

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROFILES

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SUN VALLEY, CA, MARCH 3, 2013 – Firefighters arrived at an unoccupied high school to find flames showing from a one-story structure containing two classrooms, which were seriously damaged. No injuries were reported and damage was contained to less than 40% of the building.

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National Run Survey **PART 1**

For the 32nd 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 235 fire departments took part in this year's survey, representing 46 states and four Canadian provinces. The departments represented in this latest survey protect 87,291,480 people and they have budgets totaling nearly \$16 billion (budgets are listed in millions of dollars). They provide this service with 4,081 engine companies, 1,473 ladder companies, 2,270 ambulances and numerous specialized units. They responded to 1,977,530 fire calls, 8,637,125 EMS calls and 13,178,972 total calls last year.

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DEPARTMENT	POPULATION	BUDGET IN MILLIONS	NUMBER OF ENGINES	NUMBER OF LADDERS	NUMBER OF AMBULANCES	NUMBER OF MEDICS	NUMBER OF CHIEFS	TOTAL STRENGTH
Dothan, AL.....	68,000	13.2	8	2	0	8	2	168
Florence, AL.....	39,354	NA	4	3	0	0	3	NA
Montgomery, AL.....	208,182	31.0	15	6	0	13	4	451
Veteran's Affairs Fire, Tuskegee, AL.....	3,750	1.5	2	0	1	3	1	15
Fayetteville, AR.....	73,580	8.9	6	3	0	0	1	113
Bullhead City, AZ.....	40,000	14.1	3	2	10	1	2	87
Casa Grande, AZ.....	50,276	6.7	4	1	0	4	2	60
Glendale, AZ.....	226,721	30.9	9	3	8	20	3	266
Phoenix, AZ.....	1,445,632	291.7	65	14	34	102	10	1,941
Scottsdale, AZ.....	217,385	28.0	13	4	0	17	2	258
Sun City West, AZ.....	45,000	12.0	2	1	3	6	1	83
Surprise, AZ.....	118,000	14.0	6	1	0	7	1	110
Tucson, AZ.....	500,000	76.0	22	8	18	18	4	619
Bakersfield, CA.....	357,000	33.0	14	3	0	3	6	200

