

FUND: General Fund
DEPARTMENT: Fire
Description and Responsibilities

The appropriations within the Fire Department provide financial assistance from the Town of Blowing Rock to Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue.

Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue is chartered as a private organization distinct and separate from the Town. However, in recognition of the vital public importance of the organization, the Town has maintained a close working relationship and has provided annual financial assistance in support of their activities. The Town owns the centrally located Station #1 in which Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue is housed, and holds title to and insures fire and rescue vehicles that were purchased by the fire department. Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue owns a sub-station located west of the Town on US 221, and a sub-station located east of town on Aho Road. Both sub-stations are operated and fully funded by Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue.

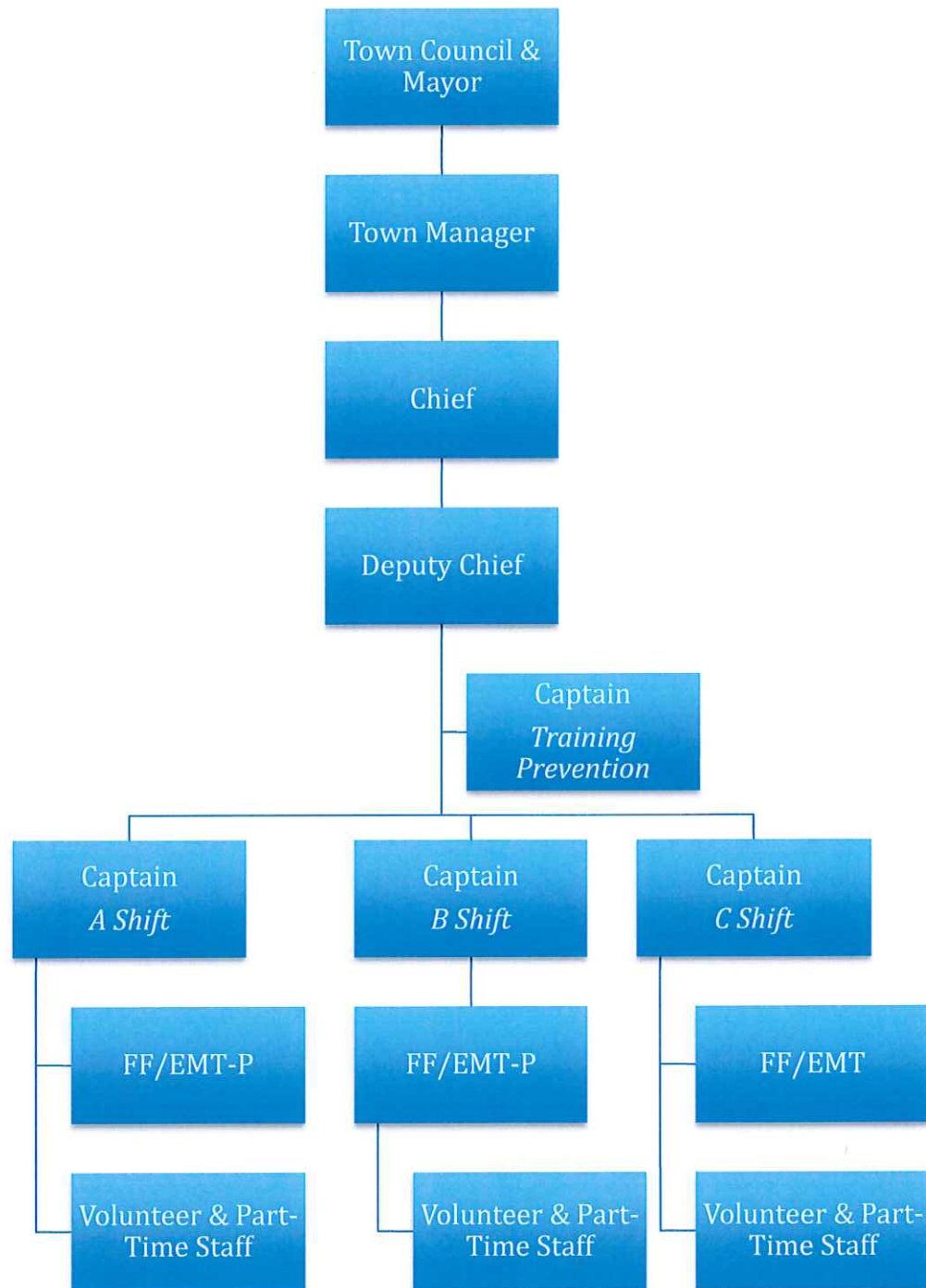
The Town funds most of the career staffing and Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue supports in partially reimbursing the Town for employee costs as well as contributing to the debt service for Station 1 from district revenues. Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue provides fire inspections, public education programs, and emergency response of all types with 24-hour coverage. With the ability to transport as needed, the medical response is normally initial treatment at the paramedic level of care. The roster has many certified Rescue Technicians, certified Firefighters, EMT's and Paramedics. Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue provides fire and rescue service to the Town of Blowing Rock, the Blowing Rock Fire District and the North Caldwell Fire District.

