



Philadelphia Fire Department

FACT SHEET: FY 2022

From the Commissioner

The first two weeks of Fiscal Year 2022 began with a difficult mission for our members of Pennsylvania-Task Force 1: Conducting search-and-rescue operations at a high-rise condominium collapse in Florida. The year did not get easier.

Medic 8, which is based in Kensington, ranked as the busiest ambulance in the nation for the fourth year in a row. And we responded to an average of more than 8 structure fires per day, assisting more than 2,000 displaced residents. Tragically, one family in the Fairmount neighborhood lost 12 people in a single house fire. And our own Lt. Sean Williamson died in the line of duty in a fire-related building collapse.

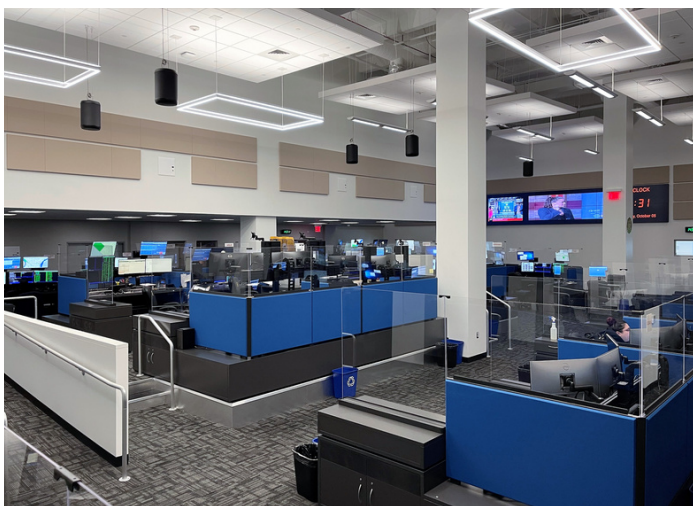


There were many bright spots. Our EMS providers offered medical care to nearly 30,000 evacuees from Afghanistan during Operation Allies Welcome. Our members rescued dozens of people and pets during record flooding caused by Hurricane Ida. Our dispatchers got a modern new workspace. We placed new fire & EMS apparatus in service and received \$3.6 million in critical grant funding.

Still, fire remains a huge problem. Despite our incredibly skilled fire/EMS personnel, despite our many outreach and prevention initiatives, despite thousands of free smoke alarm installations, and despite providing dedicated service 24x7x365, too many of our friends and neighbors are being killed, injured and/or displaced by fires. We cannot solve this problem alone; fire safety must be embraced by ALL stakeholders if we want to protect those who live, work and play in Philadelphia.

Fire is everyone's fight.

NEW: FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER



Our hard-working 911 call-takers, dispatchers and supervisors -- who long worked in the dark basement of the Fire Administration Building -- now have an airy, modern home at the new Philadelphia Public Services Building, which also houses our Police colleagues.

BY THE NUMBERS

Calls received



370,629

EMS incidents



251,501

Fire incidents



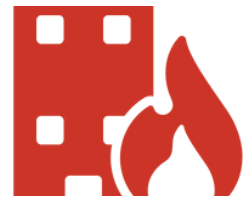
48,440

Total runs



486,025

Structure fires



3,128

Fiscal Year 2022 runs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

SPOTLIGHT ON GRANTS

Building construction

The PFD began providing a two-day course on building construction to our nearly 2,200 firefighters. This critical training -- which includes lectures, props, videos, computer simulations, and group activities -- is funded largely by a \$3 million FEMA grant.



Overdose response

The PFD received a \$265,000 grant to bolster staffing at AR-2, our innovative EMS response unit that helps overdose survivors get into treatment. The funding comes from the University of Baltimore's Center for Drug Policy and Prevention.

Smoke alarms

A FEMA grant for nearly \$377,000 will enable the PFD to buy 20,000 traditional smoke alarms and 250 adaptive smoke alarms for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Philadelphia residents can request the alarms via 311 and PFD members will install them for free.



AT A GLANCE



New Apparatus

About 20 new apparatus went into service, including 13 medic units, four ladders, two engines and one boat.



Ida Rescues

Members rescued dozens of people & pets when Hurricane Ida caused record flooding on the Schuylkill River.



Allies Welcome

The PFD played a critical role in Operation Allies Welcome, which helped Afghani evacuees arriving at Phila. Int'l Airport.



PA-TF1

PA-Task Force 1 deployed to Florida for 17 days to conduct search-and-rescue operations at a high-rise building collapse.



Station Upgrades

The new kitchen at Engine 29 was among the many renovations and repairs made at firehouses across the city.



Fire Marshal

The new FM-10 apparatus has work stations, a generator and amenities to help investigators stay safe from COVID-19.



Displacements

Our Community Action Teams provided support to more than 2,000 people displaced by residential fires.



OEM

The City's Office of Emergency Management is no longer part of the PFD but remains one of our key public safety partners.



FAB Remodel

New at the Fire Administration Building: Refreshed workspace for the first time in 20 years, plus a new HVAC system.