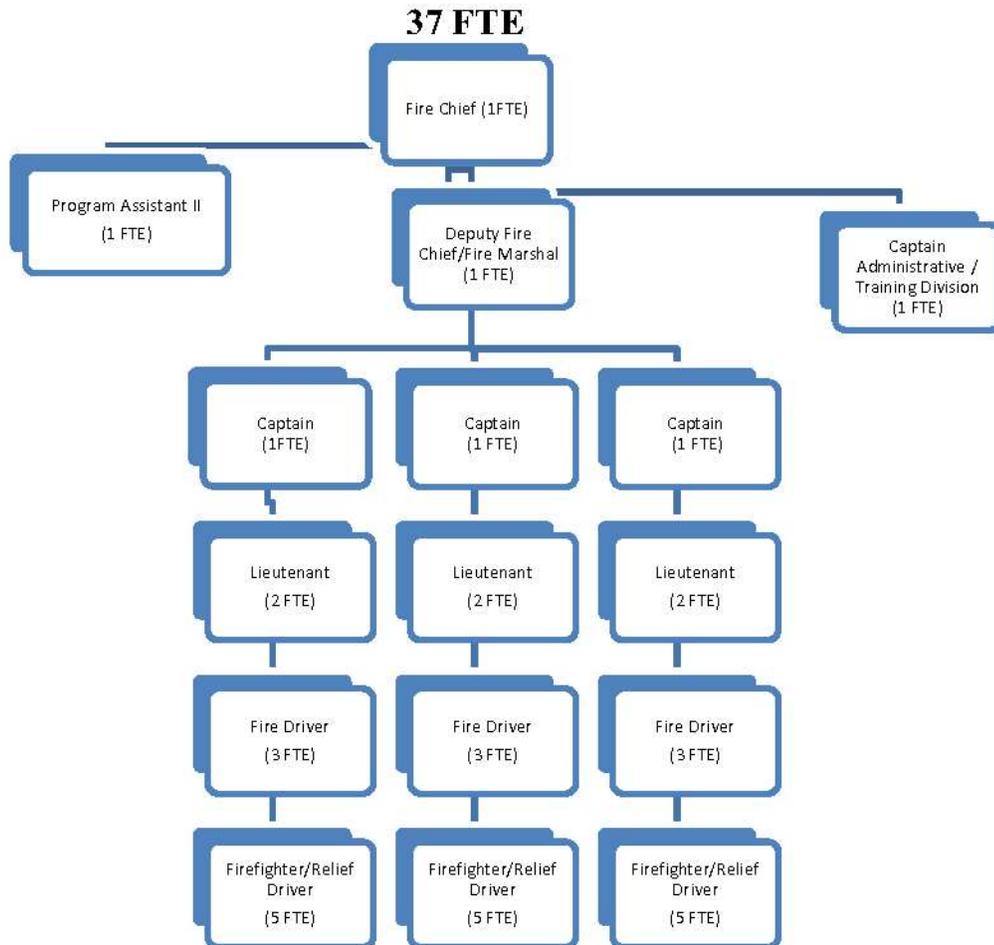


# FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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**PURPOSE**

The Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department is dedicated to protecting the lives, property, and the community from the destructive effects of all hazards by providing community risk reduction and emergency response services.

**GOAL**

- To provide all hazards response in accordance with industry best practices to ensure Carrboro remains a safe place to live, work, and visit.
- To provide community risk reduction services, including public education and fire prevention efforts, to foster an environment of awareness and collaboration in which risks are proactively reduced making our community safer.
- Identify the most common causes of personal injury and property damage, locally and regionally, to implement public education strategies to reduce risks due to identified causes.
- Provide comprehensive training to all personnel to maximize operational capabilities.

- Creation of a succession plan to prepare personnel for advancement as opportunities arise, and to assist with personnel retention.

### **SERVICES PROVIDED & ACTIVITIES**

- Provide 24-hour all hazards response: fire suppression, rescue, and emergency medical services.
- Conduct fire investigations in order to determine the cause and origin of fires.
- Provide community risk reduction programs: code enforcement, plan review, fire prevention education, CPR and First Aid classes, Child Safety Seat program, and smoke alarm installations.
- Partner with Orange County EMS on risk reduction programs related to EMS.
- Provide fire prevention and code enforcement by performing fire inspections in accordance with the NC Fire Code.

