



Guam Fire Department

A Report to Our Citizens Fiscal Year

2014

Mission Statement

The Guam Fire Department will respond to and mitigate all threats to life, property, and the environment in the Territory of Guam and its surrounding waters. This will be accomplished through education, prevention, and an effective response to fire, medical, and environmental emergencies.

Goal

The Guam Fire Department will be a fire service nationally recognized and accredited in fire suppression, fire prevention, Emergency Medical Services, search and rescue, hazardous materials response and emergency medical dispatch. At a minimum, every fire station will house a fire engine, ambulance, and some type of specialty response apparatus such as a water tanker, ladder truck, rescue unit, or Advanced Life Support unit. Firefighters will be fully equipped and trained, both technically and physically, to respond to all emergencies that pose a threat to the safety of life and property.

Statutory Basis

Upon the enactment of Public Law 1-88 in 1952, the Fire Division was created within the Department of Public Safety (DPS). On March 13, 1985, Public Law 17-78 separated the Fire Division from DPS and established the Guam Fire Department, a line agency of the Government of Guam. On March 6, 1996 Public Law 23-77 tasked the Guam Fire Department with the responsibility to administer and operate the Emergency 911 telephone communications system; regulated by the EMS Commission.

The Guam Fire Department is mandated to protect life and property from the perils of fire and other disasters. This could only be achieved through an accomplished fire prevention, suppression, and extinguishment plan. Furthermore, the formulation of a comprehensive Emergency Medical Services (EMS/Ambulance) Program, inclusive of an Advanced Life Support Intercept Program for the Territory of Guam, was required. An extensive Fire Prevention bureau overseeing fire inspections, new and existing building plan review and approval, investigations, code enforcement, and public education, was also established. Also entrusted to the Guam Fire Department were the responsibilities of land and sea search and rescue, operation and management of an enhanced Emergency 911 communications system, and more recently the addition of a dedicated hazardous materials response team. We are able to perform these missions by: "Promoting safety and maintaining a well equipped, highly trained, and motivated force of professional Firefighters/EMTs, EMDs, and Rescue personnel; while promoting fire prevention and education programs".

CORE VALUES

"HONOR IS GAINED THROUGH PRIDE"

- ◆ **Professionalism**– To respond with high technical and performance standards.
- ◆ **Respect**– To place high regard upon each other, to earn high regard from those we serve.
- ◆ **Integrity**– To sustain good moral and ethical codes.
- ◆ **Dedication**– To always be ready, trained and fit to answer the call.
- ◆ **Empathy**– To be courteous, conscientious and compassionate.

How We Have Progressed

Fiscal Year 2014



GFD Performance Measures

2014

Staffing Pattern

Fire Chief	1
Deputy Fire Chief	0
Assistant Chief	4
Battalion Chief	0
Fire Captain	26
Fire Lieutenant	65
Firefighter II	65
Firefighter I	85
EMD Supervisor	3
Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD)	20
Civilian Personnel	8

Statistics(Medical)

Sick/ Ill Person	8887
Sick with ALS Transport	1575
Injured Person	2272
Injured Person with ALS Transport	103
Cardiac Arrest	186
First Aid Service	87

Statistics (Fire Suppression)

Fire Hydrant Maintenance	144
In Service Training	363
Structure Fire	53
Unauthorized Controlled Burn	1173
Vegetation Fire /Grass Fire	373

Statistics (Fire Prevention Bureau)

Permits Issued	689
Permit Center Customers Handled	4261
Fire Investigations Conducted	47
Fire Inspections	1911
Public Education Activities	20

TOTAL ALARMS FY '14

17,253

The measures reported on this page were included based on the data collected from our E-911 center. What would you like to see reported on in this page? Please let us know by leaving a message on our website, gfd.guam.gov.

