



# 2016 Bulletin



## Village Manager's Message

The 2016 Bulletin highlights the key accomplishments and significant measurable results of the past year. The achievements featured support the following goals of the Long Range Plan:

- \* Steward of Financial, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability
- \* Exceptional Municipal Services
- \* Top Quality Infrastructure
- \* Strong, Diverse Local Economy
- \* Continual Innovation

The Village continued its exceptional performance during a time of transition on the Village Council and financial uncertainty brought on by the State budget crisis. The anticipation of and response to the State budget crisis allowed for the provision of desired services while positioning the Village for financial sustainability.

The successes of 2016 are the direct result of input and participation by the citizens of Downers Grove, effective Village Council leadership, and cooperative interactions among professional staff members in all departments.

Sincerely,



**David Fieldman**  
Village Manager

Enza Petrarca  
Village Attorney

Michael Baker  
Deputy Village Manager

April Holden  
Village Clerk

Douglas Kozlowski  
Communications Director

Judy Buttny  
Finance Director

Stan Popovich  
Community Development  
Director

Kurt Bluder  
Police Chief

James G. Jackson, Sr.  
Fire Chief

Naneil Newlon  
Public Works Director

Dennis Burke  
Human Resources Director

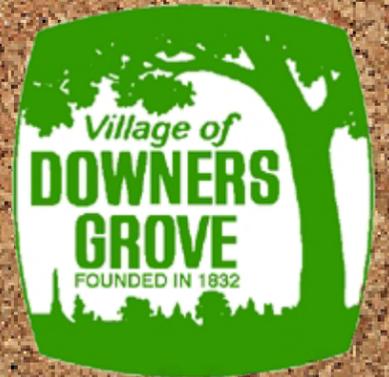
Dave Kenny  
Information Services  
Director

## Downers Grove Village Council



(Pictured L to R)

- Commissioner Greg Hose'
- Commissioner William Waldack
- Commissioner Nicole Walus
- Mayor Martin Tully
- Commissioner William "Bill" White
- Commissioner Margaret "Marge" Earl
- Commissioner Robert T. Barnett



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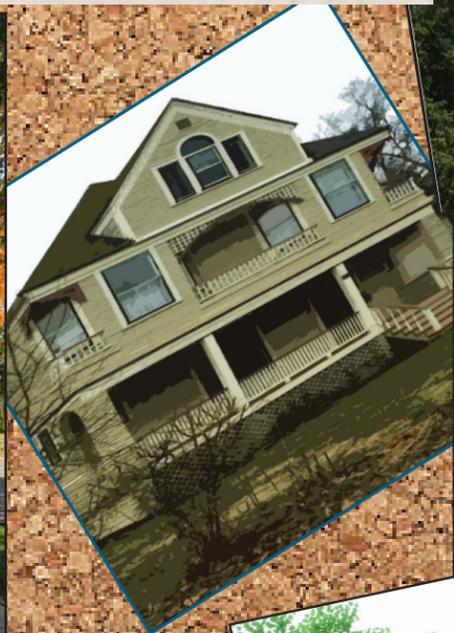
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# Street renamed in honor of Emerson Foote



## PRESERVED HISTORY

- \* Landmarked 9 Properties
- \* Increased Public Awareness
- \* Engaged Community Partners

