



# Rapid City Fire Department

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# Rapid City Fire Department

## ● Mission:

- *PREPARE PREVENT PROTECT*

## ● Values:

- PROFESSIONALISM
- RELIABILITY
- SERVICE
- PRIDE
- INTEGRITY
- LOYALTY





# Department Overview

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- 143 Employees
  - 133 Uniformed, 10 Civilian
- 7 fire stations
- ISO Classification: 2 (scale:1-10)
- 3 Divisions (Fire-101, Ambulance-34, Prevention-8)
- All Risk Response (fire, ambulance, rescue, haz mat, wildland, ARFF, emergency management, risk reduction)
- “Service” driven Department



# Department Overview

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- Department Planning-Objectives(2016)
  - Facilities Plan(Design and construct Station 1)
  - Fire Apparatus Plan(CIP request pending, sustainable plan)
  - Staffing Plan(6 addl. firefighters, public educator, SAFER grant)
  - Accreditation through Centers for Public Safety Excellence (beginning process in 2016)
- Strategic Plan (2010-2020)
  - Proactive approach to fire and emergency services
  - Community involvement
  - Long range planning
  - Accreditation/Standards
  - Department Excellence



# 2016 Fire Department Capital Program

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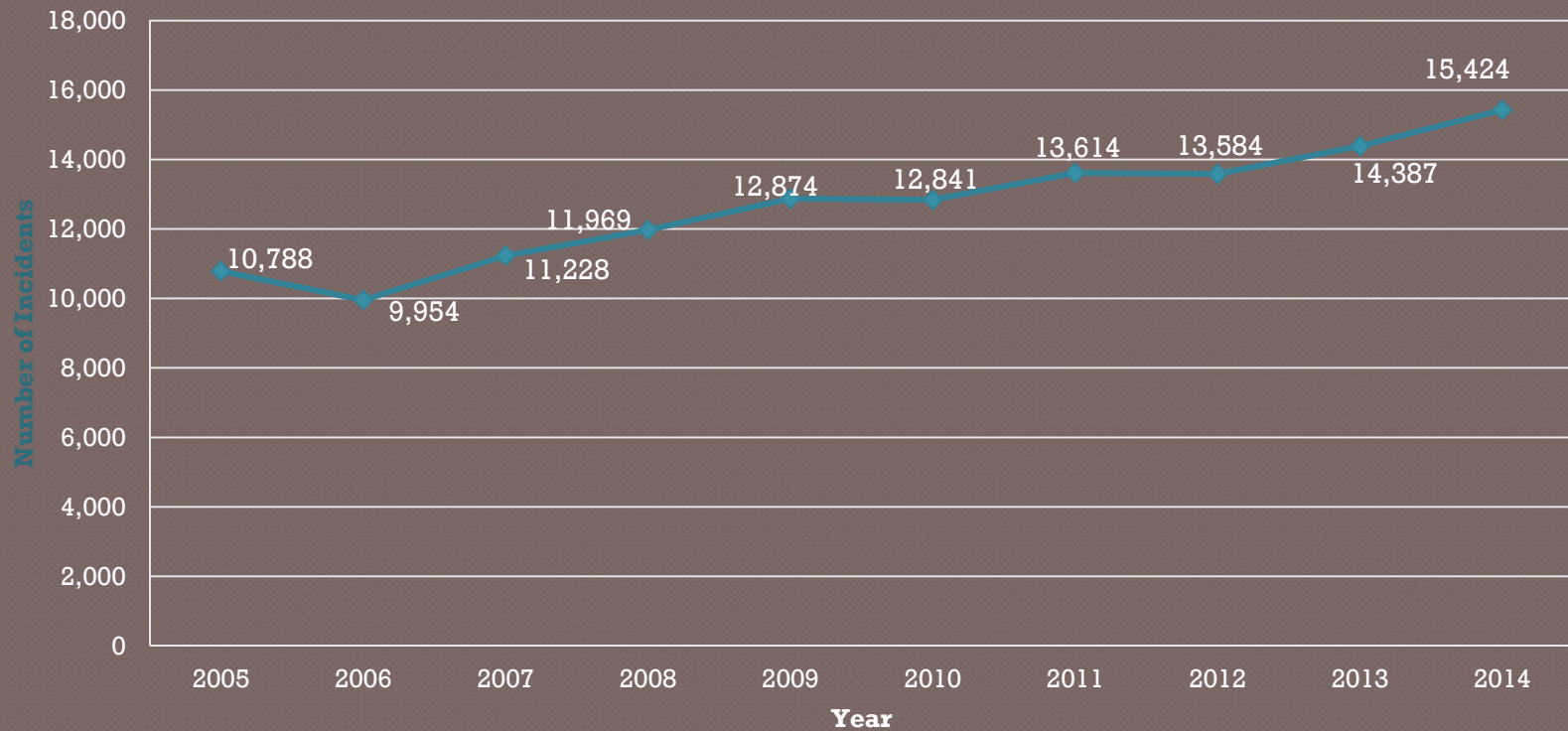
- Light Vehicles (staff cars)      Operations
  - 2 light vehicles
- Station 1 Construction      Vision
  - Needing action
- Large Apparatus      CIP
  - CIP request pending
- Buildings/Grounds      CIP
  - Nothing for 2016



