



FACTS ABOUT THE DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

About the Department

- The Delmar Fire Department (DFD) is a volunteer fire department which, since 1911, has provided fire protection services in the Town of Bethlehem.
- The Department provides fire protection for an eight square mile district which was formally established as the Delmar Fire District by the NYS Comptrollers Office in the late 1940s.
- The District continues to grow. In 1976, the District contained 2,900 homes or commercial enterprises. In 2004, that number was 3,700. There are currently more than 10,000 residents in the District.
- In 2004, the Department handled 246 fire calls and an additional 1,529 ambulance calls.
- Many area volunteer fire departments have had difficulty in recent years attracting volunteers. The Delmar community is lucky that the Delmar Fire Department has been successful at attracting volunteers to spend their time and risk their well-being on behalf of their neighbors. Currently, DFD has about 80 volunteer members.

The Ambulance District

- Since the 1930s, the Delmar Fire Department has provided ambulance (and now EMT) services for the residents of the Delmar, Slingerlands and Elsmere Fire Districts. The Department currently has more than 25 trained Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Advanced EMTs who volunteer their services and several dozen others who provide ambulance transportation services.
- In 1998, the Town of Bethlehem began providing tax funding all three fire districts for ambulance services and contracting with the Delmar Fire District to provide ambulance and EMS services.
- Today, the DFD provides ambulance services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for all three districts, covering 19.5 square miles and 8,688 pieces of property.
- These volunteers supplement the paid EMT services provided by the Albany County Paramedics.