



VFOIA Annual Report

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“...balance the County’s **commitment to transparency and openness**, while ensuring the protection of the County’s **privacy and security interests**. . .” – Countywide FOIA Policy

FOIA REQUESTS

Total Requests



8,469

Average Response Time



3 days

Records Released in Full



78%

Fairfax County implemented the VFOIA Tracker (centralized FOIA tracking application) countywide on January 1, 2018.



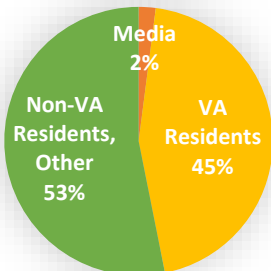
The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) requires public bodies to respond to FOIA requests within 5 working days.

VFOIA contains exemptions that allow agencies to withhold exempt information either in full or in part.

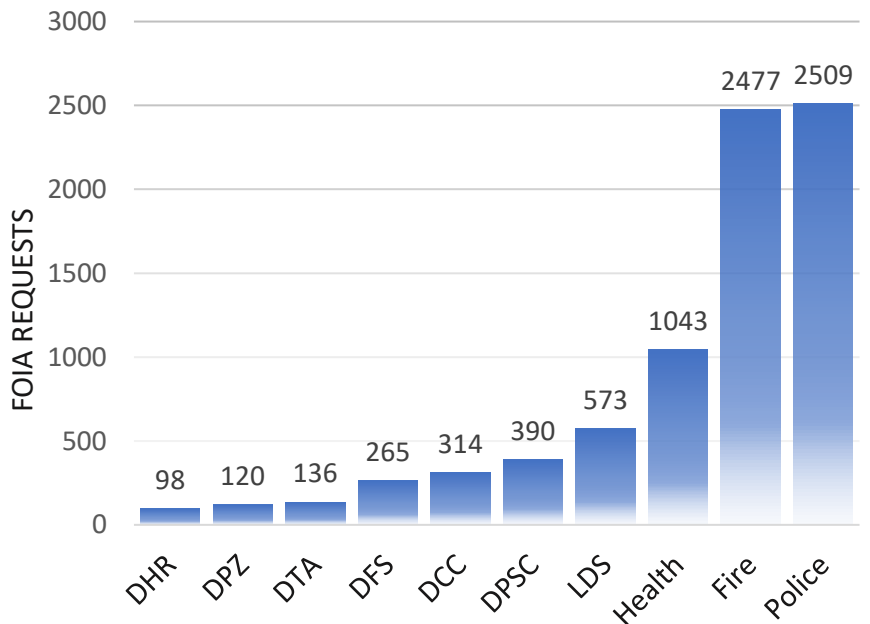
Top Requested Records

- County Policies
- Emails/Texts
- Police & Fire Reports
- Land Plats
- Employee Salaries
- Environmental Inspections

Requesters



Top Ten Agencies



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FOIA FEES

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\$83,911

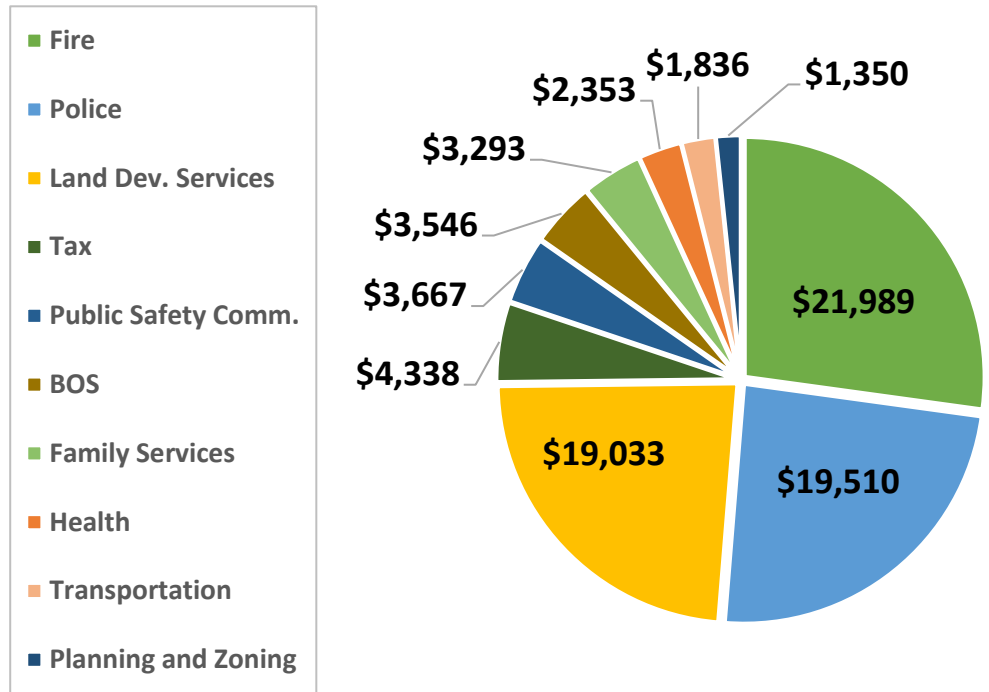
VFOIA allows Fairfax County to assess reasonable, actual costs related to processing FOIA requests.

FOIA Fee Waivers

3,706

Per County policy, waivers should be considered when the cost of producing the response is less than \$50.

Top Ten Agencies



INTERESTING DATA

66% of FOIA responses were delivered via e-mail.

\$12 average FOIA request fee.

120 FOIA requests were submitted by one requester.

\$2,800 highest paid FOIA fee.

34 FOIA requests were received on average per working day.

154 Fairfax County employees utilized the VFOIA Tracker to track FOIA requests.

More FOIAs were received in **October** than any other month.

At least **500 FOIA requests** sought e-mail records.

Office of Public Affairs provided direct assistance to agencies on **890 FOIA requests**.

EXTERNAL FOIA DATA

Records held in the custody of these public bodies are not in the custody of Fairfax County Government and are not covered in this report: Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney, Clerk of the Fairfax County Courts, Fairfax County Water Authority and the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.



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