

Oak Cliff FPD FAQ's/Facts:

How is the Oak Cliff FPD funded?

As the Oak Cliff FPD is an Oklahoma Title 19-901 fire protection district, it is funded through special assessment fees, similar to ad valorem taxes. Currently, the OCFPD receives 7.22 mills from Logan County. Unless the resident pays their taxes directly, usually these fees come out of the escrow account on the mortgage.

According to ACOG 911, in 2023 the average home value in Oak Cliff FPD was \$419,043. The assessed value of that home would be \$46,094.73, which is 11% of the taxable market value. In Logan County it would contribute \$332.80 each year or \$27.73 per month.

On August 27th, 2024, the citizens of Oak Cliff FPD will have the opportunity to vote to increase the millage rate to 10 mills. Based off the average home value (\$419,043.00), this would equate to an increase of \$128.15 per year. For those that have escrow accounts on their mortgage, this increase would amount to \$10.68 per month. Depending on home value, this increase could be a little more or less for the citizens.

What is the Oak Cliff FPD budget?

FYE 2024 budget was \$1,106,877.00. FYE 2025 is \$1,248,694.00. The increase is due to the areas we serve are the fastest growing areas in Logan County. Here are some comparisons between some of the OKC metro fire departments based on size and call volume:

Department	Budget	Square Miles	Population 2023	Call Volume 2023
Oak Cliff FPD	\$1,248,694	38 sq. mi.	15,000 +	1165
Deer Creek FPD	\$1,087,500	52.5 sq. mi.	9,243	676
Warr Acres FD	\$2,226,311	2.8 sq. mi.	10,335	1,800
Bethany FD	\$2,758,303	5.2 sq. mi.	20,261	3,200
The Village FD	\$2,898,550	2.6 sq. mi.	9,318	1,650
Nichols Hills FD	\$3,256,200	2.4 sq. mi.	3,826	750
Mustang FD	\$3,762,206	12.1 sq. mi.	24,340	2,000
Guthrie FD	\$3,951,861	18.4 sq. mi.	11,394	4,000
Edmond FD	\$28,841,597	87.9 sq. mi.	97,054	10,000
OKC FD	\$222,330,893	621 sq. mi.	702,767	70,000

**Some of these departments do not have to budget for fuel, utilities, capital expenses etc... as those items may be covered by separate municipal expenditures for the entire municipality.*

What is the growth like in Oak Cliff FPD?

The Oak Cliff FPD has always struggled to keep up with the growth of the area, but our growth has been exponential since the turn of the 21st century. Here are some numbers:

Population in 2000 was ± 6,500 call volume 334

Population in 2010 was ± 9,500 call volume 669 (47% population growth, 100% call volume growth in 10yrs)

Population in 2020 was ± 15,000 call volume 1022 (58% population growth, 53% call volume growth in 10yrs)

From 2000 to 2020 the district experienced 131% population growth and 206% call volume growth.

How is the Oak Cliff FPD staffed?

OCFPD began as a fully volunteer fire department. In the early 2000s, and with the increase in call volume, nightshifts were assigned to volunteers. The district added its first part-time paid firefighter in 2008, placing one firefighter at the station from 8am-4pm on weekdays with our volunteers assigned to shift nights to be dedicated responders on certain nights of the week, but this still meant them responding to the station and then to the location of the call. OCFPD remodeled Station 1, adding living quarters in 2000 to allow for our nighttime staffing. Station 2 was built in 2008 and the district continues to staff it as often as possible. In 2012, the first full-time firefighters were hired and placed on a Kelly shift (one firefighter per shift), and Fire Chief's position went fulltime in 2017. OCFPD is now staffed with a minimum of four firefighters every day of the week. Our volunteers are assigned night shifts and may pick up open day shifts. Due to the dedication of our volunteers and Fire Chiefs, our station is staffed with a minimum of four firefighters, 24/7/365.

What is the Oak Cliff FPD Insurance Service Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification Rating?

Our ISO PPC rating is a 2, placing us in the top 3% of fire departments in the state and nation. ISO PPC ratings are based on a 1-10 scale with 1 being the best. ISO PPC ratings are often used to help insurance companies determine property insurance rates. In 2021 when Oak Cliff secured the ISO PPC rating of 2, it saved the citizens of our district between 25%-35% on their home insurance premiums.

What type of responses does the Oak Cliff FPD average?

Our response summary from 2023 was a total of 1165 calls. Of those, 42.83% were fires, 57.17% were rescue/EMS.

