

Frequently asked questions for the Tallmadge Fire Department

- 1. What is the non-emergency phone number for the Tallmadge Fire Department?**

(330) 633-0970

- 2. Am I permitted to have a bonfire in the City of Tallmadge?**

Bonfires are permitted only for the cooking of food unless approved by the Environmental Protection Agency – Air Quality Management Division (Phone: 330-375-2480). You may burn only untreated cut wood (like the wood used in your indoor fireplace) – no yard waste. Fire size must correspond with the size of the food being cooked. If the smoke from your fire becomes a problem for your neighbors, the Fire Department may still be called out and you may be asked to extinguish it.

- 3. Can I have my blood pressure reading taken at the Fire Department?**

Yes, during daytime hours at either station, provided the personnel are not taking care of an emergency incident somewhere else in the City.

- 4. Why am I being billed for EMS transportation when I already pay taxes for that purpose?**

Yes, you do pay taxes targeted for Fire and EMS, but the taxes you pay don't cover the entire cost of operating the department. After the tax payments are received, the remainder necessary to operate is taken out of the General Fund. Administration felt EMS Billing would place some of the burden of sky-rocketing EMS expenses on those who use the service, rather than raising taxes for all. Most insurance plans pay at least 80% of an ambulance transport invoice. The resident generally pays the 20% balance, or if they have secondary insurance, it is forwarded to them.

- 5. How can I have my loved one's memorial donations given to the Tallmadge EMS?**

Speak with your funeral director about your wishes. The obituary in the local paper will normally state your intention. When donations come into the Fire Department, acknowledgements are sent to the donator. Usually, a weekly list is then sent to the family of the deceased showing the names of the people donating in that week.

- 6. How is donation money spent?**

The donations received not only through memorial donations, but any donation (unless it is earmarked by the donator for a certain item or project)

is accumulated and used to purchase items for training and equipment not included in the Fire Department's budget.

7. How are the Fire Stations staffed each day?

There are 2 full time firefighter/medics and 2 part time firefighter/medics or firefighter/EMT's on duty 24 hours a day at Station 1. Station 2 has one full time and one part time firefighter/medic on duty 24 hours per day. Station 1 also has the Fire Chief, the Fire Marshal and the Administrative Assistant who all work full time Monday through Friday.

8. How can I arrange for a tour of the Fire Department for my group?

Public tours are arranged through our Public Education Officer, who also serves as our Fire Marshal. You'll need to call Station 1 to set up the time. Phone: 330-633-0970

9. What size should my house numbers be in order for the Fire Department personnel to be able to see them?

Numbers should be at least 3 inches high.

10. Why do I see firefighters at the grocery store frequently?

Because a crew cannot be separated in case of an emergency call out. Firefighters go to the grocery store in their assigned vehicle with their assigned crew members when shopping for lunch and dinner on occasion.

11. How can I become a firefighter for the City of Tallmadge?

First of all, the City of Tallmadge requires that all of its firefighters also be paramedics or EMT'-Basics, (depending on full time or part time status). The positions of full time and part time firefighters are Civil Service tested positions. The best way to apply for a firefighter position is to submit an application with the City's Civil Service Office. Applications can be obtained through the Civil Service Office, the Fire Department, and the Police Department. When a Civil Service test has been scheduled, you will be notified.

12. Does the Fire Department dispose of old paint, cleaners, and other hazardous materials for its residents?

Unfortunately, no! Residents are encouraged to take their hazardous materials to the Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority at 1201 Graham Road in Stow. The Center's days and hours of operation are April 1st through September 30th on Tuesdays from 1 PM to 4 PM and Wednesdays from 6:30 PM to 10 PM. Phone: 330-374-0383