### Landmarking: Easier Than Ever

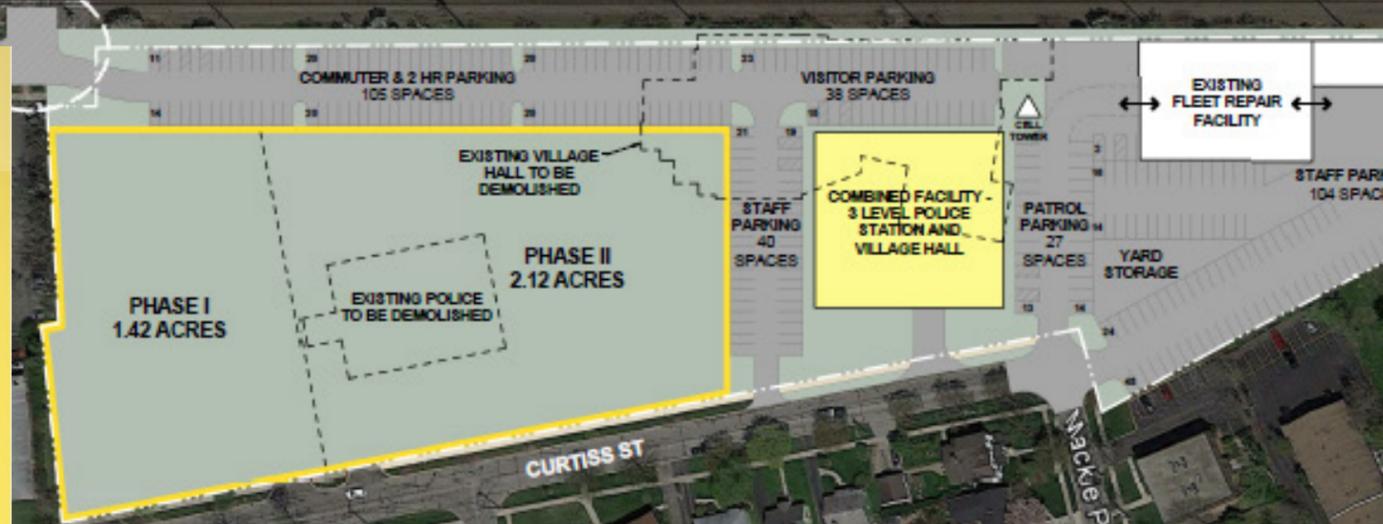
- \* 5320 Benton Ave.
- \* 1232 Gilbert Ave.
- \* 701 Maple Ave.
- \* 5226 Carpenter St.
- \* Main Street Train Station
- \* 1130 Franklin St.
- \* 4502 Prince St.
- \* 710 Maple Ave.
- \* 4540 Highland Ave.

## Police Station Deficiencies

- \* Interview Areas Lack Privacy
- \* Evidence Storage Inefficient
- \* Space for Investigations and other key functions limited
- \* Lockers don't hold gear and equipment
- \* Vehicle Parking not secure

## Village Hall Deficiencies

- \* Lobby Area Space Limited
- \* Challenges in Accommodating Large Public Meetings
- \* Space to Meet with Permit Applicants Limited
- \* Inefficient Interior Space Layout
- \* Multiple Public Access Points



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### Facilities Sustainability Plan

	Police Station	Village Hall
<b>Issues</b>	Long-term maintenance needs Operational deficiencies; Undersized	Long-term maintenance needs Operational deficiencies
<b>Improvements</b>	Construct 11,500 to 13,200 sq. ft. addition to south side and renovate existing space consistent with attached concept plan	Perform minimum necessary maintenance improvements; revisit long-term solutions upon completion of Police Station (2019)
<b>Cost Estimates</b>	\$14.5 million (\$13.4 to \$15.6 million range)	\$600,000
<b>Budget &amp; Resources</b>	Equity - \$1.5 million in asset forfeiture fund Debt - Up to \$14.5 million <b>Total - \$16 million</b> 20-year bond-issue: \$1.1 million annual debt service payment \$600,000 from levy (formerly for Library bond debt service) \$200,000 from gasoline tax (formerly for Fairview Avenue debt service) \$300,000 from Capital Fund (formerly for new sidewalk construction)	
<b>Schedule</b>	Design/Bid - June 2016 to August 2017 Construct - July 2017 (following VOC move) to Fall 2018	2017-2018 (if necessary)

## ADVANCED THE VILLAGE FACILITIES SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

- \* Adopted Plan for Police Station Addition/Renovation
- \* Presented Alternative Option (currently being considered.)



# Downers Grove Asks Residents How to Pay for \$3.9 Million Stormwater Management System

The options are either through a property tax levy, a stormwater utility fee or a combination of the two.

By Anicka Slachta (Patch Staff) - November 1, 2016 4:07 pm ET

## Referendum Results

- \* Shall the Village continue to fund all stormwater costs using a stormwater utility fee instead of property taxes? **YES 65%**
- \* Shall the Village fund all stormwater costs using property tax? **NO 69%**
- \* Shall the Village fund stormwater costs using a combination of stormwater utility fees and property taxes? **NO 70%**



# STORMWATER YOU TILL

**MOST Center**  
@TheMOSTCenter

@DownersGroveVlg is using these short videos to engage the public about stormwater. What is your community doing?  
[youtube.com/playlist?list=...](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=...)

