

### County Fire Departments

County	Pop.	County Fire Dept?	Paid Personnel	FY 10 Budget: Fire Services	Comments	Respondent
Abbeville	26,167	No			Volunteer only	Lynn Sopolosky
Aiken	142,552	Yes	4	\$262,611	Sage Mill Fire Station was built first and foremost to serve the County's Industrial Park area and is only a mutual aid department and not a primary response department. We provide mutual aid to all departments in the County.	Roni Richardson
Allendale	11,211	No			Volunteer only - Total of (4) county fire departments (\$191,590).	JoAnn Hill
Anderson	165,740	No			We only have volunteer fire departments. We have a 6 mil tax levy that is levied against the unincorporated areas of the county. This revenue is used in part to help the volunteer departments.	Gina Humphreys
Bamberg	16,658	No			No fire department personnel are funded by the county. Seven of the nine departments within the county are all volunteer. The other two departments are considered combination departments with paid and volunteer personnel. Those two departments' employees are funded by the cities - not by the county. The county employs a fire coordinator who works out of an office within the court house.  Bamberg County contracts with 9 fire departments within the county. The county budgets \$225,000 for the rural fire service.	Brenna Hancock
Barnwell	23,478	No			Strictly volunteer fire department	Timbo Williams
Beaufort	120,937	No			Fire service is provided by the municipal fire departments and separate fire districts.	Tom Henrikson
Berkeley	142,651	No			We do not currently, but we will be looking at going to a full-time countywide department in the future.	Dan Davis
Charleston	309,969	Yes	22	\$1,904,258	Charleston County only funds one department: the Awendaw Fire Department.	Keith Bustraan
Cherokee	52,537	No			Cherokee County has 13 volunteer fire departments, and the county appropriates \$365,00 annually to each volunteer fire department.	Ben Clary
Chester	34,068	No			Chester County has two fire districts that are special purpose fire districts that pay their own way. The county has no staffed fire departments that are paid from county funds.	Carolyn Clayton-Snipes
Clarendon	32,502	Yes	23	\$1,996,480	Includes debt payment	Bill Houser

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Colleton	38,264	Consolidated Fire/Rescue - Paid and volunteer	75	\$6,100,000	Paid staff are supplemented by about 200-250 volunteer firemen. Budget does not include debt service.	Doug Burns
Darlington	67,394	Yes	10	\$1,233,020	We have 9 full time fire fighters and 1 office manger (\$336,500 salary budget). We also have 100 to 125 volunteers (\$55,000 budget) that are paid based upon fire calls.  The county's budget for 2009-2010 is \$1,233,020: \$1,054,020 is operating budget and \$179,00 is for capital improvements.	John Williams
Dillon	30,722	Yes	12	\$740,625	We have six fire departments in the county. These figures represent the total of all six.	Lisa Gray
Dorchester	96,413	Paid and volunteer	Various PT	\$1,004,841 for capital expenditures & combo depts.	County has 11 departments, 2 of which are special purpose districts and 9 of which contract with county for services. 5 of these department are "combination" departments, meaning they are volunteer departments but they have county paid staff on board. Through a 4 mil capital improvement tax, county council has authorized funding for part time staffing for the volunteer stations during the daytime hours so that there can be equal services throughout the county along with the fact that most volunteers work during the daytime hours and are not around to respond, whether they are 8 hrs. per day or 24 hrs. per day. As of July 3rd of this year the county will be taking the role of administrating and assigning the part time staff to the appropriate stations for daytime coverage.	John Ekaitis
Edgefield	24,595	No			All are volunteer departments.	Barbara Stark
Fairfield	23,454	No			No paid firemen; just one paid fire marshal.	Phil Hinely
Florence	125,761	No			All fire service in the unincorporated area of the county is provided by separate rural fire districts, each with their own millage. All millage rates, with the exception of one true multi-county SPD, are approved by County Council. Each of these districts may employ paid personnel, but none of these personnel are on county payroll.	Kevin Yokim
Georgetown	55,797	Yes	87	\$5,187,000	Georgetown County is divided (by state legislation) into two Fire Districts. Therefore, we actually have two separate Fire Departments staffed with County employees. [The figures provided are the combination of the two departments.]	Greg Troutman
Greenville	379,616	No			Fire protection in the unincorporated areas is provided by SPD's, STD's, or fire service areas.	John Hansley

