



A Citizen-Centric Report

Guam Fire Department

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Mission Statement

“It is the mission of the Guam Fire Department to provide quality emergency and non-emergency services to those who live, work, invest, and visit our island. We accomplish this by responding to fires, emergency medical incidents, hazardous materials incidents, and performing services to save lives, property, and preserve the environment.

We are dedicated to service as highly trained professionals and are ready to uphold this commitment through a proactive approach on public education, code enforcement and innovative life and fire safety awareness as well as an enhanced E911 communication system and quality emergency services.”

History

In 1952, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) through Public Law 1-88 created the Fire Division to provide the Territory of Guam with fire suppression, fire prevention, rescue, and emergency medical care. The Fire Division as a part of the Department of Public Safety to address the protection of life and property from fire and other man made disaster. Therefore, Sinajana, Barrigada, Tamuning, and Dededo Fire Stations were created.

In 1965, Full implementation of ambulance services on island. Ambulances were placed strategically at various substations.

In 1996, Passage of Public 23-77 on March 3 transfer of operation of the Emergency 911 Telephone Communications System from Civil Defense to the Guam Fire Department.

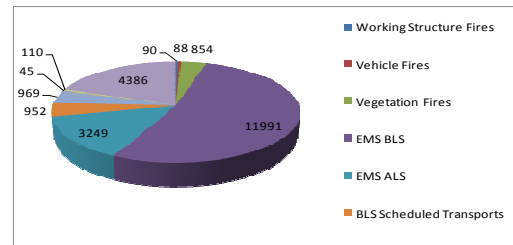
E-911 Communications Bureau

“The mission of the E911 Communications Bureau is to ensure that any and all emergency services are accessible to all members of the community whether through the E911 System, general access telephone, or Federal or local government agency. To provide quality emergency medical dispatching services and ensure the uninterrupted availability of E911 communications to the public and the Guam Fire Department. To help prevent, mitigate, or ease; the suffering of the sick and injured, limit the loss or damage to property; and lessen the impact of hazardous situations on the environment, by accurately gathering, prioritizing and disseminating emergency response information to the appropriate response agencies or units. To maintain accurate, complete records of Guam Fire Department response activities and unit dispositions and help to coordinate inter-agency communications”

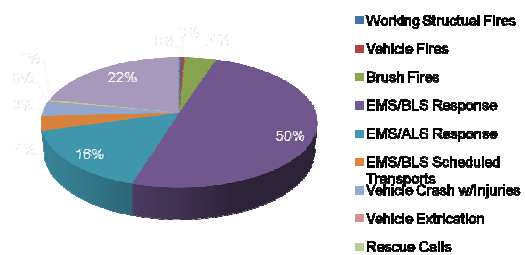
Performance Measurement

TYPE OF RESPONSE	2010	2009	2008
Working Structure Fires	90	79	263
Vehicle Fires	88	98	171
Vegetation Fires	854	1,097	1,841
EMS-BLS Response Calls	11,991	12,823	12,567
EMS- ALS Response Calls	3,249	4,075	4,839
EMS-BLS Scheduled Transports	952	943	3,448
Vehicle Accidents with Injuries	969	878	3,172
Vehicle Extrications	45	50	104
Rescue Calls	110	115	1,239
Other calls and Incidents	4,386	5,583	1,845
Total	22,734	25,741	29,489

2010 Statistics for Emergency Responses



2009 Statistics for Emergency Responses



Guam Fire Department Personnel

As of June 13, 2011	2009	2008	2007
Full Time Personnel	264	309	318
TOTAL	264	309	318

- The Table illustrates the number of uniformed personnel as of June 13, 2011
- The number of personnel has decreased and has attributed to our shortage of manpower
- Retirement and other career opportunities can be attributed to the decrease

Financial Highlights

- Revenues for the FLAME fund showed a increase in revenues from FY '09 to FY '10. The agency attributes this to short lifespan of ambulance billing and the enforcement of Prevention fees.
- Revenues for the E-911 fund also showed an increase from 1.4 million to 1.6 million.
- Looking at the numbers the Agency in terms of the General Fund, spending has increased approximately 2.1 million from FY2008 to FY 2009. This can be attributed to the pay raise implemented by the legislature and promotions that occurred in FY 08. Although spending increased the agency was able to live under the ceiling and end the year with a little left in the tank.
- In FY '10 the agencies expenditures increased due to the rising cost of fuel and the shortage of personnel.

