

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions for the Proposed Public Safety Building, Williamsburg, MA

Q3. What does the fire department do for us?

A. In 2020, the department responded to 381 incidents, another record-breaking year. There is currently a Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, 2 Captains, 2 Lieutenants, a Chaplain, Administrative Assistant (6.5 hours a week), 20 Firefighters/First Responders, 6 Junior Firefighters, and an Auxiliary Coordinator to assist with rehab for fire scene and other events.

This is a call/volunteer fire department, made up of men and women of all ages. The department responds to varied types of emergency calls, with over half being rescue and medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, alarm soundings, brush fires, structure fires and everything in between. The department also provides life safety education programs to the elementary school, senior citizens, and other groups upon request. In addition, the department handles numerous types of inspections, including smoke and carbon monoxide alarms for home sales, propane tank installation, oil tanks and burners and liquor licenses. The department also issues several permits, for example burning permits, blasting permit, fireworks, etc.