



Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Department

6061 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743

Fact Sheet (July 28, 2009)

Response Statistics

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u> ¹
Engine	1812	2117	2238	1220 (projected 2440)
Ladder Truck	640	414 ²	469 ²	281 (projected 560)
Ambulance	3153	3522	3489	1905 (projected 3810)
Med. Care Support	0	5	1	1
TOTAL	6242	6118	6197	3407 (proj. 6810)

1. Actual responses are through July 27, 2009.
2. Indicates that the ladder truck was out of service for extended periods of time.

On Scene Advanced Life Support (ALS)

The times (minutes : seconds) listed below reflects how long it took to get an ALS unit on the scene in Station 805's first due area. To date FY2009 data has not been provided by PGFD.

<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u> ¹	<u>2005</u> ²	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u> ³	<u>FY2008</u>
12:44	9:15	6:54	7:24	N/A	5:40

1. Paramedic Ambulance 805 (PA805) was placed in service in September 2004 and immediately there was almost a 3 ½ minute reduction in getting an ALS unit of the scene.
2. CY2005 was the first full year of service by PA805. On scene response times were cut in half.
3. No data for calendar year 2007 as the County switches data collection to fiscal year.

“Dynamic Staffing Plan / Volunteer Staffing Utilization Plan”

In March 2009, PGFD established the “Dynamic Staffing Plan” that utilized volunteer staffing at various stations, which allowed them to re-deploy career staffing to offset overtime and the impact of furloughs. This plan ran through June 30, 2009 and Station 805 was scheduled to staff the station with volunteers on 7 different dates. The dates included Friday nights, Saturday all day and Sunday days. Volunteer staffing was provided on all occasions and there were no understaffed or failed responses. The average number of volunteers per shift was 6.6.

Effective July 1, 2009, PGFD expanded the “Volunteer Staffing Utilization” (VSU) Plan to include Station 805. Station 805 was scheduled for six (6) 24-hour shifts in July and included coverage during the day when volunteers traditional work their regular jobs. Five (5) of the scheduled days have passed and the volunteers have been able to staff four (4) of them. One (1) day remains.