LIKE 1

9:30 AM - 8 Sep 2016

## SW Calculator

CLICK HERE to see your comparison...



**Malcolm Mossman**  
@MalcolmMossman

.@DownersGroveVlg GREAT communications on stormwater utility referendum. Every town should have a SW calculator map [downers.us/stormwater-uti...](https://downers.us/stormwater-uti...)

3:05 PM - 1 Nov 2016



## RETAINED STORMWATER FEES

- \* Engaged the community with Stormwater YOUtility
- \* Over 6,000 hits on Stormwater Calculator
- \* Produced 20 short videos



## Top Priorities

- Implementation of the DGEDC Strategic Plan
- Implementation of the 2016 Economic Development Plan to Enhance The Sales Tax Base
- Redevelopment of catalyst commercial centers



## Key Issues

- Align services with community needs
- Budget with minimizing taxpayer impact in mind
- Create a sustainable Library infrastructure and service model



## Key Issues



## Overview



### Downers Grove Grade School District 58

- 11 neighborhood elementary schools
- 2 middle schools
- 5,000 students from Downers Grove and parts of Woodridge, Westmont, Oak Brook, Darien, Lisle & Lombard
- 640 full- and part-time employees
- \$65.0 million annual budget

We Envision. We Seek. We Believe.

## Tonight's Purpose

To learn about each organization's mission, vision, goals, objectives, and strategic plans to identify opportunities for future collaboration and cooperation



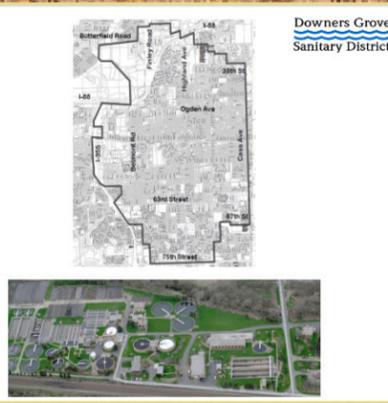
## Key Issues

- Recreation space to meet changing recreational trends
- Maintenance of infrastructure
- Growing non-tax based revenue
- Growing and sustaining partnerships and sponsorships
- Managing open space & development of Walnut Park
- Engaging with the community
- Invasive species management

## Overview

### Sanitary Sewerage Utility

- 250 miles of collection sewers
- 11 Million gallon per day treatment plant
- Service area beyond Downers Grove



COLLABORATED WITH OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- \* Hosted Super Retreat at DG South High School
- \* Increased Awareness of Shared Interests & Issues
- \* Fostered Cooperation and Collaboration

## Locations for Retail Development

- \* SE corner of Finley and Butterfield
- \* North side of Butterfield
- \* University Plaza
- \* Walnut and Ogden (frontage)
- \* Stonewall and Ogden Ave (north and south sides)

- \* South side between Middaugh and Saratoga
- \* NW corner of Ogden and Main
- \* SE corner of Ogden and Main
- \* Ogden between Fairview and Florence (north side)
- \* NW corner of 75th/Lemont
- \* Portions of 63rd St.



### HOW THEY WORK

When consumers make a purchase in Downers Grove, the retailer remits sales tax to the State of Illinois, which in turn distributes the appropriate percentage or share to local taxing bodies. Pursuant to the sales tax agreement, the Village rebates a portion of their share back to the business. The example below shows the sales tax rebate cycle of a \$100 purchase, using the current sales tax of 8.25%.



University Plaza on Butterfield Road; a catalyst site identified for retail development.



