



Superstition Fire & Medical District **ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025**



A Message from the Fire Chief

As your Fire Chief, I want to thank you personally for your continued trust and support of the Superstition Fire & Medical District. The upcoming bond election represents a critical opportunity to invest in the future of our emergency services. With your support, we can ensure that SFMD remains equipped to meet the growing needs of our community—today and for generations to come.

November 4, 2025, Bond Election (Mail-In Ballot Only)

The Superstition Fire & Medical District (SFMD) Board of Directors officially approved a resolution to place a \$33.8 million bond measure on the ballot for the upcoming November 4, 2025, election. This initiative aims to strengthen the District's emergency response capabilities and ensure long-term service sustainability.

If approved by voters, the bond funding will be used to:

- Build a new fire station to serve growing areas and maintain response times
- Purchase new fire and medical apparatus to replace aging equipment
- Conduct repairs and upgrades to existing facilities for safety and efficiency
- Address other essential District needs, including technology and infrastructure improvements

These investments are designed to enhance public safety, improve operational readiness, and ensure that SFMD continues to meet the community's evolving needs.

Citizens Advisory Committee: Community Voices in Action

SFMD convened a Citizens Advisory Committee of local residents, business owners, and community leaders to ensure transparency and fiscal responsibility. This volunteer group worked diligently over several months to:

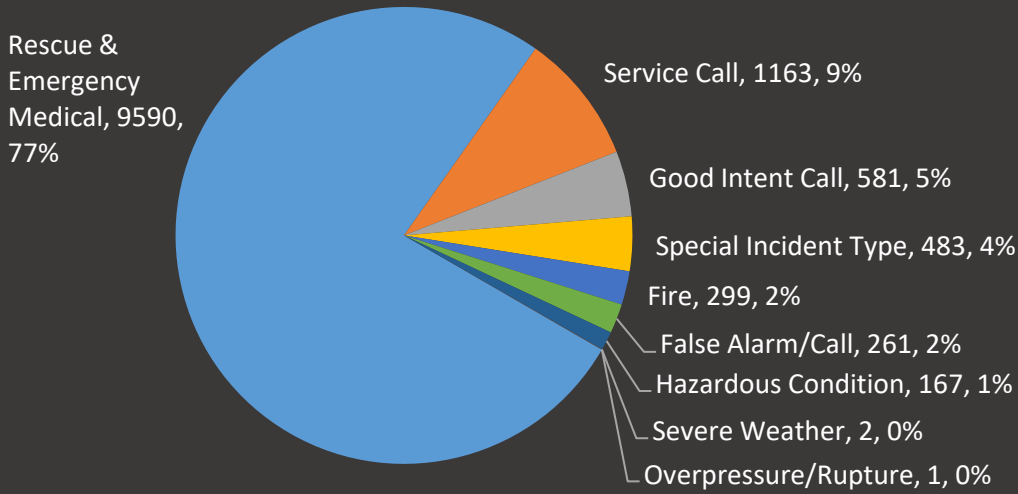
- Review the District's infrastructure and equipment needs
- Evaluate the financial impact of the bond on taxpayers
- Facilitate community dialogue and gather public input
- Provide recommendations to the Board based on thorough analysis

Their findings confirmed that the proposed bond is both necessary and fiscally sound. The committee emphasized that the bond-funded improvements would benefit the entire community while maintaining a responsible approach to taxpayer impact.

SFMD encourages all residents to stay informed and participate in the upcoming election. Community forums have been scheduled and informational materials are available to help voters understand the scope and significance of the bond proposal.

