



Superstition Fire & Medical District **ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024**



It is with great pride and dedication that we present the Annual Report for the Superstition Fire & Medical District for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. This document reflects the unwavering commitment of our firefighters, staff, board of directors, members, and community partners to protect and serve the residents and businesses within our jurisdiction. Over the past year, our fire district has faced numerous challenges, from responding to emergencies and natural disasters to adapting to evolving safety protocols and technological advancements. Through it all, our team has demonstrated resilience, professionalism, and a steadfast dedication to public safety.

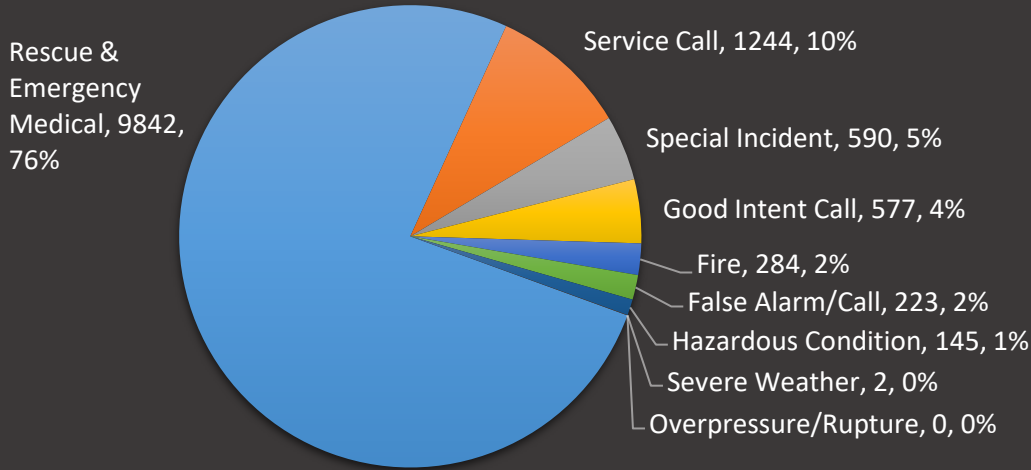
In this report, we will highlight our key achievements and provide an overview of our financial performance. We will also discuss the strategic initiatives we have undertaken to enhance our service delivery, improve our operational efficiency, and ensure the well-being of our community.

The 2023/2024 Annual Report is more than just a record of our activities; it is a testament to the strength and solidarity of our fire district family. It showcases the dedication of our firefighters, transport personnel, and the support of our administrative staff, and the invaluable cooperation of our community. Together, we have made significant strides in advancing our mission to safeguard lives and property, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the coming year.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the residents of Superstition Fire & Medical District for their unwavering support and trust. As we continue to navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead, we remain committed to excellence in service, continuous improvement, and the safety and well-being of all our community members.

