



GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

FY 2011 Citizen Centric Report

AUGUST 20, 2012

STATUTORY BASIS

Upon the enactment of Public Law 1-88 in 1952, the Fire Division was created as a division with the Department of Public Safety (DPS). On March 13, 1985, Public Law 17-78 separated the Fire Division from DPS and established the Guam Fire Department, a line agency of the Government of Guam. On March 6, 1996 Public Law 23-7 established and designated the Guam Fire Department as the lead agency with the authority and responsibility to administer and operate the Emergency 911 telephone communications system, regulated by the EMS Commission. The primary mandate of the Guam Fire Department is the overall Fire Protection, Fire Prevention, Fire Suppression and Extinguishment and the Protection of Life and Property connected therewith, providing for a comprehensive administration of an Emergency Medical Services (EMS/Ambulance) Program, including an Advanced Life Support Intercept Program, for the Territory of Guam, provides for and administers an Extensive Program of Fire Prevention inspections, Public Fire Safety Education & Training, Fire Code Enforcement, Fire Investigations, Review of Plans for new and existing Building construction, operate and manages an Enhanced Emergency E911 Communications System and a Wide Area Land and Open-Water Search and Rescue (SAR) Program. In addition, with recent Homeland Security and War on Terrorism initiatives, the Guam Fire Department provides for a comprehensive Hazardous Materials Response Unit and a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT). We accomplish this mission by: "Promoting safety and maintaining a well equipped, highly trained, and motivated force of professional Firefighters/EMT/Rescue/EMD personnel, aid promoting Fire prevention and other Public Safety Education Program".

MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Guam Fire Department is to mitigate threats of Life, Property, and the Environment, through Education, Prevention and effective response to Fire, Medical and Environmental Emergencies"

VISION

The Guam Fire Department will continuously strive to maintain a high level of readiness by focusing on the professional development of our personnel and equipment; and by endeavoring to meet the dynamic needs of our island community by providing a modern and technologically advance Fire Department.

Fire Houses will be the corner stone of each community; safe havens for the sick and injured; staffed and equipped with career professionals of the highest of standards who are ready to respond to all emergencies and constantly performing training activities, public education, fire prevention and community out-reach.

GOAL

The Guam Fire Department will be a nationally recognized and accredited Fire Service in Fire Suppression, Fire Prevention, Emergency Medical Services, Search and Rescue, Hazardous Materials Response and E911 Center. At every Fire House will be at minimum, a Fire Apparatus, an Ambulance and one of various types of auxiliary response units such as a Fire Tanker, Ladder Truck, Rescue Unit and ALS Unit. Firefighters will be fully equipped and trained to respond to all emergencies that threaten life safety and property protection.

CORE VALUES

"HONOR IS GAINED THROUGH PRIDE"

- ◆ Professionalism– To respond with high technical and performance standards.
- ◆ Respect– To place high regard upon each other, to earn high regard from those we serve.
- ◆ Integrity– To sustain good moral and ethical codes.
- ◆ Dedication– To always be ready, trained and fit to answer the call.
- ◆ Empathy– To be courteous, conscientious and compassionate.

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E-911 Dispatchers earn APCO Certification

In continuing with the Fire Chief’s plan of progression, the Guam Fire Department earlier this year recently completed training that re-certified the Emergency Medical Dispatchers who are assigned to the E911 Center.

The Certification is sanctioned by “APCO,” or the Association of Public Safety Communication Officers, an international certifying company based in Florida. To go along with the APCO certification, the local EMS Office, a division of the Department of Public Health, also certified the EMDs under the Guam Registry based on the APCO testing and certification. The EMDs will continue providing pre-arrival instruction to the callers for patients in need of assistance from minor cuts to CPR utilizing the updated APCO Guide Cards that were approved by the EMS Commission and the EMS Medical Director. Instruction consisted of two, four hour session that lasted for 10 days. This tough schedule was due to the shift work that the EMDs currently are on. However fatigued, the EMDs acknowledged the importance and significance that their certification has on their continued excellent service to the people of Guam.