RESPONSE STANDARDS

Incident Type Categories

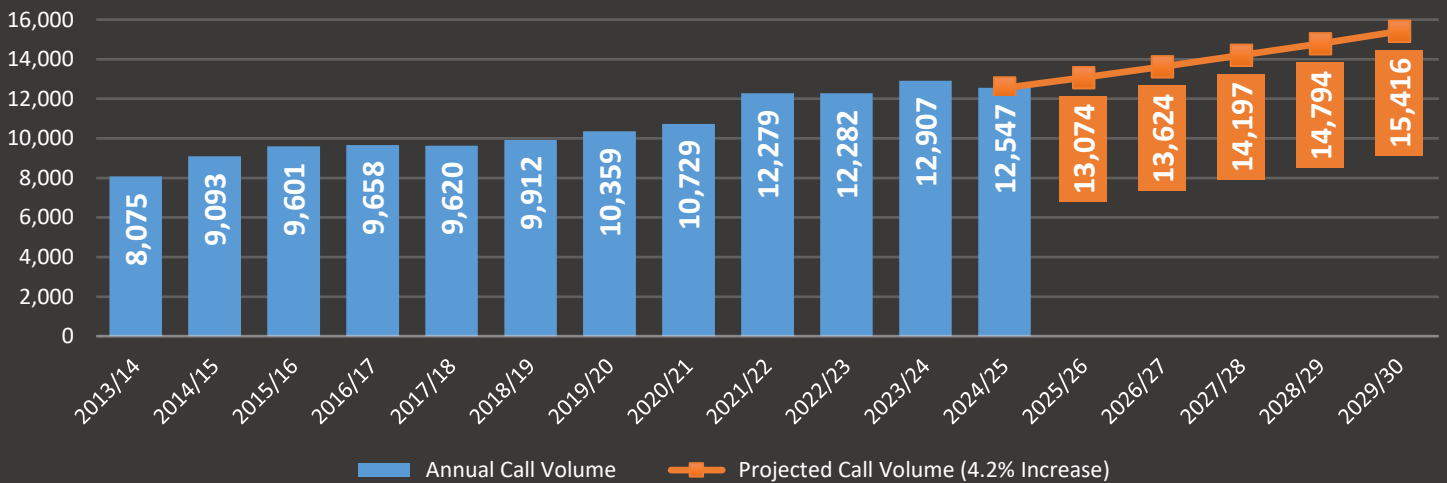


Total Incidents
12,547

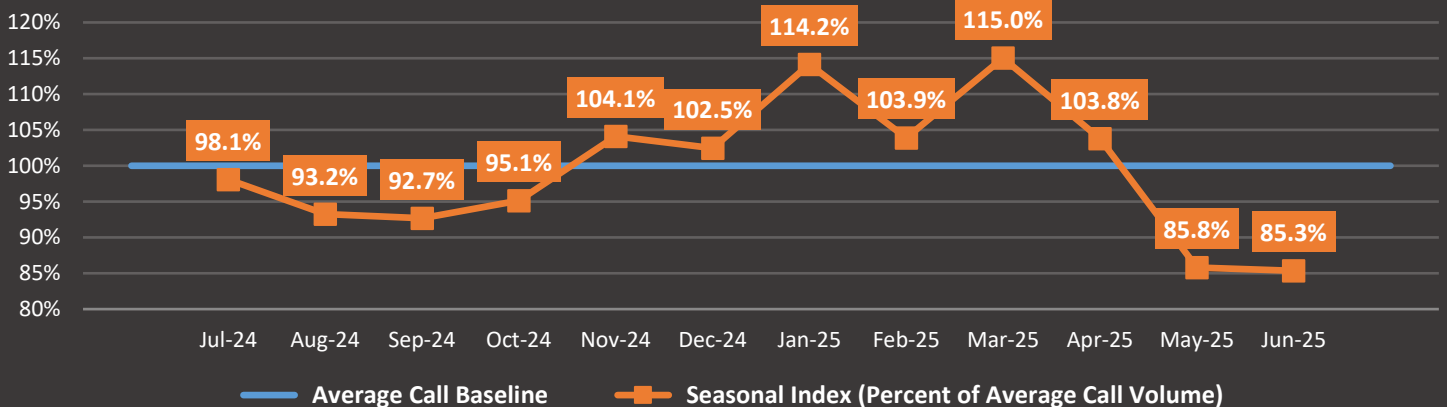
Average Travel Time Emergent Incidents

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Annual Call Volume with 5-Year Projection