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2014 Accomplishments

- Pro Board Certification Training
 - 80- Driver/Operator Pumper
 - 17- Incident Commander
 - 36-Fire Officer II
 - 100- Fire Officer I
 - 118- Instructor I
 - 84- Hazmat Tech
 - 127- Firefighter II
 - 145- Hazmat Operations
 - 77-Fire Inspector I

The purpose of the Pro Board is to establish an internationally recognized means of acknowledging professional achievement in the fire service and related fields. The **accreditation** of organizations that **certify** uniform members of public fire departments, both career and volunteer, is the primary goal. However, other organizations with fire protection interests may also be considered for participation. Accreditation is generally provided at the State or Provincial level to the empowered certifying authority of that jurisdiction.

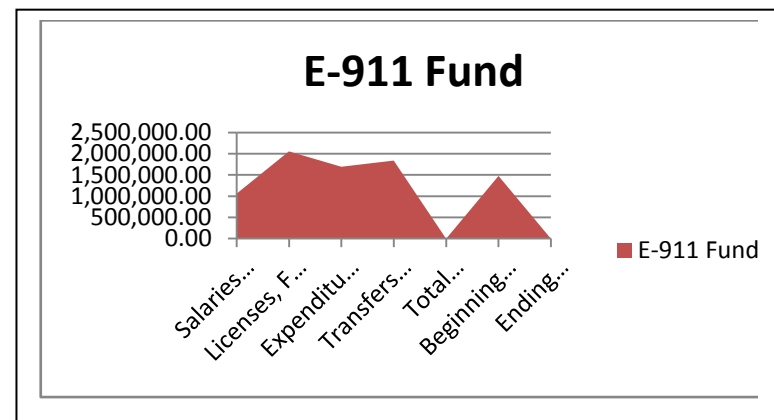
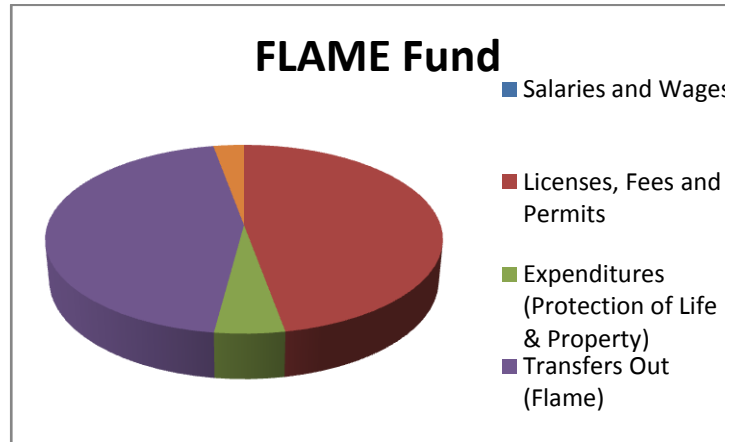
Our Finances

Revenues and Expenses

The main operating fund of the agency is the General Fund. As noted in the Deloitte's Government of Guam Independent Auditors' Report. Alternate funding sources that the agency uses are classified as Special Funds (revenues that are restricted for specific purposes.)

