
Annual Report – CY 2012

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Executive Summary

The mission of the Falls Church Volunteer Fire Department (FCVFD) is to aid in the preservation of life and property. This mission is completed in cooperation with the City of Falls Church government and the Arlington County Fire Department (ACFD). During calendar year 2012, the volunteers orchestrated, led, developed and participated in a myriad of functions related to the public safety of the citizens of the greater Falls Church and Arlington communities. This report provides an overview of these incidents and events, as well as a summary of training and other activities that FCVFD members completed in order to provide a high level of professional emergency response and public education services.

The report is organized as follows:

- **Emergency Services Partnership** – Describes the partnership that provides fire and EMS services to the City of Falls Church;
- **Membership Statistics** – Provides summary data of the number of volunteer personnel and hours contributed during incidents, events and training;
- **Emergency Operations** – Provides data on the major incidents and apparatus staffed by volunteer personnel in partnership with the ACFD;
- **Public Events** – Identifies public gatherings where volunteers provided fire and medical support or participated in the event itself;
- **Fire Prevention and Public Education** – Provides an overview of interactions with the community to promote fire and life safety;
- **Training** – Highlights the fire, rescue, hazardous materials, and emergency medical training activities of the volunteers throughout the year;
- **Awards** – Details the honors and accolades received by members during the year;
- **Finances and Projects** – Explains fiscal allocations and contributions of station equipment, apparatus, and other tangible goods that enhance service delivery to the community; and
- **New Apparatus and Equipment** – Describes new investments in apparatus and equipment with projected delivery timelines.

Emergency Services Partnership

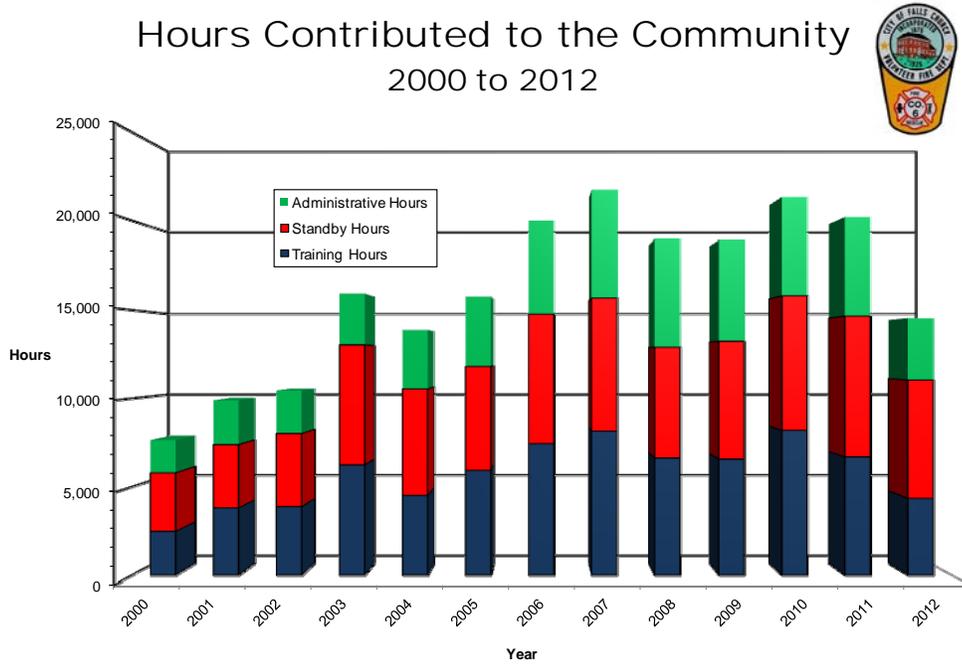
The mission of providing emergency services at Station 6 is accomplished through a shared partnership between the Falls Church Volunteer Fire Department (FCVFD), City of Falls Church government, Arlington County Fire Department (ACFD), and the Arlington County government. Responsibilities for equipment, apparatus, facilities, and manpower are distributed and coordinated among all parties. The graphic below demonstrates the contributions of each party. The FCVFD recognizes the continued support of its partners and appreciates the tremendous dedication to this critical mission.



Membership Statistics

Hours and Emergency Responses

The FCVFD membership contributed **14,523.5 hours** in 2012. See the chart below for a historical accounting of hours contributed by the FCVFD membership.



Membership contributions are grouped into three major categories – Apparatus Staffing and Standby, Training, and Administration.

Apparatus Staffing and Standby – 6,690.5 Hours

Members of the FCVFD contributed **6,690.5 hours** staffing volunteer units and supplementing the career staff during 2012. During those hours, personnel participated in **1,919 emergency responses**, a 9 percent decrease over the prior year. More information about Apparatus Staffing and Standby are detailed in the sections on Emergency Operations and Public Events.

