

Fire Department



Mission Statement

The North Las Vegas Fire Department's goal is to effectively promote a safe environment for all protected jurisdictional response areas, to efficiently respond to calls for service, and to provide related services that benefit the public. This is accomplished through prudent fiscal management of money and resources at our disposal, ensuring that services are delivered effectively at the most reasonable cost to the public.

Department Description

The Fire Department is staffed by one hundred forty eight (148) uniformed and civilian employees who comprise the Fire Operations and Support Divisions. Personnel provide emergency services response, emergency management, department training and record keeping, fire prevention, inspection and public education as well as administrative services.



Standing: Tom Calbert, Chief Stubler, Ty Olsen, Cedric Williams, Terri Davis, Pat Johnson; Sitting: David Gallaway, Scott Guy

Division/Major Program Description

Fire Operations is responsible for daily emergency services response. Five fire stations deploy personnel for twenty-four emergency calls for service. Personnel participate in training, conduct inspections, drills and maintenance as part of a daily routine.

Support is divided into three areas: Training, Fire Prevention and Administrative Services.

- **Training** is responsible for all departmental training. The Training Division conducts scheduled training for a vast variety of subject matter. Areas of training include fire operations, emergency medical services, hazardous materials, written documentation, as well as mandated curriculums. This division is also directly responsible for training all newly hired cadets.
- **Fire Prevention** duties cover a wide area of responsibility to ensure that current and future buildings meet requirements set forth by Code.



The Prevention Division is directly responsible for new construction inspections, business license inspection, renewable permitting, new annual permitting, temporary licensing, oversight of firework sales, as well as fire investigations and plans review. This division is also responsible for the coordination of all public education functions.

- **Administrative Services** is comprised of an office staff which is responsible for the Fire Department business office. Staff provides administrative support to the Executive Staff, as well as verification of records, distribution of documents, payroll and accounting.



Chief Stubler presents the 2003 Rotary "Safety Officers" Award to Anthony Galloway

Fiscal 2003-04 Highlights

- Implementation of new Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) Project which enhances communications interface in all emergency response apparatus.
- Opening of Fire Station 55, located at Ann Road and Allen Lane. This station provides service to one of the fastest growing sectors in North Las Vegas.
- Staffing of fifteen personnel to staff Fire Station 55, as well as the promotion of three Captains and three Engineers for this location.
- Purchase and delivery of two new front line firefighting apparatus from Pierce Manufacturing.
- Award of five grants totaling in excess of \$500,000 for the purpose of training, multi purpose Command/ Decon vehicle, breathing air station and auxiliary equipment.
- Increased workload efficiency in the Fire Prevention Division inspection area through internal process.
- Implementation of initial stages of training and equipment purchases geared to providing hazardous materials operational support.

Fiscal 2004-05 Goals

- Overcome interoperability issues through enhanced radio communications.
- Automation of services in the Fire Prevention Inspection Division.
- Implementation of Hazardous Materials/Decon Support Team.
- Update the Fire Department Five Year Operation Plan.
- Hiring and training of additional personnel for expanded service needs.
- Construction of interim training facility at Fire Station 52.
- Reduction of vehicle response times due to service coverage.
- Measure Fire Department performance in comparison with ICMA Model.



Department Performance Measures

The North Las Vegas Fire Department has outlined several points for comparison with other Fire Departments in the Southern Nevada area.

- Cost for providing service to the jurisdictional population base
- Number of firefighters providing service to population base
- Response comparisons to recognized standards

SPENDING

Point: Fire Department expenditures have kept pace with the economy over the past several years, while other area jurisdiction have seen increases. Listed below are FY 2003-2004 Budget Amounts for the four (4) Southern Nevada Fire Departments.

Clark County	\$93,000,000
Las Vegas	\$71,000,000
Henderson	\$27,000,000
North Las Vegas	\$18,000,000

Point: The cost of providing quality service is constantly on the rise. Providing quality care at a reasonable cost is the goal of any good agency. Costs per citizen are shown below.

Clark County	\$124
Las Vegas	\$136
Henderson	\$130
North Las Vegas	\$122

Note: Clark County provides volunteer services in all rural county areas except Las Vegas and Laughlin

Conclusion: The North Las Vegas Fire Department provides superior services at a lower cost per citizen than any other area fire agency.



Jannice Carr and Chris Jackson performing Fire Prevention Inspections

STAFFING

Point: Staffing patterns are based on numbers nationally or regionally recognized by organizations for the purpose of deployment. Recommendations by the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (circa. 1999) targets a 1.25 firefighter per 1000 population figure. The current estimated population figures for the area are shown below. (Clark County numbers exclude any areas covered by the three other entities.)

