



City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686

Meeting Agenda

City Council

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

6:00 PM

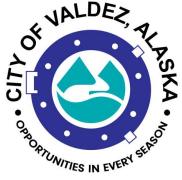
Council Chambers

Work Session: Fire and EMS Department Overview

WORK SESSION AGENDA - 6:00 pm

Transcribed minutes are not taken for Work Sessions. Audio is available upon request.

1. [Valdez Fire Department and EMS Operations Report](#)



Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE:

Valdez Fire Department and EMS Operations Report

SUBMITTED BY: Tracy Raynor, Fire Department Chief

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and File.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Chief Tracy Raynor will provide Council with an update on Valdez Fire Department and EMS operations.

Presentation is attached for Council review.



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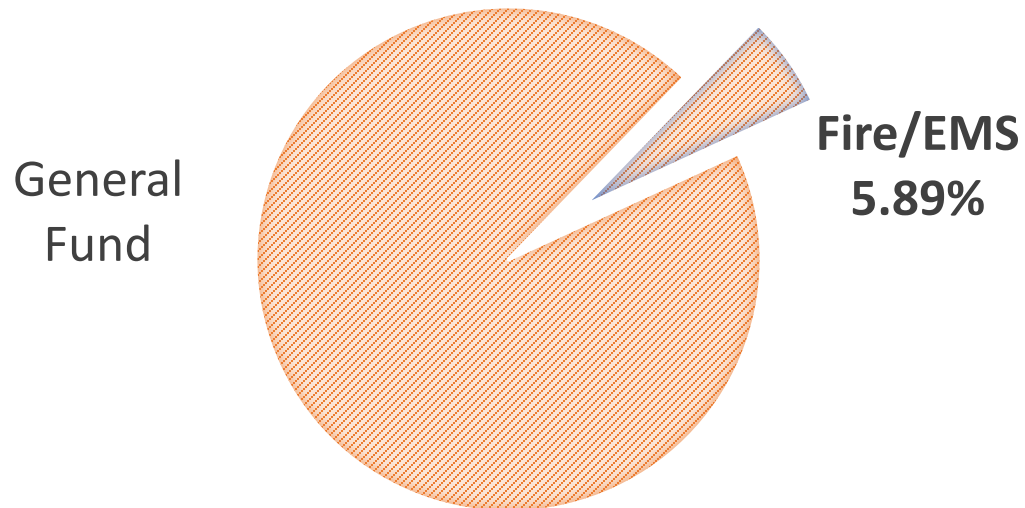
Operations Report

