GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT | FISCAL YEAR 2018

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MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

On behalf of everyone in the Guam Fire Department, let me welcome you to the Guam Fire Department's web page and Citizen Centric Report for FY 2018. The Guam Fire Department is comprised of dedicated sworn uniformed officers, emergency medical dispatchers, administrative staff, who are highly capable and proud of their profession. The Guam Fire Department serves the residents and visitors of Guam and has enhanced its response capabilities since its inception. The Guam Fire Department is charged with the responsibility of providing professional and efficient fire suppression, emergency preparedness, emergency medical services, fire prevention and public education to the island. The goal is to provide the highest level of service in the most efficient manner possible; to constantly safeguard and preserve life and property against the elements of fire and disaster through effective preparation, training and education; and to respond to all emergencies in a safe yet swift manner with sufficient resources to address the situation. Within this outstanding team, the fire department is a key member in providing community safety. We accept and embrace this challenge with vigor and commitment. As the world evolves and our island grows and matures, our mission has also evolved to one that is not simply confined to "traditional" fire services. Therefore, our mission statement reflects a corresponding need for our fire department to think and operate in a more encompassing manner. Once again, welcome to our web page, and please contact us if you have any additional questions or have suggestions to improve our services to you.

DANIEL C. STONE

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."

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.

HOW WE HAVE PROGRESSED

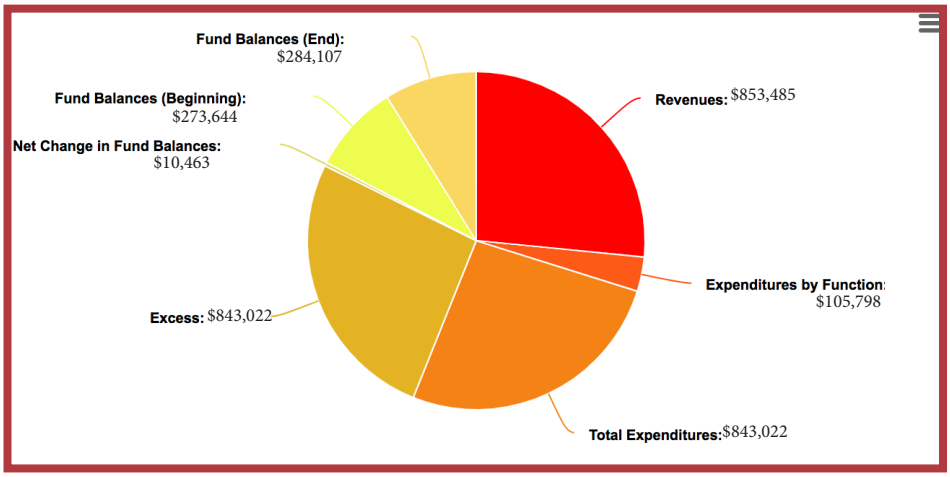
GFD PERFORMANCE MEASURES

STATISTICS (Medical)	
Sick/ III Person	8962
Sick with ALS Transport	812
Injured Person	1818
Injured Person with ALS Transport	42
Cardiac Arrest	228
First Aid Service	88
STATISTICS (Fire Suppression)	
Fire Hydrant Matinence	223
In Service Training	825
Structure Fire	61
Unauthorized Controlled Burn	730
Vegetation Fire/ Grass Fire	537
STATISTICS (Fire Prevention Bureau)	
Permits Issued	1084
Fire Investigations	41
Plans Review	308
Fire Inspections	1022
Public Education Activities	24
TOTAL ALARMS FY '18	23,735

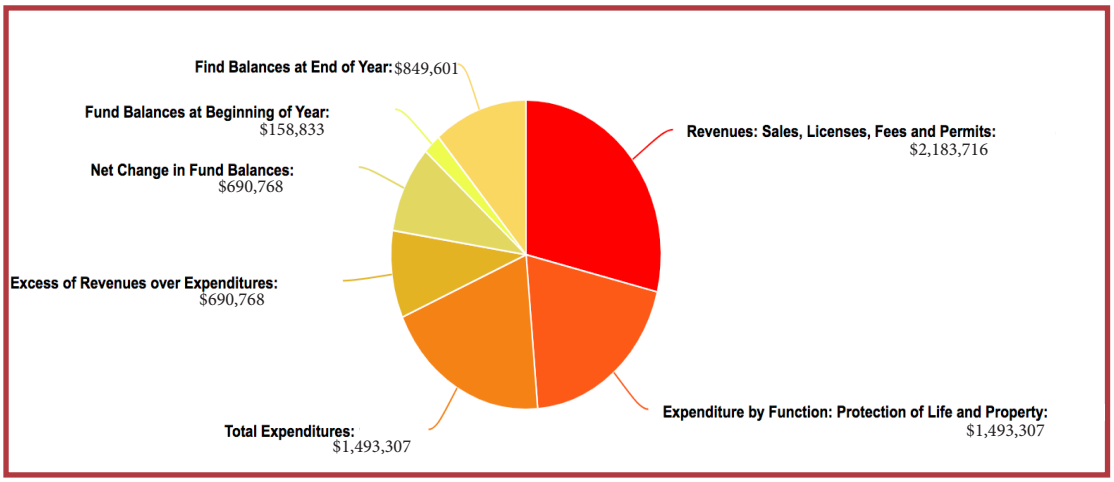
OUR FINANCES

Revenues & Expenses

FLAME FUND



E-911 FUND



EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

	2017	2018
Office of the Fire Chief	225,890.00	290,474.00
Administrative and Logistical Support	1,187,251.00	444,378.00
Emergency Medical Services/ Rescue Operation Bureau	10,876,679.00	9,696,336.00
Fire Suppression Bureau	19,676,592.00	19,946,502.00
TOTAL	31,966,412.00	30,377,690.00

STAFFING

FIREFIGHTERS
231

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH
30

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
8

WHAT'S NEXT

CHALLENGES

- High Attrition Rate- Retirements
- Military deployments, medical profiles
- Meet NFPA/OSHA Standars (Two in/Two out rule)
- Lack of supervisory staff
- Overtime expenditures

HIGHLIGHTS

- Replacement of E-9-1-1 System (In-Progress)
- HazMat Response Equipment
- Hydraulic Extrication Tools (Jaws of Life)
- Self-contained Breathing Apparatus
- One (1) Ambulance purchased
- Procurement of two (2) Ambulances and two (2) Tanker Trucks
- (In-Progress)
- Community Partnerships/Volunteerism

REVENUE ENHANCEMENT

- Fire Prevention Fees and Fines update
  - Code Enforcement/ Inspections
  - Plans and Review
- Fire Permits
  - Arson Investigation
- Emergency Medical Services
  - Ambulance Fees
  - Advance Life Support Fees
- Fire Suppression
  - Emergency Response
  - Non-Emergency Response

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Increasing Efficiency, Increasing Capability
- Relocation and Build of Tamuning and Sinajana Fire Station
- Rebuild/ Renovation of Rescue Base 2- Agat Marina
- East Side Boat Ramp
- Fire Apparatus/ Tenders
- Highrise Apparatus
- Establish EMT Position
- FGWPE Test (POST Test)

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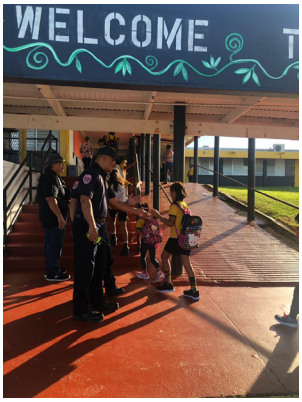

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