

History of Arlington Fire and EMS



History

Department founded in 1905

Ambulance began in the 1951

Cascade Valley Hospital assumed ambulance service in 1977

First Paramedics in 1982

May of 1999, the City assumed operation of EMS Consortium.

City annexed Smokey Point 1999

- Arlington Fire takes over service 2009

Current Apparatus & Personnel

Daily AFD Staffing:

- 2 Captains
- 2-3 FF/Paramedics
- 2-3 FF/EMTs
- 3 Volunteer FF/EMTs

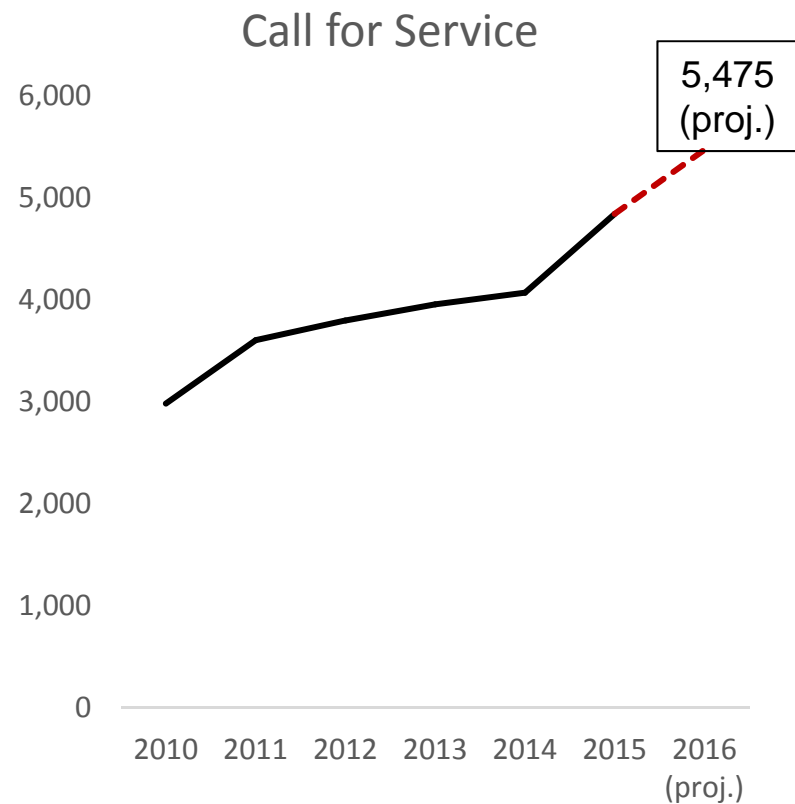
Total: 10 per day

3 Stations/Response Areas:

- Firehouse 46
 - Engine & Medic Unit
- Station 47
 - Aid Car (BLS)
- Station 48
 - Jump crew: Ladder truck & medic unit

Analysis – Calls for Service

Year	Calls	Increase
2010	2,985	21.1%
2011	3,606	20.8%
2012	3,800	5.3%
2013	3,958	4.1%
2014	4,072	2.8%
2015	4,846	19.0%
2016 (proj.)	5,475	12.9%



2016 Calls (through September):

88 % EMS Calls

12 % Fire Calls

Contract Agencies

District	Term
Arlington Rural – ALS, BLS, & Fire (District 21)	Contract End Date: 12/31/2017
Silvana – ALS (District 19)	On-Going Contract <i>*6 Month out Clause</i>
Darrington – ALS (District 24)	Contract End Date: 12/31/2017 <i>*6 Month out Clause</i>
Oso – ALS, BLS (District 25)	Contract End Date: 12/31/2017 <i>*6 Month out Clause</i>

ESCI Study

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Commissioned in 2013 to explore opportunities in the provision of fire service

15 agencies invited to participate; 7 actually did

Purpose of study:

- Assess current fiscal, service levels and infrastructure conditions of agencies; recommend improvements
- Identify partnership opportunities to increase efficiency or eliminate duplications
- Analyze the most feasible integration options, recommending those with the greatest opportunity for success

ESCI Study - Key findings

“AFD, District 19, District 21 form a Regional Fire Authority is feasible. If pursued incrementally, it should start with shared management services. An agreement would result in eliminated duplication and increased efficiency at the administration level. Some cost savings can be realized, though such savings are limited.”

- In 2013, Fire Districts 19 and 21 decided they did not want to pursue a Regional Fire Authority
- Lack of pursuit did not have significant financial impacts

2015 Sustainability Committee

Sustainability Committee

Committee Members

- Councilmembers
- City Management
- Fire Management
- Union Representatives
- Police Management
- Career Fire Personnel
- Volunteer Fire Personnel

Charged with 3 tasks:

- Explore current service & funding mechanisms
- Analyze acceptable levels of service both by those providing the service and those receiving the service
- Make recommendations for the program that are sustainable, specific, and actionable

Sustainability Committee Recommendations

Explore increased Cooperative Opportunities with Marysville Fire District

Third party evaluation of service levels and associated costs

Conduct internal cost benefit analysis of Volunteer Firefighter Program

Develop & Implement Community Awareness Campaign