	2,005	2,204
Permits Issued	3,496	3,478	3,251	3,556	3,742

Incidents 1999 - 2003



Emergency Medical Service Calls 1999 - 2003



COMPANY RESPONSE DATA 2003

Company and Location	Structure Fires	Fires	Emergency Medical	Other Service	False Alarms	TOTAL
Engine 3 - 1051 Emerson St.	127	46	375	556	129	1233
Engine 5 - 450 Lyell Ave.	177	93	1060	1089	176	2595
Engine 7 - 873 Genesee St.	116	40	604	848	237	1845
Engine 10 - 1477 Dewey Ave.	107	40	396	812	76	1431
Engine 12 - 160 Wisconsin St.	94	30	399	664	144	1331
Engine 13 - 640 S. Plymouth Ave.	180	57	551	784	161	1733
Engine 16 - 704 Hudson Ave.	261	93	1269	1230	312	3165
Engine 17 - 185 N. Chestnut St.	336	74	907	925	406	2648
Rescue 11 - 185 N. Chestnut St.	585	71	116	709	109	1590
Quint 1 - 4090 Lake Ave.	19	15	82	261	91	468
Midi 1 - 4090 Lake Ave.	19	24	348	338	95	824
Quint 2 - 1477 Dewey Ave.	117	44	169	720	95	1145
Midi 2 - 1477 Dewey Ave.	114	48	513	775	95	1545
Quint 3 - 1261 South Ave.	79	16	121	478	348	1042
Midi 3 - 1261 South Ave.	78	20	339	527	338	1302
Quint 4 - 977 University Ave.	120	29	134	767	218	1268
Midi 4 - 977 University Ave.	118	31	361	911	214	1535
Quint 5 - 57 Gardiner Ave.	146	42	191	759	249	1387
Midi 5 - 57 Gardiner Ave.	144	46	609	777	246	1822
Quint 6 - 1207 N. Clinton Ave.	223	83	332	998	255	1891
Midi 6 - 1207 N. Clinton Ave.	216	86	1161	1116	252	2831
Quint 7 - 740 N. Goodman Ave.	213	72	239	984	169	1677
Midi 7 - 740 N. Goodman Ave.	210	80	942	1084	170	2486
Quint 8 - 272 Allen St.	252	49	234	858	335	1728
Midi 8 - 272 Allen St.	247	59	707	927	324	2264
Quint 9 - 315 Monroe Ave.	163	38	209	1108	339	1857
Midi 9 - 315 Monroe Ave.	159	46	728	1170	334	2437
Battalion 1 – 704 Hudson Ave.	301	51	65	618	55	1090
Battalion 2 – 272 Allen St.	305	53	93	850	69	1370
Battalion 3 – 315 Monroe Ave.	227	24	65	595	57	968

SUPPRESSION

Line firefighters daily responsibilities include:

Mandated and Specialized Training:

- SCBA
- Downed Firefighter Rescue Evolution
- Foam Training
- Right to Know and Blood Borne Pathogens
- Respiratory Protection and Exposure Control
- Fire Inspection Familiarization
- Haz Mat Refresher
- NYS In-Service Quarterly Training
- Vehicle Extrication
- High Rise Training
- EMS

Prevention:

- Pre-planning and structure familiarization
- Hydrant testing and inspection
- Inspections of: businesses and factories
multiple dwellings, schools, churches and
public assembly locations

Community Outreach Initiatives:

- Adopt-A-School Program
- Smoke & CO Alarm Installations
- Fire Station Open Houses



F.F. Felipe Hernandez works with a student as part of the Department's Adopt-A-School Program. Photo courtesy of the Democrat and Chronicle.



Firefighters battle a fire at 134 Fulton Ave., on June 2, 2003. Photo by F.F. Jason Walter.

Neighbor to Neighbor Involvement:

- School of the Holy Childhood Christmas Party
- United Way Campaign
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- MDA Fill the Boot
- Cystic Fibrosis Stair Climb
- American Heart Association Annual Fundraiser
- Charity Golf & Fishing Tournaments
- Walk for the Finger Lakes Burn Assoc.

