

Eastern Shore Regional Fire Training Center 2010 - 2011 Annual Report



Eastern Shore Regional Fire-Rescue Training Committee

The purpose of the Regional Fire-Rescue Training Committee (RFTC) is to develop, coordinate and facilitate Interagency Fire Management and All Risk Management training to meet the needs of the Eastern Shore of Virginia (ESVA) fire & rescue companies.

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Performance Measures

GOAL 1: To coordinate fire suppression, rescue, hazardous materials and leadership training to all career and volunteer personnel in Accomack and Northampton Counties so they may continue to provide safe, efficient, and up-to-date fire and rescue services.

Objectives:

- To train career and volunteer persons in compliance with local, state and federal standards with a passing rate of 75% in all certification programs.
- To increase the number of fire ground officers with certification training to the Fire Officer I level to 75%.
- To increase the number of fire responders to 65% with a standard complement of CORE training classes to include: Firefighter I, Hazmat Operations, EVOC & Vehicle Extrication.

GOAL 2: To provide a training facility to enhance the educational opportunity for emergency service personnel in both counties through a variety of hands-on, practical based training situations.

Objectives:

- To increase the number of fire departments engaged in company level at the RFTC to 30% annually.
- To provide a facility to enhance safety training in ancillary or para-professional organizations in relation to the fire service.
- Manage fiscal resources to ensure forward growth of the facility to ensure current and future training needs are planned for and meet.

Facility: Accomplishments



Accomplishments

- NFPA Level I: burn building inspection performed by a certified engineering firm. Repairs made by Accomack Co. Public Works.
- L.P. Gas Car Fire Prop Built
- (9) Trees were cut and removed, the encroached on the leach field.
- A rubber membrane roof was installed over the garage section of the Burn Building
- Burn building electrical distribution panel was replaced.
- A “Flash-Over” simulator was constructed.
- 25 new tables & 60 chairs were purchased for the classroom.
- Upgrade to all audio/visual components.
- A custom instructional podium was created with a logo for the facility.
- Painted classroom and stained props

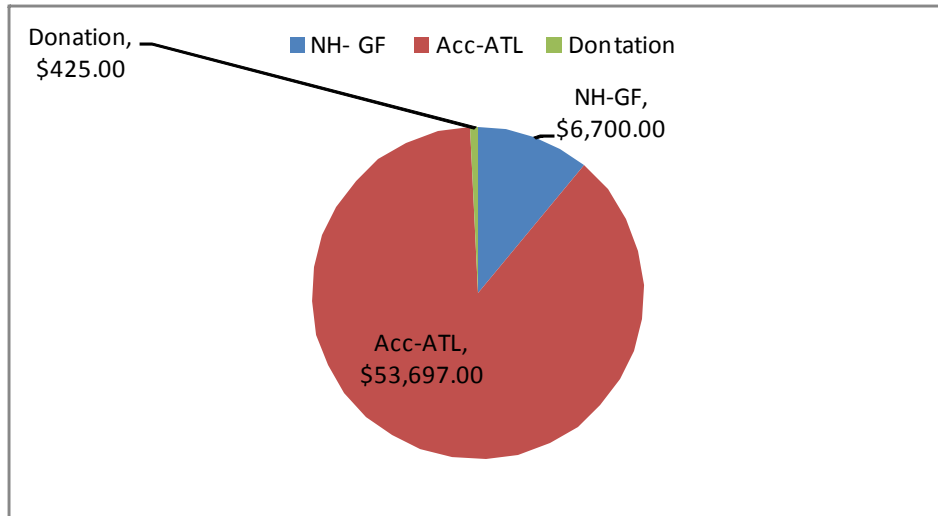
Future Goals/Improvements

- A regional sub-committee is working on a fallen firefighter memorial for placement at the facility
- Pursue additional grants for improvement to the training grounds.
- Plan and seek capital funding for a new burn building.

Facility: Funding

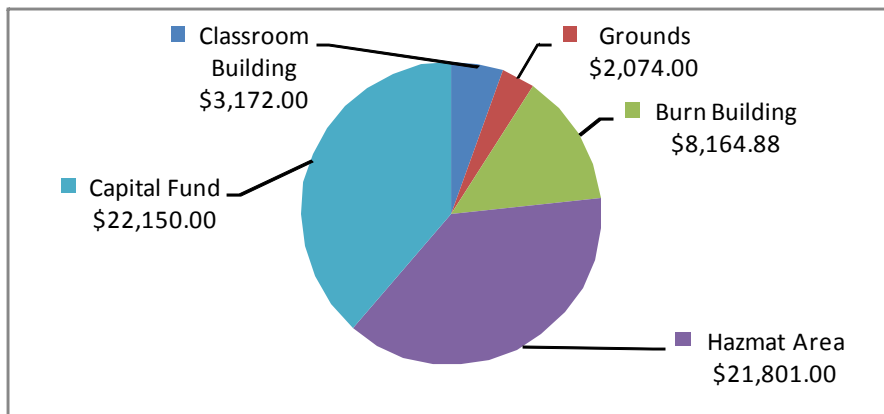
Funding

The Fire Training Center receives its operational and capital funds from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) Aid to Locality Funds given to Accomack County and also a payment from Northampton County General Fund.



