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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 including 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, and fire investigation. The Department is currently funded for 634 FTEs comprised of 570 sworn, 21 fire prevention officers, and 43 civilians.

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.
- Investigate all fires.
- Provide fire prevention activities including permits, code enforcement, and weed abatement.
- Provide community services including public information, education and outreach.

## OBJECTIVES FOR FY2009/10

- Update/upgrade Fire Department internet Web site.
- Begin work on a "Standard of Coverage Plan" to include response time standards and resources requirements.
- Mitigate, where possible, the effects of resource reductions on response times and customer service.
- Continue move to centralize the Fire Department's logistics function and facility.
- Continue work on development of a Training "Connex City" to provide live fire training situations.

**APPROVED BUDGET/STAFFING CHANGES**

Organizational Changes

- Realign the following positions to better meet the organizational needs of the Fire Department:
  - Convert one Fire Deputy Chief position to Fire Protection Engineer.
  - Convert three Fire Battalion Chief positions to three Fire Assistant Chief positions.
- The Office of Emergency Services (3.0 funded FTE) is being transferred to the City Manager's Office to provide focus and priority on the City's emergency preparedness.
- To consolidate fire and life safety plan review services within the Fire Department, an Assistant Civil Engineer (1.0 funded FTE) position is being transferred from the Community Development Department to the Fire Department.

Service Level Impacts

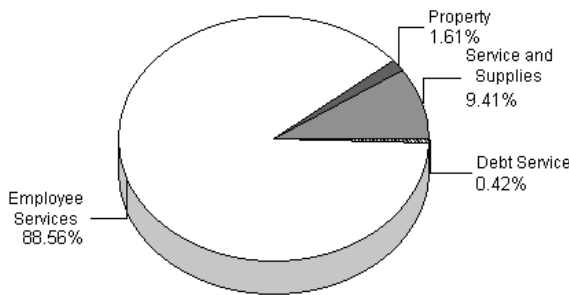
The Fire Department will be reduced by \$5 million including the unfunding of 50 FTE positions. Additionally, \$1.8 million in new revenues will be used to offset/eliminate the 2<sup>nd</sup> brown out company that was included in the FY2008/09 budget. These reductions will result in the following service level impacts:

- Continue Rotational Workforce Reduction (brown out) of one fire company.
- Diminished capabilities/capacity of Fire Companies.
- Continued/increased delay of response in areas affected by the brown out company/(ies).
- Delays in on-scene fire attack and rescue operations.
- More neighborhoods with sporadic coverage.
- Spike in training costs to retrain personnel to operate in reduced staffing levels.
- Increased demand on neighboring Fire Agencies for response in the City.

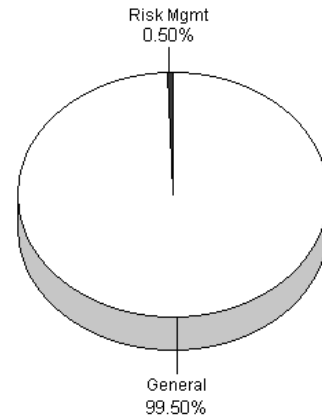
Department Budget Summary

<b>Fire</b>	FY	FY	FY	Change
Budget Summary	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	More/(Less)
	Actual	Approved	Amended	Approved/Amended
Funded Positions (FTE)	653.00	634.00	634.00	(52.00)
<b>Budgeted Expenditures</b>				
Debt Service	470,156	419,256	419,256	4,806
Employee Services	80,308,952	86,951,075	87,234,926	2,168,656
Interdepartmental Transfers	(286,925)	(746,868)	(746,868)	(126,863)
Property	2,017,914	1,456,466	1,456,466	167,163
Service and Supplies	9,971,644	9,784,719	9,986,512	(483,157)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>92,481,741</b>	<b>97,864,648</b>	<b>98,350,292</b>	<b>1,730,605</b>
<b>Funding Summary by Fund/Special District</b>				
General Fund	91,981,741	97,364,648	97,850,292	1,730,605
Risk Management	500,000	500,000	500,000	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>92,481,741</b>	<b>97,864,648</b>	<b>98,350,292</b>	<b>1,730,605</b>

**Budgeted Expenditures - FY2009/10**



**Funding Summary - FY2009/10**



**Division Budget Summary**

Fire Division Budgets	FY	FY		FY	Change
	2007/08 Actual	2008/09 Approved	2008/09 Amended	2009/10 Approved	More/(Less) Approved/Amended
Office of Admin. Services	11,610,513	14,303,985	14,163,913	14,878,703	714,790
Office of Operations	78,194,556	81,878,677	81,793,742	86,536,783	4,743,041
Office of the Fire Chief	2,676,672	1,681,986	2,392,637	(1,334,589)	(3,727,226)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>92,481,741</b>	<b>97,864,648</b>	<b>98,350,292</b>	<b>100,080,897</b>	<b>1,730,605</b>

**Staffing Levels**

Fire Division FTEs	FY	FY		FY	Change
	2007/08 Actual	2008/09 Approved	2008/09 Amended	2009/10 Approved	More/(Less) Approved/Amended
Office of the Fire Chief	15.00	14.00	14.00	11.00	(3.00)
Office of Admin. Services	55.00	52.00	52.00	54.00	2.00
Office of Operations	583.00	568.00	568.00	517.00	(51.00)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>653.00</b>	<b>634.00</b>	<b>634.00</b>	<b>582.00</b>	<b>(52.00)</b>

**FY2009/10 APPROVED BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

The Approved Budget, including the tables and charts contained within this document and section, reflects the actions approved by the City Council on June 16, 2009 (Resolution 2009-406).

Subsequent to budget adoption, in the City's continued efforts to identify opportunities to address ongoing fiscal challenges, the Department of Labor Relations met and conferred with all labor unions to discuss the impact of the City's FY2009/10 identified \$50 million budget deficit. In an effort to protect positions, an agreement was reached between the City and several labor units to implement measures that would reduce labor costs. On July 28, 2009 the City Council approved an agreement with the Firefighter's Unit (Sacramento Area Firefighters Local 522) to save \$5 million in FY2009/10, which included "freezing" step increases and deferring the FY2009/10 five percent salary adjustment for two and a half years (January 2012).

Given the significance of the concessions reached, the reduction of 50 FTE and service level reductions identified for FY2009/10 were not implemented. However, the continuation of the rotational workforce reduction of one fire company implemented in FY2008/09 will remain in effect.