To increase annual sales tax revenue, the Village should attract and retain:

- \* Automobile dealerships
- \* Large scale general merchandise stores
- \* Furniture stores
- \* A variety of restaurants
- \* Drug stores and miscellaneous retailers

## CREATED PLAN TO INCREASE SALES TAX REVENUE

- \* Recommended Retail Segments for Attraction and Retention
- \* Recommended Tools for Attraction and Retention
- \* Locations for Retail Development



**DU-COMM**  
DuPage Public Safety  
Communications

For Ambulance, Fire, or Police  
Dial **911**



**JOINED DU-COMM**

- \* Maintains service level provided to Downers Grove residents
- \* Achieves the Top Priority Action Item, "Identify and Implement a Major Consolidation"
- \* Consistent with State of Illinois and DuPage County consolidation efforts
- \* Reduces cost and increases the efficiency of providing emergency dispatching services at the County level
- \* Reduces the size and cost of planned improvements to the Police Station



## Shared Expertise

Downers Grove Police and Fire Departments, DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, DuPage County Sheriff, Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove Public Works, DuPage County Stormwater Management, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, BNSF Railway Inc., Canadian National Railway, Westmont Police and Fire Departments, Lisle-Woodridge Fire Department



## Exercise Objective

Demonstrate an exercise of sufficient intensity to challenge management and operations, and to test the knowledge, skills and abilities of individuals and organizations involved.

- PREPARED REGION FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
- \* Collaborated with Over 30 Agencies
  - \* Developed, Tested and Trained On Hazmat Railway Emergency Response
  - \* Increased Public Awareness of Emergency Response Capabilities
  - \* Complied with FEMA Preparedness Requirements



# Village Saves \$1 Million on Bond Refinancing With AAA Rating

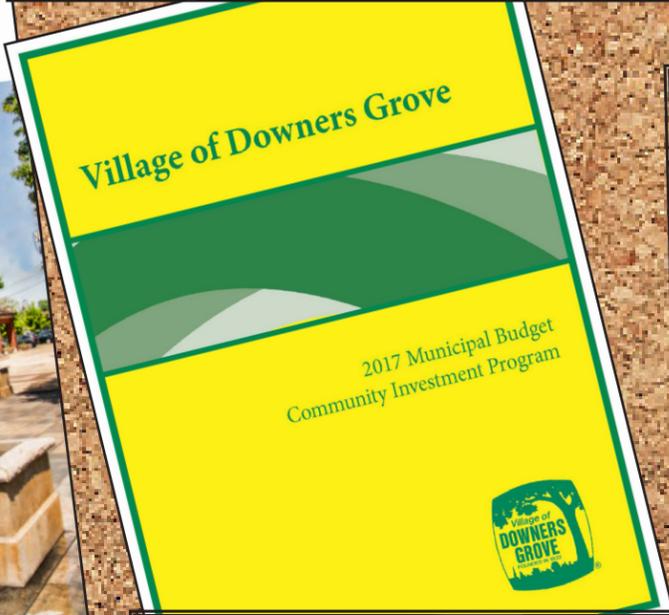
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## Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

### The Village of Downers Grove

Dupage County  
801 Burlington Avenue  
Downers Grove, Illinois  
60515-4782  
630-434-5500



## SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED BUDGET

- \* Added \$207,000 to General Fund Balance
- \* Saved \$1 million by Refinancing 2008 Stormwater Bonds
- \* Prepared Balanced 2017 Budget
- \* No increase to operations levy for six years

## AAA Bond Rating Highlights

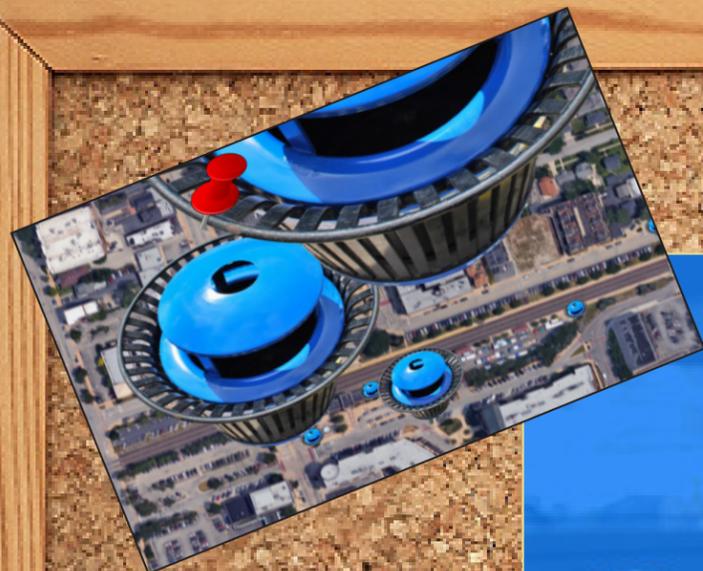
- \* Very strong management conditions
- \* Very strong budgetary flexibility
- \* Strong budgetary performance
- \* Very strong economy



