



## Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District

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### **From the Chief ...**

Dear Firefighter Applicant,

Thank you for taking an interest in becoming a volunteer firefighter. The position of firefighter is one of tremendous responsibility and individual dedication. Being a firefighter demands a great deal from each and every individual.

Because of your interest and in anticipation of possible questions or the need for further information, the department has prepared this packet of material for your review and further consideration.

Our department is held in the highest esteem. This is a progressive organization that maintains a high level of professionalism and expertise. Becoming a member of the firefighting team carries with it not only pride, but also carries great personal satisfaction. This department is very proud of the men and women who are members of our organization. The individuals you will meet are highly motivated and committed to the betterment of their community.

We constantly strive to enhance, upgrade and improve the level of fire protection and emergency services provided to our community. In doing this, our department continually improves the capabilities of the organization and our personnel. Our progressive commitment is proven through sponsorship, education and public relations within our community.

We hope the information contained herein is helpful to you and your family. Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the fire department or stop by the District Office. If after your review of the enclosed material you would like to apply for a volunteer position, we look forward to discussing the position with you.

Sincerely,

John Suellentrop  
Fire Chief

## History of Our Fire Department..

### ***SUNRISE BEACH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT***

WELCOME The Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District was started as a subscription Volunteer Association in 1959. A group of area residents felt the need for fire protection, they purchased a used fire truck and put it in service. Bylaws were drawn up for the department. In 1961 through the Missouri Department of Conservation, the first Fire Station was acquired on Highway 5 at 5-32. In August 1982, the Association became a tax-supported District.

Thanks to the voters of the Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District who passed a \$2.3 million dollar Bond Issue in 1996, all of the District's Stations, Apparatus, Equipment and Personnel Training have been upgraded to better meet the needs of our District patrons.

As of January 1, 2004, we are operating out of 5 Fire Stations. Station #1, on Hwy. 5 at 5-32; Station #2 (District Headquarters), on State Rd. TT; Station #3, on MM- 35(Shawnee Bend #3); Station #4, on State Rd. F; and Station #5, on Highway 5 at 5-58.

We have a total of 19 Apparatus. 4 Pumpers, 5 Tankers, 1 Ladder truck (Stuphen Aerial), 1 Water Supply Unit, 1 Service/Rescue Truck, 1 Fire/Rescue Boat (docked at the 11 MM), 1 Fire/Rescue Boat (docked at the 34 ½ MM), 2 Brush/Medical Units (4X4), 2 Staff Vehicles, and 1 Utility Truck.

Our current ISO class rating is 6. Everyone in the Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District is within five road miles of a Fire Station thus everyone has an equal ISO rating for insurance premium purposes. We are at present working towards lowering our town class ISO rating.

Our District members cover 58 square miles. All-inclusive, from Lake Rd. 5-29 through 5-58. Our emergency runs in 1996 were 438 with a continued to increase of 550 in 2003. The percentage of Medical Calls in 2003 was 49%; MVA was 16% with the remainder of calls classified as Fire in nature at 12%. We have twelve paid personnel - Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, Administrative Assistant, and 9 Firefighters. We have 20 hard working volunteer firefighters. The majority of our calls are logged from Thursday - Sunday.

Some of the services we provide to the residents of the Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District are as follows: Fire Prevention and Suppression; Rescue: rope and water; First Response- Basic Life Support- Emergency Medical assistance in cooperation with the local ambulance services; and Public Education in the schools and community.

The District provides its members with extensive training in all areas of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services arena. We have in-house training, training through Lake of the Ozarks Mutual Aid Association as well as University of Missouri sponsored training. Our personnel attend weekly training seminars that include practical training evolutions. Members of the District are provided with communication devices, protective gear, and in some cases First Responder supplies, along with the proper and continuous training on the use of the equipment.

In an attempt to make the District as Fire Safe as possible, we have adopted an open burning policy for individual homeowners within the District. Open burning permits must be obtained from the Fire District Office *before* any open burning may be done. You may obtain a residential burn permit by calling the District Office at 374-4411. If no one is at the Station, you will hear a

recorded message telling you whether it is a "Burn Day" or not. Please follow the instructions for information on the tape. If you are found to be burning on a "No Burn" day or burning without a permit, you may receive a citation from the Fire District. Please burn trash and leaves safely, and have a hose handy. When you are issued a burn permit, you are NOT relieved of your responsibility to follow State or Federal regulations. If you have questions regarding State or Federal regulations you may pick up a burn packet at Station #1, District Office, on Lake Road 5-32 during business hours, or call Dept. of Natural Resources 573-751-2729. You are also NOT relieved of your responsibility for another person's property should your fire get out of control and encroach on someone else's property.

\*\*Note – Businesses/construction companies are not included in the residential burn notification program. All businesses/construction companies are to contact the District office prior to any open burning.

# Are You the Volunteer Firefighter?

The Volunteer Firefighter is .....

A teacher, student, farmer, business owner or employee, nurse, carpenter, restaurant owner, banker, office worker, husband, wife, son or daughter.

An individual who makes a personal sacrifice of their time, blood, sweat and tears.

An individual who performs in a firefighting capacity not for any monetary reward but purely for the satisfaction of helping others.

An individual who performs well under pressure and finds satisfaction in facing sometimes seemingly unconquerable challenges.

An individual who wants to make a contribution to his or her community.

An individual who is gratified by a simple statement of, "thank you for your help."

