

**Community Profile: Ash Grove Fire Protection District**

The Ash Grove Fire Protection District was formed in 1927 and operated as a volunteer department until 1994. The district currently has one fire station located at 118 N. Piper Road in the City of Ash Grove.

The district covers approximately 35 square miles. District lines are as follows: UU highway East to Farm Road 1 (Greene/Dade County Line); West Farm Road 56 to Clear Creek North; T Highway to the South.

Ash Grove Fire has 27 volunteers and approximately 400 calls per year. The district would like to expand and build a station on the southern side of the district.

The Ash Grove Fire Protection District has a close working relationship with the City of Ash Grove and surrounding fire districts.

**Community Profile: Bois D'Arc Fire Protection District**

The Bois D'Arc Fire Protection District became a tax-supported entity in 1995. Prior to 1995, the Rural Fire Association, founded in 1964, served as the area's fire protection district. The Bois D'Arc Fire Protection District services approximately 2,000 – 3,000 citizens.

There are two fire stations. Fire Station #1 is located at 10515 W. State Highway T. Fire Station #2 is located at 897 N. State Highway F. Both stations are located in Bois D'Arc, Missouri.

This department is run entirely by volunteers, like most rural fire protection districts in the area. There are no full-time or paid positions with this department. There are approximately 25 – 30 volunteers that keep the department running. The district responds to approximately 140 calls annually.

The Bois D'Arc Fire Protection District is partnered with the Bois D'Arc Booster Club. In the future, the district hopes to build a new station, as Fire Station #1 no longer meets our current and expanding needs. Additionally, the district hopes to build a training center/conference room at Fire Station #2.

**Community Profile: Ebenezer Fire Protection District**

The Ebenezer Fire Protection District was a membership district until 1990. The district became a fire protection district in 1991 and is currently acting in that same capacity. There are four stations in the district that span across three municipalities. Listed below please find their locations:

- Fire Station #1: 7918 N. Farm Road 145, Springfield, Missouri, 65803;
- Fire Station #2: 3433 W. Farm Road 34, Willard, Missouri, 65781;
- Fire Station #3: 1026 E. State Highway CC, Pleasant Hope, Missouri, 65725; and
- Fire Station #4: 387 W. Farm Road 96, Springfield, Missouri 65803.

There are approximately 25 staff members between the four stations. The district responds to approximately 600 calls annually.

**Community Profile: Fair Grove Fire Protection District**

The Fair Grove Fire Tax District was formed in 1983. At that time, the district had two trucks and one station. Fair Grove Fire covers approximately 56 square miles in Greene County that has a population of (approximately) 1,855 citizens. Part of the area Fair Grove covers is in Dallas County.

Fair Grove Fire has two stations. They are located as follows:

- Greene County Station: 645 Old State Highway 65, Fair Grove, Missouri, 65648; and
- Dallas County Station: 1139 State Highway AA, Fair Grove, Missouri, 65648.

Fair Grove Fire averages between 300 and 400 calls for service each year. In 2007, the district responded to 432 calls. In 2008, the district responded to 334. For 2009, the district has tallied approximately 185 calls for service and counting.

The district would like to build another station on KK highway.

Fair Grove Fire works with several local agencies including but not limited to: Fair Grove Police Department, Greene County Sheriff and Highway Patrol.

Fair Grove Fire has mutual aid agreements with Strafford Fire, Pleasant View Fire, Ebenezer Fire, Pleasant Hope Fire and Southern Dallas County Fire.

**Community Profile: Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District**

The Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District provides fire protection, emergency medical services, rescue, hazardous materials response fire prevention and fire education programs to an estimated 20,000 individuals covering 162 square-mile response area. This response area includes three counties: Greene, Christian and Webster. The fire district includes one municipality: the City of Rogersville.

The L-R Fire Protection District is a combination district with both career and volunteer firefighters. The district's 23 full-time employees and 32 volunteers responded to approximately 1,341 calls for service during 2008. The district is governed by a board of directors with five members serving six year terms.

There are six stations located in the Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District. Their locations are as follows:

- Fire Station #1: 3427 S. State Highway 125, Rogersville, Missouri, 65742;
- Fire Station #2: 2377 S. Blackman Road, Springfield, Missouri, 65809;
- Fire Station #3: 120 Audobon Road, Rogersville, Missouri, 65742;
- Fire Station #4: 5383 State Highway B, Rogersville, Missouri, 65742;
- Fire Station #5: 8274 E. Farm Road 174, Rogersville, Missouri, 65742; and
- Fire Station #6 211 E. Center Street, Rogersville, Missouri, 65742.

Fire Station #1 is considered the central district that houses the Battalion Chief of Technical Services and the district's administrative assistant. The offices for the district's command staff are located at this station. Additionally, this station has a large pond and a community room, both available for public use.

The district currently has an ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating of seven (7) in areas with no fire hydrants and a rating of four in areas with fire hydrants. There are mutual aid agreements with Strafford Fire, Ozark Fire, Battlefield Fire and others on a request basis.

