



2022 Annual Report Fayette County Department of Fire & Emergency Services

All Emergencies - 911 General Information - 770.305.5414
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2022 Statistical Summary

Population Served.....81,756
Protection Area in Square Miles.....160
Number of Personnel.....152
Number of Fire Stations.....9

FY 2022 FIRE Operating Budget.....\$ 12,117,940
FY 2022 EMS Operating Budget.....\$ 3,951,500
FY 2022 EMA Operating Budget.....\$ 415,876

Fire Millage Rate for CY 2022 is 3.07 or \$122.80 annually per \$100,000 of market value

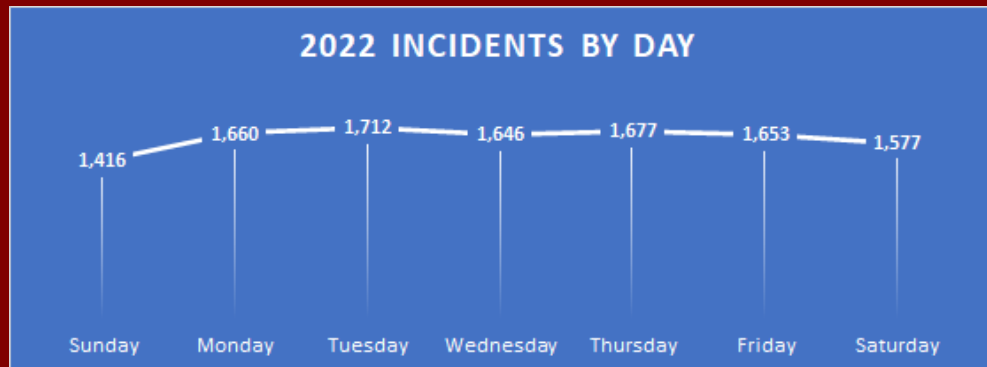
EMS Millage Rate for CY 2022 is 0.500 or \$20.00 annually per \$100,000 of market value

2022 Incident Statistical Summary

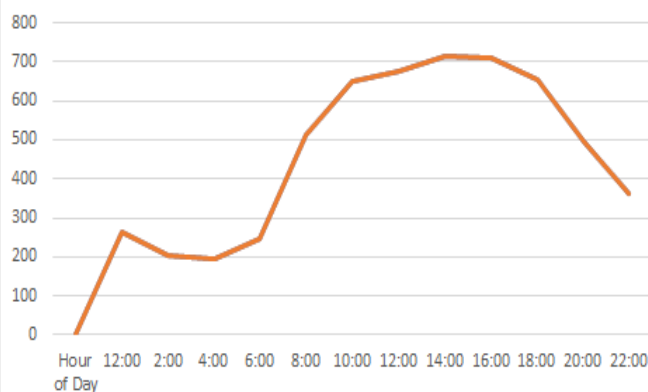
Incident Types

Total Number Of Incidents **11,341**

Rescue/Medical8,753
 Fire172
 Service Calls..... 1,021
 Good Intent Calls.....637
 Hazardous Calls233
 False Alarms525



2022 Incidents By Time



2022 Total Unit Responses - 22,626

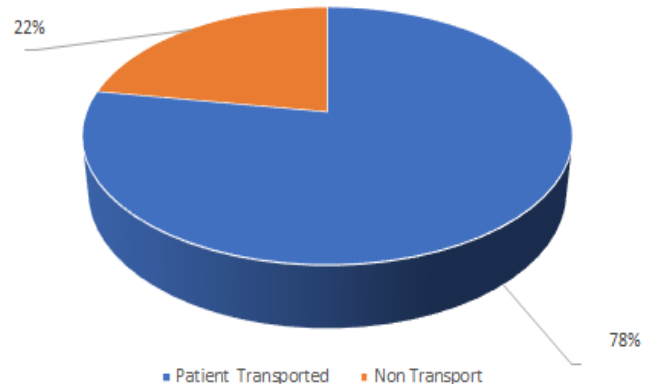
Engine 1.....886	Quint 2.....1,367	Medic 1.....1,660
Engine 3....1,103	Quint 10.....726	Medic 3 1,250
Engine 4.....970	Rescue 4.....431	Medic 4.....2,604
Engine 5.....605	Squad 2.....1,858	Medic 5.....1,190
Engine 6.....300	Squad 10.....1,778	Medic 10.....1,585
Engine 7.....471	Support Units.....141	Medic 11.....1,800
Engine 11.....821	Staff/Command...1,080	

