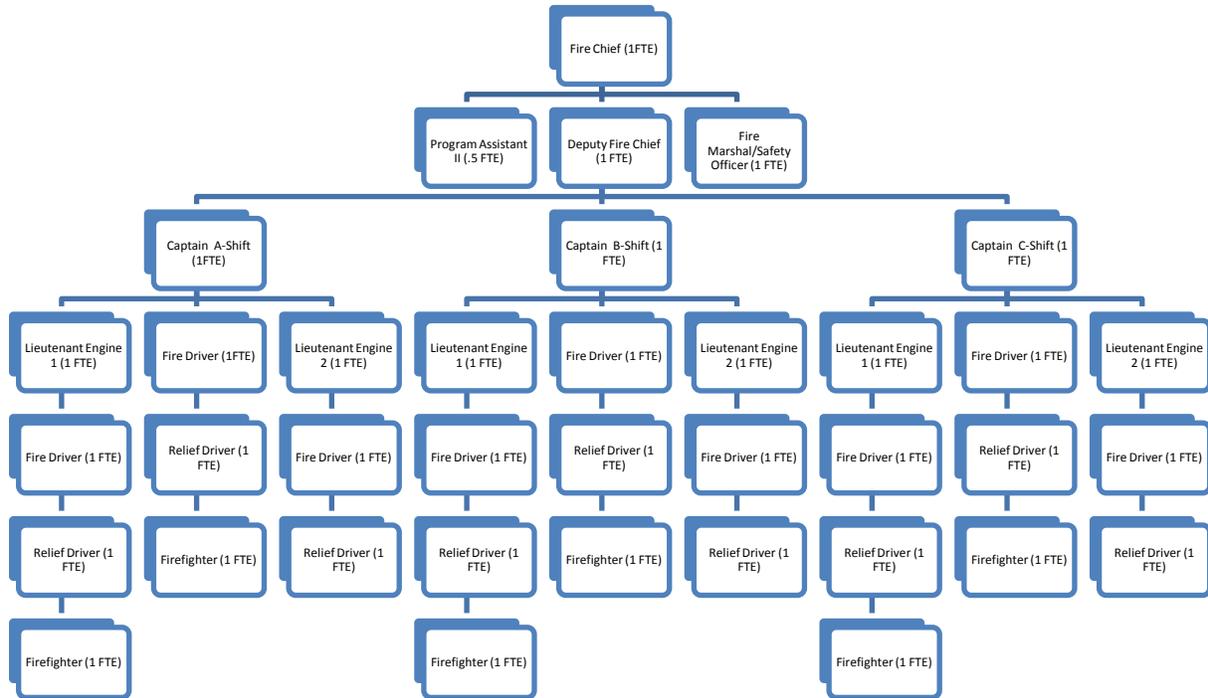


# FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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**36.5 FTE**



**PURPOSE**

To protect lives, property, and the community from the destructive effects of fire, natural disasters, and hazards by providing public education, incident prevention, and emergency response services.

**GOALS**

- Provide OSHA-mandated safety training to applicable employees within ten days of employment and annually, thereafter.
- For fiscal year 2014, attain an annual cardiac arrest save rate of 28%.
- Provide bi-monthly safety inspections of all town properties to ensure the safety of citizens and employees.
- Quarterly, conduct a minimum of one training session per shift with a mutual-aid partner, on a rotating basis.
- Contain at least half of all structure fires in the Town limits to the room of origin in order to reduce property damage.

**SERVICES PROVIDED & ACTIVITIES**

- Provides 24-hour fire suppression, light rescue, and emergency medical services for the Town of Carrboro and the South Orange Fire District.
- Certified as a Light Rescue agency recognized by the North Carolina Association of Rescue and Emergency Medical Services.
- Conducts fire investigations in order to effectively determine the cause and origin of fires within the Town and the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ).
- Delivers fire and life safety education to schools, day cares, and community groups.

- Provides fire prevention and code enforcement by performing fire inspections throughout the Town in accordance with the NC Fire Code.
- Provides plan reviews, acceptance tests and fire inspections with cooperation from Orange County Fire Marshal's Office and the Carrboro Planning Department.
- Provides emergency staffing and special services during town-sanctioned activities and events.
- Responds to and/or initiates Chapter 11 complaints and enforces town code.
- Ensures department personnel receive all mandated training as required by OSHA, OSFM, and NFPA.
- Educates parents and guardians on the proper care, use, and maintenance of child passenger safety seats.
- Administers a smoke alarm installation and maintenance program that is free to all residents of Carrboro and the South Orange Fire District.

