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**WHAT IF  
NO ONE ANSWERED  
THE CALL?**

**BECOME A  
VOLUNTEER  
TODAY**

## Who we are...

The South Hutchinson Fire Department is a combination department with part-time and volunteer firefighters.

From 0830-1630 each day we have a three person crew that covers most of the routine calls. Volunteer firefighters support the on-duty crew for building fires and larger incidents. After 1630 and before 0830 we are entirely a volunteer (paid-per-call) fire department.

In 2015, we responded to 388 incidents. As with most fire departments the majority of these calls were medically related.

In our protection area we have a significant industry base as well as a large retirement complex, high rise, and school.

We are committed to training and maintaining our equipment. We work closely with neighboring fire departments to help one another, and we provide fire prevention programs to our school system as well as our industry.

The biggest challenge we face as a combination organization is the recruitment and retention of our volunteers. Family, school, work, and social commitments for our members greatly impact our ability to maintain the level of service required to effectively and safely respond to emergencies.

If you are interested in knowing more about the South Hutchinson Fire Department please contact us.

Thank you,

Mike Patterson,  
Fire Chief

## Becoming a Volunteer / Part-time Firefighter

It is imperative that the City of South Hutchinson protects its citizens with the best public safety services available. We feel that starts with quality personnel. The commitment to serve and the sensitive nature of many fire operations requires our volunteer and part-time personnel to project a high degree of trust to the public. The process for becoming a firefighter is listed below.

- Be at least 17 years old.
- A citizen of the United States
- Complete an application
- Possess a valid Kansas Driver's License
- Pass a drug screening
- Be physically fit
- Pass a criminal background check

Once the application requirements are met, the Fire Chief will schedule a meeting with fire department staff to interview and get to know the applicant. This is a time for the department and the applicant to talk about their availability to respond to calls and to discuss attendance requirements, meeting nights, training, responding to calls, and other Standard Operating Guidelines.

After this meeting, the fire chief will notify the applicant of the status of becoming a member of the department and set up an orientation and training schedule. Depending on the members prior training or experience, this process will usually take three months to a year. Becoming part-time eligible will be determined after completion of the initial training.

Above all else, we want our members to know they are appreciated and even more important to have the training and support needed to return safely to their families after helping their community.



The South Hutchinson Fire Department responds to a wide variety of emergency and non-emergency calls including...

- Building fires
- Wildland Fires
- Emergency Medical
- Rescues and extrications
- Industrial accidents
- Hazardous Materials spills
- Natural disasters.
- Calls for public assistance
- Fire prevention and public education programs

