

The Leawood Fire Department presents “From The Fire House”



MARKETING OUR MISSION

Recently, the Leawood Fire Department sent out a survey to approximately 100 citizens. When the results were compiled, it surprised us. Several citizens requested services that we already provide. The fire service as a whole does not spend a lot of time on marketing. In this first edition of “From The Fire House,” we are simply trying to let everyone know what we can do for you! The Fire Department would like to start sharing safety information, stories about our experiences, and interesting articles that can bring awareness to the citizens of Leawood.

One area of interest identified by the survey was CPR, AED, and First Aid training. As it turns out, our department has many certified instructors who teach to the public on a regular basis. The easiest way to sign up for a class is go to our web-site and locate the link for class registration. You can always call one of the stations or the training chief for more information. You can also call if you have a larger group or special needs for us to accommodate.

Fire safety training and visits were another hot topic. We also do that! Give us a call and our prevention division would be happy to help.

Fire station tours and public education events are a big part of being a firefighter. Firefighters enjoy spending time with kids and teaching fire safety almost as much as the kids enjoy checking out the trucks. If you want a fire truck at your block party or just want to come by and tour the station, we're just a phone call away.

Being a firefighter requires much more than just putting out fires. We are here for the citizens of Leawood and would love to continue meeting your needs!

Seasonal Tip:

- ✓ While spring cleaning, get a can of pressurized air (keyboard cleaner) and spray out any dust in your smoke detector's vent. Alternatively, take a vacuum extension and run it over the vent. This will reduce false alarms.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation



CPR

Last year, one of our stations responded on a cardiac arrest which means the patient's heart and breathing had stopped. Firefighters responded quickly since every second counts in this situation.

When the firefighters arrived, they found the co-workers of the patient performing excellent CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation). The firefighters assessed the patient and found that the quick CPR had done the trick and the heart was beating again. The patient was transported to the hospital with another chance at life.

Months later, the emergency responders were invited back for a much different scene. It was a party recognizing the life-saving efforts taken by the bystanders. Although the co-workers had previously volunteered to learn CPR, they probably truly didn't expect to have to use those skills.

Emergency responders can tell you the difference in attitude and appearance between trained bystanders and those only being coached by 911 dispatchers. This group of bystanders was ready and showed only determination to save a life.

The Leawood Fire Department has seen the difference trained bystanders make. We provide free training by certified instructors to the people and organizations of our city. As mentioned above, sign up on our website or call our training department for more information at (913) 681-6788 ext. 14.

www.leawood.org/fire
(913) 681-6877



Smoke detectors (*or at my home, dinner's ready!!!*)

In 1890 Francis R. Upton and Fernand Dibble invented the first automatic electric fire alarm. In 1965, Duane D. Pearsall created the version that we are familiar with now. Pearsall has been credited with saving over 50,000 American lives within the past 30 years.

Most people believe they would wake up to the smell of smoke or the sound of a fire in their home but that is rarely the case. Often, people fatally breathe in smoke or pass away due to an oxygen deficient environment while they continue sleeping. The chances of everyone surviving a fire in a home without smoke detectors is very slim. So how do we fix this?

If you don't know how or where to install a smoke detector, you can call the fire department's prevention division and someone will come assist you. If you can't afford a detector, we can often help. It is our goal that every home in the City of Leawood has enough smoke detectors. And, for those who may have yanked down a smoke detector and taken the battery out because dinner was burning, we can find a location that will be less sensitive to your cooking styles and keep you and your family safe.



9-1-1 Response

Austin Berry Firefighter III

9-1-1 should **ALWAYS** be called in the event that a possibility for an emergency exists. **NEVER** be afraid to call, because of uncertainty. This is why we are here.

That being said, what happens after the 9-1-1 emergency response system is activated? After 9-1-1 is dialed, an emergency dispatcher for the Leawood Police Department answers—once he or she determines the nature of the emergency, the call is then transferred to the Emergency Communication Center (ECC), which is located in Olathe, Kansas. As the dispatcher is asking the caller questions pertaining to the incident, emergency services personnel will also be simultaneously dispatched to the location.

The time between a dispatcher being notified of an emergency and emergency service personnel being notified is known as alarm handling time. The Johnson County ECC far exceeds the benchmark standard for alarm handling times which is 60 seconds or less at least 90% of the time. Notification to emergency service personnel is given within their emergency response facilities via Locution, through communications via the county radio system, and via mobile data tracking (MDT) systems located in emergency response vehicles.

Locution Systems – are an emergency response facility alerting system which utilizes notification tones and automated 9-1-1 voice alerting technology. This system helps ECC dispatchers to automatically relay dispatches for fire and medical emergencies thereby decreasing the overall mobilization time to an emergency. Locution Systems are utilized in all fire stations within Johnson County.

County Radio System – all fire and emergency medical service personnel share common radio channels within Johnson County.

Mobile Data Tracking Systems – utilize computer aided dispatch (CAD) in notifying emergency service personnel of emergencies within the county. When an emergency response vehicle is assigned to a location, initial details received by the ECC are also listed within the call notes. Additional information is updated on the MDT as ECC dispatchers continue to speak with those at the location. MDTs also track emergency response vehicles and provide an “area view” surrounding the vehicle's current location. The location of the emergency is mapped on the MDT in order to help guide emergency service responders to their dispatched location.

Turnout time is the time between when emergency response personnel are notified and their emergency response vehicle being en route to the dispatched location. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the benchmark goal for this time is 60 seconds for emergency medical service (EMS) incidents and 80 seconds for fire/ special operations at least 90% of the time. Response time, or travel time, benchmarks should not exceed 4 minutes at least 90% of the time. Benchmarks for total mobilization time, from call processing to the time it takes for the first emergency response vehicle to arrive at the dispatched location, is 6 minutes or less at least 90% of the time.

