

Tampa Fire Rescue

- Major Accomplishment: Increased manning levels and vehicle fleet to substantially improve service delivery.
- Added 64 sworn fire fighters, increasing force from 483 (1995) to 547 (2002).
- Added 22 civilian support (1995-2003).
- Built three (3) new fire Fire Stations:¹
- Completed \$300,000 in improvements to Fire Maintenance Building (1999).²
- Installed ventilation systems in 19 fire stations for \$700,000 (2000).
- Upgraded the Fire Department Equipment – acquired:
 - Four (4) ladder trucks
 - Eighteen (18) fire engines
 - Twenty (20) ambulances
 - Fifty-one (51) support vehicles
 - One Boston Whaler Quick Attack Fire Rescue Boat
- Acquired 28,000 sq. ft. warehouse for reserve vehicles and support staff.
- Acquired Anti-Terrorism Equipment through Department of Justice Grant (\$128,486).
- Received over \$675,785 in grants from Hillsborough County (1995-2002).
- Installed Automatic External Defibrillators in all emergency vehicles (1997).
- Equipped 6 Fire Engines and the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Vehicle as Advance Life Support Systems (1999-2002).
- Installed equipment to increase citywide coverage from 2 to 5 radio frequencies.
- Successfully continued Public Education Programs, including:
 - Operation Fire Safe³
 - Operation Impact⁴
- Implemented a revised fee schedule for fire inspection activities (1998).⁵
- Created a comprehensive Health and Wellness Program for uniformed employees.⁶
- Installed automatic vehicle locators on all 50 emergency response vehicles (2002).
- Maintained response time of less than 6 minutes for first responder.⁷
- Acquired historical “Old Station No. 1” for Firefighters’ Museum/Public Education Office.⁸
- Added “Old Station No. 2” as headquarters for Special Operations Division.

Tampa Fire Rescue Notes:

- ¹ Fire Station 12 on Hillsborough Avenue has 5,495 sq.ft. at a cost of \$800,000.
Fire Station 13 near Bush Gardens has 11,106 sq.ft. at a cost of \$1.7 million.
Fire Station 21 in New Tampa has 9,122 sq.ft. at a cost of \$1.5 million.
- ² Included a 2,500 sq.ft. facility expansion funded by bond money.
- ³ Operation Fire Safe provides free smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, including installation, to City residents through direct inquiries and partnerships with local social service agencies. The Department provides 2,500-3,500 smoke detectors annually.
- ⁴ Operation Impact targets households in neighborhoods around recent fire death locations and provides smoke detectors.
- ⁵ The revised fee schedule generated an additional average revenue of \$22,931 per inspector in the New Construction Division and \$23,165 per inspector in the Existing Construction Division for Fiscal Years 1999-2001.
- ⁶ The program is overseen by TFR's Occupational Health Nurse.
- ⁷ Six minute response time maintained 90% of time.
- ⁸ The structure will be renovated according to historical guidelines. Funding sources for the Museum include: Florida Humanities Council, \$19,582; Department of State Historic Preservation grants totaling over \$680,000 with a potential \$300,000 to be funded in 2003; Duckwall Foundation \$25,000, Board Pledges, \$25,000; Firefighter Pledges, \$165,000; and Corporate Contributions/Pledges/In-kind donations, \$400,000. Overall, the project has received more than \$1.3 million.