

The Dent County Fire Protection District covers about 127 square miles of property in the city of Salem limits and approximately seven miles outside the city limits to the south, north, east and west of Salem.

The fire district is centered in the city of Salem on Highway 19. The main source of revenue is a tax levy.

The district has nine trucks. These include a ladder truck with a ladder that can go 65 feet into the air, two engines, two tankers, two brush fire trucks, a cascade truck and a generator truck.

The district has 16 firefighters. The fire chief is Brad Nash, the only paid full-time firefighter. Firefighters are reimbursed for gasoline and miscellaneous expenses.

The fire district also responds to vehicle accidents and ambulance assists in its area.

The ISO rating is six in the city limits and seven outside the city.

In addition there are three rural volunteer departments, Montauk, Jadwin and Lenox, plus the Timber Fire District.

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