

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET**

- Safety is our primary concern for both the citizens and fire department personnel.
- There are no firehouses closing.
- There are no layoffs or demotions.
- Companies closed: 4 Engines and 4 Ladders
- Engine companies closed: Center City, Olde City, Richmond, and Roxborough
- Ladder companies closed: Fairmount, Olde City, Port Richmond, and Wharton (South)
- Several Fire and EMS units will be relocated.
- An additional **8 Medic Units** placed in service: Bella Vista (1), Fairmount (1), Greenwich (1), Olde City (1), Overbrook (1), Port Richmond (1), Richmond (1), Summerdale (1).
- Additional medic units decrease response times for medical runs resulting in faster service to the public, more time with each patient and improved patient care.
- The Department's service experience reflects the increased demand for Emergency Medical Services and the decreased number of fires in the City.
- Compliance with NFPA Standard 1710, the standard for the organization and deployment of career Fire Departments, will be maintained.
- Less reliance on first responder companies on medical runs means firefighters are more available to fight fires and handle other emergencies.

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### **STRATEGY**

The Philadelphia Fire Department has strategies in dealing with the cutbacks:

- To **respond to the needs of every community** in an efficient way.
- To have the workforce of the Fire Department **reflect the increased demand for Emergency Medical Services and the decreased number of fires in the City.**

### **GOALS**

- To maintain the **safety of the citizens and the firefighters** are in the forefront.
- To respond to the City's proposed budget.
- To add Medic Units to respond to the increasing demand for EMS.
- To adjust the number of Engines and Ladders to reflect the decreasing number of structure fires.
- To stay in compliance with the response time standards of **NFPA 1710, the standard for the organization and deployment of career Fire Departments.**

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### **CRITERIA FOR CLOSING FIRE COMPANIES**

The Philadelphia Fire Department considered the following factors in determining the closing of fire companies. They were as follows:

- **Geographical Location**  
Companies in outlying locations near the city limits could not be considered because of the lack of surrounding perimeter companies to assume coverage.
- **Physical Size of Local District**  
Consideration was given to the size of the local area served. Some companies have small local areas.
- **Total Workload**  
The total workload, which includes both fire activity and EMS activity, of each company was considered.
- **Abundance/Proximity of Perimeter Companies**  
Number of perimeter companies available to absorb the workload of the companies to be closed.
- **NFPA Standard 1710**  
The standard for the organization and deployment of career Fire Departments.
  - 4.1.2.1.1 The fire department shall establish the following time objectives:
    1. One minute (60 seconds) for turnout time
    2. \*Four minutes (240 seconds) or less for the arrival of the first arriving engine company at a fire suppression incident and/or 8 minutes (480 seconds) or less for the deployment of a full first alarm assignment at a fire suppression incident
    3. Four minutes (240 seconds) or less for the arrival of a unit with first responder or higher level capability at an emergency medical incident
    4. Eight minutes (480 seconds) or less for the arrival of an advanced life support unit at an emergency medical incident, where this service is provided by the fire department.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PHILADLEPHIA'S APPROXIMATELY 130 SQUARE MILES

- 2 Divisions
- 11 Battalions
- 63 Stations
- 61 Engine Companies (Includes Quint 69, Foam 18, 33, and 60)
- 29 Ladder Companies
- 2 Marine Units
- 40 Medic Units
- Specialized Units – 1 Heavy Rescue Unit, 1 Hazardous Material Unit, 3 Decon Units, 2 Grass Fire Fighting Units, 2 Air Units (one of which is also a light supply unit), 1 Field Communications Unit, 2 Mass Casualty Units, 1 trailered Water Rescue Craft (E.38A).

	<u>FY90</u>	<u>FY95</u>	<u>FY00</u>	<u>FY 03</u>	<u>%(+/-)</u>
Emergency Medical Services	108,289	133,701	176,971	195,504	+80.5%
Structure Fires	4636	3033	2440	2466	-46.8%
Extra Alarm Fires	68	39	29	13	-80.9%

### AS OF JULY 1, 2004

- 2 Divisions
- 11 Battalions
- 63 Stations
- **57 Engine Companies** (Includes Quint 69, Foam 18, 33, and 60)
- **25 Ladder Companies**
- 2 Marine Units
- **48 Medic Units, includes 8 new Advanced Life Support units**
- Specialized Units – 1 Heavy Rescue Unit, 1 Hazardous Material Unit, 3 Decon Units, 2 Grass Fire Fighting Units, 2 Air Units (one of which is also a light supply unit), 1 Field Communications Unit, 2 Mass Casualty Units, 1 trailered Water Rescue Craft (E.38A).