2024 Proposed Budget: Fire

The Saint Paul Fire Department protects the people of Saint Paul with public education, fire suppression, rescue, and emergency medical services. We partner with the community to mitigate risks and respond to all calls for service with skill, dedication, and compassion.

- Operations: manages fire suppression, hazardous materials response, special operations, public information, fire investigations, and equipment services.
- Personnel: manages human resources, training, and health and wellness.
- EMS: manages all emergency medical services, CARES program, and BLS.
- Administration: manages all administrative services, including budget and accounting, information services, and facility management.

Learn More: stpaul.gov/departments/fire-emergency-medical-services

Department Facts

Total General Fund Budget: \$76,165,619 **Total Special Fund Budget:** \$9,427,243 **Total FTEs:** 514.00

- 2022 total emergency responses: 60,265 (Fire 13,982 and EMS 46,770)
- 2022 total dollar loss (due to fire) \$10,973,065
- 2022 total dollar loss (due to arson) \$3,951,773
- 2022 total property amount saved in excess of \$769,658,948
- 41 cases charged due to fires in 2022
- 1.082 structure fires in 2022
- The 2023 budget includes 443 sworn officers.

Department Goals

- Provide all hazards response to fire, rescue, EMS, and hazardous materials incidents.
- Prevent fires especially home fires through public education and outreach efforts.
- Close service gaps through infrastructure improvements and deployment changes.
- Identify and eliminate racial inequities in services, policies, and workforce composition.

Recent Accomplishments

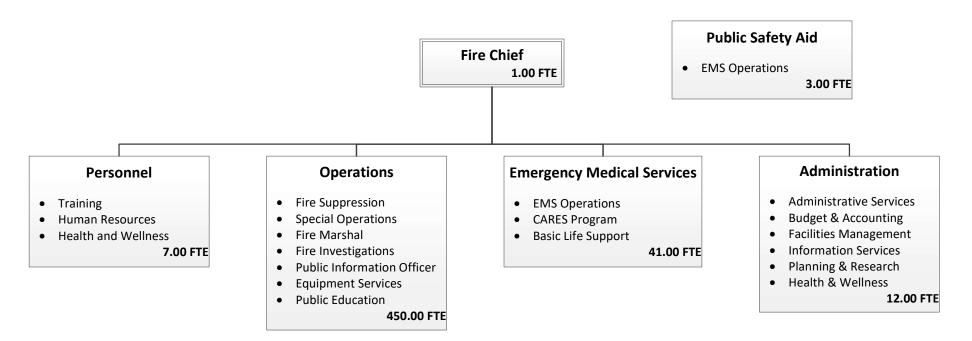
- Responded to 60,265 calls for service in 2022, a 5% increase over last year and a 29% increase over five years.
- Conducted first fire academy of 2023 and successfully hired 16 firefighters.
- Expanded our hiring process to include a promotional and internal process further expanding our pathway opportunities and bringing the total number of firefighters who have come through our pathway programs to 40.
- Purchased electric fire engine.
- Applied for, received, and accepted the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for \$1.055 million to purchase turnout gear and provide health screenings and paramedic training for firefighters.

- Applied for, received, and accepted the 2021 Fire Prevention Grant for \$92,858 for the Project Safe Haven program.
- Completed the first ever all-female EMS Academy in partnership with Ramsey County.
- Successfully expanded the BLS Division with the hiring of six additional EMTs.
- Moving forward with the process to build a new Fire Station 7.
- Continuing to work on the repairs and improvements to return Station 51 to operational use.
- Received \$460K in American Rescue Plan funding for firefighter recruitment, testing, and hiring process.



