

# TECHNOLOGY

# COMMUNITY

## A Rich History of the Latest Technology Applied to Firefighting and Rescue Work.

From the very beginning, trucks and other equipment were added to and updated whenever possible. In 1950, when a boy drowned in the lake and it was suspected he could have been saved by a respirator, donations were raised to purchase that device. By 1978, every Fire Department truck had two-way radios. The year after that, the Department purchased a Jaws of Life. Today, the tradition continues with a brand new facility and the most innovative equipment on the market.

The Elkhart Lake Fire Department directly services the Village of Elkhart Lake and the Town of Rhine. We also stand ready to assist other local fire departments, as called upon.



## Support Your Community By Fulfilling Vital Roles On The Elkhart Lake Fire Department Team:

- Join the Auxiliary, or other groups and committees that plan and manage fundraisers.
- Contribute your talents by helping to plan and run the annual fireman's picnic.
- Help to represent what the community of Elkhart Lake is all about by maintaining the beauty and quality of Fireman's Park.



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## PRESERVING AND PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY



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# SERVICE

**When your property, life, and family are endangered, count on the Elkhart Lake Fire Department.**

- **Firefighting-** Through rapid communications networks, the Elkhart Lake Fire Department is able to quickly get its modern equipment and trained personnel to the fire scene.
- **Search and Rescue-** The job of the Elkhart Lake Fire Department First Responders is to locate, assess, stabilize, immobilize, and transport the injured. This is done on land or on water, in wooded areas or on broken ice, amidst sweltering summer heat or hypothermic cold.
- **Auto Accidents-** The Elkhart Lake Fire Department is routinely called to the scene of an accident to prevent or extinguish a fire. The Department also has specialized hydraulic rescue tools, like the Jaws of Life.
- **Weather Related Disasters-** Tornadoes, blizzards, severe winds and flooding can cause damage and emergency situations where the Elkhart Lake Fire Department is called to help out.
- **Chemical Spills-** Some chemicals are combustible, and the resulting fires can have very different characteristics than more common fires. The Elkhart Lake Fire Department can effectively contain a spill and prevent a fire.
- **Chimney Cleaning-** Chimney fires are more common than they need to be. Such fires happen when the creosote, deposited over time on the chimney's inner walls, ignites. The Elkhart Lake Fire Department offers chimney cleaning, on request.

**The Elkhart Lake Fire Department takes pride in their dedication to excellence and commitment to community service.**

# BROTHERHOOD



## Being Part of Something Greater Than Yourself.

An individual can protect his or her own property, life, and loved ones, but there limits. When individuals, families, civic organizations, and businesses cooperate with the common goal of safety uniting them, again—even greater things happen. The result is something bigger and more powerful than the sum of its parts.

With each individual adding unique resources, expertise, time and effort, an organized network is created. It becomes a powerful community force, something greater than anything any one individual could build. It stands ready to preserve and protect the property, safety, and life of the community's businesses, civic organizations, families, and individuals.

## This is the Elkhart Lake Fire Department.

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# LEGACY

**For over a century, The Elkhart Lake Fire Department has been preserving & protecting the community.**

On October 10, 1897, the village board of Elkhart Lake established the Elkhart Lake Hook and Ladder Company. A firemen's dance two months later helped to raise funds for a hook and ladder truck. A year later, the Fire Department published its first constitution. A year after that, a hose cart was purchased, and Department members were issued uniforms.

A private shed housed the Department's equipment until 1903, when it used funds from picnics and dances to purchase and remodel a school house to use as a fire station. A new station was built in 1950. Its dedication was a grand event, drawing 30 fire chiefs and 400 firemen from surrounding communities.

The Department purchased lakefront property in 1931 for its park and purchased additional land in 1938 and 1942. For decades, Fireman's Park and Swimming Beach has been the site of the Elkhart Lake Fireman's Independence Day Celebration. For the rest of the summer, the park is open to the public for swimming and other recreation.

