

DISTRICT PROFILE



Rochester Fire Protection District

Location:

700 East Main
Rochester, IL 62563

Board of Trustees:

William Riggs, President
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Chief:

John Archer

Captains:

Kirk Polley
Matt Sunderland

District Background:

The Rochester Fire Department was formed in 1946 following the burning of the Rochester Christian Church. After the fire, members of the Athletic Club raised funds to buy the first fire truck for the community. That vehicle, a Willy's Jeep, has recently been restored and is used in parades and other community events. In 2002, The Rochester Fire Protection District was established by the merger of the Rochester Fire Department and the Rochester Rescue Squad. The RFPD is governed by a Board of Trustees.

The District protects approximately 100 square miles, the majority of which is rural. The RFPD is part of MABAS 48 and is dispatched by the Sangamon County Central Dispatch System. Trainings are held every Monday evening.



Personnel:

RFPD's roster currently includes 24 volunteers. This includes the Chief, 2 Captains and a Training Officer. All members are required to obtain an EMT-Basic license and the department currently has 5 EMT-Paramedics on staff. Recently, the department has also implemented a Junior Firefighter Program which has already yielded the RFPD 2 new full-time members.

Facility:

The RFPD built a new 16 bay fire station in 2003 at a cost of 1.4 million dollars. The current facility includes administrative offices, training room with attached kitchen, communications room, shop, medical utility room, day room with attached kitchen and facilities for housing full time fire fighters if needed in the future. The station is available for meetings related to civic organizations and public tours.

The RFPD also has a facility in Berry, IL within its jurisdiction. This facility used to house 2 apparatus but has gone unused for several years. Within the last year, members have begun converting this unused space into a training facility. Plans



include a SCBA obstacle course, forcible entry props, and ventilation props. The facility will also lend itself to search and rescue drills as well as hose advancement drills.

Apparatus:

- 2006 Pierce Dash Engine – 1000 gallons with 1250 GPM midship pump
- 1989 International S2500 Engine – 1000 gallons with 1000 GPM front mount pump
- 2008 Toyne / Kenworth Tender – 3000 gallons with 1000 GPM midship pump
- 1999 International 4900 Tender – 3000 gallons with 250 GPM transfer pump
- 2004 International 4400 Squad – 18' walk in body, 25 kw generator 6k watt light tower and on-board cascade system
- 2012 Chevy Suburban Squad – Full accompaniment of ALS equipment
- 2018 Ford F-250 Squad – Miscellaneous utility vehicle
- 1999 Ford F-550 Brush Truck – 400 gallons with 250 GPM pump
- 16' John Boat
- 1947 Willy's Jeep - Retired