### Summary: Downers Grove, Illinois; General Obligation

Credit Profile		
US\$7.77 mil GO rfdg bnds ser 2016 dtd 03/16/2016 due 03/28/2016		
Long Term Rating	AAA/Stable	New
Downers Grove Vill GO		
Long Term Rating	AAA/Stable	Affirmed
Downers Grove Vill GO		
Unenhanced Rating	AAA(SPUR)/Stable	Affirmed

Many issues are enhanced by bond insurance.



# RECYCLING CANS ARE HERE!

**15  
CANS  
HAVE  
BEEN  
PLACED  
DOWNTOWN**



**THEY'RE NEW!**



LAUNCHED  
DOWNTOWN  
RECYCLING  
PROGRAM

- \* Supports Environmental Sustainability
- \* Reduces refuse going to landfill

## Stormwater Maintenance Projects

- \* Approximately 7,500 feet of re-ditching
- \* Approximately 18,700 feet of storm sewers cleaned
- \* Street Sweeping



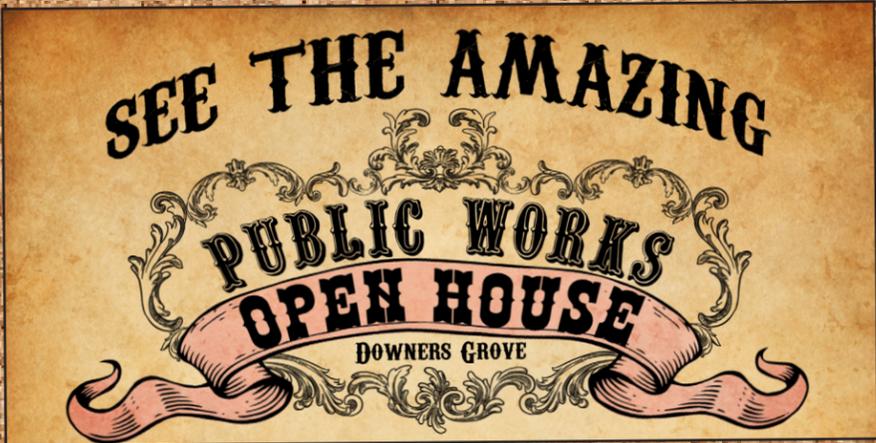
CONTINUED  
TO INVEST IN  
INFRASTRUCTURE

- \* \$15 million invested
- \* 8.5 miles of streets resurfaced
- \* 12 stormwater improvement projects
- \* 885 sidewalk segments repaired
- \* 8,100 feet of watermain

## 13 Stormwater Cost-Share Projects

- \* Improved local drainage for 44 homes
- \* Typically vary between \$1,500 and \$6,000 for Village reimbursement
- \* Involves 2 to 4 houses





**ENGAGED THE COMMUNITY**

Launched short-form video communications, with award-winning results

- \* Downtown Recycling 7,341 views
- \* Historic Preservation 4,250 views
- \* Stormwater YOUtility 3,988 views
- \* Learn Not to Burn 3,812 views
- \* Snow and Ice Control Plan 2,351 views
- \* Night at the Firehouse 2,348 views
- \* Flag Retirement 2,096 views





## Village Receives 13 Applications to Fill Council Vacancy

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### Village of Downers Grove

#### Council Orientation Packet

Village of Downers Grove  
801 Burlington Avenue  
Downers Grove, Illinois 60515  
630-434-5500

# 2016

## Downers Grove Village Council welcomes pair of new members to fill vacancies

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By NATHAN LURZ - [nlurz@shawmedia.com](mailto:nlurz@shawmedia.com)

**DOWNERS GROVE** – For the first time in weeks, the Downers Grove Village Council is finally at full force.

After several absences, the elected body swore in a pair of new members Sept. 6.

Residents Marge Earl and Nicole Walus officially joined the council alongside their families during a board meeting, which was followed by a special reception.



