



Volunteer Fire Commission FY 2026 Budget Overview

Budget & Policy Analysis Division

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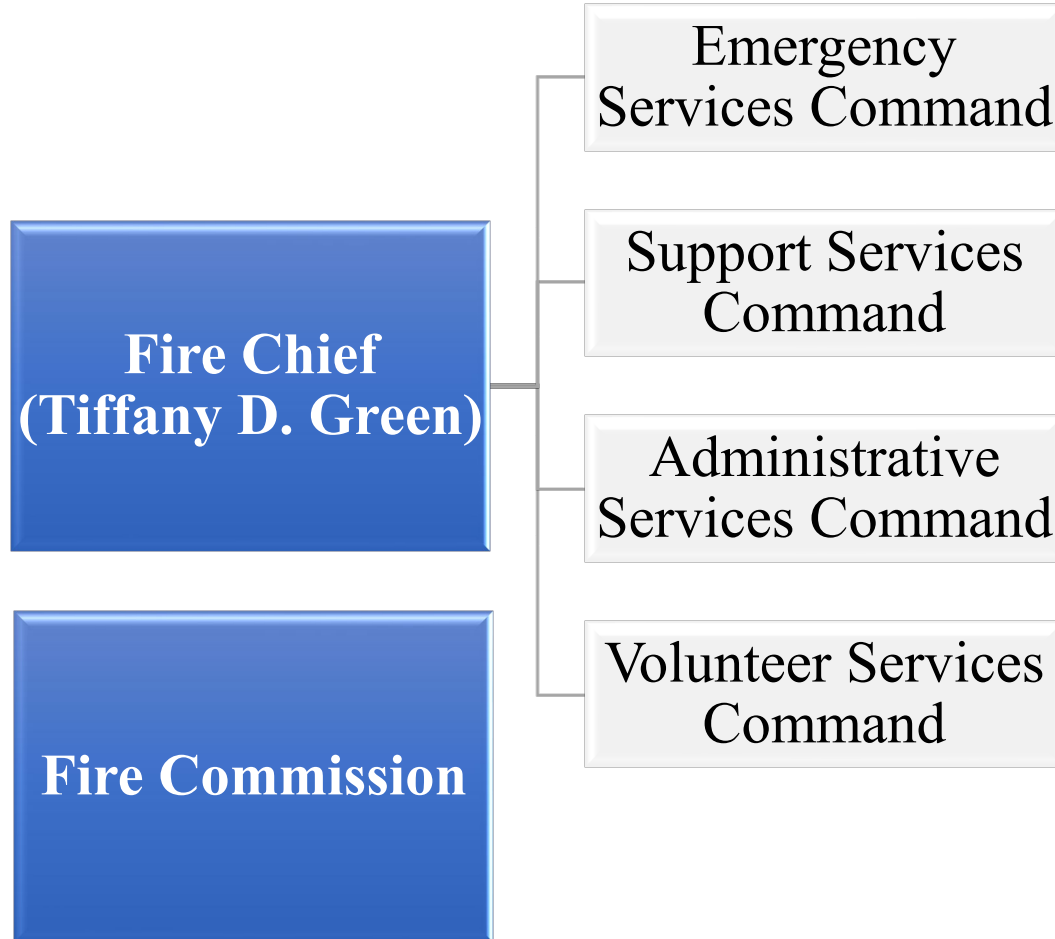
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Fire/EMS Department



Mission

- Strives to improve the quality of life in Prince George's County by promoting safety and providing the highest quality of fire prevention, fire protection, emergency medical services and community outreach programs.

Core Services

Emergency medical services including basic and advanced life support

Fire Suppression

Rescue services, including technical rescue, confined space rescue, high angle rescue, marine rescue and swift water rescue

Hazardous materials, bomb and explosive device response

Fire and arson investigations

Fire prevention and life safety, including fire inspections, enforcement and public education

Strategic Focus FY 2026



Improve service delivery and reliability throughout the County utilizing real-time performance analytics and system wide situational awareness to meet performance standards

