

Patrick Johl

Wood Dale Fire Protection District



Summary:

Safety-oriented and rescue-focused firefighting professional with over 28 years of public and private experience including progressive responsibilities in planning, organizing, and administration of all fire, rescue, and emergency medical services department operations. Vast experience and knowledge in fire administration, public relations, labor relations, budget planning and management, equipment management, and the development of policies and procedures related to fire suppression, investigation and prevention, hazardous materials, rescue, and emergency medical services. Highly competent in assessing and eliminating risks and hazards through effective management of personnel and staff, executing corrective action plans, analyzing accidents and injuries, and developing policy and procedures. Well-equipped leadership skills evidenced by continuous improvement of fire, rescue and emergency medical services operations, and progressive advancement in the fire service. Possesses perceptive interpersonal skills with the ability to effectively interface with volunteers, municipal leaders, community stakeholders, union and non-union staff and the public.

Experience:

Command/Administration

Fire Chief, Wood Dale Fire Protection District

2023-Present

- Administration of all activities in the Wood Dale Fire Protection District, including fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical services, fire prevention and code enforcement, human resources, finance, budgeting, and accounting activities.
- Supporting the training, motivation, and management of all employees of the fire district.
- Maintaining the mentorship and succession plans for the entire membership of the fire district.
- Supporting the elected District Board of Trustees and the appointed Board of Fire Commissioners through conducting organizational studies, budget planning and management, labor-management negotiations, and grant writing.
- Representing the fire district within the community, and in collaboration with other local, county, State and Federal government agencies and elected officials.
- Consulting with citizens, government officials and other community stakeholders as the district's Public Information Officer.
- Maintaining the fire district's disaster mitigation, emergency management, and continuation of operations plans.
- Maintaining sufficient knowledge of trends and new technology in fire science, rescue, and emergency medical services to develop and maintain fire district policies and procedures.
- Managing the district's risks through collaborating with the District Board of Trustees, the Board of Fire Commissioners, legal counsel, accounting and auditing professional services, and the district's Command Staff of Battalion Chiefs, Training and Safety Officer, Fire Prevention Bureau Director, and Emergency Medical Services Coordinator.
- Successfully negotiated for the district, a three-year (2023-2026) collective bargaining agreement with IAFF Local 3594.

Co-Chair, Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB), Policy Advisory Committee

2022-Present

- Appointed by the DuPage County ETSB to the Policy Advisory Committee in 2020.
- Advises and recommends policy to the DuPage County ETSB regarding ETSB Operations.

Chair, Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB), Fire Focus Group

2024-Present

- Appointed Chair of the Fire Focus Group by the DuPage County ETSB Policy Advisory Committee.
- Serving on the Fire Focus Group as an ETSB PAC member since 2020.
- Works to test, validate and configure radio hardware and software for use by DuPage County fire agencies and makes policy recommendations to the ETSB Policy Advisory Committee.

Co-Chair, Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB), Fire Standardization Focus Group

2023-Present

- Appointed Co-Chair of the Fire Standardization Focus Group by the ETSB Policy Advisory Committee.
- Works to standardize fire service policies, operations and equipment across DuPage County fire agencies and Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to increase efficiencies and reduce the time from the receipt of a 9-1-1 call until the first unit arrives on an emergency scene.

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- Experience Cont'd:

Command/Administration

Voting Member, DuPage County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

2020-Present

- Fire Chief membership on the DuPage LEPC is elected by the voting LEPC membership based on nominations from the DuPage Fire Chiefs Association.
- Committee members encourage and support emergency planning for responding to all hazards and provide local governments and the public with information to use for planning and response.
- Committee goals are to increase the protection of the DuPage County community from exposure to chemicals produced, used, stored, and/or transported within DuPage County.
- Committee recommendations are submitted to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) annually.

Member, DuPage County Health Department, Behavioral Health Crisis System Development Committee

2023

- Appointed by the DuPage County Fire Chiefs Association to represent fire agency stakeholders from across DuPage County on the DuPage County Behavioral Health Crisis System development and expansion.

Assistant Commander, DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force

2022-Present

- Commands a team of 10 Fire Investigators from fire and law enforcement agencies across DuPage County, including the DuPage County State's Attorney's office, DuPage County Sheriff's office, DuPage Coroner's Office, State Fire Marshal's Office, FBI, and ATF, when requested to assist local jurisdictions within DuPage County in investigating the origin and cause of fires.
- Collaborates with local, State and Federal authorities and manages the Task Force Operations Commanders to deploy necessary resources to conduct a safe and complete fire investigation, up to and including the successful arrest and prosecution of arson cases.
- Operations Commander, DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force, 2017-2022.
- Team Leader, DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force, 2012-2017.
- Investigator, DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force, 2008-2012.

President, Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 12

2023-Present

- Chief Executive Officer of the MABAS Division 12 Executive Board, elected by 18-member fire agency Chief Officers.
- Supervises and controls all business and affairs of MABAS Division 12.
- Creates/dissolves committees and appoints/removes chairs and committee members to accomplish the business of MABAS Division 12.
- Represents MABAS Division 12 to the Illinois MABAS Executive Board.

