Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

Annual Summary (FY 2013)

(July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013)

Proudly Protecting & Serving Our Community

Vision - The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is dedicated to being a premier community-focused fire and rescue department ensuring a safe environment for everyone.

Mission - Provide the highest quality services to protect the lives, property, and environment of our community.

Fire Chief's Expectations - Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Fit and Healthy • Be Kind and Respectful • Execute the Basics Perfectly • Train, Train, Train • Work Together • Embrace Diversity and Mentor • Community Outreach

Population - 1,114,500
Roads - 4,800 miles
Land Area - 395 sq. mi.
Acres - 260,368
Housing Units - 410,300
Households - 400,800

Your Fire and Rescue Department "At Your Service"

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department trains firefighters to provide a full complement of fire suppression, technical rescue, swift water rescue, hazardous materials, and emergency medical services, including basic and advanced life support and emergency medical transportation–it is a career and volunteer all-hazards department. Since its humble beginning in July 1949, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department has evolved from ten skilled "drivers" to a complex agency responsible for meeting the emergency needs of over one million residents.

Today, more than 1,330 uniformed men and women operate from 38 fire and rescue stations strategically positioned throughout Fairfax County. Additionally, about 170 full-time civilians provide key support functions from headquarters and other locations.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department operates on three separate 24-hour rotation shifts. Each shift is led by a Deputy Fire Chief. The county is separated geographically into seven battalions, each managed by a battalion management team of a Battalion Fire Chief and EMS Captain. Fire suppression personnel and paramedics work in tandem to ensure the highest level of safety and care possible for the residents of Fairfax County.

Firefighters battle a six-alarm blaze...*at a large warehouse fire at 801 S. Pickett Street, Alexandria. The six-alarm fire brought units from Fairfax, Alexandria, Arlington, and several other jurisdictions.*

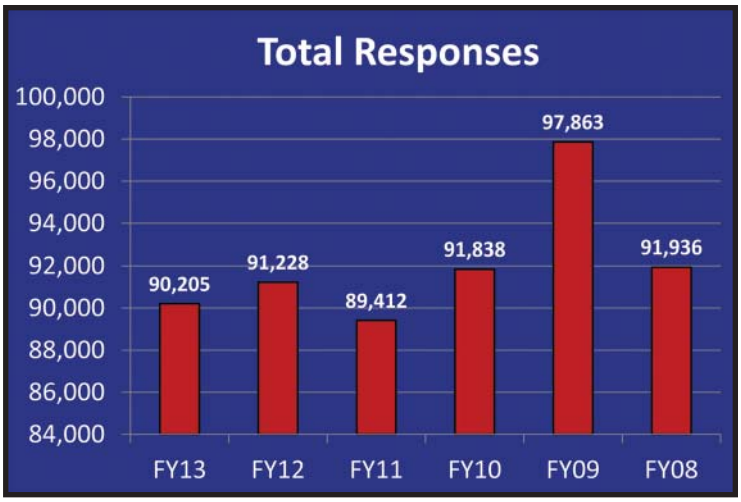
Highlights

FIRE AND RESCUE STATION 42, WOLFTRAP – The four-bay, 16,400 square foot station was recently completed. Wolftrap is the county's 38th station and achieved a Silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) award.

SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY (SIOC) – Designed to "prevent the 911 call," community-based program has firefighters checking smoke alarms, home inspections, and providing seasonal fire and life safety information to residents. A door hanger with important information is left behind when residents aren't home.

CITIZENS FIRE AND RESCUE ACADEMY – The department initiated its first-ever Citizens Fire and Rescue Academy. The nine-week class is designed to educate residents on emergency and non-emergency services provided to all residents and visitors to the county.

Fire and Rescue Station 42, Wolftrap *opened its doors for emergency response October 1, 2013.*



***Firefighters extricate** a trapped person in a two-vehicle crash in McLean.*

Budget
(Actual Expenditures)

FY12 ..... $163,219,725
FY11 ..... $159,693,463
FY10 ..... $159,666,465
FY09 ..... $164,792,296

Revenue

EMS Transport Billing $16.6M
Fire Prevention $4.4M

Units

Advanced Life Support (ALS) Engines 38
Medics 41
Haz Mat Units 2
Trucks 14
Aerial Ladders 7
Tower Ladders 7
Tankers 5
Rescues 8