Another key achievement for the FCVFD is the number of unique days that the FCVFD membership provided supplemental staffing to the full-time career units. As shown in the chart below, **volunteers augmented career staff at least one-fourth of the days in 2012.**

Unit	Unique Days with Volunteer Supplement	Staffing Hours	Incidents
Engine 106	49	644.75	160
Truck 106	83	1014.5	85
Medic 106	28	336.75	37

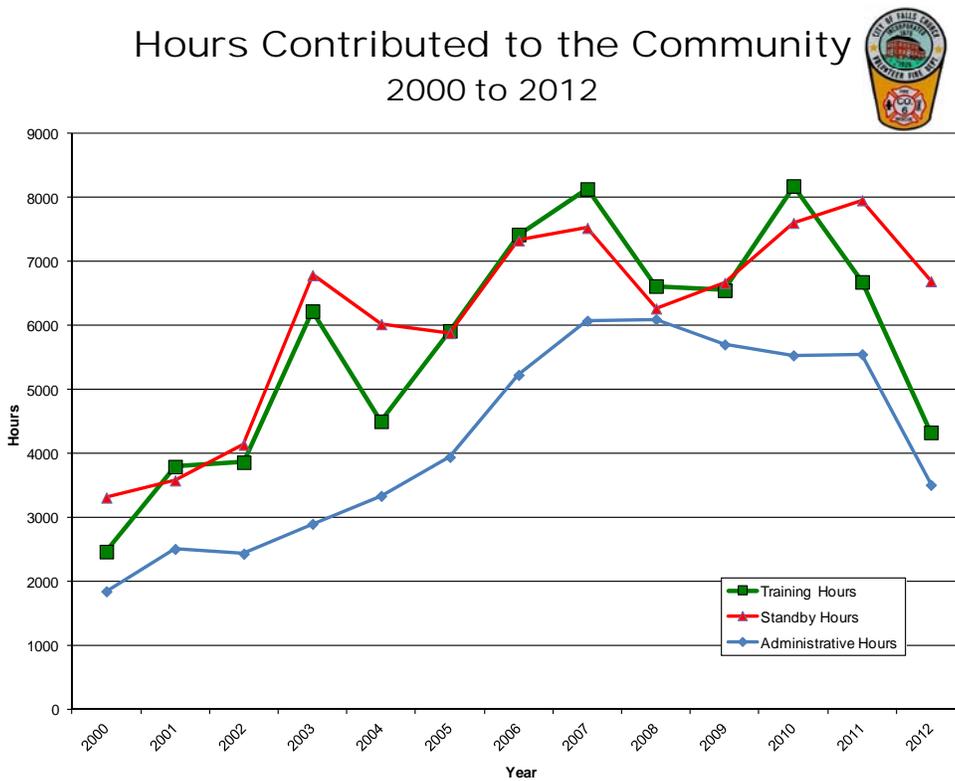
Training – 4,326.75 Hours

In preparation for fire department activities, members participated in **4,326.75 hours** of fire and emergency medical services training. This training was conducted in-house and through outside resources. These accomplishments are outlined in the Training section of this report.

Administration – 3,506.25 Hours

In addition to the actual emergency operations and service delivery aspects of the Department, members spent **3,506.25 hours** completing the necessary administrative functions to deliver fire prevention information, promote fire safety in the community, raise funds, promote the services of the FCVFD, maintain facilities, and perform other basic business tasks.

