

# 32 Fire-At a Glance

**Mission** The mission of the Nashville Fire Department is to provide high quality fire, medical, and rescue emergency responses and community support services to the citizens and visitors within Nashville and Davidson County, so they can work and reside in a community where an all hazards response minimizes harm to life property and environment.

**Budget Summary**

	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>
<b>Expenditures and Transfers:</b>			
GSD General Fund	\$ 48,906,100	\$ 48,612,800	\$ 48,098,500
USD General Fund	64,038,500	65,842,300	65,272,900
Special Purpose Fund	2,519,700	1,105,700	0
<b>Total Expenditures and Transfers</b>	<u>\$ 115,464,300</u>	<u>\$ 115,560,800</u>	<u>\$ 113,371,400</u>
<b>Revenues and Transfers:</b>			
Program Revenue			
Charges, Commissions, and Fees	\$ 9,635,300	\$ 9,340,200	\$ 8,190,100
Other Governments and Agencies	6,355,000	4,900,700	5,300,000
Other Program Revenue	512,900	493,100	488,300
<b>Total Program Revenue</b>	<u>\$ 16,503,200</u>	<u>\$ 14,734,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,978,400</u>
Non-program Revenue	0	0	0
Transfers From Other Funds and Units	61,400	0	0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 16,564,600</u>	<u>\$ 14,734,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,978,400</u>
<b>Expenditures Per Capita</b>	\$ 178.10	\$ 175.46	\$ 169.63

<b>Positions</b>	Total Budgeted Positions	1,205	1,207	1,207
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## Accomplishments

- With the approval of Mayor Dean and the support of the Metro Council, the Nashville Fire Department completed the second federal grant and the Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Program (SAFER). The Nashville Fire Department absorbed these 35 fire fighters/emergency medical technicians into the operating budget without any additional funding.
- By June 30, 2015, the Nashville Fire Department will increase Advanced Life Support (ALS) transport capabilities with the addition of 3 medic units to a total of 25 static units without additional funding for positions.
- The Nashville Fire Department continued the current fire prevention program of distributing free smoke detectors to citizens of Nashville.
- The Nashville Fire Department continues to maintain high quality apparatus with the receipt of 6 additional ambulances and 1 replacement ambulance at the cost of \$1,960,000.
- Since July 1, 2014, The Nashville Fire Department implemented a third FASTcar providing additional emergency service to the public while reducing the wear of large apparatus resulting in greater than 50% reduction of calls made by fire engines in the stations where FASTcars are located.
- In 2014, the Arson Unit for the Nashville Fire Department investigated 309 fires of which 56 were determined intentionally set. Of the 56 arson cases, 24 cases were closed with 38 arrests, all of which resulted in a conviction.
- Two fire stations are scheduled for construction beginning in 2015. Station 19 will be built one-half mile from its existing location on Charlotte Avenue, across from the new Lentz Health Center. Station 20 will be relocated from its site on Richard Jones in Green Hills to property closer to the center of its service area, improving response times for residents in the southern portion of Davidson County. Both stations are on track to be completed before the end of the calendar year.

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## Goals

- By July 1, 2016 the Nashville Fire Department will replace 13 fire apparatus and 3 medical apparatus with new models providing a safer more efficient response fleet.
- By July 1, 2016 the Nashville community will experience a 2 percent reduction in response times for our emergency field personnel by the replacement of current radio based fire alerting system with an Internet Protocol (IP)/radio based fire alerting system.
- By July 1, 2016 the Nashville Fire Department will deliver to the community and its clinicians a higher performance of medical care with the purchase of new AEDs for all Advanced Life Support (ALS) engine companies.
- By July 1, 2016, new buildings will be complete for Stations 19 and 20 improving response times for residents in those areas of Davidson County. Both stations are on track to be completed before the end of the current year.

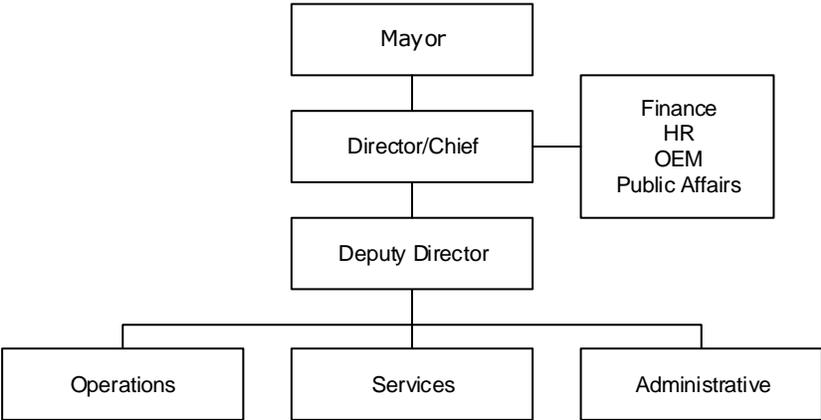
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## Strategic Issues

- In order to be successful in meeting the emergency response needs of our citizens and visitors to this community, response times to EMS, fire, and rescue events must meet or exceed the levels defined by the Fire Department's "Standards of Cover".
- In order to be successful in meeting the emergency response needs of the city, it is critical to continue replacing aging fleet.
- It is critical the Nashville Fire Department utilize improved technological providing command officers, fire fighters, and EMS personnel with rapid and accurate information with on scene status updates.
- The number of occupancies in Nashville needing formal fire inspections exceeds the ability of the Fire Marshal's Office workforce, necessitating the need to add new resources to the Fire Prevention Office.

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## Organizational Structure



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## Programs

### Administrative

- Administration
- Facilities Management
- Information Technology
- Non-allocated Financial Transactions
- Safety

### Emergency Operations Logistics

- EMS Support
- Fire Support
- Logistics

### Emergency Response

- EMS Operations
- Fire Operations
- Specialized Services
- Training

### Prevention and Risk Reduction

- Fire Prevention
- Public Education

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## Budget Changes and Impact Highlights

Recommendation			Impact
<b>SAFER 2 GRANT</b>			
To remove grant funding	SPF**	\$(1,100,700)	To remove the grant funding for the SAFER 2 Grant that ended in FY15
<b>CSX Air Quality Grant</b>			
To Remove Grant Funding	SPF	(5,000)	To remove the grant funding for the CSX Air Quality Grant that ended in FY15
<b>Non-allocated Financial Transactions</b>			
Fringe Benefit Savings	GSD	(649,600)	Savings realized through reduced cost for fringe benefits
	USD	(972,200)	
Internal Service Charges*	GSD	135,300	Delivery of centrally provided services including information systems, fleet management, radio, and surplus property
	USD	402,800	
<b>General Services District Total</b>		\$(514,300)	
<b>Urban Services District Total</b>		\$(569,400)	
<b>Special Purpose Funds Total</b>		\$(1,105,700)	
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$(2,189,400)	

\* See Internal Service Charges section for details

\*\* SPF – Special Purpose Funds