

**Union Vale Fire District
PO BOX 21, Route 82
Verbank, New York 12585**

The Union Vale Fire Department's mission is to protect life and property from loss, suffering, and damage due to fire, medical, and environmental emergencies within the community through public education, and incident response.

The Fire Department is a volunteer company that provides not only the obvious function of fire suppression, but is also charged with numerous other prevention and protection tasks. These tasks include emergency medical response; public education; fire training; apparatus and equipment maintenance, station maintenance.

FAST FACTS (as of 2002)

District covers

38.615 square miles

3258 residents

One of the lowest per capita costs in NYS

\$1.27 (*Union Vale Fire District*)

\$3.44(*estimated NYS avg.*)

Per capita fire loss

\$11.21 (*10 year Union Vale average*)

\$36.20 (*NE U.S. avg.*)

Insurance Services Organization (ISO) Rating 9

Insurance Services Organization (ISO) Zone Rating 8

Cost per Call \$407

FIRE ADMINISTRATION

The goals of the Fire Administration's function are to develop and administer policies in accordance with the fire protection needs of the district, protect life and property from fire through effective supervision and maintain an effective force of trained personnel and sound equipment to answer all calls for aid.

The Fire Administration program is responsible for fire protection policy and administration, investigation, equipment and apparatus maintenance, inspection and training supervision, departmental bookkeeping, records management, and relations with other departments, public safety agencies and the public at large. This program also coordinates fire prevention activities. Also included is the coordination of emergency preparedness planning.

FIRE SUPPRESSION & RESCUE

The goals of the Fire Suppression and Rescue program are to protect life and property from loss, suffering and damage due to fire, medical, and environmental emergencies within the community through incident response. To provide for the safety and health of our personnel. Efficient and effective use of county mutual aid resources.

Union Vale maintains a trained volunteer complement of 2 companies (Fire, Ambulance) to respond to calls in an effective manner. This program provides the functions of fire suppression, hazardous materials incident response & mitigation, rescue response, emergency medical technician service, and training.

FIRE PREVENTION

The goals of the Fire Prevention program are to protect life and property from loss, suffering, and damage due to fire emergencies within the community through public education. In addition, to investigate the cause of all fires and provide investigative support to other departments and agencies as needed.

The Fire Prevention program was established to designate responsibilities related to fire prevention, and investigation. This activity involves public fire education classes, fire and arson investigations.

FACILITIES & GROUND MAINTENANCE

The goals of the Facilities & Grounds Maintenance program is to provide cleaning and maintenance services for the fire stations whereby the fire department is provided with functional, safe and attractive facilities, and planning and construction of adequate facilities to meet long term needs as well as updating or improving the present facilities and equipment to achieve greater efficiency or safer operation.

The Facilities and Grounds Maintenance program provides for maintenance of all fire department buildings and grounds as well as installation and maintenance of equipment. When possible Fire department personnel provide the maintenance of the buildings, grounds and equipment.