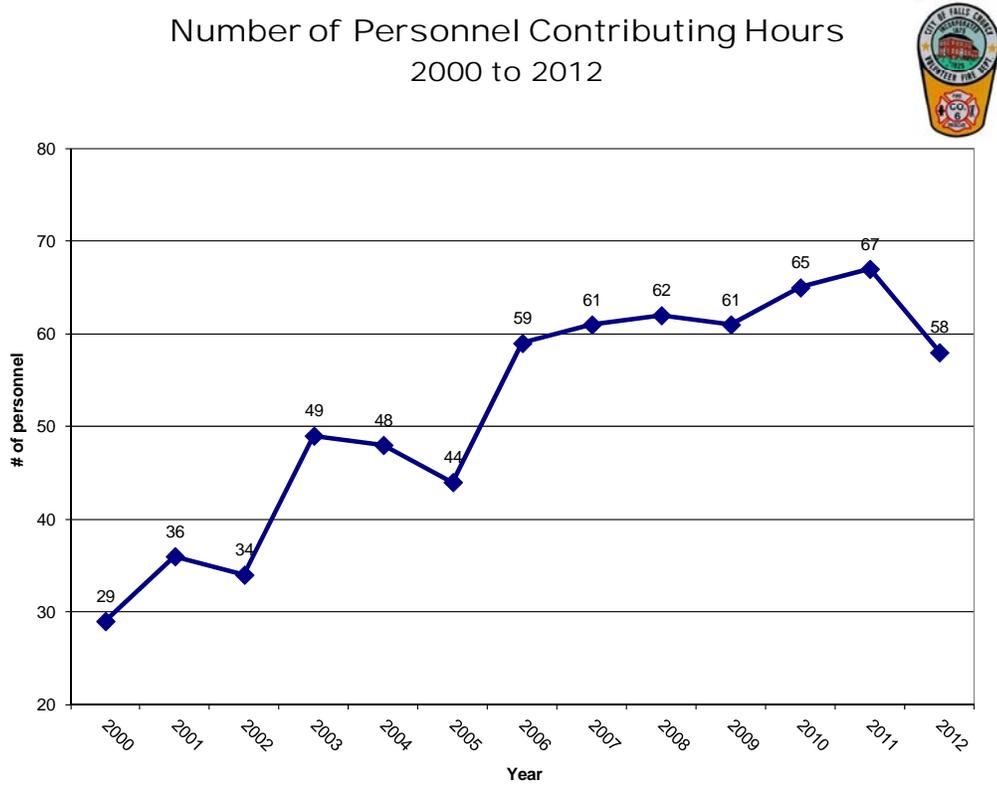
The following chart shows a comparison of hours by category contributed since 2000.



Membership

During 2012, **58 FCVFD members** contributed hours. Of the 58 members, 50 are operational members serving as firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

The following chart shows the number of personnel contributing hours to the FCVFD since 2000.



Emergency Operations

Structure Fires

Throughout 2012, FCVFD firefighters responded with the career staff to numerous working fire incidents. During these incidents, volunteers performed a variety of functions, including placing ladders, ventilating structures, salvage, hose line management, breathing air replenishment, investigation support, and overhauling fire areas.

In 2012, FCVFD members provided additional support to **33 multiple-alarm calls** in the City of Falls Church, Arlington County, and Fairfax County.

Basic Life Support Ambulance

The FCVFD operates two Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances known as Ambulance 102 and Ambulance 106.

Ambulance 102 was staffed on weekends and select weekdays for emergency assistance by fire department volunteers.

Ambulance 106 was placed in service during a number of special events and holidays for backup support. A significant benefit of this service is that it enables the Advanced Life Support units to respond to more life-threatening situations.



During 2012, Falls Church volunteers staffed the BLS units as follows:

BLS Unit	Man Hours	Calls
Ambulance 102	3,249	1,268
Ambulance 106	81.5	15
Total	3,330.5	1,283

Light and Air 106

FCVFD put Light and Air 106 into operation in December 2011. The unit provides lighting, salvage, and air cylinder replenishment at the scene of major incidents. During emergencies, staffing was obtained by using pagers to call volunteers.

In 2012, FCVFD members responded to **33 incidents** with Light and Air 106, spending **425.0 man hours** on emergency scenes. Incident responses ranged from alarm fires to water leaks to police events. FCVFD members also contributed many hours to staff the unit during training exercises and public events.



Canteen 106

The FCVFD maintains a step van equipped to operate as a mobile kitchen during extended incidents. The unit is capable of preparing hot and cold food and drinks. It is staffed exclusively by volunteers alerted by pager and text message.

In 2012, **7 personnel contributed 40.8 hours** supporting a variety of activities and operations, including 6 structure fires.



Severe Weather

Periodically, severe weather taxes the regular resources of the regional fire and rescue departments. Severe thunderstorms create an increased call volume for the fire department due to downed trees, power lines and lightning strikes. Extreme cold and winter weather cause utility outages, impassable roads, and flooding due to burst water pipes. In an effort to decrease the impact of these weather events on the availability of emergency resources, the FCVFD augments the standard assortment of units by staffing auxiliary vehicles.

In 2012, the FCVFD members provided callback staffing during the following periods, with key units running multiple calls during each period.

- June 29 – North American Derecho
 - A102 – 3 calls
 - Light and Air 106 – 6 calls
 - UT106 – 2 calls
 - UT106B – 14 calls

- October 28-30 – Hurricane Sandy
 - Utility 106 – 38 calls
 - A102 – 7 calls
 - A106 – 2 calls

Public Events

In support of the Department's mission, FCVFD volunteers provided fire and medical support to the following public events in Falls Church, Arlington and the surrounding communities. Each listing includes the number of volunteers and calls requiring response.

