

2023 Annual Report Fayette County Department of Fire & Emergency Services



All Emergencies - 911 General Information - 770.305.5414
www.fayettecountyga.gov/fire_ems



2023 Statistical Summary

Population Served.....82,435
Protection Area in Square Miles.....160
Number of Personnel.....162
Number of Fire Stations.....9

FY 2023 FIRE Operating Budget.....\$ 13,736,371
FY 2023 EMS Operating Budget.....\$ 4,574,146
FY 2023 EMA Operating Budget.....\$ 413,159

Fire Millage Rate for CY 2023 is 3.07 or \$122.80 annually per \$100,000 of market value

EMS Millage Rate for CY 2023 is 0.500 or \$20.00 annually per \$100,000 of market value

2023 Incident Statistical Summary



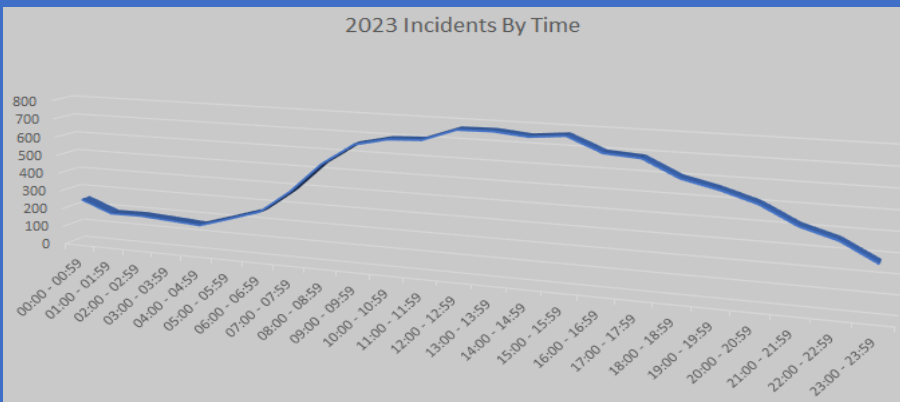
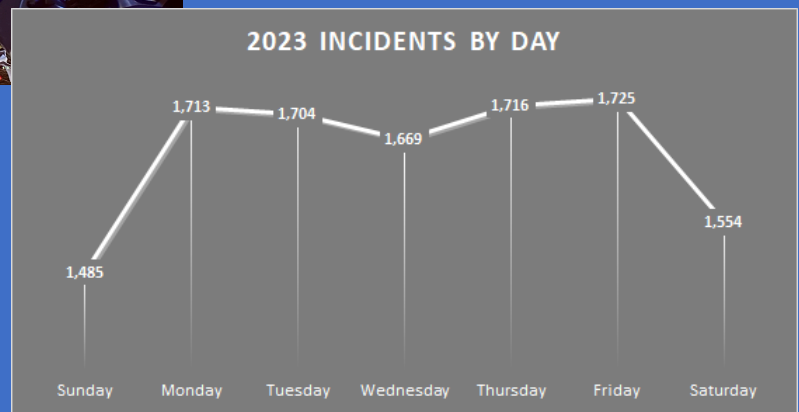
Incident Types

Total Number Of Incidents **11,566**

Rescue/Medical8,944
 Fire173
 Service Calls..... 1,037
 Good Intent Calls.....631
 Hazardous Calls276
 False Alarms505

Overall 3 Year Comparison for Incidents

Incident Type	2021	2022	2023
Rescue/Medical	8,153	8,753	8,944
Fires	163	172	173
Service Calls	892	1,021	1,037
Good Intent	574	637	631
Hazardous	178	233	276
False Alarms	451	525	505
Total Incidents	10,411	11,341	11,566



Incident Notes

Average Turnout Time.....0:50
 Average Department Response Time.....5:28

Total Number of

Trauma Alerts.....47
 Cardiac Arrests.....94
 Pediatric Trauma Alerts.....10
 STEMI.....35
 Stroke Alerts.....106

2023 Total Unit Responses - 22,779

Engine 1.....937	Quint 2.....1,361	Medic 1.....1,675
Engine 3....1,037	Quint 10.....740	Medic 31,298
Engine 4.....999	Rescue 4.....429	Medic 4.....2,627
Engine 5.....600	Squad 2.....1,762	Medic 5.....1,203
Engine 6.....317	Squad 10.....1,585	Medic 10.....1,684
Engine 7.....425	Support Units.....101	Medic 11.....1,837
Engine 11.....817	Staff/Command...1,325	Reserve Medic.....20



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.