PROTECTIVES

The Protectives Incorporated, a volunteer organization that dates back to 1858, responds to fires to safeguard and salvage property. It is made up of volunteers and a staff of four paid firefighters who serve as drivers. In 2003, the Protectives responded to 524 alarms and its members volunteered 28,258 hours of service. They use tarps, fans, pumps and other equipment to reduce smoke and water damage.

The Protectives utilize a 2002 HME fire truck supplied by the Fire Department outfitted to the organization's specifications.

ACADEMY

The Fire Academy, located in the Public Safety Training Facility (PSTF), houses five operational units under the command of the Deputy Chief of Training, William Curran: Training, Emergency Medical Services, Special Operations and Emergency Management, the Firefighter Trainee Program and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Deputy Chief Curran is also responsible for the Health and Safety Office, located at the headquarters building on Chestnut St. The Apparatus Repair Division is also located at the PSTF, but is supervised by the Executive Deputy Chief.

The following is an overview of each division/office and their accomplishments during 2003.

Training Division

The Training Division is responsible for training all new recruits in basic firefighting skills and the continuous re-training of all members of the Department. There was one recruit class in 2003 comprised of 27 candidates (this number includes two recruits from both the North Greece and Kodak Park Fire Departments and one each from the Barnard and Airport Fire Departments). Their training began on August 25 and ended on November 21 at their graduation ceremony at the Kodak Theatre on the Ridge. Throughout the 14-weeks of intensive, hands on training, they were guided and instructed by seven veteran firefighters: Battalion Chief Michael Dupra, Captain David Kaltenbach, Lieutenants Shaun Murray, Daniel Bender, Norm Knapp (KPFD) and Mike MacKenzie (N. Greece) and F.F. John Grieco.



Deputy Chief William Curran and Battalion Chief Michael Dupra, of the Training Division.

During the year staff instructed all uniformed Department members in the following: diversity, firefighter rescue, officer leadership training, SCBA maze evolutions, NYS quarterly training, foam training, automobile extrication, and speciality team training for the Department's haz mat, high rise, confined space, hurst tool and ice and swift water companies. The Division conducted pump and ladder tests for all apparatus, provided Quint 2 firefighters with training on their new apparatus, administered a haz mat refresher course, participated in the review and selection of the new records management system and helped develop a 2004 Department activity schedule. In addition, Spanish and sign language courses were offered.

As the Fire Department continues to look for ways to reach out to residents, businesses and community agencies, so too has this Division. Illustrations of this are the CERT program, the Firefighter Trainee Program, CPR and defibrillator training offered to City departments, disaster training for the City's Senior Management Team, disaster and mass casualty incident training with local hospitals and the development of college credit courses in firefighting with Monroe Community College. Joint training with local fire departments included mutual aid firefighter training with the Airport and West Brighton Fire Departments, preparing haz mat trailers for training

and utilization with the Monroe County Haz Mat Team and the Office of Emergency Preparedness and water rescue training with the Lake Shore Fire Department, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

ACADEMY

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Office is responsible for ensuring compliance with all OSHA and other regulations governing workplace safety. The Office provides oversight at the scene of emergency incidents, recommends changes in procedures to reduce the risk of injury to personnel and monitors injury and exposure reports. Training is provided in a variety of topics, including respiratory protection, exposure control, hazard communications, asbestos awareness, fireground personnel accountability reporting and the right to know law and blood borne pathogens.

A safety captain is assigned to each group and is responsible for injury reviews, SCBA testing, DOSH reporting, incident analysis, personal protective equipment inspections, health and safety bulletins and safety training and education. The Health and Safety Office will continue to deliver and facilitate mandated, as well as elected programs aimed at the health and well being of the firefighters.

Emergency Medical Services

The EMS Office coordinates the training, certification and testing of firefighters and purchases and maintains EMS equipment and supplies. In 2003, they:

- trained 72 members in five CFR courses
- conducted five continuing medical education core courses for 125 members
- instructed 94 members in six EMT challenge courses
- recertified 300 members in CPR

As part of the inter-departmental assistance program, the EMS Office purchased and distributed five AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) to other City departments and conducted 12 Heartsaver CPR and AED courses for 106 City employees.

