

Defensible Space

Looking to reduce the risk of fire to your property? Set up a Defensible Space Assessment!

What is to be expected with your Defensible Space Assessment:

- Visual assessment on property identification, and apparatus access.
- Observation of vegetation, spacing of trees, debris build-up, and other high-risk factors in wildland fire.
- Professional recommendations on what actions should be taken to mitigate risks on property.
- Connections with resources to perform those recommended actions.
- Education and accessible resources to build homeowners knowledge on defensible space and reduction of risk in our community.

Scan me to set up your assessment today!



Looking to Volunteer?

There are many different volunteer opportunities available. Some include fighting fires, but many do not. To get in contact with up or to fill out a volunteer application, visit www.swpolkfire.org

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Which ambulance comes to my address? If you live within the City of Dallas, SW Polk Fire District or City of Falls City your ambulance comes from the Dallas Fire Station in downtown Dallas. In 2021, the SW Polk Fire District Board of Directors recognized increasing ambulance response times and decided to start providing ambulance services to the citizens of its district.

In 2022, the Polk County Commissioners hired a consulting firm to look at the current ASA system and provide improvement recommendations. The recommendation identified the change be in the Dallas ASA. The recommendation was SW Polk Fire be granted responsibility for those areas for which it can provide quicker response.



Why Support SW Polk?

It's Thanksgiving, and all your family is gathered for the holiday.

Suddenly one of your loved ones collapses to the floor experiencing a medical emergency, you call 9-1-1 for help. Have you ever wondered what happens when you call 9-1-1 for emergency medical assistance? SW Polk Fire would like to provide you with information on this process.

Your Call to 9-1-1, is made and is answered by a call taker at the 9-1-1 center, who will take information about the emergency and communicate it to the appropriate dispatcher. The dispatcher notifies the appropriate agencies to respond.

Is this recommendation the best for our citizens? SW Polk Fire District believes very strongly that the closest ambulance to any medical emergency be the one dispatched. The consulting firm validates our belief. The quicker we can get medical aid to the citizens, the higher likelihood of a positive outcome. SW Polk Fire and Dallas Fire & EMS are working together to implement the recommendation of the consulting firm. SW Polk Fire Board of Directors are committed to utilizing the closest medical forces.

On November 29, 2023, at 9:00am at the Polk County courthouse, there will be a public hearing on the recommendation from the consulting firm. If you support or expect closest unit response, we encourage you to let your County Commissioners know prior to or at the public hearing. If we can answer any questions that you may have, please feel free to contact SW Polk Fire at 503-925-4275.

The response If it's a fire being reported, the fire district you live in will respond. Since this scenario is a medical emergency, you need an ambulance to get to your home. If fires are covered by fire districts, it stands to reason that medical calls must be covered by ambulance districts. You would be right; they are called Ambulance Service Areas (ASA's). ASA' are governed by the County Commissioners. Polk County has granted each of the current ASAs to a response agency, which was accomplished with the help of the Polk County ASA committee.