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Chula Vista, CA	230,000	23.0	8	2	0	0	2	126
Compton, CA	99,769	16.8	4	1	5	3	1	83
Fresno, CA	520,000	48.7	16	4	0	0	3	305
Heartland Fire-Rescue, El Cajon, CA	184,529	NA	9	2	3	14	1	NA
Kern County, CA	321,261	139.6	46	4	0	1	8	641
Lincoln, CA	48,000	3.5	2	0	0	0	1	19
Long Beach, CA	465,576	96.6	16	4	5	8	3	515
Los Angeles City, CA	3,792,621	413.0	90	42	129	162	16	3,413
Los Angeles County, CA	3,976,398	939.5	162	32	0	101	25	4,667
Modesto, CA	240,000	28.7	10	2	0	2	1	161
Orange County, CA	1,694,010	258.0	63	15	3	46	9	1,541
Redlands, CA	73,000	15.1	4	1	0	5	1	55
Riverside County - CDF, CA	1,500,000	171.0	93	7	9	95	10	1,565
San Diego, CA	1,300,000	197.9	47	12	32	92	8	1,148
San Francisco, CA	815,358	299.5	43	19	24	56	11	1,407
San Jose, CA	967,487	151.8	34	9	0	45	5	763
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, CA	159	NA	1	1	0	3	1	32
Seaside, CA	34,000	4.4	1	1	0	0	1	24
Torrance, CA	146,493	35.6	7	2	0	5	3	164
Ventura County, CA	480,000	126.0	32	3	0	13	5	574
Vista, CA	115,569	18.8	5	1	3	69	1	82
Aurora, CO	335,688	38.5	15	4	0	20	3	327
Colorado Springs, CO	428,277	53.1	20	6	0	22	3	427
Denver, CO	634,265	116.9	29	15	0	0	7	941
Fountain, CO	28,000	4.9	3	1	3	3	1	83
Grand Junction, CO	81,800	14.3	3	2	4	9	1	129
Littleton, CO	220,000	16.0	6	2	5	13	1	156
SW Adams County FPD, CO	41,000	4.8	3	1	2	2	0	50
Danbury, CT	82,000	11.6	5	1	0	0	1	110
Meriden, CT	60,770	8.5	5	1	0	0	1	102
Wilmington, DE	74,000	24.0	6	2	0	0	2	173
Brevard County, FL	543,566	70.4	18	4	19	51	5	559
Dunedin, FL	45,000	6.1	3	1	0	3	1	55
Estero, FL	43,000	10.4	2	2	0	6	1	64
Fort Lauderdale, FL	180,000	69.6	12	3	14	30	4	383
Gainesville, FL	124,350	15.1	6	3	0	10	2	165
Hillsborough County, FL	785,000	112.0	42	4	26	72	7	978
Hollywood, FL	142,000	41.8	6	3	7	7	1	228
Jacksonville, FL	864,263	175.0	51	12	43	77	12	1,250
Lake County, FL	303,186	24.2	20	1	0	16	2	203
Miami, FL	399,457	68.0	11	6	24	25	3	770
Miami-Dade County, FL	1,900,000	361.0	56	8	53	100	14	2,431
Orange County, FL	753,748	155.2	41	6	38	81	7	1,159
Orlando, FL	237,000	89.8	17	7	11	14	6	499
Palm Bay, FL	104,629	13.1	6	1	0	7	2	133
Palm Beach County, FL	864,528	352.0	43	5	53	98	8	1,490
Pensacola, FL	62,000	10.7	6	2	0	0	1	125
Punta Gorda, FL	16,697	2.1	2	1	0	2	1	27
St. Petersburg, FL	244,997	43.8	12	3	10	22	2	305
Sanford, FL	53,926	7.9	3	1	3	3	1	81
Sarasota County, FL	386,174	61.3	22	3	25	31	4	499
Tampa, FL	325,000	70.0	21	5	14	36	4	628
The Villages, FL	90,022	10.4	3	3	0	13	1	87
Titusville, FL	43,767	6.1	3	1	1	5	1	61

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DEPARTMENT	POPULATION	BUDGET IN MILLIONS	NUMBER OF ENGINES	NUMBER OF LADDERS	NUMBER OF AMBULANCES	NUMBER OF MEDICS	NUMBER OF CHIEFS	TOTAL STRENGTH
Winter Park, FL.....	28,500	9.1	3	1	3	6	1	78
Atlanta, GA.....	432,427	98.4	35	14	4	13	7	1,102
Clayton County, GA.....	259,424	26.7	8	8	12	21	6	327
DeKalb County, GA.....	692,000	65.0	22	11	12	NA	6	635
Gwinnett County, GA.....	824,941	79.7	30	10	23	29	6	844
Sandy Springs, GA.....	93,853	10.8	2	4	0	4	2	135
Honolulu, HI.....	944,287	95.9	43	13	0	0	5	1,089
Davenport, IA.....	99,685	16.5	8	3	0	11	2	136
Des Moines, IA.....	200,000	32.2	9	5	7	11	2	276
Sioux City, IA.....	85,013	NA	7	2	0	3	1	112
Coeur D'Alene, ID.....	44,962	7.6	2	1	2	2	1	54
Pocatello, ID.....	55,000	9.7	3	1	2	2	1	72
Berwyn, IL.....	56,906	10.1	3	0	3	3	1	80
Chicago, IL.....	2,700,000	564.0	96	61	75	128	30	5,037
Decatur, IL.....	76,200	15.5	7	2	0	0	1	118
Elgin, IL.....	109,104	22.9	7	2	5	11	1	133
Glenview, IL.....	68,000	14.3	4	1	3	8	1	82
Kankakee, IL.....	27,400	6.4	2	1	1	4	1	52
Mount Prospect, IL.....	55,000	11.9	2	1	3	6	1	62
Rockford, IL.....	152,871	39.0	9	4	5	20	2	252
Fort Wayne, IN.....	255,000	35.6	18	4	0	0	5	342
Plainfield, IN.....	32,000	6.7	3	1	3	5	1	73
Derby, KS.....	22,500	1.1	2	1	0	0	2	17

