

2020 Annual Report Fayette County Department of Fire & Emergency Services

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2020 Incident Types

Total number of incidents - 9,225

Rescue/Medical.....6,993
 Fires.....118
 Service Calls..... 807
 Good Intent Calls.....603
 Hazardous Calls.....285
 False Alarms.....417
 Severe Weather / Other.....2

Fire Damage Losses...\$1,489,772

Individual Unit Responses

Engine 1.....769	Quint 10.....408	Medic 11.....1,415
Quint 2.....571	Engine 11...596	Rescue 4.....456
Engine 3.....823	Medic 1.....1,391	Squad 2.....890
Engine 4.....740	Medic 3.....976	Squad 10.....642
Engine 5.....529	Medic 4.....2,144	Staff.....1,098
Engine 6.....246	Medic 5.....910	Support Units..106
Engine 7.....353	Medic 10...1,159	

Total of all departmental units' responses.....16,222

2020 Statistical Summary

Population Served.....79,626
 Protection Area in Square Miles.....175
 Number of Personnel.....151
 Number of Fire Stations.....9
 FY 2021 Fire Operating Budget.....\$ 10,871,747
 FY 2021 EMS Operating Budget.....\$ 3,348,191
 FY 2021 EMA Operating Budget.....\$ 337,340
 Fire Mill Rate for CY 2020 is 3.07 or \$122.80 per year on \$100,000.
 EMS Mill Rate for CY 2020 is 0.456 or \$18.24 per year on \$100,000.

Incident Response Times (minutes)

Average Turnout Time1:01
 Average Response Time.....6:04
 Average Ambulance Response Time.....6:30

Fire and EMS Training

In 2020 the department conducted 2 recruit classes with a total of 22 new cadets. Each of these recruit firefighters underwent 30 weeks of rigorous mental and physical challenges. All recruits then successfully completed the National Professional Qualifications Firefighter Level 1 and 2 testing process as well as National Certified Advanced EMT.

The Training Division produced several classes for new certification as well as required continuing education. These classes included Fire Apparatus Operator Certification, Fire Instructor 1, Fire Officer 1, and Fire Officer 2. Additionally, EMS Courses of Advanced Medical Life Support, Prehospital Trauma Life Support, Emergency Pediatric Care, and Basic Cardiac Life Support were conducted. All Fire and EMS classes are national certifications.



Emergency Management Agency

Fayette County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for coordination, planning, and liaison activities with municipal, state, federal, private sector, and non-governmental organizations. Fayette County's ability to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from disasters while maintaining our eligibility for disaster assistance and reimbursement is at the maximum level allowed due to these efforts.

In cooperation with numerous community partners and all municipalities, Fayette County completed the five-year update of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This update was adopted by the county and all municipalities, and is a working document that assists with projects to lessen the impact of disasters on the community. It is reviewed annually to gauge progress in this effort, and can be amended to meet changing needs and hazards as they arise.

The major focus for this year has been the COVID-19 response. EMA has been in constant communication with the Georgia Department of Public Health and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security to meet the needs of the public, as well as assisting both public and private partners with resource requests. Early shortages of both personal protective equipment and durable medical equipment required close coordination at the state and local levels to prioritize distribution of the limited supplies that were available. We're now working closely with our local health department to assist with facilities and personnel in the vaccination effort.

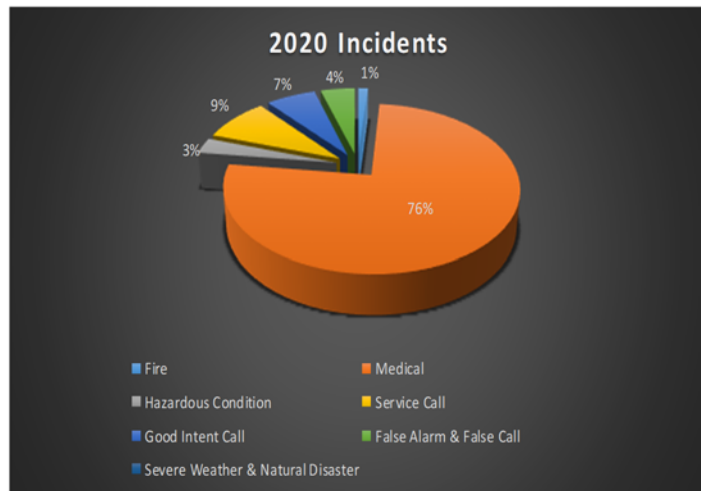
Other important activities and accomplishments for 2020 include:

- Participation in three disaster exercises
- Coordinated Hazard Mitigation grant applications
- Coordinated maintenance and testing of the outdoor warning siren system
- Assisted fire victims with liaison activities with the American Red Cross

