

# TAMPA FIRE RESCUE

RESOURCES	ACTUAL FY03	ACTUAL FY04	BUDGET FY05	PROJECTED FY05	RECOMMENDED FY06
Personnel Expenses	\$ 41,794,018	\$ 44,894,282	\$ 46,255,654	\$ 45,516,105	\$ 47,132,942
Operating Expenses	3,679,648	3,621,181	4,039,528	3,825,041	4,239,590
Operating Budget	\$ 45,473,666	\$ 48,515,463	\$ 50,295,182	\$ 49,341,146	\$ 51,372,532
Capital Outlay	237,213	178,727	291,552	277,923	255,851
Budget Allocation	\$ 45,710,879	\$ 48,694,190	\$ 50,586,734	\$ 49,619,069	\$ 51,628,383
Authorized Positions	611	619	628	629	642

**Vision and Mission:** Tampa Fire Rescue's (TFR's) vision is to develop a progressive, professional, competent, and technologically efficient fire rescue organization. The department's mission is to protect our community by providing immediate response to all requests for service. Combat, rescue, fire prevention, fire investigations, communications and administrative support are the backbone elements of TFR operations. Firefighters are assigned to 22 fire stations throughout the city (including two stations at Tampa International Airport) with a fleet of 165 fire engines, advanced-life-support rescue units, ladder trucks, sedans, boats, and other auxiliary equipment.

**Goals and Objectives:** The department actively seeks more effective, efficient, and innovative ways to accomplish its mission of protecting the community. TFR will focus on providing quality basic services that taxpayers can consistently expect, with the following goals:

- Provide the best customer service in the area of public safety.
- Continuously look for cost effective ways to deliver more efficient service.
- Maintain a continuous state of readiness by preventing, responding to and recovering from all types of incidents in the most effective manner possible
- Make effective use of strategically located fire installations and facilities.
- Continually monitor the environment to evaluate and plan for changing needs, expectations, and economic growth.
- Adopt a global view to search for best practices and innovative solutions to public safety issues, and work diligently to integrate and implement those practices into TFR's service delivery.
- Establish programs for the professional development, growth and advancement of TFR personnel.
- Partner with public and private entities to increase or enhance services to city neighborhoods and communities.

**Current Operations and Initiatives:** Over the last two fiscal years, with the mayor's support, the department has endeavored to achieve compliance with the National Fire Protection Agency 1710 fire operations manning standards. In each fiscal year, seven additional firefighter positions have been authorized as part of an 11-year fire-engine manning improvement program. Whenever possible, the department continues to acquire essential equipment and resources through federal, state and other grant programs and alternative funding, and recently took delivery of a \$500,000 heavy-rescue vehicle under those programs. The department also purchased two fire/rescue boats: fireboat 19, a 27 foot rescue boat moored at Bayside Marina, and rescue boat 14, a 22 foot boat located at fire station #14. Other major initiatives for the coming year involve provision of personnel and equipment for new EMS units at station #21 in New Tampa and station #9 in West Tampa. All EMS units are being upgraded with more advanced medical monitoring and communications equipment. These improvements reflect the mayor's philosophy that citizens should be able to expect their fire department to run efficiently with an emphasis on customer service, and TFR echoes that philosophy.

Performance Measures	FY04 Actual	FY05 Projected	FY06 Estimated
Average Response Time (minutes)			
Medical:	4.48	5.62	5.78
Fire:	5.27	5.25	5.46
Total Alarms	60,663	62,482	64,156
Fire:	11,877	12,246	12,575
Rescue:	48,786	50,236	51,581
Rescue Transports	15,988	16,907	17,826
Fire Loss (\$ Millions)	\$9.4	\$9.7	\$10.0