Our response summary from 2022 was a total of 1209 calls. Of those, 48.22% were fires, 51.78% were rescue/EMS.

The percentage drop between 2022 and 2023 was due to OCFPD not having to respond to as many EMS calls outside our district.

The OCFPD averages 20%-25% overlapping calls annually. Meaning that every 4th incident we are dispatched to, our resources are dedicated to the previous incident.

The fires range from structure fires, grass fires, crop fires, vehicle fires, dumpster fires, and fire alarms. The rescue/EMS calls include all medical calls, motor vehicle crashes (MVC's), swift water rescues, good intent calls, medical alarms, public assists, lift assists, agency assists (police, county, etc.), animal rescues, and lock outs.

What level of services does the Oak Cliff FPD provide?

The Oak Cliff FPD provides a wide range of services to our community aside from the usual fire services. In terms of capabilities on other emergency calls we perform at the "Operations level" in Hazardous Materials response and Swift Water Rescue. We also perform Vehicle Extrication as needed on Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVCs). The Oak Cliff FPD is a state certified Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) agency with individual protocols from the EMR level (first response) up through Paramedic level (advanced life support). We also do public education at schools, churches, and local organizations. We participate whenever possible within our community to help provide safety, education, and a good time.

What departments aid the Oak Cliff FPD and who do we aid?

To clarify, automatic aid means that we do not have to request the other department to respond as it is built into the dispatch plan and is automatically done for us. Mutual aid means that we have to request the other department and resources that we need from dispatch. All of the departments that we have agreements with respond to us and us to them. The Oak Cliff FPD has automatic aid agreements with Deer Creek FPD, Edmond FD, Guthrie FD, Sooner FD and Woodcrest FPD. We also have informal mutual aid agreements with all Fire department agencies in Logan County. Outside of our 38 square miles of fire district, the Oak Cliff FPD responds to approximately another 150 square miles of designated automatic aid areas.

The Oak Cliff FPD also belongs to one task force group, which is the Logan County Wildland Task Force Group. Our members have gone on task force deployments for large wildfires as far North as the Kansas, West to the Texas border, and as far South as Medicine Park. We have also deployed with task forces to assist with search and rescue efforts after tornados in Moore.

What makes the Oak Cliff FPD unique?

Being a Title 19-901 fire protection district makes us one of 29 FPD's in Oklahoma. Title 19-901 FPD's only make up 3.8% of fire departments in Oklahoma. Title 19-901 FPD's only exist in 14 counties. As a Title 19-901 FPD we only cover unincorporated areas and our budget is solely our budget.

Being a combination fire department that is mostly volunteer puts us in a group that makes up only 9.9% of Oklahoma fire departments. We have only been considered a combination fire department since 2012 according to state statutes. This places us in an even lesser percentage as a newer combination fire department.

We were one of the first departments in Oklahoma to utilize overnight staffing of volunteers, which we started in the early 2000s. Our volunteers were assigned to nights in order to ensure someone was available to respond to any kind of call overnight. Our volunteers average 4-5 nights each month at our stations purely for the opportunity to serve.

The Oak Cliff FPD is a "farm team" for the larger metropolitan fire departments in Oklahoma. We have lost many volunteer members to larger paid fire departments. At first, it was seen as a problem. Eventually, we embraced it and now we have former members all over the state continuing to serve. We believe that the level of expectations we set for our volunteers, personally and professionally, makes them exemplary employees for the other departments, and for that reason we are proud to be known as a place people are referred to in order to gain experience.

Quick Facts:

Square Miles: 38 sq. mi.

Stations: Station 1- 13425 South Bryant Ave. (Simmons and Bryant)

Station 2- 12037 S. Santa Fe. (Charter Oak and Santa Fe.)

Recent Call Volume: 1100-1200 per year

Staffing: Minimum staffing at all times is 4 personnel

Roster: 9 full-time, 3 Chiefs, and up to 40 volunteers (limited to 20/station by state statute)

Apparatus:

Station 1	Station 2
Engine 91 (2020)	Engine 92 (2006)
Quint 91 (2003)	Tanker 92 (2010)
Squad 91 (2020)	Brush 92 (2015)
Tanker 91 (2018)	Air/Lights Trailer(2003)
Brush 91 (2015)	
Engine 93 (1999)-Reserve	
Tanker 93 (2000)-Reserve	
Brush 93 (2006)-Reserve	

Command 900 – take home vehicle for the Fire Chief

Command 901 – take home vehicle for Deputy Chief of Administration

Command 902 – take home vehicle for Deputy Chief of Operations