Clark County	750,000
Las Vegas	521,000
Henderson	207,000
North Las Vegas	147,877

Point: The North Las Vegas Fire Department currently does not meet the recommended firefighter per thousand figure. Continued growth within our jurisdictional city limits will continue to reduce this percentage. The chart at right displays current area data.

Clark County	0.96
Las Vegas	1.10
Henderson	0.96
North Las Vegas	0.75

Conclusion: The North Las Vegas Fire Department per capita firefighter ratio is the lowest in the area.



Department Performance Measures (cont.)

RESPONSE TO INCIDENTS

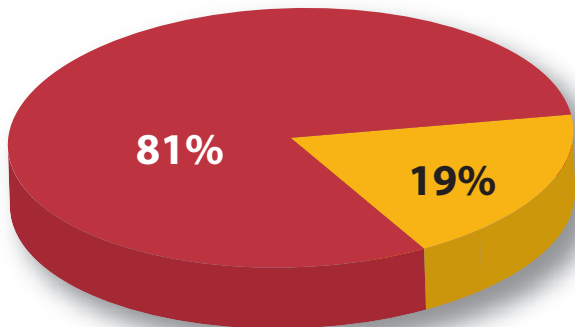
Point: Deployment of resources is a priority with any Fire Department. National benchmarks indicate a goal of an Engine Company within a 4 minute response time and/or the initial full alarm assignment within an 8 minute response goal to 90% of the incidents dispatched.

Fire Department EMS target is to provide for first responder arrival within a 4 minute response time to 90% of incidents and ALS service provided within a 8 minute response time to 90% of incidents dispatched.

It is the goal of the Fire Department to provide timely service based off of this benchmark.

Conclusion: The current level of funding authorized does not support an improvement in overall response times.

Response Times



- Under 4 Minutes
- Over 4 Minutes



Chief Stubler and Assistant Chief Johnson at the grand opening of Fire Station 56.



Frank Sanchez and Mark Soenksen meet with students at CP Squires School during Fire Prevention Week



Department Financial Trend - Fire

	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Amended Budget	2004-05 Adopted Budget	2004 vs 2005 Variance Amount	Variance Percent
Expenditures by Object					
Salaries & Wages	8,631,339	10,385,300	11,367,400	982,100	9.46
Employee Benefits	3,706,528	4,279,170	4,841,500	562,330	13.14
Supplies & Services	1,573,626	1,620,800	2,133,400	512,600	31.63
Capital Outlay	644,891	1,160,100	1,723,500	563,400	48.56
Department Total	14,556,384	17,445,370	20,065,800	2,620,430	15.02
Expenditures by Division					
Fire Administration	2,751,554	2,443,670	2,720,400	276,730	11.32
Fire Operations	11,697,670	14,838,800	17,209,400	2,370,600	15.98
Fire Prevention	5,596	0	0	0	0.00
FEMA	101,564	162,900	136,000	(26,900)	(16.51)
Department Total	14,556,384	17,445,370	20,065,800	2,620,430	15.02
Expenditures by Fund					
General	14,015,502	16,345,370	18,425,800	2,080,430	12.73
Street Maintenance	339,497	0	0	0	0.00
Fire & Emergency Services	195,789	1,100,000	1,640,000	540,000	49.09
Water/Sewer Utility	5,596	0	0	0	0.00
Department Total	14,556,384	17,445,370	20,065,800	2,620,430	15.02
Capital Projects					
Street & Maintenance	79,846	1,020,200	0	(1,020,200)	(100.00)
Total	79,846	1,020,200	0	(1,020,200)	(100.00)
Total Department Expenditures	14,636,230	18,465,570	20,065,800	1,600,230	8.67
Authorized Personnel					
General Fund					
Fire Administration	20.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Operations	108.30	127.00	127.00	0.00	0.00
FEMA	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
Total FTE's Fire	129.30	148.00	148.00	0.00	0.00

FY 2004-05 Budget Adjustments

CIP#	Fund	Div.	Request Description	F.T.E.'s	Salaries & Benefits	Supplies/ Services	Capital	Total Request
	0100	4231	Medtronics service contract			9,000		9,000
	0100	4231	Communications expense			16,500		16,500
	0100	4232	COPS Grant Radio Project				35,000	35,000
	0100	4232	FAO Operating/Capital SNACC			106,700		106,700
	0100	4232	Station project - promotions		100,100			100,100
	0100	4232	Station project - service/supplies			161,700	48,500	210,200
PS-07	0276	4232	Unit 038 Apparatus replacement				400,000	400,000
				0.00	100,100	293,900	483,500	877,500

