

Description

The Danville Fire Department is a full-service professional fire department that is Internationally Accredited with the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) and holds a public protection class 1 rating from the Insurance Services Office. Our mission is to protect life, property and the environment to promote the entire community's health, safety, and well-being. The Danville Fire Department is comprised of 10 administrative and support personnel and 117 fire suppression personnel which are assigned to one of seven stations, staffed 24/7, strategically located throughout the City's 44 square miles. The department has become an All-Hazards response department providing a rapid response to all types of fire, rescue, and medical emergencies. Additionally, the department offers a wide variety of Community Risk Reduction programs, code enforcement, fire investigations, and supports three special operations teams: a State Hazardous Materials Response Team, a State Swift Water Rescue Team and a Regional Technical Rescue Team.

Revenues/Expenditures

	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Adopted	FY 2023 Adopted	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues:					
Fire Permits	\$ 1,954	\$ 2,416	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ -
Fire False Alarms	-	-	10,000	10,000	-
Fire Compliance Inspections	4,230	3,690	4,500	4,500	-
Fire Routine Inspections	-	-	500	500	-
Fire Plan Reviews	780	750	800	800	-
Emergency Response Prog	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
Emergency Medical Serv	17,529	17,916	17,130	17,130	-
Emergency Services Grant	27,013	27,013	27,020	27,020	-
Totals	\$ 81,506	\$ 81,785	\$ 91,250	\$ 91,250	\$ -
Expenditures:					
Personnel Services	\$ 6,321,074	\$ 6,014,459	\$ 6,681,050	\$ 6,989,290	\$ 308,240
Employee Benefits	1,236,908	1,100,599	1,218,870	1,215,420	(3,450)
Purchased Services	350,520	425,464	351,890	425,680	73,790
Internal Service	320,744	327,589	403,610	432,680	29,070
Other Operating Expenses	235,205	324,446	348,900	426,590	77,690
Capital Outlay	21,905	44,215	70,000	83,500	13,500
Reimbursement	-	(3,395)	-	-	-
Totals	\$ 8,486,356	\$ 8,233,377	\$ 9,074,320	\$ 9,573,160	\$ 498,840
Net Cost to City	\$ 8,404,850	\$ 8,151,592	\$ 8,983,070	\$ 9,481,910	\$ 498,840

Personnel

Position Title	FY 2020 FTEs	FY 2021 FTEs	FY 2022 FTEs	FY 2023 FTEs
SENIOR SECRETARY	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
FIREFIGHTER	60.000	60.000	60.000	60.000
FIRE FIGHTR/ENG	24.000	24.000	24.000	26.000
FIRE SUPPORT ANALYST	1.000	1.000	1.000	
FIRE SUPPORT ADMINSTRATOR				1.000
FIRE LIET/ASST TRAINING OF	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000
FIRE CODE INSPECTOR	1.000	1.000		
FIRE CAPTAIN	21.000	21.000	21.000	21.000
FIRE LOGISTICS OFFICER			1.000	1.000
ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL	1.000	1.000	2.000	2.000
DIV CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
DIV CHIEF TRAINING & SAFETY			1.000	1.000
BATTALION CHIEF	4.000	4.000	3.000	3.000
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
FIRE CHIEF	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Total	124.000	124.000	125.000	127.000

Goals

The primary goal is to provide a safe community for the citizens of Danville. We will continue to look at ways to make the services we provide better.

Description

The Danville and Pittsylvania County Regional Fire Training Center is located at 658 Stinson Drive, Danville, VA. The center meets the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1403 standard and as well as the Virginia Department of Fire Program’s standards for conducting live fire training evolutions. In addition to conducting live fire training, this facility is capable of offering a myriad of other fire and rescue training opportunities. The center is utilized for training the 121 uniformed personnel of the Danville Fire Department and the more than 680 members of the 21 volunteer fire departments located throughout Pittsylvania County. The facility has hosted regional fire training schools, certification training, and has been used by Danville Utilities, Progress Energy, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and other local industries. The Danville Fire Department manages and serves as fiduciary and the City and County share the operational costs equally.

Revenues/Expenditures

	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Adopted	FY 2023 Adopted	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues:					
Recoveries	\$ 12,423	\$ 9,783	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$ -
Totals	\$ 12,423	\$ 9,783	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$ -
Expenditures:					
Purchased Services	\$ 18,373	\$ 9,982	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
Internal Service	2,920	3,111	3,000	3,000	-
Other Operating Expenses	670	835	1,000	1,400	400
Totals	\$ 21,963	\$ 13,928	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,400	\$ 400
Net Cost to City	\$ 9,540	\$ 4,145	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,900	\$ 400

Description

Emergency Management is a division of the Fire Department and provides interagency coordination, communications, and support at emergency incidents, as well as large special events. The department manages the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), mobile EOC and works with local, state, federal, and nongovernmental agencies to provide resources and expertise in four major areas: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

