



Fiscal Year
2023

GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Citizen Centric Report

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

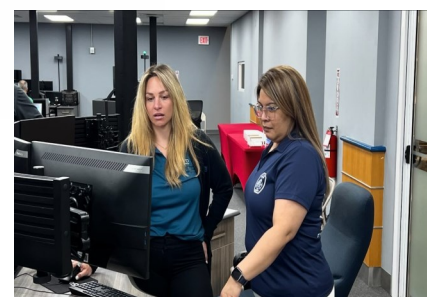
The Guam Fire Department will be a fire service nationally recognized and accredited in fire suppression, fire prevention, Emergency Medical Services, search and rescue, hazardous materials response and emergency medical dispatch. At a minimum, every fire station will house a fire engine, ambulance, 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

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Special points of interest in '23

- Complete deployment of E-911 System
- Completion of training by Firefighters on the 1st Paramedic Course and full implementation of GFD's Paramedic Program.
- Promotion of Fire Personnel
- Completion of Fire Academy
- Procurement and arrival of 2 structural pumpers.



HOW WE HAVE PROGRESSED

GFD Performance Measures		2023
Statistics(Medical)		
Sick/ Ill Person		10,997
Behavioral Emergency		177
Injured Person		1,884
Child Birth		25
Cardiac Arrest		200
Expired Person		233
Statistics (Fire Suppression)		
Electrical Fire		69
Trash Fire		264
Structure Fire		90
Unauthorized Controlled Burn		193
Vegetation Fire /Grass Fire		337
Statistics (Special Operations Bureau)		
Water Rescue		86
Land Rescue		21
Near Drowning		16
Drowning		8
Motor Vehicle Accidents		798
TOTAL ALARMS FY '23		16,078

Key Services Provided

- **Fire Suppression:** We respond to fires of all types, from residential to industrial, to protect lives, property, and the environment.
- **Emergency Medical Services (EMS):** Our firefighters are also trained EMT's and Paramedics who provide critical medical care in emergencies, ranging from accidents to life-threatening medical conditions.
- **Fire Prevention and Education:** We offer community outreach programs to educate citizens on fire safety, including home fire safety plans, smoke alarm checks, and fire extinguisher training.
- **Hazardous Materials Response:** We respond to incidents involving hazardous materials, ensuring the safety of residents, workers, and the environment.
- **Disaster Preparedness and Response:** We assist with planning and response efforts during natural disasters or large-scale emergencies, ensuring swift action to protect the public.

Fire Prevention Bureau Highlights

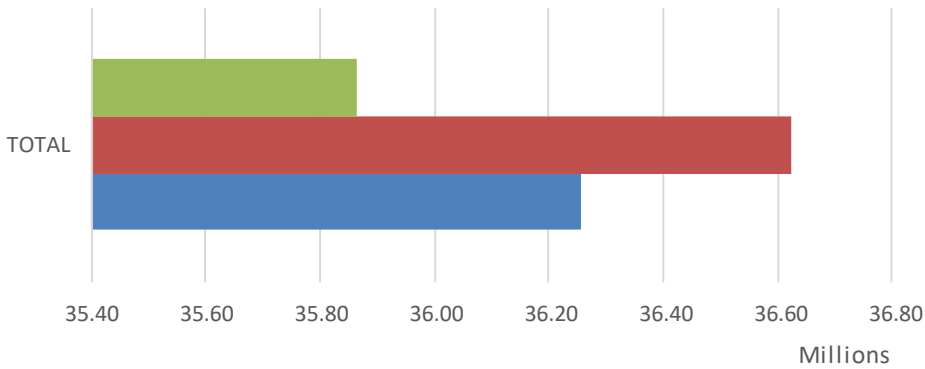
- **Plans Review : 306**
- **Fire Safety Inspections & Code Enforcement:** In 2023, we conducted **1089** fire safety inspections across businesses, schools, and residential areas, ensuring fire codes are being followed to prevent potential hazards.
- **Permits: 298**
- **Community Outreach and Education Programs:** We have reached over 200 citizens through fire safety workshops, school programs, and public events. This has helped reduce