Glance at FY 2011

Calls by Volume

- Sick Person - 7474
- Sick w/ ALS Transport - 2163
- Injured Person - 2466
- Injured Person w/ ALS Transport - 46
- Cardiac Arrest - 173
- First Aid Service – 30
- Expectant Mother - 514
- Stretcher Case - 643
- Public Service – 452
- Fire Hydrant Maintenance – 101
- Fire In Service Training – 241

- Vegetation/Grass Fires – 249
- Trash / Debris Fire - 116
- Unauthorized Controlled Burning – 919
- Electrical Fire – 87
- Structure Fire – 72
- Auto Accident (10-30) - 22
- Auto Accident (10-29) - 704
- Auto Accident (10-28) – 52
- Auto Fire – 63
- Drowning – 19
- Rescue Service - 97
- Fire Inspection - 1714

Guam Fire Department Personnel Listing as of August 2012

Uniform Positions – 256

- Fire Chief
- Assistant Fire Chief
- Fire Battalion Chief
- Fire Captain
- Fire Lieutenant
- Firefighter II
- Firefighter I

Non-Uniform - 19

- E911 Administrator
- E911 Supervisor
- Emergency Medical Dispatcher

Total Civilian Positions – 9

- Administrative Personnel
- Mechanics

New Additions

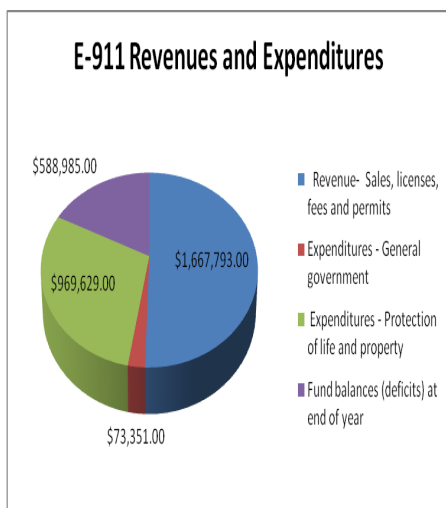
Three ambulances, which was purchased this year using \$424,000 in Department of Interior grant money, will go to aiding the sick and injured.

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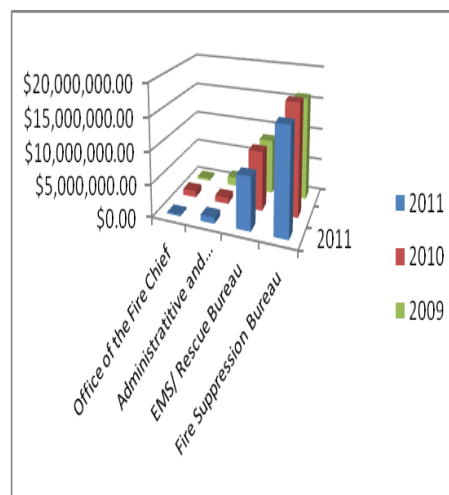


A Financial Synopsis

Guam Fire Department	2011	2010	2009
Office of the Fire Chief	222,916.00	1,002,220.00	355,772.00
Administrative and Logistical Support	950,353.00	941,842.00	1,335,164.00
Emergency Medical Service/Rescue Operations Bureau	7,990,422.00	9,088,863.00	8,478,041.00
Fire Suppression Bureau	16,050,917.00	17,181,698.00	15,952,738.00
	\$ 25,214,608.00	\$ 28,216,633.00	\$ 26,123,724.00



The main operating fund of the agency is the General Fund. As noted in Deloitte’s Government of Guam Independent Auditors Report, the general fund is the chief operating fund of GovGuam. Alternate funding sources that the agency uses are classified as Special Funds (revenues that are restricted for specific purposes).



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Future Response Capabilities ;

- The Guam Fire Department will be getting more fire trucks and ambulances soon. The Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs recently awarded an additional \$1.5 million dollars to GFD to fund the purchases. The fire department anticipates two new fire trucks and three new ambulances by next month. The funding will also allow GFD to continue its current lease of four ambulances.
- The department's capabilities to detect and mitigate Hazardous Materials and Radiation is soon to be a reality. With the assistance of Guam Homeland Security/ Office of Civil Defense, the men and women of GFD will soon have the equipment and training to respond to alarms involving chemical or radiation release.

Message from the Chief

“Rest easy, brother. We got it from here.”

~On September 2011, Firefighter II Vincent J. Cruz of the Guam Fire Department died in the line of duty. I ask you kindly to keep his family in your prayers as we carry on in his memory~

I have been a proud member of this outstanding organization for over 17 years and I still feel as excited and lucky to be here as I did on my very first day many years ago. As you might imagine, I have witnessed many changes in the community and subsequently to this organization over these years, but the one thing that has remained constant is the Guam Fire Department's unwavering dedication and commitment to serving our community.

As your Fire Chief, I have the privilege to serve a great community and work alongside some of the most talented individuals in the Fire Service. I have watched time and again members of our Fire Department perform heroic deeds and monumental acts of kindness and compassion while, at the same time, never wanting to take the spotlight for such acts. The statement, "I was just doing my job" is an almost routine quote from them and I am very proud each time I hear it. To my fellow firefighters, in closing let us remain unified in these austere times, and I ask you to continue your undeniable professionalism and commitment to the profession while executing our mission.