

FAIRFAX COUNTY
FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT



2003
CALENDAR
AND
FY 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

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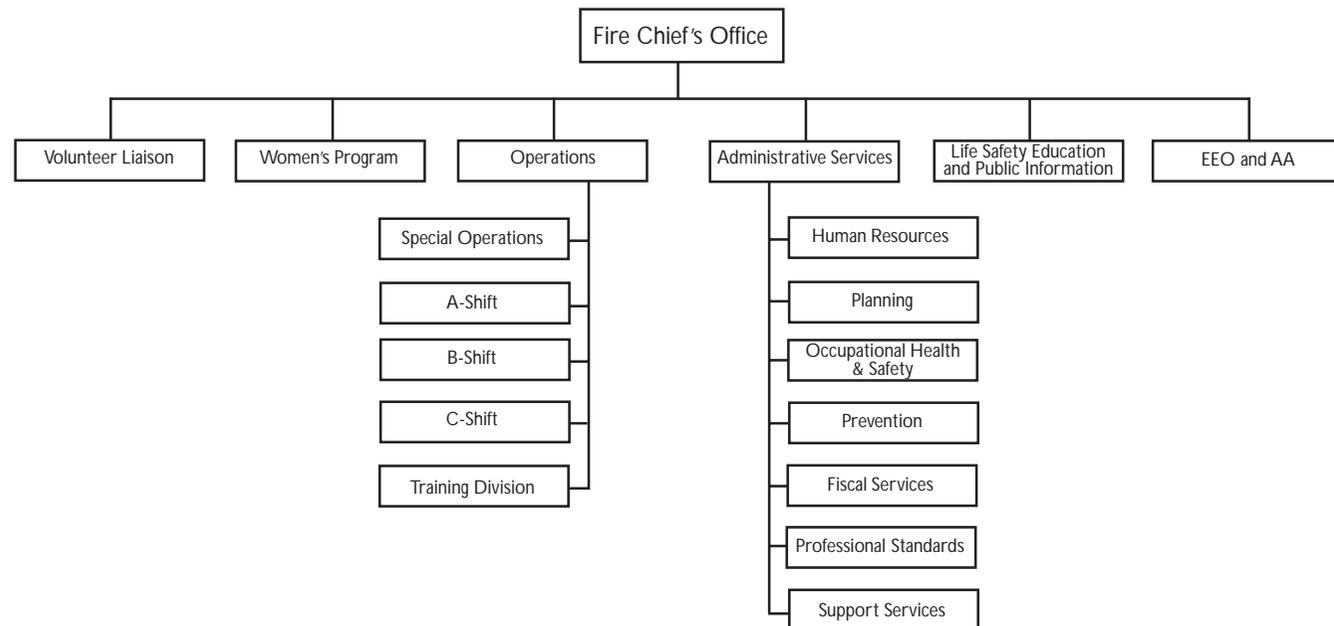
Deputy County Executive

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.

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 nearly one million residents. Today, approximately 1,200 career uniformed men and women operate from 35 fire and rescue stations strategically positioned throughout Fairfax County's 399 square miles. Additionally, approximately 200 full-time and seasonal civilians provide key support functions from headquarters and other locations within the Fire and Rescue Department. As a combined-career and volunteer department, over 300 operational volunteers provide supplemental support.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department operates on three separate 24-hour rotating shifts. Each shift is led by a Deputy Fire Chief. The County is separated geographically into six battalions, each supervised by a Battalion Fire Chief. Each battalion also has an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Captain assigned as an EMS Supervisor, a key member of the Battalion Management Team.

Organizational Chart





To the Citizens of Fairfax County,

As the Fire Chief I'm proud to present the Fire and Rescue Department's Annual Report for 2002. The annual report will share with you key data that helps show what the Department has accomplished this past year.

The horrendous events of September 11, 2001, and the days and weeks following, reminds everyone, especially the fire service,

that our readiness as first responders is all-important to any incident. If we are to successfully impact events such as the Pentagon, anthrax scares, and the other 86,000 plus calls we run; our resources and training regime have to be second-to-none.

Despite a challenging and busy year, our strategic planning process has evolved into a working document for the entire Department to aim its compass. The plan is built upon a vision, mission statement, and eight core values, and a framework of three strategic goals. It will be our roadmap to the future that will be reviewed as our needs and your needs change.

I want to also take this opportunity to thank all the men and women, uniformed and civilian, who dedicate themselves daily in making Fairfax County a safer and better place to live and visit.

I pledge to continue providing each of you the best service possible.

Chief Edward L. Stinnette

Vision

Dedicated to being the best community-focused fire and rescue department working as a team to ensure a safe and secure environment for all those entrusted to our care.

Mission

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is committed to providing emergency and non-emergency services to protect the lives, property, and environment of our community.

We contribute to this commitment by:

- Maintaining a leadership role in local, state, and national public safety initiatives;
- Developing, implementing, and maintaining innovative prevention programs and strategies, life safety education, and training for our community.
- Maintaining the highest departmental readiness to provide emergency medical and fire suppression services;

- Maintaining state-of-the-art special operations capabilities;
- Seeking new and better ways to further integrate the Fire and Rescue Department into our communities; and
- Conducting research and using technology to enhance the achievement of these objectives.