# Requests for Service

## Incidents

All Incidents 2005 - 2014



	2011	2012	2013	2014	% change
Fire Stations	7	7	7	7	
Total Calls for Service	13,600	13,584	14,387	15,422	7.2% increase
Structure Fires	52	53	53	66	24.5% increase
Other Fires, including cooking-related	183	429	294	322	9.5% increase
EMS Calls for Service	10,922	11,013	11,667	13,115	12.4% increase
Fire Fatalities w/o sprinkler system present	0	4	0	1	
Fire Fatalities with sprinkler system present	0	0	0	0	
Mutual Aid to neighboring agencies	163	266	302	476	57.6% increase



# Increase in demand for service:

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- 10 year history

- 47% increase in calls for service

- Calls per firefighter

- 1995      81 FF's      3,600 calls      44/ea.
- 2014      117 FF's      15,452 calls      132/ea.

- ISO classification

- RCFD only received 71% of allowable credit under “staffing”

- NFPA 1710-Fire Department Response Standard

- States: *will have 15 firefighters on scene of a building fire in 8 min. or less, 90% of the time*
- *In 2014, we could only achieve the standard 50% of the time*



# Why the increase?

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- Aging community
- Society's expectations and increased dependency on government
- We are a regional healthcare hub
- Slight population growth
- Lack of affordable health care
- Environmental factors (weather)
- Economic constraints
  - Utilization of public services like ambulance and Emergency Department



# Expanding Services and Programs

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- Imagetrend Software for record keeping
- Customer service/support (Prevention)
- All risk response model
- Type III Incident Management Team
- Standards Compliance/Accreditation
- Survivable Space Initiative
- Station 1 Construction
- Facilities/Large Apparatus/Staffing
  - Implement plans to match growth in demand



# 2015 Approved Budget-Fire

• 2015 Original Budget-Fire	\$9,513,860	100% Of Budget
• <u>Wages &amp; Benefits</u>	\$8,314,109	<u>87.4%</u>
• Capital Outlay	\$241,000	2.1%
• Programs (WRT, Fireworks)	\$61,518	<1%
• Fixed Costs (source-Finance)	\$331,736	3.5%
• Insurance		
• Utilities		
• Fuel		
• <u>Operational Expenses</u>	<u>\$565,497</u>	<u>6%</u>
• Professional Services		
• Repairs and Maintenance		
• Supplies and Materials		
• Travel and Training		
• Rentals and Publications		



# 2016 Budget Request-Fire

		<b>Increase</b>
• <b>2016 Requested Budget-Fire</b>	<b>\$9,719,569</b>	<u>205,709 +2.1%</u>
• Wages and Benefits	\$8,653,946	\$339,837
• <u>(Work Comp +\$246,891)</u>		
• Capital Outlay	\$60,000	\$(181,000)
• Program Support	\$61,518	\$0
• Fixed Costs (source-Finance)	\$344,705	\$12,969
• Insurance		
• Utilities		
• Fuel		
• Operational Expenses	\$599,400	\$33,903
• Professional Services		
• Repairs and Maintenance		
• Supplies and Materials		
• Travel and Training		
• Rentals and Publications		



# 2016 Budget-Ambulance

	<u>2015 Approved</u>	<u>2016 Requested</u>	<u>Increase</u>
• <b>Ambulance Budget</b>	<b>\$3,456,849</b>	<b>\$3,792,275</b>	<b>\$335,425</b>
• Wages and Benefits	2,550,131	2,827,796	277,665
• Insurance	57,876	58,620	744
• Professional Services	93,300	93,300	0
• Publications	500	736	236
• Rentals	5,000	5,500	500
• Repairs/Maintenance	30,100	30,100	0
• Supplies/Materials	157,000	201,078	44,078
•     Disposables			
• Travel /Training	40,000	40,000	0
• Utilities	34,765	38,867	4,102
• Miscellaneous	238,300	245,800	7,500
• Debt Service	172,500	172,500	0
• Other Expenses	35,150	35,750	600
• Interdept. Charges	42,228	42,228	0

\*Increase of 9.7%



# Department Needs:

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- Design and Construction-Station 1
  - Vision Fund
- Stable funding source for large vehicles
  - CIP
- Multi-phased plan to increase staffing
  - General Fund and EMS Enterprise Fund



# Rapid City/Pennington Co. Emergency Management

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- Mandated by State, under presidential directives to provide service
- Joint funded under JPA: city/county/state
- EM Director-Fire Department
- EM Users Board: Elected officials, PD, FD, SO, HP

2015 approved:	\$94,956
2016 requested:	\$110,945

Budget is forecasted to stabilize. Budget obtains minimum levels of service according to EMAP Accreditation Standards and State/Local EM agreements



# Questions?

