

Fire Protection Districts



Districts provide public safety services

- 267 fire protection districts exist throughout the state that are independent local governments and not part of a local city or county.
- Governed by a board of five directors elected in May of odd-numbered years serving four-year terms. Each board member must be an elector or an owner of land within the district.
- District board is completely responsible for personnel administration, financial administration, and seeing that the requirements of laws governing areas ranging from public records and public meetings to civil rights are met.
- Receive tax revenues based on voter-approved permanent rate per \$1,000 in assessed property value within the district's defined geographic area. Also authorized to charge fees for service.
- Provide emergency medical response and fire suppression services, respond to hazardous materials spills, perform on specialty response teams, provide public education, and offer many other services for both urban and rural communities throughout the state. Many are staffed entirely by volunteers.
- Required to develop and implement a written statement or policy that includes basic organizational structure, basic functions of the organization, and type, amount, and frequency of training to be provided.
- Required to review and evaluate the physical capability of each firefighter annually to determine their ability to perform duties that may be assigned. The review and evaluation involve a physical examination, stress testing, or satisfactory performance demonstrated during the performance of their assigned duties.