

AGENCY SUMMARY

FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (FIRE/EMS)

Agency Links:

Fire/EMS Department (Fire/EMS): [Website](#)
Fire/EMS: [FY 2024 Approved Operating Budget](#)
Fire/EMS: [FY 2024 Approved CIP Budget](#)
Fire/EMS: [FY 2024 Budget Review Report](#)
Fire/EMS: [FY 2025 Budget Review Report](#)

Leadership

Tiffany D. Green, Fire Chief

Core Services

- Emergency medical services including basic and advanced life support.
- Fire suppression.
- Rescue services, including technical rescue, confined space rescue, high-angle rescue, marine rescue, and swift water rescue.
- Hazardous materials, bomb, and explosive device response.
- Fire and arson investigations.
- Fire prevention and life safety, including fire inspections, enforcement, and public education.

Organizational Structure

- Emergency Services Command, Support Services Command, Administrative Services Command and Volunteer Services Command

FY 2024 Top Priorities

- Continuously improve service delivery and reliability throughout the County utilizing real-time performance analytics and system wide situational awareness to meet established standards by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).
- Improve hospital turn-around time for EMS units.
- Enhance community risk reduction, life, safety, and survival programs by increasing community outreach and engagement, with a focus on residential fire and life safety inspections, smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector installations, and public education programs for fire and life safety, injury prevention, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and public hemorrhage control.
- Continue implementing Phases II and III of the strategic planning process, with a strong focus on data reconciliation, critical tasking, and community risk assessment.

Budget & Policy Analyst: Malcolm Moody

BACKGROUND

Under the Schedule of Legislation section, [Section 13](#) of the County Charter, the Fire/EMS Department was established. It provides that the Department will be headed by the Fire Chief, who will have at least five (5) years of experience. [Subtitle 11](#), Divisions 1 & 2 of the Prince George's County Code delineate the organization and administration of the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department. The primary functions of the agency include fire prevention, fire suppression, emergency medical services, fire and rescue communications, research and training activities, and coordination of the volunteer fire companies. The Fire/EMS Department consists of a combination of sworn and civilian staff, in addition to more than 1,200 active volunteers, united under the operational authority of the County Fire Chief. Together these two labor forces combine to operate 45 fire and EMS stations, as well as several Fire/EMS Department support facilities that are located throughout the County. Each Volunteer Fire/ Rescue Corporation operates at least one station and is a private 501(c)3 corporation. The Fire/EMS Department does not receive financial reports from the individual corporations for any bank accounts outside of the funding provided to the volunteer corporations from the county.

The Fire/EMS Department budget outlines funding for tools, uniforms, and equipment for station supplies and personal protective equipment during firefighting operations. The Fire/EMS Department is awarded funding from the State of Maryland, Senator Amoss funding, also known as 508 funds. These funds are provided to the Fire/EMS Department as a Capital Grant for distribution to the volunteer fire corporations for approved capital projects submitted to the Prince George's Fire Commission.

The Charter also provides that there will be a [Fire Commission](#) whose purpose is to review each volunteer fire company's financial needs and requests for public funds. Annually, it shall formulate one capital budget, one capital improvement program, and an operating budget for all volunteer fire companies regarding the expenditure of public funds and shall submit each budget and program(s) to the County Executive.

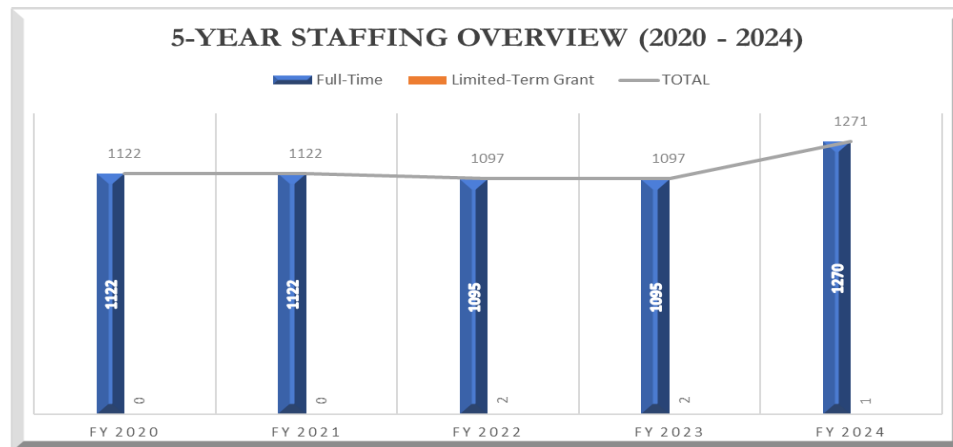
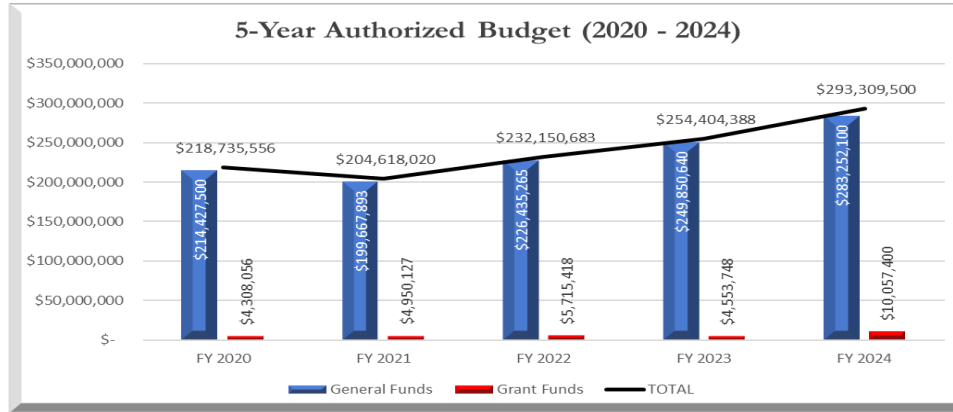
The Fire Chief and staff are responsible for the adequate delivery of fire and emergency medical services to the citizens of Prince George's County and house the Office of Professional Standards. The [Emergency Services Command](#) is responsible for the coordination of firefighters, paramedics and volunteers. Headed by one of the department's deputy chiefs, the Emergency Services Command oversees Fire/EMS operations, advanced emergency medical services, technical rescue and the Hazardous Materials Response Team. The [Support Services Command](#) coordinates all of the specialized non-emergency services for the agency, including the Office of the Fire Marshal functions, Apparatus Maintenance, Logistics and Supply, Facility and Resource Planning, Support Services, and Training and Technical Services. [Administrative Services Command](#) is responsible for the coordination of the management, financial and support functions within the department. The division also oversees the operations of Fiscal Affairs, Research, Information Management, Risk Management and Human Resources. The [Volunteer Services Command](#) is responsible for coordinating the day-to-day operations of the County's volunteer fire companies to assist the Fire/EMS Department's response to emergency calls throughout the County.

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- Strategically align short-term funding models to support the apparatus and equipment replacement and modernization plan.

Operating Budgetary Resources - Below is the 5-year overview of resources allocated to the Fire/EMS Department from FY 2020-24.



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