



Community Fire Protection District
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Proudly Serving the Communities of:
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Unincorporated St. Louis County

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FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- 1) Never leave matches or lighters where children can find them
- 2) Keep a fire extinguisher in your house
- 3) Store flammable materials away from space heaters, furnace and your hot water heater
- 4) Never leave candles burning unattended
- 5) Practice home fire drills
- 6) Turn off the stove and the oven when leaving your home
- 7) Never plug multiple appliances into one extension cord



NEW FACES

Community would like to welcome our new employees, FF/Paramedic **Sean Dooley**, FF/Paramedic **Sara Strothkamp**, FF/Paramedic **John Hardy**, FF/Paramedic **Scott Handlan** and FF/Paramedic **Keith Pigg**.

After 29 years of service to the **Community Fire District Fire Chief Fred Cain** has retired. Chief Cain's Replacement is a 19 year veteran of the department, **Chuck Coyne**. Also promoted was **Pvt. Jim Loehrer** to the position of engineer. Congratulations to our new hires and those serving in a new position.

COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NEWS & UPDATES

FREE AMBULANCE SERVICE TO DISTRICT RESIDENTS

The Community Fire Protection Board feels that our residents pay taxes for their ambulance service to insure affordable and quality care in any emergency situation. Therefore, the board has worked very hard to ensure that Community Fire Protection District residents are not charged for emergency ambulance services. Many surrounding districts do charge their residents, in addition to their regular taxes.



YOU'RE TAX DOLLARS AT WORK



Since passing the 2002 bond issue, the Community Fire District has been hard at work upgrading services to the community. The district has since rebuilt their three engine houses with much needed upgrades, and adding the ability to accommodate additional manpower and today's larger apparatus. We have replaced aged equipment, increased our fleet by replacing a ladder truck, adding two rescue pumpers, an additional ambulance and additional manpower. In addition to the bond, **Community Fire District applied for and received a grant** which enabled the district to add a training tower and training room to the rebuilt House #3. These all aid in reducing costs by keeping our department training on site and reducing response times.

A Message from the Fire Board

Community Fire Protection District board members, **Leo Morrow, Don Doerr, and Fran Costello** are pleased to report on great progress the district has made over the last few years. "It's all come together now, and **in budget!**" reported **Chairman Leo Morrow**. "We have completed the last of our three new engine houses in the fall of 2008. Two of the new facilities, in Overland and St. Ann, are within a block of their old locations. The third was built on its original site in St. John. It was critical that we kept all the engine houses close to their old location, allowing us to keep even response times throughout our district and insure that we maintain our current insurance rating." The district has replaced two new pumpers, an aerial ladder truck, replaced 2 ambulances and added 1 for ambulance services at each house. "We're very proud of our Paramedics and Fire Fighters," added Morrow. "**We're dedicated to providing them the tools to do their job and protect the citizens of our district, delivering the service our residents deserve.**"

BOARD MEMBERS

LEO MORROW · FRAN COSTELLO · DON DOERR

DID YOU SEE SANTA?

For the twelfth year the men and women of Community Fire District, lead by FF/Paramedic Sandra Still, teamed up with Santa to visit the children of our district. Every December, Santa comes around the neighborhood with the fire department to visit the boys and girls. In addition, Community Fire District has worked with Santa to make sure several deserving families were able to have a Merry Christmas. To date the Community Fire District has been able to provide over 100 families and approximately 350 children with a Christmas to remember.



CHILDREN'S SAFEPLACE®

You may have noticed the new bright yellow signs located on the front of Community Fire District Fire houses. That's because **all Community Fire houses are now a Children SafePlace**. We now provide children a safe place to go when they have a safety concern or feel threatened. Fire Fighters have received training on how to assist children when they arrive at a fire house.



IS YOUR CHILD SAFE?

Did you know it is the law that children must be restrained properly in a car seat or booster seat until they are 8 years old, 4'9" or 80 lbs.? According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, booster seats lower the risk of injury by 59% compared to safety belts alone. Make sure your child is in their car seat and that it fits them properly. Community Fire District have several Car Seat Technicians that can assist you in putting in a car seat or make sure the one you have is installed properly- **FREE OF CHARGE**. For an appointment with car seat assistance, please call (314) 428-1128. We also have seats available for families that cannot afford them.



MAKING AN EARLY IMPRESSION

Fire Fighters work annually with schools and civic organizations teaching fire safety to children & adults.



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2008 EMERGENCY 911 CALLS

The total number of calls for 2008 has been tallied. The district responded to a total of 7,710 emergency calls - **that averages to 21 per day**.

There were 5,620 ambulance calls and 2,090 fire calls.

This number has increased 462 calls from just last year!

KEEPING FIRST RESPONDERS SAFE

The Community Fire District is diligently working to upgrade their Fire Fighters breathing apparatus, known as SCBA's. The National Fire Protection Association regulations require Fire Fighters SCBA be able to withstand chemical and biological agents. Fire Fighters are usually first to arrive on scene. The new upgrades will allow Fire Fighters to handle any situation they may encounter. The upgrade also allows for better communication with a mask and detection features to make finding a Fire Fighter who is down faster.



WORKING TO KEEP YOUR HEART HEALTHY

Community Fire District has the latest cardiac monitors on all of their fire trucks and ambulances. This allows Paramedics to detect heart rhythm disturbances and to begin treatment in a timely manner. Early detection and treatment of a heart attack increases the patients survival and recovery rate. The districts paramedics receive the latest training from The American Heart Association. The district receives this training on site to further reduce cost.

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR LATELY?

All smoke detectors should be checked twice a year. When you change your clock you should test and make sure all of your smoke detectors work. **REPLACE THE BATTERIES**. Every house should have a smoke detector on every floor and ideally one in each bedroom. For families unable to afford new detectors, the Community Fire District will supply them free of charge. Also for those unable to install them, the District will install them free of charge. Stop by any fire house or call 314-592-3802 for an appointment.



CARBON MONOXIDE THE ODORLESS KILLER

In the United States, more people die each year of exposure to carbon monoxide poisoning than any other type of poison. **Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas.** The only way to know if you have a carbon monoxide leak is with a carbon monoxide detector. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning can include a dull headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, impaired judgment and loss of consciousness. It is recommended to have one carbon monoxide detector per household near your sleeping area. New detectors are economical and can be purchased at any local hardware store.



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