



A Message from the Chief

On behalf of the brave personnel of the City of Staunton Fire & Rescue Department, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our website. We hope that you find the information useful and interesting.

Staunton Fire & Rescue provides fire suppression, emergency medical service, and special response operations to the City's 20 square miles, areas of Augusta County that immediately surround our community, as well as the campus of Mary Baldwin University (MBU).

The City of Staunton's Fire & Rescue Department proudly protects, the citizens, visitors and its property from emergencies of all types - natural and man-made – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Our brave personnel staff two fire stations and work from various response platforms including: 2 engines, 1 tower ladder, 1 medium duty rescue vehicle, and numerous other specialized units.

Staunton Fire & Rescue is prepared to manage a variety of all-hazard responses including:

- Fire Operations: Structural, Rural, & Wildland Urban Interface
- Emergency Medical Basic Life Saving & Advanced Life Saving First Response
- Hazardous Materials (VDEM Central Shenandoah Regional Hazardous Materials Team)
- Vehicle Extrication
- Confined Space, Trench Collapse, Building Collapse, and High & Low Angle Rope Rescue (VA Division 2 Regional Technical Rescue Team)
- Domestic Preparedness & Planning

In 2015, the department's efforts were recognized by the Insurance Services Office when Staunton Fire & Rescue was evaluated and designated as an ISO Class 2 Fire Department under the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). Staunton was previously an ISO 5. Rarely does a fire department's PPC improve so significantly, "To advance three PPC levels is virtually unheard of, this achievement is a testament of our team's excellence, and their commitment to protecting and serving the Staunton community. We are very proud of this progressive accomplishment." As a department, our goal is to constantly improve and provide the best possible service to our customers!

Our department's motto is "Dedicated To: Our Community, Our Profession, Each Other". Our members live up to that motto every day and strive to provide the highest levels of public service. As a department, we are proud of the level and quality of service that our members provide to our community on a daily basis. The department and several members have been awarded several prestigious Governor's Fire Service Awards over the past few years. The City is also the only Virginia fire department to receive the Grinnell Mutual Life Safety Achievement award for their proactive approach to fire safety.



Our website is a source for information about our department, its members, emergency preparedness, response activities, safety programs, training, and special event information. Please spread the word and follow us on our social media sites.

If you desire specific safety or preparedness information that is not available on our website, please contact us. We hope you that you will visit our fire stations, our members would be happy to welcome you to our facilities and answer your questions.

R. Scott Garber
Fire Chief
City of Staunton Fire & Rescue Department