### **PREVIOUS YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Modified the service delivery model and incorporated community mask distribution/delivery as well as food distribution planning and operation.
- Ordered replacement fire engine this will result in a reduction of carbon footprint.
- Took delivery of a water tanker truck.
- Installation of inventory software to distribute EMS equipment cost recovery/containment measure.
- Awarded multiple grants from NCLM health and safety & cancer reductions initiatives.
- Developed programs (professional development) related to: Acting Lieutenant, Probationary Firefighter, Peer Support, and Mentoring of Probationary Firefighters.
- Completion of promotional process and promoted three personnel with a 66% diversity rate.
- Completion of a “certified firefighter” new hire eligibility process with a 33% diversity rate.
- Completed installation of emergency VHF radio ceiling speakers for the incident notification system a health and wellness initiative.
- Participated in multiple research projects related to cancer remediation in the fire service.
- Assisted in the coordination of Camp Ignite a summer camp for high school aged females to learn about firefighting.
- Took delivery of state-of-the-art battery-operated hydraulic vehicle rescue equipment which will reduce the Town’s carbon footprint.

### **UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR ACTIVITIES**

- Perform quarterly and annual reviews of total call volume in the Town of Carrboro and the South Orange Fire District to identify trends in call volume.
- Quarterly, and annually, review property loss from fire, total property value, and the percentage of property saved to be a piece of analyzing fire ground performance of the department.

- Conduct a community risk analysis to identify hazards and develop / adjust community risk reduction interventions to address identified risks.
- Evaluate incident data to obtain a response time of 6 minutes and 30 seconds or less 90% of the time within the Town of Carrboro.
- Evaluate incident data to obtain a response time of 10 minutes or less 90% of calls within the South Orange Fire District.
- Confirm that fire-rescue personnel will meet the annual ISO training requirements.
- Confirm that 100% of life safety violations will be documented and the occupant owner charged with repairing them within 90 days.

### TOWN COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Protect historic neighborhoods and maintain Carrboro’s unique identity.  
Enhance and sustain quality of life/place issues for everyone.

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY 2019-20 ACTUAL	FY 2020-21 ACTUAL	FY 2021-22 ESTIMATED	FY 2022-23 PROJECTED
Fire Inspections	1,054	763	765	886
Total Responses	1,786	1,349	1,686	1,751
Fire & EMS Responses - Town	1,388	1,018	1,296	1,358
Fire & EMS Responses - County	268	219	256	276
90% of calls within Town limits will have a <b>TOTAL</b> response time of 6:30 or less*	07:24	07:35	06:49	07:12
90% of calls within the SO District will have a <b>TOTAL</b> response time of 10:00 or less*	9:43	09:54	08:58	9:40
100% of fire-rescue personnel will meet the ISO training requirements	91% company training, 100% all other categories	100%	100%	100%
100% of life safety violations repaired and documented w/in 90 days	100%	100%	100%	100%

\* Total response time includes call processing time, which is handled by the Orange County Emergency Communications Center.

## DEPARTMENT BUDGET SUMMARY

### BUDGET SUMMARY - FIRE DEPARTMENT

	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Adopted Budget	2022-23 Adopted Budget	Pct Change
Personnel	3,005,409	2,874,299	2,954,297	2.8%
Operating	255,576	270,414	291,901	7.9%
Capital Outlay	28,042	56,800	-	-100.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,289,027</b>	<b>\$3,201,513</b>	<b>\$ 3,246,198</b>	<b>1.4%</b>

#### **CHANGES IN BUDGET FROM PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET:**

See explanations listed in the following division summaries.

## DIVISION LEVEL SUMMARIES

### BUDGET SUMMARY - FIRE SUPERVISION

	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Adopted Budget	2022-23 Adopted Budget	Pct Change
Personnel	391,491	379,529	399,716	5.3%
Operating	40,065	43,250	48,350	11.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 431,556</b>	<b>\$ 422,779</b>	<b>\$ 448,066</b>	<b>6.0%</b>

#### CHANGES IN BUDGET FROM PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET:

Increase in personnel services is due to salary and insurance adjustments. Contractual expense increased \$5,000.

### BUDGET SUMMARY - FIRE SUPPRESSION

	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Adopted Budget	2022-23 Adopted Budget	Pct Change
Personnel	2,613,918	2,494,770	2,554,581	2.4%
Operating	215,511	227,164	243,551	7.2%
Capital Outlay	28,042	56,800	-	-100.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,857,471</b>	<b>\$2,778,734</b>	<b>\$ 2,798,132</b>	<b>0.7%</b>

#### CHANGES IN BUDGET FROM PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET:

Reduction in non-capitalized furniture and equipment and an increase in medical exams.

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