Replace outdated Self-Contained Breathing Equipment for entire agency

Increase sworn staffing total to meet minimum staffing requirements

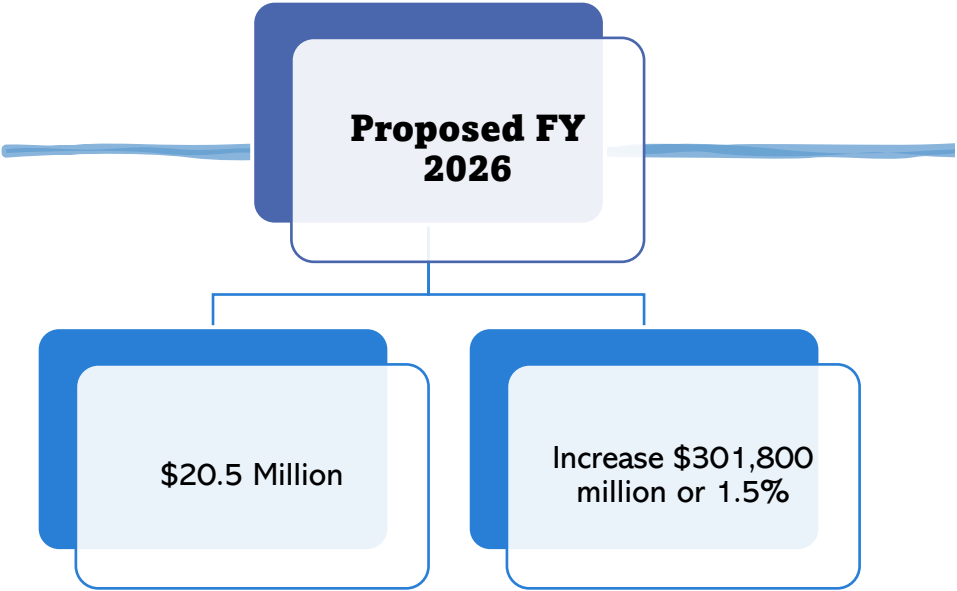
Create a facility maintenance strategic plan for 45 aging fire stations

Achieve "Candidate Agency" status for accreditation with the Commission of Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE)

GENERAL FUNDS

General Fund - Division Summary (continued)

Category	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Proposed	Change FY25-FY26	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Volunteer Services Command						
Compensation	\$937,486	\$608,800	\$650,200	\$628,300	\$19,500	3.2%
Fringe Benefits	4,554,639	5,541,400	5,787,200	5,575,600	34,200	0.6%
Operating	13,547,309	14,025,700	14,270,000	14,273,800	248,100	1.8%
Capital Outlay	61,225	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$19,100,659	\$20,175,900	\$20,707,400	\$20,477,700	\$301,800	1.5%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Volunteer Services Command	\$19,100,659	\$20,175,900	\$20,707,400	\$20,477,700	\$301,800	1.5%
Total	\$272,552,070	\$283,252,100	\$291,492,100	\$314,948,400	\$31,696,300	11.2%



+\$628,300 COMPENSATION

Annualization of FY 2025 and FY 2026 salary adjustments

+\$14.3 Million OPERATING

Increase due to insurance premiums, contracts, other operating equipment, gas and oil, equipment lease and equipment repairs.

