

Response to Questions on the FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan

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Question: What is the number of Assistant and Deputy Chief positions now and how have they grown over the last five years?

Response: The Fire and Rescue Department (FRD) has added one Assistant Fire Chief and two Deputy Fire Chief's in the past five years.

FRD currently has three Assistant Fire Chiefs responsible for the management and oversight of the department's three core areas – Operations, Personnel Services, and Business Services. The organizational chart below illustrates the functional area each Assistant Fire Chief is responsible for overseeing. The third Assistant Fire Chief was added in FY 2007 to address the growth of the department and the managerial responsibilities related to growth. This position was created by abolishing an existing Deputy Chief position.

There are currently 10 Deputy Fire Chief positions, two of which have been added in the past five years. One of the two Deputy Chief positions was created to oversee the Special Operations Division which includes Hazmat, Technical Rescue, Marine, Emergency Preparedness, and the Urban Search and Rescue Program. The second Deputy Fire Chief was created for special assignment to the County's Code Enforcement Strike team. The Deputy Chief for the Code Enforcement Strike team is currently vacant.

