

History of the Clarkdale Fire District

A page of an old journal records a meeting held on May 5, 1914 to “reorganize the department for protection of the Town of Clarkdale and this department was to be separate and independent of the smelter fire department”. Officers were elected and two fire companies were established. On May 11, 1914, meeting minutes record the use of the Santa Fe whistle and pistol shots to signal for apparatus.

July 1, 1957 the Town of Clarkdale incorporated. The Clarkdale Fire Department operated for many years as a municipal, all-volunteer department.

In February 1996 the first full-time paid Fire Chief was hired. On July 1, 1999 the first full-time paid firefighter/EMT was hired.

In 2003 a group of citizens first came together to begin the daunting task of forming a fire district. Through the tireless efforts of several volunteers, the Clarkdale Fire Department became the Clarkdale Fire District on November 30, 2006.

The District has paid, reserve and volunteer personnel who are dedicated to providing the highest level of professional emergency services 24-hours a day, seven days a week..

Key Lock Boxes

A fairly new tool for emergency responders is key lock boxes. These heavy-duty secure lock boxes are installed at a structure and contain entry keys to the structure. Only emergency personnel have the lock box key, so in an emergency they can easily gain access to the building.

One Fire Department master key will open all the lock boxes installed in the District. This saves precious time and can consequently spare property damage caused for forced entries.

In Clarkdale we already have businesses and homeowners taking advantage of lock boxes. Though every property owner can benefit from this program, it is especially useful for elderly persons who may fall and not be able to let responders into the home.

The District encourages homeowners who have gated driveways to install a similar device that allows personnel to open the gate with a master key. Although some homeowners have given the District gate codes, it is understandably not the best option for personnel to be looking up codes in a book during an emergency.

For more information on key lock boxes contact the Clarkdale Fire District.

Please make sure your address is clearly visible from the roadway.



It is the vision of the Clarkdale Fire District to be known as an innovative, efficient and fiscally responsible department which provides exceptional service through a team of professional, compassionate and dedicated personnel.

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Services

The Clarkdale Fire District offers the following services.



Smoke Detector Checks

Smoke detectors should be checked once a month and batteries replaced annually. Need assistance? Call us and we will check them and change the batteries for free.



Defensible Space Plans

The Clarkdale Fire District is committed to fire prevention. For this reason, we offer free assistance with developing a defensible space plan for your home or business.



Home Fire Safety Inspections

We welcome the opportunity to conduct a free safety inspection and offer suggestions how to make your home a safer place.



Speakers and station tours available for groups.

Call for more information.

639-4591



Blood Pressure Checks

Need your blood pressure checked? Stop by Station #21 at 895 First North Street, we will check it for free. To make sure we are available call ahead, 639-4591.



CPR and First Aid Classes

The Clarkdale Fire District has instructors certified to teach Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid. According to the American Heart Association, effective bystander CPR, provided immediately after cardiac arrest, can double a victim's chance of survival!

Classes are normally offered monthly, however we will make special accommodations for groups. Please contact us for the class schedule and to register.

Class fee: \$35.00



Burn Permits

Residents of the District may obtain free "permanent" burn permits at the Clarkdale Fire Station #21 on Ninth Street.

Protect Your Home Create Defensible Space

Wildfires strike quickly and without warning. Following are some tips to help protect your home.

- Keep burnable materials at least 30ft from your home and outbuildings. Clear a 10ft area around wood piles, propane tanks and barbecues.
- Clear pine needles, leaves and other debris from your yard, roof and gutters. Remove overhanging and dead limbs.
- Keep grass and weeds trimmed to less than 4". Thin a 15ft space between tree crowns, and remove limbs within 15ft of the ground. Consider removing highly flammable shrubs (Juniper, Bitterbrush & Manzanita).
- Inspect chimneys at least twice a year. Equip chimneys/stovepipes with a spark arrester.
- Use 1/8" mesh screen beneath porches, decks, floor areas and the home itself. Also screen openings to floors, roof and attic.
- Ensure adequate accessibility by large fire vehicles to your property. Clear vegetation/tree limbs 13ft high and 2ft out from both sides of your road/driveway. Post easy-to-read address signs.
- Teach children about fire safety. Keep matches out of their reach.
- Have a garden hose that is long enough to reach any area of the home and other structures on the property.
- Store gasoline, oily rags, etc. in approved safety cans and place them in a safe location.
- Keep handy household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, axe, handsaw or chainsaw, bucket and shovel.

For more information visit firewise.org or call Clarkdale Fire District.