

Fire Commissioners and Alternates
serving on the Commission of the
Village Fire Department

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The Village Fire Department (VFD) provides six villages* with Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services. The VFD was formed through an inter-local agreement by those cities to govern the VFD.

The six city councils appoint commissioners and their alternates to represent them at the VFD. The commission meets monthly as scheduled on the forth Wednesday at 6 pm. The meeting place at the fire department unless otherwise noticed and are approximately 2 hours.

A commissioner is required to attend all meetings and serve their city council by working on and reporting to their council information about department activities. The alternate position is to allow for representation of a city when the commissioner is not available to be present at a meeting. Alternates are encouraged to attend any and all functions with or without the commissioner.

As the commission works through the year within the guidelines of the inter-local agreement the commissioners make decisions for the VFD by casting a single vote by either the attending commissioner or the alternate.

The commission relies on the Fire Chief to identify needs beyond their normal operations of the department. These needs include managing budgets, developing employee compensation plans, reviewing health insurance plans and approving major expenses.

* six villages: Hilshire, Hedwig, Hunter's Creek, Piney Point, Spring Valley and Bunker Hill (BH is not currently a voting member of the Inter-local agreement and receiving services through a temporary contract with VFD)