

State of the District 2017

This was a banner year for the Cahaba Valley Fire & EMR district. After an inspection by the Services Office (ISO), the public protection classification was upgraded to a class 2/2X. This Insurance classification is considered by individual insurance companies in setting homeowners insurance rates. We are proud to have done this after a long term plan to upgrade and improve services through increased manning and sufficient equipment to meet the requirements.

In the past year CVFD:

- Received grant for heart monitors and extrication equipment to replace older and outdated equipment thus allowing us to provide the best pre-hospital care to those in our district. These grants come with no cost to the Fire District.
- Enhanced our ability to transmit 12 lead EKG's to the hospital prior to transport to allow hospitals adequate time to prepare for patient arrival in the event of a cardiac emergency.
- In the process of replacing standard light bulbs with LED bulbs to be more energy efficient.
- Designed program to track medical supplies in house to cut down on expenses.
- Successfully remodeled a bathroom at The Narrows Fire Station with the talents of on duty personnel saving thousands of dollars

In the coming year CVFD will:

- Continue to improve our in house maintenance program with additional training cutting down on the need to outsource maintenance and doing this with on duty personnel to cut down on extra personnel labor costs. This includes the special talents of two of our employees who are able to install emergency lights in our vehicles as well.
- Continue with plans to build a station north of Shoal Creek to serve a growing need for services along the Dunnavant Highway
- Continue to remount ambulances to cut costs of buying new units saving tens of thousands of dollars for each truck.
- Continue to work and design our resident firefighter program to bring in talented firefighters which helps keep personnel cost low
- Continue to use three longtime volunteer members of our department to function as Incident Safety Officers and Public Information Officers for our department. They receive no compensation and provide additional staffing that in most departments would cost three paid positions. These individuals have over 80 years of fire service experience among them.
- Continue to meet the high expectation of the members of the district and provide the outstanding service they deserve.