

DISTRICT PROFILE



Amboy Fire Protection District Lee County Illinois



Trustees:

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District Background

Amboy is a village in Lee County, north central Illinois. The Amboy community receives fire protection and EMS services from the Amboy Fire Protection District (AFPD). The AFPD is a rural, volunteer fire department providing fire, rescue and EMS services to a year-round population of 8,000 with 2,333 in the City of Amboy and an estimated 5,667 in the rural area of the district. The district has a seasonal population peak of over 50,000 during the summer months. The primary attractions are four camp resorts, the largest of which (Woodland Haven) offers 6,100 camp sites and 50 administration, maintenance and recreational buildings.

The mission of the AFPD is to protect the lives and preserve the property of all citizens of Amboy, their guests, and travelers coming through the community, in the most professional, courteous and efficient manner possible. The AFPD is staffed with 55 volunteer paid-on-call firefighters, operating out of one station. The AFPD encompasses 298 square miles, 120 of which is a tax supported fire district. The remaining 178 square miles contracts with the AFPD for EMS services. The AFPD also employs two EMT's who staff the department's ambulance service during the daytime hours when volunteers are unavailable. Over 2016-2018 the AFPD responded to an average of 487 calls per year, with 74% (360) being EMS calls and the remainder fire calls. The AFPD operates

Fires – NFIRS Series 100	35
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire) – NFIRS Series 200	2
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident – NFIRS Series 300	368
Hazardous Condition/Material (No Fire) – NFIRS Series 400	10
Service Call – NFIRS Series 500	2
Good Intent Call – NFIRS Series 600	13
False Alarm & False Call – NFIRS Series 700	27
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster – NFIRS Series 800	0
Special Incident Type – NFIRS Series 900	2
Of the NFIRS Series 100 calls, how many are "Structure Fires" (NFIRS Codes 111-120)	22
Of the NFIRS Series 100 calls, how many are "Vehicle Fires" (NFIRS Codes 130-138)	2
Of the NFIRS Series 100 calls, how many are "Vegetation Fires" (NFIRS Codes 140-143)	5
What is the total acreage of all vegetation fires?	<1

with a fleet of 10 apparatus, including 2 engines, 2 ambulances, 1 tanker, 1 rescue unit, 2 ATV's and 2 EMS non-transport vehicles.

AFPD provides auto aid on fires and vehicle accidents to 4 neighboring fire districts along with EMS transport services for neighboring communities. The AFPD provides mutual aid to 11 neighboring fire departments. In addition, the AFPD is a member of MABAS 38,

The AFPD primary response area includes: 40 miles of major roadways, with an average daily traffic count of 8,950 personal and commercial vehicles;

20 miles of pipeline transporting one million cubic feet of petroleum products per day; the Green River which leads to the Mississippi River; two bridges passing over the Green River; one communications tower used for Emergency Broadcast System; the Amboy School District, including one pre-school, one elementary school, one junior high school, and one high school, offers instruction to a total of 500 students; one 75-patient long-term nursing facility and four group homes for mentally handicapped individuals.

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The AFPD is staffed with 55 paid-on-call volunteer firefighters. The State of Illinois recognizes 3 different certifications for volunteers—Level 1 (station support), Level 2 (scene support) and Level 3 (Fire Operations). Only 8 of the 55 volunteers are Level 3 with 7 of them being officers. Of the 55 volunteers, 26 reside in the Amboy Fire District. 13 of the 55 volunteers are EMS responders only.

The AFPD responds from a single station with 10 pieces of apparatus. Volunteers are notified of alarms via personal pagers or IAMRESPONDING (cell phone). They respond to the station where they either staff an apparatus that goes in route to the incident or they respond to the incident by personal vehicle if necessary. For fire and emergency operations, the first-out AFPD engine does not go in route until it is staffed with four firefighters which takes an average of 10 minutes from time of alarm.

The AFPD also employs two EMT's who staff the department's ambulance service during the daytime hours when volunteers are unavailable.

Officers of the AFPD include a Chief, Deputy Chief, 2 Assistant Chief's, 1 Captain and 3 Lieutenants.

EMS personnel operate on 12 hour shifts whereas all available firefighters and fire officers respond to all fire alarms.

AFPD has a successful cadet program. AFPD will combine its current fire prevention and safety school visits with teaching kids that there is a need for volunteers in the community and they can do that one day. The AFPD will also conduct a youth fire camp day to get more kids interested. This is also an opportunity to get media to the event and do a feature on volunteer needs at the department

The district has been very fortunate with grants and has received over 2 million in grant funds, the last was an AFG SAFER Grant for \$155,000 for recruitment of volunteer firefighters. As well, nearly ½ million in equipment from the DNR Excess Property Program.

Challenges are recruiting and retaining volunteers.

Proud to say that April 4th and 5th 2020 will be our 11th Bi Annual Fire School/Extrication School that had a student count in 2018 of 480.