EMS Facts

343	Emergency Medical Technicians
111	Certified First Responders
8	Paramedics
90	Automatic External Defibrillator used
18	Patients received shocks
8	Successful interventions

There were 11,000 Patient Care Reports processed in 2003.

Special Operations

The Special Operations Office manages the City's Comprehensive Emergency Plan and is responsible for three major speciality teams: Haz Mat, Confined Space and High Rise Rescue. When an ice storm struck the City in April and the massive Northeast power outage occurred in August, Special Ops staffed the Emergency Operations Center. They also participated in federal and state drills for the Office of Emergency Preparedness and with the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, performed a site review and preplan for Rochester Gas and Electric's confined space tunnel project, developed a haz mat refresher course for the Line Division and received \$350,000 in MMRS grants.



A resident walks down East Ave. after an ice storm struck Rochester on April 4, 2003. Photo by Max Schulte, of the Democrat & Chronicle.

ACADEMY

The Haz Mat team responded to 68 incidents in 2003. They also updated the incident sector forms, developed a quick reference manual for haz mat detection equipment and revamped the Haz Mat Site Safety Plan.

The Confined Space Rescue Team, designed to fulfill OSHA requirements, is a specialized rescue unit equipped to respond to building collapses, trench cave-ins and other emergency incidents. This team receives training in lock out/tag out procedures for space isolation, air monitoring and ventilation practices, advanced rope rigging skills, victim packaging and removal, hazard identification and scene safety procedures. The firefighters assigned to the team provide the initial rescuers with the safest working conditions possible under the adverse conditions they have to deal with during a confined space incident. In 2003, upgrades and replacements were made to the team's equipment and drills were conducted at RG&E's Operations Center.

Trainee Program

The Firefighter Trainee Program provides East High School graduates with the opportunity to become firefighters once they complete a two year internship that begins in their senior year, and successfully graduate from the Training Division's recruit training program. In 2003, four trainees completed all of the requirements and are now serving as firefighters. Additionally, four

trainee graduates are awaiting the next recruit class and four trainees have entered their senior year. A trainee recruitment drive was conducted in the fall and 18 applicants will be considered for a class to begin in September 2004.

While in school, trainees receive classroom instruction from firefighters assigned to the program as well as from an East High School teacher. Two rooms at the school are dedicated to the program, a classroom and a physical fitness room complete with weight training equipment, a stairmaster and stationary bicycles. Community service projects complement their classroom experience. Trainees volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, install smoke alarms and CO alarms in the homes of City residents and help staff the W-Kids Fire Safety House at fire station open houses and other venues.

Upon graduation from high school, trainees are assigned to staff positions in the Department and work 20-hours per week. The program has received numerous awards and has become a model for other programs of its type throughout the country.



Four members of the Firefighter Trainee Program graduated from the Fire Academy's recruit training program in 2003 and are now firefighters. Pictured, they are (left to right): Roland Truelove, Joshua Reed, Robert Seaman and Jose Rosario.

ACADEMY

Community Emergency Response Team

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), which is modeled after similar programs in cities throughout the country, was launched in Rochester in 2002. It was developed out of a need for a well trained community emergency response force prepared in a number of fundamental practices and procedures. CERT training allows volunteers to take care of themselves and others during any type of emergency until professional help can arrive.

The program is a partnership between the Department and neighborhood associations, who enlist their residents to participate in the eight-week program. Taught by Training Division staff at the PSTF, the participants learn about basic first aid, CPR, patient assessment, disaster preparedness, incident command structure and post disaster debriefing. They are also instructed in the use of the Heartstart defibrillator and the use of fire extinguishers.

Following their graduation from the program, CERT volunteers are then available to assist the community when a major emergency overwhelms normally available resources and response delays occur. CERT volunteers would be immediately available to assist those in need. Our CERT volunteers are qualified in assisting others to safety, assuming a leadership role until professional help arrives and sizing up a situation and relaying the information to the responding emergency providers.