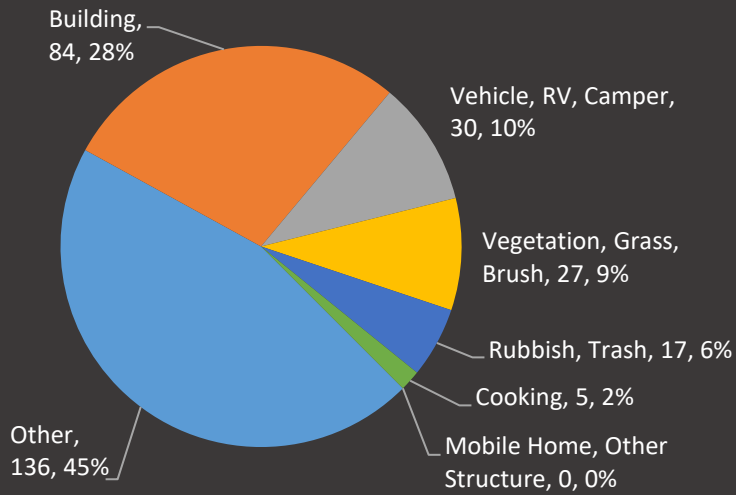


Seasonal Index - Peak Months for Call Volume



FIRE SUPPRESSION

Types of Fires



Pre-Incident Value of
Property & Content
\$14,425,641

Saved Value of
Property & Content
\$11,864,741

Percentage of Property & Content Saved

82%



Average Response Time for Emergency Calls

	Incident Count (Code 3 Only)	Turnout Time	Travel Time	Response Time (Turnout + Travel)
Battalion 261	35	0:32	6:07	6:39
Engine 261	1,237	0:45	4:04	4:49
Engine 262	401	0:52	5:17	6:09
Ladder 263	1,195	0:48	4:32	5:20
Engine 263	947	0:43	4:41	5:24
Ladder 264	582	0:51	5:15	6:06
Engine 265	204	0:54	5:32	6:26
Medic 261	39	0:39	4:16	4:55
Medic 262	27	1:05	4:02	5:07
Medic 263	24	1:05	3:33	4:38
Medic 264	14	0:58	4:20	5:18
All Apparatus	4,705	0:47	4:38	5:25

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Innovation and Patient-Centered Care

The Superstition Fire & Medical District is committed to advancing patient care using new technologies. Through the implementation of Neuroprotective CPR equipment and procedures, SFMD has achieved a notable increase in Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) during cardiac arrest incidents.

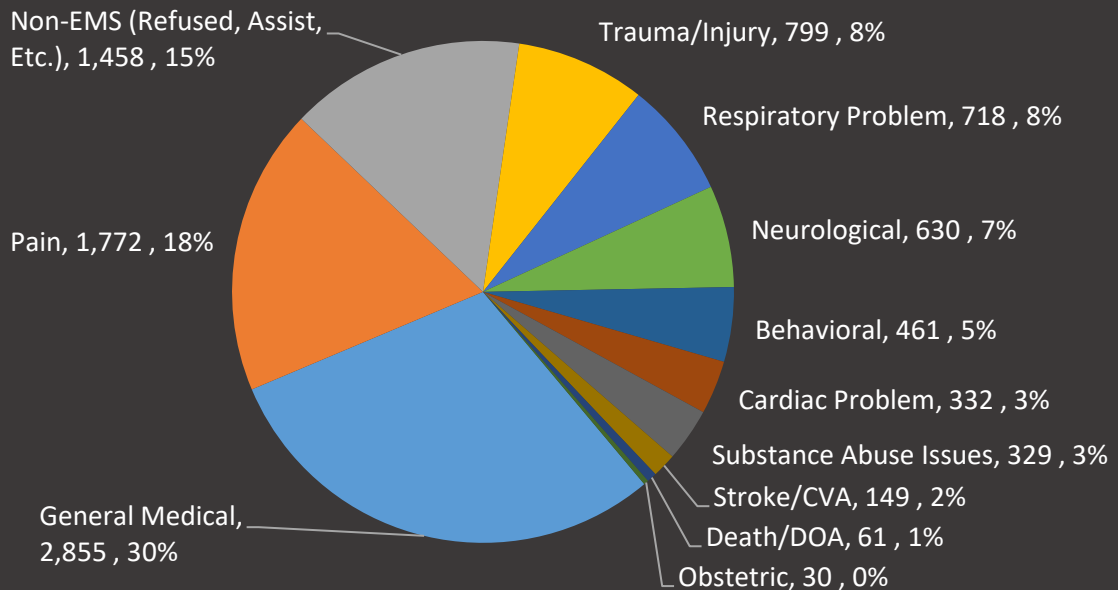
The EMS Department also facilitated an equipment trial for ventilators. This equipment allows first responders to proactively manage patients with respiratory issues with the aim of reducing hospital stays and improving overall patient outcomes.

SFMD has leveraged its utilization of electronic patient documentation over the last several years by integrating patient charts with our LIFEPAK EKG monitors, facilitating communication of patient information directly to hospitals, and improved data analysis using ImageTrend Continuum which provides real-time analytics and data mining.

