

TAMPA FIRE RESCUE

RESOURCES	ACTUAL FY04	ACTUAL FY05	BUDGET FY06	PROJECTED FY06	RECOMMENDED FY07
Personnel Expenses	\$ 44,894,282	\$ 47,976,060	\$ 47,162,942	\$ 46,314,997	\$ 50,185,021
Operating Expenses	3,621,181	3,960,738	4,586,642	4,657,498	4,581,530
Operating Budget	\$ 48,515,463	\$ 51,936,798	\$ 51,749,584	\$ 50,972,495	\$ 54,766,551
Capital Outlay	178,727	274,642	243,840	243,839	179,056
Budget Allocation	\$ 48,694,190	\$ 52,211,440	\$ 51,993,424	\$ 51,216,334	\$ 54,945,607
Authorized Positions	619	628	642	642	661

Vision and Mission: Tampa Fire Rescue’s (TFR) vision is to develop a progressive, professional, competent and technologically efficient fire rescue organization. Tampa Fire Rescue’s mission is to protect our community by providing immediate response to all requests for service.

Goals and Objectives: TFR will actively seek more effective, efficient and innovative ways to accomplish our mission.

- Provide the best customer service in the area of public safety.
- Continuously look for more cost-effective ways to deliver more efficient service.
- Maintain a continuous state of readiness by preventing, responding and rapidly recovering from all types of incidents in the most effective manner possible.
- Continually monitor the environment to re-evaluate and plan for changing customer needs, expectations and economic growth.

Current Operations and Initiatives: Combat, rescue, fire prevention, communications and administrative support divisions are the backbone of TFR. These divisions carry out the department’s mission, goals and objectives. Firefighters are assigned to 21 fire stations throughout the City, including a station at Tampa International Airport. The combat division has an array of fire suppression units to provide such services as hazardous materials mitigation, marine firefighting, high altitude rope rescue, confined spaces rescue, canine and urban search and rescue. The fire prevention bureau conducts inspections, code enforcement, fire safety and loss management programs. Personnel, training, communications, fire maintenance, supply, budget and occupational health and wellness elements all support the department’s operational units.

TFR has been granted the honor of heading up the City of Tampa’s emergency management effort. This will be the first fiscal year and budget that TFR will be able to effect the funding for this effort. Seven additional firefighters were hired in FY06 and seven more will be hired in FY07. The department’s personnel have moved into the new state-of-the-art consolidated aircraft rescue firefighting (ARFF) facility at Tampa International Airport. The facility is a testament to the level of cooperation between Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, the City of Tampa and Tampa Fire Rescue. In FY07 TFR will take delivery on a \$3.5 million fireboat acquired through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant. UASI is also assisting in an upgrade of our automatic vehicle locator system to include intelligent workstations for most front line vehicles. TFR continues to expand the use of the EMS reporting software. In FY06 TFR implemented a system to electronically transmit EKG waveforms and vital statistics directly to the hospital’s emergency department. This dramatically reduces the time it takes a patient to receive lifesaving treatments at the hospital. In FY07 TFR will work with the EMS software vendor to include this information into the EMS patient care reports. Three first responder companies were converted into advanced life support engine companies and three more will follow in the upcoming fiscal year.

Performance Measures	FY05 Actual	FY06 Projected	FY07 Estimated
Total TFR Alarms	64,740	67,330	70,023
Fire Alarms	10,595	11,019	11,460
Medical Alarms	53,846	56,000	58,240
Medical Transports	15,810	16,442	17,100
Fire Loss (millions)	\$2.58	\$9.24	\$9.61
Response Time: Medical (minutes)	5.68	5.75	5.81
Response Time: Fire (minutes)	5.72	5.80	5.86

