

# 2008 Meeting Notice

## Fast Facts from the Oklahoma State Firefighters Association

- Over the past few years, the number of emergency medical responses has been increasing, from 82,281 statewide in 2002 to 148,623 in 2007.
- For the past three years, half or more of fire department responses have been EMS calls.

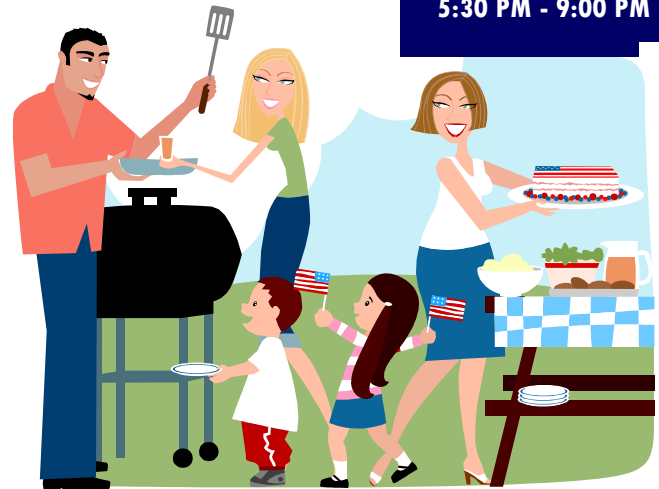
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## ANNUAL MEETING TIME!!!!

Join us on Saturday, June 28th from 5:30 PM-9:00 PM as we have our annual membership meeting. This is the time when we elect board members, review fire department operations with our members and honor our volunteer firefighters.

This year we will be discussing with our members changes to our bylaws, updating you on department changes, showing off the new building addition and some of the new equipment.



**Meeting**  
**June 28**  
**5:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

## 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 expanded this year with \$30,000 in county funds.

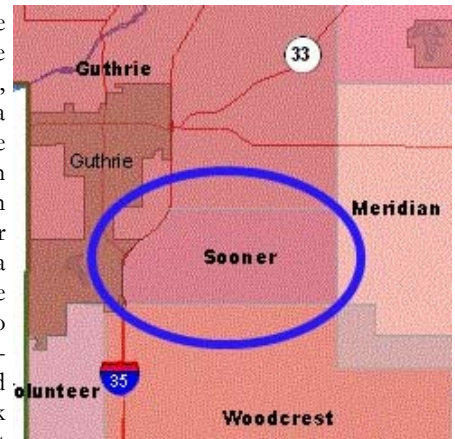
In 2005, 2 A.E.D.'s were added to compliment the EMT trained firefighters to provide first response medical assistance.

### Funding Source

Title 18 means that while the department does receive a share of Logan county sales

tax dollars that make up about 50% of the department's budget, (see pages 3 & 4 for a copy of the 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!

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 addition to the fire station

Volunteers recently completed an addition to the fire department by building an office space and sleeping quarters for firefighters. Now, during times of high grass fire risk, firefighters can volunteer to sleep at the station for faster response to calls.

While your membership dollars paid for materials, the community came together to do a great job of building out this addition. Thank your for your support!



**Haven't joined yet? Your support makes buying things like material to build out this addition to the station possible.**

**Thinking that your insurance will cover run charges if you don't join? One area resident was recently disappointed to find out that his insurance covered only about 1/3 of the charges he incurred from a large fire...join today and you'll have one less thing to worry about after a fire!**

## Election time!

Several of our board members have their term expiring this year. If you are willing to serve on our board of directors, please contact nominating committee chair David Franklin at [dfranklin@ussok.com](mailto:dfranklin@ussok.com) or by calling 293-9399 with your name, some brief information about yourself and your contact information.

Board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7PM at the station, and board members may also be tasked additional duties if they volunteer to serve on committees such as the budget committee or other things that come up during the year. Members serve a two-year term.



## Changes to our bylaws

We're updating the bylaws that govern the board of directors who in turn govern the operations of the department. You will vote on these proposed changes at the June 28th, 2008 membership meeting, but to get an advanced look at the changes, go to our website, <http://www.soonerfire.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  
 P.O. Box 398  
 Guthrie, OK 73044-0398**

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:

**Free Smoke Detectors for members!**

**While supplies last, with priority given to homes with elderly and children, call the fire department today to arrange for delivery of your free smoke detector.**



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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Sooner Volunteer Fire Department

6424 S. Midwest Blvd  
Guthrie, OK 73044

In an Emergency, Call 911  
Phone: 405-282-9494  
E-mail: [dfranklin@ussok.com](mailto:dfranklin@ussok.com)



## Annual Meeting Notice



**"Sooner Fire  
Department -  
Thank you for the  
great job you do. We  
really appreciate  
everything you do.  
Thanks -  
Jimmy & Deborah"  
From a note included  
with a recent  
membership renewal.**

### You have a part to play!

We're always looking for a few good men and women to help out the department. There are many ways to help out. Of course we are always looking for more firefighters and emergency medical technicians (training available) but we also need help in everything from keeping up the equipment to keeping up with paperwork and grants. If you are interested in getting a volunteer firefighter application or helping out in other ways, contact board secretary David Franklin at [dfranklin@ussok.com](mailto:dfranklin@ussok.com) or leave a message at 282-9494 and we'll get in touch with you. We can't function without our volunteers.

### Acting Chief - Daryl Hoel

#### Firefighters

- Shane Womack
- Cindy Crowley
- Lee Coker
- Jason Frederick
- Cody Dye
- Randy Hoel
- Mark Crowley
- Cody Short
- Christ Talbot
- Darrel Johnson
- Dianne Hoel
- Andrew Paul
- Michael Shea

*Some of the  
volunteers*



We need you!  
Are you ready to  
answer the call?