

**FUND: General Fund**  
**DEPARTMENT: Fire**  
**Description and Responsibilities**

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, 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, six shift Captain / Paramedics, two Firefighter / Paramedics, four Firefighter / EMTs. 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 six 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. All schedules remain flexible for emergency response and seasonal peak call-volumes.

Town Council

Town Manager

Chief

Deputy Chief

Captain /  
Paramedic  
*A Shift HQ*

Captain /  
Paramedic  
*A Shift*

Captain /  
Paramedic  
*B Shift HQ*

Captain /  
Paramedic  
*B Shift*

Captain /  
Paramedic  
*C Shift HQ*

Captain /  
Paramedic  
*C Shift*

FF/EMT

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PT / Volunteer  
Staff

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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 ACTUAL	2017-2018 ADOPTED	2018-2019 ADOPTED
002	Firemen Compensation									
003	Fire Salaries	236,597	293,472	256,890	304,773	338,817	388,224	367,108	603,461	612,741 **
004	Overtime	8,181	7,343	7,625	13,409	25,123	26,669	32,710	24,000	36,000
005	Part-time Salaries	35,752	7,076	14,712	11,534	20,246	62,555	143,748	128,000	114,000
006	Part-time FICA Expense	-	-	-	-	28,383	34,927	10,997	9,792	8,721
007	FICA Expense	20,689	21,572	20,150	23,876	-	28,000	39,331	48,001	49,629
008	Group Insurance	30,006	37,182	35,309	41,493	49,354	47,012	60,393	98,710	107,100
009	401K	5,066	5,807	5,175	6,075	10,580	14,630	19,159	31,373	32,437
010	Retirement	28,447	34,426	31,052	37,838	44,225	44,881	53,618	85,084	89,786
	Personnel Subtotal	364,737	406,878	370,913	438,998	516,728	646,897	727,064	1,028,420	1,050,413
011	Telephone	5,286	4,307	3,847	2,106	2,006	1,738	4,101	4,300	1,500
012	Employee Development	2,745	78	133	154	-	-	65	-	-
013	Maint./Repair Buildings/Equip.	144	675	235	175	-	16,400	13,869	19,000	17,500
014	Maint./Repair Vehicles	28	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
015	Gasoline/Diesel	17,139	16,877	17,749	6,321	9,623	6,268	8,779	8,500	8,500
016	Materials and Supplies	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
017	Uniforms	600	700	700	600	-	800	-	-	-
018	Medical Expense (drug testing)	85	260	180	0	-	292	163	400	400
019	Utilities (New Building)	32,284	30,230	33,878	34,379	35,132	21,386	20,750	17,000	22,000
	Operating & Maint. Subtotal	58,394	53,127	56,730	43,736	46,761	46,883	47,727	49,200	49,900
500	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Capital Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>423,131</b>	<b>460,005</b>	<b>427,643</b>	<b>482,734</b>	<b>563,489</b>	<b>693,781</b>	<b>774,791</b>	<b>1,077,620</b>	<b>1,100,313</b>

\*\* BR Fire & Rescue funding 5 of 15 positions.