RESPONSE STANDARDS

Incident Type Categories



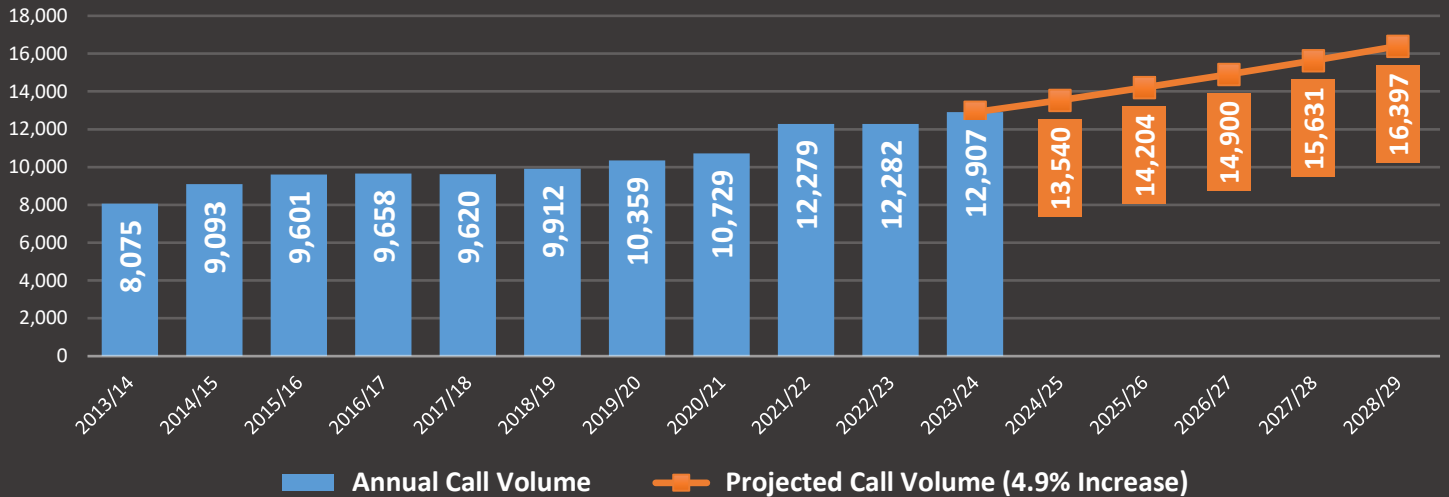
Total Incidents

12,907

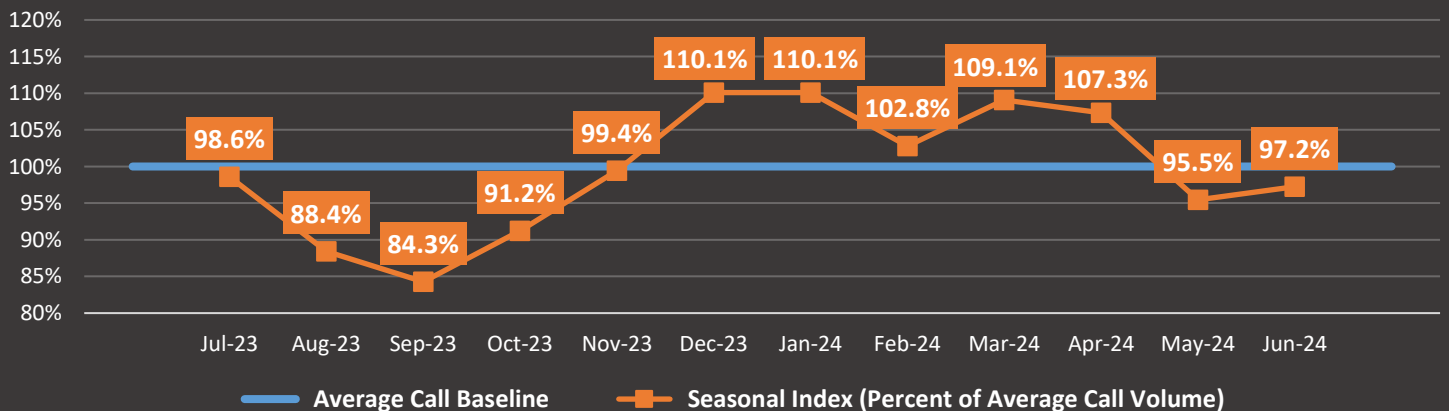
Average Response Time Emergent Incidents

