

***Beginning on July 1st, the Pine Island Fire Department (PIFD) will not only continue providing its long-standing firefighting services to Oronoco Township, but will also be dispatched to all first responder calls. Here is a summary to get to better know our trusted provider:***

The PIFD is fortunate to have long-term members serving on the department. PIFD has a great mixture from those having served for 20 years or more, to their most current hires that have been on the department for nearly four years. The department has a very low turnover rate, as members join the service and find it rewarding with a great working environment.

Future plans to upgrade water rescue: The PIFD has an outstanding fleet of fire apparatus for the fire district. The current fleet includes two engines, heavy rescue, an aerial truck, three tenders, two brush trucks, and a utility truck. Auxiliary equipment includes a UTV, two wheelers, a skid steer, and a drone. The department is in the process of raising funds to add a watercraft to the agency. An airboat will be an asset as it will serve the bodies of water that are within our district, including covering a stretch of the Zumbro River and Zumbro Lake. Residents in Oronoco Township can be reassured that if there is an emergency on the water, the PIFD will be ready to respond when needed!

PIFD is first responders--all volunteers are cross trained for either duty and so is the equipment that is utilized: The PIFD currently has twenty-seven members serving on the roster. The department has each member trained as both a first responder and as a firefighter. This allows our members to respond to any emergency and provide services in both capacities. With that being said, the department provides medical service at a first responder level, like most departments in the area. The benefits of having all members cross-trained is that it makes the service more efficient to those living in our district. Included in our medical training, each member is trained to work with senior members of our population, including training for those facing Dementia/Alzheimer's, Age-Friendly initiatives, and Fall Prevention Programs.

Here are the links to the Pine Island website and Facebook page.

Fire Department - Pine Island, MN

The mission of the Pine Island Volunteer Fire Department is the protection and preservation of life and property for the people it serves. It is committed to doing so by providing a vast range of emergency services, strong public relations and fire safety education.

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