

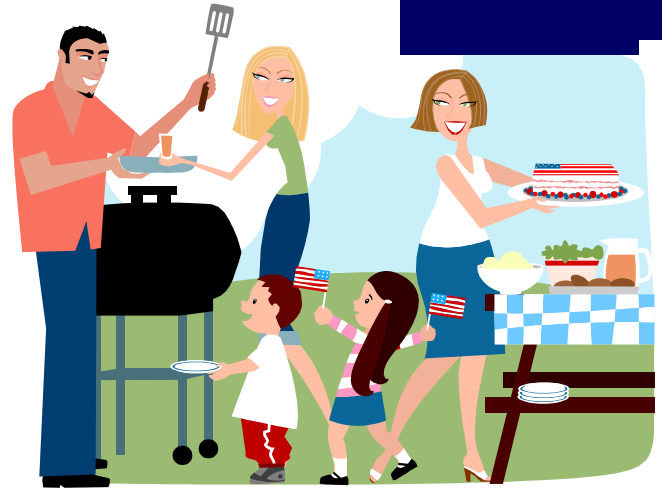
Board members needed!

- Are you interested in helping your community?
- Can you meet at 7pm the 2nd Wednesday of every month?
- If you answered yes above, you should consider serving on the SVFD Board of directors! For more info, contact board secretary David Franklin by calling 293-9399 or e-mailing dfranklin@ussok.com.

**Annual Meeting
Month has changed!**

ANNUAL MEETING MOVED TO SEPTEMBER

In one of those “duh” moments, we voted at the 2009 annual meeting to move the 2010 meeting from the often hot last weekend in June to a cooler time of the year, September. The Fire Station does not have air conditioning! At the annual meeting we elect board members, give you a chance to meet and greet the firefighters and tour the station. We’ll also provide a free dinner to the firefighters and guests. You’ll get another newsletter in the fall with the meeting details.



About the fire department

Located at 6424 S. Midwest Blvd, Guthrie, OK 73044, the Sooner Volunteer Fire Department operates under Title 18 of Oklahoma Law and provides fire and medical first responder services for South Central Logan County.

Formed in the summer of 1996 it was originally based at the Central Christian Camp. The Sooner Volunteer Fire Department was incorporated in 1997 and moved to its current home in 1998, which we later expanded as funds became available.

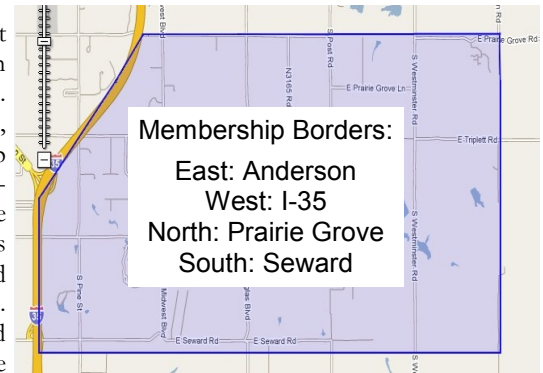
In 2005, 2 A.E.D.'s were added to compliment the firefighters trained as Medical First Responders.

Funding Source

Title 18 means that while the department does receive a share of Logan county sales tax dollars that make up over 50% of the department's

budget, the rest is made up from dues and grants. In other words, your membership makes a big difference in the department's ability to respond to emergencies. It does no good to have a fire truck without gas to make it go! **Fire runs to non-members incurs fees depending on the type of fire and number of trucks responding.**

While we are a Title 18 department, some nearby homeowners have voted in their area to have a Title 19 department. What this means is that their property taxes include fees to support their fire department in addition to the sales tax share they receive. So while you may speak with your



neighbors in other areas and wonder why they aren't asked to join a fire department, realize that they are already paying, just in a different way.

Mutual Aid

Mutual Aid agreements with area fire departments means that Sooner Volunteer Fire Department has back up coverage for all fire calls and provides back up coverage to other area agencies.

New/Upgraded Tankers Put Into Service

Volunteers recently completed work on converting a truck we received from U.S. Forestry to be our newest tanker. This truck replaced Tanker #3, a 1968 truck, with a 1986 model, a big improvement for our station.

