

DISTRICT PROFILE



Dwight Fire Protection District



Location:

111 South Prairie Avenue
Dwight, Illinois 60420

Board of Trustees

Gary Marx- President
Eric Stewart- Treasurer
Rod Kodat- Secretary

Fire Chief

Paul Johnson

Deputy Fire Chief

Justin Dyer

On May 17, 1875 with Dwight Village president Eugene Baker presiding, an ordinance was passed that a fire department be established for the Village of Dwight. The Good Will Fire Co. (later known as the Dwight Fire Dept.) was established. Officers consisted of a fire marshal (Oliver Slocum) and his forty-five volunteer firemen were organized into two companies. Thirty members had charge of the Hook and Ladder wagon and the pumping apparatus, and the company of fifteen men operated the Hose Cart and steam pumps.

In 1964 a referendum was passed to form a Dwight Fire District and private citizens were named to the directorships. The Fire District boundaries were set at five miles in all directions from the center of the Village of Dwight and in only seven years the district given an "A" fire protection rating which during that time period was the equivalent of the best fire protection available.

Recent Accomplishments

2006

- Station Addition completed without increased taxes

2012

- Purchase of new Rescue Pumper

2013

- OSFM SEG Grant for Protective Equipment
- New Fire Chief Appointed by Board of Trustees

2014

- Station outfitted with computer systems and Internet Service
- FEMA SAFER Grant for Recruitment and Retention
- Established In-House Firefighter Academy

2015

- Station Training Room Remodel and equipped to operate as a command center and EOC
- Increased membership roster through recruitment drive to over 50 firefighters
- Established Out-of-District Firefighter Program in which non-resident firefighters staff the fire station for 8 hours a week on a non-paid basis
- Established Formal Fire Prevention Program

2016

- Established Training Partnership with Romeoville Fire Academy establishing the Romeoville Fire Academy Southwest Campus in Dwight

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- ISO Rating improvement
- Station Remodel to Include Living Quarters, Sleeping Quarters, and Fitness Facility
- Purchase of New Command Vehicle

2017

- Joined MABAS Division 15
- All Line Firefighters certified as OSFM FFII or Basic Operations Firefighters
- All Line Firefighters certified as Hazmat Operations
- FEMA AFG Regional Grant for Communications Equipment which provided funding for multi-band (VHF/UHF/700-800 MHZ and STARCOM 21) mobile and portable radios for each apparatus riding position
- Purchase of used Tower Ladder
- Purchase of new 3,000 gallon Pumper/Tender

Personnel

- 45 Active Members
- 43 certified to FFII or Basic Operations Firefighter
- 8 Paramedics
- 13 Emergency Medical Technicians

Dispatch

- UHF Radio System
- Primary- Vermillion Valley Communications Center (VCOMM)- Pontiac, Illinois
- Secondary/Box Alarms- Western Will County Communications (WESCOM)
- Backup- McLean County (METCOM)

Facility

The fire district operates out of one fire station located at 111 South Prairie Avenue in Dwight, Illinois. In addition to the fire station, the DFPD has an intergovernmental agreement with Illinois Central Management Services (CMS) which allows usage of approximately 80,000 square feet of buildings at the vacant Dwight Correctional Center which is used for firefighting and special operations training.

Apparatus

- 2012 Pierce Rescue Pumper (BLS equipped)
- 2002 Pierce Pumper
- 2017 Pierce Pumper/Tender (3000 gallons)
- 2009 Pierce Brush Truck
- 1997 Pierce Tower Ladder 1819,
- 2005 Chevy Pickup Utility Vehicle (BLS equipped)
- 2016 Chevy Tahoe Command Vehicle

District Facts

- Size- 118 sq. miles
- Population- 6,100
- Property Value- \$91,931,537
- Annual Operating Budget- \$285,000
- Annual Calls (2017)- 340 (Fire/Rescue)
- Emergency services provided- Fire, BLS non-transport,
- MABAS Division 15
- Non-emergency services provided- CPR classes, Romeoville Fire Academy South Campus, Station Tours, Community Support Activities (Harvest Days, Camp 911, Taste of Dwight, Dwight Springfest, Dwight Buzz the Gut Car Show, etc.)

