

# **Regional Emergency Dispatch Center ("RED Center")**



RED Center was formed in the 1970's and originally was housed at Niles Station 2 before moving to Glenview in the 1980's and finally to Northbrook a couple years ago. RED Center has added several departments in recent years and continues to add agencies. In recent years Glenview and Wheeling left RED Center and formed their own dispatch center called FireComm. In May 2005 Wilmette FD joined FireComm, but operations remained on 151.010. In November 2007 Wheeling returned to RED Center and Wilmette joined in December 2007.

RED is also MABAS Division 3, and numbering of all Division 3 agencies except Des Plaines is based on RED's system. Division 3's Back-up is NWCD, conversely RED is the back-up for Division 1.

Rig numbering in Division 3 follows RED's scheme of numbering stations and the rigs are numbered for the station they are housed in. Engine 1 would be from Station 1 etc. Administrative, utility and service vehicles and personnel ID with the first 1 or 2 digits indicating the station (thus the department) and the last 2 digits identifying the individual or vehicle. Chief's for example end in "00", thus 2900 would be Northfield's Fire Chief, 101 would be the Deputy Chief from North Maine.

RED Center has repeaters at Winnetka (159.660) and Northbrook (153.215), both using 156.135 as an input, and D031 as a PL code.

At one time most RED Center operations were on 154.340. 154.445 was added with Wheeling FD early on, and eventually all day to day operations were moved to 154.445, with 154.340 eventually being abandoned to other neighboring users. As RED expanded in all directions a repeater system was installed, originally on 159.660. A simulcast frequency (150.950) was added to the system at Northbrook but interference from commercial users on adjacent frequencies prompted a move to 153.215 for the west repeater.

159.795 was added as the "White Channel" for an alternate dispatch and operations, but when Glenview and Wheeling decided to leave RED Center and form FireComm this was used for Dispatch by these agencies. 154.355 had been added as the "Blue Channel" for similar purposes, and is now called "South Operations" the old dispatch channel 154.445 has now been renamed "North Operations" and is used for paging operations.

**Combined RED Center/MABAS Division 3 Frequency List:**

<b>Frequency</b>	<b>CTCSS Use</b>	
159.6600	D031	East Dispatch Repeater (Winnetka tower) (Repeats 156.135)
153.2150	D031	West Dispatch repeater (Northbrook tower) (Repeats 156.135)
154.4450	127.3	"North Operations" Old Dispatch, now used for pager tone-outs
154.2650	210.7	"IFERN" (Mutual Aid-MABAS)
154.3550	127.3	"South Operations", was "Blue Channel", Admin Use
155.2800	000.0	MERCI 280, Hospital Channel
045.4400	103.5	IEMA Link
159.7950	D031	FireCom Dispatch (Glenview) (was "White Channel")
154.3400	136.5	Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Rosemont FD's
151.0100	127.3	"North Shore" (Glencoe FD, Winnetka FD Administrative)
154.1600	127.3	Highland Park FD
155.6925	123.0	Evanston FD (Repeats 159.4275)
154.1600	123.0	Evanston FD (Old channel)
159.1950	D205	Skokie FD (Repeats 153.620)
153.8300	69.3	FG-830 ("Red Fireground")
154.2950	85.4	FG-295 ("Blue Fireground")
154.2800	74.4	FG-280 ("White Fireground")
153.8375	91.5	Gold Fireground
154.2725	94.8	Black Fireground
154.2875	136.5	Gray Fireground
154.3025	67.0	IFERN 2

**Notes for the Station List on Page 3:**

**Note 1:** Des Plaines is also a member of Division 3, but retains its own numbering system: The first digit is the type of rig, the second digit is the station it is housed at (1, 2 or 3). The second digit of 4 is used for second rigs at a station (74 is a second ambulance at Station 1 for instance)

- 6 Engines
- 7 Ambulances
- 8 Trucks
- 9 Command Staff.

Thus, 72 would be an ambulance from Station 2, 61 would be the engine from Station 1.

**Note 2:** Wheeling is not a member of Division 3, but is listed here since they are dispatched by RED Center. Wheeling is a member of MABAS Divisions 1 and 4. Alarms are handled by Division 1.

**Note 3:** Wheeling's numbering conflicts with both Evanston in Division 3 and Hoffman Estates in Division 1, but there are no plans to change any of these numbers.



**RED Center and MABAS Division 3 Stations:**

Division 3 numbering is based upon the RED Center model, thus the rest of the division is shown here.

Nr.	Department	Dispatch	Address
1	North Maine FPD	RED	9301 Potter Rd
2	Niles	RED	8360 Dempster HQ
3	Niles	RED	6611 Jarvis Ave.
4	Morton Grove	RED	6250 Lincoln Ave.
5	Morton Grove	RED	Shermer & Harlem
6	Glenview	Glenview	1815 Glenview Rd HQ
7	Glenview	Glenview	3507 Glenview Rd
8	Glenview	Glenview	1901 Landwehr Rd
9	Prospect Hts.	RED	10 E. Camp McDonald Rd (HQ)
10	Northbrook	RED	650 Huehl Rd
11	Northbrook	RED	740 Dundee Rd
12	Northbrook	RED	1840 Shermer
13	Glenview	Glenview	831 East Lake Ave.
14	Glenview	Glenview	2250 Patriot Blvd.
15	Lincolnwood	RED	6900 N. Lincoln Av
16	Skokie	9-1-1	7424 Niles Center Rd. (HQ)
17	Skokie	9-1-1	8157 Central Park Ave.
18	Skokie	9-1-1	9024 Gross Point Rd
19	Deerfield-Bannockburn FPD	RED	1935 Half Day Rd
20	Deerfield-Bannockburn FPD	RED	500 Waukegan Rd (HQ)
21	Evanston	9-1-1	1332 Emerson
22	Evanston	9-1-1	702 Madison St
23	Evanston	9-1-1	1105 Central
24	Evanston	9-1-1	1817 Washington
25	Evanston	9-1-1	2380 Central St
23	Wheeling	RED	780 S. Wheeling Road
24	Wheeling	RED	499 S. Milwaukee Av (HQ)
26	Wilmette	RED	1304 Lake Av (HQ)
27	Wilmette	RED	747 Illinois Rd
28	Winnetka-Kenilworth	RED	428 Green Bay Road, Winnetka
29	Northfield	9-1-1	1800 Winnetka Rd
30	Glencoe	9-1-1	675 Village Ct
31	Highland Park	9-1-1	(Station Closed)
32	Highland Park	9-1-1	692 Burton Ave.
33	Highland Park	9-1-1	1130 Central Ave. (HQ)
34	Highland Park	9-1-1	1100 Half Day Rd.
35	Park Ridge	NSEDC	901 W. Devon
36	Park Ridge	NSEDC	1000 N. Greenwood (HQ)
37	Highwood	RED	428 Green Bay Rd
39	Prospect Hts.	RED	1275 S. Wolf Rd
42	Wheeling	RED	255 W. Dundee Road
51	Lincolnshire-Riverwoods FPD	RED	115 Schelter Rd, Lincolnshire (HQ)
52	Lincolnshire-Riverwoods FPD	RED	855 Saunders Rd, Riverwoods
53	Lincolnshire-Riverwoods FPD	RED	671 Woodlands Parkway, Vernon Hills
55	Long Grove FPD	RED	1165 McHenry Road, Long Grove
DP1	Des Plaines	NSEDC	405 S. River Road (HQ)
DP2	Des Plaines	NSEDC	1313 Oakton
DP3	Des Plaines	NSEDC	130 E. Thacker

**Change Log:**

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