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Village of Glenview Releases Plan to Improve Emergency Response Services

Reorganization plan adds ambulances

February 9, 2021 – The Village of Glenview today released a reorganization plan that reallocates resources from Fire Station #13, 831 East Lake Avenue, and increases the number of ambulances in service 24 hours a day from two to four. The Board of Trustees unanimously directed Village and Fire Department staff to start the process of realigning existing resources at its February 2 meeting.

The Board reached consensus to realign resources following review of in-depth data over a period of two years that identified increased community need for ambulances. One finding is that more than 65 percent of current emergency calls in Glenview are now for emergency medical care, not fire. In the plan released today, the number of fire and EMS responders employed by the Village remains unchanged and the number of ambulance teams is increased from two to four, which will provide 24-hour service. This equates to two additional ambulances available for overnight responses including a newly-assigned 24-hour ambulance centrally located in the Village that will provide improved response to the entire community.

The realignment outlined in the plan enables the Fire Department to better match current personnel with equipment appropriate for the most common types of emergencies to keep Glenview safe. The plan also aims to make the department more versatile, provide relief to other ambulance crews in Glenview and improve overall service for the safety of the community. Under the existing deployment plan, resources at Station #13 were called out for service approximately 25 to 30 minutes a day in a 24-hour period and respond to roughly 4.5 percent of the department's total calls. This new plan attempts to better maximize those resources by placing staff and ambulances where they can be more effectively utilized.

Fire Chief Tony DeRose and command staff members developed the plan following last week's Board meeting, and continue to review the plan with leadership and employees. "As you might expect, there are details that still need to be discussed," DeRose said. "This reorganization will not result in layoffs or reduction-in-force and the current number of officers per shift remains the same. Our review and evaluation of operations will be ongoing. In the meantime, we are confident that this plan responds to the Village Board's guidance and maintains our shared commitment to safety and efficiency."