(Photo provided)

Caption +

## FACILITATED COUNCIL TRANSITION

\* Filled two mid-term  
vacancies

\* Village business continued,  
uninterrupted

# Burlington Station



## FACILITATED DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT



- \* Mixed-use development under construction at Main & Maple; **115 apartments**
- \* Burlington Station (at Forest and Gilbert) **89 apartments** under construction
- \* Projected \$5.5 million in property tax increment revenue to Downtown TIF

Kids & Family

# Downers Grove Named a Top City for Trick-or-Treating: Study

Get your candy bucket ready.

By Morgan Searles (Patch Staff) - October 6, 2015 2:43 pm ET | P |



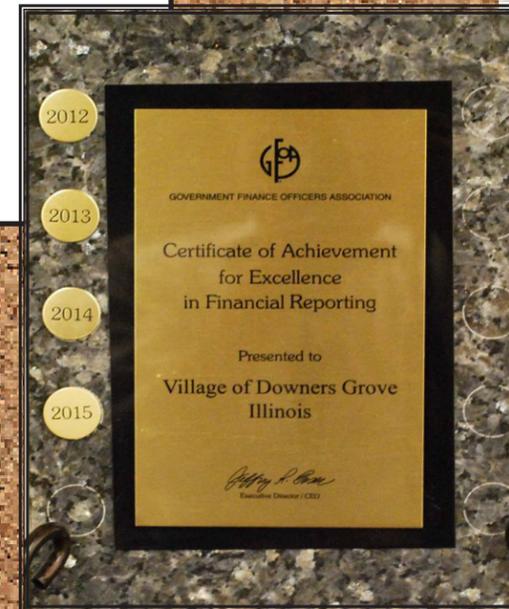
Phil Schwarz from ABC 7 visits on Halloween.



## Downers Grove Mayor Martin Tully receives leadership award

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**DOWNERS GROVE** – The DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference recognized Downers Grove Mayor Martin Tully as its Governmental Leader of the Year during a Jan. 20 legislative reception, according to a news release.



## VILLAGE LEADERSHIP

### **David Fieldman, *Village Manager***

- Managers Committee Chair, DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference
- Board of Directors – DuPage Mayor’s & Manager’s Conference

### **Michael Baker, *Deputy Village Manager***

President, Illinois City Managers Association (ILCMA)

### **Enza Petrarca, *Village Attorney***

Board of Directors, Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association

### **Chanay Mackey, *Risk Manager***

Communications Committee, Legacy Project

### **Megan Miles, *Management Analyst***

Communications Committee, Legacy Project

### **Nan Newlon, *Director of Public Works***

Chairman, Public Works Committee, Illinois Municipal League

### **David Moody, *Water Manager***

Chairman, Mid-Central Water Works Association

### **Kerstin von der Heide, *Village Forester***

President, Suburban Tree Consortium

### **Mary Pratt, *Emergency Management Coordinator***

Vice President Region 4, Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA)

### **Kurt Bluder, *Police Chief***

- Vice Chair, Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT)
- Executive Board member, DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DUMEG)

### **Audrey Priorello, *Administrative Assistant***

Treasurer, Illinois Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals

### **Shanon Gillette, *Deputy Police Chief***

- President, DuPage County Senior Police Management Association
- Education and Programs Committee, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP)

### **Jeremy Thayer, *Police Sergeant***

- Commander, Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT) Major Crimes Unit
- Assistant Commander, DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force

### **Jeffrey DeZur, *Police Sergeant***

Commander, Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT) Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT)

### **Jim Jackson, *Fire Chief***

- Executive Board Member, Metropolitan Fire Chief
- Fire Chief Committee Representative, - DU-COMM

### **Jeff Pindelski, *Deputy Fire Chief***

- Vice President, MABAS Division 16
- Co-Chair, GSH Chiefs Committee

### **Marsha Giesler, *Assistant to the Fire Chief for Community Education***

Fire and Life Safety Education Committee Member, Illinois Fire Inspectors Association

### **Matt Beyer, *Fire Battalion Chief***

- Municipal Chief Representative, GSEMSS Advisory Board
- Illinois Fire Inspectors Association, Public Education Committee

### **Bob Kocolowski, *Fire Lieutenant***

EMS Coordinator for Good Samaritan EMSS.