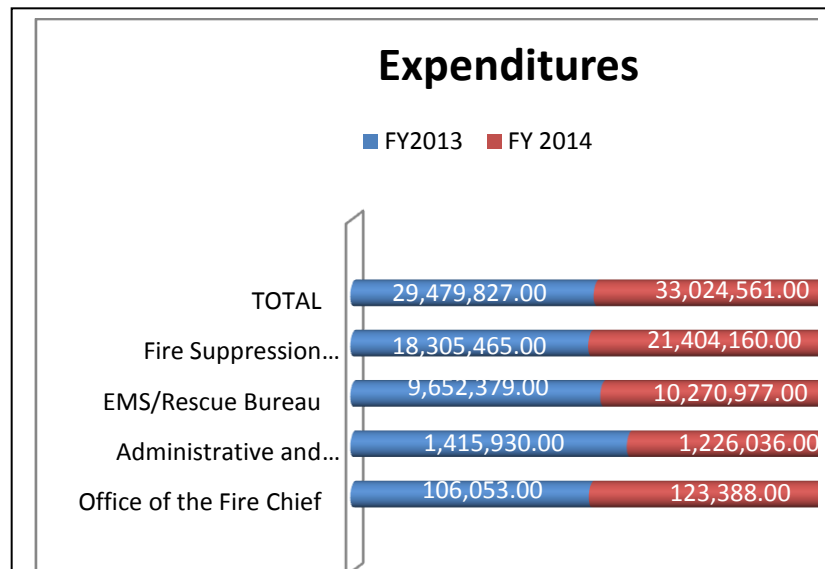
Expenditure/Revenue by Source

	FLAME Fund	E-911 Fund
Salaries and Wages		1,059,519.00
Licenses, Fees and Permits	963,274.00	2,056,143.00
Expenditures (Protection of Life & Property)	101,353.00	1,694,589.00
Transfers Out (Flame)	920,694.00	1,839,854.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity (E-911)		
Beginning fund balance (Deficit)	58,773.00	1,478,300.00
Ending Fund Balance (Deficit)	\$0.00	\$0.00



Expenditure Comparison

	2013	2014
Office of the Fire Chief	\$106,053.00	\$123,388.00
Administrative and Logistical Support	1,415,930.00	1,226,036.00
EMS/Rescue Operations Bureau	9,652,379.00	9,285,217.00
Fire Suppression Bureau	18,305,465.00	21,404,160.00
Total	\$29,479,827.00	\$33,024,561.00



What's Next Key Initiatives



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Message from the Fire Chief

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Hafa Adai and thank you for taking the time to join us. The Guam Fire Department continues to strive for excellence in Fire Service on Guam. We have been hard at work to stay on track with the Guam Fire Department Blue Print 2020 while also looking for new opportunities.

Headquarters: Speaking of opportunity, we have been presented an avenue to construct a new Headquarters in the heart of Tamuning along with the construction of a new Tamuning Fire Station. We are collaborating with the Guam Economic Development Agency to rebuild a new station and HQ near the original location. We seek to take advantage of the property value of our current property to trade, finance and build a new and improved Fire Station and Headquarters.

Fire Suppression: The GFD has completed a procurement project be federal funding to place a structural fire pumper at every village fire station. This is a proud time in that every fire station is capable of servicing its primary and assisting response area with a full range of emergency response. Barrigada Fire Station was the latest station to receive a \$400,000 pumper.

Promotions/Hiring: The GFD finally promoted three Assistant Fire Chiefs after over 10 years of vacancy. This is significant as we are now able to stay within span of control requirements in regards to command and control, safety and management. We have also brought on board several Emergency Medical Dispatchers to maintain manning requirements at our E911 Center. We continue to look forward to promotions at the Battalion Chief, Fire Captain and Fire Lieutenant ranks in the near future and the hiring of a Fire Recruits to address the high attrition rate we are experiencing. This past fiscal year, 15 personnel have retired or resigned. In the past 3 years since our last hiring we have seen 45 personnel leave our ranks. This has caused challenges in manning requirements and increased overtime expenditures.

Search and Rescue: In the coming days, the GFD will place a new Fire Rescue Station at the Hagatna Marina returning a 24 hour presence and enhanced response capability within minutes of an emergency call. We will also commission two newly refurbished SeaArk Vessels that will add tremendously to our response boat inventory. Completed with new navigational equipment, dive gear and ropes to ensure safety and capability is balanced.

GFD Improvement Projects

Funding Source	Year	Amount	Project
GFD Compact Impact Grant	2010	\$ 750,000.00	(2) Wildland/Urban Interface Fire Apparatus (COMPLETED)
GFD Compact Impact Grant	2012	\$ 1.56M	Grant was used to procure(4) Ambulances. (2) Fire Engines, and fund the leasing of 4(ambulances.(90% Complete)
GFD EIC Grant	2012	\$ 1.12M	The award for the Medium Duty Rescue Vehicles has been issued to Mid Pac Far East. The vendor has 365 days from the Notice of Award to complete and deliver the vehicles. The refurbishment of the Sea Ark vessels has been awarded to Pacific Composites and project will be completed by September 2015. The Hagatna Marina Rescue Base has been awarded to JR&S and should be completed by September 2015. Any funds remaining have been designated for rescue and life saving equipment and supplies. (Estimated Completion- 6/2016)
GFD FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT	2013	\$ 530,750.00	COMPLETED