



BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL FIRE SUPPRESSION INFORMATION FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

For general information use only, if specific information regarding a property is needed, contact the Bedford Fire Department at:

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In 2017 the ISO Public Protection Class (PPC) for the Bedford Fire District improved from Class 5 to Class 4. The department scored **66.55** points and nearly qualified for a Class 3 rating (see table below). The Class 4 rating puts the fire department in approximately the 80th percentile nationally.

The PPC grade assigned to the community will depend on the community's score on a 100-point scale:

PPC	Points
1	90.00 or more
2	80.00 to 89.99
3	70.00 to 79.99
4	60.00 to 69.99
5	50.00 to 59.99
6	40.00 to 49.99
7	30.00 to 39.99
8	20.00 to 29.99
9	10.00 to 19.99
10	0.00 to 9.99

The fire department is continuing to work to improve the rating for the fire district which should in turn provide better service and lower insurance rates for property owners. While much of the fire district is not protected by pressurized fire hydrants, the fire department has mutual aid agreements set up to ensure an initial amount of water is brought to the scene to initiate fire attack while a positive water source is set up for continuing operations.

The department has the following water capacity and manpower on its apparatus:

- **First Due Engine:**
 - 750 gallons of water
 - Pump capacity of 2,000 gallons per minute ("GPM")
 - 1,500' of large diameter (5") hose
 - 6 firefighters
- **Second Due Engine:**

- 1000 gallons of water
- Pump capacity of 2,000 GPM
- 1,050' of large diameter (5") hose
- 8 firefighters
- **Source Pumper:**
 - 278 gallons of water
 - Pump capacity of 1,500 GPM
 - 5,200' of large diameter (5") hose
 - 3 firefighters
- **Total water capacity is 2,028 gallons**

The department has approximately 60 active members and is 100% volunteer. In addition to those, the department has a rescue truck, 2 utility vehicles, 3 chiefs' cars and 2 ambulances that can transfer additional members to a scene.

Calls for a confirmed structure fire (1st alarm) within the fire district have automatic mutual aid response from neighboring departments (e.g. Bedford Hills, Katonah, Banksville, Pound Ridge, Mt Kisco, Armonk). Those fire departments would be responding with at least 10,000 gallons of water between the engines and tankers, in addition to the 2,028 gallons from our department, over 12,000 gallons of water for a 1st alarm fire. If a call was elevated to a 2nd alarm, the department would have three additional tankers plus another engine assigned and they would respond with approximately 10,000 additional gallons of water. Below is a sample response matrix for a reported fire, 1st alarm and 2nd alarm in the Pound Ridge Road/Pine Brook/Loop/Millertown/Brook Farm area of the fire district:

Reported Fire (Unconfirmed):

- Bedford Fire Department – 3 Engines, 1 Rescue and 1 Ambulance
- Pound Ridge Fire Department – 1 Tanker
- Bedford Hills Fire Department – 1 Tower Ladder

1st Alarm Fire (Confirmed):

- Pound Ridge Fire Department – 1 Engine
- Bedford Hills Fire Department – 1 Tanker
- Banksville Fire Department – 1 Tanker
- Mt Kisco Fire Department – 1 FAS Team (a standby rescue group)
- Pound Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Corp – 1 Ambulance
- Relocation Assignment – 1 Engine from Mt Kisco and 1 Ambulance from Katonah Bedford Hills

2nd Alarm Fire (Confirmed):

- Mt Kisco Fire Department – 1 Engine
- Katonah Fire Department – 1 Tanker
- South Salem Fire Department – 1 Tanker
- Vista Fire Department – 1 Tanker
- Relocation Assignment – 1 Engine from Banksville to replace the engine from Mt Kisco
- Bedford Hills Fire Department – 1 Rescue

Additional precautions for property owners:

- Is there a Knox Box for the property? It's a small box that has house keys or other information in and only the fire department has access to it. If a resident isn't home or are home and can't get to the door, we have a way to enter without causing damage to a door or window. The cost about \$250 www.knoxbox.com.
- We have a pre-plan form on our website that residents can provide any information they can regarding their home and its residents. It's at www.bedfordfire.com, scroll down to the bottom and click on "Pre-Plans" on the lower left side of the website. We can also come out to the home and do a walk through.