



San Francisco Fire Department Fiscal Year 2009 Budget



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SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR 2009

MISSION

The mission of the Fire Department is to protect the lives and property of the people of San Francisco from fires, natural disasters, and hazardous materials incidents; to save lives by providing emergency medical services; to prevent fires through education and prevention programs; and to provide a work environment that values health, wellness and cultural diversity and is free of harassment and discrimination

DIVISIONS

The Fire Department has six divisions in its operating budget: Administration, Fire Investigation, Operations, Fire Prevention, Support Services, and Training. The NERT program has received its own funding beginning in this fiscal year. The Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWSS) positions and capital monies are budgeted together as in an annual project. The annual project budget also has allocations for human resources testing and uniform and personal protective equipment purchasing. The Department has two divisions and one fire station funded by other sources: the Airport Division, supported by Airport funding, the Fireboat, supported by the Port of San Francisco, and the Treasure Island Station, funded in part by the Treasure Island Development Authority.

BUDGET PROCESS

The budget for the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) is created and approved by the Chief of the Department and staff, reviewed and approved by the Fire Commission, and forwarded to the Mayor's Office for review and adjustments. On June 1, the Mayor forwards the proposed budget to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for its review and approval.

In November 2005, San Francisco voters passed Proposition F, which requires the City to maintain and operate neighborhood firehouses and emergency apparatus at the same location and to the same extent as existed on January 1, 2004.

GUIDELINES FOR USING THIS DOCUMENT

This document contains a variety of budget information. This book contains summary tables on Departmental revenues and expenses followed by detailed revenue line item explanations. After the revenue section, the document has detailed descriptions of each division's expenses, positions, and line item explanations. The summary tables show the breakdown between the operating budget, annually appropriated projects, and continuing projects. It also shows the funding source, General Fund or Non General Fund (Airport and Port respectively).

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