In addition to evaluating and implementing new technologies, the EMS Department has provided over 3,300 hours of EMS continuing education. This exceeds the minimum annual training required, which is 60 hours for Paramedics and 40 hours for EMTs. EMS training topics included medical emergencies, cardiac arrest, pediatric advanced life support, and advanced airway treatment. SFMD prioritizes equipping our Paramedics and EMTs with the skills and support they need to deliver exceptional patient care to our community.

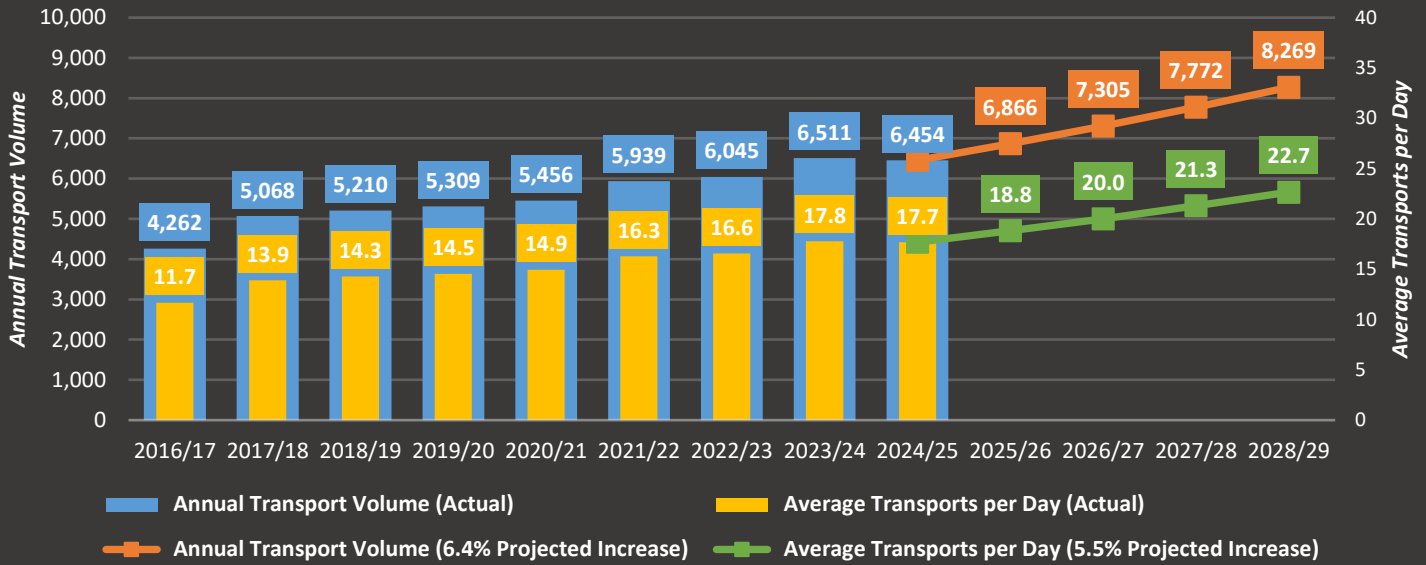


EMS Call Types

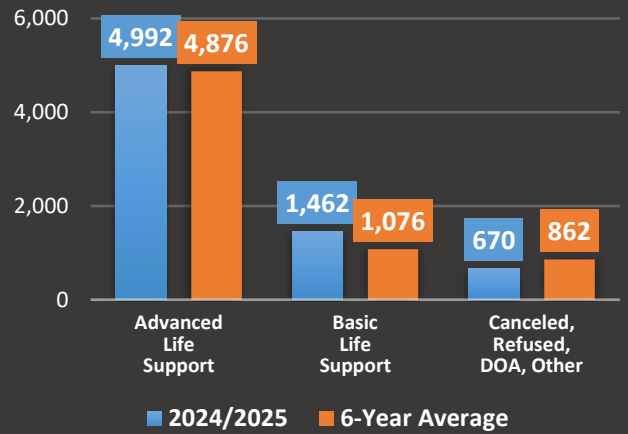


TRANSPORT SERVICES

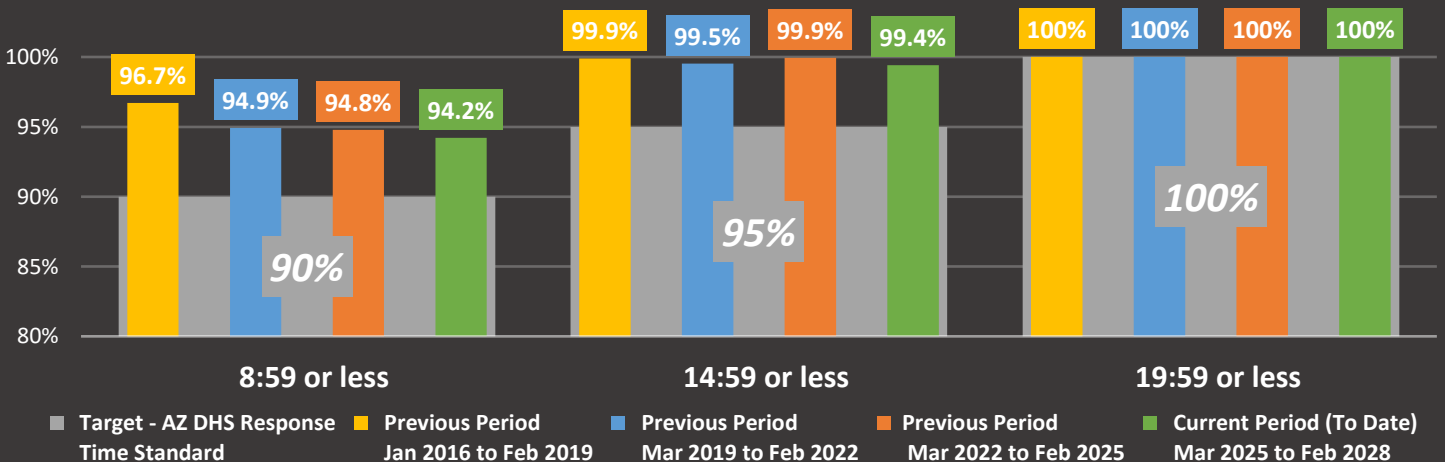
Transport Volume - Projected Increase



Transport Services Requests



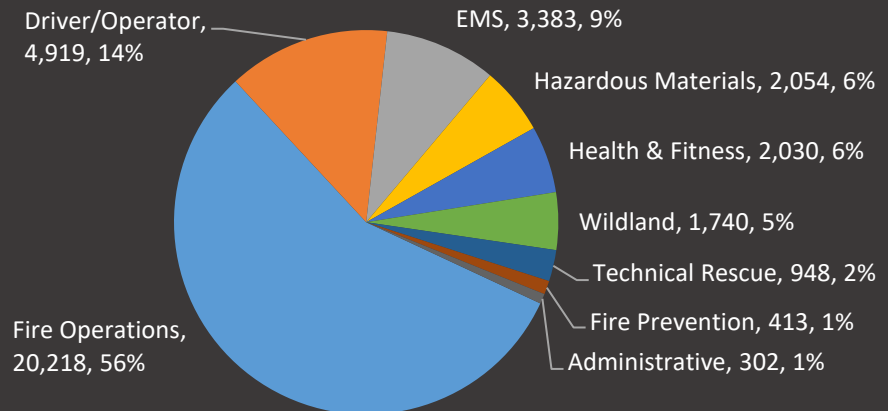
Code 3 Ambulance Response Time Compliance



TRAINING

**Total
Training
Hours**
36,007

Training Hours by Category



Empowering Through Training

SFMD's training team delivered a robust and forward-thinking annual training calendar, tailored to elevate skills across all ranks. This comprehensive program featured:

- Targeted Continuing Education: Customized for each rank to ensure peak performance and readiness.
- Quarterly Specialized Training: Engaging sessions focused on:
 - Wildland firefighting techniques
 - "Save Your Own" survival skills
 - Firefighter wellness and resilience
 - Hands-on live fire training

These initiatives empowered personnel to meet challenges with confidence and precision, reinforcing SFMD's reputation for operational excellence.

Leading Regional Collaboration

SFMD solidified its role as a regional leader through active participation in key committees, fostering collaboration and innovation across the fire service community. Membership in the East Valley Steering Committee and the Regional Operations Consistency Committee enabled SFMD to shape best practices and drive consistency.

