



Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District

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Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District
Exceeds the 1,000-call Mark for The First Time

The Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District broke the 1,000-call mark for the first time in 2021 with 1,020 alarms.

Alarm numbers have continued to increase over the last several years. In 2019, the District set a record at 829 alarms and then set another new record in 2020 at 975 alarms. This new record of 1,020 alarms is reflective of the increase in growth, visitors and residents that are moving into the area.

Alarms received for 2021 included:

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| Structure Fires | - | 27 |
| Vehicle Fires | - | 10 |
| Natural Cover Fires | - | 47 |
| Outside/Rubbish Fires | - | 10 |
| Emergency Medical Responses | - | 636 |
| Extrication/Rescue Responses | - | 5 |
| Public Assistance Requests | - | 68 |
| Misc./Other Calls for Service | - | 217 |

The District employs 18 full-time firefighters, three Chief Officers, an Administrative Assistant and a part-time Dock Inspector. The Firefighters are divided into three platoons of six firefighters each. Our minimum staffing is five firefighters, meaning when vacation or sick time is requested, we allow one firefighter off before overtime is called in.

The Firefighters staff Station 2 on Highway TT and Station 3 on Spruce Lane full time. The District's Station 1 on Highway 5 and Station 4 on State Road F are not staffed. Lake West Ambulance houses a fire engine for Sunrise Beach on Sellers Rd, this is our Station 5. Station 5 is staffed by Lake West EMTs and Paramedics, there are no full-time firefighters at that station.

The District operates a Rescue Engine, a Brush Truck and a Tanker out of Station 2. A Ladder Truck, Engine and Tanker out of Station 3 and a Tanker out of Station 1. Stations 4 and 5 each house an Engine that can be picked up by off-duty and volunteer staff. While we have no volunteer members at this time, the District does have a Volunteer Program.



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The Sunrise Beach became a tax supported Fire District in 1983. Before that time, the District was supported by donations and the sale of fire tags. These tags signified that you had paid your dues and the firefighters would respond to your residence in the event of a fire. Firefighters responded to all residents however, regardless of paid tag status.