Emergency service personnel respond to emergencies 24 hours a day - 7 days a week in order to provide constant coverage within Johnson County. There are also mutual aid agreements in place that ensure the availability of emergency service personnel when more personnel or resources are needed, or in the event that emergency service personnel within the city of Leawood are already occupied with another emergency.



Technical Rescue

Jeff Cox, Master Firefighter III

The Leawood Fire Department runs a Technical Rescue Team (TRT) in addition to the various fire and emergency medical services the department provides. The TRT was established in 2006 with 3 members of the department and has grown to 15 highly qualified and trained individuals. Members are trained to deal with specific special rescue situations. These include structural collapse rescue, confined space rescue, ice rescue, swiftwater/flood rescue and high and low angle rope rescue.

The Leawood Fire Department TRT members also are resources for a Statewide emergency response as members of Kansas Task Force 3. The team trains on a monthly basis and responds together should a technical rescue incident occur in the metro area or when called upon by the state to assist in other regions. Team members have responded to the Greensburg, KS tornado, the Coffeyville, KS flooding, Atchison, KS grain elevator explosion, a partial building collapse on Fort Leavenworth and numerous water rescues within our own city. The team maintains a heavy rescue truck that houses specialized rescue equipment, a mobile command/ equipment trailer, a zodiac boat for water rescues and an ATV to support the team in limited access areas and equipment transport.



Above: Boat & ATV 33

Fire House Recipe

Captain Scott Rutherford

Jambalaya

- 1 onion finely chopped
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 bunch green onions, use all parts
- 1 package sweet or hot Italian sausage
- 1 lb skinless boneless chicken cut into small cubes
- 1-1/2 cup instant brown or white rice
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley finely chopped
- 1 green bell pepper deeded and finely chopped
- 1 small can tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons of Cajun spice seasoning Louisiana
- 1/4 tea black pepper
- 1/4 tea cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoons Louisiana hot sauce or to taste



Cut sausage into slices, cook in skillet with a 1/4 cup water. Cook chicken in skillet
Mix all other ingredients in large pot, bring to boil reduce heat and simmer until rice is cooked and vegetables are tender. Serves 6 people or three firefighters.

Child Safety Seat and Recall Info.

Dony Bielak, Master Firefighter III



Spring is arriving and this generally is a busy season for child passenger seat installers. We have several child passenger safety technicians in Leawood who are willing to assist you with installing your child safety seat. Just make an appointment with our administrative assistant Becky @ (913) 681-6788 ext. 10 and we will be happy to accommodate you. One of the considerations for using a child safety seat is whether the seat is usable due to a recall. Graco Children's Products, Inc. just recently released a recall on several of the seats that they produce. "The defect involves difficulty in unlatching the harness buckle. In some cases, the buckle's release button. It may become difficult to remove the child from the seat in the event of an emergency in which a prompt exit from the vehicle is required." (1) This recall will affect several hundred thousand seats. If you registered your seat with Graco when you purchased it, they should be contacting you starting in early April to offer a free replacement buckle. All others will need to contact Graco customer services by telephone to request a replacement buckle, 1(800) 345-4109. Should you need further assistance with this matter, you may contact Leawood Fire Department CPST members.

(1) US DOT, National Highway Traffic Safety Admin.

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Leawood plans for another fire station

BY DOING a little planning for the future, Mayor Al Luxford hopes to save Leawood some money. He wants to buy land for a second fire station now, even though it will probably be a couple years before the station becomes a necessity.

"We already know that we're going to be needing a new fire station in the south part of Leawood," the mayor said. "When that newly annexed area south of I-435 is built up we'll just have to have one."

Right now the Leawood fire department has the best insurance rating a fire department can get in Northeast Johnson County. And that means that when home owners and businessmen buy fire insurance for their property, they can get the lowest rates.

To keep its good insurance rating, Leawood must make certain that each home or building is within a prescribed distance from a fire station or substation. So unless a station is built to take care of the south part of the city the insurance rates will rise.

"It will be a couple of years before the south area is built up," Mayor Luxford said. "But we've got to start thinking about that fire station now. If we don't buy the ground now, we'll end up paying more later on."

Leawood Squire paper from 1967 talks about I-435 south

LFD New Hires



Jason Webb
A 32 year old father of two. Married to Stephanie for eight years. Joined the fire service to help people and the community.

Has always admired the pride and integrity that comes with being in the fire service.



Dylan Alexander: A 20 year old from Shawnee Kansas. Married to Cali for six months. Joined the fire service for the excitement of the job and

being apart of a group that is more of a family than simply co-workers.



After an extensive search, Leawood first fire truck was located. The Leawood Woman's Club bought the 1949 back for the Fire Department. The firefighters performed a remodel to bring it back to top condition. It's now back home at Station 31. Feel free to stop by and see it!



Are you planning a block party or neighborhood event this summer? We would love to come and show off our fire trucks and spray some water!

| City Phone Numbers | |
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| Emergency Fire-Police-Ambulance..... | 911 |
| City Of Leawood..... | (913) 339-6700 |
| Leawood Fire Dept..... | (913) 681-6788 |
| Administration..... | Ext. 10 |
| Station One..... | Ext. 21 |
| Station Two..... | Ext. 24 |
| Station Three..... | Ext. 72 |
| Leawood Police Dept..... | (913) 642-5555 |
| Leawood Public Works..... | (913) 681-6902 |
| Water One..... | (913) 895-1800 |
| Kansas Gas (Emergency)..... | 1(888) 794-4780 |
| KCPL..... | (816) 471-5275 |