Community Service Profile

2020 EMS Facts:

- Number of Transports— 4,810**
- Number of Non—Transports—3,976**
- Total Patient Contacts— 8,786**
- Average Patient Age— 57**
- Leading Cause of Injury— Traffic Accident**
- Leading Medical Complaint— General Sickness**

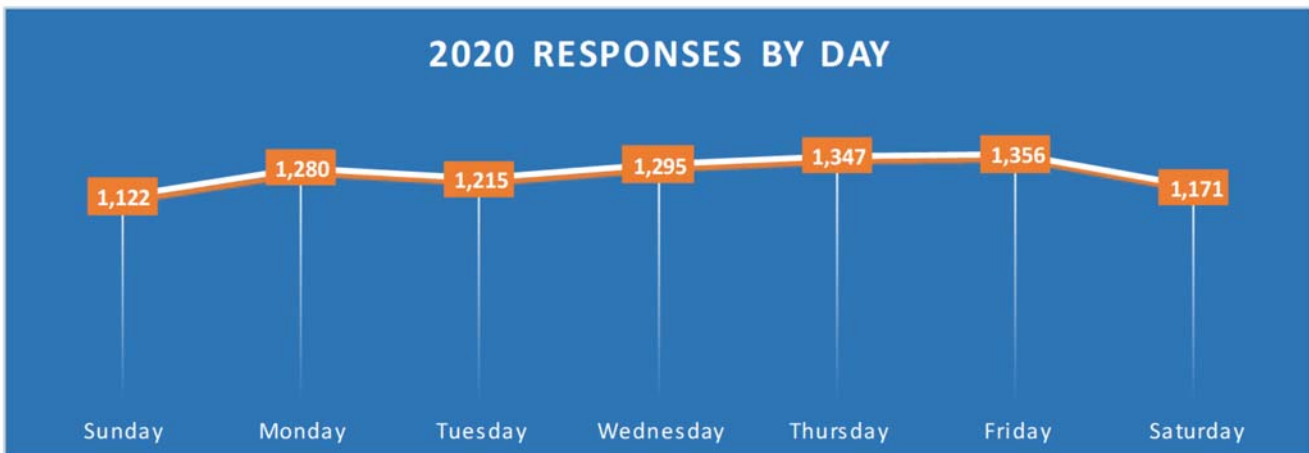


Pandemic Response



The COVID Pandemic that began in 2020 brought many challenges to the Department. The increase in call volume in the initial stages as well as the lack of available protective equipment tasked the organization with meeting these operational challenges with innovative ideas. The partnership with the District Health Department and GEMA allowed leverage in purchasing available supplies and equipment collaboratively with other counties and municipalities.

In December, the Department was asked to assist in the development and implementation of a Point of Distribution (POD) for the newly approved COVID vaccine. The Department met the challenge and engineered a solution utilizing a recently moved fire station in downtown Fayetteville. Paramedics from Fayette County Fire/EMS and surrounding municipalities partnered to deliver vaccines to the Public Safety and elderly community.



Bureau Of Fire Prevention

The Bureau of Fire Prevention provides public education and awareness throughout the community and school system to help in the reduction of fire and life loss through life safety inspections, commercial building plan reviews, fire extinguisher training and fire investigations.

Our missions are achieved through the delivery of the 3rd grade Fire Safety Education Programs to the elementary schools in unincorporated Fayette County, public education to our county seniors through the Fayette County Senior Center and other organizations, and fire extinguisher training to the citizens and businesses of Fayette County.

Fire safety inspections are conducted on all businesses in unincorporated Fayette County as well as the Town of Brooks, Town of Woolsey and the Town of Tyrone. Plan reviews are conducted on all new structures built for Code Compliance and occupancy prior to construction and at completion.

Inspections Conducted— **800**

Fire Investigations Conducted— **20**

Plan Reviews— **167**

Public Relations Programs— **36**

Preplan Updates— **1,160**

Total Public Education Participants— **1,967**

New Businesses— **114**

Smoke Detector Installations— **8** Residences

Burn Permits Issued— **16,261** Residential

2020 Fire Loss— **\$ 1,372,000** Structural,

2 Commercial

\$ 117,772 Vehicle, Brush and
Other



Outdoor Burning Ban: May 1 through September 30

Residential Burning Permits can be obtained at

www.fayettecountyga.gov/fire_ems/residential_burn_permit

Your local fire station can assist in burn permits

For Commercial Burning Permits Contact the Fire Marshal's Office



Check your smoke detectors and remember to keep a fire extinguisher nearby in the home.

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All Emergencies — 911

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