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## The Chicago Fire Department; the past, the present, the future

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### Abstract:

The Chicago Fire Department has a long and important history that has helped to shape modern firefighting and fire codes throughout the world. Chief Stedman's speech will trace the origins of the Chicago Fire Department and will chronologically follow events and developments up to today's Department. Chief Stedman will explain the composition of the Chicago Fire Department in the new millennium. He will describe the functions of all the bureaus in the Department and give some examples of how emergency calls are received, dispatched, and handled.