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## **SECTION – 15**

## **FIRE**

*Committed to excellence in enhancing and protecting life, property and the environment.*

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## DESCRIPTION

The **Fire Department** first began serving the citizens of Sacramento in 1850 as a volunteer organization. In 1872, the Department became the first paid professional fire department west of the Mississippi. The Department responds to many types of emergencies. Today, the Fire Department responds to fires, emergency medical calls, hazardous materials incidents, and specialized rescues, such as water, vertical, confined space and animal rescues. The Department provides fire code enforcement, public education, fire investigation and is responsible for citywide emergency planning. The Department is staffed with 589 sworn personnel, 22 fire prevention officers, and 44 civilian employees for a total of 655 positions (21 of the 655 positions have been unfunded).

The Fire Department is headed by a Fire Chief appointed by the City Manager and is divided into three offices:

- Office of the Fire Chief: Responsible for fiscal management, special projects, and public information.
- Office of Operations: Responsible for management of emergency response resources including shift operations, emergency medical services, and special operations.
- Office of Administrative Services: Responsible for providing support to operational personnel through the management/implementation of programs that include: fire prevention activities, training, technical services, human resources, and emergency planning.

## MORE INFORMATION

Please see the following for more information about the Sacramento Fire Department:

**Web site** - <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/fire/>

## PROGRAMS/SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

- Provide emergency response including fire, emergency medical, hazardous materials and rescue.
- Fire Prevention activities including permits and code enforcement.
- Community Services including public information, education and outreach.

## OBJECTIVES FOR FY2008/09

- Adopt the Fire Master Plan
  - Implement electronic patient care reports (EPCRs)
  - Establish a Community Services Division
  - Increase Fire Prevention Staffing to respond to inspection needs.
  - Centralize the Fire Department's Logistics function and facility.
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- Begin development of a Training “Connex City” to provide live fire training situations.
- Develop plan for reduction of fire company call volume.

### **APPROVED BUDGET/STAFFING CHANGES**

#### Service Level Impacts

The Fire Department will be reduced by \$3,131,040, including the unfunding of 21 FTE positions. These reductions will result in the following service level impacts:

#### Unfund Two Fire Companies

- Implement Rotational Workforce Reduction (Brown Out) of one fire company beginning July 2008.
- December 2008 report back to the City Council on the Rotational Workforce implementation.
- January 2009 increase Rotational Workforce Reduction to include an additional fire company for a total of two fire companies.
- Increase emergency average response time from 5 ½ minutes to an anticipated 6 minutes (actual time will vary).
- Fire Stations with two Fire Companies will be reduced to one Fire Company approximately one time every 18 days.
- Increase in emergency medical services and fire casualty rates.
- Individual company call volume will increase, resulting in the neighborhood company not being available for response in immediate response district.
- Increased demand on neighboring Fire Agencies for response in the City.

#### Reduce Administrative Capacity

- Convert Assistant Chief of Human Resources to a civilian position
  - Discipline procedures moved up to Deputy Chief level.
- Unfund Assistant Chief of Technical Services
  - Management and oversight of Department Information Technology (IT) needs moved up to Deputy Chief level.
- Remove forced salary savings for Deputy Chief
  - Oversee discipline procedures
  - Management and oversight of department IT needs.

#### Unfund Professional Standards and Accountability Unit

- No centralized point for citizen complaints.
- Longer processing times for complaints.

#### Unfund Public Education Officer

- Loss of proactive formalized fire prevention and safety program.
- Reduced fire-related public education at schools, health fairs and neighborhood events.
- Elimination of participation in the Juvenile Fire Setters program.

Organizational Changes

- Transfer 2.0 FTE positions from the Police Department to the Fire Department to better align staffing with Department resources.