Incident Notes

Average Turnout Time.....0:52
 Average Department Response Time.....6:14
 Leading Cause of Injury—Traffic Accident
 Leading Medical Complaint—General Illness
 Average Patient Age—57



2022 EMS Transport Percentage



Overall 3 Year Comparison for Incidents

Incident Type	2020	2021	2022
Rescue/Medical	6,993	8,153	8,753
Fires	118	163	172
Service Calls	807	892	1,021
Good Intent	603	574	637
Hazardous	287	178	233
False Alarms	417	451	525
Total Incidents	9,225	10,411	11,341

Emergency Management Agency

Fayette County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for coordination, planning, and liaison activities with municipal, state, federal, private sector, and non-governmental organizations to maintain Fayette County's ability to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from disasters while maintaining our eligibility for disaster assistance and reimbursement at the maximum level allowed.

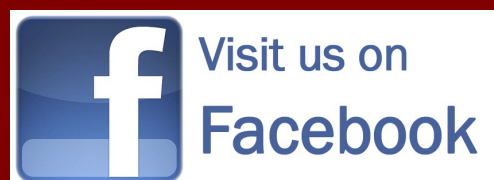
After spending much of 2020 and 2021 focusing on the COVID-19 response, EMA's involvement in COVID-19 was significantly reduced in 2022, which allowed for mitigation efforts to be redirected toward other hazards. The final close-out of FEMA-DR-4259 occurred in 2022. This federally declared disaster impacted Fayette County around Christmas of 2015 and resulted in infrastructure damage at several locations. Following the completion of repairs, FEMA has reimbursed Fayette County for all qualified expenses associated with this disaster.

Other notable activities and accomplishments for 2022 include:

- Eligibility for an incentive program directed by the State of Georgia that qualifies Fayette County for a reduced cost share for FEMA-approved disaster expenses
- Coordinated the opening of a warming center located at Bennett's Mill Middle School in order to provide protection from extremely cold temperatures during Christmas 2022
- Assisted Spalding County with the development and execution of a mass casualty exercise
- Participation in three Fayette County disaster exercises
- Coordinated Hazard Mitigation grant applications
- Coordinated testing and maintenance of the outdoor warning siren system
- Assisted fire victims by performing liaison functions with the American Red Cross
- Assisted the Training Division with NPQ check-offs



Community Partnerships:



Fire/EMS Training

In 2022, the Department completed two fire recruit classes with a total of 16 personnel. Each class was 480 hours long and included both mental and physical challenges for these recruits. Upon completion, these men and women successfully completed the National Professional Qualifications Firefighter Level I and II testing process.

The training division, along with adjunct instructors from line personnel, provided several continuing education courses. These courses expand the knowledge and skill-set of personnel to ensure we provide the highest level of care and services to the citizens of Fayette County.

The classes provided in 2022 were: Fire Apparatus Operator, Fire Instructor I, Fire Officer I, Fire Officer II, Advanced Medical Life Support, Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support, Emergency Pediatric Care, and Basic Life Support.

In addition to the training provided by the Department, many personnel attended courses at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Bearers of the Oath fire conference, Fire Department Instructor Conference, and Alabama Fire College.



Bureau Of Fire Prevention

The Bureau of Fire Prevention is the first line of defense against loss of life and property due to fires in Fayette County. Our goals are achieved through annual fire and life safety inspections, fire investigations, quality public safety education programs, fire alarm and sprinkler acceptance testing, life safety plan reviews on new construction and remodels, and periodic inspections as required or requested by business owners.

