

## Response to Questions on the FY 2013 Budget

**Request By:** Supervisor Cook

**Question:** What is the average number of firefighters on duty during each shift? How does that number compare with each of the five prior fiscal years?

**Response:** In order to ensure Fairfax County receives the same level of Fire and Rescue coverage daily, the department operates with minimum staffing levels. This means there is a minimum number of field personnel that must be on duty at all times. Below is a chart which reflects the minimum staffing levels for the current fiscal year and the past five fiscal years. The chart illustrates minimum staffing levels have remained relatively stagnant except for the increase of one position in FY 2010, which resulted from the addition of the second safety officer.

It should be noted that the Daily Field Staffing Levels included below reflect all firefighting personnel, including the ranks of Battalion Chief, Fire Captain II, Fire Captain I, Fire Lieutenant, Fire Technician, Firefighter/Medic (Paramedic), and Firefighter.

**FRD Daily Field Staffing Levels\***

<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2007</b>
334	334	334	333	333	333

*\* Includes Daily Paramedic on Duty count from the paramedic response on the next page.*