#### **PREVIOUS YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Maintained a cardiac arrest save rate of 25%.
- Recorded 4,696(estimate) public education contacts.
- Checked and/or installed 321 child passenger seats.
- Installed 98 smoke alarms and distributed 45 address markers.
- Promoted three new Relief Drivers.

#### **UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR OBJECTIVES**

- Pursue Accreditation through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International; develop a Strategic Plan and Standard of Cover for Carrboro Fire-Rescue Dept.
- Move to unit dispatching with Orange County 9-1-1 to provide for faster, more appropriate emergency response based on the nature of calls, their location, and available resources.
- Purchase new Rescue Pumper Tanker.

#### **BOARD PRIORITIES**

Protect historic neighborhoods and maintain Carrboro's unique identity.  
Enhance and sustain quality of life/place issues for everyone.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

1. Provide OSHA mandated safety training. Conduct quarterly training session with mutual-aid partner.
2. Move to unit dispatching with Orange County 9-1-1 to provide faster response.
3. Conduct state mandated fire inspections.
4. Provide 24-hour fire suppression, light rescue, and emergency medical services for the Town and South Orange Fire District.
5. Conduct OSHA mandated safety inspections.
6. Contain at least half of all structure fires in the Town limits to the room of origin in order to reduce property damage.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

	<b>FY2010-11 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY2011-12 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY2012-13 ESTIMATED</b>	<b>FY2013-14 PROJECTED</b>
Training Hours	288.5	230.25	280	300
Median Response Times	4:26	4:25	4:25	4:20
Plans Reviewed	143	193	135	145
Turnout time	75 seconds	55 seconds	35 seconds	33 seconds
Fire Inspections	1,006	1,047	1,050	1,060
Fire & EMS Responses - Town	1,136	1,179	1,234	1,260
Fire & EMS Responses - County	256	227	248	260
Safety Inspections	27	18	30	30
Cost per Response	\$1,813	\$1,782	\$1,718	\$1,730
Fire Loss	\$334,805	\$68,805	\$118,348	\$80,000

**BUDGET SUMMARY  
FIRE - DEPARTMENTAL TOTAL**

<b>2011-12 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2012-13 ADOPTED BUDGET</b>	<b>2013-14 ADOPTED BUDGET</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
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**SUMMARY**

PERSONNEL	2,358,622	2,219,345	2,308,037	4%
OPERATIONS	236,713	286,414	320,116	12%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	143,330	25,200	6,000	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,738,665</b>	<b>2,530,959</b>	<b>2,634,153</b>	<b>4%</b>

**CHANGES IN BUDGET FROM PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET**

The change in personnel reflects an increase in salary due to last fiscal year increase which was budgeted in non-departmental and budgeting for shift wages. Changes in Operations include an increase for P25 flash radio updates. Capital Outlay decreased due to no replacement vehicle purchase.

## Division Level Summaries

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### FIRE SUPERVISION

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2011-12 ACTUAL	2012-13 ADOPTED BUDGET	2013-14 ADOPTED BUDGET	CHANGE
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<b>SUMMARY</b>
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PERSONNEL	121,766	119,229	122,225	3%
OPERATIONS	24,398	32,269	31,838	-1%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	-	3,000	0%

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>146,164</b>	<b>151,498</b>	<b>157,063</b>	<b>4%</b>
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#### CHANGES IN BUDGET FROM PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET

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### FIRE SUPPRESSION

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2011-12 ACTUAL	2012-13 ADOPTED BUDGET	2013-14 ADOPTED BUDGET	CHANGE
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<b>SUMMARY</b>
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PERSONNEL	2,165,911	2,031,507	2,114,745	4%
OPERATIONS	196,422	238,110	272,910	15%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	143,330	25,200	3,000	-88%

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,505,663</b>	<b>2,294,817</b>	<b>2,390,655</b>	<b>4%</b>
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#### CHANGES IN BUDGET FROM PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET

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**FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY**

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<b>2011-12 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2012-13 ADOPTED BUDGET</b>	<b>2013-14 ADOPTED BUDGET</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
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**SUMMARY**

PERSONNEL	70,944	68,609	71,067	4%
OPERATIONS	15,893	16,035	15,368	-4%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	-	-	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86,837</b>	<b>84,644</b>	<b>86,435</b>	<b>2%</b>

**CHANGES IN BUDGET FROM PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET**

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