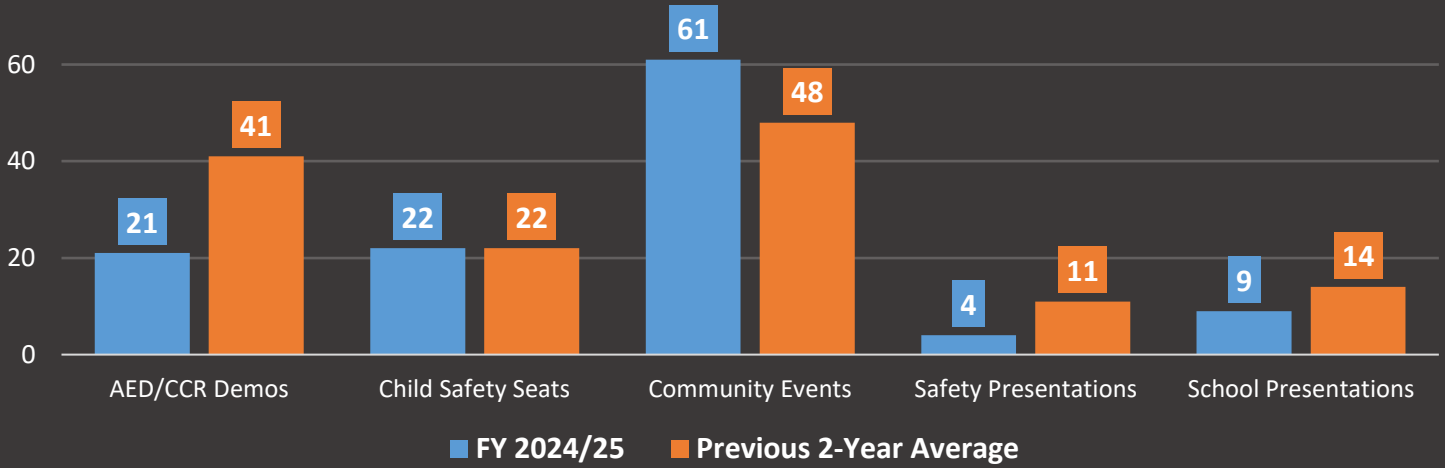
Joint Training Initiatives: SFMD partnered with neighboring fire departments to deliver cutting-edge training, including:

- Crew-based operational drills
- Regional ladder training
- Command and control leadership exercises
- High-rise and mid-rise firefighting tactics
- Technical rescue operations

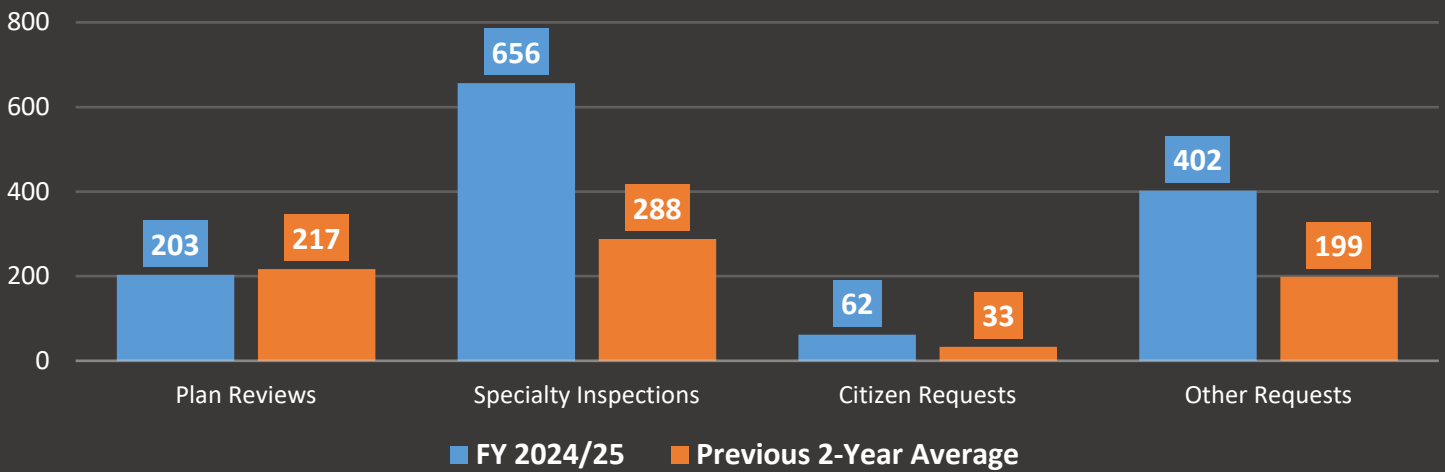
These collaborative efforts strengthened inter-agency coordination and ensured SFMD remains at the forefront of regional preparedness.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services Activities



