

2020

PART 3

National Run Survey

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For the 40th year, Firehouse shares and compares statistics about company and department levels, funding, staffing and pay for the career fire service.

A total of 115 fire departments participated in this year's survey, representing 36 states, the District of Columbia, two Canadian provinces and one Mexican state. The departments represented in this latest survey protect 59,932,174 people, and have budgets totaling more than \$12 billion. They provide the services with 2,213 engine companies, 856 ladder companies, 1,167 ambulances and numerous specialized units. These departments responded to more than 650,000 fire calls, more than 4 million EMS calls and more than 5.3 million total calls in 2020.

As with last year's survey, the COVID-19 crisis had many fire departments too busy handling the pandemic to respond. We sincerely understand and hope that those fire departments return to the National Run Survey next year. To those departments that were able to respond, our sincere thanks. Best healthy wishes to all.

Part 3 looks at Busiest Chief, Busiest Station, Busiest Ambulance, Busiest Hazmat and Busiest Heavy Rescue companies.



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BUSIEST AMBULANCE

| DEPARTMENT | BUSIEST AMBULANCE | RUNS | DEPARTMENT | BUSIEST AMBULANCE | RUNS |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Philadelphia, PA..... | M8..... | 8,612 | 32. West Palm Beach, FL..... | R1..... | 3,435 |
| 2. Baltimore City, MD..... | M15..... | 7,109 | 33. Florissant Valley FPD, MO..... | 4017..... | 3,424 |
| 3. Montgomery County, MD..... | A725..... | 6,480 | 34. Warren, MI..... | SQ5..... | 3,378 |
| 4. Los Angeles City, CA..... | RA864..... | 5,966 | 35. Carson City, NV..... | R52..... | 3,192 |
| 5. Washington, DC..... | A6..... | 5,815 | 36. San Bernardino County, CA..... | MA304..... | 3,099 |
| 6. Milwaukee, WI..... | MED5..... | 5,522 | 37. Florence, KY..... | S32..... | 3,088 |
| 7. Nashville, TN..... | M9..... | 5,503 | 38. Fairfax County, VA..... | M422..... | 2,813 |
| 8. Dallas, TX..... | R6..... | 5,485 | 39. Cathedral City, CA..... | M411..... | 2,702 |
| 9. Pasco County, FL..... | R21..... | 5,156 | 40. Miami Beach, FL..... | R1..... | 2,622 |
| 10. Wilmington, DE..... | PA1..... | 5,098 | 41. North Providence, RI..... | R1..... | 2,552 |
| 11. Lexington, KY..... | EC8..... | 4,872 | 42. Rapid City, SD..... | MED4..... | 2,546 |
| 12. Memphis, TN..... | U17..... | 4,786 | 43. Waukesha, WI..... | A51..... | 2,540 |
| 13. Miami-Dade County, FL..... | R16..... | 4,765 | 44. Chesterfield County, VA..... | M11..... | 2,535 |
| 14. Omaha, NE..... | M21..... | 4,691 | 45. Wheeling, WV..... | SQ1..... | 2,518 |
| 15. Albuquerque, NM..... | R5..... | 4,546 | 46. Cumberland, MA..... | 342..... | 2,491 |
| 16. Rockford, IL..... | M3..... | 4,526 | 47. Surprise, AZ..... | M305..... | 2,412 |
| 17. Reading, PA..... | M4..... | 4,516 | 48. Annapolis, MD..... | MU35..... | 2,369 |
| 18. Phoenix, AZ..... | R33..... | 4,465 | 49. Royal Oak, MI..... | R92..... | 2,175 |
| 19. Orange County, FL..... | R51..... | 4,416 | 50. Bedford, TX..... | M151..... | 2,051 |
| 20. San Antonio, TX..... | M10..... | 4,223 | 51. Frisco, TX..... | M1..... | 1,986 |
| 21. Alachua County, FL..... | R80..... | 4,174 | 52. Sheboygan, WI..... | M1851..... | 1,899 |
| 22. Jacksonville, FL..... | R18..... | 4,065 | 53. Red Wing, MN..... | M11..... | 1,853 |
| 23. Clayton County, GA..... | M1..... | 3,958 | 54. Upper Arlington, OH..... | M72..... | 1,780 |
| 24. Warwick, RI..... | R1..... | 3,957 | 55. DeKalb County, GA..... | R17..... | 1,674 |
| 25. Miami, FL..... | R25..... | 3,938 | 56. Franklin, MA..... | R3..... | 1,530 |
| 26. Polk County, FL..... | MD032..... | 3,919 | 57. Keller, TX..... | M581..... | 1,509 |
| 27. St. Paul, MN..... | M8..... | 3,882 | 58. Rochester Hills, MI..... | A23..... | 1,497 |
| 28. Toledo, OH..... | M18..... | 3,750 | 59. St. Francis, WI..... | A121..... | 1,173 |
| 29. Gwinnett County, GA..... | M11..... | 3,745 | 60. Trenton, NJ..... | M51..... | 1,050 |
| 30. Loudoun County, VA..... | M613..... | 3,658 | 61. Liberty Township, OH..... | M322..... | 979 |
| 31. Henrico County, VA..... | A6..... | 3,488 | 62. Pleasant Township, OH..... | M571..... | 856 |