4:33

Annual Call Volume with 5-Year Projection

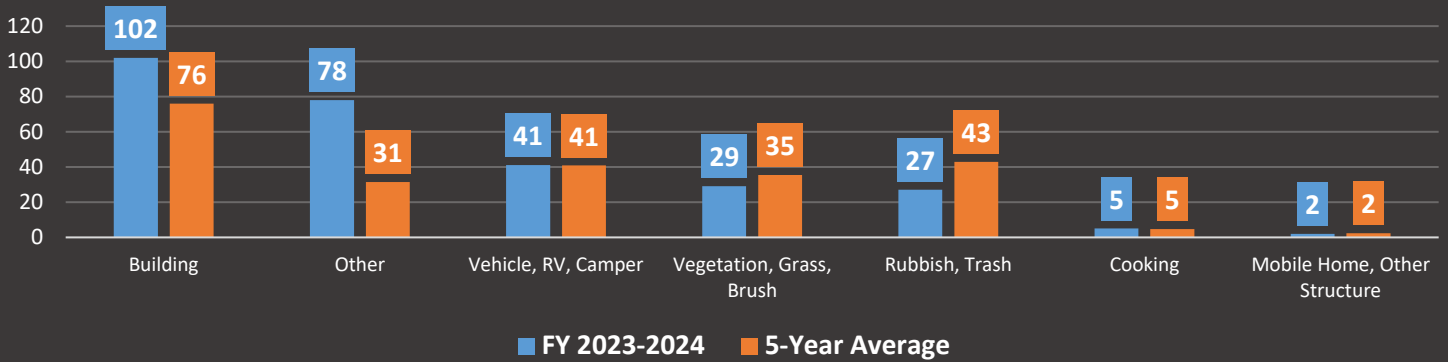


Seasonal Index - Peak Months for Call Volume



FIRE SUPPRESSION

Types of Fires



Pre-Incident Value of Property & Content

\$13,586,569

Saved Value of Property & Content

\$11,708,369

Percentage of Property & Content Saved

86%

Average Response Time for Emergency Calls

	Incident Count (Code 3 Only)	Turnout Time	Travel Time	Response Time (Turnout + Travel)
Battalion 261	40	0:44	7:13	7:57
Engine 261	1,257	0:40	3:57	4:37
Engine 262	337	0:45	5:12	5:57
Ladder 263	1,041	0:49	4:22	5:11
Engine 263	1,147	0:45	4:40	5:25
Ladder 264	550	0:48	5:02	5:50
Engine 265	172	0:47	5:59	6:46
Medic 261	36	1:02	4:16	5:18
Medic 262	32	1:05	4:44	5:48
Medic 263	41	1:19	4:03	5:22
Medic 264	23	1:19	3:57	5:16
All Apparatus	4,676	0:46	4:33	5:19

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Innovation in EMS

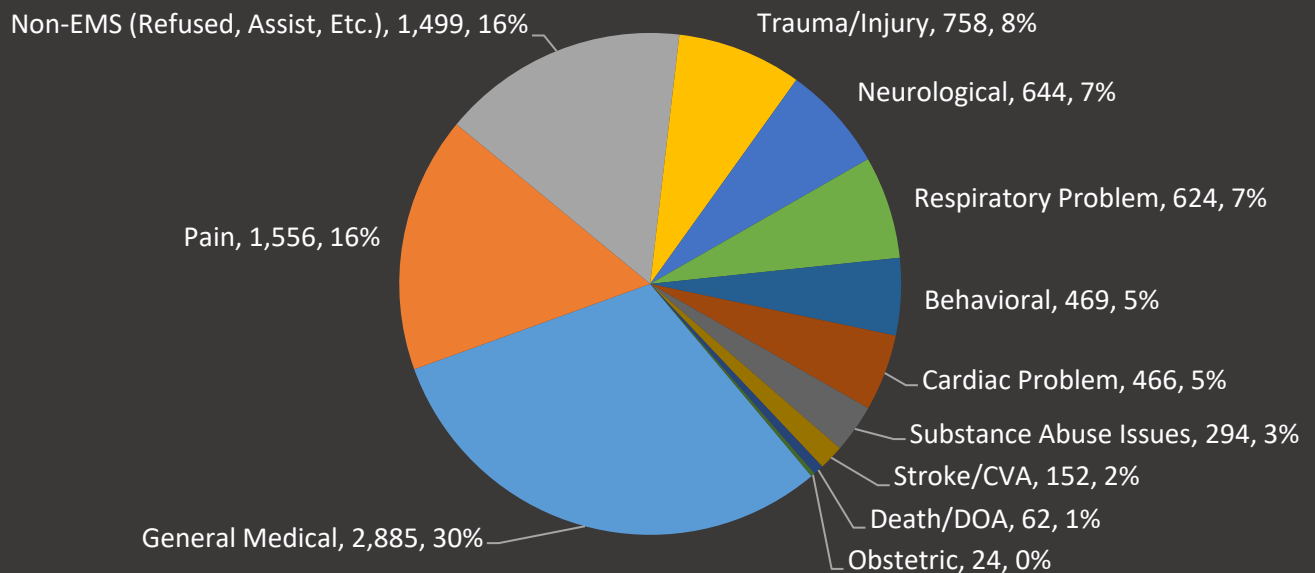
SFMD began implementing the EleGuard Patient Positioning System which is a specialized device designed to enhance CPR effectiveness by positioning patients in a way that supports the elevated CPR method. This method involves elevating the patient's head and thorax during CPR to improve blood flow to the brain and heart. Key features of the EleGuard system include:

- Precise positioning – It consistently positions patients for CPR and airway management.
- Multi-level elevation – This system can elevate the head and thorax in a controlled manner, which is believed to improve resuscitation outcomes.

SFMD recognizes that the elevated CPR method is the first CPR breakthrough in decades and may offer a significant opportunity to improve the chances for survival of cardiac arrest when implemented with the EleGuard body positioning device, Lucas chest compression device, and Handtevy records management software.

