

OLATHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



Facts, Data, Statistics about the District

Demographics:

- 92 Sq. miles (54,717 acres)
- 7,065 population within 2,364 households per 2010 census data
- Now responding to 1000+ calls per year
- 4 Advanced Life Support Ambulances
- 3 Fire Engines, 2 Brush trucks, 1 Tender and 3 Quick Response Vehicles

Created in 1947, the Olathe Fire Protection District was formed to provide the fire suppression needs for the Olathe community.

In 2002, the ambulance service was brought into the picture to further support the community with emergent medical needs.

2018 saw the implementation of inter-facility transfers (hospital to hospital medically needed transports).

2021 presents the first FF/EMT's for the Olathe community, responding to any emergency situation dispatch.

Fire

OFPD, historically, is a volunteer dependent department with volunteers from all walks of life: business owners, teachers, farmers, road workers, repair tech's, regular everyday workers, who leave their jobs to serve the Olathe community for its fire suppression needs. Now, FF/EMT's are scheduled around the clock to respond with supplementation from the volunteers when needed, with current response times averaging 1 –2 minutes out the door and 5 –15 minutes on scene depending on location. Ongoing trainings keep firefighters trained with modern methods to provide professional suppression services and education to the community. Please contact our district office to schedule a tour of the facility or education about fire safety for your group.

Engine 1 is a 2004 International Pierce Pumper fire truck with a 1000 gallon capacity pumpable at a rate of 1000 GPM.

Engine 2 is a 1997 Freightliner Pumper fire truck also with 1000 gallon capacity pumpable at 1000GPM.



The Tender is a 3,000 gallon capacity water truck that provides additional water source for the pumps. It is a 1993 converted Mack truck. OFPD is currently seeking a newer alternative to better serve the community.

2 Brush trucks provide 750 gallons of water to mitigate field and ditch fires or to provide additional support for the fire trucks.

Fire Hydrants located throughout the district provide necessary water sources as well as seasonal ditches. Please contact the district office if you are in need of specific information regarding fire suppression provisions.

Emergency Medical Services

Paramedics and EMT's responding to medical emergencies are professionally trained individuals that maintain certification levels required by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

4 ambulances are at the ready for emergent medical needs with advanced life support services. OFPD responders have the necessary training, equipment and medical supplies for situations requiring urgent medical care while transporting patients to either the Montrose Memorial Hospital or the Delta County Memorial Hospital.

Beginning January 2021, FF/EMT's are scheduled around the clock with PRN's that respond from Station 1, located centrally within the district at 406 S. 5th St., Olathe CO. OFPD currently has a roster of 25 individuals providing a 3 –7 minute response time, depending on the location of the emergency. The QRV's are equipped with medical supplies to handle an emergency until the ambulance arrives and they can respond directly from their location for the quickest possible response time to emergencies.



Inter-Facility Transports

Paramedics and EMT's are also available to transport loved ones to a higher level of care when medically necessary. This includes facilities located across the Western Slope (St. Mary's Medical Center and Community Hospital in Grand Junction) and to facilities in Denver and other areas of the Front Range, as well as to areas in neighboring states. A second crew is scheduled for these transfers, being dispatched at the time the transfer is needed and responding to the hospital within 45 minutes to an hour.

OFPD also works with local flight crews to coordinate patient transfers via CareFlight and other jet crews to facilitate quicker transport to a higher level of care.

OFPD's ambulance service bills patient insurances directly and proceeds are used to support payroll needs for the district.



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