The Property Protection Class rating is a 4 in the city limits and for any property in the district that is within five miles of a station and within 1,000 feet of a rated water supply. Properties in the rural district that are within 5 miles of a fire station are rated as Class 9S. Blowing Rock also provides a 9E rating for properties located more than five but less than six miles from a station. The entire Blowing Rock District is 54 square miles and includes areas in both Watauga and Caldwell County and within the Town of Blowing Rock.

Staffing and Schedules

Fire & Rescue currently employs nine individuals on a full-time basis within the Fire Department – a Chief, Deputy Chief, Prevention & Training Captain, three shift Captain / Paramedics, and three Firefighter/EMTs. Proposed is the addition of six full-time FF/EMT positions to provide two more 24-hr responders per shift. This would total four people which is the minimum response for the NC Response Rating System. The Part-time staffing goal is for one FTE position to be filled 24-hours per day. All individuals provide response for fire, rescue and EMS calls throughout all three coverage areas.

Station #1, located on Valley Boulevard, is staffed 24 hours per day. The three shift Captains and Firefighter/EMTs work a 24hr-on/48hr-off shift. The Chief and Deputy Chief are typically scheduled from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Prevention & Training Captain will typically work a sliding 24-hour schedule to provide volunteer, public program, weekend and seasonal availability. All schedules remain flexible for emergency response and seasonal peak call-volumes.



GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
DESCRIPTION: FIRE DEPARTMENT
CODE: 10-10-4340

| ACCOUNT NUMBER | DESCRIPTION | 2010-2011 ACTUAL | 2011-2012 ACTUAL | 2012-2013 ACTUAL | 2013-2014 ACTUAL | 2014-2015 ACTUAL | 2015-2016 ACTUAL | 2016-2017 ADOPTED | 2017-2018 ADOPTED |
|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 002 | Firemen Compensation | | | | | | | | |
| 002 | Fire Salaries | 236,597 | 293,472 | 256,890 | 304,773 | 338,817 | 388,224 | 363,315 | 603,461 |
| 003 | Overtime | 8,181 | 7,343 | 7,625 | 13,409 | 25,123 | 26,669 | 10,000 | 24,000 |
| 004 | Part-time Salaries | 35,752 | 7,076 | 14,712 | 11,534 | 20,246 | 62,555 | 255,458 | 128,000 |
| 005 | Part-time FICA Expense | - | - | - | - | 28,383 | 34,927 | 19,542 | 9,792 |
| 005 | FICA Expense | 20,689 | 21,572 | 20,150 | 23,876 | - | 28,000 | 28,559 | 48,001 |
| 006 | Group Insurance | 30,006 | 37,182 | 35,309 | 41,493 | 49,354 | 47,012 | 56,431 | 98,710 |
| 007 | 401K | 5,066 | 5,807 | 5,175 | 6,075 | 10,580 | 14,630 | 18,666 | 31,373 |
| 008 | Retirement | 28,447 | 34,426 | 31,052 | 37,838 | 44,225 | 44,881 | 49,987 | 85,084 |
| | Personnel Subtotal | 364,737 | 406,878 | 370,913 | 438,998 | 516,728 | 646,897 | 801,958 | 1,028,420 |
| 011 | Telephone | 5,286 | 4,307 | 3,847 | 2,106 | 2,006 | 1,738 | 3,634 | 4,300 |
| 014 | Employee Development | 2,745 | 78 | 133 | 154 | - | - | - | - |
| 016 | Maint./Repair Buildings/Equip. | 144 | 675 | 235 | 175 | - | 16,400 | 28,592 | 19,000 * |
| 017 | Maint./Repair Vehicles | 28 | - | 9 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 031 | Gasoline/Diesel | 17,139 | 16,877 | 17,749 | 6,321 | 9,623 | 6,268 | 15,000 | 8,500 |
| 033 | Materials and Supplies | 82 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 036 | Uniforms | 600 | 700 | 700 | 600 | - | 800 | - | - |
| 050 | Contribution to Fire Dept. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 057 | Medical Expense (drug testing) | 85 | 260 | 180 | 0 | - | 292 | 400 | 400 |
| 213 | Utilities (New Building) | 32,284 | 30,230 | 33,878 | 34,379 | 35,132 | 21,386 | 35,000 | 17,000 |
| | Operating & Maint. Subtotal | 58,394 | 53,127 | 56,730 | 43,736 | 46,761 | 46,883 | 82,626 | 49,200 |
| 500 | Capital Outlay | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 505 | Transfer to Capital Reserve | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Capital Subtotal | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 423,131 | 460,005 | 427,643 | 482,734 | 563,489 | 693,781 | 884,584 | 1,077,620 |