Core Values

Professional Excellence

We believe the pursuit of excellence and demonstrating high professional standards are critical to our work. To ensure the best possible service for our community, the Fire and Rescue Department supports continuous training and encourages professional development.

Health and Safety

We believe our health and safety are essential to fulfilling the Fire and Rescue Department's mission. We are committed to providing the best health and safety programs for our members' well-being and operational readiness.

Diversity

We know Fairfax County is a diverse community, and we commit to meeting its ever-changing needs. We are dedicated to reflecting that diversity throughout our organization, and to respecting diversity by providing compassionate and quality service to all.

Teamwork and Shared Leadership

We know well-functioning teams of people are more effective than individuals working separately; our lives depend on it. We believe individuals have the capacity to lead, and our organization values leadership at all levels. Teamwork and shared leadership are integral to our organization, and we will seek out and value the opinions of our members.

Effective Communication

We believe communication is essential to the cohesiveness and performance of our organization. We are committed to providing effective and responsive means of communication throughout the organization and the community.

Integrity

We understand the trust placed in us by the public and our colleagues is integral to the performance of our duties. We are committed to honest and ethical behavior, and will hold ourselves accountable to these values.

Community Service and Involvement

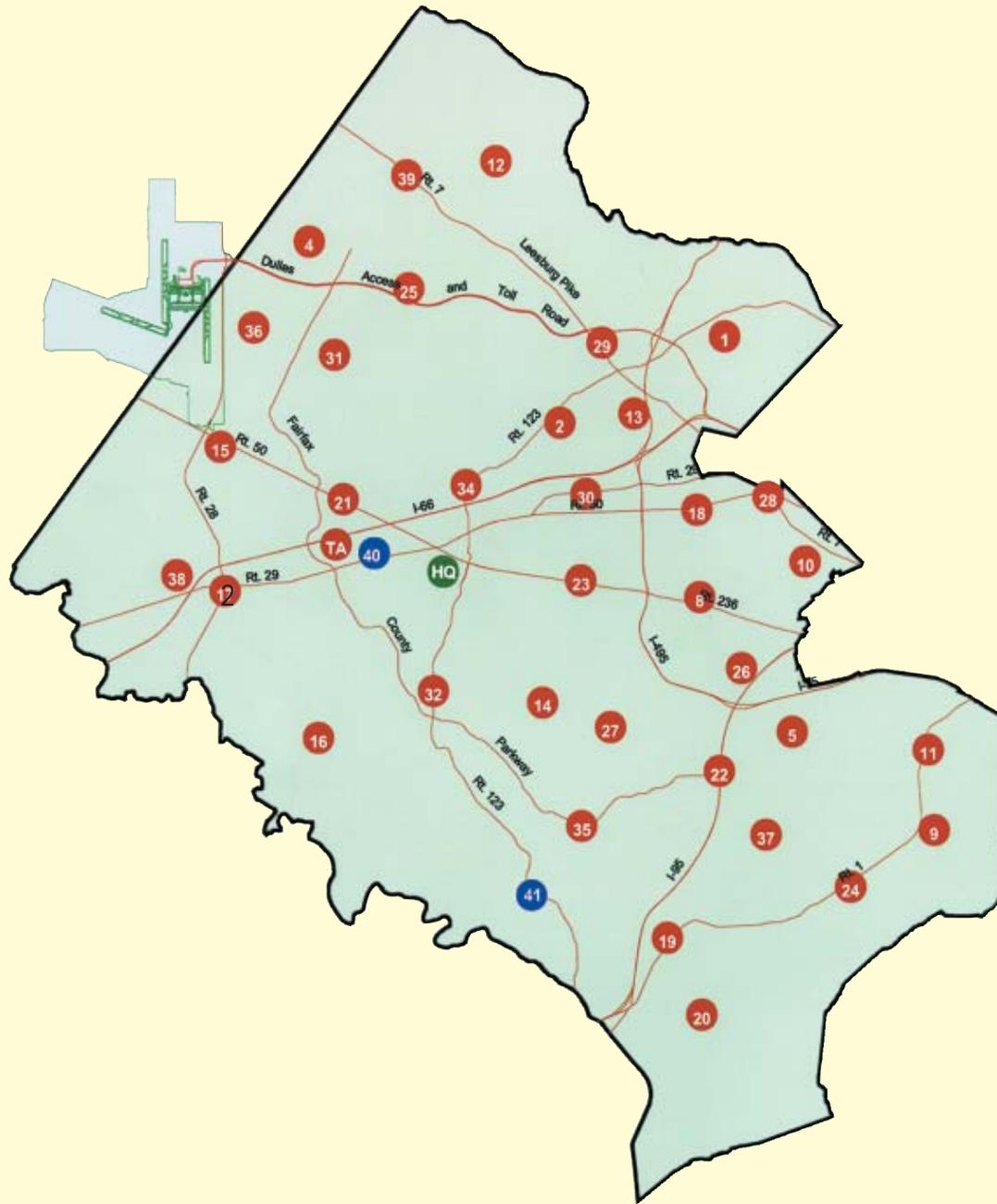
We believe we have a duty to be involved in the communities where we work. Our responsibility is to protect life, property, and the environment. We are committed to fulfilling our responsibility and to deepening our involvement in the community we serve. No request or inquiry will go unanswered.