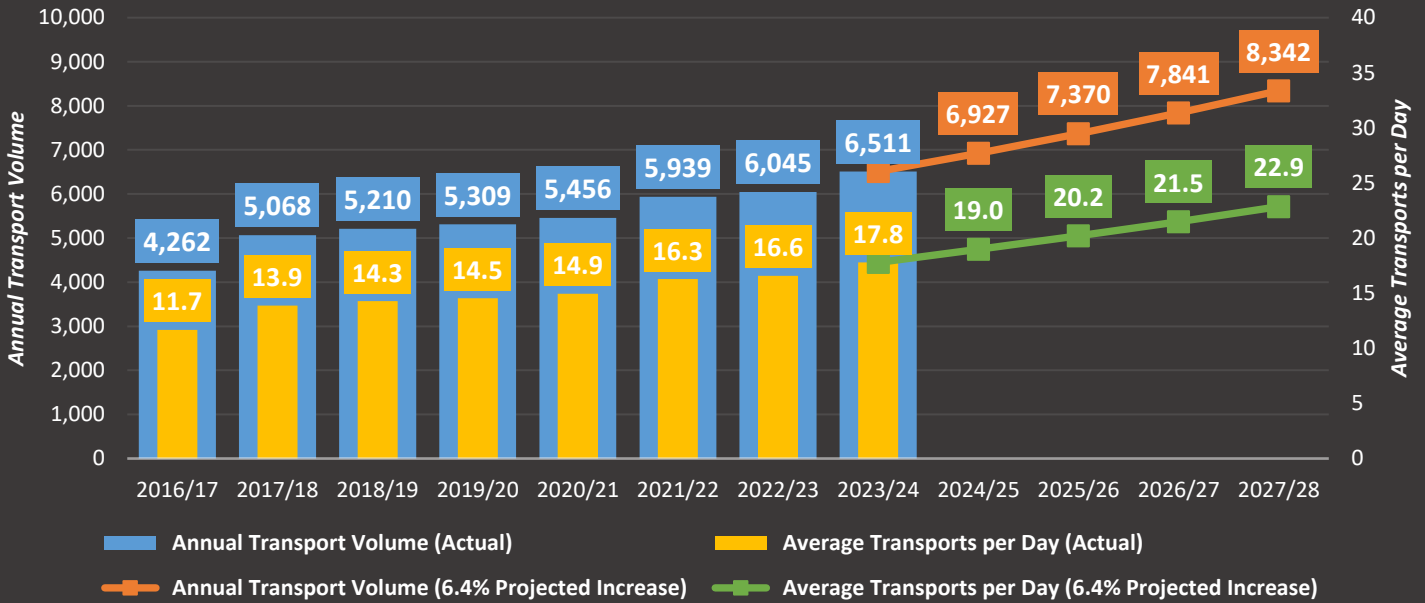


EMS Call Types

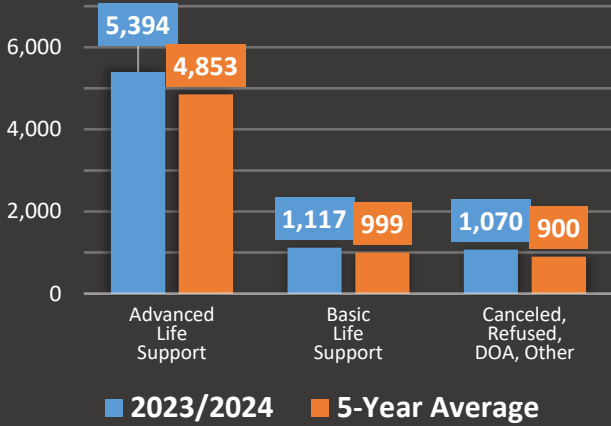


TRANSPORT SERVICES

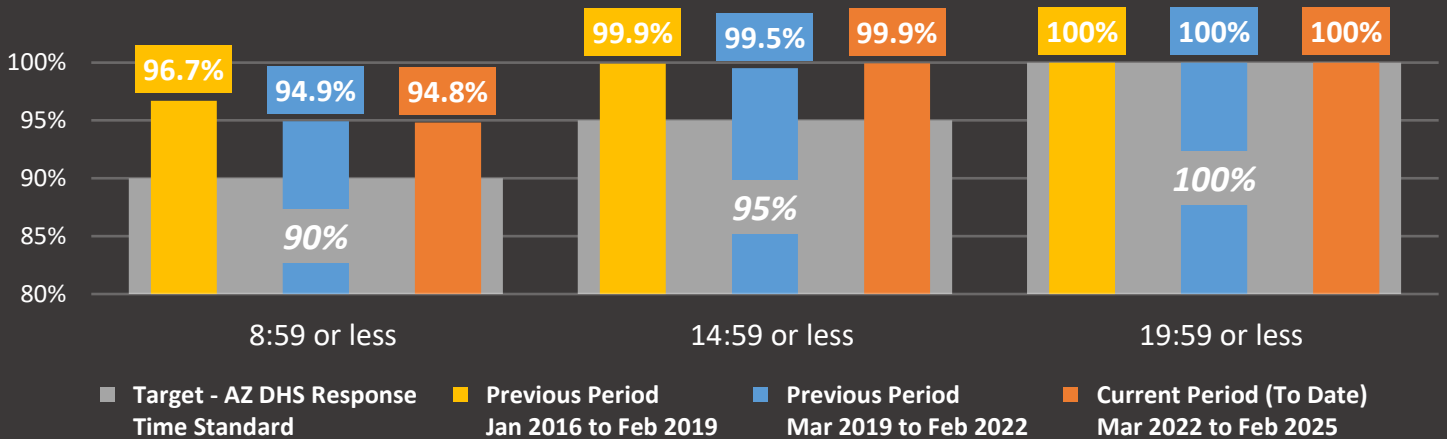
Transport Volume - Projected Increase



Transport Services Requests

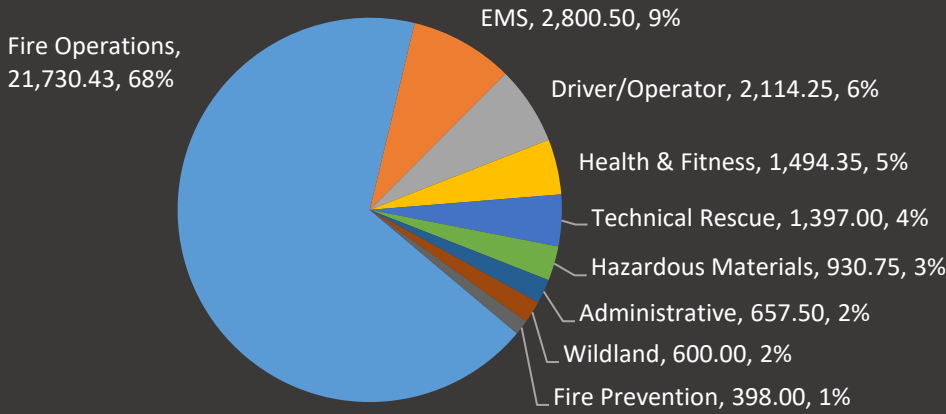