Donations

Committee solicited civic groups for donations to construct a rehab shelter and cooling station.



Grants

In order to maintain a safe and up-to-date training facility, the Committee applied for two main grants from VDFP. The first was for a replacement burn building (\$450,000). The second for a rehabilitation shelter (\$10,000). Both grants were denied for funding in FY2011.

FY2011 Capital Project: Hazardous Materials Training Area

Local facility capital funds (\$26,000) in conjunction with Virginia Department of Emergency Management Grant funds for hazardous materials training (\$32,000) were used to develop, construct and equip the Hazmat training area. Certification training classes can now be held from the basic awareness level class to the advanced technician level training class. In addition, the Eastern Shore Regional Hazmat Team has a place to conduct training to keep their skills proficient and current.



Facility: 10 year Capital Improvement Plan

Regional Fire Rescue Training Center

Capital Project/Expenditure Plan

| | | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|------|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|------|-------------------------------------|
| DSL-Phone | \$1,500 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | |
| Waiting on Broadband grant and/or County funding for phone service. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hazmat Propps | \$58,000 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | |
| Project 85% complete. Shall be complete in FY 2011 (June) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Burn Building | \$530,000 | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| Water System:On-site Storage | \$31,000 | | | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Storage/shelter | \$51,000 | | | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Water System: Distribution | \$100,000 | | | | | | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Facility & Training: Administration

The Committee in fiscal year 2011 worked diligently toward increasing the professional standards of the training delivery program. The first of such improvements was the use of the EVENTBRITE course registration system to allow students to register for classes through an online portal. The system allows anyone to see who is registered for the class and provides a central and standardized system of registration.

In January of 2011, an educational seminar was held featuring Deputy Chief John Sullivan of the City of Worcester (Maine) Fire Department. The 4 hour lecture was an overwhelming success. Registration for the program exceeded 350 students and sought the participation of 9 fire/EMS service vendors. Hot dogs, cookies, refreshments and door prizes were provided at no cost by the vendor participation.

A joint Accomack-Northampton Committee was formed by both Fire Commissions under the Fire Training Center Committee to examine and make recommendation to the Fire Commission for a fallen firefighter/EMS memorial at the facility. While this committee has not finished their work, conceptual drawings and policies have been created to steer the direction of a future memorial.

The committee developed a set of performance measures to determine the success of the facility and the training delivery programs within both counties. The success of the performance measurement system depends solely on the return of training related data from the individual departments which have been slow in returning. Once implemented, the committee should have a greater situational awareness to what programs need to be delivered and what effect the funds are having on the overall improvement of the fire and rescue system in the region.

Given the recent improvement to the classroom facility, an increase in outside groups utilizing the Fire Training Center has been seen this year. The two most notable groups are the Hunter Safety and Education Program and the E.S. EMS Council continuing education program. Increased use of the facility brings positive attention to the facility and to the emergency service community as a whole.



