



# 2025 Firefighter Orientation

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Village of Bradley Fire Department



# Agenda/Topics To Be Covered

- History of the Fire Department
- Service Area
- Station and Equipment
- Department Organization
- Firefighter Qualifications
- Firefighter Expectations
- Six Basic Rules for Success
- Summary



# History of the Department

- Bradley Fire Department was established in 1892.
- In the beginning, fire personnel were alerted about fires by loud sirens that would sound throughout the village.
- When technology advanced, the fire personnel's home phone then began to ring to notify them of emergencies. This system is known as the "fire phone." The phone constantly rings until picked up and the dispatcher is heard over the phone line.



# Service Area

- Village of Bradley, IL – Population 15,800 with area of 7 square miles
- The Village has four major boundary lines
  - East – Cardinal Drive
  - West – Kankakee River
  - North – 6000 North Road
  - South – Brookmont Blvd.
- Exposures include heavily traveled major highways, railways & waterways.
- Provide protection to large commercial, retail and industrial complexes. As well as churches, schools, motels and hotels of all levels.



## Station and Equipment

- Fire Station is located at the Municipal Complex at 147 S. Michigan Ave, Bradley Station 2 is located at at 1690 New Towne Road
  - 3 ALS Engines
  - 1 Aerial Ladder Truck (105' Feet)
  - 4 Advance Life Support Ambulances
  - 1 Command Squad



# Department Organization

- **Composed of Five Bureaus**

- Fire Suppression
- Emergency Medical Service
- Fire Prevention
- Training
- Maintenance

- **Positions include**

- 1 Fire Chief
- 1 Deputy Fire Chief
- 3 Lieutenants
- 12 Firefighter/Paramedics
- 8 Part-time  
Paramedic/Firefighter/EMTs

- Of the above listed personnel, 12 are full-time career positions.
- Career firefighters are proud members of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 4288.
- Career firefighters normally work a 24 hour on, 48 hour off work schedule as determined by the Fire Chief.

# Firefighter Qualifications

- 21 years of age (19 if applicant has two years of fire science studies)
- High School graduate or possess a GED
- Be a United States Citizen
- Be of Good Moral Character
- Successful completion of State Certified Basic Operations Fire-Fighter Course
- Successful completion of State Certified EMT-B and State Certified Paramedic Training
- Successful Completion of the following is also required:
  - Written Examination
  - Physical Agility Exam
  - Background Exam
  - Oral Interview
  - Psychological Testing
  - Polygraph Examination
  - Drug Screening
  - Medical Examination
  - Establish area residency within 60 miles



# Firefighter Expectations

- **Fire Suppression** - includes structure, vehicle and wild land fires etc.
- **Fire Prevention, Public Education and Code Enforcement**
- **EMS** – from performing blood pressure screenings to cardiac events, to road accidents and rescue incidents are all integral duties.
- **Vehicle Inspections** - daily maintenance and rig inspections, preventative maintenance and minor repairs are performed by in-house personnel.
- **Building Maintenance** - includes regular house duties performed by shift personnel.
- **Physical Fitness** – due to the physical demands on all firefighters, all are required to participate in physical fitness programs designed to increase health and stamina



# Six Basic Rules for Success

- Learn, and be sincerely interested in, and dedicated to your job.
- Be loyal to your department and co-workers.
- Be aggressive in the pursuit of all education and training opportunities.
- Be cautious. Guard your speech both on and off duty.
- Be the type of person who inspires confidence and respect.
- Be able to accept criticism graciously and accept praise, honors and advancement modestly.
- Be not only a personal success in the fire service, but be successful in our department.

# Summary

- The Learning Process never ends. Training and education must be ongoing
- The Bradley Fire Department's quest is to maintain excellently trained firefighters that can work together as a team.
- In your career, you need to keep up with the ever-changing hazards around us.
- We must maintain our composure and be courteous to the public at all times.
- **Above all, maintain a high sense of loyalty, dedication and morale to the fire service and the citizens we serve.**