

# City of De Queen, Arkansas

## Rural Fire Membership

Owners of property outside the corporate city limits of De Queen, but within the De Queen Fire Department coverage area (as defined on the attached map), may purchase an annual rural fire membership upon the following terms and conditions:

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*Legal Description or address of property protected by membership*

1. Upon payment of membership by Member, the City of De Queen Fire Department will respond to fire calls for the listed property and provide the same level of service and effort as it would any fire inside the city limits. Members will not be charged the usual and customary cost of a fire call at the covered property during their coverage period.

2. Membership dues shall be \$50 per year or \$5 per month for a partial year. All one-year memberships shall run concurrent with the calendar year, beginning on January 1 and ending on Dec. 31. Bills for membership dues will be mailed out by the City of De Queen on December 1 and must be paid by January 1 to ensure uninterrupted coverage. If the MEMBER allows membership to expire they will be charged the usual and customary charge for any fires that may occur during the time of expiration.

3. Should the MEMBER have insurance coverage for the property on which a fire call is made, the City of De Queen will file a claim with the insurance carrier and any funds paid by insurance will be accepted as payment in full.

4. The City of De Queen Fire Department does not make any guarantees as to the outcome of any fire call. Neither the City of De Queen, nor individual firefighters, shall be liable for any damages or loss that occurs while the department is combating a fire.

5. Should MEMBER be charged with any foul play regarding a fire call, the City of De Queen may terminate any further membership services.

6. The City of De Queen Fire Department will not refuse to respond to fire calls in its fire protection area, or outside its service area when mutual aid is requested by the responsible fire department, regardless of whether the property owner has paid a membership for rural fire protection. However, the City of De Queen will attempt to obtain reimbursement for fire calls from the property owner involved, as provided by Arkansas 14-53-102.

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City of De Queen Representative

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Signature or membership customer