



Annual Report 2014

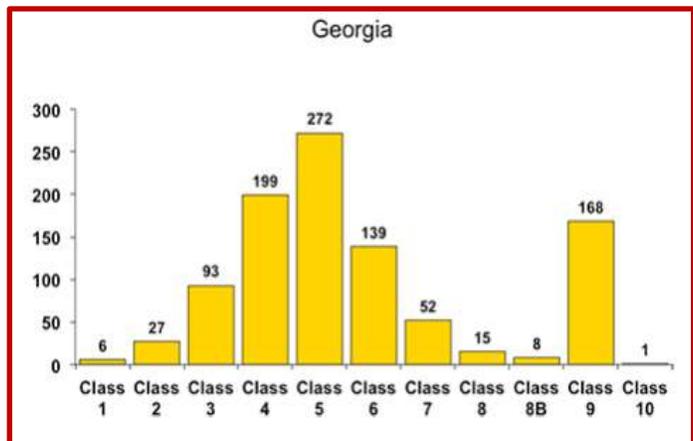
Roy Acree, Fire Chief
Brian Marcos, Deputy Fire Chief

Smyrna Fire Department presents this 2014 Annual Report to the Administration and Citizens of Smyrna, Georgia. 2014 was a transitional year for Smyrna Fire Department as we welcomed a new Fire Chief and saw a number of long time employees retire.

In 2014 Smyrna Fire Department experienced call volume at or above historical highs, responding to a total of 5,418 incidents. SFD firefighters are responding to more calls for service and devoting more hours to training than ever before. Whatever emergency that may arise, Smyrna Fire Department has a trained and competent staff available to respond to the needs of the community.

The City of Smyrna Fire Department is an Insurance Services Office (ISO) rated Class 2 “all hazards” response agency that responds to all types of emergency medical calls and fire incidents. ISO is an insurance industry risk advisory body which helps insurance carriers set appropriate premiums.

The Class 2 rating is the second highest available ISO rating and may reflect favorable premiums for Citizens and Businesses of the City, The City of Smyrna Fire Department is one of only 27 Class 2 agencies within the State of Georgia.



Smyrna Fire Department operates using a divisional management structure consisting of an Administrative/Operations Division, Bureau of Fire Prevention Division, Training Division, and an Emergency Management Division.

Operations

The most visible part of the organization are our Line Operations personnel reporting through our Operations Division. These are the Firefighters staffing the fire apparatus and rescue units who respond to requests for service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Line Operations personnel are divided into three shifts to ensure round-the-clock service to the community. Firefighters work a 24 hour shift which starts at 7:00AM with crews fully checking their equipment and vehicles to ensure readiness.

2014 Operational Highlights

- 69 Personnel across 3 shifts
- 5,418 calls for service
- 2,967 calls for EMS
- 151 fire calls
- 2300 all other
- Average response time 3.31 minutes

In addition to responding to emergency calls, Firefighters daily duties can include:

- Public education activities
- Training in fire and medical skills
- Apparatus and equipment maintenance
- Physical fitness training
- And a variety of other activities

Bureau of Fire Prevention

The Bureau of Fire Prevention focuses on life safety. The primary objective is to reduce preventable deaths and injuries and property loss through extensive public education programs, fire inspections of commercial properties, and through enforcement of adopted fire codes.

The Bureau has a dedicated staff charged with:

- Administration of the International Fire Code
- Installation of life safety systems in buildings
- Carrying out fire and life safety education initiatives
- Identifying the causes of all fires, whether they are accidental or intentional.

2014 BOFP Inspection Activity

• Plan Reviews	277
• New Construction Inspections	334
• Special Permits	12
• Existing Business Inspections	210
• Business Re-inspections	165
• Business License Inspections	210
• License Re-inspections	72
• Community Consultations	26
• C.O's	159
• Fire Investigations	19

Training Division

The Training Division provides a comprehensive training and development program that enhances the abilities of firefighters in order to improve department operations and service delivery. The Training Division supports this commitment by administering continuing education and training that contribute to organizational and individual development striving for continuous improvements in individual and team skills, knowledge, and ability preparing fighters for a wide variety of Fire Rescue missions.

2014 Training Division Highlights

- 12,991 hours of Company Training
- 7,427 hours of professional development training
- SFD hired and trained 10 Firefighter Trainees in 2014

Training objectives include:

- Support employee training and professional development at all levels of the organization and in all subject areas to enhance knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- Maintain training records consistent with industry standards.
- Administer the new employee orientation program.
- Support Fire and EMS certification/recertification process as required.

Emergency Management

The mission of the Emergency Management Division is to develop plans and procedures that provide an efficient and effective response to the threats facing the City of Smyrna. By developing and exercising our all-hazards plans, we strive to minimize the impacts of an emergency or disaster on our citizens, visitors, property, the environment, and the City's economy. The Emergency Management Division has various Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and agreements in place to strengthen our response capabilities and continues to develop additional agreements that enhance our working relationships with Local, Federal, and State partners that will enhance abilities to respond to disasters.

2014 Emergency Management Highlights

- Smyrna was recognized with the "John D. Solomon" Whole Community Preparedness Award.
- Partnered with; Red Cross, Habitat For Humanity, Home Depot, The Weather Channel, National Weather Service, FEMA and GEMA.
- Joint EMA (community wide tornado) drill with Emory Adventist Hospital in conjunction with America's PrepareAthon.