Innovation

We recognize and understand that the constancy of change, in our community and industry, impacts our business daily. We are committed to seeking out and implementing innovative and progressive thinking to address change effectively, benefiting those we serve.



Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Stations



Major Roads

County Fire and Rescue Stations and Training Academy

Future Fire and Rescue Station Site

Headquarters



Station	Address	Telephone
* 1 - McLean	1455 Laughlin Avenue, McLean, VA 22101	(703) 356-6671
* 2 - Vienna	400 Center Street, Vienna, VA 22180	(703) 938-2242
4 - Herndon	680 S Spring Street, Herndon, VA 22070	(703) 437-1233
* 5 - Franconia	6300 Beulah Street, Alexandria, VA 22310	(703) 971-5858
* 8 - Annandale	7128 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003	(703) 256-2552
9 - Mount Vernon	2601 Sherwood Hall Lane, VA 22306	(703) 780-0150
* 10 - Bailey's Crossroads	3601 Firehouse Lane, Falls Church, VA 22041	(703) 820-2345
11 - Penn Daw	6624 Hulvey Terrace, Alexandria, VA 22306	(703) 765-4404
* 12 - Great Falls	9916 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA 22066	(703) 759-2300
* 13 - Dunn Loring	2148 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027	(703) 560-1539
* 14 - Burke	9501 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015	(703) 978-9200
15 - Chantilly	14005 Vernon Street, Chantilly, VA 22021	(703) 378-5353
16 - Clifton	12645 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 22024	(703) 830-1901
* 17 - Centreville	5856 Old Centerville Road, Centreville, VA 22020	(703) 830-8280
18 - Jefferson	3101 Hodge Place, Falls Church, VA 22042	(703) 573-4505
* 19 - Lorton	7701 Armstead Road, Lorton, VA 22079	(703) 339-5141
20 - Gunston	10417 Gunston Road, Lorton, VA 22079	(703) 339-5970
* 21 - Fair Oaks	12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, VA 22033	(703) 591-0247
* 22 - Springfield	7011 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22150	(703) 451-0120
* 23 - West Annandale	8914 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031	(703) 978-3340
24 - Woodlawn	8701 Lukens Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309	(703) 780-0110
25 - Reston	1820 Wiehle Avenue, Reston, VA 22090	(703) 437-7575
26 - Edsall Road	5316 Carolina Place, Springfield, VA 22151	(703) 256-2236
27 - West Springfield	6140 Rolling Road, McLean, VA 22152	(703) 451-0453
28 - Seven Corners	2949 Sleepy Hollow Road, Falls Church, VA 22044	(703) 532-1451
29 - Tysons Corner	1560 Spring Hill Road, McLean, VA 22102	(703) 893-0140
30 - Merrifield	8739 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031	(703) 573-5321
31 - Fox Mill	2610 Reston Parkway, Herndon, VA 22071	(703) 860-2680
32 - Fairview	5600 Burke Center Parkway, Fairfax Station, VA 22039	(703) 250-8900
34 - Oakton	10511 Rosehaven Street, Fairfax, VA 22030	(703) 591-0273
35 - Pohick	8916 Pohick Road, Springfield, VA 22153	(703) 451-5500
36 - Fryling Pan	2660 West Ox Road, Herndon, VA 22315	(703) 793-0043
* 37 - Kingstowne	7936 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22315	(703) 719-9294
* 38 - West Centreville	6001 O'Day Drive, Centreville, VA 22020	(703) 802-2806
39 - North Point	1117 Reston Avenue, Reston, VA 20170	(703) 433-1418
40 - Fairfax Centre	Planned/In Design	
41 - Crosspointe	Planned/In Design	

* Volunteer Department affiliated with these stations.



Operations

- ❑ Operations has overall responsibility for providing the highest level of quality emergency service to Fairfax County citizens.
- ❑ Meeting the needs of citizens and creating customer satisfaction is priority number one.
- ❑ Operations has nearly 1,200 career and approximately 350 volunteer personnel assigned.
- ❑ All firefighters are certified Emergency Medical Technicians.
- ❑ About one-third are certified as paramedics.
- ❑ All 35 engines in the County are staffed with a firefighter/paramedic, 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

The Fire and Rescue Department operates on three separate 24-hour rotating shifts. Each shift is led by a Deputy Fire Chief who is responsible for:

- ❑ Management of assigned personnel
- ❑ Maintaining emergency response capabilities countywide
- ❑ Training and certification
- ❑ Emergency incident response and overall scene management

Each shift is separated geographically into six battalions, each supervised by a Battalion Fire Chief. Each Battalion Fire Chief is responsible for six or seven fire stations and all assigned personnel. While on duty, they direct the operations on the scene of emergency incidents.

Each battalion also has an EMS Captain assigned as an EMS Supervisor. They are part of the Battalion Management Team. They ensure emergency medical services standards are met, provide supervision for assigned advanced life support providers and assume the role of medical control officer for emergency medical incidents.

January

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Plan and practice your home fire escape route



Have two ways out of every room & establish an outdoor meeting place

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Special Operations

- ❑ Strives to ensure that County citizens receive the most advanced emergency medical care, rescue response, and hazardous materials emergency response possible.
- ❑ Manages emergency medical services, hazardous materials emergency response, water rescue, and technical rescue programs.
- ❑ Manages the County's Urban Search and Rescue program (foreign and domestic response).
- ❑ Participates as a member of the National Medical Response Team.

