



FIRE

The Westminster Fire Department’s mission is to protect the community from fire damage and loss; preserve and enhance the health of residents; promote, regulate and enforce a safe and sustainable living environment for residents and businesses; respond to and mitigate all identified hazards to minimize risk to the community; respond to calls from residents; and engage residents and businesses as partners for community safety.

OVERVIEW

- Operates six fire stations located throughout the City to quickly respond to fires, emergency medical calls, and other 911 calls for service.
- Operates and staffs five fire engines, two ladder trucks, and specialty apparatus as needed.
- Operates five full-time ambulances that are equipped to provide advanced life support.
- Supports special teams within the Department and cooperative regional teams to respond to water rescue/recovery, hazardous materials incidents, technical/heavy rescue, wild land fires, and other emergency response requiring highly specialized training.
- Prepares for and responds to large scale emergencies in the City and region.
- Operates a full-service fire prevention bureau including plan review, fire code enforcement, business inspections, fire investigations, juvenile fire setter intervention, and fire and life safety public education.
- Supports community events and services such as fire station tours, child car seat safety checks, home safety inspections, youth and senior educational safety programs, citizen academies, community events, and charity work/fundraising.

2017 Objectives:

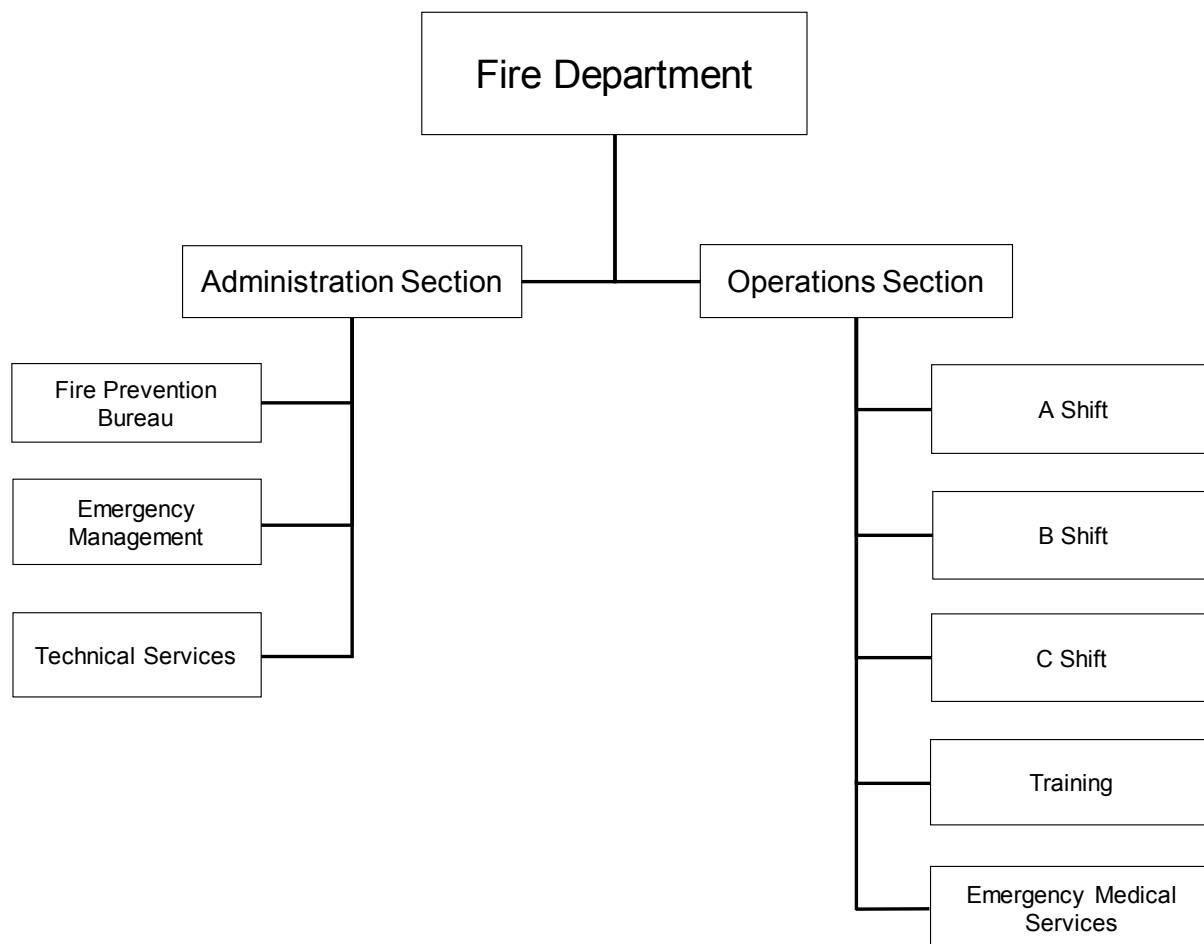
- Hire new 3.0 FTE firefighters to help staff the “5th Medic Unit” rather than using overtime to keep this unit in service 24/7.
- Continue expansion of automatic aid with neighboring fire departments; formalize additional intergovernmental agreements and operating guidelines with Adams County Fire and others
- Seek grant funding and implementation for a computer aided dispatch system that allows different jurisdictional dispatch centers to link in real time.
- Work with the new vendor conducting firefighter recruit testing to identify demographic parameters for future recruitments.
- Host the Colorado FireWomen’s annual conference.

