

DISTRICT PROFILE



Braidwood Fire Protection District



District:

Braidwood Fire Protection District
275 West Main Street
P.O. Box 309
Braidwood, IL 60408

Location: Will and Grundy Counties (includes the City of Braidwood, Villages of Diamond and Godley with unincorporated areas of Reed Township).

Trustees:

Three person board, with the Trustees being elected.

President: Les Heberer

Treasurer: Bill Ritze

Secretary: Mike Dillon

The fire district has two full time employees and one contracted employee.

Fire Chief: Ken Heberer

Assistant Chief: Dan Crompt

Admin. Assistant: Kristin Wexell

Personnel:

49 part-time and paid on call (POC) personnel.

21 are paramedics, 28 are EMT's, 43 are certified firefighter level II and 8 cadets.

District Background:

The fire district was established per referendum in 1966. The fire district was organized to aid and assist the fire department to improve training and responses. In 1974 a referendum was passed to include emergency ambulance service. Area documents and history articles show the fire department dates back to 1877. In 1948 the firefighters and City of Braidwood agreed to have the fire department separate from the City and the firefighters to take over department operations and responses. The fire department was incorporated in 1948 as a non-profit corporation to serve the area in fighting fires and educating the public in fire prevention. To maintain the fire department history an agreement exists between the fire department and the fire district to have the fire department continue to provide community fire prevention education and emergency responses.

Accomplishments:

The fire station was built in 1969 with an addition adding 4 bays and office renovations in the early 1990's. Another addition in 2010 added ambulance bays to separate the EMS area from the fire bays. This addition also renovated the office area, larger class room (with a training tower), Emergency Operating Center (EOC) and sleeping quarters. The latest acquisition was the purchase of a new (2015) life line ambulance which allowed the fire department to add a reserve ambulance to our fleet.

Dispatch:

We are dispatched from Western Will County Communications Center (WESCOM).

Facility & Apparatus:

The fire district and fire department operate out of one fire station located at 275 West Main Street in Braidwood, Illinois. Equipment includes: Engine 2411, Engine/tender 2412, Ambulances 2415 & 2425 with reserve Ambulance 2414, Heavy Rescue 2416, Brush truck 2418, Aerial Tower 2419, Water Rescue 2426, 4 support vehicles, Technical Rescue Trailer (CART Orange Team), and a Foam Trailer.

District Facts:

Size – 18 sq. miles; Day population – 8000; Property value – \$561,541,995 (we are in a PTELL county which limits our annual tax income to an increase of 1% or less. We also have 3 TIF districts 2 within the City of Braidwood and one in the Village of Diamond).

Annual calls – 2015 calls total was 1413 (926 ems and 487 fire and non-em)

Emergency services provided are Fire, ALS Ambulance, Automatic Aid (Coal City & Wilmington), MABAS Division 15, Special Response (technical rescue part of CART Orange Team), and Water Rescue.

Non-Emergency Services:

CPR classes, Baby/child car seat installation, Station tours, Fire Prevention Week, Support community activities (summer fest, take back the night, etc.), Training room used for several community organization meetings. ■

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Waterloo Community Fire Protection District



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- Waterloo Community Fire Protection District

LOCATION:

- 510 Illinois Ave. Waterloo, IL 62298

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

- Mark Brandt, President
- Arnold Matzenbrahler, Vice President
- Lyle Wessel, Secretary
- Ty Lindhorst, Treasurer
- Kelly Foster, Trustee

FIRE CHIEF:

- Brett Wiegand

DISTRICT BACKGROUND:

- Formed in 19XX
- Size: 110.2 sq. miles
- Day Population: Approx. 16,000
- Annual Calls: 170

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Constructed a New Facility without Bond Referendum
- Station includes a Training Room that could convert to a shelter for Displaced Residents.
- Fitness Center to promote healthy firefighters
- All members are trained in Ice Rescue

PERSONNEL:

- 32 Active Members (Paid on Call)
- 12 Active Honorary Status

DISPATCH:

- 800 MGTZ System
- Primary: Monroe County Sheriff's Dept.
- Secondary: Columbia Police Dept. Dispatch Center
- Backup: Monroe County Emergency Management Agency

NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES:

- Fire Safety Education for children K-2nd Grade (1,100 kids)
- Senior Academy- Fire Prevention

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

- Fire
- MABAS
- Water Rescue and Ice

FACILITY & APPARATUS:

- 16,000 Sq. Ft. New Building
- (10,000 SF Engine Bay + 6,000 SF Administrative)

EQUIPMENT:

- 1990 - 55' Ladder Truck
- 2007 - 3,000 gal. Tender (Alexis)
- 2011 - Heavy Duty Recue (Alexis)
- 1996 - Brush Truck
- 2001 - Pierce Pumper
- 1993 - Ford Pumper
- 2006 - Personnel Hauler-F250 Pickup