An individual who enjoys the challenges and excitement of life.

An individual who finds social gratification in being a member of a group of individuals bound together by a common goal or desire.

An individual who is willing to face the extremes of weather both day and night when a home maybe threatened by fire or a life may be in trouble.

An individual who desires to be a part of one of the most professionally oriented organizations in their community.

An individual to whom a young child or older adult can look up to for help.

An individual who is willing to be an educator and a friend.

An individual who inspires others by their dedication, selflessness, and dependability.

An individual ho goes beyond the normal daily routine and faces the challenges of the tomorrows.

**This Individual Could Be You!**

# Why Volunteer?

## Why Not?

Ask any volunteer why they accept the challenges they do. What was the turning point of their decision to become a firefighter? Each one will tell you, in his or her own words that being a part of the fire department fulfills a basic and personal human need... the need to contribute to a worthwhile endeavor and to help others. As firefighters work to fulfill their need to help others, they also meet the ever-growing needs of their community.

We all have a need to feel important. We want to accomplish certain goals in our lives and grow as a person. We seek challenges in our life, excitement from our daily routines, and a chance to form new and lasting friendships with individuals who have common goals.

Volunteer firefighting provides all of these opportunities. As a volunteer firefighter, you will enjoy achievements, gain increased self-respect, receive personal and community recognition, but most importantly receive the rewards that come from helping others. Yes, firefighting is hard work but time spent with fellow firefighters is enjoyable and builds a sense of teamwork and accomplishment.

Firefighting is very demanding of an individual. Many hours of training are involved, requirements must be met and regulations and standards are to be upheld. Many volunteer firefighters are not compensated in the traditional way for their efforts; there may be no paycheck, no monetary bonus or financial incentive to work harder.

However, there is a reward. It comes from the pride the individual receives both in yourself and in your individual organization. It comes from the feeling of being a part of a team effort, which you will enjoy. It comes in the form of a friendly handshake from a grateful homeowner and a mother's smile of gratitude. The child's awe as they see the inside of a fire truck, getting to blow the siren or honk the fire truck's horn while talking to their hero. The smile from a neighbor, friend, or family member in your community who congratulates you on being a part of a thriving, valuable and irreplaceable community organization.

Why volunteer? Look inside yourself. If you have a desire to help others, experience the excitement that comes from a job well done, and have pride in yourself and others just like you, you will find the answer.

Volunteer firefighting will never make you rich monetarily. Those who have some before you will tell you that no amount of money is worth the fulfillment of the basic need to help and be of service to others. There is no price on that.

## Who Can Apply?

Applicants for the position of volunteer firefighter must be 18 years or older and should be in good physical and mental health and have no felony convictions. Drug screening may also be required. The applicant must possess a Missouri State Driver's License, have a good driving record, either own or have access to a dependable vehicle and verify auto insurance coverage. Applicants in the age range of 14-18 years of age may apply for our cadet firefighter program using the same application.

A question that is often asked by applicants is: "Will I be required to respond to every call or be available 24 hours a day?" The answer is NO. Your ability to respond is extremely important. General availability to respond to emergency calls is important however; the fire department understands some individuals may be at work, school or out of town, which prohibits their ability to respond to every incident. Your availability at other times is necessary and appreciated. Your attendance is required at training sessions during your recruit and probationary period. Your ability to respond, work schedules, etc. will be evaluated during the interview process in an individual basis.

## How Do I Apply?

You are required to complete and file an application with the fire department. You can call the District Office at 573-374-4411 and request an application be mailed or stop by the Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District Office Headquarters' on lake Road 5-32 in Sunrise Beach, Missouri.

Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified to complete the interview process. You will meet with a panel comprised of current members of this department and any further questions you may wish to have answered can be done during this interview process.

There will be a background check completed on each applicant. It is important that all information requested on the application be completed in detail. Becoming a member of the fire department's team requires careful selection. The selection process is designed to help the department recruit men and women who will become the safest and most effective firefighters on the emergency scene.

Failure to provide adequate information will be just cause for rejecting your application for membership. Please provide all information as requested on the application form, front and back.

## How Will I Be Trained?

As a volunteer firefighter, you will become a member of a team of one of the most respected volunteer organizations in the United States.

As a recruit firefighter, you will undergo training that will provide you with the basic skills of firefighting. This training will be a mixture of lecture, practical instruction, hands on skills and self-study. During your period as a recruit firefighter, you will be learning your job skills as a firefighter. This is important to ensure your safety as well as the safety of other firefighters you will be working with.

Training programs that will be covered during your probationary period will include the following recommended topics:

Introduction to the Fire Service	Fire Behavior	Forcible Entry
Self-Contained Breathing	Ventilation	Rescue Practices
Ladders	Fire Hose	Fire Streams
Water Supply	Incident Command	Firefighter safety
CPR/First Responder or EMT	Emergency Apparatus	Driver's Training

Upon successful completion of your recruit training, you will begin your period as a probationary firefighter. This period of time will be used to further provide you with the necessary training and skills to become a veteran firefighter of this organization.

This however, does not end your training. In fact, your service as a volunteer firefighter begins your continuing education to stay abreast of training skills and firefighting techniques, latest equipment and emergency procedures relating to fire and emergency service.

You will continue to receive your training in a regular basis by attending the departments training classes or attending the many state and local training classes provided through the District from the Lake of the Ozarks Mutual Aid Association, other area fire departments, or the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute.

