

2009 Meeting Notice

Board member candidates 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 running for the SVFD Board of directors! To run, just come to the June meeting. Call 293-9399 to learn more.

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Summer 2009

ANNUAL MEETING TIME!!!!!!

Join us on Saturday, June 27th 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.

We'll provide meat and drinks, sides are pot-luck.

This year we will be showing off the most recent changes to the building, our new tanker truck and electing board members.



Meeting
June 27
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 later expanded as funds became available.

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, 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! **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



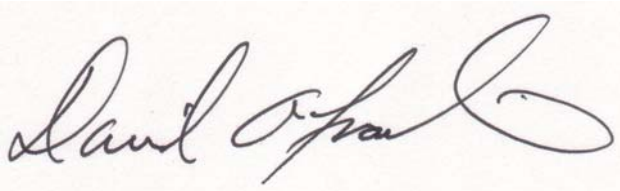
may speak with your neighbors in other areas and wonder why they aren't asked to join a fire department, realize that they are already paying, just in a different way.

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.

**An important message about your membership
from the board secretary, David Franklin.**

Many of you have wondered why you have not received timely renewal notices for your fire department membership. For that I apologize but we have recently taken several steps to overhaul our membership program. The “dirty little secret” about the membership forms that you have been diligently filling out over the years is that they have been filed on paper in the station away from the firefighters. So information on the forms such as directions, number of children in the home, etc, could only be accessed after a volunteer dispatcher traveled to the station to retrieve the records adding significant delay in getting this information to the firefighters in the field. This is assuming that a volunteer dispatcher is available. So here’s the steps the board has taken to resolve this. First, we have developed a computer program to allow membership information to be input into a database for rapid access. Next, we have purchased a laptop for this database so it will be available both at the station’s main computer and in the field. In the event of a fire, the first officer to respond will take the laptop with them in the truck, and only the department officers will have the password to the database. This laptop’s data will be updated monthly from the information received from the application forms that come in each month. So, please continue to fill those out knowing two things. First, information will only be made available to one of the three department officers and the board members via the password protected database and second, for the first time, this information will be available on-scene at the fire where it will do the most good! *Thank you for your understanding during this transition and your being a member!!!!*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Franklin", written in a cursive style on a light-colored background.

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

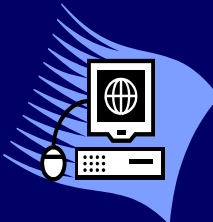
Primary Phone: _____ Pri Phone Type: Cell Work Home Other

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:

We have a new computer program for membership, see message on proceeding page for more.



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 _____

See inside for an important message about your membership information

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 bring your check to the June meeting or fill out the form on the inside of this newsletter and mail it to the station.

Not yet a member?
See inside for membership info.

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In an Emergency, Call 911
Phone: 405-282-9494
E-mail: dfranklin@ussok.com



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