Fire Department

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2024 Proposed Budget FIRE

Fiscal Summary

	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2023 Adopted Budget	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year	FY 2023 Adopted Budget FTE	FY 2024 Proposed Budget FTE
Spending							
100: CITY GENERAL FUND	71,439,284	70,657,038	74,512,162	76,165,619	1,653,457	486.73	494.00
200: CITY GRANTS	1,404,077	1,016,339	2,724,204	1,763,892	-960,312	0.27	0.00
222: FIRE RESPONSIVE SERVICES	2,184,111	3,274,568	3,281,354	3,310,881	29,527	1.00	1.00
722: EQUIPMENT SERVICE FIRE POLICE	3,747,202	4,210,364	4,279,604	4,352,470	72,866	16.00	16.00
Total	78,774,673	79,158,309	84,797,324	85,592,862	795,538	504.00	511.00
Financing							
100: CITY GENERAL FUND	17,610,336	18,851,607	19,723,457	20,051,745	328,288		
200: CITY GRANTS	1,471,773	1,016,339	2,724,204	1,763,892	-960,312		
222: FIRE RESPONSIVE SERVICES	2,453,420	3,274,567	3,281,354	3,310,884	29,530		
722: EQUIPMENT SERVICE FIRE POLICE	3,454,278	4,210,365	4,279,604	4,352,470	72,866		
Total	24,989,808	27,352,878	30,008,619	29,478,991	-529,628		

Budget Changes Summary

The Fire Department's 2024 proposed General Fund budget includes the addition of 4 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to bolster the City's Emergency Medical Service (EMS) delivery. The budget also includes: a \$100,000 investment in a peak staffing pilot program which will allow the department to explore the impact of having more firefighters available when run volumes are highest, an increase in the EMS billing services budget, as well as an increase in the utilities budget. In addition, there were 3 EMT positions added with dollars previously budgeted as professional services. This was a cost-neutral adjustment. Fire Department revenues are also expected to grow based on increased EMS services and other inflationary factors. The 2024 budget contains a net increase in other current service level adjustments, including salary and benefit costs.

Special Fund changes include current service level adjustments for salaries and benefits, central services cost adjustments, and revenue adjustments.

Public Safety Aid and Opioid Settlement: The Fire Department budget is supplemented in the 2024 proposed budget by investments made from Public Safety Aid and the Opioid Settlement. The budget on this page does not reflect these investments. Please see the General Government Accounts section for additional information.

Fire Spending Reports

Department: FIRE

Fund: CITY GENERAL FUND Budget Year: 2024

	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2023 Adopted Budget	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
Spending by Major Account		Duage	Daagot	Duaget	1 601
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	65,626,852	64,765,806	68,723,863	70,420,314	1,696,451
SERVICES	3,063,162	3,190,334	3,016,152	2,878,827	-137,325
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	2,654,829	2,549,240	2,621,163	2,716,536	95,373
ADDITIONAL EXPENSES	3,825	25,000	25,000	25,000	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY	29,285	56,197	56,197	56,197	0
DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER FINANCING USES	61,331	70,461	69,787	68,745	-1,042
Total Spending by Major Account	71,439,284	70,657,038	74,512,162	76,165,619	1,653,457
Spending by Accounting Unit					
10022100 - FIRE ADMINISTRATION	1,539,668	1,731,911	1,680,212	1,636,808	-43,404
10022105 - FIRE EXECUTIVE SERVICES	45,516	29,170	29,170	29,170	0
10022110 - FIRE HEALTH AND SAFETY	149,630	217,297	217,297	217,297	0
10022115 - FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE	1,351,906	1,331,001	1,398,383	1,456,363	57,980
10022120 - FIREFIGHTER CLOTHING	319,952	335,331	344,725	369,050	24,325
10022200 - FIRE PLANS AND TRAINING	651,984	663,801	695,341	703,108	7,767
10022205 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FIRE	2,049,259	1,650,835	1,758,652	1,746,215	-12,437
10022210 - FIRE FIGHTING AND PARAMEDICS	63,971,719	62,754,580	66,135,824	66,985,229	849,405
10022215 - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE	83,726	94,460	0	0	0
10022220 - BLS	1,016,133	1,466,459	1,942,488	2,296,261	353,773
10022235 - CARES PROGRAM	0	0	0	400,616	400,616
10022300 - FIRE PREVENTION	259,791	382,193	310,070	325,502	15,432
Total Spending by Accounting Unit	71,439,284	70,657,038	74,512,162	76,165,619	1,653,457

