



# 2021 Annual Report Fayette County Department of Fire & Emergency Services



All Emergencies - **911** General Information - 770.305.5414  
[www.fayettecountyga.gov/fire\\_ems](http://www.fayettecountyga.gov/fire_ems)

# 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.

On January 11, 2021, Fayette County and all municipalities within received final approval from FEMA of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan is valid for a period of five years, but is reviewed annually for progress and potential additional mitigation strategies and goals.

As in 2020, a major focus for this year was the COVID-19 response. EMA has been in constant communication with the Georgia Department of Public Health and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security to meet the needs of the public, as well as assisting both public and private partners with resource requests – a total of 28 requests were made to the state. In cooperation DPH District 4, Fire/EMS/EMA admin and line personnel, as well as several other county departments and the City of Fayetteville established and ran a drive-thru vaccination site one day a week for 21 weeks until demand fell off and DPH could move the operation back to the county Health Department.

Other important activities and accomplishments for 2021 include:

- Executed Debris Removal and Debris Monitoring contracts
- Assisted Coweta EMA with managing a volunteer reception center after the March 26<sup>th</sup> tornado
- Participation in three disaster exercises
- Coordinated Hazard Mitigation grant applications
- Coordinated maintenance and testing of the outdoor warning siren system
- Assisted fire victims with liaison activities with the American Red Cross
- Assisted the Training Division with recruit check-offs



## Community Partnerships:



# Fire/EMS Training:

In 2021, the department conducted 2 recruit classes with a total of 17 new cadets. The recruits completed a total of 30 weeks of fire and emergency medical services training. Following the initial education, all recruits successfully completed the testing processes for certification as National Professional Qualifications Firefighter Level I and II, as well as National and Georgia Certified Advanced EMT.

The Training Division, along with adjunct instructors from line personnel, provided 6 National Association of Emergency Medical Technician courses in 2021. These included 2 – Advanced Medical Life Support courses, 2 – Prehospital Trauma Life Support courses, and 2 – Emergency Pediatric Care courses. Also provided, was the American Heart Association’s Advanced Cardiac Life Support renewal training for all paramedics. These courses provided over 22,000 individual contact hours used for bi-annual National and State EMS recertification of personnel.

Fire training hours for all personnel totaled nearly 30,000 hours. These hours included Fire Company Training, training at the county’s fire training facility, as well as 875 hours conducted at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth.



## Individual Unit Responses

Engine 1.....837	Quint 2.....1,022	Medic 1.....1,450
Engine 3.....918	Quint 10.....578	Medic 3.....1,242
Engine 4.....920	Rescue 4.....392	Medic 4.....2,351
Engine 5.....562	Squad 2.....1,280	Medic 5.....1,146
Engine 6.....265	Squad 10.....932	Medic 10.....1,458
Engine 7.....388	Support Units.....137	Medic 11.....1,609
Engine 11.....695	Staff/ Command.....1,186	

**2021 Total Unit Responses - 19,368**

### 2021 Statistical Summary

Population Served.....	80,950	FY 2021 FIRE Operating Budget.....	\$ 10,871,747
Protection Area in Square Miles.....	165	FY 2021 EMS Operating Budget.....	\$ 3,348,191
Number of Personnel.....	152	FY 2021 EMA Operating Budget.....	\$ 337,340
Number of Fire Stations.....	9		

Fire Millage Rate for CY 2021 is 3.07 or \$122.80 annually per \$100,000 of market value

EMS Millage Rate for CY 2021 is 0.456 or \$18.24 annually per \$100,000 of market value

### Incident Types

Total Number Of Incidents	<b>10,411</b>
Rescue/Medical .....	8,153
Fire .....	163
Service Calls .....	892
Good Intent Calls .....	574
Hazardous Calls .....	178
False Alarms .....	451

