

MT. OLIVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Editor's Note: The following column is intended to be used as an educational tool in acquainting fire protection district administrators with the services and programs provided by others around the state. The editorial staff will be featuring additional fire protection districts of various sizes throughout the state in future editions of *The Fire Call*.

The Mt. Olive FPD was organized in 1986 and covered approximately 35 square miles in Macoupin County and approximately 3 square miles in Montgomery County. In 2003 approximately 26 square miles in Montgomery County was added into the FPD.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

2005 – The Mt. Olive Volunteer Fire Department celebrated their 125th Anniversary. The VFD was organized by the City of Mt. Olive in October of 1880 and became the fire fighters for MOFPD when it was organized. The VFD was very active in the organization of the FPD.

2004 – VFD members constructed a training center using intermodal containers.

2004 – Lowered our ISO rating to a 5.

2003 – Received an Illinois First Grant to purchase a new tanker.

2003 – Received a FEMA grant for the purchase of new turnout gear, SCBA, portable radios, and a SCBA cylinder filling station.

2002 – Used FPD and VFD funds along with a low interest loan to purchase a custom rescue/pumper.

2000 – Received an Illinois First Grant to construct a new fire station. The new station also houses the local volunteer ambulance service.

PERSONNEL:

Currently have 27 active volunteer fire fighters.

DISPATCH:

Dispatch services are provided by Macoupin County 911.

NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES:

- Provide and install smoke detectors for FPD residents.
- Assist local water departments with flushing and testing of fire hydrants.
- Annual fire prevention week education to students at Mt. Olive Grade School.
- Fire extinguisher training for local businesses.

APPARATUS:

- Antique hand pumper and hose cart.
- 1927 Peter Pirsch Pumper (original motorized apparatus of VFD)
- 1974 Chevrolet Step-van equipment truck
- 1981 Ford/Towers Pumper
- 1985 International/Towers Pumper/Tanker
- 2002 HME/Smeal Rescue-Pumper
- 2003 International/Mid State Tank Water Tanker

DISTRICT FACTS:

Mt. Olive FPD covers approximately 64 square miles.

Population: 3,200

Assessed property value: approximately \$26,000,000.00

Annual Budget: approximately \$92,000.00

Annual calls: 120

We respond to fires, motor vehicle accidents, and our rescue-pumper is BLS non-transport.

Member of 3-M Fire Fighters Association and MABAS 35. ■