

Public Safety

The Public Safety Department is the parent agency charged with the provision of all aspects of EMS, Rescue, Fire Suppression, Fire Prevention, Fire Investigations, Safety Inspections, Emergency Management, Hazardous Material Issues, Solid Waste Issues, Animal Control, E 9-1-1, Structure Addressing and Communications Center Operations. Tasks related to these divisions are delegated through the various divisions of the department and all volunteer rescue and fire agencies in the County.

Major Issues

Short Term Issues

- Reduction in the response time to emergency situations involving life safety and property protection.
- Increasing the training certifications of volunteer EMS/Fire personnel to a level expected and required by the community.
- Maintaining the integrity of the EMS/Fire system while researching methods and techniques to reduce operational expenses.

Long Term Issues

- Increasing the number of Career EMS/Fire Field Staff to meet the shrinking volunteer manpower resources and increasing service requests.
- Maintenance of building and ground facilities for volunteer stations.
- Obtaining specialized fleet equipment for the provision of services in special needs areas.
- Developing programs to provide improved training opportunities for volunteer and career personnel.

Goals and Objectives

- Continue refining integration of Career Staff with Volunteer personnel;
- Continue to develop BLS, ALS and fire training programs for volunteers;
- Research methods and programs to improve volunteer recruitment and retention;
- Complete Mutual Aid Agreements with bordering jurisdictions;
- Complete exercise requirements to continue eligibility for FEMA/DEMS funding;
- Complete update of County Emergency Operations Plan;
- Develop a program to determine parameters for the replacement of rolling stock;
- Solicit special funding for EMS and Fire projects from various sources;

Appropriations

<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual FY 2005</u>	<u>Budget FY 2006</u>	<u>Proposed FY 2007</u>	<u>Change 2006 to 2007</u>
Personnel	\$ 714,622	\$ 817,058	\$ 1,044,065	32%
Operating	1,001,503	900,595	978,736	9%
Capital	41,528	127,400	69,763	-45%
Transfers				
Total	\$ <u>1,757,653</u>	\$ <u>1,845,053</u>	\$ <u>2,092,564</u>	<u>13%</u>

Funding/Service Level Changes

Two additional paramedics to provide night ALS support have been included in the FY07 budget. A new position, EMT Instructor/Arson Inspector, is also proposed for next fiscal year.

Performance Measures:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Fire Investigations	54	81	118
EMS Calls for Service	Not Available	Not Available	3,509
Fire Calls for Service	Not Available	Not Available	1,074