### Incident Notes

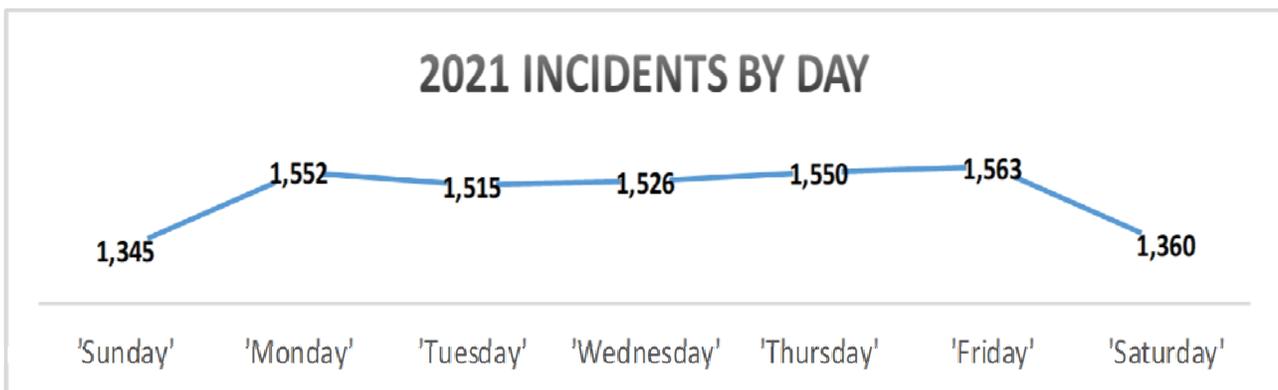
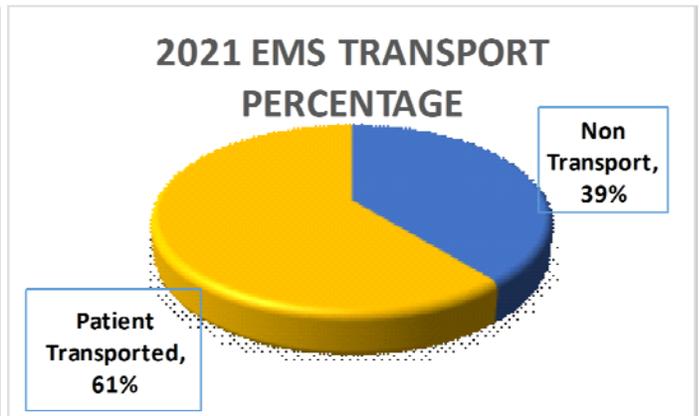
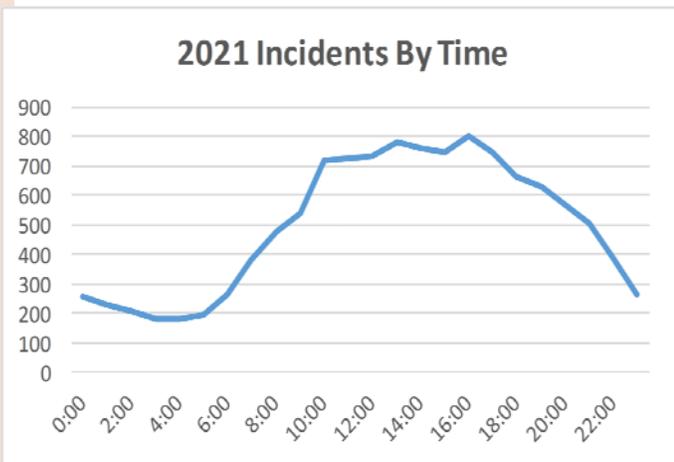
Average Turnout Time.....0:52

Average Department Response Time...5:49

Leading Cause of Injury—Traffic Accident

Leading Medical Complaint—General Illness

Average Patient Age—57



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 support of the Fayette Fire Foundation, we have been able to add a new tool to our education program. The Fire Safety Education Bus will provide high quality, interactive training to all citizens of Fayette County at almost any location. It was built inside a repurposed school bus, donated by the Fayette County Board of Education, and contains 3 rooms; a non-functioning kitchen, a living room, and a bedroom. Each of these areas will have a different program discussing fire safety, home safety, and even weather safety. The bus has an anticipated completion date of spring 2022, and should be ready for events by summer.

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 and visitors.

Inspections Conducted— **578**

Fire Investigations Conducted— **24**

Plan Reviews— **152**

Public Relations Programs— **44**

Preplan Updates— **1170**

Public Education Participants— **3,228**

New Businesses— **144**

Smoke Detector Installations— **3**

Burn Permits Issued— **16,261** Residential

**0**—Commercial

2021 Fire Loss— **\$2,166,560** Structural

**\$119,772** Vehicle, Brush and Other



# 2021 Year in Review

2021 saw an unprecedented increase in activity for the Department due to our response to the COVID19 pandemic and other factors. This increase in call volume, as well as the hospital overcrowding experienced locally as well as metro Atlanta, caused an increase in ambulance out-of-service times. The patients encountered were generally more acutely ill than in years past necessitating increases in personnel and supply utilization to adequately handle their needs. Fayette County utilizes a dynamic response model that manages this flow and optimizes resources to limit any delays in response. Working collaboratively with our mutual aid partners, Fayette County gave and received aid to/from other jurisdictions as call volumes exceeded local resources.

Upon receiving the 2 newest replacement ambulances, the Department was able to add a second reserve ambulance which will increase dispatch reliability and allow efficient backfill when a unit is out of service for repair/maintenance. A powered cot system was installed in each ambulance to improve workflow and reduce back injury, which is the most frequent and expensive issue in the industry.

The fire fleet also continued an upgrade to a safer and more reliable custom-cab fire apparatus. These units offer more safety and versatility in their utilization and build a better fleet uniformity to reduce maintenance costs and parts inventory.

The Department's second 3000 gallon "Super Tanker" was also delivered enhancing firefighting capability in those areas where hydrant access is not available.



**New Custom-Cab Fire Engine**



**3000 Gallon "Super Tanker"**

## **Outdoor Burning Ban: May 1 through September 30**

Residential Burning Permits can be obtained at  
[www.fayettecountyga.gov/fire\\_ems/residential\\_burn\\_permit](http://www.fayettecountyga.gov/fire_ems/residential_burn_permit)

Your local fire station can assist with burn permits

**For Commercial Burning Permits Contact the Bureau Of Fire Prevention**