

Fire

Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget

Description

The Danville Fire Department is a full-service professional fire department that is Internationally Accredited with the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) and holds a public protection class 1 rating from the Insurance Services Office. Our mission is to protect life, property and the environment to promote the entire community's health, safety, and well-being. The Danville Fire Department is comprised of 11 administrative and support personnel and 114 fire suppression personnel which are assigned to one of seven stations, staffed 24/7, strategically located throughout the City's 44 square miles. The department has become an All-Hazards response department providing a rapid response to all types of fire, rescue, and medical emergencies. Additionally, the department offers a wide variety of Community Risk Reductions programs, code enforcement, fire investigations, and supports three special operations teams: a State Hazardous Materials Response Team, a State Swift Water Rescue Team, and a Regional Technical Rescue Team.

Revenues/Expenditures

	ACTUAL		ADOPTED BUDGET		ADOPTED BUDGET
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues					
Licenses, Permits, Privilege Fee	\$6,960	\$23,360	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$30,000
Fines/Forfeiture	—	—	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Charges for Services	\$974	\$1,110	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$7,061	—	—	—	\$0
Recovered Cost	\$18,180	\$52,444	—	—	\$0
Categorical Aid State	\$75,362	\$150,412	\$77,000	\$77,000	\$0
REVENUES TOTAL	\$108,536	\$227,326	\$99,500	\$129,500	\$30,000
Expenses					
Personnel Services	\$7,684,866	\$8,589,786	\$8,885,961	\$9,206,640	\$320,679
Employee Benefits	\$977,313	\$1,017,011	\$1,204,650	\$1,286,300	\$81,650
Purchased Services	\$440,261	\$660,371	\$697,134	\$777,950	\$80,816
Internal Service	\$443,702	\$477,534	\$527,830	\$538,680	\$10,850
Other Operating Expense	\$435,935	\$523,204	\$588,163	\$633,280	\$45,117
Capital Expenses	\$117,284	\$201,012	\$229,777	\$204,270	(\$25,507)
Labor Expense Cross	\$59	\$2,240	—	—	\$0
Reimbursement	(\$2,422)	—	—	—	\$0
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$10,096,998	\$11,471,159	\$12,133,515	\$12,647,120	\$513,605
Net Cost to City	\$9,988,461	\$11,243,833	\$12,034,015	\$12,517,620	—

Personnel

Position Title	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
FTEs				
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	1	1	1	1
ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL	2	1	1	2
BATTALION CHIEF	3	3	3	3
COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION SPEC/EDUCATOR	0	1	1	1
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	2	2	2	2
DIV CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL	1	1	1	1
DIV CHIEF TRAINING & SAFETY	1	1	1	1
FIRE CAPTAIN	21	21	22	24
FIRE CHIEF	1	1	1	1
FIRE LIET/ASST TRAINING OFFICER	6	6	5	0
FIRE LIEUTENANT	0	0	0	3
FIRE LOGISTICS OFFICER	1	1	1	1
FIRE SUPPORT ADMINSTRATOR	1	1	1	1
FIRE SUPPORT ANALYST	0	0	0	0
FIREFIGHTER	60	60	60	60
FIREFIGHTER/ENGINEER	24	24	24	24
SENIOR SECRETARY	1	1	1	1
FTEs	125	125	125	126

Goals

The primary goal is to provide a safe community for the citizens of Danville. We will continue to look at ways to make the services we provide better.

Fire Training Center

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Description

The Danville and Pittsylvania County Regional Fire Training Center is located at 658 Stinson Drive, Danville, Virginia. The center meets the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1403 standard and as well as the Virginia Department of Fire Program's standards of conducting live fire training evolutions. In addition to conducting live fire training, this facility is capable of offering a myriad of other fire and rescue training opportunities. The center is utilized for training the 121 uniformed personnel of the Danville Fire Department and the more than 680 members of the 21 volunteer fire departments located throughout Pittsylvania County. The facility has hosted regional fire training schools, certification training, and has been used by Danville Utilities, Progress Energy, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and other local industries. The Danville Fire Department manages and serves as fiduciary as the City and County share the operational cost equally.

