



2026 Proposed Budget: Fire

Department Mission: We protect 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 services with skill, dedication, and compassion.

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Department Facts

- **Total General Fund Budget:** \$81,916,236
- **Total Special Fund Budget:** \$7,508,292
- **Total FTEs:** 511.00 (including 4.00 in Public Safety Aid Budget)
- 2024 total emergency responses: 65,711 (Fire 14,667 and EMS 50,436)
- 2024 total dollar loss due to arson: \$3,912,050
- 2024 total property amount saved in excess of \$701,289,945
- 16 cases charged due to fires in 2024
- 1,064 structure fires in 2024

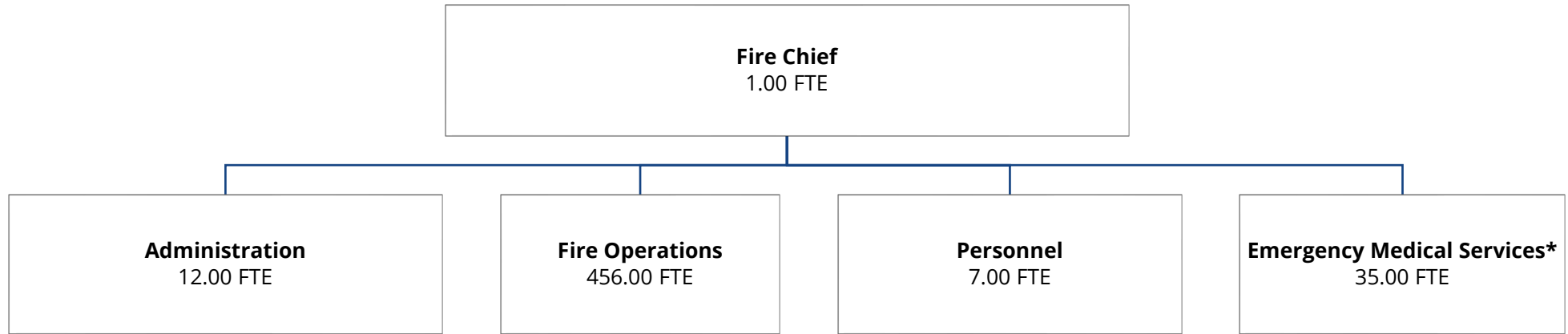
Department Goals

- Provide all hazards response to fire, rescue, emergency medical services (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 65,711 calls for service in 2024, a 4.3% increase over 2023 and a 56% increase over the previous 10 years.
- Implemented the D-shift to reduce the number of overtime shifts.
- Put the electric fire engine into service.
- Graduated ten firefighters from paramedic school in September 2024, with another 15 firefighters scheduled to in September 2025.
- Opened new Fire Station 7 in April 2025.
- Continued to work on the repairs and improvements to return Station 3 to operational use.
- Deployed specialized teams (Haz Mat, MART, MNTF1, USAR) to multiple incidents through requests from EMAC and state requests.
- Maintained ongoing partnership with Minnesota State Patrol with SWAT/Tactical EMS.
- Completed two separate EMS Academies – 12 Saint Paul Public School students and 18 Right Track students.

Fire Organizational Chart



Total FTE 511.00

*4.00 FTE included in this total are budgeted in General Government Accounts funded by the State of Minnesota Public Safety Aid

Department Division Descriptions

The Fire and Safety Department is managed by the Fire Chief and department support staff. It includes the following divisions:

- **Administration:** Manages budget and accounting, 24 department facilities, and information services.
- **Fire Operations:** Responds to all fire, hazardous materials, water, and technical rescue calls for service, providing suppression and specialty rescue response. There are 15 stations and 25 Fire apparatus arranged into three geographic Fire Districts, each supervised by a District Chief. Three 24-hour shifts are supervised by a Deputy Chief to provide all hazard emergency response 365 days a year. This division also manages the fire investigations unit and the public safety garage staff.
- **Personnel:** Manages training, human resources, professional development, and health & wellness for the city's second largest department consisting of over 500 full-time employees. The training staff manages certifications, onboards 30-50 firefighters annually, administers classes and testing for a State-certified Apprenticeship program, and ensures compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and industry specific regulatory agencies.
- **Emergency Medical Services (EMS):** Responds to over 80% of the department's calls for service. This division consists of 18 Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances, 4 Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances, non-emergency BLS transport services, the Community Alternative Response Emergency Services (CARES) program, and EMS Special Event staffing. The EMS partnership with Regions Hospital provides Medical Direction, continuing education, and supervision of clinical trials, all in effort to provide industry leading prehospital patient care to the residents and visitors of Saint Paul.