Department: FIRE

Fund: CITY GRANTS Budget Year: 2024

	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2023 Adopted Budget	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
Spending by Major Account		244900	244900	200301	
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	759,065	527,711	432,273	325,036	-107,237
SERVICES	163,102	391,262	1,660,935	1,171,176	-489,759
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	216,921	47,366	457,009	93,693	-363,316
CAPITAL OUTLAY	264,989	50,000	173,987	173,987	0
Total Spending by Major Account	1,404,077	1,016,339	2,724,204	1,763,892	-960,312
Spending by Accounting Unit					
20022800 - ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER	112,497	385,372	1,396,168	1,163,892	-232,276
20022810 - SAFER STAFF ADEQ FIRE EM RESP	618,157	253,370	90,088	0	-90,088
20022815 - HAZ MAT - ERT	172,300	118,193	254,653	250,000	-4,653
20022890 - HOMELAND SECURITY FIRE	29,372	59,042	0	0	0
20022900 - FIRE DEPARTMENT PRIVATE GRANTS	0	0	578,814	0	-578,814
20022950 - MBFTE	471,752	200,362	404,481	350,000	-54,481
Total Spending by Accounting Unit	1,404,077	1,016,339	2,724,204	1,763,892	-960,312

Department: FIRE

Fund: FIRE RESPONSIVE SERVICES Budget Year: 2024

	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2023 Adopted Budget	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
Spending by Major Account		244900		244901	
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	218,294	407,882	415,217	446,023	30,806
SERVICES	251,166	275,779	270,676	269,526	-1,150
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	40,100	206,669	211,272	211,272	0
ADDITIONAL EXPENSES	683,042	1,083,000	1,083,000	1,083,000	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY	990,469	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	0
DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER FINANCING USES	1,040	1,238	1,189	1,060	-129
Total Spending by Major Account	2,184,111	3,274,568	3,281,354	3,310,881	29,527
Spending by Accounting Unit					
22222130 - FIRE BADGE AND EMBLEM	1,961	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
22222140 - FIRE TRAINING	0	23,200	23,200	23,200	0
22222145 - EMS ACADEMY	0	201,706	203,830	199,881	-3,949
22222150 - BLS TRANSPORTS	330,761	457,867	463,078	497,833	34,755
22222155 - FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT	1,168,347	1,486,795	1,486,246	1,484,967	-1,279
22222160 - PARAMEDIC FEDERAL REIMBURSE	683,042	1,083,000	1,083,000	1,083,000	0
22222305 - FIRE RISK WATCH	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
Total Spending by Accounting Unit	2,184,111	3,274,568	3,281,354	3,310,881	29,527

Department: FIRE

Fund: EQUIPMENT SERVICE FIRE POLICE Budget Year: 2024

	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2023 Adopted Budget	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
Spending by Major Account		244900		244301	
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	1,488,864	1,695,802	1,765,126	1,837,068	71,942
SERVICES	294,124	223,104	216,053	216,910	857
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	1,896,092	2,223,779	2,230,923	2,230,923	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY	33,834	37,556	37,556	37,556	0
DEBT SERVICE	5,459	0	0	0	0
OTHER FINANCING USES	28,829	30,123	29,946	30,013	67
Total Spending by Major Account	3,747,202	4,210,364	4,279,604	4,352,470	72,866
Spending by Accounting Unit					
72222160 - FIRE POLICE VEHICLE MAINT	3,747,202	4,210,364	4,279,604	4,352,470	72,866
Total Spending by Accounting Unit	3,747,202	4,210,364	4,279,604	4,352,470	72,866