Since its inception, the Department has graduated over 125 CERT volunteers and the program, the first in



CERT participants practice a patient assessment as one of the class instructors, F.F. Darrin Batty, critiques their work.

New York State, is still going strong. Lt. William Empey, who is responsible for CERT training, assisted the City of Buffalo, Erie County Emergency Management and the Greece Ridge Fire District with the set up of their CERT programs.



CERT graduation ceremonies are a special time, not only for the participants, but also for the Fire Department instructors who train the class. Pictured, is CERT participant Sharon Hancock as she receives her graduation certificate from Fire Chief Floyd Madison.

ACADEMY

Apparatus Repair

The Apparatus Repair Division, a 24/7 operation, maintains 31 first line firefighting vehicles and all other motorized equipment and develops specifications for new apparatus. Besides the Superintendent, the division is staffed by an equipment supervisor, five senior equipment mechanics, and one body repair mechanic.

Supply Depot

The Supply Depot purchases and distributes supplies and equipment, fills all air and oxygen cylinders and repairs, tests and maintains Scott SCBA. This division issues and maintains all firefighter personal protective clothing, coordinates the yearly hose testing program and manages an extensive inventory.

In 2003, the Supply Depot purchased approximately 85 sets of turnout gear (from Fire-Dex), replaced rescue equipment, and continued with the replacement and update of physical fitness equipment for the fire stations.

Alarm Maintenance

The Alarm Maintenance Unit is responsible for the upkeep of the City radio fire alarm system, which includes street alarm boxes for public use and master boxes. The master boxes provide automatic alarm transmission from alarm systems in schools, hospitals, nursing homes and several industries. In addition, this unit maintains the central station receiver located in the Monroe County Public Safety Communications Center and the Fire Department's mobile portable radios.

Repairs	
300	portable and mobile units
50	fire boxes
110	master boxes
50	monitor radios

First Line Apparatus

Company	In-Service	Manufacturer	GPM
E3	2001	E-1	1250
E5	2001	E-1	1250
E7	1998	E-1	1250
E10	2001	E-1	1250
E12	1999	E-1	1250
E13	2001	E-1	1250
E16	1994	E-1	1250
E17	1994	E-1	1250
Q1	1999	E-1	1500
Q2	2003	E-1	1500
Q3	1992	E-1	1500
Q4	2002	E-1	1500
Q5	2002	E-1	1500
Q6	1998	E-1	1500
Q7	1998	E-1	1500
Q8	1995	E-1	1500
Q9	1997	E-1	1500
M1	1997	E-1	1000
M2	1992	Beck	1000
M3	1997	E-1	1000
M4	1992	Beck	1000
M5	2001	E-1	1000
M6	2001	E-1	1000
M7	2001	E-1	1000
M8	1991	Beck	1000
M9	1997	E-1	1000
R11	2002	HME*	
Protectives	2002	HME*	
HazMat 1	1988	Pierce	
HazMat 2	1989	Salisbury	

E-1 is Emergency One

*HME cab with an Old South body

FIRE SAFETY DIVISION

The Fire Safety Division is the responsibility of Fire Marshal Jerome Telfair, a deputy chief, and includes the Code Enforcement Unit and the Fire Investigation Unit.



Fire Marshal Jerome Telfair and Battalion Chief William Valentine, of the Fire Safety Division.

Code Enforcement

This Unit inspects residential, commercial, industrial and institutional properties in the City. The Unit also issues permits, responds to citizen complaints, reviews new construction plans and provides technical assistance to developers.

Initiatives:

- issued 342 Municipal Code Violation Summonses
- inspected and patrolled all public assembly gatherings, festivals, and outdoor and indoor pyrotechnic displays
- issued 3550 permits
- received 475 hours of training
- collaborated with various state and local agencies including the Rochester Police Dept., Monroe County Health Department, State Department of Codes and Department of Environmental Conservation.
- conducted 115 school inspections
- spent 75 hours conducting evening inspections of night clubs, bars and places of public assembly

Fire Investigation

This Unit investigates all structure fires and any other incident upon the request of command staff. Fire Investigation includes Cause and Origin, the Arson Task Force and the Fire Related Youth program (FRY).