Code 3 Ambulance Response Time Compliance



TRAINING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Training Hours by Category

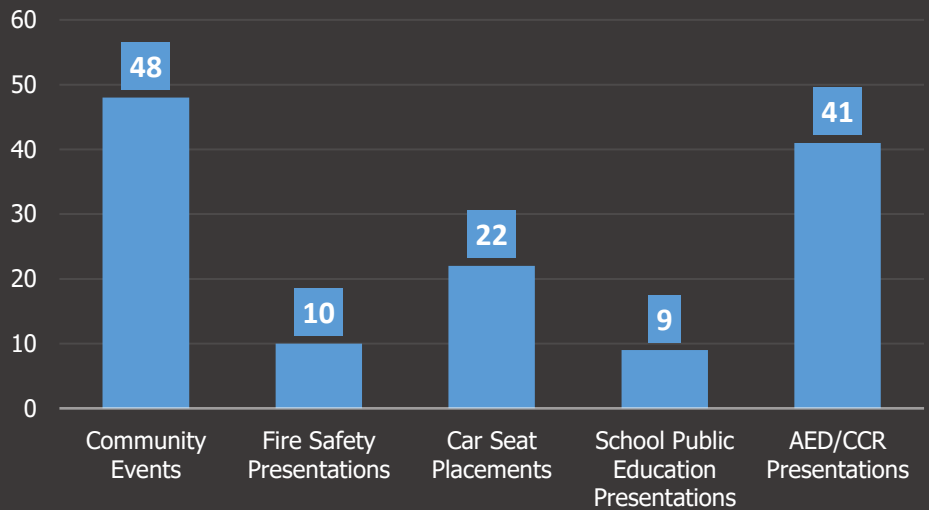


Total Training Hours
29,546

Demonstrations (Hands-Only CPR)