Date	Event	Units	Number of Volunteers	Total Man Hours	Calls
Feb. 21	Annual Clarendon Mardi Gras Parade	A102	2	3.5	0
May 27	Rolling Thunder	A102 Bike 106	4	40	0
May 28	Memorial Day Support in Falls Church	A102 A106 E116 UT106 Bike106 Canteen	17	170	9
June 3	Falls Church Cubmobile Races	U106	2	6	0
July 4	Falls Church Independence Day Celebration at George Mason High School	A106	2	14	3
July 4	Independence Day Support on George Washington Memorial Parkway	A102 Bike 102	4	32	2
Sept. 8	Arlington Police/Fire/Sheriff 9/11 Memorial 5K	A102	2	6	1
Sept. 15	Taste of Falls Church and Fall Festival	A102 E116	7	36	0
Oct. 21	Army 10-Miler	A102 Bike 106 Canteen	5	36	3
Oct. 27	MCM Healthy Kids Fun Run	A102	2	14	0
Oct. 28	Marine Corps Marathon	A102 A106 Cart 112 Cart 113	6	84	5
Dec. 31	Falls Church "First Night in the City"	LA106	3	17	0
TOTAL:			56	458.5	23

High School Varsity Football Games

The FCVFD was requested to provide emergency medical services by Yorktown and Bishop O'Connell High Schools during their home football games on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons, respectively. During the 2012 season, FCVFD members staffed nine games – six at Yorktown and three at Bishop O'Connell. There were no incidents requiring EMS transport.

"Old Tom" Activities

In 2012, the 1918 Model T Chemical Fire Engine known as "Old Tom" represented the FCVFD at two public events:

- Fairfax Independence Day Parade – July 4
- Falls Church VFD Open House – October 13



Funeral for Alexandria Firefighter /Paramedic Weisman

On February 9, Alexandria Firefighter/Paramedic Joshua Weissman suffered a fatal on-duty injury resulting from a fall from I-395 while on the scene of a motor vehicle accident. Incident command requested LA106 to respond to assist Virginia State Police with scene lighting for the investigation. FCVFD volunteers, Capt. Sisler and Lt. Pfister, operated LA106 on scene for 4 hours.

On February 11, FCVFD was contacted by the incident management team to request FCVFD resources-- including personnel and use of LA106 – to support funeral activities.

On February 15, six FCVFD personnel staffed LA106 in two shifts for a total of eight (8) hours at a staging/parking location in support of Paramedic Weissman's visitation at Everly-Weatley Funeral Home. These members also attended the visitation, delivering the Department's respects.

On February 16, ten FCVFD personnel attended the funeral of Paramedic Weissman. E116 was in the procession of fire apparatus.

Fire Prevention and Public Education

In support of their mission, Falls Church volunteers conducted numerous fire prevention and public education events in 2012. Below is a summary of the activities completed by members.

Date	Community Group	Event	Number of Volunteers	Total Man Hours	Public Participants
January 27	Mosby Woods Elementary School	School Visit	2	8	120
April 20	Family Safety Night	Safety Class	1	2	20
June 15	The Children's School	Fire Safety & "Wet Down"	3	12	50
July 10	Columbia Baptist Church	Fire Safety	2	8	20
July 13	Mount Daniel Daycare	Fire Safety & "Wet Down"	1	4	30
July 17	Homestretch Back-to-School Event	Fire Safety	1	10	20
July 22	Falls Church Presbyterian Carnival	Fire Safety	2	8	20
Sept. 6	National Preparedness Day Lecture	Fire Safety	1	2	20
Sept. 14	Cub Scouts	Station Visit	1	2	25
Sept. 16	Falls Church Au Pair group	Safety Presentation	1	6	30
October 9	Falls Church Chamber of Commerce	Family Fun Night	1	3	50
October 19	Mount Daniel Elementary	Fire Prevention Week Visit	2	10	All students (K to 1st Grade)
October 23	Falls Church Preschool	Fire Prevention Week Visit	2	6	All students
TOTAL:			20	81	> 500

Fire Prevention Week and Open House

Surrounding the week designated by the National Fire Protection Association as Fire Prevention Week, FCVFD members visited five schools (listed above) to teach approximately 1,000 children ranging from pre-school to eighth grade about fire safety.

On October 13, the FCVFD and ACFD career staff hosted the annual open house to conclude fire prevention week activities. **Thirty-one (31) FCVFD members** spent more than **292.0 hours** planning and executing this event.

