

FIRE

Expenditures in the Fire category are related to fire protection and emergency medical technician (EMT) services within the Town. Ambulance service in the Town is provided by Dare County EMS. The Town employs a Fire Chief, a Deputy Fire Chief, three Captains, a Lieutenant and two full-time firefighter/EMT positions. In addition, a slate of qualified part-time employees is utilized to fill in scheduling gaps. The Fire Chief also serves as the chief of the Duck Volunteer Fire Department (DVFD). The Town provides direct funding to support the operations of the DVFD.

The FY 2019 Budget for Fire is expected to increase by 17% from the FY 2018 Amended Budget. This increase is due to the request of three new firefighter/EMT positions (\$164,167), plus increases in the Communications (\$8,000) and Subsidies and Allocations (\$4,000) line items. The budget also includes funding for CIP items including SCBA equipment (\$18,000), turnout gear (\$13,000), hose (\$6,000) and extrication equipment (\$7,000). In addition, the budget includes debt service on Engine 111 (\$57,722) and the Chief's vehicle (\$14,083). The budget also includes the lease-to-purchase of a Diesel Exhaust Removal System (\$42,120); however, these funds will be appropriated at a later date if approved by Council.

Below is a chart that shows the Fire budget from FY 2014 to the FY 2019 Budget with an additional forecast to FY 2024.