Facility: Use for Non-Funded Activities

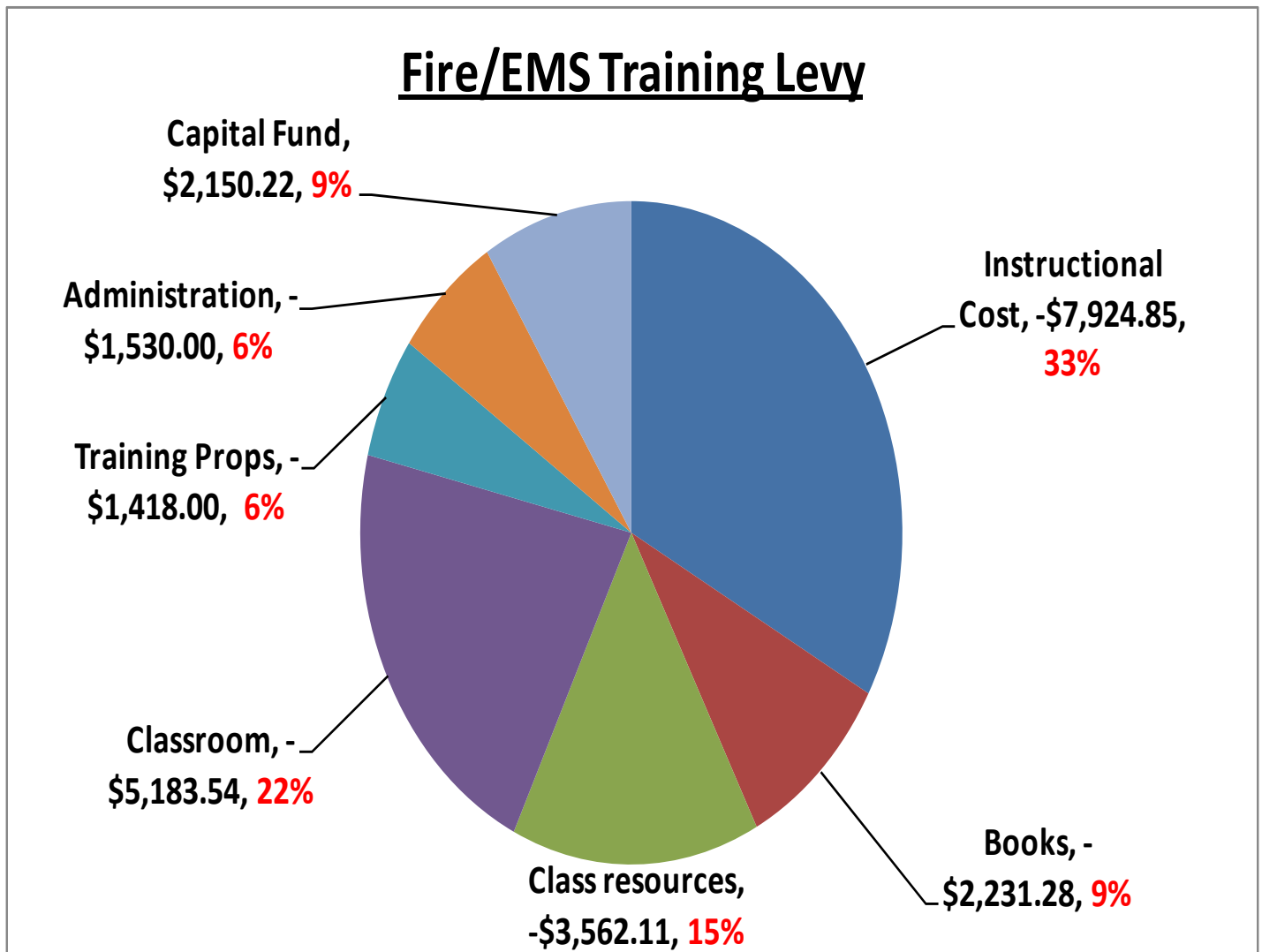
| Month | Training Topic | Organization | Hours |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| July 2010 | Meeting | Fire Training Committee | 2 |
| August 2010 | Meeting | Fire Training Committee | 2 |
| September 2010 | Meeting | Fire Training Committee | 2 |
| | Hunter Safety | E.S Hunter Safety | 10 |
| | Firefighter I: Remedial | Accomack County Public Safety | 32 |
| | EMS: Continuing Education | E.S EMS Council | 3 |
| October 2010 | Meeting | Fire Training Committee | 2 |
| | Hunter Safety | Boy Scouts | 10 |
| | Firefighter II: Remedial | Accomack County Public Safety | 32 |
| | SCBA Confidence Training | Melfa VFD | 4 |
| | Company Training | Accomack County Public Safety | 16 |
| | Hazardous Materials Ops | Accomack County Public Safety | 8 |
| | EMS: Continuing Education | E.S EMS Council | 3 |
| November 2010 | Meeting | Fire Training Committee | 2 |
| | Hazardous Materials Ops | Accomack County Public Safety | 24 |
| | Firefighter II: Live Burn | Chincoteague VFD | 8 |
| | EMS: Continuing Education | E.S EMS Council | 3 |
| December 2010 | Meeting | Fire Training Committee | 2 |
| | CPR & First aid | Accomack County Public Safety | 16 |
| | Instructor Meeting | Accomack County Public Safety | 2 |
| | EMS: Continuing Education | E.S EMS Council | 3 |
| January 2011 | Meeting | Fire Training Committee | 2 |
| | Firefighter I & II | Accomack County Public Safety | |
| | Employee Physicals | Accomack County Public Safety | 16 |
| | EMS: Continuing Education | E.S EMS Council | 3 |
| February 2011 | Meeting | Fire Training Committee | 2 |
| | Firefighter I & II | Accomack County Public Safety | |
| | EMS: Continuing Education | E.S EMS Council | 3 |
| | Meeting | Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee | 2 |
| | Meeting | Boy Scouts & Fire Service | 3 |
| March 2011 | Meeting | Fire Training Committee | 2 |
| | Firefighter I & II | