

## How To Organize a Volunteer Fire Department, 1970

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1. Have a meeting of interested persons.
2. Elect a steering committee.
3. Decide whether to form a tax district (G.S. 69-25) or public subscription district (G.S. 153.9 (39)). Consult county attorney.
4. Decide best location for fire station.
5. Measure on automobile speedometer 3 miles distance on each road from fire station location.
6. Obtain a State Highway Commission map of county with scale of 1 inch - 1 mile and place these points on each road on map. Show the manes of roads as well as state numbers.
7. Write a description of the boundaries of the district using these points. Avoid reference to properties, such as "John Stone's store," "The Old Fisher Place", or "Tim Brown's house."
8. Determine if your Board of County Commissioners has taken steps toward forming a central County Fire Commission. If not, this must be done.
9. Refer to the minimum requirements for personnel, equipment, and alarm previously set forth in this publication.
10. Form and incorporate the fire department, and if other than tax district, start raising funds.
11. Submit map and description of boundaries to this bureau for comments before adoption by the County Commissioners. This may prevent doing this over to correct errors. Show location of the fire station on the map.
12. Have Board of County Commissioners establish the district boundaries.
13. Obtain minimum equipment and provide proper housing.
14. Start training firefighters. Ask for help from other fire departments.
15. Request this bureau for inspection, stating that all standards have been met, giving information as to what has been provided on Rural Fire District Data Sheet which will be furnished on request. Send copy of approved boundary description and map with request for inspection.

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