



City of Sidney Department of Fire & Emergency Services



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Department Information

How many calls does the department respond to in a year?

In 2024 the department responded to 3,989 calls for service. This call volume averages out to be almost 11 EMS and Fire calls a day.

What is the base salary?

For 2025, the starting base salary for a noncertified trainee is \$64,547. Once certified as a Firefighter and Paramedic, the pay range is \$67,907—\$84,143.

Do you respond to more fire calls or EMS calls?

In 2023 the department responded to 2,886 EMS calls and 1,080 fire calls.



What hours do the crews work?

SFD operates in 3 Crews: A Crew, B Crew, and C Crew. Each crew works a full 24 hour shift (7:00am-7:00am) and then has 48 hours off duty.

SFD Overview

The Department of Fire & Emergency Services is a full-service, full-time career department that delivers a wide range of professional fire protection services. The Department consists of three divisions: Administration, Operations, and Prevention.

The Operations Division is responsible for the day-to-day delivery of emergency services including fire suppression, emergency medical service calls, hazardous materials mitigation, technical rescue including auto extrication, trench, rope, confined space, and swift water. The Operations Division also maintains the department fleet and conducts pre-emergency planning inspections of target buildings throughout the community.

The Administration Division is responsible for management of all fiscal, human, and physical resources as well as the overall operation of a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week organization.

The Prevention Division is responsible for all facets of the City's Fire Prevention Program. This program includes an aggressive inspection program, fire safety education, fire investigation,



Become a Firefighter/Paramedic

How do I become a Firefighter/Paramedic?

Minimum Qualifications:

- High school Diploma or GED equivalent.
- At least 18 years of age and no more than 41 years of age at the time of appointment.
- Have or be able to obtain a valid Ohio Driver's License.



Application and Testing Process:

- Complete application process. Successfully pass Civil Service Entrance Examination and selection process. Bonus points earned with military service, degrees, fire and EMS certifications. The process includes, interviews, background inquiries, physical examination, polygraph testing and psychological profile.
- After appointment the successful candidate must be able to obtain certifications within 36 months and maintain Fire Fighter Level II and EMT-Paramedic certification for their career.