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SECTION – 15

FIRE

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

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 587 sworn personnel, 22 fire prevention officers, and 44 civilian employees for a total of 653 positions.

The mission statement of the Sacramento Fire Department is:

“Commitment to excellence in enhancing and protecting life, property and the environment.”

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.
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- Centralize the Fire Department's Logistics function and facility.
- Begin development of a Training "Connex City" to provide live fire training situations.
- Develop plan for reduction of fire company call volume.

PROPOSED BUDGET/STAFFING CHANGES

Service Level Impacts

The Fire Department will be reduced by \$ \$5,831,040, including the unfunding of 46 positions. These reductions will result in the following service level impacts:

Unfund Three Fire Companies

- Increase emergency average response time from 5 ½ minutes to over 6 ½ minutes (actual time will vary greatly).
- Fire Company in each neighborhood will be closed approximately one time every 10 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 of complaints.
- Increase workload of police investigative units.

Unfund Public Education Officer

- Loss of proactive formalized fire prevention and safety program.
- No fire-related public education at schools, health fairs and neighborhood events.
- Elimination of participation in the Juvenile Fire Setters program.

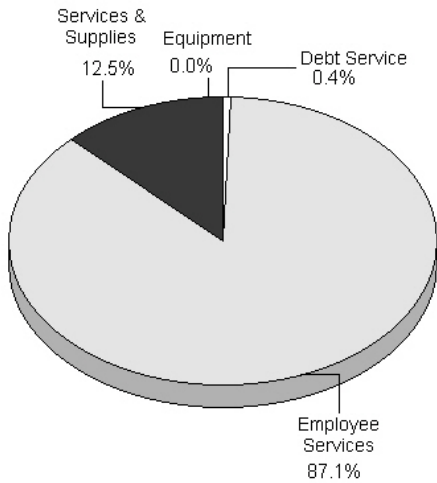
Department Budget Summary

Fire Budget Summary	FY	FY		FY	Change
	2006/07 Actual	2007/08 Approved	2007/08 Amended	2008/09 Proposed	More/(Less) Proposed/Amended
Positions (FTE)	651.00	651.00	653.00	655.00	2.00
Budgeted Expenditures					
Employee Services	77,281,035	79,654,670	79,761,214	83,523,425	3,762,211
Services & Supplies	13,757,958	12,277,644	12,277,644	11,959,260	(318,384)
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)
Total:	91,681,247	92,125,320	92,231,864	95,164,648	2,932,784

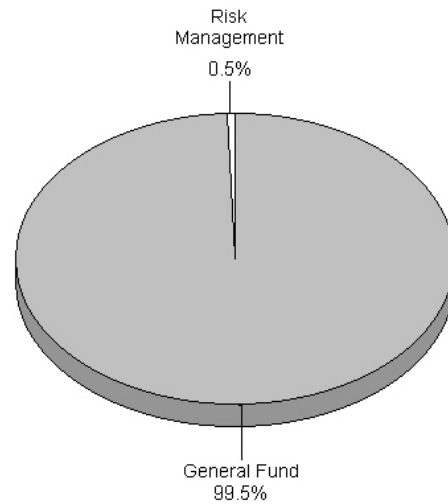
Funding Summary by Fund/Special District

Development Services	493,498	0	0	0	0
General Fund	90,687,749	91,625,320	91,731,864	94,664,648	2,932,784
Risk Management	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0
Total:	91,681,247	92,125,320	92,231,864	95,164,648	2,932,784

Budgeted Expenditures - FY09



Funding Summary - FY09



FY2008/09 Proposed Budget

Division Budget Summary

Fire Division Budgets	FY 2006/07 Actual	FY 2007/08 Approved	FY 2007/08 Amended	FY 2008/09 Proposed	Change More/(Less) Proposed/Amended
Admin Services	5,901,795	6,066,539	6,061,886	5,963,969	(97,917)
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	1,794,814	(1,581,858)
Operations	78,197,902	77,763,054	77,438,086	78,254,027	815,941
Support Services	1,547,768	1,258,166	1,253,549	4,814,855	3,561,306
Total:	91,681,247	92,125,320	92,231,864	95,164,648	2,932,784

Staffing Levels

Fire Division FTEs	FY 2006/07 Actual	FY 2007/08 Approved	FY 2007/08 Amended	FY 2008/09 Proposed	Change More/(Less) Proposed/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
Total:	651.00	651.00	653.00	655.00	2.00