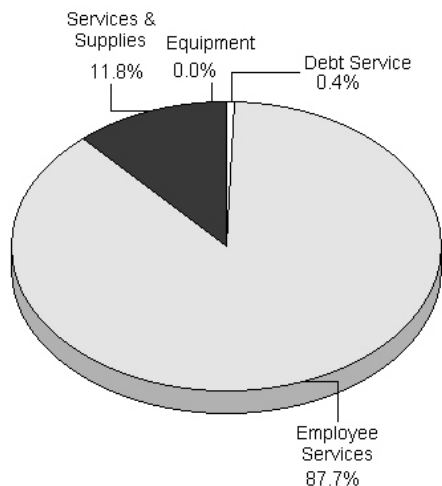
Department Budget Summary

<b>Fire</b> Budget Summary	FY 2006/07 Actual	FY 2007/08 Approved	FY 2007/08 Amended	FY 2008/09 Approved	Change More/(Less) Approved/Amended
Positions (FTE)	651.00	651.00	653.00	655.00	2.00
<b>Budgeted Expenditures</b>					
Employee Services	77,281,035	79,654,670	79,761,214	86,526,367	6,765,153
Services & Supplies	13,757,958	12,277,644	12,277,644	11,656,318	(621,326)
Debt Service	468,906	470,156	470,156	419,256	(50,900)
Equipment	467,248	16,000	16,000	16,000	0
CIP & Grant Offsets	(293,900)	(293,150)	(293,150)	(753,293)	(460,143)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>91,681,247</b>	<b>92,125,320</b>	<b>92,231,864</b>	<b>97,864,648</b>	<b>5,632,784</b>

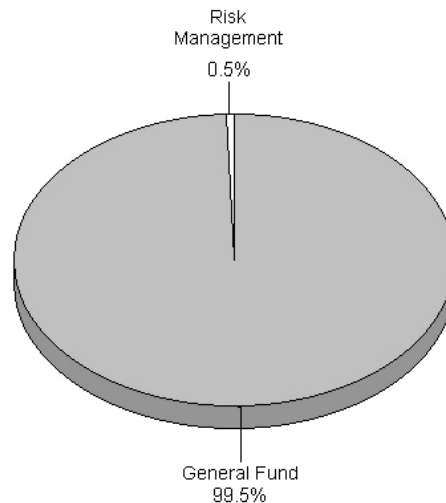
**Funding Summary by Fund/Special District**

Development Services	493,498	0	0	0	0
General Fund	90,687,749	91,625,320	91,731,864	97,364,648	5,632,784
Risk Management	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>91,681,247</b>	<b>92,125,320</b>	<b>92,231,864</b>	<b>97,864,648</b>	<b>5,632,784</b>

**Budgeted Expenditures - FY09**



**Funding Summary - FY09**



FY2008/09 Approved Budget

Division Budget Summary

<b>Fire</b> Division Budgets	FY 2006/07 Actual	FY 2007/08 Approved	FY 2007/08 Amended	FY 2008/09 Approved	Change More/(Less) Approved/Amended
Admin Services	5,901,795	6,066,539	6,061,886	5,102,147	(959,739)
Fire Prevention	4,354,628	4,114,763	4,101,671	4,336,983	235,312
Office of the Fire Chief	1,679,154	2,922,798	3,376,672	1,681,986	(1,694,686)
Operations	78,197,902	77,763,054	77,438,086	81,878,677	4,440,591
Support Services	1,547,768	1,258,166	1,253,549	4,864,855	3,611,306
<b>Total:</b>	<b>91,681,247</b>	<b>92,125,320</b>	<b>92,231,864</b>	<b>97,864,648</b>	<b>5,632,784</b>

Staffing Levels

<b>Fire</b> Division FTEs	FY 2006/07 Actual	FY 2007/08 Approved	FY 2007/08 Amended	FY 2008/09 Approved	Change More/(Less) Approved/Amended
Admin Services	9.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	-1.00
Fire Prevention	37.00	37.00	37.00	37.00	0.00
Office of the Fire Chief	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	0.00
Operations	581.00	581.00	583.00	585.00	2.00
Support Services	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	1.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>651.00</b>	<b>651.00</b>	<b>653.00</b>	<b>655.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>