Fire Financing Reports

CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing Plan by Department

Department: FIRE

Fund: CITY GENERAL FUND Budget Year: 2024

	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2023 Adopted Budget	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
Financing by Major Account		Duagot	Daagot	Dauget	1 601
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	1,548,525.39	1,283,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	15,727,866.23	17,556,607	18,211,457	18,460,016	248,559
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	332,144.86	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,800	8,000	8,000	87,729	79,729
Total Financing by Major Account	17,610,336	18,851,607	19,723,457	20,051,745	328,288
Financing by Accounting Unit					
10022100 - FIRE ADMINISTRATION	17,991.19	11,500	11,500	29,000	17,500
10022110 - FIRE HEALTH AND SAFETY	2,024.33	0	0	0	0
10022115 - FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE	7,389.78	0	0	0	0
10022200 - FIRE PLANS AND TRAINING	6,695	0	0	0	0
10022205 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FIRE	14,723,432.86	16,115,377	16,332,377	16,332,377	0
10022210 - FIRE FIGHTING AND PARAMEDICS	1,276,521.19	646,447	646,447	871,729	225,282
10022215 - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE	104,470.93	135,000	0	0	0
10022220 - BLS	1,453,225.44	1,582,800	1,986,320	2,072,309	85,989
10022225 - ALS INTERFACILITY TRANSPORTS	16,031.18	350,000	350,000	350,000	0
10022230 - EMS SERVICES	0	0	386,330	386,330	0
10022300 - FIRE PREVENTION	2,554.58	10,483	10,483	10,000	-483
Total Financing by Accounting Unit	17,610,336	18,851,607	19,723,457	20,051,745	328,288

Department: FIRE

Fund: CITY GRANTS Budget Year: 2024

	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2023 Adopted Budget	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
Financing by Major Account					
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	1,000,021.4	697,784	1,486,256	1,163,892	-322,364
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	471,751.89	318,555	1,237,948	600,000	-637,948
Total Financing by Major Account	1,471,773	1,016,339	2,724,204	1,763,892	-960,312
Financing by Accounting Unit					
20022800 - ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER	198,284.88	385,372	1,396,168	1,163,892	-232,276
20022810 - SAFER STAFF ADEQ FIRE EM RESP	618,169.9	253,370	90,088	0	-90,088
20022815 - HAZ MAT - ERT	169,366.62	118,193	254,654	250,000	-4,654
20022890 - HOMELAND SECURITY FIRE	14,200	59,042	0	0	0
20022950 - MBFTE	471,751.89	200,362	404,480	350,000	-54,480
Total Financing by Accounting Unit	1,471,773	1,016,339	2,145,390	1,763,892	-381,498

CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing Plan by Department

Department: FIRE

Fund: FIRE RESPONSIVE SERVICES Budget Year: 2024

	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2023 Adopted Budget	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
Financing by Major Account					
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	683,041.74	1,083,000	1,083,000	1,083,000	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	495,759.27	684,772	692,108	681,148	-10,960
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	25,689.83	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,248,928.77	1,486,795	1,486,246	1,526,736	40,490
Total Financing by Major Account	2,453,420	3,274,567	3,281,354	3,310,884	29,530
Financing by Accounting Unit					
22222130 - FIRE BADGE AND EMBLEM	225.5	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
22222135 - FIRE PRIVATE DONATIONS	500	0	0	0	0
22222140 - FIRE TRAINING	0	23,200	23,200	23,200	0
22222145 - EMS ACADEMY	0	201,705	203,830	199,881	-3,949
22222150 - BLS TRANSPORTS	514,733.77	457,867	463,078	497,836	34,758
22222155 - FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT	1,254,918.6	1,486,795	1,486,246	1,484,967	-1,279
22222160 - PARAMEDIC FEDERAL REIMBURSE	683,041.74	1,083,000	1,083,000	1,083,000	0
22222305 - FIRE RISK WATCH	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
Total Financing by Accounting Unit	2,453,420	3,274,567	3,281,354	3,310,884	29,530

CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing Plan by Department

Department: FIRE

Fund: EQUIPMENT SERVICE FIRE POLICE Budget Year: 2024

Financing by Major Account	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2023 Adopted Budget	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
LICENSE AND PERMIT	1,800	180.000	180.000	180.000	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	•	,	,	,	
	3,437,782.39	4,030,365	4,099,604	4,172,470	72,866
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	14,695.81	0	0	0	0
Total Financing by Major Account	3,454,278	4,210,365	4,279,604	4,352,470	72,866
Financing by Accounting Unit					
72222160 - FIRE POLICE VEHICLE MAINT	3,454,278.2	4,210,365	4,279,604	4,352,470	72,866
Total Financing by Accounting Unit	3,454,278	4,210,365	4,279,604	4,352,470	72,866