2026 Proposed Budget FIRE

Fiscal Summary

Spending	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year	FY 2025 Adopted Budget FTE	FY 2026 Proposed Budget FTE
100: CITY GENERAL FUND	77,282,168	76,942,584	80,596,121	81,916,236	1,320,115	503.00	489.00
200: CITY GRANTS	1,487,861	3,842,974	899,564	897,906	(1,658)	-	-
211: GENERAL GOVT SPECIAL PROJECTS	-	-	-	269,622	269,622	-	1.00
222: FIRE RESPONSIVE SERVICES	3,691,317	2,010,884	1,977,475	1,787,297	(190,178)	1.00	1.00
722: EQUIPMENT SERVICE FIRE AND POLICE	4,552,532	4,352,470	4,459,903	4,553,467	93,564	16.00	16.00
Total	87,013,878	87,148,912	87,933,062	89,424,528	1,491,466	520.00	507.00

Financing	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
100: CITY GENERAL FUND	19,118,321	18,452,869	19,320,729	19,912,867	592,138
200: CITY GRANTS	1,339,891	3,842,974	899,563	897,906	(1,657)
211: GENERAL GOVT SPECIAL PROJECTS	-	-	-	269,622	269,622
222: FIRE RESPONSIVE SERVICES	1,784,489	2,010,884	1,977,475	1,787,297	(190,178)
722: EQUIPMENT SERVICE FIRE AND POLICE	4,136,892	4,352,470	4,459,903	4,553,467	93,564
Total	26,379,593	28,659,197	26,657,670	27,421,159	763,489

Budget Changes Summary

The Mayor's Proposed 2026 budget includes several changes to the Fire Department's funding and staffing. The budget includes one-time revenue of \$500,000 from the sale of the old Fire Station 7. In addition, the budget phases out the CARES Unit, with its responsibilities absorbed by existing EMT staff. This allows for the reduction of 3 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) positions, 1 Deputy Fire Chief, and associated non-employee expenses. The budget also repurposes funding for the EMS Academy, shifting BLS transport revenues that previously funded it to the General Fund. Additionally, the night shift for the Basic Life Support (BLS) Unit comprised of 6 EMT FTEs will be removed. Existing staff within these units will be reassigned within the department, and the overall reductions will be achieved through natural attrition. An Assistant Fire Chief role focused on opioid response will be moved from the General Fund to a special revenue fund (Fund 211), with no change to overall staffing. The budget also includes current service level adjustments for salaries, benefits, and other ongoing costs. Revenue projections for the department have been updated to better align with current trends.

As part of the initial 2026 budget phase, three firefighter positions added during the Council phase of the 2025 budget are removed.

Special Fund changes include the removal of funding for the EMS Academy, the shift of an Assistant Fire Chief from the General Fund, as well as current service level, central service cost, and revenue adjustments.

Public Safety Aid and Opioid Settlement: The Fire Department budget is supplemented in 2026 by investments 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

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Spending Plan by Department

Department: FIRE

Fund: 100 - CITY GENERAL FUND

Budget Year: 2026

Spending by Major Account	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	66,986,014	71,159,139	74,803,130	76,314,606	1,511,476
SERVICES	3,315,393	2,795,193	2,882,017	2,754,915	(127,102)
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	3,158,650	2,800,170	2,829,777	2,765,518	(64,259)
ADDITIONAL EXPENSES	10,290	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
CAPITAL OUTLAY	25	94,337	56,197	56,197	-
OTHER FINANCING USES	3,811,796	68,745	-	-	-
Total Spending by Major Account	77,282,168	76,942,584	80,596,121	81,916,236	1,320,115

Spending by Accounting Unit	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
10022100 - FIRE ADMINISTRATION	1,641,756	1,636,808	1,865,188	1,941,857	76,669
10022105 - FIRE EXECUTIVE SERVICES	23,109	29,170	27,575	27,575	-
10022110 - FIRE HEALTH AND SAFETY	206,733	217,297	577,990	217,293	(360,697)
10022115 - FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE	1,468,578	1,456,363	1,510,411	1,523,477	13,066
10022120 - FIREFIGHTER CLOTHING	346,532	369,050	398,661	418,036	19,375
10022200 - FIRE PLANS AND TRAINING	608,407	703,653	740,706	773,704	32,998
10022205 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FIRE	2,036,779	1,746,215	1,743,862	1,747,792	3,930
10022210 - FIRE FIGHTING AND PARAMEDICS	69,187,322	67,548,019	70,437,033	72,865,726	2,428,693
10022220 - BLS	1,462,467	2,309,721	2,346,109	2,057,013	(289,096)
10022235 - CARES PROGRAM	-	600,787	618,261	-	(618,261)
10022300 - FIRE PREVENTION	300,485	325,502	330,324	343,763	13,439
Total Spending by Accounting Unit	77,282,168	76,942,584	80,596,121	81,916,236	1,320,115