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Know how to unlock your doors and windows



Sleep with your bedroom doors closed

Place emergency numbers next to the phone



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Academy

- ❑ Responsible for planning, coordinating, and executing operational training within the Department. Training responsibility begins the day new recruit firefighters are hired and continues throughout their career.
- ❑ Conducts an average of three 18-week recruit schools, graduating approximately 72 probationary firefighters annually. Training includes: Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B) NFPA Firefighter 1 & 2 certification, automobile extrication, aerial ladder operations, high-rise fire operations, rail training, fire ground survival, technical rescue, hazardous materials first responder, and swift water rescue.
- ❑ Conducts a variety of continuing education and refresher training for all personnel including Probationary Firefighter School, Hydraulics, Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B) refresher, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) refresher, and standard company evolutions, and specialty training such as live fire training on structures, Truck Company and Rescue Company schools. Technical Rescue Certification Class, Technical Rescue Continuing Education Unit, Haz-Mat certification class, Haz-Mat Continuing Education, Urban Search and Rescue Training Site, Officer Development Schools, Operations Academy Rotations, Shift Specialty Training, and Multi-Unit Drills.
- ❑ Responsible for the development and delivery of emergency medical services training. Training includes certification and recertification of all paramedics and emergency medical technicians. All career personnel maintain EMT-B certification. Manages the Citizen Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) program.
- ❑ Supported over 18,800 hours of volunteer training in FY2001, including two firefighter schools, three EMT-B schools, three EMT-B refresher schools, and specialized training.
- ❑ Manages career development, tuition assistance, general training, travel programs, curriculum development, and training records.

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Always keep medication out of the reach of children

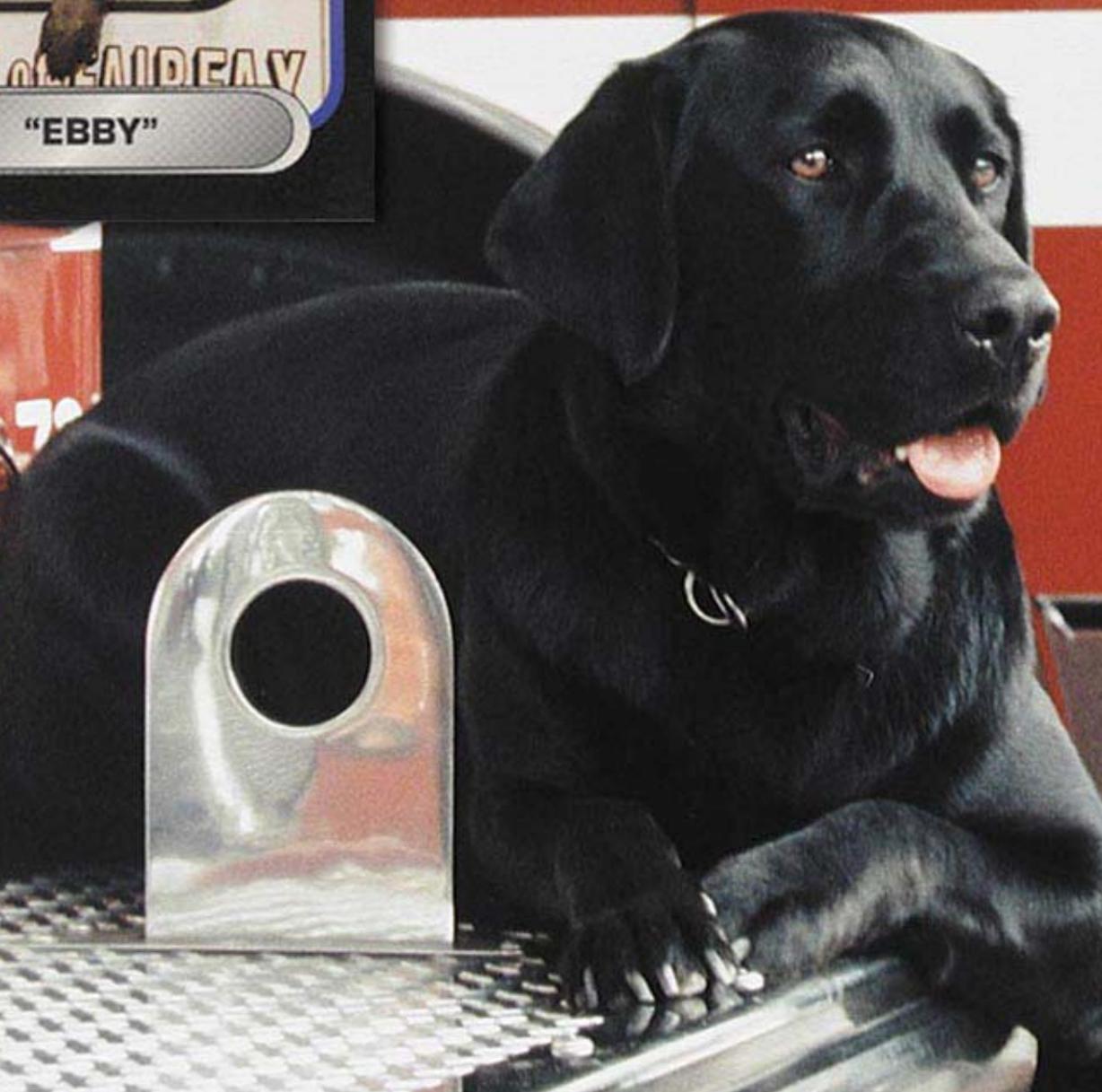
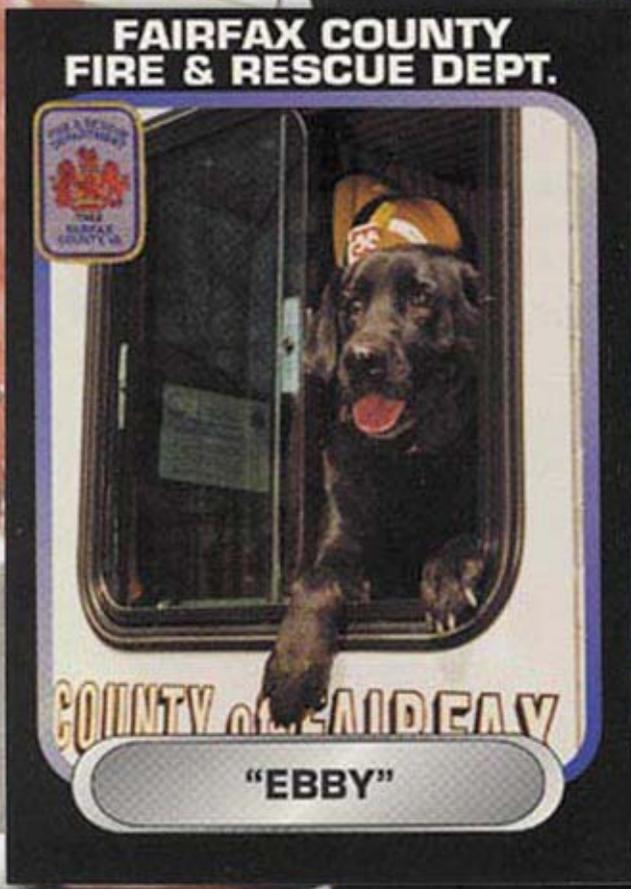


