



RPFPD Community: React. Prepare. Foster Pride & Duty

Your fire district. Your voice. Our future.

What began in 1938 as a group of local volunteers has grown into a full-service fire and emergency medical team, but our mission hasn't changed: to be there when you need us.

Today, that mission is getting harder. We are answering more calls than ever, and the cost of providing service is rising faster than our budget can grow. That's why we're launching RPFPD Community: React. Prepare. Foster Pride & Duty.

RPFPD Community: React. Prepare. Foster Pride & Duty is a community conversation about the future of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District.

Before we determine our next steps, the district wants residents to understand what is happening, ask questions and share what they expect from their emergency services.

You do not need to know anything about fire or EMS to participate. We want to hear from the people we serve.

Why This Matters Now

A house fire takes 17+ firefighters. Roberts Park has 9 on duty.

For 80 years, Roberts Park firefighters and paramedics have been there when you call. Last year, they answered 4,709 calls across Justice, Hickory Hills, unincorporated Cook County, the forest preserves and I-294, making them one of the busiest districts in the area.

They do it from two stations, with 9 responders on duty, the lowest pay in the area, aging trucks and a budget that state law won't let grow. Here is what that means.

More calls, same resources

Roberts Park answers more emergencies every year with the same two stations and the same number of people on duty.

Not enough people on every truck

With only 9 responders on duty, one serious emergency can use every person the District has.

Hard to hire, hard to keep

Low pay makes it hard to keep trained firefighters and paramedics, and many leave for nearby districts.

Costs keep rising

The cost of staffing, insurance and equipment goes up every year.

Trucks and stations past their limits

Many of our trucks and both of our stations are older than recommended, and there is no money available to replace them.

Revenue can't keep up

State law limits how much the District's income can grow, even when costs rise faster.

We're already doing more with less

The District has already cut costs everywhere it can without reducing service.

Come See For Yourself

Visit a Station. Ask Questions. Share Your Thoughts.

The district is hosting three Informational Sessions where residents can learn more, ask questions and share what matters to them. Come and go as your schedule allows. Free and open to everyone.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, Oct. 22	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Information Session, Station 1, 8611 S. Roberts Rd.
Tuesday, Oct. 27	9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Senior Session, Station 2, 7800 S. Archer Rd.
Tuesday, Oct. 27	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Information Session, Station 2, 7800 S. Archer Rd.

At each Open House, you can:

- Learn how fire and ambulance service works today
- Hear about the staffing, station, vehicle and financial challenges facing the district
- Ask questions
- Share what you expect when you call 911
- Tell us what matters most as the district plans for the future

Ways to get involved:

- Attend an Information Session
- Take the community survey this fall
- Invite us to speak to your club, church or group
- Bring a neighbor. The more voices at the table, the better the decisions.

Questions? Call (708) 598-6752 or visit rpfpd.org.

What Happens Next?

Informational Sessions are one part of RPPFD Community: React. Prepare. Foster Pride & Duty. The district will also use surveys and other outreach to hear from people throughout the community.

No decisions about the future have been made. What we hear will help the district understand what residents expect, what questions need to be answered and what the community needs to know as planning continues.

How it works

1. **Learn.** Come to an Information Session. Talk with the Chief, tour the station, meet the crews and ask your questions.
 2. **Share your thoughts.** Tell us what matters most to you, in person or online.
 3. **Review the options.** Options are drafts, not decisions, and will change based on what residents say.
 4. **Take the survey.** A community survey opens the week of Nov. 16 and closes Dec. 7.
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Be Part of the Conversation

What happens next is up to you

You do not need to be an expert. You do not need to own a home. You do not need to have called 911 before.

If you live or work in the Roberts Park Fire Protection District, this conversation is for you.

Don't take our word for it. Come see the trucks, meet the crews and ask the hard questions.

Help us plan for the future of fire and emergency medical services in our community.

Bring a neighbor. The more voices at the table, the better the decisions.

Seconds count. So does your voice.