The Schleisingerville Fire Department was formed on July 20, 1888 and adopted its Constitution and By-Laws on July 23, 1912. A hose truck was purchased from the West Allis Fire Department in May of 1916 for $25.00, and a new ladder truck for $225.00 in March of 1918.

In March of 1969, the department purchased a Ford pumper equipped with a John Beam high-pressure fog and volume pump. The unit cost approximately $26,000, when fully equipped. The truck is still used by the department today.

The Slinger Fire Department consists of 42 active volunteers and 91 honorary members with Bob Schaefer serving as chief. On the average, they respond to between 55 and 65 calls per year and cover 25 square miles.

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1. 1972 Sutphen Aerial Tower powered by a 365 horsepower Cummins Diesel and outfitted with a Hale 1500 gpm single stage pump and an 85' ladder.
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3. 1986 IHC with a Welch "Equalizer" 3000 gallon tanker.
4. 1980 Oshkosh pumper with a 1250 gpm 3 stage pump and a Welch body.
5. 1974 Ford equipment truck.
6. 1993 Freightliner 1700 gallon tender with 2 side dumps and one back dump.

The department members are dispatched through the Washington County Sheriff's Department paging system. The revenues are generated through contracts with the Village of Slinger and the Townships of Polk and West Bend.

In 1982, the department built a new station. The building can house up to 8 trucks and has a house tower capable of drying about 1900 feet of hose at a time. The building also serves as the offices for the chief, his officers and various committees. It also contains a conference room, communications room, meeting room, tool room and a SCAB maintenance room.

The department uses Life Guard personal distress devices on all SCBA units. It also has an incident preplan committee that meets once a month.
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The Slinger Fire Department participates in the Badger Firemen's Association bowling, golfing and baseball tournaments. They belong to the Washington County Fire Chief Association, the Washington County Fire Investigator Association and the Northwestern Illinois and Southeastern Wisconsin Firemen Association. The department has two water-fighting teams that compete all summer long ending with Southeastern Wisconsin State Waterfight Tournament. They also compete in the Hustisford Toilet Bowl tournament held on New Year's Day. The department also runs a stand at the Washington County Fair.

On May 15, 1991, the Slinger Fire Department started an Auxiliary with 20 members.

On July 1, 1992 a Phoenix rescue tool, commonly known as the "Jaws of Life", was put into service.

As of 1993, over half of the department members are State certified as Firefighter 1 and are working on becoming State certified as Firefighter 2. Some members are also EMT certified.

The officers for the Slinger Fire Department are:

- Chief: Robert Schaefer
- Assistant Chief: Scott Risse
- Captain: Chuck Ruetten
- Captain: Daryl Otte
- Lieutenant: Al Retzlaff
- Lieutenant: Greg Bayer
- Secretary: Ken Reiser
- Treasurer: Doug Thiel

Fire Chiefs:

- Charles Roth 1888-1894
- Fritz Klett 1894-1897
- Charles Roth 1897-1906
- August Storck 1906-1914
- Fred Eggert 1914-1930
- John Feutz 1930-1947
- Roland Miller 1947-1965
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