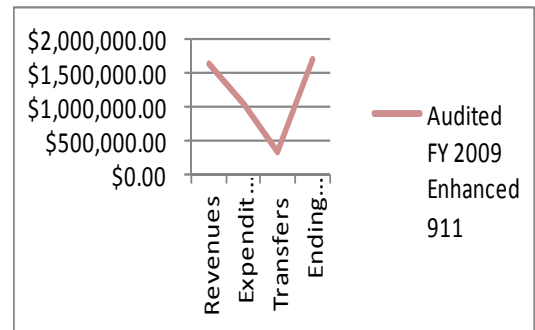
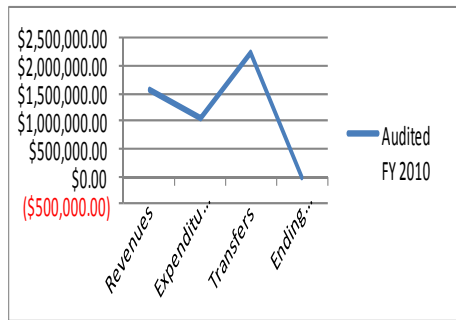
The main operating fund of the agency is the **General Fund**. As noted in the Deloitte's Government of Guam Independent Auditors' Report, the general fund is the chief operating fund of GovGuam. Alternate funding sources that the agency uses are classified as Special Funds (revenues that are restricted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

	2010	2009	2008
Office of The Fire Chief	\$ 1,002,220.00	\$ 355,772.00	\$ 1,741,122
Administrative & Logistic Support	\$ 941,842.00	\$ 1,335,164.00	\$ 1,545,758
Rescue Operation Bureau	\$ 9,088,863.00	\$ 8,478,041.00	\$ 6,864,110
Fire Suppression Bureau	\$ 17,181,698.00	\$ 15,952,738.00	\$ 13,816,647
TOTAL	\$ 28,216,633.00	\$ 26,123,724.00	\$ 23,967,637

E-911 Fund

Through Public Law 25-55, which created the **E-911** fund, authorizes a surcharge, in an amount to be set by the Public Utilities Commission, which is to be collected by local exchange carriers and commercial mobile radio service providers. Its main purpose is for the operational cost, training and upkeep of the call center.

Statement of Revenues Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Special Revenue Funds (Qtr ended 9/30/09)	Audited FY 2010 Enhanced 911	Audited FY 2009 Enhanced 911
Total Revenues	\$ 1,572,823	\$ 1,653,469
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 531,531	\$ 601,762
Expenditures	\$ 1,041,292	\$ 1,051,707
Beginning Fund Balance (Deficit)	\$ 1,695,676	\$ 1,419,632
Adjustments to GASB33		
Adjustment Beginning Fund Balance		
Transfers out to other funds	(\$ 2,236,556)	
Equity Transfers out		(\$ 325,718)
Ending Fund Balance	\$ (9,349)	1,695,676

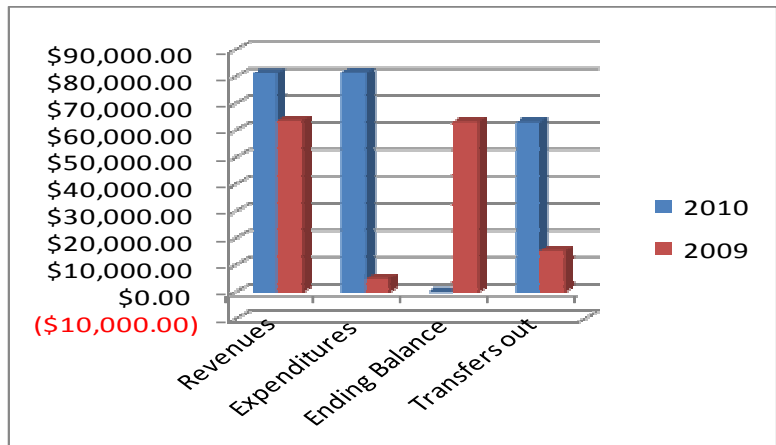


F.L.A.M.E Fund

FLAME Fund Summary

The Fire Life and Medical Emergency (FLAME) fund through the enabling legislation; Section 72106 of Chapter 72 of Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated³, states that "Sixty percent (60%) of all monies deposited within the Fund shall be used to purchase essential emergency rescue and firefighting vehicles, emergency life support and medical equipment, and training for Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic certifications. Forty percent (40%) of all monies deposited within the Fund shall be used to pay for emergency medical and paramedic certified firefighter salary adjustments required by 4 GCA §6223 and §6231 and 10 GCA §72105.3".

	Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Balance	Transfers out
2010	\$81,277.00	\$81,389.00	(\$112.00)	\$63,119.00
2009	\$63,686.00	\$4,902.00	\$63,231.00	\$15,277.00





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Future Outlook For GFD

- Implementation of the Ambulance Billing will improve the agency in its current financial shortfalls.
- Implementation and updating of Fire Prevention Fee's and Fines will also benefit the agency.
- Approximately 1.7 million dollars in Federal Grants are also expected to be used to purchase Fire Apparatuses for the agencies ailing fleet.
- Hiring of 30 new recruits will assist in our current shortage of personnel.
- 3 new stations are anticipated with the military buildup.
- 6 Emergency Medical Dispatchers are set to come on board which would help to alleviate overtime 911 expenditures.
- Upgrade current E-911 System to a Next-Gen Operating System.
- 1.56 Million in 2012 Compact Impact funds to be used to purchase Ambulances and Fire Apparatuses
- \$ 314,000 for a Respiratory Protection Program.
- BZPP 2009-2010 grant will provide funding for key facility protection.
- Pro- Board Fire Certification for all personnel
- Standard Operating Procedure's Revision to reflect a higher Operational tempo.



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