Expenditures

	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Adopted	FY 2023 Adopted	Increase/ (Decrease)
Expenditures:					
Personnel Services	\$ 5,845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee Benefits	447	-	-	-	-
Purchased Services	25,122	14,768	24,600	25,450	850
Internal Service	23,463	19,300	23,210	19,640	(3,570)
Other Operating Expenses	17,295	19,173	26,110	34,030	7,920
Capital Outlay	33	541	6,500	6,500	-
Totals	\$ 72,205	\$ 53,782	\$ 80,420	\$ 85,620	\$ 5,200

Personnel

Emergency Management is supported by personnel from the Fire Department and the Police Department. Both Departments help with the programs and goals the city has. In the future, as the city grows, we have a goal to add an emergency planner to the department.

Accomplishments

Emergency Management has worked with Red Cross and the School System to improve the emergency shelter process in the city. We have added a supply container at the city's main shelter, and we are also adding a generator to support the shelter during power failures. We continue to support the State Sponsored Swift Water rescue team. Emergency Management will continue to support the COVID relief efforts.

Goals

Emergency Management is working to improve the mobile command unit. The current unit does not meet the needs of the Fire Department or the Police Department. The goal is to replace this unit with a newer one that can meet both departments' needs for future expansion in the city. This unit can also service a mobile communications center for large events and support the public safety function for extended time.

Description

The Emergency Communications Center (ECC) is the main Public Safety Answering Point for the City of Danville. The ECC provides staffing 24 hours a day and is responsible for answering all 9-1-1 emergency calls for police, fire, and ambulance services as well as answering nonemergency calls and directing the caller to the appropriate agency. Our telecommunicators receive national certification to be the first point of contact for those dialing 9-1-1 and to identify and dispatch the appropriate emergency resource, provide support to responders, and give pre-arrival instruction to their callers before emergency personnel arrive. Our ECC provides enhanced 911 services including caller location capability, text to 911, and the ability to send out mass alerts during emergencies.

Revenues/Expenditures

	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Adopted	FY 2023 Adopted	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues:					
Wireless E911 State Funds	\$ 253,998	\$ 263,510	\$ 174,000	\$ 174,000	\$ -
Totals	\$ 253,998	\$ 263,510	\$ 174,000	\$ 174,000	\$ -
Expenditures:					
Personnel Services	\$ 766,680	\$ 805,140	\$ 776,000	\$ 959,480	\$ 183,480
Employee Benefits	90,143	100,011	97,530	114,940	17,410
Purchased Services	73,201	61,144	126,280	128,790	2,510
Internal Service	2,798	7,190	11,630	12,460	830
Other Operating Expenses	45,233	53,420	75,120	91,650	16,530
Capital Outlay	11,912	2,237	14,800	22,960	8,160
Totals	\$ 989,967	\$ 1,029,142	\$ 1,101,360	\$ 1,330,280	\$ 228,920
Net Cost to City	\$ 735,969	\$ 765,632	\$ 927,360	\$ 1,156,280	\$ 228,920

Personnel

Position Title	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TELEC	16.000	16.000	16.000	16.250
ECC TELECOMMUNICATOR II				1.000
EM COMMUNICATIONS TLMNTR SPR	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATNS MGR	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Total	21.000	21.000	21.000	22.250

Accomplishments

Over the past year the 911 center has processed 47,190 emergency calls and 100,263 incoming and outgoing administrative calls.

The Emergency Communications Center upgraded to a new phone system to be compatible with Next Generation 911. The transition to Next Generation 911 is scheduled for April/May 2022.

The Danville 911 center is a part of the Danville-Pittsylvania County Critical Incident Stress Management Team. Team members Kasey White, Brian Cochran and Heather Eakin have been instrumental in assisting our own department as well as surrounding agencies with debriefings as needed.

Last year, the 911 center was approved for a new position, Senior Telecommunicator\Telecommunicator II. This allows employees who meet certain training and seniority qualifications to receive a promotion and have more responsibility. This has been an outstanding program for the center. We hope this will control the turnover rate we have seen over the years. Additional employees received quality assurance training in police, fire, and medical call taking protocols. They will now be able to review a certain percentage of calls and provide guidance and training on future calls.

Goals

The Emergency Communications Center is expecting to upgrade to a new Computer Aided Dispatch system in the future. Work is being done with other City departments and the National Public Safety Group to select the best vendor.

Preparations are being made to create additional positions in the ECC since call volume is expected to rise dramatically over the next few years.

With the planned construction of a new police station, ECC is working with the Police Department's administration to include 2 dispatch workstations in the new station to serve as a backup ECC center.

We are also starting the planning process to become a national accredited 911 call center. We hope to start this long process by the end of 2023. When this is completed, Danville will have a National Accredited Police Department, Fire Department and 911 Center.