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

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.

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

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

**Budget**

(Actual Expenditures)

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**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

**Investigations**

(Fires/Hazardous Materials)

Total Investigations ........ 329
Incendiary Fires ........ 57
Hazardous Materials ........ 299

**Fire Loss**

All Fires .................. $6.8M

**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

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### 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.

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

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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.

911 operator
Poor Marginal Satisfactory Good Excellent
P M S G E NA

Emergency response time
P M S G E NA

Fire suppression
P M S G E NA

Medical treatment
P M S G E NA

Other service
P M S G E NA

Specify:
Performed jobs efficiently
P M S G E NA

Communicated clearly
P M S G E NA

Answered questions
P M S G E NA

Anticipated needs
P M S G E NA

Gave special care of you
P M S G E NA

Were enthusiastic about their jobs
P M S G E NA

Overall service
P M S G E NA

Comments: 

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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