Secretary, Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 12

2021-2023

- Custodian of all records for MABAS Division 12
- Maintaining meeting minutes, operating procedures, and providing all notices in accordance with the by-laws of MABAS Division 12 and Illinois MABAS.

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Experience Cont'd:

Command/Administration

Hazardous Materials Chief Liaison Officer, Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 12 2020-Present

- Represents the Hazardous Incident Response Team (Haz Mat) on the MABAS Division 12 Executive Board.
- Responds as Command Staff to all Haz Mat, Water Rescue, and Technical Rescue Box Alarms in MABAS 12, protecting nearly one million residents.
- Deploys as Command Staff within and outside the State of Illinois when MABAS 12 Hazardous Incident Response Team is tasked by the Governor to do so.
- Plans and manages the annual budget and equipment cache, develops training, policies, and procedures for MABAS Division 12 Hazardous Incident Response Team.

Vehicles and Assets Chief Liaison Officer, Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 12 2017-Present

- Administration of MABAS Division 12 owned vehicles and assets for MABAS division 12 Executive Board.
- Coordinates replacement, annual maintenance, and accountability for all MABAS Division 12 owned vehicles, trailers, and assets, distributed among the 19 member agencies of MABAS Division 12 in DuPage county, protecting nearly one million residents.

Deputy Chief, Wood Dale Fire Protection District 2018-2023

- Supported the Fire Chief in all roles and responsibilities in the administration and operations of the Wood Dale Fire Protection District
- Battalion Chief at Wood Dale Fire Protection District, 2014-2018
- Lieutenant at Wood Dale Fire Protection District, 2008-2014
- Firefighter/Paramedic at Wood Dale Fire Protection District, 2003-2008

Deputy Chief, Itasca Fire Protection District 2020-2022

- Supported the Fire Chief in all roles and responsibilities in the administration and operations of the Itasca Fire Protection District.

President, Wood Dale Fire Fighter's Pension Fund 2006-Present

- Elected to Pension Trustee every three years by the active membership of the Wood Dale Fire Fighter's Pension fund.
- Elected annually since 2008 by the Pension Board to serve as Fund President.
- Honoring the fiduciary responsibility to the Pension Fund ensuring proper funding through investment strategy, taxation and member/District contributions, proper accounting practices, administering and ruling over public hearings for pension applicants and regular Fund meetings.
- Maintaining close and cooperative relationships between the Pension Fund Board and State agencies, the County Clerk, the District Board of Trustees, attorneys, accountants, actuaries, investment managers, and labor organizations to ensure the obligations of the Pension fund are met.

Hazardous Materials Manager, ILTF-1 MABAS Illinois, Urban Search and Rescue Team 2014-2023

- Responsible for the safety of the US&R team on deployments in active disaster areas related to hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction.
- Deployable within and outside of the State of Illinois at the request of the Governor to complete the mission of search and rescue in active disaster areas or disaster prevention at high alert security events such as national political party conventions.
- Maintaining the US&R team hazardous materials equipment cache.
- Developing and administration of training for the US&R team on operations in a hazardous environment, including WMD environments, to meet the standards set by FEMA/DHS.

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Education

St. Patrick High School, Chicago, Illinois	1996
Triton College, River Grove, Illinois – Associate of Applied Science, Fire Science & Technology	2005
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois – Bachelor of Science, Fire Service Management	2007

Work History:

Fire/Rescue and EMS

<i>Fire Chief, Wood Dale Fire Protection District</i>	<i>2023-Present</i>
<i>Deputy Chief, Wood Dale Fire Protection District</i>	<i>2018-2023</i>
<i>Deputy Chief, Itasca Fire Protection District</i>	<i>2020-2022</i>
<i>Battalion Chief, Wood Dale Fire Protection District</i>	<i>2014-2018</i>
<i>Lieutenant, Wood Dale Fire Protection District</i>	<i>2008-2014</i>
<i>Fire Fighter/Paramedic, Wood Dale Fire Protection District</i>	<i>2003-2008</i>
<i>Part-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic, Lieutenant, Westmont Fire Department</i>	<i>2007-2017</i>
<i>Part-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic, Clarendon Hills Fire Department</i>	<i>1999-2007</i>
<i>Contract Fire Fighter/Paramedic, Metro Paramedic Services, Bensenville Fire Department</i>	<i>2002-2003</i>
<i>Station Manager/Paramedic Superior Ambulance Service</i>	<i>1996-2002</i>

Professional Affiliations:

Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE), Commission on Professional Credentialing – Chief Fire Officer Designation
International Association of Fire Chiefs
International Association of Arson Investigators
Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
Illinois Fire Chiefs Association
DuPage County Fire Chiefs Association
MABAS Division 12 Fire Chiefs

Volunteer and Community Participation

Wood Dale Community Assistance Council - Member
Sons of the American Legion, Merle Guild Post 208 – Member
Prospect Moose Lodge #660 – Member
Prospect High School Teacher – Parent Council - Member
Prospect High School Athletic Boosters – Member
Prospect Parent Football Council – Member
Mt. Prospect Lions – Volunteer Football Head Coach
Arlington Cowboys – Volunteer Football Head Coach
Big Waters Federation Guides and Princesses – Volunteer Tribe and Nation Council