Cause and Origin, responded to 593 structure fires, 197 vehicle fires, and 417 other incidents.

Arson Task Force. The ATF is made up of one fire investigator and one police officer. The ATF responds to all working fires and responds on call after hours and on weekends. In 2003, they conducted 191 investigations and made 25 arrests.

FRY investigates any juvenile firesetter incident. In 2003, there were 296 juvenile contacts; 198 incident related and 98 resulting from referrals from parents, teachers and community agencies. FRY made 34 juvenile arrests, 31 diversions, 127 educational interventions and 17 referrals to various mental health agencies. There were 14 recidivist juveniles, equating to a 4.9% recidivism rate.

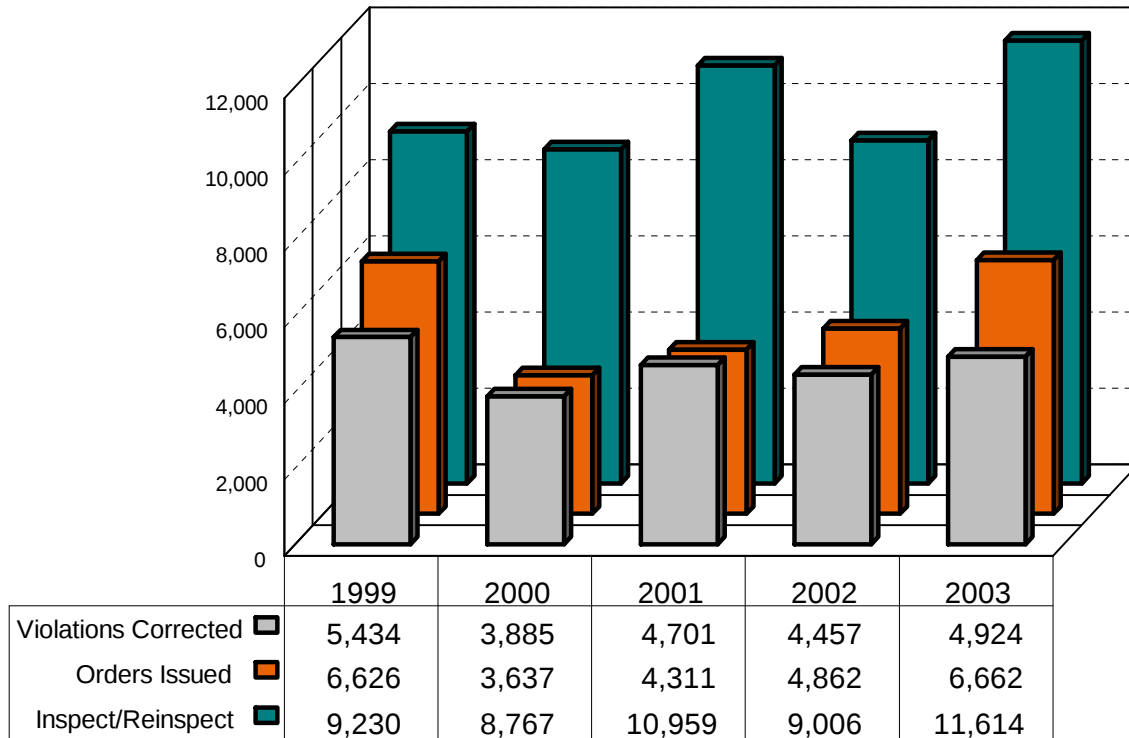
Investigators assigned to this Unit attended 1052 hours of specialized training conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, NYS Fire Academy, and the National Fire Academy



Despite many obstacles to their investigation of the June 20, 2003 seven-alarm fire at the former Delco Plant, the FIU's teamwork and perseverance enabled them get a conviction of the arsonist responsible for setting the fire.

