

AVALON FIRE / RESCUE

NEWSLETTER

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Fire Commissioners Meeting held the first and third Monday of each month at the North Station. 7 PM. Please attend and see your tax dollars at work.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

To get an application to volunteer you can:

- Go to our Web Site at www.avfire.com to download application and bring by the Station 1.
- Come by Station 1 for application.

Message from the Chairman Rod Johnson

The Avalon Fire/Rescue District was originally organized as a volunteer fire department in 1964. In 1980 The Legislature approved forming the Avalon Beach-Mulat Fire Protection District subject to voter approval. You the voters gave that approval in the next election. In 2005 all special taxing districts were required to reorganize according to a new set of statutory requirements. We did so in Special Session Law 2005-347. This new law gave us a second name of Avalon/ Fire Rescue District. Since 1980 the District has operated within a 1 mill tax levy.

Times have changed and training demands for volunteers have increased dramatically. The minimum training required for a volunteer firefighter is now 262 hours of classroom work and rigorous physical testing. The District has initiated a policy of paying for this training with the promise of the firefighter to volunteer with us for two years. This same training qualifies a fire fighter to hold a paid position. Demands for daytime volunteers often outstrip those available and therefore the district is moving towards daytime paid firefighters. However, this all needs to be accomplished within the available budget.

We do have a paid Fire Chief, Sid Wiggins, who does a miraculous job of balancing everything and delivers top quality fire and rescue services to our community.

I have been fortunate to serve as a Commissioner since 1990 and as Commission Chairperson since 2000. We have a great bunch of Commissioners who meet on the first and third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM to address the business of fire and rescue for our community. Join us if you have any questions.



Newest firetruck of Avalon Fire/Rescue. 2009 E-One Fire/Rescue Pumper. 1000 gallons of water and 35 gallons of foam. Latest extrication equipment. Crew of 5.

2009 Total YTD Avalon Fire/Rescue Calls Indistrict

Structure Fire	7
Vehicle Fire	18
Grass/Woods/Trash Fire	38
Power Lines	8
MVA	95
Medical	301
Gas Leak	7
Water Emergency	8
False Alarm	15
Misc	36

Mutual Aid Outside District

Structure Fire	60
Vehicle Fire	0
Power Lines/Pole Fire	0
Grass/Woods Fire	7
MVA	9
Medical	7
Fuel Leak	0
Gas Leak	1
False Alarm	5
Misc	13

TOTAL CALLS 2009 #635

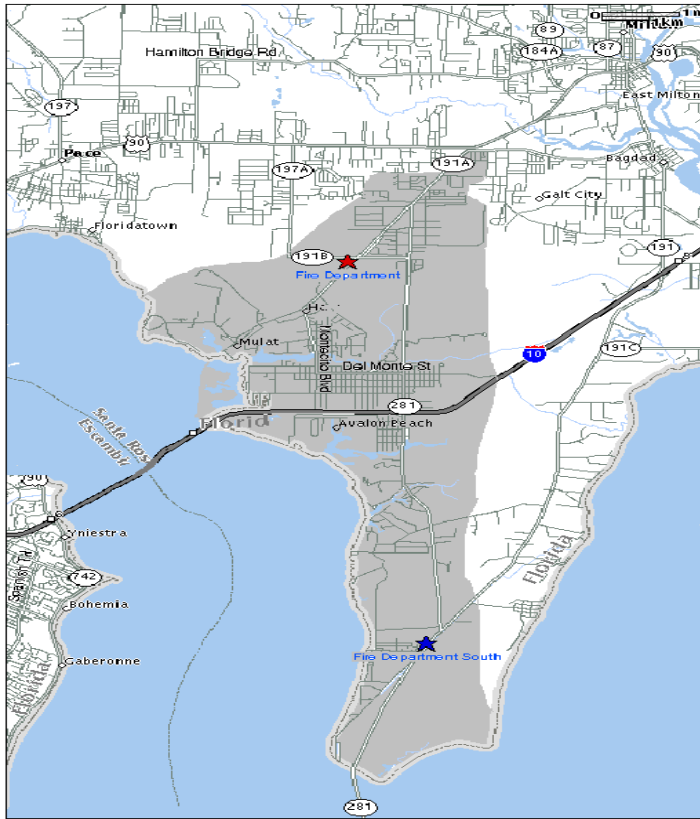
2010 Total YTD Avalon Fire/Rescue Calls Indistrict

Structure Fire	12
Vehicle Fire	6
Grass/Woods/Trash Fire	39
Power Lines	3
MVA	155
Medical	308
Gas Leak	5
Water Emergency	7
False Alarm	9
Misc	31

Mutual Aid Outside District

Structure Fire	67
Vehicle Fire	0
Power Lines/Pole Fire	0
Grass/Woods Fire	10
MVA	15
Medical	6
Fuel Leak	0
Gas Leak	0
False Alarm	3
Misc	10

TOTAL CALLS 2010 #686



Avalon Fire / Rescue Coverage Area

The minimum Cost to outfit a Firefighter

Turnouts (pant/jacket) -	\$1650.00
Helmet-	\$ 219.00
Gloves-	\$ 65.00
Boots -	\$ 279.00
Auto X Gloves-	\$ 45.00
Hood-	\$ 32.00
Accountability Tags-	\$ 20.00
Pager-	\$ 480.00
Total to outfit Firefighter	\$2790.00
Insurance - Life/Worker Comp for the individual member	\$ 500.00 year
Training Budget [in house] -	\$6000.00 a year for the department.

**BUDGET SUMMARY
AVALON FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2009 – 2010**

THE PROPOSED OPERATION BUDGET EXPENDITURE OF THE AVALON FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT IS 7.8% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATION EXPENDITURE
Millage – 1.0 Mills

Income:	
Taxes	\$302,500
Interest	\$ 3,000
Impact Fees	\$ 0
Total Income	\$305,500
Expenses:	
Admin + Salaries	\$ 76,003
Insurance	\$ 37,718
Utilities	\$ 14,775
Fire/Medical	\$ 63,750
Building Maintenance	\$ 6,000
Collection Fees/Discounts	\$ 18,000
Capital Improvements	\$ 89,254
Total Expenses	\$305,500

**BUDGET SUMMARY
AVALON FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2010 – 2011**

THE PROPOSED OPERATION BUDGET EXPENDITURE OF THE AVALON FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT IS 5.35% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATION EXPENDITURE
Millage – 1.0 Mills

Income:	
Taxes	\$287,144
Interest	\$ 1,000
Impact Fees	\$ 1,000
Total Income	\$289,144
Expenses:	
Admin + Salaries	\$ 83,840
Insurance	\$ 35,345
Utilities	\$ 14,310
Fire/Medical	\$ 52,600
Building Maintenance	\$ 6,400
Collection Fees/Discounts	\$ 15,000
Capital Improvements	\$ 81,649
Total Expenses	\$289,144

TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER THE FOLLOWING NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED

Validation of the following:

- Applicant is a minimum of 18 years old.
- Applicant is a high school graduate or equivalent.
- Applicant has not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor as defined by statute.
- Applicant is of good moral character.
- Applicant is in good physical condition as determined by examination by a physician as defined by statute.
- Applicant has a fingerprint card on file with the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training.
- NIMS Training (ICS100 & IS700) Online
- Wildland Firefighter (S130 & S190) 16 hrs
- EMS First Responder or equivalent 40 hrs
- Firefighter I 206 hrs
- **Minimum Hours to be Volunteer FF**
- **262 Classroom Hrs.**

Go to below site for complete information:

<http://www.myfloridacfo.com/SFM/bfst/Standard/StdFF1Cert.htm>