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Fire Prevention

- ❑ Enforces the Virginia and Fairfax County Fire Prevention Codes through inspections, education, and engineering. Responsible for determining the cause and circumstances of all fires and explosions in Fairfax County. Reviews all building, site, detection, and suppression plans to ensure code compliance in the area of fire protection and life safety systems.
- ❑ Reviews fire lane plans, ensures fire lanes are established according to code requirements, and assists building managers with building evacuation and fire drill planning.
- ❑ Investigates fires, explosions, and hazardous materials releases.
- ❑ Provides support to the National Response Team through the use of Bert, the accelerant detection canine.
- ❑ Provides staff support and input to the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- ❑ Conducts criminal investigation of hazardous materials violations, hazardous waste dumps, and other environmental crimes.
- ❑ Responsible for the Hazardous Materials Emergency and the Contingency Planning Program, Legislative and Regulatory Oversight Program, Significant Hazards Surveillance Program, and Emergency Incident Cost Recovery Program.
- ❑ Manages and maintains the Hazardous Materials Enforcement Program and the Hazardous Materials Release Oversight and Monitoring Program.
- ❑ Performs related emergency planning.
- ❑ Oversees hazardous materials clean-up and remediation, inspects blasting sites and materials.
- ❑ Provides 24-hour coverage ensuring rapid response to any fire or explosion.
- ❑ Monitors tests on fire protection systems in buildings under construction and renovation.
- ❑ Oversees annual re-tests of fire protection systems in existing buildings.
- ❑ Provides expertise in the identification and ongoing remediation of faulty fire sprinklers.
- ❑ Provides an "Engineer on Call" program for evaluating code related problems.

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Keep common household poisons and medicines out of reach of children



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Change smoke alarm battery
 Daylight Saving Time Begins

Tax Day

Easter

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Support Services

- ❑ Provides direct technical support to frontline emergency services personnel related to apparatus, telecommunications, resource management, and logistics automation and information processing. Responsible for protective clothing and grants management.
- ❑ Maintains more than 1,700 pieces of communications equipment, including mobile and portable radios, pagers, cellular phones, mobile computer terminals (MCT), and computer aided dispatch (CAD) terminals for emergency dispatches.
- ❑ Coordinates the maintenance of over 350 vehicles, including heavy and specialized apparatus. Responsible for repairing breathing apparatus and specialized tools such as chain saws, and routine testing of equipment. Manages an automated information management system that is critical for resource planning, analysis, and efficiency studies,
- ❑ Responsible for maintenance, management, and user support of all computer automation. Responsible for all computer equipment, two local area networks, one wide area network, and over 35 remote workstation sites.
- ❑ Maintains County Graphical Information System (GIS) for emergency response planning and mapping.
- ❑ Coordinates the procurement, receipt and delivery of all supplies and equipment for the organization.
- ❑ Evaluates and updates emergency response planning criteria and dispatch information to expedite emergency services.
- ❑ Services and performs regular testing of all self-contained breathing apparatus and atmosphere monitoring devices. Provides all firefighting protective equipment and cleans, repairs, and maintains all uniform and volunteer personnel protective firefighting gear.

