

MEMPHIS FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

BUDGET RESPONSE
FY – 2013



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FY-2013 MEMPHIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

As part of an attrition plan, Fire Administration has proposed the elimination of **four (4) ladder trucks** and **one (1) heavy rescue truck**; and the realignment of remaining resources.



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LOW-HAZARD

In a perfect world, the proposed closings and realignments would still allow the Memphis Fire Department to meet the national **MINIMUM** standard response time for a structure fire in a typical 2000 sq. ft. single-family dwelling without a basement and without any exposures (“NFPA 1710”).

LOW – RISK HAZARD



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HIGH-HAZARD

A.3.3.28 High-Hazard Occupancy

Schools, hospitals, nursing homes, high-risk residential occupancies, neighborhoods with structures in close proximity to one another, high-rise buildings, refineries, and hazardous materials occupancies.



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NFPA 1710 - A.5.2.2.2.1

Consequently, given that the progression of a structure fire to the point of flashover (i.e., the very rapid spreading of the fire due to superheating of room contents and other combustibles) generally occurs in **less than 10 minutes**, two of the most important elements in limiting fire spread are the **quick arrival of sufficient numbers of personnel and equipment** to attack and extinguish the fire as close to the point of its origin as possible.



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DELAYED RESPONSE

APRIL 22, 2012 (Call time 5:32pm)

- Engine-18 = 5:40pm (8 min.)
- Truck-8 = 5:46pm (14 min.)



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FIRE DIRECTOR'S REVIEW BOARD

Director's Review Board
Watkins Street Fire
Recommendations

8. **Rescue III and IV:**
Recommend two additional Rescue Companies to adequately cover the City of Memphis. Both Rescue companies were fully committed to this incident. R-2 as primary RIT, made two successful firefighter rescues. R-1 arrived soon after to attempt rescue and later to complete the extraction of the fallen firefighter. This incident completely exhausted all of the Heavy Rescue and Haz-mat capabilities for the City.

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STAFFING - 1979 vs 2013

1979 (ACTUAL)	2013 (PROPOSED)
• Engines (water) 51	• Engines (water) 56
• Ladder Trucks <u>24</u>	• Ladders <u>21</u>
• Squads 7	• Squads 0
TOTAL	TOTAL
• Fire 1,309	• Fire 1,142

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CLASS-1 FIRE DEPARTMENT

services

Among citizens, the Fire Services Division is the top-rated city division as documented in the 2008 Memphis Poll and plays a key role in addressing a critical public safety function of the City. The Division has a Class 1 ISO fire insurance rating which reflects quality geographical coverage, equipment and staffing levels. The Division also provides high-level pre-hospital medical treatment and transport paramedical ambulance services through its emergency medical services (EMS). The main priorities of the Division are to provide to citizens: fire suppression response, emergency pre-hospital services, specialized rescue services, environmental and hazardous materials response, fire code enforcement, fire investigation, and disaster preparedness training and education. The Division meets and exceeds the national standards for excellence in fire safety and response time.

2008 FISCAL YEAR
OPERATING BUDGET

GFE - 47

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REDUCTION IMPACTS

FY 2011 O&M Budget Request
Alvin D. Benson
 Director of Fire Services
 Fund General Fund
 March 24, 2010

- Layoff of 102 firefighters
 - Safety of firefighters/civilians compromised
 - Possible closure of fire stations
 - Fire companies placed out of service
 - Delayed response time for fire rescue and EMS
 - Potential increase in fire loss
 - Potential adverse patient outcome
- Delayed response time for fire rescue and EMS
 - Non-compliance with NFPA Standards
 - OSHA Regulations compromised
 - Safety of firefighters/civilians affected
 - Increased liability
 - Customer service compromised
 - Potential increase in fire loss
 - Potential adverse patient outcome
 - Fire hazards not assessed
 - Staffing unavailable for special events

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FY-2012

FIRE SERVICES DIVISION SUMMARY

FY2012 Strategic Goals

- Reduce fire fatalities and fire related injuries
- Reduce financial losses from fire damage in Memphis
- Increase public awareness of fire hazards and fire safety
- Reduce dispatch and response times, thereby improving services
- Maintain a state of readiness for TNTF-1 Urban Search and Rescue
- Improve technical and operational capabilities at all Divisional facilities
- Continue to decrease wait times for ambulances at area hospitals

2012 FISCAL YEAR
 Operating Budget

GFE - 77

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FY-2013

Fire Fighting

Strategic Goals:

- Improve immediate response to all emergencies to reduce loss of life and property

Fire Services - FY2013 Budget Request

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ISSUE

REDUCTION IN TRUCKS AND PERSONNEL WILL CAUSE A DELAYED RESPONSE



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SOLUTION

ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES

SHORT TERM: FIRE SERVICE FEES

- Fire Suppression and Rescue fees
- Automobile Accidents
- False Alarm Fees
- Fuel Spills
- Cost recovery for routine fire and hazardous materials response



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LONG TERM SOLUTION

DEDICATED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

- Set up a property tax base for public safety (from existing property tax)
- Apportion some of the current sales tax rate to the new Public Safety Fund.



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