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National Run Survey

For the 28th year, the career fire service takes to the pages of *Firehouse® Magazine* to share and compare statistics about company and department activity levels, funding, staffing and pay. A total of 270 fire departments took part in this year's survey, representing 48 states, the District of Columbia and six Canadian provinces. The departments represented in this latest survey protect 84,291,279 people, and they have budgets totaling \$14 billion (budgets are listed in millions of dollars). They provide this service with 3,983 engine companies, 1,405 ladder companies, 2,056 ambulances and numerous other specialized units. They responded to 2,173,886 fire calls, 7,346,682 EMS calls and 10,876,152 total calls last year.

In Part 2, the total-run listing provided by Colorado Springs, CO, for Busiest Engine was incorrect. The runs for E8 totaled 4,497.



Part 3

Busiest Station

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DEPARTMENT	STATION	TOTAL RUNS	UNITS	DEPARTMENT	STATION	TOTAL RUNS	UNITS
1. Baltimore City, MD.....	Steadman	29,464	11	12. Montgomery County, MD	8	16,429	8
2. Clark County, NV	18	24,634	7	13. Providence, RI	Downtown	15,626	5
3. Los Angeles City, CA	9	20,881	5	14. Philadelphia, PA	E50	15,429	4
4. Las Vegas, NV	1	20,669	7	15. New York, NY	E54/L4/B9	14,165	3
5. Washington, DC	E16/TW3	19,349	5	16. Miami-Dade County, FL	16	14,002	3
6. Columbus, OH	2	18,954	8	17. Orlando, FL	2	13,821	4
7. San Diego, CA	12	18,761	4	18. Jacksonville, FL	28	13,081	5
8. Los Angeles County, CA	33	18,631	7	19. San Francisco, CA	1	12,336	3
9. Houston, TX	46	18,204	6	20. Anne Arundel County, MD	33	12,277	7
10. Chicago, IL	E95	18,032	4	21. Phoenix, AZ	18	12,186	3
11. Prince George's County, MD	829	17,318	3	22. Seattle, WA	2	12,002	3

Some data was not available at deadline on previous parts. The information is listed below.

Jacksonville, FL

Population897,597
 Budget (in millions)151.1
 Engines.....51
 Ladders.....12
 Medics.....34
 Chiefs.....36
 Total Strength1,419

Fire Calls21,900
 EMS Calls92,615
 False Alarms.....3,200
 Total Calls117,503
 Busiest Engine E-28/4,622 runs
 Busiest Ladder L-10/1,981 runs

Stockton, CA

Population356,000
 Budget (in millions)56.5
 Engines.....13
 Ladders.....4
 Medics.....0
 Chiefs.....2
 Total Strength248

Fire CallsNA
 EMS CallsNA
 False Alarms.....NA
 Total Calls37,834
 Busiest Engine E9/5,003 runs
 Busiest Ladder T2/1,078 runs

DEPARTMENT		STATION	TOTAL RUNS	UNITS	DEPARTMENT		STATION	TOTAL RUNS	UNITS
23.	Cincinnati, OH	E3	11,995	4	46.	Corpus Christi, TX	10	8,773	2
24.	DeKalb County, GA	20	11,565	4	48.	Compton, CA	2	8,703	2
25.	St. Louis, MO	2	11,331	4	49.	Tacoma, WA	8	8,583	3
26.	Schenectady, NY	1	11,235	5	50.	Hartford, CT	E2/L3/D2	8,430	3
27.	Norfolk, VA	14	11,226	5	51.	El Paso, TX	18	8,426	3
28.	Ocala, FL	1	11,217	5	52.	Reno, NV	1	8,355	3
29.	Orange County, FL	51	11,098	4	53.	Spokane, WA	1	8,344	7
30.	Albuquerque, NM	5	11,059	4	54.	Plano, TX	1	8,200	3
31.	Hollywood, FL	5	10,700	4	55.	Clearwater, FL	45	8,066	4
32.	Long Beach, CA	1	10,494	4	56.	Rio Rancho, NM	1	8,063	4
33.	Dayton, OH	11	10,282	6	57.	Deltona, FL	61	8,041	4
34.	South Bend, IN	1	10,150	6	58.	Miami, FL	4	8,020	4
35.	Baltimore County, MD	1	9,637	7	59.	El Cajon, CA	6	7,989	4
36.	Portsmouth, VA	1	9,610	8	60.	Manchester, NH	Central	7,951	5
37.	Lansing, MI	41	9,520	8	61.	Salisbury, MD	16	7,822	9
38.	Memphis, TN	16	9,519	5	62.	Durham, NC	1	7,820	6
39.	New Haven, CT	Hill Station	9,403	3	63.	Scottsdale, AZ	601	7,805	4
40.	Worcester, MA	South Division	9,095	4	64.	Framingham, MA	5	7,802	3
41.	Charleston, WV	1	9,021	4	65.	Portland, ME	Central	7,785	3
42.	Shreveport, LA	9	8,998	4	66.	Utica, NY	6	7,779	4
43.	Little Rock, AR	1	8,992	7	67.	Salem, NH	Central	7,649	6
44.	Lexington, KY	2	8,939	4	68.	Lewisville, TX	1	7,636	4
45.	Brockton, MA	1	8,791	4	69.	Niles, IL	2	7,559	4
46.	Albany, NY	Arbor Hill	8,773	4	70.	St. Lucie County, FL	1	7,532	4