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Use your head-wear a helmet



Keep barbecue grills
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National Safe Kids Day

Mother's Day

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Fiscal Services

- ❑ Fiscal Services was organized in 2001 to manage the Department's funds, over \$110 million in FY 2003.
- ❑ In accordance with governmental fiscal standards, ensures that adequate funds are available to provide for the acquisition of goods and services for Department personnel to provide quality services to the citizens of Fairfax County.
- ❑ Develops an annual budget submission and performs regular reviews and revisions. Provides budget information to Department personnel, Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget, and the Board of Supervisors to ensure up-to-date information is available to address ever changing conditions
- ❑ Produces an annual financial plan, and monitors day-to-day financial activity. Produces information regarding financial activities for Division Directors, Department of Management and Budget, and the Board of Supervisors to be used as a management tool and to support effective decision making.
- ❑ Provides high quality assistance and support concerning financial management to Department personnel in order to assist in achieving the Fire and Rescue Department's agency mission.

Planning

- ❑ Coordinates long-range planning, including development and implementation of the Department's strategic plan.
- ❑ Coordinates, revises, and implements capital improvement projects, including new facilities and major renovations to existing stations.



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Buckle up for safety



Safety is in numbers--display your address to ensure emergency personnel can easily see it

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Human Resources

- ❑ Responsible for planning, coordinating, and assigning personnel, payroll, recruitment, and promotional testing.
- ❑ Provides benefit and pay information to uniformed and civilian employees.
- ❑ Responsible for reviewing and interpreting applicable federal and state laws relating to employment practices.
- ❑ Represents the Department during public meetings, court hearings, and the Civil Service Commission.
- ❑ Provides liaison with the County Attorney and Uniformed Retirement Board.
- ❑ Manages the application process for prospective firefighters.
- ❑ Responsible for the eight-step recruiting process that includes a written exam, candidate physical abilities test (CPAT), polygraph, psychological interview, medical examination, and background investigation.
- ❑ Develops and administers promotional exams in conjunction with the Fairfax County Department of Human Resources.



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Independence Day

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Occupational Health and Safety

- ❑ Provides a program that will ensure a healthy workforce, both mentally and physically.
- ❑ Responsible for minimizing occupational injuries and illnesses, lost work-time, disability retirements, and workers' compensation costs while enhancing the quality of life for firefighters in the workplace.
- ❑ Ensures the Department remains compliant with all applicable government and industry standards.
- ❑ Provides 24-hour emergency coverage for incident scene safety, in-station education, safety inspections, critical incident stress management, and accident and injury review and documentation.
- ❑ Emphasizes physical fitness by supporting personnel with equipment and opportunities for physical fitness training as well as conditioning guidance provided by peer trainers.
- ❑ Conducts all education, treatment, and reporting related to infectious disease exposure events.
- ❑ Supports the Public Safety Occupational Health Center (PSOHC) providing comprehensive health services to include: routine medical examinations, immunizations, respirator fit-testing, medical consultations, surveillance, fitness-for-duty determinations, urgent care for industrial injuries, illness prevention, and health risk reduction to career and volunteer firefighters, police officers, and deputy sheriffs.

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Vacuum your smoke alarms monthly



Lower hot water heater temperature to 120 degrees



Never store flammable liquids in your home

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Urban Search and Rescue Task Force

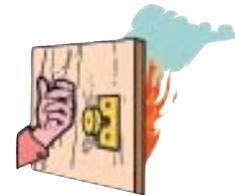
- ❑ Virginia Task Force One, a 140-plus person Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) resource, is designed to provide technical expertise and rescue to those entrapped in collapsed reinforced concrete buildings following a catastrophic event.
- ❑ Designed to respond to major incidents in an urban setting, it is first charged with providing immediate life saving assets for Fairfax County citizens .
- ❑ Comprised of both volunteer and career members, the Task Force rosters emergency managers, structural engineers and heavy rigging specialists, physicians and paramedics, collapse rescue technicians, logisticians, hazardous materials and communications specialists, as well as canine and technical search specialists. It is ready for world-wide deployment within six hours of notification.
- ❑ Sponsored by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, the Task Force is joined in two unique partnerships for the delivery of domestic Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and International United States Agency for International Development (USAID) humanitarian relief. The full expense of any federal deployment and associated training is funded by the federal government, resulting in no cost to Fairfax County. Upon activation, the team is comprised of 70-plus members capable of working 24-hours a day. The team uses approximately 50,000 pounds of tools, equipment, and supplies to perform its mission, and is self-sufficient for 72-hours (domestic) and 10 days (international).
- ❑ Within its complement of tools, equipment, and supplies, the Task Force uses sophisticated search devices (acoustical and optical), specially trained search canines, heavy rescue tools capable of breaking, breaching, and lifting reinforced concrete, and arid hazardous materials detection equipment. The team also deploys with a specialized medical component capable of treating up to 50 critically injured patients.

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When escaping from a fire, check doors for heat before opening



Is your child's car seat properly installed?