Citizens were invited to visit the fire station and obtain fire safety tips, learn about the equipment, and watch demonstrations of fire and rescue techniques. Volunteer and ACFD career personnel conducted demonstrations that included structure fire attack, vehicle rescue, aerial ladder operations, and emergency medical procedures. Displays of fire and EMS equipment were available for close examination by visitors and blood pressure screenings were offered. The volunteers also provided refreshments to visitors throughout the day, including **950 hotdogs – a record number!**

A silent auction fundraiser netted \$2,765 for goods and services donated by local businesses and organizations. Donors included Mad Fox Brewery, Pizzeria Orso, La Cote D'Or, Dogma Bakery, Brown's Hardware, Sislers Stone, Pampered Chef, Famous Dave's, Chasin' Tails, Taqueria el Poblano, Joe's Place Pizza & Pasta, Harris Teeter and Giant Food.

Also participating in the Open House were deputies from the Falls Church Sheriff's Office, who brought their dog Fany and assisted parents with fingerprinting their children during the event; and National Capital Poison Center. Each group set up an exhibit displaying the services they provide.

During the week prior to the event, Falls Church City Public Works provided two programmable sign boards advertising the event on both ends of Broad Street in Falls Church. The Sheriff's Office also provided the use of their traffic control trailer to assist in maintaining an orderly parking lot and traffic flow during the event.

Santamobile – December 15-23

As it has done for over 45 years, Santamobile traveled through the City of Falls Church and surrounding areas of Arlington and Fairfax County during the weeks before Christmas. Santamobile is the affectionate name for Engine 116 after it has been decorated with holiday lights, tinsel and a chair atop the hose bed for Santa himself.

Thirty (30) FCVFD members performed **229 hours** of service during the Santamobile operation. More important, during its travels, FCVFD members furthered the Department's fire safety and education mission by distributing **5,000 fire safety flyers** to the public. FCVFD members also distributed **7,000 candy canes** and countless dog biscuits.

In 2012, Santamobile was graciously sponsored by Don Beyer Volvo / Beyer Kia.



FCVFD Meeting Hall

Through a lease agreement with the City of Falls Church, the FCVFD manages a meeting facility on the second floor of Fire Station 6. In addition to being a classroom and meeting room for the FCVFD, public safety agencies, private organizations, and individual citizens reserve the room throughout the year.

The most frequent use of the FCVFD Meeting Hall is for children's birthday parties. During 2012, FCVFD members **contributed 448.75 hours** hosting **76 birthday parties**, which were attended by **1,208 children**. Each birthday party included a fire safety presentation and tour of the station.

In addition to birthday parties, the FCVFD Meeting Hall was utilized for a variety of events, hosted by a variety of organizations, including:

Organization	Events
Arlington County Fire Department	49
Arlington County Police Department	1
Falls Church Police Department	8

Training

Falls Church volunteers participated in a wide variety of certification and non-certification courses throughout 2012. The following is a summary of the formal courses completed by members.

Federal and State Courses

Course	Provider	Number of Personnel	Total Man Hours
Emergency Medical Technician – Basic <i>Classroom, practical, and clinical rotations covering all areas of human body systems and initial care for a wide range of medical conditions</i>	Fairfax County Fire/Rescue Training Academy Fairfax, VA	1	94.25
ICS-300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Events <i>Provides training on and resources for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System</i>	U.S. Department of Agriculture Emergency Operations Washington, D.C.	1	19.5
	Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management Fairfax, VA	1	19.5
ICS-400 Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff <i>Classroom course designed to teach incident command principles for command and general staff</i>	U.S. Department of Agriculture Emergency Operations Washington, D.C.	1	16
Emergency Vehicle Operators Course <i>Defensive driving for ambulances in both emergency and non-emergency travel</i>	Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Fairfax, VA	2	39.25
Fire Operations in Large Structures <i>Course designed to instruct firefighters in operating in large residential and commercial structures</i>	Caroline County Regional Fire School Milford, VA	1	18
Officer I <i>Course designed to prepare advanced firefighters and instructors to be company officers</i>	Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company Leesburg, VA	3	91
Instructor 1 <i>Course designed to prepare firefighters to organize and deliver basic training programs</i>	Virginia Department of Fire Programs	1	30
NFPA 1033 Fire Investigator <i>Classroom and practical course designed to certify firefighters to serve as fire investigators in the Commonwealth</i>	Virginia Department of Fire Programs Richmond, VA	1	141
Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) <i>Classroom course to instruct first responders in skills specific to serious traumatic injuries</i>	Caroline County Regional Fire School Milford, VA	2	34
Strategies and Tactics for Initial Company Operations (STICO) <i>Classroom course designed to develop the management skills needed by company officers to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires</i>	Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Fairfax, VA	2	30

