



Essential Information for residents

- Our Fire District is a separate taxing body that relies on property taxes as our funding source. We do not receive services or have any affiliation with the City of Saint Charles.
- Fox River relies on resident's support for funding equipment, vehicles and on duty personnel. In fact, we have only two sources of revenue, property taxes and fees from Ambulance and Rescue calls.
- Our Fire District is recognized annually for its excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).
- During the past three years, the budget has been trimmed to bare minimum. Our budget this year for training and development of our 32 Firefighter/Paramedics is a mere \$4,800.
- The budget to maintain our aging fleet of vehicles and equipment continues to increase annually. Our reserve fire engine was taken out of service because it can no longer meet the NFPA standards.
- The Fire District has already reduced its work force by eliminating one staff officer and 9 full time firefighter/paramedics
- Further reductions can severely impact our ability to service the 38 square miles we cover. This can have a negative impact on your property insurance rates.
- If our referendum request fails in March 2018, the Fire District will have to eliminate 9 firefighter duty positions. This will result in closing one fire station and increasing response times in an emergency.

The Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District is dedicated to serving the community. We all work hard to ensure your safety and we are proud of our challenging work. We look forward to continuing our mission of delivering the best possible fire and ambulance service to our residents.