

# Fire Department

The Fire Department is located at 14181 NE 23rd Street.

We are currently looking for volunteers.

Are you a resident who lives within City Limits and interested in being a Volunteer Firefighter?

Contact the Fire Department at 405-390-8300 for more information or to apply.

The non-emergency number for the Fire Department is 405-390-8300.

For Emergencies – call 9-1-1.

Choctaw's Fire Department is dedicated to the safety and protection of the citizens of Choctaw and their property. Whether responding to a residential fire, working together to battle a wildfire, or providing first responder support to medical emergencies, the Choctaw Fire Department rises to meet the challenge and ensure the citizens of Choctaw are safe from harm. To help your family stay safe, Chief Bumgarner offers the following Fire Safety Tips:

Test smoke & CO detectors every month.

Change batteries in detectors once a year.

Plan an exit drill from your home and practice it!

Have a place to meet outside and wait for the Fire Department.

If your clothes catch on fire "**STOP, DROP, & ROLL.**" Don't run. Fall to the ground, cover your face, and roll around until the fire is out!

Practice this with your kids and use common sense when you are using fire around the house.

Remember, fire is a tool we use every day.

**HAVE FUN AND BE FIRE SAFE!**

For **Burning Permits**, please call (405) 390-8300.

Permits for outdoor burning are required in the City of Choctaw. Permits are free.

While there are no fees for obtaining a burn permit, ***you can be fined up to \$500 for burning without an authorized permit.***

***Open Burning and Permits***

The City of Choctaw allows open burning of yard debris, brush, tree limbs, shrubs, and leaves only.

No burning of materials that can cause an environmental issue will be allowed.

For example, but not limited to, trash, lumber, furniture, chemicals, tires, oil products, etc.

### ***Obtaining a Burn Permit***

A Burn Permit can be obtained by calling the Fire Dept at (405) 390-8300, from 8am to 5pm every day, including weekends.

The main office is closed on weekends, however, burn permits can still be obtained on Saturday and Sunday.

Permission is granted on a daily basis, in accordance with the current weather and safety conditions.

The weather conditions play a big role in determining a day to be safe for burning.

Our guidelines are in place for your protection and the safety of other citizens.

- The wind must be below 12 miles per hour. We have a weather station at two of our Fire Stations to monitor the wind and humidity.
- Permits are issued on a daily basis.
- You must have a way to control your fire such as a water hose or bulldozer.
- Your fire must be completely out by sundown. Make sure and water down the area thoroughly when you are finished.
- The fire has to be attended at ALL times. Do not leave your fire for any reason.
- No burning shall be conducted which creates a traffic hazard.
- Permits are only issued for leaves, twigs, brush, grass, etc. Permits will NOT be issued for paper, cardboard, household trash, treated lumber or other structures

All commercial burn permits for clearing property for development must follow guidelines set forth by DEQ.

An incinerator fan and curtain must be utilized.

Please, always use caution when planning to burn.

1. Don't burn close to structures.
2. Don't make a burn pile larger than you can control.
3. Call 9-1-1 if you get into trouble while burning.

### ***Fire Prevention, Safety, and Training***

The Choctaw Fire Department is dedicated to Fire Prevention and Awareness for our citizens. We have several programs in place to assist with Fire Prevention.

Annually, we perform a fire safety inspection at all of the businesses within the city which includes checking smoke alarms, making sure extinguishers are present and in operable order, checking emergency exits, and evaluating fire hazards.

We also assist the schools and day care centers during "Fire Prevention Week" to teach the young citizens of Choctaw about fire safety, such as Escape Plans, "Stop, Drop, and Roll!" and what to do in an emergency situation. We also familiarize the children with our equipment and uniforms.

**If you do not have a smoke alarm, and need assistance in obtaining one, please call the Choctaw Fire Department at 390-8300.**

### ***Insurance Classification***

The Fire Protection Rating for the City of Choctaw is 4/6.

Class 4 applies to properties in the city within 1,000 feet of a hydrant, 5 road miles of a fire station, and with a needed fire flow of 3,500 gpm or less.

Class 6 applies to properties within 5 road miles of a station but beyond 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant.

Class 10 applies to any properties beyond 5 road miles of a fire station.