Course	Provider	Number of Personnel	Total Man Hours
Driver/Pump Operator <i>Course designed to provide advanced training in the operation of Class I fire engines</i>	Sterling Volunteer Fire Company Sterling, VA	2	39
Mayday Firefighter Down <i>Combined classroom and heavy practical course to instruct firefighters on how to declare a person emergency, and initiate self rescue or the rescue of others</i>	Caroline County Regional Fire School Milford, VA	1	18
Mayday Technician <i>Combined classroom and heavy practical course to instruct firefighters on how to declare a person emergency, and initiate self rescue or the rescue of others</i>	Fairfax City Fire Department Fairfax City, VA	2	36
Leadership II <i>Classroom course designed to develop leadership skills in firefighters</i>	Caroline County Regional Fire School Milford, VA	2	34.5
Response to Mass Fatality Incidents <i>Classroom course designed to help firefighters identify and response to mass fatality incidents</i>	Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management Fairfax, VA	1	8
EVOG Train-the-Trainer <i>Course designed to prepare instructors to deliver an Emergency Vehicle Operators Course</i>	Virginia Department of Fire Programs Richmond, VA	2	8
Driver/Pump Operator Train-the-Trainer <i>Course designed to prepare instructors to deliver Driver/Pump Operator courses</i>	Virginia Department of Fire Programs Richmond, VA	1	3
Instructor I Train-the-Trainer <i>Course designed to prepare instructors to deliver Instructor I courses</i>	Virginia Department of Fire Programs Richmond, VA	1	4.25
Foundation Concepts of Chemistry <i>Classroom course which provides scientific principles for firefighting strategies and tactics</i>	National Fire Academy Emmitsburg, MD	1	3
Politics and the White Helmet <i>Course aimed at providing officers with an overview of the ways to succeed and work within the local, county and state level political system to achieve positive results for their department</i>	National Fire Academy Emmitsburg, MD	1	16
Firefighter Skills for the Single-Family Dwelling Fire <i>Course aimed at providing firefighters strategies and tactics for operating during a single-family dwelling fire</i>	Tri-City Regional Fire & EMS School Petersburg, VA	1	22
Continuing Education for Emergency Medical Technician – Basic <i>Through a variety of regional schools and local training opportunities, complete required continuing medical education modules to maintain EMT-B certification</i>	Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services	10	183.25

Recruit School

In the spring of 2012, FCVFD instructors conducted a four-month combination indoctrination and Firefighter I certification program for recruits from Falls Church and one other volunteer department within Arlington County. **Four (4) FCVFD recruits** and four (4) other recruits completed this certification, which includes **220 hours of classroom and practical instruction**.

Most of the training occurred at the meeting facility at Station 6 using Falls Church apparatus and equipment for practical evolutions. Course topics included fire behavior, fire control, hose, water supply, ladders, ventilation, salvage and overhaul, breathing apparatus, personal protective equipment, forcible entry, hazardous materials operations, and a live fire training exercise. To achieve certification, recruits must pass both a written exam and a practical exam, both of which are administered by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

Live Fire Training

FCVFD conducted **three live fire training events** in 2012. Two were conducted for the benefit of the Firefighter I/II course in the spring, and one was hosted in the fall for the Recruit School.

BLS Provider

FCVFD requires that members complete a 16-hour course followed by an internship to serve as an Attendant-in-Charge when staffing a basic life support ambulance. This program is the adopted standard of the FCVFD for its own ambulance operations. It equips emergency medical technicians with procedural and administrative skills beyond the curriculum offered by the local colleges and fire academies. Following the course, candidates participate in a supervised internship program to complete their qualification process.

During 2012, FCVFD member Brendan Meehan completed the requirements to achieve Attendant-in-Charge status. He started the program in 2011.

Surgical Observation

Ten (10) FCVFD personnel spent 5 hours observing a quadruple bypass surgery at INOVA Heart and Vascular Institute and learning about cardiac care, health, and surgical principles.

Company Drills

The FCVFD conducts training meetings on the fourth Monday of each month to provide continuing education on fire and EMS topics. FCVFD conducted ten (10) drills in 2012 on the following topics:

- January: Behavioral Emergencies – EMT Goodhue led a classroom session discussing and treating patients suffering from behavioral emergencies.
- February: Ropes and Knots – Firefighter Vilpors taught a refresher course on fire service ropes and knots, with both a classroom and practical component.
- March: Metrorail Operations – ACFD Captain Santini provided a presentation on Metro rail operations and ACFD response tactics.
- April: BLS Protocols – Lieutenant Audet reviewed the ACFD basic life support protocols through classroom and practical skill building.

