

Harlem-Roscoe Fire Protection District

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To the Residents of the Harlem-Roscoe Fire Protection District,

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees of the District for their endless guidance and support who allows us to provide the best in emergency services to you. **We also thank you – the citizens of our District.** Neither our accomplishments nor our growth would be possible without your continued support and feedback. Our intent is to exceed your expectations at all times. You are the reason we serve.

HRFD had a record setting year for the number of emergency calls received, totaling 2935 which is an increase of over 10% from 2015. My goal is to continue to operate with part-time and paid on call personnel and find ways to become more efficient and fiscally responsible. We are a 24/7 operation responding out of three stations. Every 24 hours, 18 positions must be filled with the duration of each shift being 12 hours. Our Firefighters, Paramedics and EMTs once again proved that a part-time fire department can and does work well. Not only are the firefighters working assigned shifts, they are working extra hours on public education events, football games, station tours, block parties, CPR classes and much more. To maintain adequate staffing with this continuous growth, we will be looking to add to our membership list this year. Watch our website and Facebook pages for more information in the coming months on how YOU can become a member of our HRFD family.

As we move forward, we will constantly do what is needed to meet our mission of providing the highest standard of service to the District through prevention, training, education and emergency services. It is our vision to be a progressive fire department. Maybe you have noticed, at the end of 2016, we began another project to both stations 2 and 3. These stations are now continuously staffed – which was NOT the case a few years ago – keeping them closer to your living proximity for quickest response time to you. We are improving the living areas for our firefighters, upgrading the building mechanical systems and bringing in the most efficient energy improvements overall. We are looking for long term savings to the district as we now have experienced since the completion of station 1. This newest project, as was with the previous station 1 renovation, has been planned and the funds allocated over the past years to complete them.

In closing, I would like to say how honored I am to serve as your Fire Chief of the Harlem Roscoe Fire Protection District. It was a very successful and busy year for us all and I look forward to the future ahead. I am committed to being a loyal steward of what I am entrusted with and a visionary to keep us one step ahead in preparation for what is needed next. It is my responsibility to do what I can to ensure the safety of the community and our firefighters and to provide the best education, training and equipment possible for them to successfully keep you safe. I will remain educated & proactive in regards to our growing community with the utmost in fiscal responsibilities not just for the near future, but long term as well. Again, thank you for your support in allowing us to do what we love! **"Duty, Pride and Tradition"**, not only of the fire service, but that of the Harlem Roscoe Fire Protection District as a whole. As always, I invite you to tour the facilities, see the equipment, and meet this HRFD family who serve you.

With warmest regards,

Fire Chief Donald Shoewlin

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