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## South Elgin Fire District Past, Present and Future

“Dedicated to service, committed to caring”

### Past

The District was founded in 1953. The demand for service quickly grew and the District was forced to hire full time staff. Fire station 21 was originally staffed with 3 Firefighter/Paramedics. This station is currently over 60 years old. The village experienced an explosion of growth it was realized that a second station and additional personnel were needed. The District planned for the growth built and staffed Fire Station 22 to handle the increase in calls for service.

### Present

The District currently employees 1 Chief, 2 Assistant Chiefs, 3 Captains, 3 Lieutenants and 21 Full time Firefighter/Paramedics. It has a full time Fire Inspector, 2 Administration Assistants and 10 Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic or EMT's.

The District has two fully staffed fire stations with 10 Firefighter/Paramedics ready to respond at a moment's notice. The District also proudly supports a Hazardous Materials Response Team, a Technical Rescue Team, a Dive Rescue Team, and a Fire Investigation team.

### Fire Station 21 (headquarters):

- Advanced life support engine
- Advanced life support ambulance
- Reserve fire engine
- 100 foot Ladder Truck
- Rescue boat
- S.C.U.B.A team van
- UTV

### Fire Station 22:

- Advanced life support engine
- Advanced life support ambulance
- Reserve Advanced life support ambulance
- Reserve fire engine
- 3000 gallon tender
- Brush truck
- Hazardous material response trailer
- Rescue boat

## Future

The South Elgin Fire District is always analyzing how we can best serve our residents and visitors. It has always been through careful planning, researching response data and being financially responsible. The District is always growing and we must look at what we need to do next to continue what we started using our 10 year growth plan.

- The District considering building a new fire station on the Far East side to handle multiple new commercial and residential construction projects that will stress our current resources.
- The District is also considering relocating our current station 21 to better service the residents with quicker response times. This would better space out the stations, cutting down the time it takes to get to those who need us. It would replace a deteriorating 60 year old building that is no longer able handle our current needs.
- The District will need to expand staffing levels to accommodate the additional station and increased calls for service.

Call volume by year:

2004	1814	2011	2519
2005	2010	2012	2607
2006	2227	2013	2590
2007	2619	2014	2722
2008	2658	2015	2662
2009	2465	2016	2854
2010	2792	2017	2900

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