

The Leawood Fire Department Presents

"From the Firehouse"

Accreditation has been achieved and what that means...



The Leawood Fire Department became an Internationally Accredited Agency on August 26th, 2015. This milestone came after three years of hard work. The LFD joins a very select group of accredited departments as there are only now 218 in the world. Only 7 of those are in Kansas with 4 being in Johnson County. The LFD is required to submit an Annual Compliance Report and complete the entire accreditation process every five years.

According to CPSE, "Accreditation is a comprehensive self-assessment and evaluation model that enables organizations to examine past, current, and future service levels and internal performance and compare them to industry best practices. This process leads to improved service delivery." (CPSE, 2013)

Fire Safety Week 2015

The first week of October is always a busy week for the Fire Department. This week is recognized around the country as National Fire Safety Week. Utilizing this time to teach children around the city about fire safety is a top priority for the Leawood Fire Department. The theme for this year's week was "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep," which focused on the use of smoke detectors in the home. The kids always enjoy taking time out of their school day to learn from and talk with the firefighters as they teach about fire safety.



Back to School for Many Leawood Firefighters



The Fall 2015 semester marks a big leap forward for the Fire Department. A select group of firefighters began their journey towards certification as Paramedics. Leawood prides itself on providing the best level of care possible for its' citizens, and the move to provide a higher level of medical service only proves that dedication. Paramedics are able to provide patients with the highest level of pre-hospital care.

The paramedic program is an intensive two year course that will require classroom work, as well as hands on experience in hospitals and with other emergency services. The dedication shown by these firefighters displays our dedication to the citizens of Leawood.



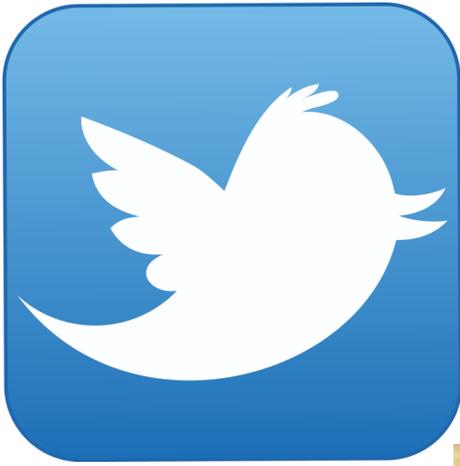
2015 Leawood Open House

On September 9th, the City of Leawood hosted it's annual Open House at the new Leawood Justice Center. Representatives from many city departments were in attendance. The Fire Department had multiple exhibits on display, including:

- **Fire Extinguisher Use:** This exhibit uses a prop to show how to properly use a fire extinguisher. This was a big hit as kids got to put out a real fire!
- **CPR:** This station taught participants how to do "Hands-Only CPR", a simpler form of CPR that does not require mouth-to-mouth breathing.
- **Fire Safety House:** This mobile house shows kids how to be fire safe at home, and the proper way to make an exit drill in case of an emergency.

In addition to all of these stations, the Fire Department had sign-ups for smoke detector installation and multiple fire apparatus on display including the 100 foot aerial ladder.





Twitter is coming soon @lewoodfire. Leawood plans to tweet safety messages, new department equipment delivery, upcoming instructional events, public education events, retirements, new hires, pictures of training events and anything else we can think of!!! Look to follow us in the beginning of 2016.



Consider having an emergency kit in your car for the coming winter. Flash light, warm clothes, water & snacks, flares and anything that would make an extended stay more pleasant!!



Reminder that the Leawood Fire provides CPR / AED & 1st Aid training. Fire Station 33 (14801 Mission Road) hosts a course on the first Saturday of each month. Seats can be secured by going to Leawood.org/fire and finding the CPR course sign up sheet. If a certification card isn't needed, Leawood Fire also teaches hands only CPR that can be presented in shorter time frames.



Leawood Fire has hired Jeff Vaughn as the newest member.

Jeff is 27 years old and has one

daughter. Jeff is from Iowa and has a degree from DeVry University. He is also a certified Paramedic, one of only two currently in the Department.



Members of the Leawood Rescue Team attended training in Salina, KS at the Crisis

City Training Facility. Crisis City provides students a wide array of unique technical rescue simulations and scenarios.



It is difficult to safely rescue people in the aftermath of a natural disaster such as a tornado. Training in Crisis City brings together all facets of rescue into one training ground. One evolution may require you to rescue a vehicle occupant from under a bus and the next evolution will require you to rappel off the side of a four story training tower. Members of The Leawood Fire Department are grateful for the opportunity to attend and improve our skills.

Mission Statement

The Leawood Fire Department will meet the emergency and service needs of our community in a professional, compassionate and timely manner.