Fire/EMS



2024 Big Picture; Emergency Services; Fire/EMS

FIRE/EMS AS PERCENTAGE OF GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

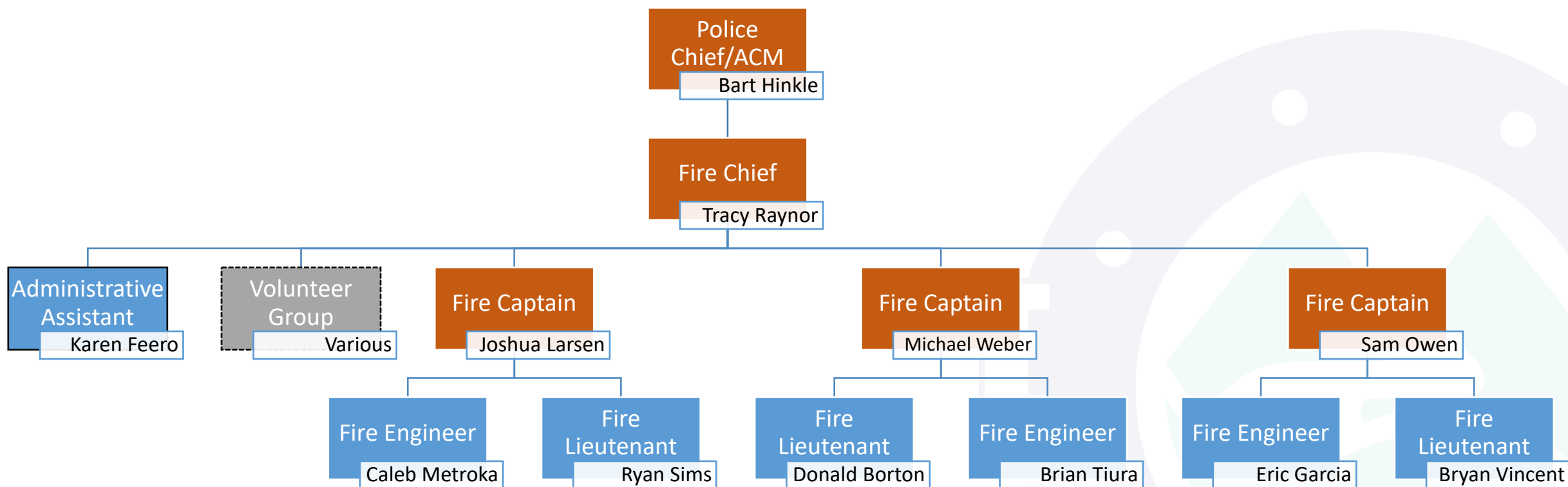


Fire/EMS 2024 Budget Top 5 Budgeted Expenses, Excluding FTE Payroll





Task Organization; Emergency Services; Fire/EMS

