

Wilson, Kansas, Fire Department

The Wilson Fire Department was established 2-16-1959 by City of Wilson Ordinance # 466. The Fire Station was built in 1964 and has been added onto a few times. Wilson Fire Dept. is a city operated department with contracts with Columbia, Noble, and Wilson townships for fire protection. We cover a total of 108 square miles of rural area along with the City of Wilson. The Fire Dept tries to keep 24 members for fireman. We also have reserve fireman that help. The Fireman are all volunteers, giving their time to train, maintain the trucks and equipment, protecting the people and property in the area we cover and the other departments in our area through mutual aid agreements. Some of the types of calls we respond to include structure fires, grassland/wildland, crop fires, vehicle/equipment fires, accidents, haz-mat accidents, and we also will respond when requested, to assist the Ellsworth Co EMS.

We currently have a total of 7 trucks.

Truck 551 is our first out truck on all calls. It is a 2012 Chevrolet 3500 4X4 quick attack truck. It carries 350 gallons, class A foam system, jaws of life, and the other necessary equipment.

Truck 552 is a 2012 International 4400SBA E-One Class A Pumper. It carries 1000 gallons of water and is capable of pumping 1250 gallons of water per minute. We do carry two sets of jaws of life, scene lighting along with a generator to power the lights. It also carries 1200 feet of 3 inch hose, for suppling it water from the hydrants, 400 feet of 1 ¾ inch preconnect hose for fighting fire, along with all the other necessary equipment that is required.

Truck 553 is a 1996 ford F350 Quick attack truck. It carries 350 gallons, class A foam system, and the other necessary equipment.

Trucks 554, 555, and 557 are 5 ton Military trucks that we received from the Kansas State Forestry Service and converted them into tanker/wildland trucks. We have installed a 1500 gallon tank on them along with the pump and plumbed them to use for fighting grass and crop fires. All three trucks have a quick dump installed on the back, so if have a structure fire in a rural area with no fire hydrants we can setup our portable drop tanks that is carried on the truck and dump the 1500 gallons of water in the drop tank for the pumpers to draw out of. The tankers then return to a water supply and refill with a new supply of water.

Truck # 556 is a 1985 International S1800 E-One Class A Pumper. It carries 1000 gallons of water and is capable of pumping 750 gallons of water per minute. It also carries 1800 feet of 3 inch hose, for suppling it water from the hydrants, 300 feet of 1 ½ inch preconnect hose for fighting fire, class A foam system, along with all the other necessary equipment that is required.