

DALLAS BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND RESCUE INCORPORATED

Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Inc. was organized in 1975 to provide fire protection and primary emergency medical care to the citizens of Hamilton County living in the Hixson Middle Valley area. The department's service area extends from the Chattanooga city limits north to Soddy Creek, east to Chickamauga Lake, and west to the Soddy-Daisy city limits. This 40 square mile area contains over 35,000 residents, 28% of the County population. The department also serves the Falling Water community.

DBVFD currently has over 25 active members (all volunteer) and an equipment inventory consisting of five primary engine/pumpers, three tankers, a brush truck, and two rescue vans. DBVFD does not operate an ambulance service as part of the department. The department operations are conducted out of three fire halls located in the district. Hall 1 is located at the corner of Middle Valley and Gann roads, and Hall 2 is located on property adjacent to the Dallas Elementary School. Hall 3 is on Ridge Trail Road across from Sequoyah Vocational School.

The department is funded entirely through the voluntary donations of the residents of the service area, and receives no State, Local or Federal government support. None of the officers or members of the department are reimbursed for their services.

Using a quarterly mail solicitation, the department requests a \$30 yearly donation from each household. A \$500 response fee is charged for fire responses to households that do not donate to the department.

The department answers about 400 calls per year. Most are EMS calls, but about a third are for various fires. The department responds through the county wide 911 system or by calling direct to 757-2340.