

4.2 Fire Protection

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Assessment Process	
A.	The assessment of needs, wants, and resources is achieved by surveys, town meetings, brain storming, focus group studies, and mayoral-appointed advisory committees.
Program Standards	
A.	Organization: The Lamar Fire Department is under the direction of Mayor Keith Divine. It consists of one chief, an assistant chief, a training officer, two captains, five drivers, and fourteen firefighters. One person is on duty at the station at all times. Each shift consists of twenty-four hours on and forty-eight hours off and is covered by three full-time firefighters and two part-time firefighters.
B.	Mission Statement: It is the policy of the Lamar Fire Department to provide and to operate with the highest possible levels of safety and health for all members and residents. The prevention and reduction of accidents, injuries, and occupational illnesses are goals of the fire department and shall be the primary considerations at all times. This concern for safety and health applies to all members of the fire department and to any other persons who may be involved in fire department activities.
C.	<p>Community Rating: The City of Lamar has a Class 6 rating and is working toward a Class 5. The last ISO Survey was conducted in 1995. Since that time, many changes in our water distribution system have been made and additional fire hydrants have been installed. In 2002, Lamar added a Class A, 1500 gallon per minute (gpm) fire protection vehicle. A list of current pumpers is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2002 Freightliner 1500 gpm • 1997 Freightliner(same) • 1986 Ford 1000 gpm • 1970 Chevrolet (Reserve) 750 gpm <p>Lamar also has a 2001 Freightliner 2600 gallon tanker truck and a 1983 Chevrolet 4 by 4 Brush Unit.</p>
D.	Codes: The Basic Building Code (B.O.C.A.) has been adopted and implemented in Lamar.
E.	<p>Training:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently, of the twenty-four firefighters on the department, fourteen are trained at the Firefighter I level. In addition, this staff has two paramedics, four EMT's, and three first responders. 2. Lamar's training officer is a qualified instructor with the Missouri Division of Fire Safety. Training drills are conducted monthly. 3. Additionally, at least four people attend the Winter and Summer Fire Schools conducted by the University of Missouri. Training is also received through the Regional Fire School and other classes conducted by the Ozark Gateway Fire Chiefs Association.
F.	Public Fire Education: Annually during Fire Protection Week, Lamar firefighters visit the Lamar Elementary School (Grades K-4) classes for a fire education program where they distribute information to the students. Preschool students tour the fire station and are given a program by volunteers dressed in full gear. The station is always open for tours and equipment demonstrations to any group or individual.

Program Goals and Planning

Goal	General Expansion Activities
Strategy	Increase the department's capacity to provide adequate fire protection and prevention activities to the City of Lamar: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add and update equipment• Increase size of staff• Continue training of staff• Community awareness activities• Fire prevention education
Funding	City of Lamar General Revenue Fund
Goal Evaluation	Completion of activities, reduction in damages to life and property by fire, improvement in Lamar's insurance rating.

Program Evaluation

The success of Fire Protection endeavors for Lamar are addressed through:

- Mayoral-appointed advisory committees
- Monthly focus group sessions conducted by the Chamber of Commerce
- Annual Surveys of the local business community