Fire Prevention Activities



Community Events

April Pools Day
Holiday Event and Light Parade
Trunk or Treat Halloween Event
4th of July Event
Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo and Carnival
Lost Dutchman Marathon
Mud Run
AJPD Domestic Violence Walk
Veterans Day Parade and Tribute
Easter Egg Hunt

In conjunction with the City of Apache Junction

Four Peaks Elementary School
Mad Science Event

Peralta Trail Elementary School
Halloween Event

Medical Standby at Apache Junction
High School Varsity Football Games

Medical Staffing at the Renaissance Fair

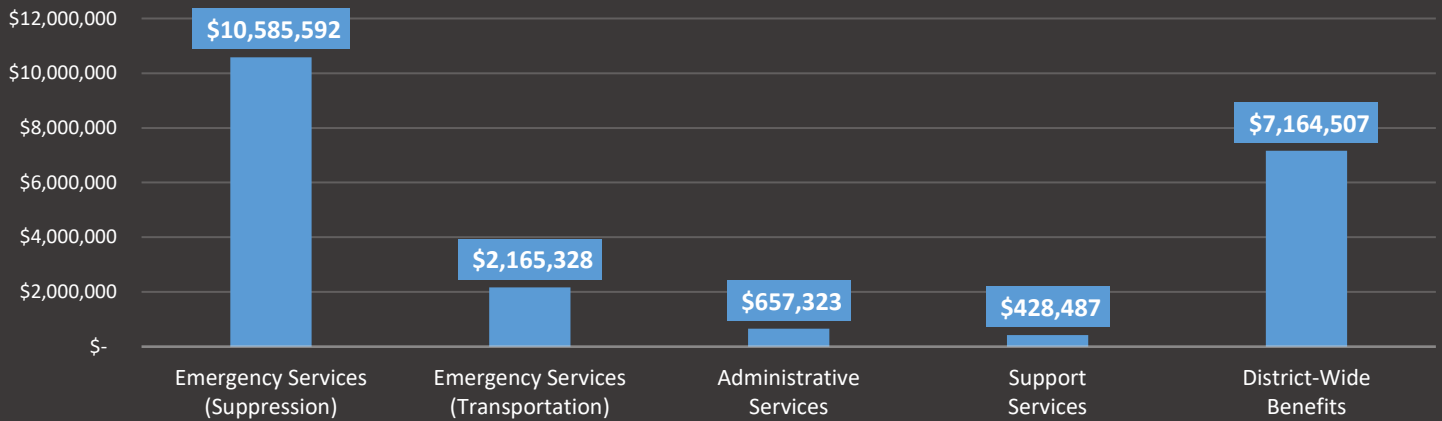
ANNUAL BUDGET

Budget Income Summary

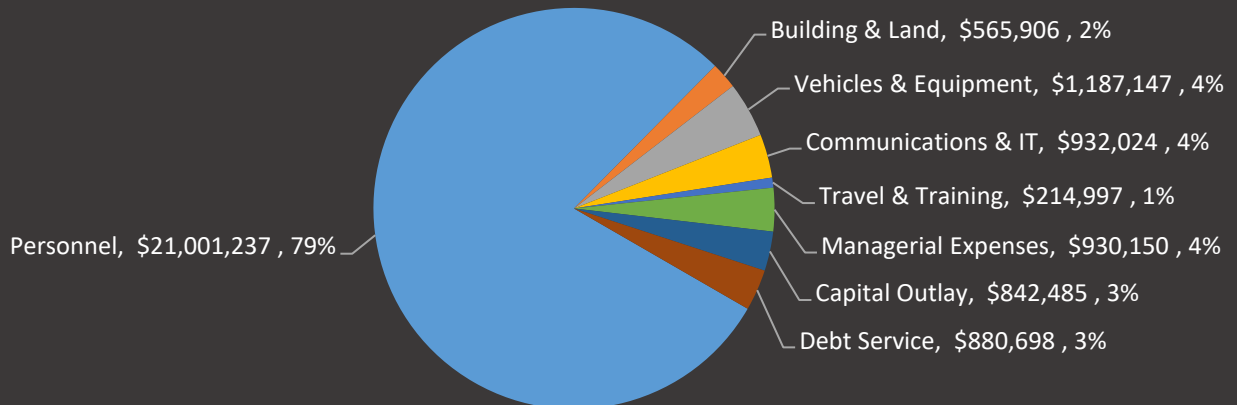
Revenue Summary by Fund Account (Includes Beginning Cash Balance)

