



# Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

## Annual Summary (FY 2014)

(July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014)

*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 - 1,116,300**

**Roads - 4,800 miles**

**Land Area - 395 sq. mi.**

**Acres - 260,368**

**Housing Units - 411,100**

**Households - 401,500**

### Your Fire and Rescue Department "At Your Service"

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department trains firefighters and paramedics 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 Operations 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.

### Highlights

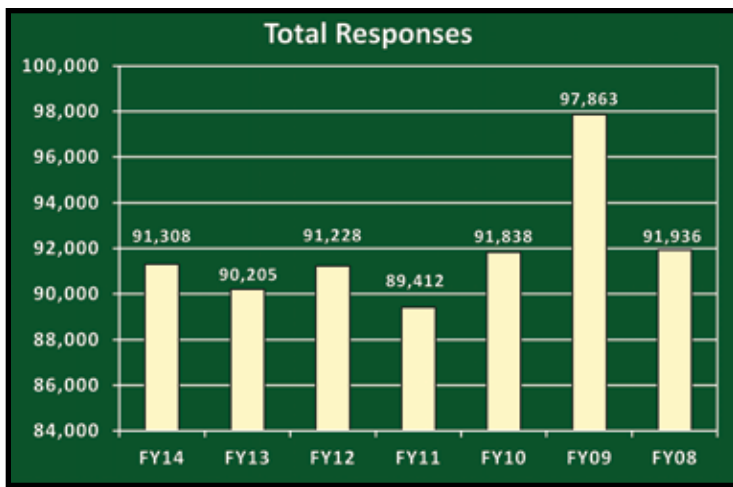
**INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE (ISO)** - FXCFRD underwent a rigorous Public Protection Classification evaluation process that included staffing, 911 dispatching, training, equipment and apparatus, response times, water supply efficiency, and other fire risk reduction efforts. The ISO classification system ranks the department's ability to overall respond and suppress fires, making the community safer.

**FIRE AND RESCUE ACADEMY** - A new 27,000 square foot, two-story addition was added to the existing structure, along with renovating approximately 4,000 square feet of old space. The space includes separate driver and field training classrooms, numerous simulation rooms, new fitness center, and gear storage and wash down areas. A 15,000 square foot Class B live fire burn building was also built during Phase I.



**The Fire and Rescue Academy** underwent major renovation, adding a 27,000 square foot, two-story addition, and renovating approximately 4,000 square feet of old space. New locker rooms, fitness center, gear storage, wash down area, and a dedicated space for operational simulation training were also added.

**WELLNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY (WIOC)** - Designed to "prevent the 911 call," a community based program emphasizing lifesaving subjects as carbon monoxide poisoning, FILE OF LIFE, and community CPR. It complements and expands on the Safety in Our Community program initiated previously.



**Firefighters** from Fairfax County and Fairfax City fight a large garden apartment fire in Fairfax City on March 3, 2014.



**Community Involvement** . . . firefighters honored all those veterans that made the supreme sacrifice by wearing camouflage t-shirts during Memorial Day weekend.

### False Alarms

Malicious ..... 393 Unintentional ..... 4,257  
 Malfunction..... 2,572 False Alarms/Calls . 1,327

### Fire Prevention Services

Fire Systems Tests . 15,097 Plans Reviewed ..... 9,591  
 Fire Inspections ..... 21,920

### Response Times

AED response rate in 5 minutes ..... 56.4%  
 Engine Company on scene of a structure fire in 5 minutes ..... 53.0%

### Life Safety Education

Preschool Children..... 26,223  
 School Aged Children ..... 8,787  
 Older Adults 60 + ..... 9,479  
 Juvenile Firesetters ..... 63

### Budget (Actual Expenditures)

FY13.....\$168,324,397  
 FY12..... \$163,219,725  
 FY11 .....\$159,693,463  
 FY10.....\$159,666,465

### Personnel

Uniformed ..... 1,340  
 Civilian..... 167  
 Volunteers  
 (operational)..... 355

### Revenue

EMS Transport  
 Billing .....\$16.6M  
 Fire Prevention..... \$5.3M

### Fire Loss

All Fires .....\$12.3M

### Units

Advanced Life Support  
 (ALS) Engines ..... 38  
 Medics ..... 42  
 Haz Mat Units ..... 2  
 Trucks ..... 14  
 Aerial Ladders..... 7  
 Tower Ladders ..... 7  
 Tankers..... 5  
 Rescues ..... 8

### Investigations (Fires/Hazardous Materials)

Total Investigations . 283  
 Incendiary Fires ..... 70  
 Hazardous  
 Materials. .... 269

### Fire Fatalities

Incendiary ..... 1  
 Suicide..... 2  
 Accidental ..... 3  
 Total ..... 6

### Activity (Incidents)

EMS ..... 66,550 Total Incidents ..... 91,308  
 Fire ..... 18,256 Patients  
 Public Service ..... 6,502 Transported ..... 48,966



**Rope Rescue** . . . a firefighter rappels down to rescue a stranded hiker on a rock ledge in Great Falls Park on December 28, 2014.

## 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.



### Wellness In Our Community (WIOC)

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### Community and Civic Groups

General fire safety presentations including home escape planning, proper smoke alarm placement, and fall and injury prevention.



**Community outreach . . .** Firefighters, civilians, and retired members come together to distribute several thousand toys for children December 17, 2013.

### 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.



**Safety In Our Community (SIOC) . . .** Crews from Fire and Rescue Station 39, North Point, conduct SIOC operations as the department winds down the 2013 fall SIOC program.

## Apparatus Responses

Engine Company		Medic		Ambulance		Truck Company		Rescue	
Unit	Responses	Unit	Responses	Unit	Responses	Unit	Responses	Unit	Responses
E409	3,197	M422	2,496	A422E	598	T/TL429	1,989	R426	1,673
E410	3,067	M430	2,431	A421E	366	T/TL425	1,878	R411	1,475
E411	3,010	M410	2,310	A402E	305	T/TL410	1,806	R421	1,462
E408	2,780	M429	2,234	A417E	269	T/TL430	1,670	R418	1,313
E430	2,754	M413	2,224	A413E	226	T/TL440	1,604	R401	1,166
E429	2,737	M426	2,215	A414E	213	T/TL411	1,531	R414	958
E422	2,639	M425	2,184	A405E	193	T/TL436	1,461	R419	956
E404	2,518	M404	2,158	A438E	112	T/TL408	1,448	R439	872
E413	2,514	M405	2,134	A410E	59	T/TL422	1,291		
E405	2,498	M410B	2,119	A422	55	T/TL405	1,229		

### Battalion Chiefs

Unit	Responses	Unit	Responses
BC404	891	BC401	595
BC403	836	BC407	582
BC402	678	BC406	482
BC405	608		

### EMS Captains

Unit	Responses	Unit	Responses
EMS405	1,657	EMS402	1,104
EMS404	1,565	EMS401	1,090
EMS403	1,400	EMS407	939
EMS406	1,205		

## Worldwide Disaster Response

**Virginia Task Force-1 (VATF-1)** - a premier 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 by the federal government.



**World Police and Fire Games Kick-Off . . .** Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe participated in the kick-off of the Fairfax 2015 World Police and Fire Games at Fire and Rescue Station 42, Wolftrap, and was named Honorary Chairman of the Games.



**A Virginia Task Force 1 K-9 team** conducts training on a rubble pile during a regular training exercise.



**A first . . .** the first all Advanced Life Support (ALS)/Hazardous Materials Technician School graduated January 17, 2014, at Fire and Rescue Station 40, Fairfax Center.



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