

The City of Burlington Fire Department



Established 1877

CBFD HISTORY

Prior to 1877, cisterns were dug around the City to supply water for fire fighting. Water was thrown on fires with leather buckets and small hand pumps. The Burlington Fire Department was organized in 1877 with 45 volunteers, a hand-operated pump, and a hand-drawn cart with 500 feet of hose. Hose Company 1 was housed at the old village hall on the corner of what is now the corner of North Pine Street and East Washington Street.



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In 1878 the first Hook and Ladder Company joined Hose Company 1 with 35 members. Hose Company 2 was formed in 1896 and their equipment was housed on West Jefferson Street near McHenry Street. In later years these three fire companies moved to common quarters on Commerce Street. In the early days, a bell atop the village hall was rung to summon the volunteers to fires. The bell was later replaced with a steam whistle, then an air horn.



CBFD Equipment Engine 920

- Second engine out for fires at residential, commercial, and industrial occupancies. First engine out for mutual aid.



2001 Pierce 1500 GPM triple combination engine.

CBFD Equipment Quint 921

Enforcer chassis, Cummins ISL 400 HP engine, Husky™-10 foam system, Waterous CSUY 1500 GPM pump, 75' Aluminum ladder with 750 lb. tip load, 500-gallon tank.

Pierce's first Heavy Duty Aluminum ladder in Wisconsin. 1500 GPM aerial waterway, 10 KW hydraulic generator.



2005 Pierce 75 ft. Aluminum Aerial Ladder, 1500 GPM Pump

CBFD Equipment Engine 923

- 1996 International/U.S. Tanker, 750 GPM triple combination engine. First out on vehicle accidents, vehicle fires and grass fires.



CBFD Equipment Tower 924

- First out to large sprinklered commercial occupancies and high angle incidents.



1996 Pierce 100-foot aerial platform, 1500 GPM quint.

CBFD Equipment Engine 925

- Pierce Impel chassis, Cummins ISL 425 HP engine, Allison EVS transmission, Husky™-12 foam system, Pierce PUC 1500 GPM pump, 1000-gallon tank, on-board hydraulic generator and scene lighting, four pre-connected hose lays, and a full compliment of ladders



2009 Pierce 1500 GPM engine. First engine out for structural and vehicle fires.

Basic Requirements

- Willingness to Serve
- Must be 18 Years of Age
- Pass Provided Medical Examination



Training Requirements

- Firefighter I Certification through Gateway Technical College
- Approximately 60 Hours
- Monthly General Trainings
 - Company Trainings



ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Driver Operator Training
- Swift Water Rescue
- High Angle / Technical Rescue
- Dive Team Training



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