Fund	2024/2025 Actual Budget	2024/2025 Approved Budget	2025/2026 Approved Budget	2026/2027 Forecasted Budget	2027/2028 Forecasted Budget
General Operating (M&O)	\$ 27,764,889	\$ 27,635,869	\$ 29,833,324	\$ 32,219,990	\$ 34,797,589
Transport Services	\$ 5,721,807	\$ 4,878,599	\$ 5,601,593	\$ 5,881,672	\$ 6,175,756
Capital Projects	\$ 3,883,928	\$ 3,804,054	\$ 5,578,539	\$ 5,745,895	\$ 5,918,272
Special Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Retirement Principal	\$ 697,824	\$ 741,229	\$ 760,953	\$ 783,782	\$ 807,295
Debt Retirement Interest	\$ 60,990	\$ 66,911	\$ 48,811	\$ 50,276	\$ 51,784
COP Reserve	\$ 3,591,665	\$ 3,267,977	\$ 2,623,102	\$ 2,360,792	\$ 2,124,713
	\$ 41,721,113	\$ 40,394,640	\$ 44,446,322	\$ 47,042,407	\$ 49,875,409

Compensation for Fiscal Year 2023/2024



Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024/2025



BOND ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Proposition 494

On April 16, 2025, the Superstition Fire & Medical District Board of Directors voted unanimously to call for a special bond election to seek voter approval to issue bonds to provide funds to construct, renovate, improve, equip, and furnish fire stations and other District facilities, acquire apparatus, vehicles, and equipment, and other costs. The \$33.8 million proposal will appear on the November 4, 2025, Special Election Ballots as Proposition 494.

Proposition 494 would provide funding for:

- Firefighting and emergency equipment
- Facility repairs to increase capacity and efficiency
- Training Center improvements
- New Fire Station – Fire Station 266
- Facility improvements for decontamination, air filtration, and cancer mitigation
- Wildfire and water supply vehicles
- Pumper and ladder trucks to replace vehicles beyond their useful life



How much would this proposal cost taxpayers?

The estimated average tax rate for the proposed bond authorization is \$0.27 per \$100 of your Assessed Limited Property Value (LPV). Please note: The value used for tax purposes is the Assessed LPV listed on your tax bill. This is not the same as your home's market value or what it might sell for.

Here are some examples:

Example 1

Home Value Market Rate:	\$487,200
Limited Value:	\$179,662
Assessed LPV:	\$17,966
Annual Cost:	\$48.51

Example 2

Home Value Market Rate:	\$492,000
Limited Value:	\$183,166
Assessed LPV:	\$18,316
Annual Cost:	\$49.45

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Officer of the Year



Lance Frawley
Captain/Paramedic

Firefighter of the Year



Nolan Willoughby
Firefighter/Paramedic

Transportation Employee of the Year



Holly Bassett
Paramedic

Civilian Employee of the Year



Jennifer Burke
Fleet & Facilities Support Specialist

Fire Chief's Award for Outstanding Service



Sophie Boukatch
Firefighter/Paramedic, Public Information Officer

Lifetime Achievement Award



John Christensen
Engineer

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE

Promotions



David Pohlmann
Deputy Chief, July 2024



Tanner Fox
Battalion Chief, July 2024



Daniel Elliott
Battalion Chief, July 2024



Colt Weddell
Captain, July 2024



Luke Mays
Engineer, July 2024



Lauren Daniel
Information Systems Manager, July 2024



Matt Leon
Captain, June 2025



Wes Fimbrez
Captain, June 2025



Brian Garten
Captain, June 2025



Michael Gallagher
Engineer, June 2025



Joe Potter
Engineer, June 2025

Recruit Academy Graduates

Recruit Class 25-1 Graduated May 2025

Andrew Hayes*
Frank Garduno*
Nick Selover*
Brody Klenner*
Armand Moini
Spencer Tufts

*Hired internally from
Transportation Services

New Additions

Administrative Specialists
Valerie Blodgett
Tanya Anderson

Transport EMTs

John Price
Cayden Serdy
Tori Dow
Keith Spletter

Transport Paramedics
Jordan Hershberger
Wren Doyle
Chase Doyle
Joseph Alonzo

Retirements This Year

Sherry Mueller
Administrative Specialist – HR
September 2024

Lori Hlavin
Administrative Specialist – Payroll
December 2024

Jeffrey Ehrlich
Captain/Paramedic
April 2025

Mike Wolfe
Engineer/Paramedic
June 2025

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