- June: Hazardous Materials Refresher – Assistant Chief Fortner conducted a 2-day refresher on responding to and mitigating hazardous materials incidents.
- August: ResQ Jacks – Using a donated vehicle, ACFD Lieutenant O’Connell led a practical instruction of the ResQ Jack vehicle stabilization tools carried on Truck 106.
- September: Medical/Legal – EMT McCandless, who serves as an attorney for Arlington County, reviewed common medical/legal issues and how EMS providers can protect themselves from litigation.
- October: Fire and EMS Scenarios – Using an acquired commercial structure, Chief Schomburg and Deputy Chief Sisler led members in various fire and EMS skills.
- November: Fire and EMS Scenarios – Assistant Chief Lowry led members through four challenging fire and EMS scenarios to encourage skills building and critical thinking.
- December: Santamobile Safety – Chief Schomburg lead a safety briefing to prepare for the annual Santamobile operations during the Holiday season.

County Drills

In effort to ensure proficiency and comply with government requirements for education, countywide training is conducted on a monthly basis. FCVFD instructors organized and supervised many of the drills. Nine (9) drills were provided in 2012 on the following topics:

- January: Cold Weather Emergencies – Firefighter Evinger and Assistant Chief Fortner reviewed various fire scenarios more likely to occur in the winter and the use of snow chains on fire department apparatus.
- February: Emergency Communications Center Tour – Volunteer Coordinator Weston arranged for a tour of Arlington’s Emergency Communications Center, allowing members to see firsthand how emergency calls are taken and dispatched.
- March: Search & Rescue and Ladder Scenarios – Assistant Chief Fortner, Captain Lowry and Firefighter Evinger coordinated scenarios to practice search and rescue techniques and use of ladders on a fire ground.
- May: Elevator Rescues – ACFD Captain Bennett led a drill reviewing safe operation of an elevator in Fireman’s Service and rescue of individuals trapped in a stuck elevator.
- June: Hazardous Materials Refresher – Assistant Chief Fortner conducted a two-day refresher on responding to and mitigating hazardous materials incidents.
- July: Firefighter Skills Challenge – Volunteer Coordinator Weston conducted a drill where members practiced and reviewed various firefighting skills in a timed challenge. The challenge provided various physical skill stations to test a firefighters health and fitness.
- August: Snipe Hunt – Assistant Chief Lowry coordinated a drill where teams of members used their knowledge of Arlington and Falls Church territory to find various addresses in our response areas.

- September: HIPAA/Bloodborne Pathogens – Firefighter/EMT Fortner and Firefighter/EMT Katzif provided the annual refresher on protection of patient information and reviewed bloodborne pathogen controls.
- November: Fire Scene Investigation – Falls Church Fire Marshal Polera taught members how to assist fire marshals in fire scene protection and basic fire cause determination.

Awards

Arlington County Volunteer Appreciation Reception

In April 2012, FCVFD Firefighter Jeff Altice was selected as one of Arlington County's 2011 Outstanding Volunteers. Only six individuals and two teams were awarded this honor.

The ceremony was held at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association building in Ballston. County Board members presented the awards with approximately 200 people on hand.

In addition, 32 FCVFD members – each of whom contributed over 250 hours of volunteer service to Arlington County – also received certificates recognizing their participation.

FCVFD Annual Banquet and 2011 Awards

The fifth annual FCVFD banquet was held at PJ Skidoos Restaurant in March 2012. Organized by Assistant Chief Rob McCarry, the event featured dinner, a presentation of awards, and a slide show. The slide show, which was assembled by EMS Lieutenant Susan Audet and President Ian Weston, portrayed the variety of events and functions served by FCVFD members during 2011.

The following individuals received recognition at the 2012 event for their achievements in 2011:

- Firefighter of the Year – Jeff Altice
- EMT of the Year – Jessica Necheles
- Instructor of the Year – Patrick Evinger
- Rookie of the Year – Michael O'Brien
- Administrator of the Year – Sarah Greear, Treasurer, who received this award for the third consecutive year
- Officer of the Year – Kevin Henry, Fire Lieutenant