1,300
community members
trained to perform this
life-saving technique

Community Services Activities

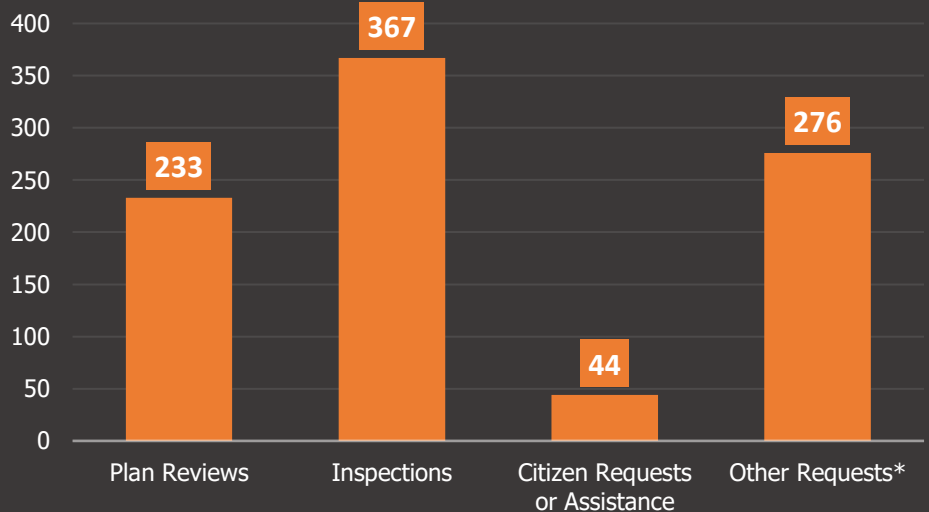


Community Events

4th of July
Halloween Trunk-or-Treat
Winter Holiday Event
April Pools Day
Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo
Lost Dutchman Marathon
Veterans Day Parade
*In conjunction with the
City of Apache Junction*

Varsity Football Standby
Apache Junction High School

Fire Prevention Activities



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement is a crucial aspect of SFMD operations, as it helps build trust, improve public safety, and enhance the effectiveness of emergency services. SFMD often undertakes various opportunities to connect with the community, educate residents, and involve them in fire prevention and emergency preparedness. Here are some key elements and strategies commonly used in fire district community engagement.

Public Education and Awareness Campaigns

- School Visits – Firefighters visit schools to teach children about fire safety, including how to prevent fires and what to do in case of an emergency.
- Community Workshops and Seminars – These sessions can cover topics such as home fire safety, the importance of smoke detectors, and how to create an emergency evacuation plan.
- Safety Fairs and Open Houses – Fire stations may host events where community members can tour the facilities, see equipment demonstrations, and interact with firefighters. This helps demystify the work of the fire department and fosters a positive relationship.

Community engagement is a dynamic and ongoing process that requires consistent effort and adaptability. By fostering strong relationships with the community, SFMD can enhance public safety, increase awareness, and build a supportive environment supporting our mission.