Personnel

Uniformed 1,331
Civilian 173
Volunteers (operational) 332

Fire Loss

All Fires $6.8M

Investigations
(Fires/Hazardous Materials)

Total Investigations . 329
Incendiary Fires 57
Hazardous Materials. 299

Fire Fatalities

Incendiary 2
Undetermined 1
Accidental 3
Total 6

Activity (Incidents)

EMS 67,243
Fire 17,177
Public Service 5,785
Total Incidents 90,205
Patients Transported 49,739

***Community outreach . . .** the second Citizens Fire and Rescue Academy gets underway with eager participants.*

False Alarms

Malicious 391
False Alarm/Other 5,102
Malfunction 2,024

Fire Prevention Services

Fire Systems Tests . 16,450
Plans Reviewed 8,466
Fire Inspections 18,024

Response Times

AED response rate in 5 minutes 57%

ALS Transport units on scene in 9 minutes..... 86.7%

Engine Company on scene of a structure fire in 5 minutes 52.4%

Fire suppression assembly of 15 operational personnel in 9 minutes 83.9%

***Preventing the 911 Call . . .** firefighters install smoke alarms in homes throughout the county.*

Life Safety Education

Preschool Children	22,371
School Aged Children	13,338
Older Adults 60 +	8,545
Juvenile Firesetters	97

Community outreach . . . *Firefighters wear pink and participate in the "Pink Heals" tour at the Reston Town Center.*

Community Outreach Programs

Safety In Our Community (SIOC)

Safety In Our Community is a community-based program conducted by firefighters going door-to-door checking for working smoke alarms, providing home inspections, and important seasonal fire and life safety information to residents. A door hanger with important information is left behind when residents are not home.

Community and Civic Groups

Fire safety presentations including home escape planning and proper smoke alarm placement. Community slide showing fire safety tips.

Every Step of the Way

A fire and life safety program targeted to the most vulnerable: children and older adults. Programs center on teacher and parent training, and fire safety puppet shows in public, private schools, and daycare centers. Older adults are exposed to programs addressing fire and life safety, including injury from falls. Additionally, the File of Life program allows residents to prominently display medical information to emergency personnel.

Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Program

An educational intervention program targeted to juvenile firesetters administered by a nationally certified educator. Referrals are received from court officials, school counselors, law enforcement, fire investigators, and mental health practitioners.

Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (Washington Regional Fire & Rescue Departments)

Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) helps improve the quality of life for young burn survivors and their families by providing funding for research and therapeutic residential burn camps, and other positive activities.

Station	Phone
* 1 - McLean	703-356-6671
* 2 - Vienna	703-938-2242
4 - Herndon	703-437-1233
* 5 - Franconia	703-971-5858
* 8 - Annandale	703-256-2552
9 - Mount Vernon	703-780-0150
*10 - Bailey's Crossroads	703-820-2345
11 - Penn Daw	703-765-4404
*12 - Great Falls	703-759-2300
*13 - Dunn Loring	703-560-1539
*14 - Burke	703-978-9200
15 - Chantilly	703-378-5353
16 - Clifton	703-830-1901
*17 - Centreville	703-830-8280
18 - Jefferson	703-573-4505
*19 - Lorton	703-339-5141
20 - Gunston	703-339-5970
*21 - Fair Oaks	703-591-0247
*22 - Springfield	703-451-0120
*23 - West Annandale	703-978-3340
24 - Woodlawn	703-780-0110
25 - Reston	703-437-7575
26 - Edsall Road	703-256-2236
27 - West Springfield	703-451-0453
28 - Seven Corners	703-532-1451
29 - Tysons Corner	703-893-0140
30 - Merrifield	703-573-5321
31 - Fox Mill	703-860-2680
32 - Fairview	703-250-8900
34 - Oakton	703-591-0273
35 - Pohick	703-451-5500
36 - Frying Pan	703-793-0043
*37 - Kingstowne	703-719-9294
*38 - West Centreville	703-802-2806
39 - North Point	703-433-1418
40 - Fairfax Center	703-322-4500
41 - Crosspointe	703-493-8990
42 - Wolftrap	703-757-7910

* Volunteer Department affiliated with these stations.