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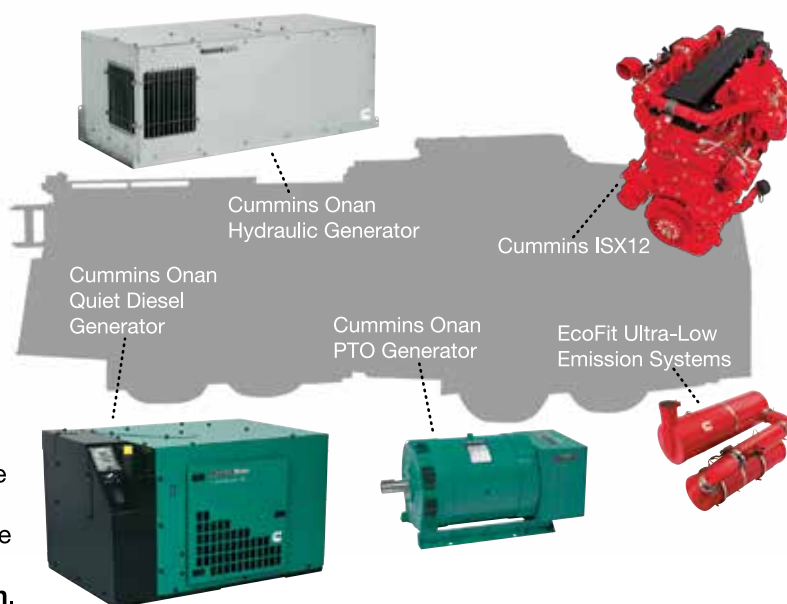
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Kansas City, KS.....	146,453	46.8	16	6	12	31	11	425
Lawrence, KS.....	90,000	14.0	5	0	6	6	1	139
Shawnee, KS.....	63,740	6.6	2	2	0	0	1	54
Lexington, KY.....	302,000	52.0	22	7	10	17	6	512
Houma, LA.....	33,700	5.6	3	1	0	0	1	60
New Orleans, LA.....	400,000	87.6	30	10	0	0	7	724
Shreveport, LA.....	199,361	52.8	21	7	10	36	9	602
Boston, MA.....	645,169	185.5	34	22	0	0	12	1,430
Cambridge, MA.....	110,000	42.0	8	4	0	4	2	276
Fitchburg, MA.....	40,318	6.1	3	1	1	0	1	78
Lowell, MA.....	106,519	16.0	8	4	0	0	2	201
Lynn, MA.....	94,347	18.0	6	3	0	1	1	179
Pittsfield, MA.....	44,472	6.2	5	1	0	0	1	93
Quincy, MA.....	92,909	18.4	8	3	0	0	1	195
Somerville, MA.....	75,754	NA	5	3	0	0	2	152
Worcester, MA.....	181,631	29.4	15	7	0	0	3	396
Annapolis, MD.....	38,880	13.0	3	2	0	4	1	132
Anne Arundel County, MD.....	537,000	95.8	28	10	15	25	4	1,243
Baltimore City, MD.....	626,664	149.4	36	16	0	29	8	1,742
Prince George's County, MD.....	871,233	127.0	44	22	60	22	8	2,074
Portland, ME.....	67,000	16.0	6	4	4	4	1	232
South Portland, ME.....	25,002	4.5	5	2	2	5	1	115
Royal Oak, MI.....	57,000	7.5	3	1	2	3	0	56