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Volunteers

- ❑ Twelve private non-profit fire companies work in partnership with Fairfax County to provide fire stations, equipment and apparatus, and volunteer support.
- ❑ Volunteer companies are volunteer fire departments (VFD's) or volunteer fire and rescue departments (VFRD's). They include: Annandale VFD, Bailey's Crossroads VFD, Burke VFRD, Centreville VFD, Dunn Loring VFD, Fair Oaks VFRD, Franconia VFD, Great Falls VFD, Greater Springfield VFD, Lorton VFD, McLean VFD, and Vienna VFD.
- ❑ VFD's involve over 350 citizen volunteers in field operations in ranks ranging from probationary firefighter through chief officer, providing over 70,000 hours of operational service.
- ❑ An additional 300 volunteers serve in administrative roles and participate in activities such as fundraising, maintenance of volunteer-owned stations, operation of canteen services during major incidents, and serve as departmental chaplains.
- ❑ Volunteer companies own the land and buildings at stations 2, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 22, and 23.
- ❑ Volunteer companies have partnership agreements at four County owned stations: 1, 21, 37, and 38.
- ❑ VFD's are responsible for all major construction projects, renovations, and maintenance of volunteer properties.
- ❑ VFD's provide the County with apparatus that is purchased through fund-raising efforts.
- ❑ Volunteer fire departments own over 100 vehicles including 31 ambulances, 24 engines, 1 truck, and 4 heavy rescues.
- ❑ The Volunteer Fire Commission, a seven-member body appointed by the Board of Supervisors to oversee all matters pertaining to volunteers, serves as the volunteers' representative to the Fire Chief.



Professional Standards

Every agency of government needs to have accountability at all levels to ensure that standards of integrity are met when providing services to the public. It is vital for any government agency to have the respect and trust of those they serve. The Office of Professional Standards is charged with overseeing that responsibility and accomplishes that by:

- Investigating allegations of employee misconduct based on complaints or concerns from citizens, co-workers, or supervisors.
- Administering the background investigations of all the new volunteer applicants and some selected career applicants.
- Administering the background investigations for all new civilian support staff positions.
- Administering polygraph examinations surrounding selected internal investigations and follow-up examinations for recruitment.
- Coordinating the drug screening policies surrounding fitness-for-duty complaints and long-term follow-up agreements.
- Providing in-service training for various staff members on interview techniques and character issues.
- Providing instruction on ethics in the workplace through the teaching of a "Character Matters 24/7" program.
- Providing informal "table talk" sessions at random workplace locations.

Equal Employment Opportunity

- Oversees the Department's compliance with federal, state, and County regulations prohibiting discrimination.
- Oversees the Department's diversity plan in accordance with the County's diversity plan.
- Coordinates EEO counselor program, including volunteers.
- Provides training in areas of discrimination, harassment, diversity, and violence in the workplace to senior managers.
- Provides training for recruits and adjunct recruitment trainers in discrimination, sexual harassment, and cultural diversity.

Women's Programs

- Advocate for women in the Department.
- Addresses issues and concerns of women including promotions, family, recruitment and retention, facilities, physical fitness, and health care.
- Represents women firefighters to Department senior staff.

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Keep space heaters away from combustibles



If your clothes catch on fire



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Keep a pot lid handy to smother cooking fires

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Public Information and Life Safety Education

- ❑ Educates and informs citizens on all aspects of the Department.
- ❑ Targets citizens through a myriad of traditional and innovative educational programs and events. Community events that help educate the general public include: Fairfax Fair, Safe Kids Day, Fire Prevention Week Open House, Fall for Fairfax, and Safety Olympics.
- ❑ Promotes popular children and senior citizen programs such as Project S.A.F.E. (Students Acknowledge Fire Education) which allows firefighters and life safety staff to visit virtually all third-grade classrooms within the County.
- ❑ Coordinates the Every-Step-of-the-Way program which focuses on high-risk populations-the young and elderly.
- ❑ Conducts the Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Program, educating young children on the dangers of playing with matches and fire experimentation.
- ❑ Supports the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) program, jointly sponsored by the Greater Metropolitan Washington Regional Fire and Rescue Departments and the Children's National Medical Center.
- ❑ Participates in the Fairfax Safe Kids Coalition as a key participant in the safe and proper installation of child safety seats. In partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Child Passenger Safety Program, the Department is committed to overcoming the unsafe installation of child safety seats throughout the Washington Metropolitan area.
- ❑ Informs citizens using the news media.
- ❑ Responds to all media queries, striving for timeliness and accuracy.

December

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 ■ C Shift

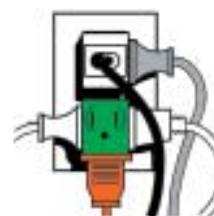
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Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

New Year's Eve

Don't overload electrical outlets



Keep your Christmas tree watered

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Community Outreach Programs

Community and Civic Groups

- ❑ Fire Safety presentations including home escape planning and proper smoke alarm placement
- ❑ Community slide show showing Departmental programs



Every Step of the Way

- ❑ A safety program targeted to the most vulnerable segments of the population, the very young and elderly
- ❑ Preschool program reaches children three to five years of age in public and private schools and licensed daycare centers; teacher training, fire safety puppet shows, teacher and parent training that reaches over 23,000 children
- ❑ Over 18,000 seniors have been exposed to programs addressing fire safety, File of Life, and injury from falls



Child Safety Seat Inspection Program

Training is coordinated through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Child Safety Seat Technician Program.

