



FAIRVIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

# Fire Prevention 2023

## What if no one responds?

Have you ever seen a car fire, car accident, house fire or other emergency and thought "I wish I could do something to help?" Now you can! Your fire department the Fairview Fire Department is staffed with volunteer fire fighters. They do an amazing job keeping the community safe but, the number of people that are wanting to be a firefighter is dwindling. Staffing across the country is down to the lowest level since 1991. Locally its close to the lowest this department has ever seen. Around 2010-2014, we were at 45 members. Now we are around 21 members.

To fix this is pretty easy. You just have to say "yes". Any person over the age of 19 that is able to pass a physical assessment and background check that lives within 10 minutes of one of our engine houses is eligible to apply. After the application process, we train you for free and send you to the BOFF certification class. When you complete that class we will pay you for passing the class. You will get station uniform, bunker gear, access to a 24hr gym at either engine house and use of the engine houses for...you guessed it FREE.

OK, we get it. Free may not be a good enough offer. How about for every call you make we give you money. Every Monday night training you attend, we give you money and if you have a day off, you can work part time for us to get paid. Part time includes performing tasks around the engine houses or inspections in the district.

All the details cannot fit in this short news

letter so we are always willing to talk with you about the department and how fulfilling this job can be for you. We have members that have been on the department for 40+ years. It's a great place. Join us to help it grow into the future.

We do work and train hard, but we also build a very strong bond with each other outside of the on duty activities. We have done kickball teams, golf teams, softball teams, Wingfest booths, parades, meat shoots, family picnics, amongst many other activities.

Being part of the department is not just being someone called on when emergencies happen. You are part of a family that is there for you when needed and an investment in your community. If and when this fantastic job lights a fire in your blood, you can test for a full time department and make it a successful career. We will help get you there or you can stay with us until retirement.

This truly is the best, most prideful job in the world and you won't regret coming in, filling out an application to join our ranks.

We'll see you at the next orientation!!



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## Open House

October 11 6-8pm  
Engine House #2  
214 Ashland Avenue



Congratulations Chief Bryan Doyle on 40 years serving the Fairview Fire Department. Bryan joined the department October 12, 1983. Serving as a volunteer for 11 years, he was hired on full time as a Deputy Chief in 1994 and promoted to Chief in 2006. While serving this community he has also served as President of Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and continues educating the next generation of fire fighters as an instructor with Illinois Fire Service Institute. We are VERY lucky to have him as our leader.

Thank you Chief Doyle!

## Solar Panels on Homes/Businesses

These are becoming more and more prevalent in the city on homes. These panels pose unexpected challenges and hazardous situations for firefighters if we don't know about them. This can delay firefighting tactics leading to longer times to extinguish them. Feel free to contact us and let us know about the system and shutoffs in your residence if you have them. We can keep notes on them in case of an emergency at your home to help prevent unexpected dangers.



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## Statistics

The department responded to **614** incidents last year and saved 99.44% of the property involved in fires (\$90,743,770.00 involved - **\$90,236,850.00 saved**).

The average time for the first firefighters to get on scene was 5 mins 4 seconds. This is the time from when we are dispatched to when we arrive.

This is the second most number of calls we have had in a single year. 2006 was the record of 615 but that year was when the tornado and ice storm hit Fairview Heights.

**Move Right for Sirens and Lights**



# **FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED!**

## **WANT TO DRIVE THE BEST LOOKING TRUCKS AROUND?**

### **The Volunteer will**

1. Gain valuable training and skills to help in emergency situations
2. Provide indispensable life saving and property protection and service to your neighbors
3. Become a member of a respected firefighting team
4. Learn to drive the fire trucks and use every piece of equipment on it.

### **The Fairview Fire Department will provide**

1. All state certified training from basic to advanced levels for **FREE**
2. All specialized clothing and firefighting gear including uniforms
3. Life insurance as well as workman's compensation
4. Opportunities to earn pay for part-time work when needed

**All that you will need is the time and desire to help**

### **Requirements to apply to the Fire Department include:**

- Live within 10 minutes of one of our fire houses
- Be at least 19 years of age
- Possess a valid driver license and a clean driving record
- Be able to pass a background check

**For more Information contact the Fairview Fire Department at  
Engine House # 2 618-233-2121 or Engine House # 1 618-394-8484**



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## Fire Safety Checklist

- **Test Your Smoke Alarm** - Install a smoke alarm on every floor of your home and inside every sleeping area. Test the smoke alarms once a month and change the batteries twice a year. New detectors have 10 year batteries that do not require replacement.
- **Plan Your Escape** - Create and practice a home escape plan with your family. Be sure to include a meeting place once outside the home.
- **Keep Matches and Lighters in a Safe Area** - Always keep matches and lighters stored high in a locked cabinet or a locked box. Kids imitate adults, set a safe example.
- **Cook Safely** - Never leave cooking unattended, keep the cooking area clutter free, keep handles of pans turned to the side, keep small children out of the kitchen while cooking.
- **Give Space Heaters Space** - Keep all combustibles at least three feet from portable heaters.
- **Extinguish Smoking Materials** - Before emptying the contents of an ashtray into the trash, wet the contents to ensure complete extinguishment. This also goes with ashes from a grill.
- **Electrical Safety** - Replace damaged electrical cords and repair or replace appliances that smell, smoke, or overheat.

## 2022 Fire Calls

Structure fires - 12  
 Vehicle fires - 11  
 Brush/Other fires - 21  
 Extrication/rescues - 8  
 Medical Assist- 38  
 Hazardous conditions - 48  
 Service calls/unauthorized burning - 75  
 Good intent/nothing found - 124  
 False alarms/system malfunction - 92  
 False alarms/accidental activation - 96  
 False calls/mischievous - 6  
 Mutual aid to other departments - 83  
 Mutual aid Received - 48

Calls From Midnight to 8:00 -245  
 Calls From 8:00 to 4:00 - 246  
 Calls 4:00 to Midnight - 123