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Rochester, MN	210,855	44.7	13	6	0	0	3	499
St. Paul, MN	285,068	56.8	15	7	13	0	4	471
Columbia, MO	110,000	14.8	9	2	0	0	2	134
Independence, MO	122,000	17.4	10	2	0	0	1	158
Jefferson City, MO	40,000	7.5	5	2	0	0	1	76
Kansas City, MO	500,000	140.0	34	12	32	32	9	1,296
St. Charles, MO	65,500	10.0	3	2	2	7	1	80
St. Louis, MO	318,172	49.0	29	5	12	12	8	668
Helena, MT	30,000	4.0	3	1	0	0	1	36
Missoula, MT	67,190	11.3	5	2	0	5	1	95
Asheville, NC	89,300	18.0	9	5	0	0	4	248
Charlotte, NC	751,087	104.3	42	15	0	0	8	1,166
Concord, NC	83,000	16.6	9	3	0	0	2	191
Durham, NC	233,252	22.8	16	4	0	0	3	300
Greensboro, NC	275,879	40.5	23	10	0	0	5	544
High Point, NC	107,157	20.2	13	3	2	0	2	230
Kannapolis, NC	43,000	5.1	5	2	0	0	1	110
Kernersville, NC	25,000	6.1	4	1	0	0	1	69
Raleigh, NC	416,468	50.5	28	8	0	0	6	575
Lincoln, NE	262,341	28.0	14	4	6	20	1	302
Omaha, NE	408,958	68.0	24	8	14	22	8	633
Exeter, NH	14,800	3.5	3	1	2	2	1	46
Gilford, NH	7,500	1.7	3	0	2	0	0	40
Laconia, NH	16,091	3.4	2	2	2	1	0	36
Manchester, NH	110,000	18.5	10	5	0	0	1	254
Collingswood, NJ	13,926	1.1	1	0	1	0	1	15
Edison, NJ	106,000	19.2	7	2	0	0	2	124
Hackensack, NJ	25,000	NA	4	1	0	0	2	99
Paterson, NJ	150,000	30.0	7	3	5	0	4	330
Trenton, NJ	85,000	23.0	7	3	0	0	2	219
Westfield, NJ	30,316	NA	2	0	0	0	1	30
Albuquerque, NM	552,804	72.0	22	7	19	19	4	800
Clark County, NV	888,314	151.7	27	5	23	50	3	532
Las Vegas, NV	610,000	104.0	21	6	22	45	3	664
Reno, NV	220,000	40.0	14	3	0	0	3	266
Albany, NY	97,000	32.0	8	4	0	4	2	245
Franklin D. Roosevelt VA Hospital, NY	4,000	0.7	2	0	1	0	1	16
Glens Falls, NY	15,000	4.0	3	1	3	3	1	36
New York, NY	8,100,000	1800.0	198	143	634	220	78	15,463
Oneida, NY	11,800	1.8	3	1	0	0	1	23
Poughkeepsie, NY	32,000	5.8	3	2	0	0	1	61
Ridge Road Fire District, Rochester, NY	34,000	8.0	3	1	0	0	1	60
Schenectady, NY	61,000	9.3	4	2	0	6	1	118
Syracuse, NY	145,151	30.9	10	5	1	1	3	361
Utica, NY	62,500	NA	4	2	3	9	1	123
Watertown, NY	27,423	8.3	3	1	0	0	1	81
Akron, OH	119,110	28.5	13	5	13	13	4	345
Cincinnati, OH	296,223	70.0	26	12	12	30	4	800
Columbus, OH	796,014	217.2	34	15	32	66	8	1,593
Dayton, OH	141,527	34.6	8	4	7	15	2	311
Fostoria, OH	13,494	1.6	1	1	2	2	1	20
Mansfield, OH	47,747	6.7	5	1	3	8	1	78
Toledo, OH	286,038	62.0	17	3	0	7	3	525
Whitehall, OH	18,990	4.3	1	0	2	4	0	37

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Lawton, OK.....	103,000	12.3	7	2	0	5	2	138
Philadelphia, PA.....	1,500,000	203.2	58	27	50	51	14	2,485
Pittsburgh, PA.....	300,000	52.1	29	11	0	0	5	572
Reading, PA.....	88,082	12.1	5	3	4	3	2	135
Cranston, RI.....	80,300	22.0	6	3	4	0	1	181
Providence, RI.....	178,053	63.0	14	8	6	0	2	346
Charleston, SC.....	120,083	22.4	16	3	0	0	5	310
Mount Pleasant, SC.....	67,843	6.8	5	3	0	6	2	110
Myrtle Beach, SC.....	105,000	11.9	5	3	2	2	1	156
Pawleys Island, Midway Fire Rescue, SC.....	27,000	3.4	3	1	2	5	1	75
Rapid City, SD.....	72,000	10.5	6	1	4	4	1	122
Sioux Falls, SD.....	156,300	21.3	4	4	0	0	2	194
Bristol, TN.....	26,702	3.8	4	1	2	5	1	58
Clarksville, TN.....	141,342	14.2	5	6	0	0	2	200
Johnson City, TN.....	63,152	9.8	9	3	0	0	0	120
Knoxville, TN.....	179,000	36.0	20	5	0	10	4	327
Memphis, TN.....	646,889	131.3	56	22	36	98	14	1,831
Nashville, TN.....	628,681	111.6	39	12	19	32	12	1,170
Shelby County, TN.....	115,534	NA	6	3	0	7	2	153
Springfield, TN.....	17,595	1.3	3	1	0	0	1	36
Arlington, TX.....	365,438	41.6	17	5	0	0	3	329
Austin, TX.....	812,854	136.9	42	13	0	0	8	1,083
Azle, TX.....	30,947	2.0	1	0	2	3	0	34
Bedford, TX.....	49,750	6.4	2	1	3	7	1	63