Revenues/Expenditures

	ACTUAL		ADOPTED BUDGET		ADOPTED BUDGET
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues					
Recovered Cost	\$7,769	\$11,941	\$9,500	\$19,000	\$9,500
REVENUES TOTAL	\$7,769	\$11,941	\$9,500	\$19,000	\$9,500
Expenses					
Purchased Services	\$12,135	\$13,433	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Internal Service	\$3,632	\$3,359	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$1,000
Other Operating Expense	\$1,023	\$1,096	\$1,200	\$1,000	(\$200)
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$16,790	\$17,888	\$19,200	\$20,000	\$800
Net Cost to City	\$9,020	\$5,947	\$9,700	\$1,000	—

Emergency Management

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Description

Emergency Management is a division of the Danville Fire Department and provides interagency coordination, communication, and support at emergency incidents, as well as special events. The department manages the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), mobile EOC and works with local, state, federal and nongovernmental agencies to provide resources and expertise in four major areas: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

Revenues/Expenditures

	ACTUAL		ADOPTED BUDGET		Increase/ (Decrease)
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	
Expenses					
Purchased Services	\$20,776	\$57,581	\$26,859	\$89,440	\$62,581
Internal Service	\$19,392	\$18,988	\$19,360	\$30,120	\$10,760
Other Operating Expense	\$18,426	\$22,295	\$31,625	\$33,300	\$1,675
Capital Expenses	\$1,215	\$4,435	\$8,000	\$6,500	(\$1,500)
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$59,810	\$103,299	\$85,844	\$159,360	\$73,516
Net Cost to City	\$59,810	\$103,299	\$85,844	\$159,360	—

Personnel

Emergency Management is supported by personnel from both the Danville Fire Department and the Police Department. Both departments contribute to the City's programs and goals.

Accomplishments

Emergency Management has worked with the Danville School System to upgrade the generator at Bonner Middle School. The generator will help to support the emergency shelter that was put in place in 2022 by providing backup power during power failures. We also updated our mobile command unit. The updated unit will help both Fire and Police by serving as a mobile communications center for large events and support the public safety function for extended periods.

Emergency Communications E-911

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Description

The Emergency Communications Center is the main Public Safety Answering Point for the City of Danville. The ECC provides staffing 24 hours a day and is responsible for answering all 9-1-1 emergency calls for police, fire, and ambulance services as well as answering non-emergency calls and directing the caller to the appropriate agency. Our telecommunicators work 12-hour shifts from either 7am-7pm or 7pm-7am, including weekends and holidays. Our telecommunicators receive national certifications to be the first point of contact for those calling 9-1-1 and to identify and dispatch the appropriate emergency resource, provide support to responders, and give pre-arrival life saving instructions to their callers before emergency personnel arrive. Our ECC is using Next Generation 9-1-1 technology which allows us to receive text to 9-1-1, allows us to receive pictures and videos, and allows us the ability to obtain a more accurate locations of our callers.

Revenues/Expenditures

ACTUAL		ADOPTED BUDGET		ADOPTED BUDGET	
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues					
Recovered Cost	\$66,361	\$68,705	\$0	\$0	\$0
Categorical Aid State	\$288,315	\$298,955	\$294,000	\$294,000	\$0
REVENUES TOTAL	\$354,676	\$367,661	\$294,000	\$294,000	\$0
Expenses					
Personnel Services	\$956,594	\$1,188,455	\$1,294,376	\$1,364,180	\$69,804
Employee Benefits	\$101,533	\$128,739	\$147,600	\$164,060	\$16,460
Purchased Services	\$125,538	\$155,917	\$162,379	\$184,430	\$22,051
Internal Service	\$11,404	\$12,908	\$21,400	\$23,100	\$1,700
Other Operating Expense	\$132,251	\$117,194	\$161,094	\$130,440	(\$30,654)
Capital Expenses	\$33,961	\$7,465	\$24,000	\$37,450	\$13,450
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$1,361,282	\$1,610,678	\$1,810,849	\$1,903,660	\$92,811
Net Cost to City	\$1,006,606	\$1,243,018	\$1,516,849	\$1,609,660	-

Personnel

Position Title	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
FTEs				
911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATNS MGR	1	1	1	1
ECC TELECOMMUNICATOR I	16.25	12.25	9	0
ECC TELECOMMUNICATOR II	1	5	7	10
ECC TELECOMMUNICATOR I	0	0	0	6
EM COMMUNICATIONS TLCMNTR SPR	4	4	4	4
FTEs	22.25	22.25	21	21

Accomplishments

Over the past year the 911 center processed 47,181 emergency calls, and 92,858 incoming and outgoing non-emergency calls.

Goals

The Emergency Communications Center is in the planning stages of adding additional workstations to the center along with additional personnel. We are also in the early planning stages to become a national accredited 9-1-1 center.