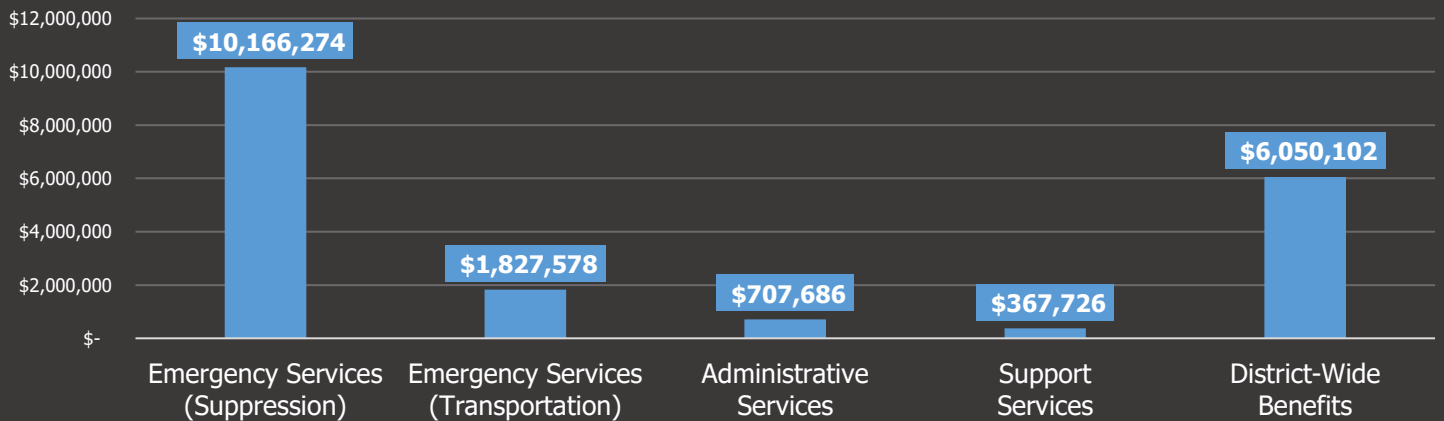
ANNUAL BUDGET

Budget Income Summary

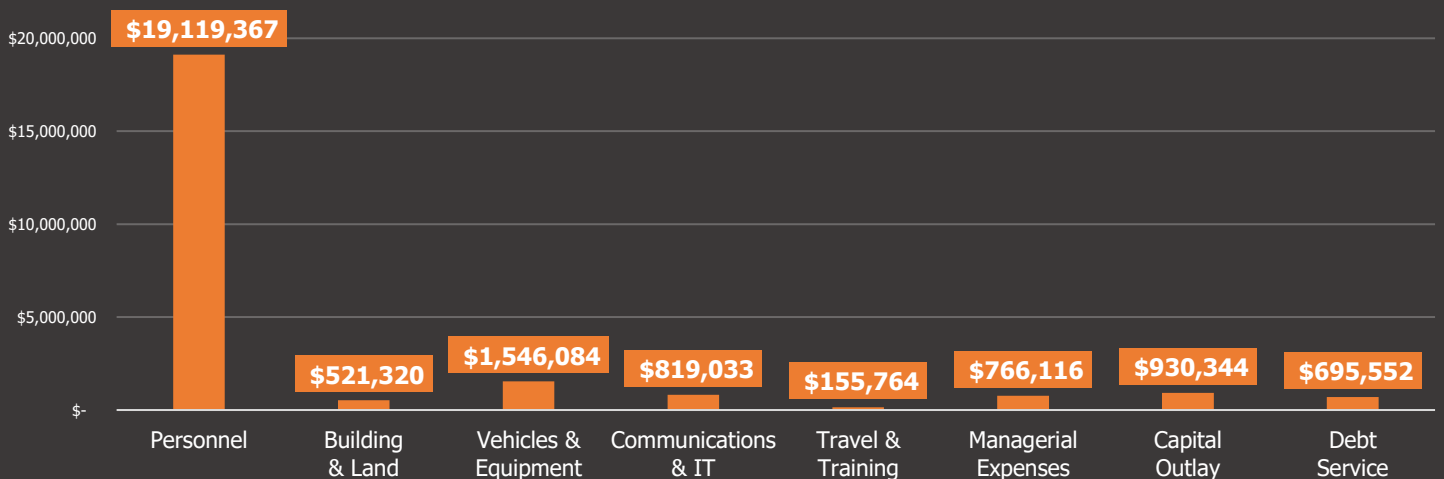
Revenue Summary by Fund Account (Includes Beginning Cash Balance)

Fund	2023/2024 Actual Budget	2023/2024 Approved Budget	2024/2025 Approved Budget	2025/2026 Forecasted Budget	2026/2027 Forecasted Budget
General Operating (M&O)	\$ 22,443,231	\$ 22,406,650	\$ 24,311,467	\$ 25,770,155	\$ 27,316,364
Transport Services	\$ 5,108,981	\$ 4,802,974	\$ 5,049,823	\$ 5,302,314	\$ 5,567,430
Capital Projects	\$ 4,498,031	\$ 4,327,695	\$ 4,848,690	\$ 4,994,151	\$ 5,143,976
Special Revenue	\$ 90,503	\$ 81,362	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Retirement Principal	\$ 703,412	\$ 701,692	\$ 739,509	\$ 776,485	\$ 815,309
Debt Retirement Interest	\$ 82,691	\$ 85,713	\$ 69,933	\$ 73,430	\$ 77,102
COP Reserve	\$ 3,297,991	\$ 3,244,245	\$ 3,030,993	\$ 2,849,134	\$ 2,678,186
	\$ 36,224,840	\$ 35,650,332	\$ 38,050,415	\$ 39,765,669	\$ 41,598,367

Compensation for Fiscal Year 2023/2024



Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023/2024



BUDGET INSIGHTS

SFMD's budget is a crucial financial plan that outlines the allocation of resources necessary for the district to operate effectively and meet its responsibilities in protecting the community. The budget covers various expenses, including personnel costs, equipment, training, facility maintenance, and more.