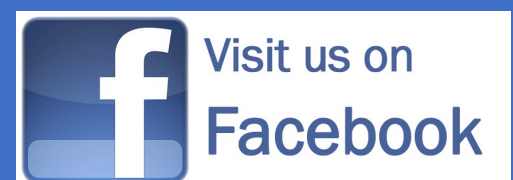
In 2023, Fayette County was awarded a hazard mitigation grant in the amount of \$3,879,505. These funds allow our community to restore damaged infrastructure due to natural disasters while also supporting the efforts of Fayette County to better prepare for future emergencies. This award is part of FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program which provides funds to state agencies and local governments. It will fund the Longview Dam (Margaret Phillips Lake Dam) and Kozisek Dam located within Fayette County. The project consists of performing the necessary evaluation, design, permitting, and construction to bring the structures into compliance with the Georgia Safe Dams Act of 1978, and eliminate the flooding hazards of the properties downstream of these dams.

Other notable activities and accomplishments for 2023 include:

- Eligibility for an incentive program directed by the State of Georgia that qualifies Fayette County for reduced cost share for FEMA-approved disaster expenses
- Coordinated with American Red Cross to evaluate shelter locations within Fayette County
- Assisted the Fayette County Board of Education with the development and review of school safety plans
- 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 for fire recruits and National Registry practical skills for EMT and Paramedic testing



Community Partnerships:



Fire/EMS Training

In 2023, the department completed two fire recruit classes with a total of 22 personnel. Each class was 480 hours long and included both mental and physical challenges. Upon completion, these men and women successfully completed the National Professional Qualifications Firefighter Level I and II testing process, as well as Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations levels.

The training division also completed two combined Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) classes. Each combined class was 760 hours long. Upon completion, these men and women successfully passed the National Registry AEMT cognitive and psychomotor exams to become Georgia state licensed AEMT's.



The training division, along with adjunct instructors from partnering agencies and line personnel, provided multiple 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 2023 were: Fire Officer I, Fire Instructor I, Advanced Medical Life Support, Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support, Emergency Pediatric Care, Pediatric Advanced Life Support and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support.

The training division and line personnel also provided mutual aid training with Clayton County Fire & Emergency Services, Fayetteville Fire Department and Peachtree City Fire Department to ensure familiarity with equipment and personnel to facilitate the rapid deployment of resources in the event of a large or complex incident.

In addition to the training provided by the department, many personnel attended courses at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Metro Atlanta Firefighters Conference, Fire Department Instructors Conference, as well as the Georgia Fire Service Conference.



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. 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.

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.



The Bureau of Fire Prevention staff are trained as fire inspectors, fire investigators, life safety plans examiners, and public safety educators. The division's members each attend over 100 hours of continuing education per year in the areas of fire investigation, fire operations, inspections, fire code review and compliance, and community risk reduction. With the addition of our new drone, we can now conduct aerial reviews of fire scenes and high hazard commercial properties. This will also assist our inspectors when conducting site visits for new construction and subdivisions.

Inspections Conducted— **914**

Fire Investigations Conducted— **26**

Plan Reviews— **87**

Public Relations Programs— **92**

Preplan Updates— **1,184**

Total Public Education Participants— **7,305**

New Businesses— **155**

Smoke Detector Installations— **8**

Burn Permits Issued— 14,231 - Residential 2 - Commercial

2023 Fire Loss— **\$1,573,455** Structural **\$362,629** Vehicle, Brush and Other

2023 Year in Review

2023 SPLOST

Thanks to the Citizens of Fayette County and their supporting vote in favor of the 2023 SPLOST, Fire and Emergency Services was able to fund the following projects in our never-ending quest to provide exceptional services to our Community:

- 3 Medic Trucks
- 2 Aerial Trucks
- 1 Heavy Rescue Truck
- Improvements for the Fayette County Fire and EMS Regional Training Facility
- Replacement of our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs)



Budget

With the Fayette County Commissioners approval of our budget, we were able to better our community with new and updated equipment, more personnel, and continuous education/ conferences. We greatly appreciate our commissioners, county administrator and the citizens of Fayette County for your continued support of our department. Listed below are a handful of accomplishments that we were able to do with your support.

- Implemented a 7th Front-line Medic Truck
- 10 new FF/AEMT/Paramedic positions
- Replacement LUCAS unit
- Replaced 18 AED's for all front-line apparatus
- Ordered 2 new Pumpers
- Ordered 1 new Medic Truck
- Ordered 1 new Squad
- Purchase of 4 Power Stair Chairs
- Began site work at the new Fire and EMS Training Facility
- Development of the new Fayette County Fire/EMS/EMA App
- Replacement of computers, laptops, tablets, iPads, CradlePoints, TV's and computer monitors, etc.
- Personnel Attended Multiple Fire and EMS conferences and training events
- Purchase the Alpha Forcible Entry Door
- Replacement turnout gear and Tech Rescue gear
- Purchased second hose tester and 2 Roll N Rack systems (Fire Foundation)



Aerial shot of new Fire/EMS Training Facility Site



National Opioid Settlement Funds

Fayette County Fire and Emergency Services received approximately \$30,000 from the National Opioid Settlement Agreements. We were able to purchase and distribute over 560 Naloxone kits to other departments in the county, our partnering agencies, and two different nonprofit organizations (In Ryan's Name, Drug Free Fayette). The partnership with In Ryan's Name led to the installation of the first Naloxone dispensing box in Fayette County.