2018 Objectives:

- Analyze data from participation in “Colorado Connect” pilot that utilizes mobile integrated health care delivery for a target population to reduce hospital visits and health care costs.
- Establish a new relationship for a regionalized firefighter recruitment process. This will be accomplished as a proactive regional collaboration.
- Continue to recruit, fund, and promote quality paramedics to maintain the high level of paramedic and advanced life support services.

Total Budget by Category

	2015	2016	2016	2017	2018
	Actual	Amended	Estimated	Adopted	Adopted
Personnel	\$11,224,333	\$11,987,210	\$11,923,954	\$12,299,752	\$12,279,541
Contractual	\$1,316,294	\$1,407,741	\$1,429,408	\$1,526,510	\$1,564,624
Commodities	\$182,905	\$203,739	\$204,239	\$212,124	\$218,039
Capital Outlay	\$114,664	\$133,735	\$136,810	\$132,219	\$88,720
TOTAL	\$12,838,196	\$13,732,425	\$13,694,411	\$14,170,605	\$14,150,924



Staffing (Full-Time Equivalent Employees)

	2016	2017	2018
	Authorized	Authorized	Authorized
Emergency Services	129.50	132.50	132.50
Fire Prevention	6.80	7.00	7.00
TOTAL	136.30	139.50	139.50

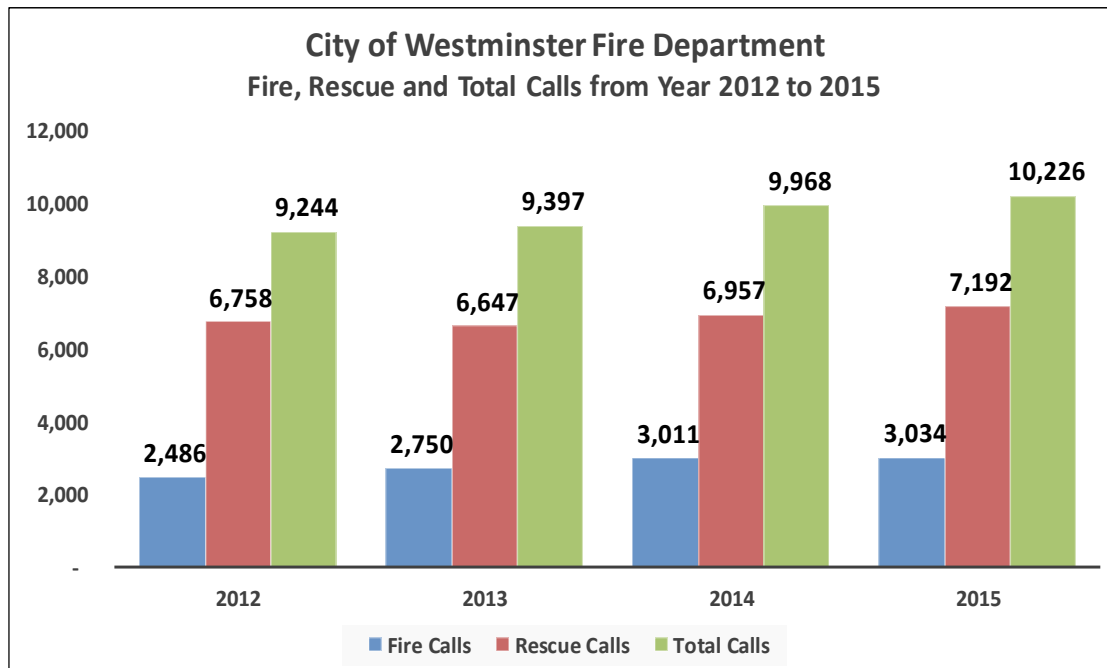


Quick Fact: The fire Department responded to 736 emergency calls to assisted living, nursing home, and hospice facilities in 2015. 86% of these calls were emergency medical calls. These calls account for 7% of the total volume of call responses in 2015 and are trending similarly in 2016.



2015/2016 Achievements:

- Purchased firefighters a second set of bunker gear as the proper backup gear needed to decrease the risk of exposure to carcinogens that adhere to their personal protective equipment after fires and hazardous material type incidents.
- Purchased two Velocity chassis “Pierce Ultimate Configuration” fire engines. The efforts of several Westminster employees on a Joint Purchasing Consortium for the “North Area” Fire Departments resulted in the significant savings, and successful execution of this purchase agreement and promotion of proactive regional collaboration.
- Completed the ninth and tenth the Citizens Fire Academy, which offers hands-on experience in understanding the technical aspects in delivering fire/EMS services.
- Swore in five new firefighters were sworn in November 2015, helping to maintain excellence in City services.
- In fall 2016, WFD will receive external funding to implement an integrated community health care pilot program (Colorado Connect) designed to link residents with community health resources. Residents will not only receive help with primary care, but receive assistance with food, clothing, transportation, and other health resources.
- Instituted an ambulance refurbishment program that saves the City approximately \$34,000 per vehicle.
- Implemented a tiered response system that improves the deployment of fire apparatus and medic units to 9-1-1 calls and improves availability of resources improving on the excellence of City Services.
- Continued to expand and formalize Automatic Aid with neighboring fire jurisdictions continuing proactive regional collaboration; signed formal intergovernmental agreement with Thornton.
- Obtained a grant that purchased ballistic vests and helmets on all fire apparatus; worked collaboratively with regional fire and police jurisdictions to formalize standardized operating procedures for “active shooter” type incidents.



Performance Measure Snapshot...

In 2015, Westminster Fire Department continued to see an increase in emergency calls. In just four years, WFD has increased responses by nearly 11% from 9,267 calls in 2012 to 10,226 calls in 2015.



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