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Spending Plan by Department

Department: FIRE

Fund: 200 - CITY GRANTS

Budget Year: 2026

Spending by Major Account	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	443,697	363,011	169,271	169,271	-
SERVICES	438,347	2,615,061	522,560	522,560	-
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	498,657	690,915	131,658	130,000	(1,658)
CAPITAL OUTLAY	107,159	173,987	76,075	76,075	-
Total Spending by Major Account	1,487,861	3,842,974	899,564	897,906	(1,658)

Spending by Accounting Unit	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
20022800 - ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER	487,905	2,233,237	121,658	120,000	(1,658)
20022810 - SAFER STAFF ADEQ FIRE EM RESP	980	-	-	-	-
20022815 - HAZ MAT - ERT	369,829	358,668	204,049	204,049	-
20022890 - HOMELAND SECURITY FIRE	53,275	65,600	81,624	81,624	-
20022900 - FIRE DEPARTMENT PRIVATE GRANTS	83,526	558,118	-	-	-
20022950 - MBFTE	492,344	627,351	492,233	492,233	-
Total Spending by Accounting Unit	1,487,861	3,842,974	899,564	897,906	(1,658)

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Spending Plan by Department

Department: FIRE

Fund: 211 - GENERAL GOVT SPECIAL PROJECTS

Budget Year: 2026

Spending by Major Account	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	-	-	-	269,622	269,622
Total Spending by Major Account	-	-	-	269,622	269,622

Spending by Accounting Unit	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
21122700 - FIRE OPIOID SETTLEMENT	-	-	-	269,622	269,622
Total Spending by Accounting Unit	-	-	-	269,622	269,622

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Spending Plan by Department

Department: FIRE

Fund: 222 - FIRE RESPONSIVE SERVICES

Budget Year: 2026

Spending by Major Account	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	179,289	446,023	418,525	376,598	(41,927)
SERVICES	108,337	269,529	264,678	164,085	(100,593)
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	101,194	211,272	211,272	163,614	(47,658)
ADDITIONAL EXPENSES	784,608	1,083,000	1,083,000	1,083,000	-
CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,506,810	-	-	-	-
DEBT SERVICE	11,080	-	-	-	-
OTHER FINANCING USES	-	1,060	-	-	-
Total Spending by Major Account	3,691,317	2,010,884	1,977,475	1,787,297	(190,178)

Spending by Accounting Unit	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
22222130 - FIRE BADGE AND EMBLEM	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
22222140 - FIRE TRAINING	-	23,200	23,200	23,200	-
22222145 - EMS ACADEMY	1,013	199,881	197,882	-	(197,882)
22222150 - BLS TRANSPORTS	233,513	497,836	472,337	480,390	8,053
22222155 - FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT	2,670,183	184,967	179,056	178,707	(349)
22222160 - PARAMEDIC FEDERAL REIMBURSE	784,608	1,083,000	1,083,000	1,083,000	-
22222305 - FIRE RISK WATCH	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Total Spending by Accounting Unit	3,691,317	2,010,884	1,977,475	1,787,297	(190,178)

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Spending Plan by Department

Department: FIRE

Fund: 722 - EQUIPMENT SERVICE FIRE AND POLICE

Budget Year: 2026

Spending by Major Account	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	1,541,953	1,837,068	1,938,311	2,027,693	89,382
SERVICES	471,097	216,910	253,113	257,295	4,182
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	2,505,339	2,230,923	2,230,923	2,230,923	-
CAPITAL OUTLAY	34,143	37,556	37,556	37,556	-
OTHER FINANCING USES	-	30,013	-	-	-
Total Spending by Major Account	4,552,532	4,352,470	4,459,903	4,553,467	93,564

Spending by Accounting Unit	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
72222160 - FIRE POLICE VEHICLE MAINT	4,552,532	4,352,470	4,459,903	4,553,467	93,564
Total Spending by Accounting Unit	4,552,532	4,352,470	4,459,903	4,553,467	93,564

Fire Financing Reports

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Financing Plan by Department

Department: FIRE

Fund: 100 - CITY GENERAL FUND

Budget Year: 2026

Financing by Major Account	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	1,031,196	1,400,000	1,200,000	1,000,000	(200,000)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	17,712,338	16,923,000	18,029,000	18,316,882	287,882
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	366,255	42,140	4,000	4,000	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	8,532	87,729	87,729	591,985	504,256
Total Financing by Major Account	19,118,321	18,452,869	19,320,729	19,912,867	592,138