SFMD relies on several revenue streams to fund their operations.

- **Property Taxes:** A significant portion of a fire district's revenue often comes from property taxes levied within its boundaries. The tax rate is set based on the assessed value of properties and the district's financial needs.
- **Service Fees:** Fees for specific services, such as ambulance transport or fire inspections, provide additional revenue.
- **Grants and Government Funding:** Federal, state, and local grants support various initiatives, such as purchasing new equipment or funding training programs.

Expenditure Categories

The budget accounts for all expenditures necessary to maintain and operate the SFMD. Key categories include:

- **Personnel Costs:** This is the largest expense category, covering salaries, benefits, overtime, training, and recruitment of firefighters, administrative staff, and other personnel.
- **Equipment and Apparatus:** Regular maintenance, replacement, and upgrades of firefighting equipment, vehicles, protective gear, and communication devices are critical for operational readiness.
- **Facilities and Infrastructure:** Costs associated with maintaining and upgrading fire stations and other facilities fall under this category.
- **Training and Education:** Ongoing training for firefighters and staff ensures that they remain prepared to handle a wide range of emergencies. Including costs for specialized training programs, certifications, and continuing education.
- **Operational Expenses:** These include utilities, fuel, insurance, administrative supplies, and other day-to-day operational costs.

Budget Planning and Approval Process

Creating a fire district budget involves several steps:

- **Assessment of Needs:** The district evaluates its current and future needs, including personnel, equipment, and facilities, to determine the necessary budget allocations.
- **Revenue Forecasting:** The district forecasts expected revenue from taxes, fees, grants, and other sources to determine the available funding.
- **Budget Proposal:** The fire chief develops a draft budget outlining proposed expenditures and revenue sources, which is then reviewed by the district's governing body.
- **Public Input and Review:** Public meetings are held to present the proposed budget and gather input from the community. This transparency helps ensure that the budget aligns with community needs and expectations.
- **Approval and Adoption:** The final budget is approved by the governing body, ensuring that expenditures are in line with available revenues and district priorities.

Budget Management and Monitoring

Once the budget is approved, SFMD must carefully manage and monitor expenditures throughout the fiscal year. This involves providing regular updates on budget performance, including actual versus projected expenditures and revenues, and annual audits that ensure funds are used appropriately and transparently, maintaining accountability to the public.

Challenges and Considerations

Managing a fire district budget can present challenges, such as unpredictable costs and revenue fluctuations.

A well-planned and managed budget is essential for the effective operation of the SFMD, ensuring we can meet our mission of protecting lives and property while maintaining financial stability.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Officers of the Year



Travis Yates
Captain/Paramedic



Dan Elliott
Battalion Chief – Fire Training

Firefighter of the Year



Trey Schow
Engineer

Transportation Employee of the Year



Amanda Valles
Paramedic

Civilian Employee of the Year



Anna Butel
Administrative Services Director

Meritorious Service Award



Vaughn Croshaw
Fleet and Facilities Superintendent

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE

Promotions



John Walka
Battalion Chief, August 2023



Jeremy Rocha
Battalion Chief, August 2023



Zach Leon
Captain, August 2023



Jason Chapman
Captain, August 2023



Adam Rodriguez
Captain, December 2023



July Ritschel
Engineer, August 2023



Ryan Philips
Engineer, December 2023



Brian Garten
Engineer, December 2023

Recruit Academy Graduates

December 2023

Matt Hansen
Ryan Markham*
Christian Gomez*
Brad Steinepreis*
Brock Doolen

May 2024

Justin Elliott*
Sean Semrad*
Mason Norvell*
Nick Pyles
Greg Scerbo

*Hired internally from Transportation Services

New Additions

Firefighter (Lateral)
Jaren Johnson

Transport EMTs
Frank Garduno
Alec Lezcano

Transport Paramedics
Kaitlin DuPaul
Trevor Anderson
Chris Luna
Sean Smeltzer
Gabe Weaver

Retirements This Year

Amy Brooks, Battalion Chief
August 2023

Brett Broman, Battalion Chief
August 2023

Mitch McCollough, Engineer
October 2023

Dan McKinney, Firefighter
October 2023

Mark Gomez, Captain
November 2023

Roger Wood, Finance Director
January 2024

One Mission ✦ One Community ✦ One Family

One SFMD

