



ABOUT THE DENVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Denver Fire Department consists of six divisions -- Operations, Fire Prevention, Technical Services, Administrations, Safety and Training and Denver International Airport -- and operates on a budget of approximately \$100 million.

The Operations Division provides service over a geographic area of approximately 155 square miles and to more than 600,000 people in Denver as well as Glendale and Skyline through intergovernmental agreements and assists surrounding municipalities with emergency services when requested.

The Fire Prevention Division works to prevent to reduce the number of fire and safety-related incidents through inspections (engineering and code enforcement), fire safety education and fire investigation. The division also helps coordinate crowd management for large events in Denver, including events at the Pepsi Center and Invesco Field.

The Technical Services Division directs the management of the Repair Shop, Line Shop, Fire Alarm and Dispatch Operations, including Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Development. The division is responsible for fleet management of approximately 175 vehicles and fire apparatus and facility maintenance of more than 765,000 square feet of department property and 268,000 square feet of building space, department communications and alarm systems.

The Administrations Division is focused on offering exemplary customer service and human resources for both active and retired firefighters.

The Safety and Training Division directs the management of all items related to the fire department safety training including continuing education of existing firefighters and training of new recruits.

The Denver Fire Department Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) Division provides emergency services and associated administrative functions for the Denver International Airport and the immediate surrounding area.

The Department employs 904 firefighters and 41 civilians.

In 2008, the Denver Fire Department responded in 84,953 total alarms, 45,688 medical calls, 8,525 auto accidents, 685 structure fires, 317 vehicle fires, 2,483 hazardous conditions calls, 3,659 service calls and 4,201 other rescues.

Of the 84,953 total alarms in 2008, just one fire was a multiple-alarm fire, necessitating assistance from additional units after the initial call.

District 4, which encompasses part of central and northeastern Denver, received the most calls in 2008 with 18,349. District 5, which encompasses far northeastern Denver, had the fewest among city districts with 8,264. Denver International Airport, a special district covered by a separate division, received 2,340.

In addition to fire calls, the Operations Division also provides service for medical calls, automobile accidents, hazardous substance releases, technical rescuer incidents and community service requests.

The Department consists of 33 stations, four of which are at DIA. The stations are home to 27 engine companies, 14 trucks, one heavy/technical rescue unit, one hazard unit, one water rescue unit, one collapse rescue unit, one air-light unit, one command and control vehicle and a number of reserve apparatus, chiefs vehicles and utility apparatus.

The Special Operations Team with the Operations Division provides full technical rescue capability for water rescue (open water, swift water and under the ice); hazardous materials mitigation; collapse, confined space and trench rescue; and complex extrication and high rise rescue. Special Operations Teams are comprised of members from multiple companies and include Engine 1, Engine 6, Engine 9 Tower 1, Truck 9, Rescue 1 and Hazardous Materials Emergency Response (HAMER) 1.

More than 30 members of the Denver Fire Department are involved with Colorado Task Force 1 (CO-TF1), urban search and rescue team. CO-TF1 is one of 18 such teams nationwide operating under the Department of Homeland Security and National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, designed and trained to be deployed to local, state and national disasters.

More than 40 Denver firefighters are members of the Denver Wildland Firefighting Team deployed regularly to fight wildfires across the country.

Denver Fire Dispatch, a part of the Technical Services Division at the Denver 911 Emergency Call Center, processes approximately 60,000 calls each year.

The DIA Division responds to more than 2,000 incidents a year, most medical and rescue related.