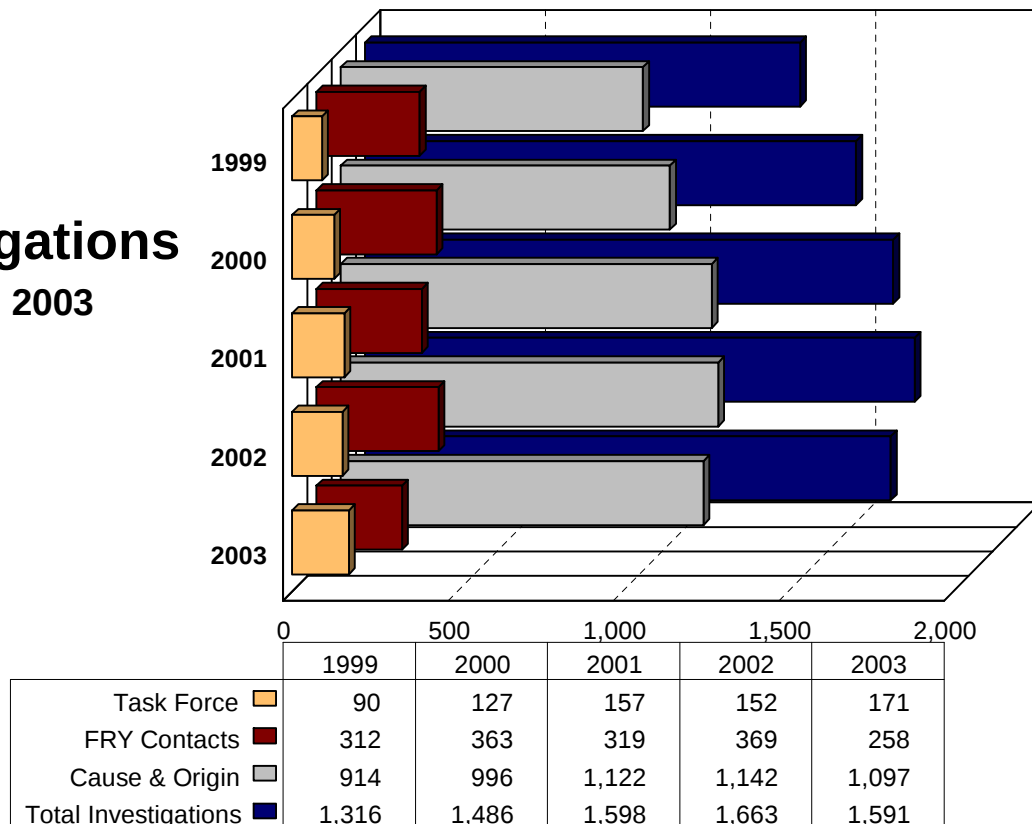
Code Enforcement Inspections

1999 - 2003



Investigations

1999 - 2003



APPOINTMENTS

Firefighter Richard Boskow	08/25/03
Firefighter Richard Brongo	08/25/03
Firefighter Malcolm Bundy	08/25/03
Firefighter Douglas Crowley	08/25/03
Firefighter Gregory Drew	08/25/03
Firefighter Thomas Decker	08/25/03
Firefighter Sean Finucane	08/25/03
Firefighter Joseph Hofstetter	08/25/03
Firefighter Mark Hudson	08/25/03
Firefighter Douglas Kress	08/25/03
Firefighter Ricky Lofton	08/25/03
Firefighter Matthew Montesano	08/25/03
Firefighter Linh Ngoc Nguyen	08/25/03
Firefighter Joshua Reed	08/25/03
Firefighter Jose Rosario	08/25/03
Firefighter Robert Seaman III	08/25/03
Firefighter Cory Trapiss	08/25/03
Firefighter Roland Truelove	08/25/03
Firefighter Alberto Velazques	08/25/03
Firefighter John Wagner	08/25/03
Firefighter Adam Zebrak	08/25/03
Jennifer Kelly	04/28/03
Receptionist Typist	
Haydee Brown	08/18/03
Receptionist Typist	

