

Baker County, Florida, is a growing community directly to the west of the City of Jacksonville of 585 square miles. With its population nearing 30,000 people, Baker County offers a mixture of suburban and rural homesites. A majority of the County includes Osceola National Forest, as well as John Bethea State Forest, and parts of the Okefenokee Swamp. It is bordered on its Northeastern border by the beautiful St. Mary's River, which offers recreational opportunities at Baker County's own Shoals Park.

Emergency Medical Services are provided by Baker County Fire Rescue for the entire County population area, and visitors to the community. Fire Services are provided for by two Agencies, Baker County Fire Rescue, which covers the Town of Glen Saint Mary and the Unincorporated areas of the County and the Macclenny Fire Rescue Department, which covers approximately 5 square miles and a population of approximately 6,500 people.

On June 1, 2019 Baker County Fire Rescue was formed out of two departments in Baker County, the EMS Department, which has consistently served the County since 1977, and the Volunteer Fire Department, which was organized out of 8 individual stations in 1985. Part of this re-organization has been the implementation of a Combination department, by the hiring of the first Full-time Firefighter in March 2019, and the hiring of its first Fire Rescue Chief, Trevor Nelson, who is both a State Certified Paramedic and Firefighter.

Chief Nelson's future hiring goals of the department include the following: Hiring of additional Firefighting personnel, training current EMS personnel as Firefighters, hiring future EMS personnel with Fire Standards in place, and adding future Shift Officer positions . EMS has always been a strong point in Baker County, and Chief Nelson is committed to continuing the tradition of Excellent Patient Care in our Community.

If you would like to join a growing department, with many benefits and enjoy the challenging environment of working in a suburban/rural community, apply at bakercountyfl.org