We continue to have the most “water on wheels” of any Logan County department and have recently upgraded the standard equipment on Tanker #4. Together with Tanker #1 this means we will have over 9,000 gallons in our tanker fleet plus over 1,000 gallons in our brush pumpers. Since there are no fire hydrants in our rural fire district this is an important part of our station.



Some of the volunteers that made Tanker #3 operational by spending many hours painting and outfitting it with equipment to transform a surplus military truck into a fire tanker are pictured with the completed truck. From left to right: Adam Krueger, Andrew Paul, Jason Fredrick and Wes Rose.

Coming soon to your station:

We are in the process of planning a complete overhaul of our radio gear. Area departments, such as Guthrie and Edmond, have switched from older analog radio technology to a new 800MHz digital trunking system.

While this means more inter-agency communication, more channels and better sound quality, older systems like ours can no longer talk directly to these city systems so we're going to have to upgrade to these more expensive systems to keep up.

What is 800MHz Digital Trunking?

The trunking radio in a fire truck is much more sophisticated than the simple transceiver previously used in a simplex or repeater configuration. A trunking transceiver is a microprocessor-controlled radio capable of receiving instructions from the system controller and changing frequencies on the fly. All trunked radios operate in a similar manner although the type of trunking technology used by each type of trunked radio system differs greatly.

Trunked Radio Systems share a small pool of frequencies among a large number of users. They can do this because communications are typically less than 5 seconds long, and a particular channel might be busy less than 5% of the time. System users are assigned to "talk groups" which function as virtual channels. When a user makes a call, the radio transmits

a unique radio ID number and current talk group ID and a request for a radio channel (frequency pair) to the computer which controls the trunking system.

The controller then sends out a “channel grant” specifying which frequency pair to use, and telling every other radio in that user group to also switch to that frequency pair for the duration of the transmission. When the user stops transmitting, the assigned frequency pair is released so that it is available for the next group to use, which can be any other users of the system. On a trunking radio, a “channel” is not a specific frequency pair, but instead determines the affiliation of that radio with a talk group assigned to a particular group of users on the system.

- excerpt taken from
<http://wiki.radioreference.com>

NFPA studies show cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires.

Do This To Be Safer:

- ✓ **Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking.**
- ✓ **Keep young kids away from cooking areas.**
- ✓ **Keep anything that can catch fire - pot holders, food packaging, etc - away from your stove top.**

Volunteer as a firefighter!

If you are between the ages of 18 and 45, are physically fit and have clean driving and criminal records, you can serve as a volunteer firefighter. Call the station at 282-9494 and an officer will call you back with more info.



Fire Prevention Week • October 2010

**Smoke Alarms:
A sound you
can live with**

firepreventionweek.org



Sooner Volunteer Fire Department Membership Form

Your membership supports the operations of the department such as firefighter training, gear and more. Non-members are charged for fire runs depending on the type of fire and number of trucks that respond.

Please complete the following information and forward it along with \$75 to:

Sooner Volunteer Fire Department
 Attn: Membership
 6424 S. Midwest Blvd
 Guthrie, OK 73044

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: Guthrie State: OK Zip: 73044

Primary Phone: _____ Pri Phone Type: Cell Work Home Other

Secondary Phone: _____ Sec Phone Type: Cell Work Home Other

Tertiary Phone: _____ Third Phone Type: Cell Work Home Other

Directions to your home, please include nearest cross street/road, include a map if that will help:

The County's emergency management office has asked us to track storm shelters, so please fill out the form even if renewing!

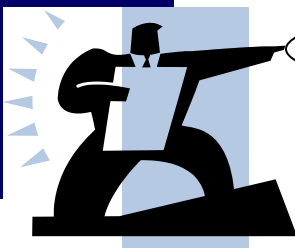
The following information will help us in case of a house fire, *this information is optional.*

Do you have children living in the home? No Yes - If yes, list names and ages below.

Do you have anyone living in the home who is disabled? No Yes - If yes, list below.

Do you have pets in the house? No Yes - If yes, list below.

Do you have a storm shelter? No Yes - If yes, list where it is located below.



Signature _____ Date _____



This is your membership anniversary date and the last payment date we have on record for your household. If you are due or overdue, please complete the form on page 3, even when renewing, so that we can report storm shelter locations to the county emergency management office.

**Not yet a member?
See inside for
membership info.**

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In an Emergency, Call 911
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