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College Station, TX	98,644	13.2	6	1	4	11	1	132
Corpus Christi, TX	307,953	NA	16	5	9	31	3	414
Dallas, TX	1,223,229	207.0	56	23	45	101	33	1,952
El Paso, TX	647,152	97.0	32	15	25	29	7	860
Fort Worth, TX	767,000	121.3	42	15	0	80	7	955
Houston, TX	2,145,146	433.4	87	37	52	46	23	3,792
Keller, TX	40,440	8.7	2	1	2	5	1	59
Mansfield, TX	57,490	9.7	2	2	3	7	1	83
Midland, TX	146,645	17.5	8	1	6	6	1	186
Plano, TX	261,900	44.5	12	4	7	23	2	316
San Antonio, TX	1,327,407	237.9	51	20	41	46	10	1,824
Watauga, TX	24,250	1.9	1	0	1	2	0	21
Salt Lake City, UT	181,000	33.7	13	4	0	8	2	336
Alexandria, VA	139,966	38.7	8	3	6	6	2	272
Bristol, VA	17,835	3.5	3	1	0	5	1	42
Chesapeake, VA	226,138	39.0	17	3	12	17	3	420
Chesterfield County, VA	319,000	49.2	21	5	17	38	5	442
Fairfax County, VA	1,096,798	167.9	37	14	42	79	8	1,490
Hampton, VA	144,276	16.9	11	2	9	22	2	279
Newport News, VA	181,027	32.5	11	7	12	12	2	360
Norfolk, VA	245,803	40.0	14	7	12	12	3	474
Richmond, VA	208,834	39.7	20	0	0	1	4	417
Virginia Beach, VA	436,896	44.6	20	7	0	17	5	467

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Burlington, VT	42,417	NA	5	1	2	0	3	79
Marysville, WA	60,785	14.0	4	1	4	2	1	119
Renton, WA	121,813	24.0	6	1	2	0	3	139
Seattle, WA	620,778	161.0	33	12	4	7	7	1,020
Spokane, WA	210,000	46.1	15	3	0	11	2	298
Vancouver, WA	247,053	32.9	10	2	0	12	2	184
Yakima, WA	91,930	10.0	5	2	0	0	3	87
DePere, WI	31,000	3.2	2	1	2	2	0	35
Green Bay, WI	105,809	NA	7	3	4	4	NA	NA
Kenosha, WI	99,785	19.2	5	3	4	12	1	164
Milwaukee, WI	597,867	105.4	36	15	1	12	6	935
Sheboygan, WI	50,400	8.0	2	2	3	7	1	72
Waukesha, WI	70,718	12.2	3	2	5	5	1	104
Wheeling, WV	30,000	7.8	6	1	3	3	1	94
Casper, WY	55,988	8.2	5	1	0	0	1	78

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Calgary, AB	1,120,225	187.1	43	12	0	0	6	1,289
Edmonton, AB	817,498	166.3	27	8	0	0	5	1,117
Vancouver, BC	608,600	89.7	13	17	0	3	3	811
Ottawa, ON	940,000	139.0	47	19	0	0	10	1,524
Toronto, ON	2,700,000	370.1	88	30	0	0	16	3,170
Montreal, QC	1,906,000	328.5	70	50	0	65	14	2,840



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