# Firefighters Highland Guard of Naperville

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## Pipeband made up of firefighters from Naperville, Illinois and surrounding departments

The Firefighters Highland Guard of Naperville was founded in September of 2003 by Andy Winckler and John Adair along with several members of the Naperville Fire Department who were interested in the idea. The Highland Guard is comparable to the Emerald Society with the difference in the music style; we play traditional Scottish as compared to Irish style that the Emerald Society plays. With the help of 2 experienced bagpipers, the group was born with a goal to perform in the 2004 Memorial Day Parade in Naperville. A lofty goal to be certain, it was realized with 8 playing members on May 31, 2004. As of to date, we have 3 playing bagpipe members with 7 practicing pipers in the wings still learning, 4 snare drum playing members and 1 bass drum playing member. Our membership includes firefighters from Naperville as well as the Aurora and Warrenville Fire Departments. Practices are held typically 3-4 times per month and new songs are decided on and learned as well as to help less experienced members progress to playing members of the group. The main reason the group exists is to perform at memorial ceremonies specifically firefighter line of duty funerals and similar memorial functions such as 9-11 remembrances and parades. As we progress, the group will be available for hire at weddings, celebrations and private funerals to help fund the continued growth of the group. We are a fully recognized not for profit corporation under the IRS 501-c-3 laws and we are listed locally with the County of DuPage, Illinois Secretary of State and Illinois Attorney General, allowing us to receive charitable donations.

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