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71. Palm Beach County, FL	41	7,415	3	128. Aurora, IL	1	4,589	3
72. Newark, OH	1	7,392	4	129. Tempe, AZ	276	4,578	3
73. Milwaukee, WI	E36	7,386	2	129. Virginia Beach, VA	9	4,578	2
74. Boston, MA	E37/L26	7,384	2	131. Mount Prospect, IL	13	4,573	4
75. Akron, OH	4	7,355	5	132. Chandler, AZ	286	4,541	3
76. Seminole County, FL	12	7,347	3	133. Fort Wayne, IN	1	4,505	6
77. St. Paul, MN	18	7,247	3	134. Taunton, MA	Central	4,475	3
78. Fitchburg, MA	HQ	7,127	4	135. Kokomo, IN	1	4,338	4
79. Alexandria, VA	208	7,071	3	136. Gwinnett County, GA	15	4,325	3
80. Stockton, CA	2	7,028	4	137. Renton, WA	12	4,217	3
81. Grand Prairie, TX	1	6,967	4	138. Boise, ID	6	4,123	3
82. Tampa, FL	11	6,951	2	139. Chesterfield County, VA	3	4,118	4
83. Sarasota County, FL	1	6,891	5	140. Fresno, CA	3	4,084	3
84. Mesa, AZ	201	6,806	3	141. Hampton, VA	1	4,065	4
85. Charlotte, NC	23	6,706	2	142. Greenville, SC	2	4,025	3
86. Overland Park, KS	44	6,670	4	143. Everett, MA	Central	3,999	3
87. Colorado Springs, CO	8	6,668	3	144. Huntsville, AL	1	3,979	2
88. Tuscaloosa, AL	1	6,612	6	145. Greeley, CO	2	3,906	2
89. Rockford, IL	3	6,580	2	146. Decatur, IL	1	3,897	4
90. Hemet, CA	1	6,572	2	147. Polk County, FL	7	3,859	4
91. Santa Rosa, CA	1	6,536	3	148. Bedford, TX	1	3,827	4
92. Montgomery, AL	6	6,533	3	149. Palm Springs, CA	441	3,797	2
93. North Las Vegas, NV	51	6,471	2	150. Sandy Springs, GA	2	3,785	4
94. Gainesville, FL	1	6,341	4	151. Farmers Branch, TX	1	3,730	3
95. New Britain, CT	1	6,289	4	152. Vista, CA	VT1	3,697	6
96. Tulsa, OK	22	6,277	4	153. Passaic, NJ	Westside	3,680	3
97. Salt Lake City, UT	2	6,271	3	154. Cherry Hill, NJ	1322/1392	3,635	2
98. Fairfax County, VA	8	6,257	4	155. Bristol, TN	1	3,620	4
99. Kansas City, MO	17	6,244	3	156. Longmont, CO	3	3,607	2
100. San Antonio, TX	32	6,214	3	157. Honolulu, HI	2	3,538	3
101. Kenosha, WI	3	6,121	3	158. Hanford, CA	1	3,512	4
102. Oakland, CA	1	6,103	4	159. Casper, WY	1	3,447	3
103. Kansas City, KS	9	6,019	4	160. Norwich Township, OH	81	3,429	3
104. Oklahoma City, OK	25	5,885	4	161. Medford, OR	3	3,411	4
105. Newport News, VA	2	5,847	4	162. Sioux City, IA	1	3,348	3
106. Buffalo, NY	E37/L4/4BC	5,811	3	163. Irving, TX	2	3,335	5
107. Arlington, TX	6	5,765	3	164. Waukesha, WI	1	3,333	3.5
108. Clayton County, GA	4	5,753	2	165. Fort Walton Beach, FL	6	3,238	4
109. Plainfield, IN	121	5,697	6	166. Muskegon, MI	3	3,229	3
110. Rochester, NY	Broad & Allen	5,541	4	167. Salinas, CA	1	3,227	4
111. Marysville, WA	61	5,500	3	168. Elgin, IL	4	3,214	2
112. Jersey City, NJ	B2/E19/L8	5,496	3	169. Niagara Falls, NY	4	3,183	2
113. Chula Vista, CA	1	5,414	3	169. Syracuse, NY	1	3,183	3
114. Modesto, CA	1	5,371	5	171. Lodi, CA	1	3,182	4
115. Marion County, FL	21	5,356	6	172. Reading, PA	8th & Court	3,149	3
116. Pontiac, MI	1	5,348	4	173. Loma Linda, CA	1	3,138	6
117. Fort Worth, TX	2	5,303	4	174. Boulder, CO	1	3,078	3
118. Lowell, MA	Civic Center	5,289	3	175. Tarpon Springs, FL	69	3,024	4
119. Mansfield, OH	1	5,285	4	176. Port Arthur, TX	1	3,020	4
120. Sterling Heights, MI	1	5,178	3	177. Waterbury, CT	HQ	2,982	3
121. Oshkosh, WI	15	5,066	9	178. Pittsfield, MA	HQ	2,958	4
122. Myrtle Beach, SC	1	5,061	4	179. Adams County, CO	11	2,950	4
123. Richmond, VA	Q10/R2	5,023	2	180. Casa Grande, AZ	501	2,948	2
124. New Orleans, LA	E27	4,984	4	181. Gastonia, NC	3	2,940	2
125. Olympia, WA	3	4,894	2	182. Fredericksburg, VA	1	2,847	3
126. Pittsburgh, PA	4	4,747	2	183. Harrisburg, PA	2	2,788	2
127. Springfield, OH	8	4,604	4	184. Oceanside, CA	4	2,746	2

