

How many firefighters are on duty?

Currently there are 8 firefighters assigned to each shift with a minimum staffing of 5.

What are the work hours of firefighters?

Firefighters work 24 hour shifts each starting at 7:00 AM. Each shift is on a three day rotation.

Does the Fremont Fire Department respond outside of its jurisdiction?

Yes, the Fremont Fire Department has mutual aid agreements with surrounding jurisdictions. The area departments also have mutual aid agreements with us. This allows us to pool resources to make the safest and most efficient response to community wide emergencies.

Can I have a recreational fire, bonfire, or outdoor fireplace?

The Fremont Fire Department enforces the Ohio Fire Code.

Open burning is allowed but adherence to the State law must be followed.

- Recreation Fire: Shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material and requires a site visit by one of our Fire Safety Inspectors prior to lighting.
- Bonfire: Shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material. A permit shall be obtained from the Fire Department: [Burn Permit](#)
- Outdoor Fireplace: Must be used according to the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.

All fires listed above must be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one fire extinguisher with a 4A rating or other on site extinguishing media (garden hose, 5 gallon bucket of water) shall be available for immediate use. Any open burn that is offensive or objectionable due to smoke or hazardous location shall be extinguished.

Why are the weather sirens going off?

The weather sirens are tested at 12:00 pm the first Saturday of each month. If you hear the sirens during any other time, seek shelter and tune into your local radio and television stations for weather or emergency messages.

Can I get a free smoke detector?

Smoke detectors are offered free of charge (as supplies last) to occupants of residences located in the City of Fremont. Surrounding departments also have programs for smoke detectors. Remember: Change your batteries twice a year.

Why does the Fire Department bring the fire engine just for an inspection?

Two reasons: First, these inspections are conducted by on-duty engine companies that must be ready to respond to an emergency call from the field. Second, an important part of the value of the public safety inspection is to familiarize the firefighters with the buildings and businesses in Fremont. While we check for hazards and consult with business owners on how best to eliminate or minimize the likelihood of a fire, the firefighters also familiarize themselves with access points and the layout of the facility.

Why does the Fire Department respond to a medical emergency when there is no fire?

This allows faster response times to a medical emergency. Most firefighters are certified Emergency Medical Technicians. The Sandusky County EMS service requests our response to initiate patient care if the Advanced Life Support response is impeded.

Can I have a barbecue grill on my porch or balcony?

While a barbecue grill can be used on a porch or balcony at a single family or duplex residence, it is not recommended. Any other location shall be located 10 feet from any combustibles. They can not be placed on a balcony or deck without protection from a sprinkler system at any public building, apartment complex, or institution. (OFC 308.1.4)