



The mission of the Saugatuck Township Fire District (STFD) is to serve the public by reducing deaths, injuries, and minimizing property loss from fires, motor vehicle accidents, hazardous material incidents, medical emergencies and any other crisis.

We strive to achieve this mission through diligent training and the best of equipment, teamed with dedication and professionalism, while maintaining cost-effective management of public funds.

Our success relies upon a dedicated organization which understands that the future will be determined by the use of our most valuable resource ... our personnel.



Saugatuck Township Fire District (STFD) is always looking for hard working and dedicated individuals to join our ranks.

Candidates (male or female) must be at least 18 years of age, live within our service area and have the ability to become a certified Firefighter/ Emergency Medical Responder.

Saugatuck Township Fire District provides a vast array of emergency and non-emergency services including fire fighting, vehicle extrication, medical first response service and fire prevention programs. STFD will provide all the training needed to prepare you to serve your community.

Get a **PREVIEW** of what we do by attending our 6 pm training sessions every second and fourth Wednesday at the fire station.

For more information, visit us at 3342 Blue Star Highway or call 269-857-3000.



Fire Chief/Fire Marshal
Greg Janik

3342 Blue Star Highway,
Saugatuck MI 49453

For all emergencies call 911

For non-emergencies and burn permits
call 269-857-3000





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We've got you covered.

On weekdays, the fire station is manned by a day crew of full-time employees. In addition, the day crew is backed up by a roster of paid-on-call firefighters who respond as soon as a 911 call is activated. A rotating duty crew is assigned to cover medical calls on nights and weekends.

On average, STFD responds to 700 emergency calls per year. The amount of medical calls has been steadily rising every year and now makes up 80% off all calls.

Good to know: Fire Inspections

All businesses and rental properties located within the district must be inspected by the Fire Department in accordance with local ordinances.

What do today's firefighters do?

Incident response: Every incident begins with a call for help. All firefighters carry a radio or pager to receive 911 alerts. They report to the station, don protective clothing and drive the appropriate apparatus (engine, truck, all-terrain vehicle, boat) to the scene.

Classic fire fighting tasks include:

- PUMP OPERATIONS supply water at appropriate pressure and volume.
- HOSE/EXTINGUISHER FIRE ATTACK douse flames with water and foam.
- MECHANICAL and MANUAL LADDER OPERATIONS rescue victims and give access for ventilation.
- FORCIBLE ENTRY breaks, pries, or cuts open structures or vehicles for emergency access.
- VENTILATION cuts holes in structures and uses fans to disburse heat and smoke.
- SEARCH and RESCUE finds victims and moves them away from emergency areas or extricates them from entrapments.
- SALVAGE operations remove and cover property, cover holes in structures and stabilize damaged structural components to minimize future damage.
- OVERHAUL operations open up walls, ceilings and floors and turns over debris to find hidden fires which could rekindle or spread.
- CLEAN-UP/PICK-UP returns equipment to fire vehicles so the company is ready for the next call.

Extinguishing fires is just a part of the picture. In fact, only 20% of 911 calls are fire related. The other 80% are requests for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) such as heart attacks, car wrecks, drownings, home accidents, falls and lift assists.

- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE begins with a patient evaluation. First aid is given. Vital signs are recorded and the patient is prepared for transport to a hospital, if required.

Other firefighter tasks include:

- EQUIPMENT and STATION MAINTENANCE.
- INSPECTION of BUILDINGS and FIRE PROTECTION DEVICES like alarms, hydrants, sprinklers and standpipes.
- FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION
- TRAINING drills and classes to hone job-related skills.
- REPORTING of medical calls to the State of Michigan and all calls to FEMA, as required.

Help us locate you in an emergency.

Make sure your building or home's street address number is easy to see from the road, even at night. We offer green, reflective mailbox-post signs to help us find you faster.

Why you want a burn permit.

Call the station for a burn permit on the day you wish to burn. Unless the DNR has forbidden burning due to wind or drought, we'll note your address so if a neighbor or passerby sees smoke and calls 911 you won't get an unnecessary visit from the fire department. It's worth the call.