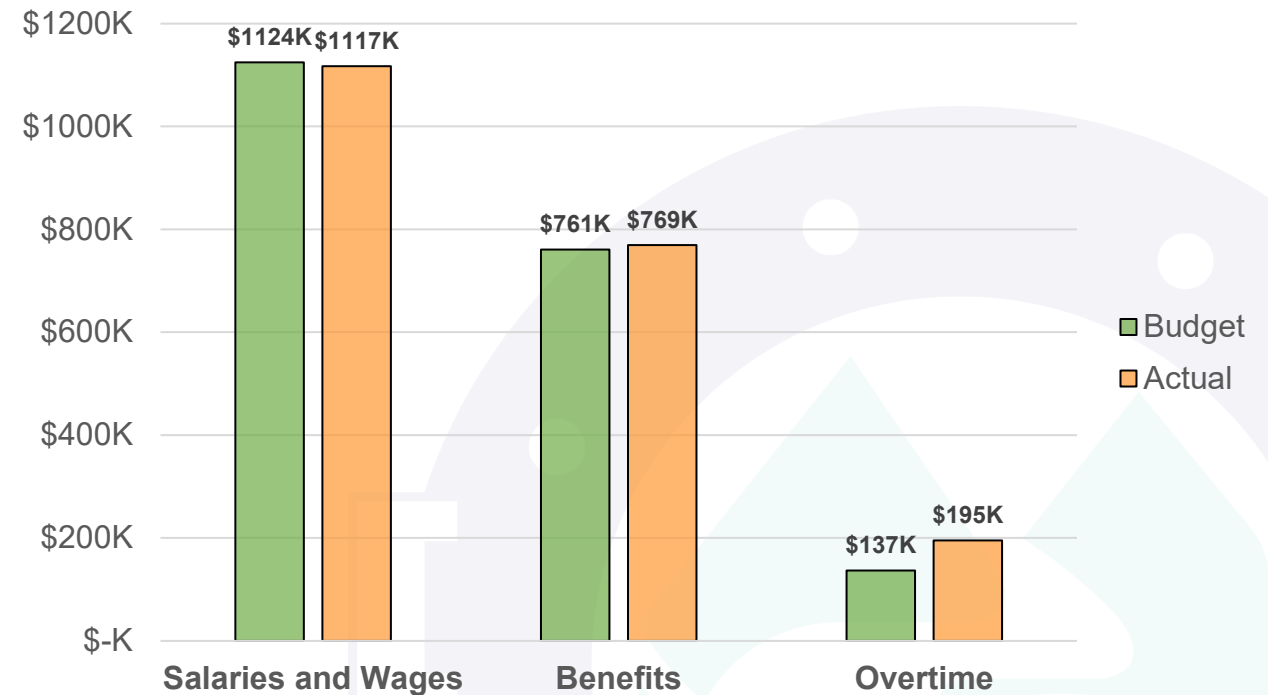




Personnel; Fire/EMS

- SAFER Grant
- FTE Request
- Volunteer Level continues to fluctuate
 - 13 Firefighters
 - 14 EMT
 - 8 are both

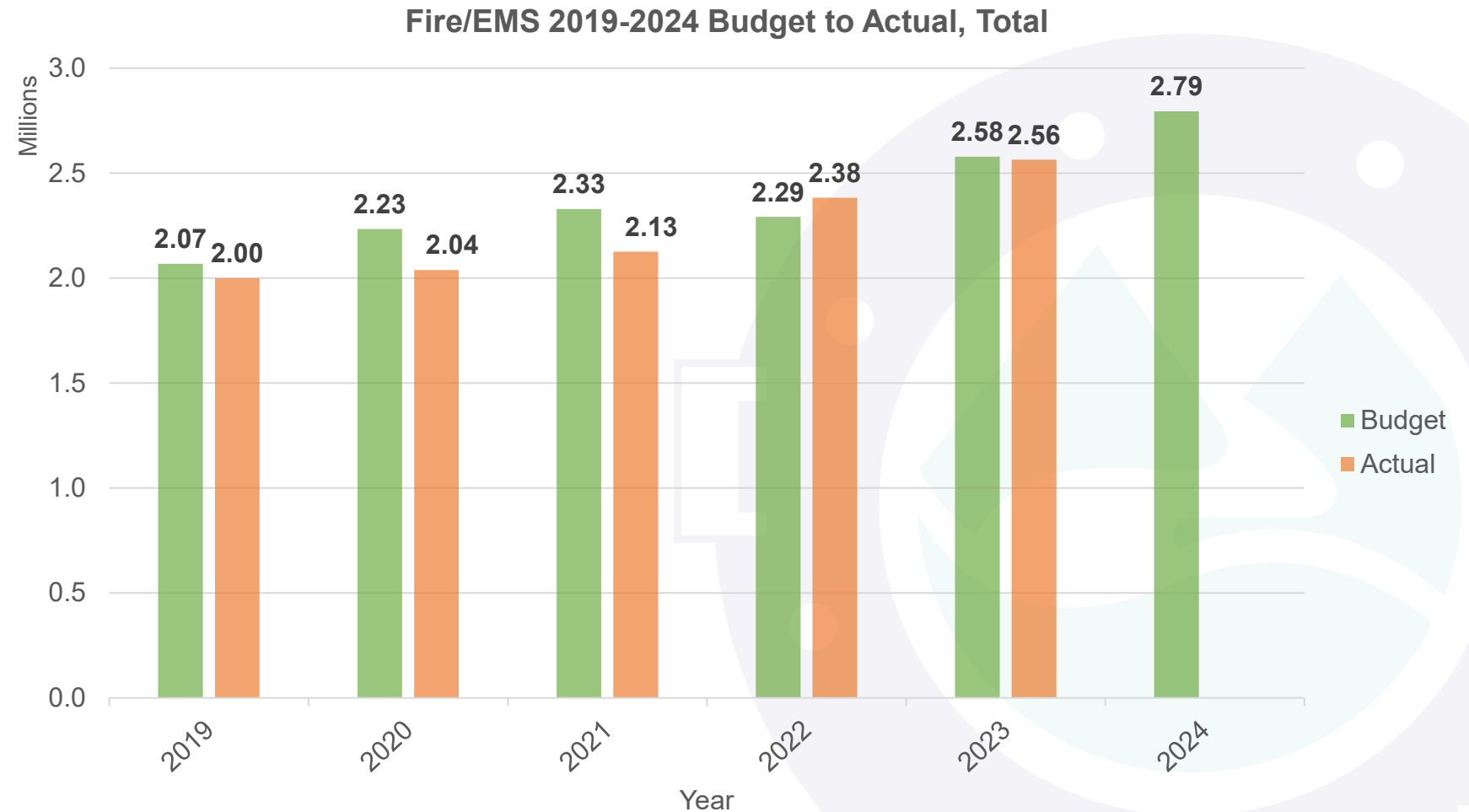
2023 Fire/EMS Budget to Actual by Category