BUSIEST HEAVY RESCUE

| DEPARTMENT | BUSIEST HEAVY RESCUE | RUNS | DEPARTMENT | BUSIEST HEAVY RESCUE | RUNS |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Hartford, CT..... | TU1..... | 4,844 | 43. Albuquerque, NM..... | SQ2..... | 1,177 |
| 2. Toledo, OH..... | R7..... | 4,774 | 44. St. George FPD, LA..... | 635..... | 1,171 |
| 3. Baltimore City, MD..... | R1..... | 3,594 | 45. Loudoun County, VA..... | R620..... | 1,112 |
| 4. Nashville, TN..... | R12..... | 3,273 | 46. Omaha, NE..... | R33..... | 1,066 |
| 5. New York, NY..... | R2..... | 3,261 | 47. Sandy Springs, GA..... | SQ53..... | 962 |
| 6. Milwaukee, WI..... | R2..... | 3,141 | 48. Charleston, SC..... | R115..... | 956 |
| 7. Jacksonville, FL..... | SQ4..... | 3,107 | 49. Pasco County, FL..... | SQ1..... | 946 |
| 8. Warren, MI..... | R4..... | 2,911 | 50. Orange County, CA..... | HR6..... | 932 |
| 9. Duluth, MN..... | R1..... | 2,844 | 51. Sheboygan, WI..... | R1862..... | 896 |
| 10. St. Paul, MN..... | SQ1..... | 2,792 | 52. Evansville, IN..... | R3..... | 891 |
| 11. Daytona Beach, FL..... | R1..... | 2,735 | 53. Cumberland, MA..... | ER1..... | 846 |
| 12. Alachua County, FL..... | SQ23..... | 2,593 | 54. Annapolis, MD..... | RS38..... | 834 |
| 13. Orange County, FL..... | SQ3..... | 2,548 | 55. Greensboro, NC..... | R5..... | 826 |
| 14. Phoenix, AZ..... | SQ44..... | 2,527 | 56. Henrico County, VA..... | R313..... | 818 |
| 15. Washington, DC..... | RS1..... | 2,445 | 57. San Antonio, TX..... | HR11..... | 767 |
| 16. San Francisco, CA..... | RS1..... | 2,403 | 58. Cobb County, GA..... | SQ4..... | 764 |
| 17. Philadelphia, PA..... | R1..... | 2,305 | 59. Liberty Township, OH..... | 321..... | 627 |
| 18. Portland, OR..... | SQ1..... | 2,299 | 60. Pleasant Township, OH..... | ER571..... | 564 |
| 19. DeKalb County, GA..... | R24..... | 2,166 | 61. Frisco, TX..... | R1..... | 507 |
| 20. Wheeling, WV..... | R1..... | 2,091 | 62. Polk County, FL..... | HV9..... | 500 |
| 21. High Point, NC..... | R1..... | 2,029 | 63. Richmond, VA..... | R2..... | 431 |
| 22. Hamden, CT..... | SQ1..... | 1,951 | 64. Lakeland, FL..... | T73..... | 313 |
| 23. Memphis, TN..... | HR2..... | 1,930 | 65. Los Angeles City, CA..... | HR3..... | 228 |
| 24. Chula Vista, CA..... | USAR53..... | 1,867 | 66. Mount Laurel, NJ..... | R39..... | 151 |
| 25. Cambridge, MA..... | R1..... | 1,865 | 67. Spokane, WA..... | R1..... | 126 |
| 26. Fairfax County, VA..... | R411..... | 1,801 | 68. San Bernardino County, CA..... | R305..... | 117 |
| 27. Clayton County, GA..... | T1..... | 1,793 | 69. Ocala, FL..... | SQ1..... | 112 |
| 28. Lexington, KY..... | R1..... | 1,765 | 70. Fairfield, NJ..... | R3..... | 100 |
| 29. Montgomery County, MD..... | RS742..... | 1,644 | 71. Rochester Hills, MI..... | R1..... | 46 |
| 30. New Orleans, LA..... | R2..... | 1,465 | 72. Fargo, ND..... | 846..... | 45 |
| 31. Dallas, TX..... | SQ33..... | 1,421 | 73. Miami, FL..... | HR6..... | 40 |
| 32. Reading, PA..... | R1..... | 1,384 | 74. West Palm Beach, FL..... | TRT5..... | 35 |
| 33. Charlotte, NC..... | R10..... | 1,382 | 75. Chesterfield County, VA..... | R17..... | 30 |
| 34. Redlands, CA..... | MT261..... | 1,375 | 76. Compton, CA..... | T411..... | 14 |
| 35. Gwinnett County, GA..... | S20..... | 1,370 | 77. Carson City, NV..... | SQ51..... | 8 |
| 36. Edison, NJ..... | R4..... | 1,292 | 78. Rapid City, SD..... | HR7..... | 4 |
| 37. San Diego, CA..... | US&R2..... | 1,286 | 79. Rockford, IL..... | TRT8..... | 3 |
| 38. Warwick, RI..... | SHZ1..... | 1,201 | | | |
| 39. The Villages, FL..... | SQ51..... | 1,199 | | | |
| 40. Olathe, KS..... | R51..... | 1,186 | | | |
| 41. Virginia Beach, VA..... | FR2..... | 1,182 | | | |
| 42. Wichita, KS..... | R2..... | 1,180 | | | |

CANADA

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| 1. Toronto, ON..... | R325..... | 4,222 |
| 2. Montreal, QC..... | 647..... | 1,482 |

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