

Cost / Hours for Training

- Volunteer Firefighter \$650.00 36 hours
56 Hours to recertify every 3 years
- Firefighter 2 \$2,000 240 Hours
56 Hours to recertify every 3 years
- EMT Basic \$1,500 140 Hours 48 Hours to recertify every 3 years
- Paramedic \$5,000 1000 Hours 92 Hours to recertify every 3 years
- Pass State and National Exams

Cost of Equipment

- Firefighter Turnout Gear \$3,500 Lifespan 6-8 Years
 - Breathing Apparatus SCBA \$6,000 Lifespan 10 Years
 - Fire Engine \$300,000 - \$500,000 Lifespan 20 years
 - Aerial Ladder \$500,000 - \$1,000,000 Lifespan 20 Years
 - Ambulance \$150,000.00 Lifespan 10 Years
 - Heart / Cardiac Monitor \$40,000.00
- Paid For By The SCJFD Levy Committee**
71 East Street, Adena, Ohio 43901

Short Creek Joint Fire District
P.O. Box 33
Adena, Ohio 43901

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Serving the
Village of Adena,
Village of Smithfield
Smithfield Township



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Adena Station 740-546-4113
Smithfield Station 740-733-8126
Emergency Call 911

The District formed June 2016

Short Creek Joint Fire District is a newly formed political sub division. This merger was formed by the Village of Adena, the Village of Smithfield and Smithfield Township to provide fire protection and emergency medical services within the township. Governing the district is a Board of Trustees. The trustees are elected officials appointed by their political sub division.

Why a Joint Fire District?

During the last decade the number of people volunteering to become a firefighter and emergency medical technician had decreased. Members of our volunteer services are required to become state / nationally certified to provide fire and EMS services for you. They are required to recertify every three years and obtain the required number of continuing education hours to do this. Also the cost of fire trucks, ambulances and equipment have increased so volunteers have to spend a considerable amount of time raising funds to continue operation and meeting state requirements. The number of fire and EMS calls have also increased creating more of a demand on the volunteer's time.

By forming this joint fire district, the political sub divisions recognize the need of the citizens to have available, reliable, responsive, dedicated and timely fire and emergency response.

Dillonvale Portion of Smithfield Township

The Village Council of Dillonvale has decided not to join the District at this time. Village residents will not vote on the tax levy and will not be taxed. Dillonvale Volunteer Fire Department and Dillonvale EMS have an option to join the District or continue to provide EMS and fire protection services as a contracted agency. Thereby continuing to provide services to the residents of Smithfield Township.

Adena Experience since 2008

The Adena Volunteer Fire Company in 2008 realized they were not able to respond consistently to EMS calls in the day time due to a decrease in Emergency Medical Technicians in the department. The department approached village council in 2008 and asked that a 5 mill levy be placed on the ballot. This levy passed by 65%. In 2012 the levy went up for renewal and passed by 75%. During the past 8 years Adena has answered the calls not only in its own service area but in surrounding communities.

What will the Joint Fire District Provide Me?

The primary goal of the district is to provide Emergency Medical Services with a paid staff 24 hours a day 7 days per week. Thereby assuring to the citizens that they will receive a prompt and reliable service. The paid EMS service will be backed up by a group of volunteer EMS providers.

Our volunteer fire departments within the township have agreed to work together to provide its citizens a unified service under a combined operational and administrative leadership. Firefighting services will continue to be provided by the same group of dedicated volunteers that have provided this service to you for years.

What We Are Asking For?

YOUR SUPPORT!

The Fire District is asking for a 9 mill levy. Currently the Village of Adena is collecting a 9 mill levy which collects around \$31,000 per year for both Fire and EMS services. The Village of Smithfield is collecting 8 mills which brings in around \$30,000 per year for both Fire and EMS services. Smithfield Township collects 1.5 mills for Fire Services and has no levy for EMS services. This 1.5 mill levy brings in around \$12,000 per year.

This 9 mill levy will provide the Fire District with funds to employ two EMS personnel around the clock This levy will generate around \$355,535 per year. The cost of providing just EMS personnel is around \$308,000 per year. The balance of the levy funds and funds collected from EMS billing will be used to provide the operating funds for the district's fire stations, fire trucks and ambulances.