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 web-



Expenditure Comparatives—Annual

Guam Fire Department



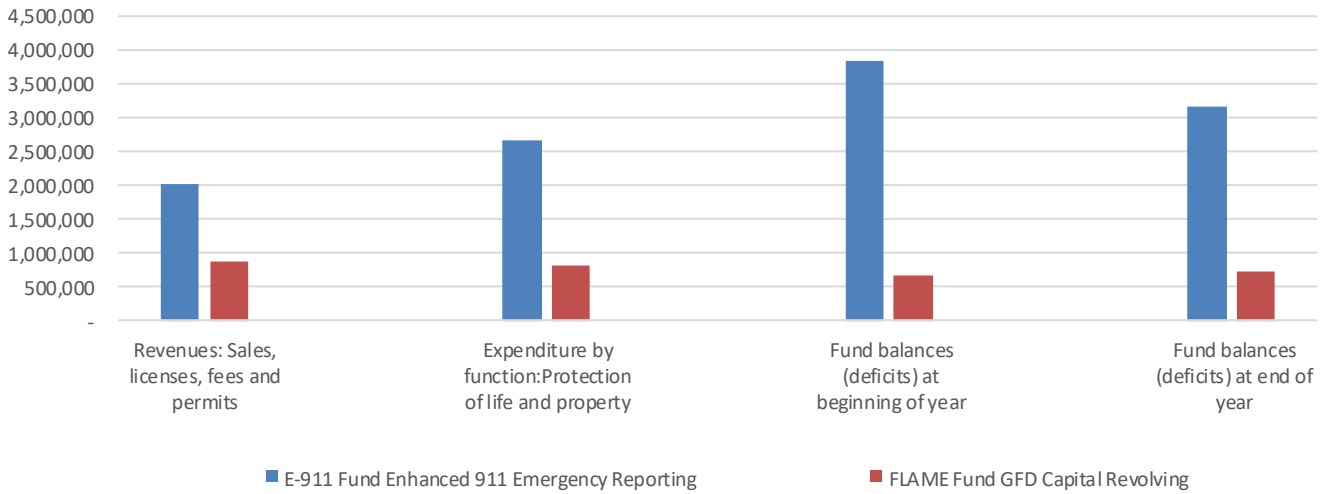
- Guam Fire Department -General Fund Expenditures Comparatives 2021
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Special Funds Expenditures

Types of Special Funds

SPECIAL FUNDS (GFD)



- **E-911 Fund**
- **Flame Fund**



Message from the Acting Fire Chief

Thank you for spending some time to visit our website and reviewing our report to the community. The Guam Fire Department has a proud history of serving our island. That spirit of service continues as we move forward into the future. The men and women of the Guam Fire Department are here to serve you. From our frontline Firefighters to our Rescue personnel, from our E-911 Communication Center Dispatchers to our Special Operations personnel and the sworn and civilian staff that comprise our workforce, we are committed to providing the highest levels of service possible.



Joey C. San Nicolas

Challenges

- High Attrition Rate - Retirements
- Military deployments, medical profiles
- Meet NFPA/OSHA Standards (Two in/Two out rule)
- Increased overtime expenditures

SEPARATION FROM SERVICE/RECRUITMENT COMPARISON

	FISCAL YEAR 2018	FISCAL YEAR 2019	FISCAL YEAR 2020	FISCAL YEAR 2021	FISCAL YEAR 2022	FISCAL YEAR 2023	TOTAL
NO. OF PERSONNEL RETIRE/RESIGN/SEPARATED	-24	-9	-16	-18	-13	-9	-89
RECRUITMENT	45	0	0	0	33	0	78
NET GAIN/LOSS	21	-9	-16	-18	20	-9	-11

Note: During FY-2023 a total of (9) have either retired, resigned, separated from government service. Five (5) others have notified GFD of their intent to retire by 9/30/23.



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
 - Non-Emergency Response
- 911 Surcharge



Ongoing/Future Projects

- Full implementation of Paramedic Initiative
- Relocation and Build of Tamuning and Sinajana Fire Station
- Rebuild/Renovation of Rescue Base 2 – Agat Marina
- Fire Station Renovations/Repairs
- East Side Boat Ramp
- Building of a Rescue Station in Tumon
- Procurement of five (5) Ambulances
- Establish EMT & Fire Inspector positions