Chairman Sharon Bulova, *Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, holds a door hanger at a news conference as part of the department's Safety In Our Community (SIOC) initiative.*

Apparatus Responses

Engine Company

Unit	Responses
E410	3,050
E409	2,982
E408	2,830
E411	2,778
E429	2,763
E430	2,754
E413	2,670
E422	2,604
E425	2,468
E404	2,414

Medic

Unit	Responses
M422	2,409
M410	2,395
M430	2,383
M413	2,282
M429	2,237
M426	2,215
M421	2,190
M425	2,182
M404	2,164
M411	2,132

Ambulance

Unit	Responses
A409	920
A408	916
A422E	680
A411	433
A410	424
A402E	340
A414E	275
A405E	245
A421E	190
A401E	183

Truck Company

Unit	Responses
T429	1,808
T425	1,769
T410	1,613
TL430	1,486
TL436	1,331
T411	1,297
TL408	1,293
T422	1,232
TL401	1,159
TL424	1,080

Rescue Squad

Unit	Responses
R426	1,462
R421	1,357
R411	1,310
R418	1,135
R401	1,123
R419	1,044
R414	8893
R439	819

Battalion Chiefs

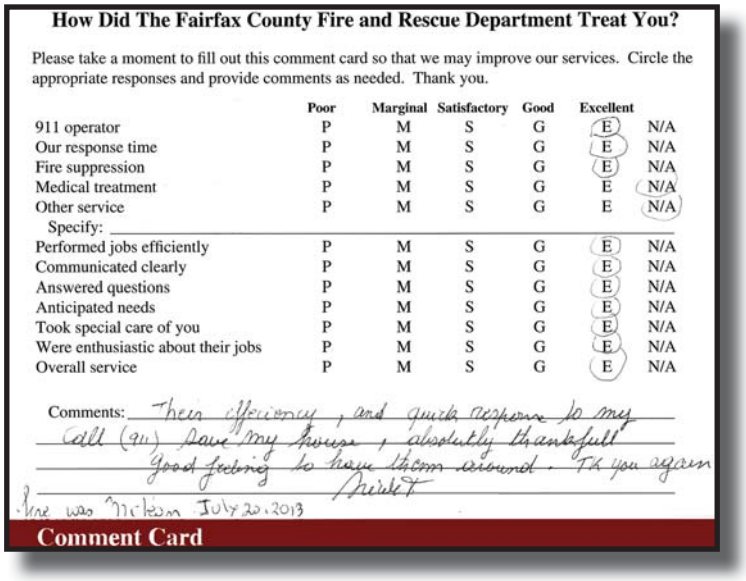
Unit	Responses
BC403	817
BC404	721
BC402	661
BC401	640
BC405	562
BC407	476
BC406	447

EMS Captains

Unit	Responses
EMS405	1,731
EMS404	1,661
EMS403	1,357
EMS402	1,351
EMS401	1,198
EMS406	1,117
EMS407	898

Worldwide Disaster Response

Virginia Task Force-1 (VATF-1) - a premier humanitarian disaster response resource governed through federal partnerships with United States Agency for International Development, (USAID), Department of Homeland Security, (DHS), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, (FEMA). Deploys nationally and internationally to natural and man-made disasters on short notice. Teams have deployed to Armenia, Kenya, Turkey, Taiwan, Iran, Haiti, Oklahoma City, The Pentagon, Japan, and numerous other disaster locations within the US and abroad. Costs and expenses for training, equipment, supplies, and personnel are paid for by the federal government.



How Did The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Treat You?

Please take a moment to fill out this comment card so that we may improve our services. Circle the appropriate responses and provide comments as needed. Thank you.

	Poor	Marginal	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent	
911 operator	P	M	S	G	E	N/A
Our response time	P	M	S	G	E	N/A
Fire suppression	P	M	S	G	E	N/A
Medical treatment	P	M	S	G	E	N/A
Other service	P	M	S	G	E	N/A
Specify:						
Performed jobs efficiently	P	M	S	G	E	N/A
Communicated clearly	P	M	S	G	E	N/A
Answered questions	P	M	S	G	E	N/A
Anticipated needs	P	M	S	G	E	N/A
Took special care of you	P	M	S	G	E	N/A
Were enthusiastic about their jobs	P	M	S	G	E	N/A
Overall service	P	M	S	G	E	N/A

Comments: Their efficiency, and quick response to my call (911) saved my house, absolutly thankfull! Good feeling to have them around. Thk you again Mike

Fire was Mclean July 20, 2013

Comment Card

Virginia Task Force-1 *members participate in hands-on training during their April 2013 training exercise at the Lorton training site.*

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