

Gaston County Fire Service

FY26 Budget Presentation

State of the County Fire Service

- 17 Contract Fire Departments
 - 15 Gaston County
 - 1 Lincoln County
 - 1 Cleveland County
- Covering 275 square miles – primary response area
- Covering 313 square miles – primary mutual aid area



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- Core Services
 - Fire Suppression
 - Rescue
 - Hazardous Materials Response
 - Fire Prevention & Public Education



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- Call Volume

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
TOTAL	5279	5641	6128	6941	7742	8813	9882
INCREASE		7%	9%	13%	12%	14%	12%

Source Gaston County Communications



FY26 CONTRACT FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET REQUEST

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FY26</u>
Ag-Center FD	\$933,521
Alexis FD	\$739,430
Community FD	\$905,568
Crouse FD	\$134,136
Crowders Mtn.	\$1,599,832
East Gaston FD	\$927,594
Hughs Pond FD	\$555,616
Lowell FD	\$643,182
Lucia-Riverbend	\$729,560
New Hope FD	\$815,873
North Gaston	\$649,408
Ranlo FD	\$892,217
South Point FD	\$694,462
Spencer Mtn FD	\$994,414
Tryonota FD	\$950,729
Union Road FD	\$789,114
Waco FD	\$61,000
FD Liaison	\$124,000
Accountant II (50%)	\$63,500
FY26 Total Requested	\$13,203,156
.0115 Rate	\$13,359,825
Difference	\$156,669