Our Mission

The Evanston Fire Department exists 24 hours of every day, to protect life, property and the environment.

Our members have professionally served the City of Evanston with honor, bravery and unwavering dedication since 1875.

Our Values

Service  Tradition  Professionalism

“For others, with distinction, faithful to our heritage.”
Evanston FIRE DEPARTMENT

By the numbers

3,595 Fire Responses

10,014 Total Emergency Calls

6,419 Emergency Medical Services
By the numbers

Evanston Fire - 30 Year Chart

52%
Increase in calls for service
Evanston Fire Department 2018 Annual Report

By the numbers

3:12 average response time for both fire and EMS calls
Well below 4-min. standard of National Fire Protection Association

<4 minutes response time

95% property involved saved

74 fires mitigated
Estimated loss $4,959,200

$99,861,570 Saved property

1 2018 Fire Fatalities
Fire Prevention Activities

- Over 671 field inspections
- 392 fire and life safety construction plans reviewed.
- 41 Fire Investigations
- Life safety oversight of 28 special events in the City.
- Over 259 public education events and activities including over 166 neighborhood block parties.
Community Engagement

Fire Explorers

34 Current Members
Over 80 since 2012
Community Engagement

ETHS Public Safety Program

21 Current Students

Over 200 since inception
Community Engagement

Citizen Fire Academy

14 Graduates of the 2018 CFA
Community Engagement

Community Emergency Response Team

24 Current Members
Community Engagement

Citizen CPR

400 people certified in 2018
Over 1,800 since 2012
Department Highlights for 2018

ISO Class 1
Public Protection Classification
The Department led a successful regional effort for a $1.4 million FEMA Grant for upgraded radio equipment and a state of the art emergency incident accountability system.
Department Highlights for 2018

Executed an agreement with Northwestern University for a shared Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
Department Highlights for 2018

Completed a six month comprehensive and community based recruitment and candidate support process for a 2 year eligibility list for firefighter/paramedic.
Department Highlights for 2018

Our Emergency Preparedness division enhanced preparedness of the City’s Crisis Management Team while also helping the business community prepare for continuity of operations in the event of a disaster.
Provided community emergency preparedness training in partnership with the Red Cross and our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
Department Highlights for 2018

Implemented an enhanced EMS Emergency Patient Care Reporting (ePCR) software platform.
Looking Ahead to 2019

• We will partner with AMITA/St. Francis Hospital to implement a Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedic program to extend primary care and integrated social service delivery to those in need.

• The Department will implement upgraded and enhanced Pre-Incident Planning software that will combine enhanced mapping and information management to help support critical decisions on the emergency scene.

• Work with the City’s Data Governance Team in order to better integrate sources of Community Risk Reduction (CRR) data for better analysis towards targeted and more efficient deployment of department resources.

• Work with community stakeholders, city staff and Oakton Community College on a 3 year firefighter apprenticeship program for ETHS graduates.