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185. Concord, NC.....	3	2,709	3
186. Great Falls, MT.....	1	2,675	5
187. Morrow, GA.....	1	2,644	3
188. St. Joseph, MO.....	HQ	2,630	8
189. Rocky Mount, NC.....	2	2,564	1
190. Fargo, ND.....	HQ	2,498	3
191. College Station, TX.....	1	2,434	3
192. Winter Park, FL.....	61	2,421	5
193. Dothan, AL.....	1	2,382	3
194. Billings, MT.....	1	2,366	5
195. Seaside, CA.....	1	2,364	4
196. Burlington FPD, KY.....	HQ	2,362	12
197. Temple, TX.....	1	2,350	5
198. Apple Valley, CA.....	334	2,306	2
199. Titusville, FL.....	13	2,274	2
200. Poughkeepsie, NY.....	1	2,229	2
201. Waco, TX.....	1	2,220	3
202. Royal Oak, MI.....	1	2,204	3
203. Mansfield, TX.....	2	2,186	2
204. Colleton County, SC.....	27	2,166	5
205. Carpentersville, IL.....	2	2,165	3
206. Zephyrhills, FL.....	1	2,157	3
207. Arvada, CO.....	1	2,146	1
208. Ormond Beach, FL.....	92	2,145	2
209. Watsonville, CA.....	1	2,133	3
210. Lemont, IL.....	1	2,127	4
211. Texarkana, TX.....	5	2,095	2
212. Grand Forks, ND.....	Central	2,036	3
213. Canby, OR.....	62	2,035	10
214. St. George FPD, LA.....	62	2,027	2
215. Enka-Candler, NC.....	1	1,937	8
216. Lawton, OK.....	4	1,919	2
217. Pawley's Island, Midway Fire Rescue, SC81.....		1,875	3
218. Cheyenne, WY.....	3	1,870	1
219. Auburn, CA.....	2	1,824	1
220. Cedar Rapids, IA.....	8	1,810	1
221. St. Cloud, MN.....	1	1,800	5
222. Lafayette, LA.....	2	1,785	2
223. Sumter, SC.....	HQ	1,700	4
224. Hays, KS.....	1	1,696	5
225. Lackawanna, NY.....	3	1,670	1
226. Mount Pleasant, WI.....	1	1,667	3
227. Carmel, IN.....	41	1,665	4
228. Elizabeth City, NC.....	1	1,661	3
229. Erie, PA.....	E13	1,622	1
230. Franklin, TN.....	1	1,561	3
230. Oneida, NY.....	Central	1,561	5
232. Saginaw, MI.....	1	1,555	5
233. Gaffney, SC.....	10	1,492	4
234. Burlington, NC.....	1	1,437	4
235. Glens Falls, NY.....	Ridge Street	1,414	4
236. Estero, FL.....	43	1,400	3
237. Pooler, GA.....	61	1,374	5
238. Spartanburg, SC.....	1	1,370	4
239. Florence, AL.....	1	1,368	3
240. Lake County, FL.....	52	1,352	2
241. Altoona, PA.....	310	1,349	3

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DEPARTMENT	STATION	TOTAL RUNS	UNITS
242. Elyria, OH	1	1,296	3
243. Bath Township, OH	1	1,223	8
244. Meridian, MS	1	1,220	3
245. Lake Charles, LA	1	1,140	2
246. Eaton, OH	2	1,021	1
247. Greenfield, LA	1	945	3
248. Panama City, FL	1	848	3
249. Hagerstown, MD	4	841	2
250. Nicholasville, KY	1	764	1
251. Albany, GA	1	704	5
252. Somerset, CA	38	667	2
253. Anderson City, SC	1	630	10
254. Harlingen, TX	1	609	5
255. Camp Roberts, CA	1	596	9
256. Thomas County, GA	8	459	3

CANADA

1. Winnipeg, MB	1	21,205	9
2. Toronto, ON	332	14,590	6
3. Calgary, AB	2	10,138	5
4. Laval, QC	2	7,238	3
5. Edmonton, AB	1	6,647	2
6. Brandon, MB	1	3,446	6
7. Markham, ON	95	3,316	3
8. St. John's, NL	Central	2,857	7
9. Kaloops, BC	2	2,312	2