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Greenwood	66,271	No				Vic Carpenter
Hampton	21,386	No			We do have a paid fire chief that manages the volunteer fire service in the county.	Sabrena Graham
Horry	196,629	Paid and volunteer	331	\$30,000,000	Also have 220 volunteer.	Garry Alderman
Jasper	20,678	Yes	12	\$1,600,000	Our current budget for the fire departments and EMS is \$3,344,000. We do not break the fire dept. out separately but if I had to put a number on it I would say \$1,600,000.	Ronnie Malphrus
Kershaw	52,647	No	2		We have two paid firefighters who work 8-5 Monday – Friday. We also have a Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshal who are in administration and also an administrative assistant. Budgeted total operating budget is \$1,302,655; however, we may not receive the total amount– it is more like \$800,000.	Gene Faulkenberry
Lancaster	61,351	No	6	\$1,024,831	We have paid staff that handle Fire Marshal duties, training and record keeping, apparatus repair and maintenance duties, etc. for all county volunteer departments. These folks are also trained firefighters, but we have no paid staff sitting in fire stations waiting to respond.  The budgeted amount includes the full-time slots mentioned plus operating expenses for 18 volunteer fire stations. This does NOT include bond payments for fire apparatus, as that is included in County Debt Service.	Steve Willis
Laurens	69,567	Yes	7	\$344,000	Laurens County operates one paid department.	Ernie Segars
Lee	20,119	Yes	6	\$723,591	The County has a Fire Chief, 5 full time firefighters and 3 part-time firefighters. The Chief and one full time firefighter are also in charge of Civil Defense. The total budgeted amount for the Fire Department is \$723,590.91. The personnel budget for Civil Defense is \$93,630.58 (this budget has only the two employees). We have never broken down a percentage of Civil defense personnel budget to reflect truly how much is Civil Defense and how much is Fire Department. So, the County's budget for the Fire Department is more than \$723,590.91. The County's personnel budget does not included the health insurance the County also pays. Health Insurance for all of these individuals would be \$26,820.72.	Angie Helms
Lexington	216,014	Paid and volunteer	137	\$10,851,543	Our Fire Service has its own millage that is used specifically for Fire Service Operations.	Russell Rawl/Joe Mergo
Marlboro	28,818	No				Cecil Kimrey
McCormick	9,958	No			All volunteer	Bruce Cooley

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Oconee	66,215	Paid and volunteer	7	\$455,000	We have paid firefighters, but they assist the volunteer department. They do not have their own fire trucks or station. Unsure of what will happen in the next budget year. We currently have 3 Captains and 4 full-time firefighters positions (one of which is vacant and the department has been asked to not fill pending budget decisions). Two full-time positions were not funded in the FY 10 budget, although the positions were not deleted. During FY 10, 7 part-time temporary positions were added. Their budget is currently intertwined with Emergency Management. But salary and benefits (including overtime etc. and vacant positions) is approx \$455k.	Kendra Brown
Richland	320,677	Paid and Volunteer	216	\$18,956,807	Also have 100 volunteer. Amount paid to Columbia is \$15,610,780. Richland County manages the fire marshal's office and other functions that support fire operations. The total budget is \$18,956,807.	Michael Byrd
Sumter	104,646	No			Sumter County has a volunteer service ; we contract with the City of Sumter for support .	Bill Noonan
Union	29,881	No				Tommy Sinclair
Williamsburg	37,217	Yes	13	\$1,116,877.11		Phyllis Underwood
York	164,614	No			The county provides fire prevention services and allocates funds annually that are distributed to other town/volunteer departments located within the county.  We have a few special fire districts (separate levy) that pay firemen with their fire district funds, but this is not countywide.	Beth Latham
<b>TOTAL RESPONDENTS: 38 (82.6%)</b>		<b>Yes: 10 No: 23 Paid/Volunteer: 6</b>	<b>Range: 4 - 331</b>	<b>Range: \$262,611 - \$30 Million</b>		