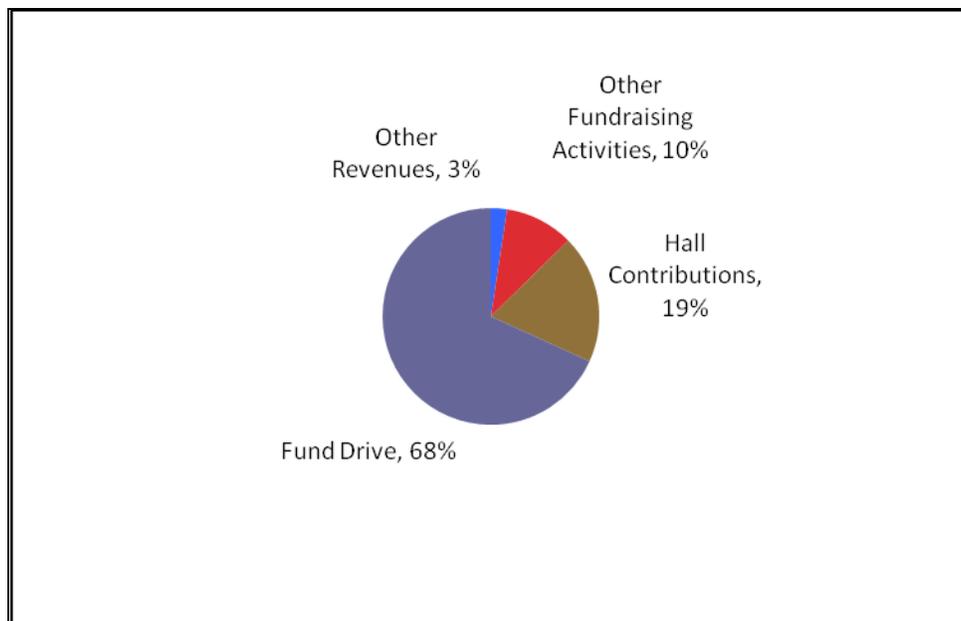
Finances and Projects

Budget

To ensure proper handling of funds and sound financial practices, the FCVFD Board of Trustees establishes an annual operating budget for the Department. The fiscal year for the FCVFD ends July 31 each year.

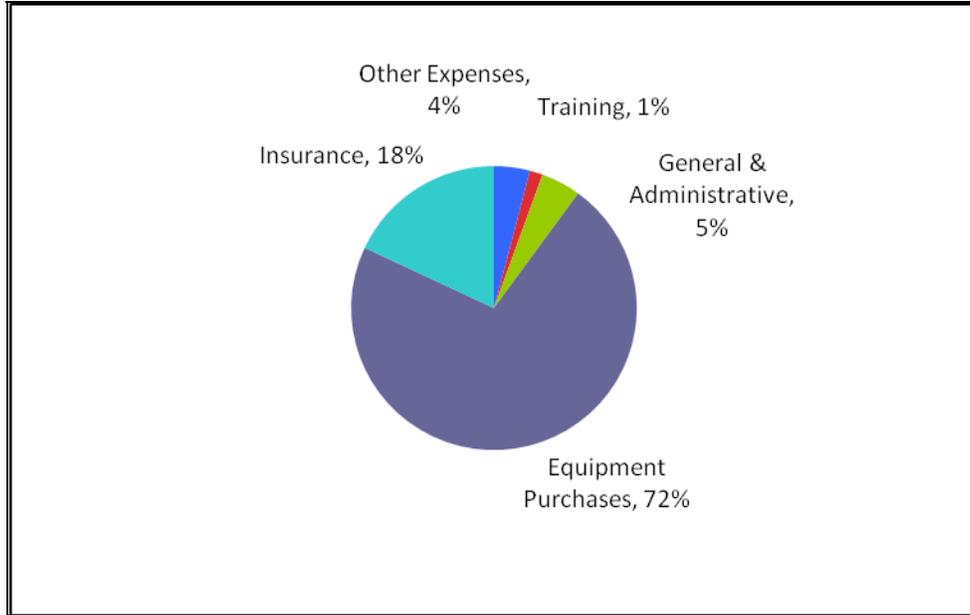
Operating Revenue

During fiscal year 2012, which ran from August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012, revenues were generated from the following sources and activities:



Operating Revenue

During fiscal year 2012, expenditures were made as noted below:



Fundraising

The majority of funds that support FCVFD operations are obtained through donations and fundraising. Fundraising activities include an annual fund drive mailing, fees from meeting hall rental, children's birthday parties, special events at local businesses, grant solicitations, and a silent auction conducted during the annual Open House.

New Apparatus and Equipment

Motorized Patient Cot for Ambulance 102

A102 was equipped with a new motorized patient cot, bringing this unit up to the ACFD standard for transport units. The cot is loaded and unloaded via battery power, reducing risk of injury to firefighters. This equipment, a Stryker Power Pro cot, was purchased in part through a grant from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Utility 106 Bravo

Before yearend 2012, FCVFD placed an order for a new utility vehicle. This unit will be the second utility in the Department's fleet, replacing a 1995 Ford Explorer. The new vehicle offers greater capability and reliability. Delivery will be made in May 2013.