



SMITHS STATION FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

General Faq's

Q: When was the Smiths Station Fire Protection District established?

A: February 17, 2022

Q: How was the Smiths Station Fire Protection District established?

A: A written application was submitted to the Lee County Commission and the City of Smiths Station. Resolutions of support were passed by each, and an official formation was filed with the Alabama Secretary of State.

Q: What section of Alabama law establishes Fire Protection Districts?

A: Code of Alabama, Title 11, Chapter 89

Q: What is the Secretary of State entity number for Smiths Station Fire Protection District?

A: 001-007-709

Q: What happened to the entity known as Smiths Station Fire & Rescue?

A: Smiths Station Fire & Rescue was legally merged into the Smiths Station Fire Protection District effective April 1, 2022

Q: Is a Fire Protection District considered a Government Entity?

A: Yes. See Code of Alabama § 11-89-15

Q: Has this transition been publicly discussed?

A: Yes. The application for establishment of the Smiths Station Fire Protection District came after numerous discussions over an approximately 1 year period at the Board meeting of Smiths Station Fire & Rescue. These board meetings were open to the public.

Further, the establishment of the Smiths Station Fire Protection District was on the February 22, 2022 City of Smiths Station Council meeting agenda. This meeting was also broadcast on Cable TV of East Alabama.

Additionally, The establishment of the Smiths Station Fire Protection District was also on the February 28, 2022 Lee County Commission agenda. This meeting was also broadcast live by the Lee County Commission and is available for replay on the Lee County website.

Finally, the following news articles reported on the establishment of the district in print, tv, and social media formats:

<https://opelikaobserver.com/lee-county-conditionally-approved-smiths-station-fire-protection-district/>

<https://www.wrbl.com/news/commission-conditionally-approves-measures-to-help-reestablish-smiths-station-fires-ambulances/>