

DISTRICT PROFILE

OCTAVIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Location: McLean and Livingston County
Trustees: Lee Klintworth – President
Joe Tracy – Vice-President
Kent Petersen – Secretary
Doug Helmers – Treasurer
Edwin Eades – Trustee
Fire Chiefs: Anchor Station – Gary Stroh
Colfax Station – Lou Saunier
Cooksville Station – Dan Wissmiller
Cropsey Station – Richard Brucker

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*.

BACKGROUND:

First fire service was by Subscription
First District meeting 10/1958
First Levy \$27,600.00
First New Engine \$12,000.00
District Starts 5 Miles east of Normal-Bloomington and runs 18 Miles east to 4 Miles west of Gibson City, and 12 Miles North.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Four FEMA Grants
Cooksville – One new station
Coalfax One remodeled lumber yard-For Fire Station

PERSONNEL:

80 Volunteers, 40 are First Responders

DISPATCH:

McLean County 911

NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Weather spotters

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Santa Claus Sponsor
East Egg Hunts
Parades
Community use of facilities
Fund raisers
Blood pressure screening
Implementing Jr. Firefighter Progra Fire prevention and safety program-at schools and pre-school

FACILITY & APPARATUS:

Anchor: 2 Engines/Tankers
Colfax: 2 Engines/Tankers
1 First Responder squad
1 Fire squad
Cooksville: 2 Engines/Tankers
1 Squad
Cropsey: 2 Engines/Tankers
1 Squad
Total: Water on wheels 13,000 gal.

DISTRICT FACTS:

- Size: 162 square miles
- Day Population: 3,500
- Property Value: \$48,147,432
- Fiscal cost of service: 4,200,000 Per year
- Annual Calls:
 - First Responder: 108
 - Mutual out of District: 15
 - All others: 107
 - Structure Fire: Our District All Calls

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

- Fire
- Contract for EMT-I Service
- MABAS Division 41
- Extrication

CHALLENGES:

EAV is dropping every year \$55,294,676 to \$48,147,432. In four years the number of Volunteers working out of the area during day time is increasing. Only two towns with water towers. ■