



Forest View Fire Department.

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The Forest View Fire Department is made up of 30 uniformed members who cover 3,285 shifts per year providing Fire, Fire Prevention and Emergency Medical Services 24 hours a day to the residents and visitors to the Village of Forest View.

The members of the department have a combined **6,163 hours of Fire and EMS training**. Some of the highlights of this training are attending “live fire training” sponsored by our MABAS division. Yearly required OSHA and State Fire Marshalls office trainings. Loyola EMS system monthly for EMT’s and Paramedics.

Our Fire Prevention and Public Education division have been conducting Fire Inspections, and Public Education events in schools along with station tours, two open houses’ as well as Village events. The Fire Department also conducted 31 fire station tours for 2022.

2022 incidents by type:

Emergency Medical Service – 265

Fire Response (Fire Alarms, Trouble Alarms and TRT responses) = 367

Motor Vehicle Crash = 157

Public assist = 35

Total request for service for 2022 = 824

2022 Accomplishments

During 2022 with the support of President Miller, the Village Board and Village Administrator Dropka the members of the Fire Department were



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able to complete many projects as well as update things that needed to be addressed and updated with in the Fire Department. I would like to highlight a few of the major ones at this time.

This year we started the process of a review from ISO to work towards lowering our ISO rating. Currently the Village of Forest View is rated at an ISO 6. According to ISO's Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS), four main criteria comprise a fire rating score.

- 50% comes from the quality of your local fire department, including staffing levels, training and proximity of the firehouse.
- 40% comes from availability of water supply, including the prevalence of fire hydrants and how much water is available to put out fires.
- 10% comes from the quality of the area's emergency communications systems (911).
- An extra 5.5% comes from community outreach, including fire prevention and safety courses.

Some of the programs that the Fire Department has implemented, or have enhanced in 2022 to help lower our current rating are a training program that addresses all of the required OFSM, OSHA, IDPH and Loyola EMS system each year.

- Training that is specific to the Village of Forest View and the Forest View Fire Department.
- Yearly fire inspections and pre-planning of each business with in the Village



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- and they will be able to be added to the CAD allowing the department to access this information on MDT's.
- We now are doing at least one "open House" at the station opening our doors to the public, during the open house we give tours, we also give fire safety demonstration's.
- The Fire Department also puts fire safety tips as well as other information about the department on each of the Village's newsletters.

With all of the changes made with public education it now allows us to reach 100% of our residents multiple times a year.

The Fire Department and Public Works have been working together regarding our water supply and our fire hydrants.

In 2022 in a joint effort between Village Administrator Dropka, The Fire and Police Departments embarked on the journey of switching our emergency communications center (911 Dispatch center) as the one we were with was outdated and unable to meet the needs of the Village. We looked at several centers comparing their operations and the need of the residents and both departments as well as the cost. The decision was that Cicero Consolidated Dispatch (CCD) was the best fit for Forest View. We worked with CCD to ensure a smooth transition and the switch was made on December 05 2022.

To help with the cost of switching Dispatch Centers Administrator Dropka and Chief Jones were able to apply for and obtain a grant in the amount of \$111,000.00



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Under the direction of President Miller, the Fire Department did update our Ambulance and Fire billing ordinance to capture revenue for service that were not being billed before. Examples being car or truck fires, extraction or fire suppression on auto accidents with no impact to our residents.

The Fire Department was able to address some of the needs regarding the departments fleet of vehicles. We were able to send in our 1999 fire engine to be refurbished bringing this fire engine up to current NFPA and DOT standards and fixing all mechanical issues as well as body corrosion. To replace this 23-year-old fire engine would have cost \$650,000.00 and take 2 years to be delivered. By doing this refurb it will add another 10-15 years to the life of the fire engine and the cost was \$300,000.00 and 6 months to complete. This will also not affect the age of our fleet when applying for further grants. We were also able to replace our 2001 SUV that had a mechanical issue that would have costed more to fix than what it was valued at by Kelly Blue Book with a 2022 SUV.

In 2022 we update our policy and procedure manual for the Fire Department.

The work our room was outfitted with new work out equipment. This equipment is used for members of the Fire and Police Departments to maintain physical fitness and for the yearly consumption test that is mandated by OFSM for all Fire Department personal, and the Police Departments required Power test.

Clerk McGuffey, Administrator Dropka and myself cleaned out and organized the fire department storage room. Miscellaneous pension paper work that needed to be recorded and consolidation of files that were



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missing. Unneeded paperwork was removed and lot of old photos and trophies were put with the rest of the history of the Village in storage.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we progress throughout 2023 and beyond, the department will be continuing to acquire needed items and repairs within the Fire Department. We will be installing MDTs in all apparatus that we ordered in 2022 with grant money but was on back order and expected delivery in March of 2023.

We will continue to apply for grants and identify new sources of revenue for the Village.

We will continue as a department to proudly provide quality Fire and Emergency Medical Service to the Village of Forest View.

Lastly, I would like to say “Thank You” to President Miller, the Village Board and Village Administrator Mike Dropka for their continued support and funding needed to accomplish all that we did in 2022 and I look forward to working with all of them in 2023.



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