

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 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Adopted	FY 2024 Adopted	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues:					
Fire Permits	\$ 2,416	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,300	\$ 15,300	\$ 14,000
Fire False Alarms	-	-	10,000	10,000	-
Sale of Vehicles/Equipment	7,462	-	-	-	-
Fire Compliance Inspections	3,690	1,000	4,500	4,500	-
Fire Routine Inspections	-	-	500	500	-
Fire Plan Reviews	750	520	800	9,800	9,000
Gifts and Donations	3,500	1,000	-	-	-
Recoveries	2,110	-	-	-	-
Emergency Response Prog	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
Emergency Medical Serv	17,916	17,696	17,130	9,800	(7,330)
Emergency Services Grant	27,013	27,013	27,020	27,020	-
Totals	\$ 94,857	\$ 79,729	\$ 91,250	\$ 106,920	\$ 15,670
Expenditures:					
Personnel Services	\$ 6,014,459	\$ 6,743,997	\$ 6,989,290	\$ 7,693,420	\$ 704,130
Employee Benefits	1,100,599	1,018,702	1,215,420	1,166,290	(49,130)
Purchased Services	425,464	436,445	425,680	611,870	186,190
Internal Service	327,589	424,432	432,680	486,400	53,720
Other Operating Expenses	324,446	325,884	426,590	520,830	94,240
Capital Outlay	44,215	30,523	83,500	218,250	134,750
Reimbursement	(3,395)	(216)	-	-	-
Totals	\$ 8,233,377	\$ 8,979,767	\$ 9,573,160	\$ 10,697,060	\$ 1,123,900
Net Cost to City	\$ 8,138,520	\$ 8,900,038	\$ 9,481,910	\$ 10,590,140	\$ 1,108,230

Personnel

Position Title	FY 2021 FTEs	FY 2022 FTEs	FY 2023 FTEs	FY 2024 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	24.000
FIRE SUPPORT ANALYST	1.000	1.000		
FIRE SUPPORT ADMINSTRATOR			1.000	1.000
FIRE LIET/ASST TRAINING OFFICER	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000
COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION SPEC/EDUCATOR				1.000
FIRE CAPTAIN	21.000	21.000	21.000	21.000
FIRE LOGISTICS OFFICER		1.000	1.000	1.000
ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL	1.000	2.000	2.000	1.000
DIV CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
DIV CHIEF TRAINING & SAFETY		1.000	1.000	1.000
BATTALION CHIEF	4.000	3.000	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	123.000	125.000	125.000	125.000

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 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Adopted	FY 2024 Adopted	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues:					
Recoveries	\$ 9,783	\$ 10,987	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$ -
Totals	\$ 9,783	\$ 10,987	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$ -
Expenditures:					
Purchased Services	\$ 9,982	\$ 8,039	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
Internal Service	3,111	3,160	3,000	3,000	-
Other Operating Expenses	835	1,228	1,400	1,100	(300)
Totals	\$ 13,928	\$ 12,427	\$ 19,400	\$ 19,100	\$ (300)
Net Cost to City	\$ 4,145	\$ 1,440	\$ 9,900	\$ 9,600	\$ (300)

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 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Adopted	FY 2024 Adopted	Increase/ (Decrease)
Expenditures:					
Purchased Services	\$ 14,768	\$ 18,098	\$ 25,450	\$ 69,980	\$ 44,530
Internal Service	19,300	22,983	19,640	19,290	(350)
Other Operating Expenses	19,173	18,770	34,030	29,350	(4,680)
Capital Outlay	541	39	6,500	8,000	1,500
Totals	\$ 53,782	\$ 59,890	\$ 85,620	\$ 126,620	\$ 41,000

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 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Adopted	FY 2024 Adopted	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues:					
Wireless E911 State Funds	\$ 263,510	\$ 316,590	\$ 174,000	\$ 174,000	\$ -
Totals	\$ 263,510	\$ 316,590	\$ 174,000	\$ 174,000	\$ -
Expenditures:					
Personnel Services	\$ 805,140	\$ 843,734	\$ 959,480	\$ 1,040,080	\$ 80,600
Employee Benefits	100,011	101,909	114,940	114,810	(130)
Purchased Services	61,144	76,815	128,790	152,850	24,060
Internal Service	7,190	10,538	12,460	13,910	1,450
Other Operating Expenses	53,420	77,349	91,650	114,890	23,240
Capital Outlay	2,237	1,089	22,960	24,000	1,040
Totals	\$ 1,029,142	\$ 1,111,434	\$ 1,330,280	\$ 1,460,540	\$ 130,260
Net Cost to City	\$ 765,632	\$ 794,844	\$ 1,156,280	\$ 1,286,540	\$ 130,260

Personnel

Position Title	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs	FTEs
ECC TELECOMMUNICATOR I	16.000	16.000	16.250	12.250
ECC TELECOMMUNICATOR II			1.000	5.000
EM COMMUNICATIONS TLCMNTR 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	22.250	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 or 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.