

DISTRICT PROFILE



Salem Fire Protection District

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The Salem Fire Protection District is located at the intersection of Interstate 57 and US Route 50, Marion County Illinois, 60 miles east of St Louis Missouri and 265 miles south of Chicago, Illinois.

Trustees:

S.M. Squibb, President
JT Somer, Secretary
Roy Woodward, Treasurer
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Chief Officers:

Roger A. Mann, Chief
David Duncan, Assistant Chief
Jim Cerny-Deputy Assistant Chief

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District Facts:

The Salem Fire Protection District encompassing 125 square miles in mid Marion County is the largest fire district in the county based on the number of exposures, district population and personnel roster. Salem FPD's primary responsibility of fire/rescue service encompasses the welfare of its 12,000 residents, 13 miles of interstate, many square miles of agribusiness and agricultural activities, not to mention the 16 square miles of oilfield.

The Salem Fire District has an ISO Class 4 for the City of Salem
2007 calls for service totaled 224

Personnel:

In addition to the Chief Officer staff the District is composed of a District Fire Marshal, three Captains, Six Lieutenants and thirty one firefighters, all paid-on-call. Apparatus and station management duties are handled by four career Engineers working 24 hours on and 48 hours off.

Dispatch:

Dispatch is handled by Marion County 911/Salem Police Department. In addition to the Salem FPD the dispatch center dispatches four additional fire departments, local EMS, the City of Salem Police Department and serves as a backup PSAP for the remainder of Marion and Clay Counties.

Facilities:

Fire Operations are conducted from the main fire station at 203 S Broadway Salem. The station is the home of nine pieces of firefighting apparatus and support equipment in addition to being the home for the on duty engineer. The station also has a state of the art training facility used by the district and many different Public Safety Agencies from the area.

Apparatus:

The apparatus consist of three Engine/Tenders with 2000 gallon tank capacities and pumps ranging from 1250-2000 gpm; a 95-foot Aerial Platform, four apparatus used for grass/brush/wild land fires, a Heavy Rescue, and a reserve engine. Support vehicles include a pickup used for various duties, hazardous materials operations level response trailer, used as county response and staffed by various operation level firefighters from the county and a 35 foot 4000 watt light tower.

Training:

Firefighting training and safety are of utmost importance to the members of the Salem Fire Protection District. Weekly fire drills are conducted throughout the year. The fire District offers Firefighter II classes in addition to the weekly drills at various times throughout the year to any firefighter in the immediate area, with no charge made except for the purchase of the required book. The fire District maintains a Regional Training Facility in cooperation with the Illinois Fire Service Institute. In 2007, the training center and IFSI held classes in Oil Well Firefighting, Pump and Aerial Operations, Fire Apparatus Engineer, Agricultural/Grain Bin rescue, Hazardous Materials Incident Command, Advanced Auto Extrication and several others. The year's classes totaled 5,268 hours and were attended by 469 firefighters from throughout the area.

Salem FPD and the IFSI Hold Advanced Auto Extrication Training

The Salem Fire Protection District and the Illinois Fire Service Institute hosted a day long training session on Advanced Auto Extrication. The class was held at the Omar K Squibb training site in Salem on Saturday, November 10, 2007. Thirty-three firefighters from ten surrounding fire departments and two EMS groups participated in the training. Many of the evolutions included firefighters as trapped victims. The lead instructor for the class was Bryan Doyle, from Illinois Fire Institute and Chief of the Fairview Fire Department.

Firefighters were split into two teams for the day's exercises with a different Incident Commander selected for each exercise. The following evolutions were included in the training exercises:

- Car under the trailer of a Semi Tractor Trailer Combination. Two firefighters were used as victims, several doors were removed.
- A 2-car MVA with one car teetering on a concrete curb and a 3-foot drop on the other side of the curb.
- A 2-door SUV against a building and resting on it's nose with the back end against the building and the undercarriage facing out. The SUV was stabilized with extended jacks and secured to the building. The evolution then moved to removing the doors and roof to gain access to the patient compartment.
- Car vs. Semi Tractor. The car was under both sets of duals. The car was occupied by a driver and baby. A straw-filled hazmat suit was used to simulate the driver of the car. A heavy duty wrecker service assisted with stabilization.
- Car vs. Residence. The car had driven into the Living Room. In addition to the occupants of the vehicle, an occupant from the residence was also trapped. Also, a heavy beam from the structure was displaced and was resting on top of the vehicle. The passenger was also impaled with a one inch pipe.
- Car vs. Semi Tractor with the car on its side. The car was occupied by a driver and one passenger in the front. The driver was partially ejected. The passenger was not secured and was laying at the bottom of the vehicle. The driver of the Semi Tractor was also injured was extricated from the passenger door. This evolution required Mutual Aid from the other group.



Salem FPD long ago recognized the benefits of a rigorous training venue. In keeping with that tradition, five years ago the SFPD acquired the necessary facility, land, and props to make quality hands-on training available locally for themselves and other districts in the region. The Omar K. Squibb Training Facility continues to be a work in progress as more props and improvements are added. Over 90% of the development of the Facility has been volunteered by members of the district with assistance from other surrounding districts. This additional workload compounded the volunteer's already extensive time away from family, fun, and jobs; however, that time continues to pay dividends by fielding a safer, highly trained, more versatile force.