PROMOTIONS

Exec Deputy Chief Ralph Privitere	05/07/2003
Deputy Chief Anthony Infantolino	04/21/2003
Deputy Chief William Curran	05/07/2003
Battalion Chief Charles Stadler	04/21/2003
Battalion Chief Martin McMillan	05/07/2003
Battalion Chief Stephen McClary	07/09/2003
Captain Kenneth Gippe	04/03/2003
Captain Johannes Vos	04/21/2003
Captain Bradley Wallace	05/07/2003
Captain Clay Andreas	06/30/2003
Captain John Kearney	06/30/2003
Captain Jonathan Young	06/30/2003
Captain Brian Mulcahy	08/18/2003
Lieutenant Michael Dobbartin	04/03/2003
Lieutenant Daniel Pignato	04/03/2003
Lieutenant Daniel Bender	05/07/2003
Lieutenant Roger Moynes	05/27/2003
Lieutenant Jerry Randise	05/27/2003
Lieutenant David Burlee	07/09/2003
Lieutenant Mark Kolmer	08/13/2003
Lieutenant Edward Kuppinger	09/03/2003
Lieutenant Patrick Agostinelli	10/04/2003



Class of 2003

RETIREMENTS

Exec Deputy Chief Robert King	05/02/03
Deputy Chief Robert Watters	04/12/03
Captain Dennis Roy	06/14/03
Captain Ronald Faugh	06/28/03
Captain James McKinney	06/29/03
Captain Douglas Dykins	08/11/03
Lieutenant Ronald Francis	03/04/03
Lieutenant Robert Crandall	04/04/03
Firefighter Charles Sibley	01/03/03
Firefighter Gary Yantz	01/27/03
Firefighter John Vanderlinden	02/09/03
Firefighter Charles French	04/29/03
Firefighter Charles Dunn	05/05/03
Firefighter Alan Perrotta	06/29/03
Firefighter Gerald Pozzulo	06/29/03
Firefighter Owen Galland	06/30/03
Firefighter John Winter	06/30/03
Firefighter James Jacobsen	06/30/03
Firefighter David Boundy	09/30/03
Firefighter Bruce Celento	09/03/03
Firefighter Louis Defazio	07/13/03
Firefighter Peter Michel	07/14/02
Firefighter Roger Gilder	07/23/03
Firefighter Leamon Moore Jr.	07/26/03
Firefighter George Mazza	09/16/03
Firefighter Michael Jacobs	12/03/03
Firefighter Bruce Smith	12/19/03
Firefighter Steven Boorum	12/31/03
Civilian Mildred Johnson	01/25/03
Civilian Leola Baum	07/19/03

MILITARY SERVICE

We salute the firefighters who were called up by the U.S. Military to serve the country during the Afghanistan and Iraq campaigns in 2003:

Lt. Ted Kuppinger
F.F. Mark Nestler
F.F. Anthony Nunez
F.F. Roger Rebman



F.F. Anthony Nunez



Lt. Ted Kuppinger and friends in Afghanistan.



F.F. Roger Rebman

IN MEMORIAM



Lt. Gerard Morio

The Fire Department lost two active members in 2003, Lt. Gerard Morio and Capt. Robert Spahn. Their service to this Department and the Rochester community will not be forgotten.

Lt. Gerard Morio was nine days shy of his 42 birthday when he unexpectedly passed away on August 18, 2003. Gerry joined the Fire Department on May 5, 1986 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on September 8, 1998.

Assignments

June 30, 1986	Floating/Group 1
April 11, 1988	Engine 13/Group 1
July 1, 1991	Truck 10/Group 3
September 8, 1998	Floating/Group 4
July 28, 1999	Rescue 11/Group 4

Captain Robert Spahn succumbed to cancer on February 25, 2003. He was 56-years-old. Bob joined the Fire Department on July 9, 1973, was promoted to Lieutenant on November 16, 1992 and became a Captain on April 3, 1997.

Assignments

August 1, 1973	Floating/Group 4
July 15, 1974	Truck 1/Group 4
July 1, 1991	Engine 10/Group 1
November 26, 1992	Floating/Group 4
January 1, 1993	Quint 2/Group 4
April 10, 1997	Floating/Group 1
July 25, 1997	Quint 2/Group 2



Capt. Robert Spahn