- ❑ Fire and Rescue Department personnel undergo a comprehensive National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) training course
- ❑ Safety checkpoints are conducted throughout the year at fire and rescue stations and popular community locations
- ❑ Educational information and event notices are kept on the fire and rescue web site: www.fairfaxcounty.gov
- ❑ Develops and maintains database of child safety seat inspections



Washington Regional Fire & Rescue Departments

Aluminum Cans for Burned Children

- ❑ The Aluminum Cans for Burned Children Program (ACBC) was established to help improve the quality of life for young burn survivors and their families by providing funding for research, therapeutic residential burn camps, and other positive activities
- ❑ Sponsors children to attend annual burn camps and funds camper and school supplies
- ❑ Funds annual holiday party with Children's Hospital
- ❑ Funds continuing education programs, including graduation awards program for high school or GED graduates
- ❑ Provides funding assistance for pediatric burn patients and their families
- ❑ Provides firefighter and civilian counselors for local burn camps



Elementary and Secondary School Programs

- ❑ Project SAFE—third grade safety program in every Fairfax County
- ❑ Public Elementary School, instruction conducted by firefighters
- ❑ Kitchen safety classes
- ❑ Babysitting classes
- ❑ Latch key safety classes
- ❑ Age appropriate general safety classes



Operation Fire Safe and Battery for Life

- ❑ Provides for the distribution and installation of smoke alarms free of charge by firefighters
- ❑ A home safety survey offered and conducted by firefighters
- ❑ Provides batteries for smoke alarms in residential occupancies upon request



Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Program

- ❑ An educational intervention program targeted for juvenile firesetters administered by nationally certified personnel
- ❑ Referrals are received from court officials, school counselors, law enforcement officials, mental health practitioners, fire investigators, firefighters, parents, and adult relatives

Call Public Information and Life Safety Education at (703) 246-3801 for further information on any of these programs.

Operational Data

General

Sites/Areas

Stations:	35
Battalions:	6
Fire Boxes:	470

Positions

Uniformed	1,166
Civilian, Full Time	103
Civilian, Seasonal	101

Staffed Functions

Paramedic Engines	35
Medics	22
Trucks	12
Ambulances	18
Rescues	8
Foam Units	2

Response Data

Incidents

EMS	60,685
Suppression	23,579
Public Service	4,982
Total	89,246

Technical Services

Water Rescue	57
Hazardous Materials	561
Technical Rescue	21
Total	639

Emergency Services

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Rate:	16.53 %
Appropriate Unit Arrival Rate: ALS (within six minutes of dispatch)	78.46 %
Suppression (within five minutes of dispatch)	54.99 %

Emergency Medical Services

Drownings/Submersions/Suffocations	1
Cardiac Arrests	428
Helicopter Transports	214
Patients Transported	39,211
Burns	232
Pre-Arrival Aid	100
Resuscitations	91
Poisonings/Overdoses	644
Motor Vehicle Deaths/Injuries	6,240

Fire Suppression

Fires

Structure, residential	516
Cause # 1 Failure to clean	59
Cause # 2 Abandoned, discarded heat source	51
Cause # 3 Equipment left unattended	48
Structure, non-residential	153
Cause # 1 Electrical failure	24
Cause # 2 Unable to determine	19
Cause # 3 Unlawful incendiary	14
Vehicle	593
Cause # 1 Unable to determine	169
Cause # 2 Mechanical failure	83

Smoke Alarms

Alerts (structure fires)	704
Available, not working	133

False Alarms

Malicious	432
Malfunction	2,620
Accidental/Other	6,321

Dollar Loss

All fires	\$29,929,481
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Fire Data

Accidental Fires

Electrical	69
Mechanical Failure	12
Kitchen/Cooking Hazards	23
Heating and A/C Equipment	5
Ashes/Defective Chimney	17
Smoking Materials	34
Candles	24
Children with Matches/Lighter	9
Flammable Liquids/Vapors	12
Combustibles Near Heat Source	4
Spontaneous Ignition	5
Lightning	6
Other Accidental Causes	17
Total	237

Other Investigations

Explosives and Devices	10
Fireworks	4
Threats to Burn	0
False Alarms/Tampering	5
Hazardous Materials Incidents	0
Other	7
Total	26

Legal Actions

Arrests	29
Petitions	65
Exceptional Closures	16
Total	110

Fire Investigations and Service Calls Open/Closed

Accidental	224	Closed	222
Incendiary	187	Closed	45
Other	32	Closed	14
Undetermined	26	Closed	0
Total Opened	469	Total Closed	281

Fires

	Value	Loss
Accidental	\$2,290,816,380	\$18,487,823
Incendiary	510,714,828	189,478
Undetermined	832,648,932	1,878,310
Suspicious	48,690,225	9,068,560
Other	8,258,875	305,310
Total	\$3,691,129,240	\$29,929,481

Life Safety Education

Population Receiving Life Safety Education

Preschool Children	33.43%
Seniors	22.94%



Emergency Telephone Numbers ...

Fire and Ambulance 911 (Voice/TTY)

Non-Emergency Voice/TTY - (703) 691-2131

Police, to report a crime in progress or accident 911 (Voice/TTY)

Non-Emergency Voice/TTY - (703) 691-2131

Poison Control (202) 625-3333

or TTY - (202) 362-8563

Flooding Voice/TTY - (703) 691-2131

Sanitary sewer line repair or emergencies (703) 323-1211

or TTY - (703) 239-8498

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