We provide public safety education to many citizens throughout the year, from preschool age to seniors. These programs include our 3rd grade fire safety education at all the elementary schools in unincorporated Fayette County, safety education at the Fayette Senior Center, events at local churches and other organizations, and fire extinguisher training for citizens and businesses within Fayette County.

Thanks to the generosity of many businesses and individuals in the county, along with the Fayette County Board of Education and the support of the Fayette Fire Foundation, we have been able to add a new tool to our education program. The Fire Safety Education Bus provides high quality, interactive training to all citizens of Fayette County at almost any location. Constructed inside a repurposed school bus, it features 3 rooms: a non-functioning kitchen, a living room, and a bedroom. Each of these areas has a different program discussing fire safety, home safety, and even weather safety. The Fire Safety Bus was completed in Spring of 2022 and has attended many events throughout Fayette County.

Along with serving all of unincorporated Fayette County, we also provide fire prevention services to the towns of Tyrone, Brooks, and Woolsey. We work closely with the leadership in each of these communities to provide a fire-safe environment for their residents, businesses, and visitors.

Inspections Conducted— **425**

Fire Investigations Conducted— **25**

Plan Reviews— **85**

Public Relations Programs— **92**

Preplan Updates— **1,107**

Total Public Education Participants— **7,738**

New Businesses— **156**

Smoke Detector Installations— **4**

Burn Permits Issued— 14,068 - Residential 1 - Commercial

2022 Fire Loss— **\$3,795,922** Structural **\$454,629** Vehicle, Brush and Other



2022 Year in Review

Incidents

In 2022, the Department continued to see an increase in the number of incident responses. Most of the increase continues to be in Rescue/Medical incidents. The increase in the number of Rescue/Medical incidents annually are related to an aging population and the overall growth in Fayette County. Other contributing factors are the increase in mental health related incidents and the current opioid epidemic, both of which are impacting communities nationally. The number of fire incidents in 2022 remained stable; however, the Department responded to two of the largest commercial fires in department history including the Red Door consignment store fire in Tyrone and the Walmart fire in Peachtree City.

Administrative Support

In 2022, the Board of Commissioners approved a 19% salary increase for all certified Public Safety Personnel and a 10% salary increase for all other County personnel. In addition, the Board also approved merit increases for personnel based on performance measures. These salary increases assist in lessening the financial burden of staff, and aid in both recruitment and retention of personnel. The Department is extremely grateful for the support it continues to receive from both the Board of Commissioners and County Administration.

Fayette Fire Foundation

The Fayette Fire Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit foundation. Their mission is to aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions or otherwise, to Fayette County Fire and Emergency Services. One hundred percent of all donations go to support Fayette County Fire and Emergency Services.

In 2022, the Fayette Fire Foundation awarded the Maurice Worth Fire Foundation Educational Scholarship to eight personnel. Each scholarship was for \$2,000 for a total of \$16,000. These scholarships assist personnel with achieving higher education which enhances their abilities to better serve the citizens of Fayette County.



Insurance Services Office Review

In September of 2022, the Department underwent its comprehensive review from the Insurance Services Office (ISO). ISO rates fire departments on their fire suppression capabilities. These evaluations are based on standards and certain criteria and are used by insurance companies to formulate insurance rates for homeowners and businesses. The Current ISO rating for unincorporated Fayette County is a 3/3Y. The Department awaits the result from last year's review.

Fleet Enhancements

In 2022, the Department took delivery of a new pumper to replace Engine 6 at Station 6 in Brooks. The custom cab upgrade provides uniformity of all first due engines with up-to-date firefighting technologies including an onboard firefighting foam tank. These units provide better maneuverability for Fire Apparatus Operators, include more safety features, and are more versatile than their predecessors.

The new rescue boat responds out of Station 7 in Woolsey. Boat 7 is a 17 ft 5-person Tracker with a 40 HP Mercury motor and a Minn Kota trolling motor. Boat 7 has on-board electronics including sonar for locating victims who may be submerged below the surface of the water. This unit is safer, provides for easier patient loading, and more versatile than the previous vessel it replaced.