The district provides pre-hospital/first response medical care. This care is typically provided until an ambulance arrives on scene. The district has five paramedics, eighteen EMT-Basic providers and twenty-three first level responders. Members of the Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District are equipped to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS).

The Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District participates in training offered by LEPC, MU-FRTI, Missouri Division of Fire Safety, EMS continuing education groups, and many more agencies not listed.

The Technical Services Division conducts fire and injury prevention activities, enforces codes and is the public relations division of the department. The district was recently awarded the Life Safety Achievement Award from the Residential Fire Safety Institute. This was for not having

any fire deaths within our district during 2007. Logan-Rogersville proudly repeated this tradition in 2008.

Further, the district also participates in the Springfield Safe Kids Coalition and has six certified car seat technicians who help install car seats and educate families about the proper use of these life saving devices.

The Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District also conducts annual inspections of all commercial buildings (e.g. schools, churches, restaurants, etc). Part of this program includes Knox Boxes, which are required to be installed at all new commercial structures and are available for residential structures. These help responders gain rapid entry to a structure while minimizing property loss.

**Community Profile: Pleasant View Fire Protection District**

The Pleasant View Fire Protection District has been at its current location since October 5, 1986. In November of 2000, the department became a fully tax supported district. All of the department's units are housed at one location, which includes 3 bays added in 2002. There is one fire station located at 2313 E. State Highway AA, Springfield, Missouri, 65803. Approximately 12-18 volunteer firefighters serve this district.

The call volume averages around 200 calls for service each year. This figure has been steady over the last few years and is an increase (approximately 60 to 70 calls more than average) since 2000. Due to the increased call volume, the district would like to add another station at the southern end of our response area, but it is not fiscally possible at this time.

The Pleasant View Fire Protection District has partnerships with the Pleasant View Elementary and Middle schools and does work with the Safe Kids organization to offer free smoke detectors to families with children.

## Community Profile: Strafford Fire Protection District

The Strafford Fire Department was formed in 1957 as an all-volunteer department. It remained a fee for service department until 1987 when Strafford Fire Protection District was established by a vote of the people through Revised Missouri State Statute Chapter 321, to provide emergency services to protect the quality of life and property within the District boundaries as a tax-based organization. Strafford maintains mutual aid agreements with all adjoining fire districts.

In 2000, Strafford responded to approximately 600 calls. In 2008, Strafford responded to approximately 850 calls. Recently, the calls for service have increased approximately 10 – 20 percent annually. This increase in call volume is complicated by the decline of volunteerism within our district.

In November of 2008, Strafford received a SAFER grant and the voters agreed to an increase in the tax levy. This increased allowed full-time firefighters to be hired. Currently, Strafford employs 16 full-time fire fighters, one part-time secretary, and one part-time payroll specialist and had 18 volunteer firefighters. Strafford is governed by a three person board of directors. The board will increase to five members in 2009. Strafford is currently planning a recruitment drive to increase the number of volunteer firefighters to 25-30.

The district boundaries include 67 square miles and are bordered on the West by Highway 65, State Highway D on the South, Interstate 44 on the East and State Highway EE on the North. The district boundaries mirror Strafford School District boundaries and have not changed over the years.

Strafford Fire has four fire stations. They are located as follows:

- Fire Station #1: 107 W. Pine, Strafford, Missouri, 65757;
- Fire Station #2: 6955 E. State Highway YY, Springfield, Missouri, 65802;
  - Training Station
  - Strafford Fire Headquarters
  - “Smoke House” Education Center
  - Storage for the OTC Fire Science Program Equipment
- Fire Station #3: 121 Washington, Strafford, Missouri, 65757; and
- Fire Station #4: 7488 J Road, Strafford, Missouri 65757.

The Strafford Fire District is currently planning the future growth of two more fire stations. The main station will be located central to the district and provide a community storm shelter, living quarters, administrative offices and vehicle storage. The second station shall be located south of the interstate and east of Strafford proper. This station will provide vehicle storage and serve the Eastern areas of the district located South of the Interstate.

**Community Profile: Willard Fire Protection District**

The Willard Fire Association was formed in 1954 and became the Willard Fire Protection District, a tax-supported entity, in 1988.

The Willard Fire District has three fire stations and one Training and Administration Building. Their locations are as follows:

- Fire Station #1: 108 W. Walnut Lane, Willard, Missouri.
- Fire Station #2: 38851/2 N. Farm Road 125, Springfield, Missouri.
- Fire Station #3: 2423 N. Pine Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.
- Training and Administration Building: 2462 N. AB Highway, Springfield, Missouri.

Willard Fire averages 750 – 800 calls per year with an average staff of 47 volunteers. There are no full-time paid positions within the district.

The district is in the final completion phase of a new training and administration facility. Due to the rapid growth of the district, the replacement of Station #1 is in the planning stage at this time.

The district maintains a Cadet Program in partnership with the local school district. The district continues to be actively involved in collection donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in the local community.