

DISTRICT PROFILE

QEM Fire Protection District Elsah Illinois

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Location

- Grafton, Dow and Elsay, IL
- Southern unincorporated Jersey County, IL, Quarry, Elsay and Mississippi Township
- Contractual service to Otter Creek Township

Trustees / Chief Officers

- President Cy Bunting
- Vice. President Ron Gill
- Sec. / Treas. Alan Hauff
- Trustee Ed Darabcsek
- Trustee Dennis Blackorby
- Fire Chief Gerald New
- Asst. Chief Aaron Darr
- Admin Sec. Trina Kiel

District Background

District was formed by the merger of the Grafton, Elsay and Dow Fire Dept.'s., over the past 60 years.

Area served is approximately 127 square miles, serving roughly 5000 people, the Great River Road and some of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. Pere Marquette State Park is also within the district as well as Principia College.

The district averages about 400 calls annually.

Accomplishments

- QEM FPD has a 3 story burn tower on property, just completely refurbished and inspected per NFPA Standards
- Mutual aid through MABAS 35 and Calhoun South Pike Mutual Aid Association
- 2 ALS non-transport units (field upgrade per IDPH with the dept.'s 2 Paramedics)

Light water rescue and fire suppression

Personnel

15 Firefighters (inc. 2 Paramedics, 1 EMT 2 - 1st Responders)

Dispatch

- VHF high / narrow band
- Dispatched by Jersey County 911, located at the Sheriff's Dept.
- Back up dispatch at Station 1.
- I Am Responding satellite dispatch
- Chiefs and Asst. Chiefs vehicle and portable can also dispatch

Emergency Services

Fire suppression. Vehicle extrication. EMS services

Light water rescue and fire suppression

Non-emergency services

Various PR events / Community CPR training

Facility / equipment

- Sta. 1 approx. 21,000 sq. ft. 8 drive through bays. Sta. 2 approx. 1000 sq. ft. 2 bays
- 2 engines, 1000 gpm pump, 750 gal. tank
- 2 engines, 1000 gpm pump, 1250 gal. tank.
- 1 tender 750 gpm pump, 2500 gallon tank with Porta - Tank
- 3 brush units 4wd. 2-200 gal. tank, 1-250 gal. tank
- 1 4wd UTV, 55 gal. tank. Also designed for field and off road rescue.
- 1 boat with a 175 cc fire pump