Authorized Position Count	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Emergency Services	37	37	37	38	38
ANIMAL CONTROL	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			1	1.5	1.5
FIRE/EMS	11	11	11	11	11
LAW ENFORCEMENT	13.1	13.1	12.3	12.8	12.8
PUBLIC SAFETY	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.6



Budget to Actual 2019-2024





2023 Incident Statistics



2021

Fire Incidents – 17

(2 Building Fires)

Medical Indents - 314

Hazardous Conditions - 16

Public Service - 159

Fire Alarm – 46

\$58,500.00

\$20,200.00 Loss

Total Calls for Service - 552

2022

Fire Incidents – 27

(13 Building Fires)

Medical Indents - 309

Hazardous Conditions - 21

Public Service - 114

Fire Alarm – 47

\$4,393,575.00

\$2,700,925.00 Loss

Total Call for Service - 518

2023

Fire Incidents – 20

(8 Building Fires)

Medical Indents - 301

Hazardous Conditions - 33

Public Service - 104

Fire Alarm – 66

\$15,075,200.00

\$31,200.00 Loss

Total Call for Service - 524



Fire/EMS Operations 2025

- Add Chief Officer Position
 - 1 FTE Deputy Chief Level
 - Cover for Fire Chief
 - Program Management
 - Succession Planning

Options for Adding position

Add 1 FTE to Fire Department

Re-evaluate open positions in the city as an off set

Use Ambulance Transport Fees as an off set



Emergency Services Communications

Fire:

- Provide secure life/safety communications for Fire and EMS activities across the City service area.
- Provide communications equipment that interfaces with ALMR/Interop channels for mutual aid responses.
- Provide communication resources for Search and Rescue functions.

Police:

- Provide secure life/safety communications for Law Enforcement activities across the service area.
- Provide secure data communications for field units.
- Provide communications equipment that interfaces with ALMR/Interop channels for mutual aid responses.

Emergency Management & Operations (EM/EOC):

- Provide secure voice and data communications services for City Services in an ICS/NIMS activated incident including support for national standards based interoperable communications for mutual aid.



Emergency Services Communications

Tower Sites

- FS1/Emergency Operations Center – New radio tower and communications hut.
- VCT Grain Silos – New installation location on Silo and new communications hut.
- Salmonberry Ski Hill – New radio tower and communications hut.

Core Infrastructure

- P25 Voted Digital Radio Core
- Dispatch Radio Interface/Overlay
- Secure mobile data core

Field Equipment

- Portables (Fire has submitted a grant for portable radios)
- Mobiles (PD submitted a grant for portable and mobile radios)



Emergency Services Communications

Pro QA - Priority Dispatch

A patient shouldn't have to wait for First Responders to arrive to receive care. In medical emergencies, time is of the essence, which is why so many agencies trust MPDS to deliver the highest-quality patient care with unmatched efficiency.

Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) helps Emergency Dispatchers ask the right questions at the right time to identify medical issues and apply consistent care that has the potential to save lives. More than a script, this protocol-based system gives Emergency Dispatchers the tools they need to effectively walk callers through common and uncommon medical emergencies and dispatch the responders who are best suited for each situation.

Up-grade current card-based system with computer system
(IT request for software, training and maintenance)

Recommendation supported by fire department Medical Director – Dr. Jennifer Dow