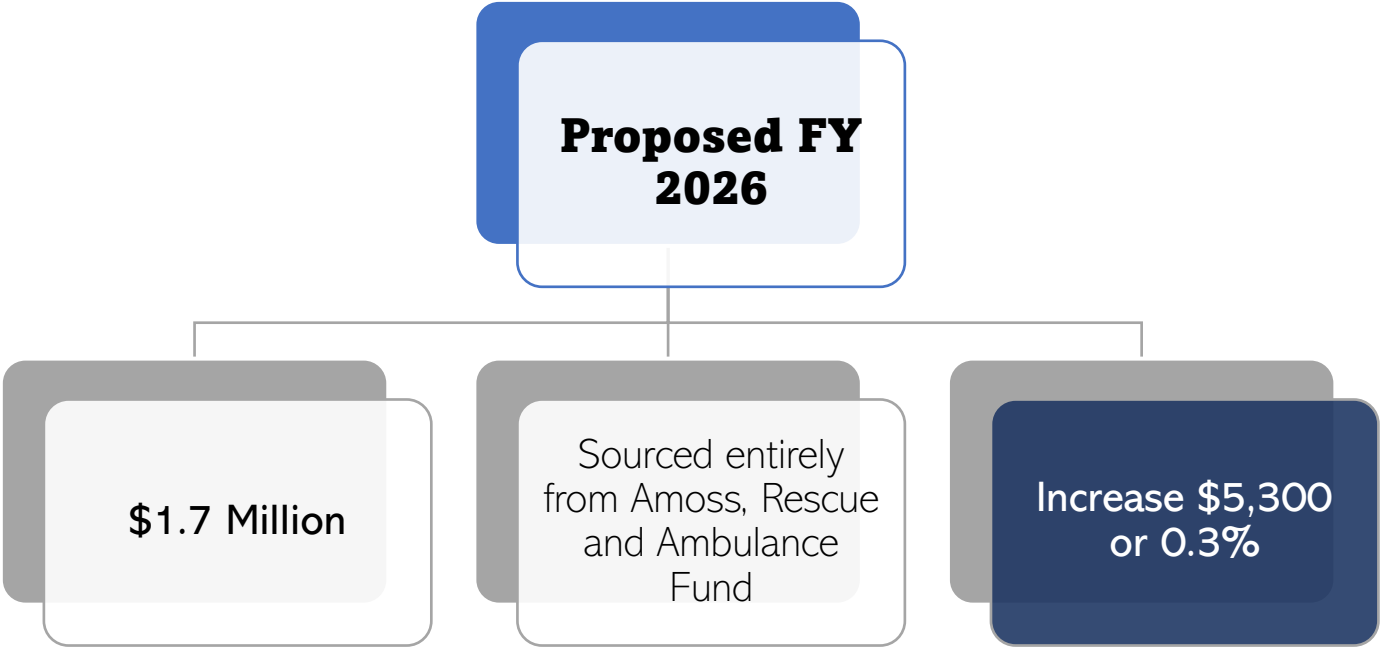
+\$5.6 Million Fringe Benefits

Increase to align with projected costs

Increase in fringe benefit rate from 72.0% to 75.7%

GRANT FUNDS

Volunteer Services Command						
Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance (State 508) Fund	\$1,721,188	\$1,725,000	\$1,721,300	\$1,730,300	\$5,300	0.3%
Total Volunteer Services Command	\$1,721,188	\$1,725,000	\$1,721,300	\$1,730,300	\$5,300	0.3%



STAFFING

	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Proposed	Change FY25-FY26	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$20,175,900	\$20,477,700	\$301,800	1.5%
STAFFING				
Full Time - Civilian	3	4	1	33.3%
Full Time - Sworn	2	2	0	0.0%
Subtotal - FT	5	6	1	20.0%
Part Time	0	0	0	0.0%
Limited Term	0	0	0	0.0%

Qualifications

Volunteer Qualifications					
Qualifications	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025 YTD
Fire Fighter	1,368	1,243	858	899	902
Emergency Medical Technician	1,530	224	194	250	250
Paramedic	20	16	14	16	16
Total	2,918	1,483	1,066	1,165	1,168
YTD as of: March 17, 2025					

FULL

TIME

CIVILIAN

4 (+1 Position)

FULL

TIME

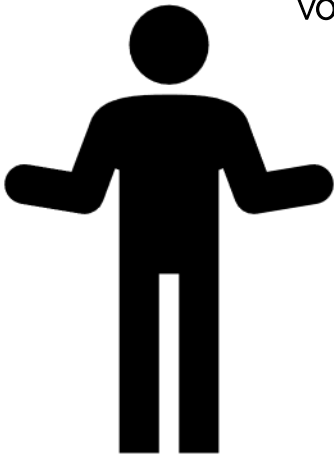
SWORN

2 - Unchanged

TOTAL

6 Staff

As of March 17, 2025, there are 1,168 certified volunteers



EQUIPMENT & IT



LOSAP Database

Experienced setbacks due to staffing shortages within the Fire Commission's Office.



Fleet and Apparatus Maintenance

165 out of 254 pieces of volunteer-owned equipment exceed the replacement age

Staff Comments

Recruitment & Retention

- Issues of recruitment and retention of volunteer members
- Have enhanced outreach efforts

Infrastructure needs

- Repairs needed to Glenn Dale (818), Clinton (825), Landover Hills (830), and Oxon Hill (842)
- Progress slow due to funding gaps

Equipment Modernization and Replacement

- Efforts to replace aging equipment underway but limited due to reliance on state grants like Senator Amoss funding.

Volunteer Training and Certification

- Training programs exist but limited in scope due to funding issues
- Working to expand opportunities through local university partnerships and online platforms

THANK YOU



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