

## Fire Protection Services

Sioux Falls maintains full time fire protection which includes seven fire stations in addition to the Air National Guard facility at the airport. The remainder of the county is served by 13 volunteer fire departments. A fire station is located in each municipality, except Sherman. Additionally, the fire station serving Wayne Township has been annexed into Sioux Falls, Split Rock fire station is located east of the city within the 2015 growth area, and there are fire stations in the unincorporated communities of Lyons and Renner. Fire district boundaries are shown on Map 12. Mutual aid agreements among the departments provide back up assistance.

Several sources finance the operations of the volunteer fire departments. County funding is generated from the fire levy on real estate and is distributed to the departments based on population, square miles served, real estate valuation and a base allocation. The districts also contract with the cities

and townships, conduct private fundraising events and receive state payments from fire insurance premium rebates.