Financing by Accounting Unit	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
10022100 - FIRE ADMINISTRATION	22,775	29,000	29,000	529,000	500,000
10022110 - FIRE HEALTH AND SAFETY	12,006	-	-	-	-
10022115 - FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE	12,390	-	-	-	-
10022200 - FIRE PLANS AND TRAINING	2,000	-	-	-	-
10022205 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FIRE	15,585,037	15,400,000	15,900,000	16,000,000	100,000
10022210 - FIRE FIGHTING AND PARAMEDICS	1,486,503	909,869	871,729	875,985	4,256
10022215 - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE	60,038	-	-	-	-
10022220 - BLS	1,819,469	1,940,000	2,300,000	2,197,882	(102,118)
10022225 - ALS INTERFACILITY TRANSPORTS	79,627	60,000	60,000	150,000	90,000
10022230 - EMS SERVICES	19,359	32,000	-	-	-
10022235 - CARES PROGRAM	-	72,000	150,000	150,000	-
10022300 - FIRE PREVENTION	19,118	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Total Financing by Accounting Unit	19,118,321	18,452,869	19,320,729	19,912,867	592,138

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Financing Plan by Department

Department: FIRE

Fund: 200 - CITY GRANTS

Budget Year: 2026

Financing by Major Account	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	851,278	2,407,505	203,281	201,624	(1,657)
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	488,613	1,435,469	696,282	696,282	-
Total Financing by Major Account	1,339,891	3,842,974	899,563	897,906	(1,657)

Financing by Accounting Unit	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
20022800 - ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER	457,512	2,233,237	121,657	120,000	(1,657)
20022810 - SAFER STAFF ADEQ FIRE EM RESP	1,771	-	-	-	-
20022815 - HAZ MAT - ERT	360,495	358,668	204,049	204,049	-
20022890 - HOMELAND SECURITY FIRE	31,500	65,600	81,624	81,624	-
20022900 - FIRE DEPARTMENT PRIVATE GRANTS	-	558,118	-	-	-
20022950 - MBFTE	488,613	627,351	492,233	492,233	-
Total Financing by Accounting Unit	1,339,891	3,842,974	899,563	897,906	(1,657)

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Financing Plan by Department

Department: FIRE

Fund: 211 - GENERAL GOVT SPECIAL PROJECTS

Budget Year: 2026

Financing by Major Account	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	-	-	-	269,622	269,622
Total Financing by Major Account	-	-	-	269,622	269,622

Financing by Accounting Unit	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
21122700 - FIRE OPIOID SETTLEMENT	-	-	-	269,622	269,622
Total Financing by Accounting Unit	-	-	-	269,622	269,622

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Financing Plan by Department

Department: FIRE

Fund: 222 - FIRE RESPONSIVE SERVICES

Budget Year: 2026

Financing by Major Account	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	784,608	1,083,000	1,083,000	1,083,000	-
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	328,761	681,148	653,650	461,591	(192,059)
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	25,782	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	645,337	226,736	220,825	222,706	1,881
Total Financing by Major Account	1,784,489	2,010,884	1,977,475	1,787,297	(190,178)

Financing by Accounting Unit	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
22222130 - FIRE BADGE AND EMBLEM	443	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
22222135 - FIRE PRIVATE DONATIONS	1,000	-	-	-	-
22222140 - FIRE TRAINING	-	23,200	23,200	23,200	-
22222145 - EMS ACADEMY	-	199,881	197,882	-	(197,882)
22222150 - BLS TRANSPORTS	328,318	497,836	472,337	480,390	8,053
22222155 - FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT	670,119	184,967	179,056	178,707	(349)
22222160 - PARAMEDIC FEDERAL REIMBURSE	784,608	1,083,000	1,083,000	1,083,000	-
22222305 - FIRE RISK WATCH	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Total Financing by Accounting Unit	1,784,489	2,010,884	1,977,475	1,787,297	(190,178)

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Financing Plan by Department

Department: FIRE

Fund: 722 - EQUIPMENT SERVICE FIRE AND POLICE

Budget Year: 2026

Financing by Major Account	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
LICENSE AND PERMIT	1,500	180,000	180,000	10,000	(170,000)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	4,135,299	4,172,470	4,279,903	4,543,467	263,564
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	93	-	-	-	-
Total Financing by Major Account	4,136,892	4,352,470	4,459,903	4,553,467	93,564

Financing by Accounting Unit	FY 2023 Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Adopted Budget	FY 2026 Proposed Budget	Change From Prior Year
72222160 - FIRE POLICE VEHICLE MAINT	4,136,892	4,352,470	4,459,903	4,553,467	93,564
Total Financing by Accounting Unit	4,136,892	4,352,470	4,459,903	4,553,467	93,564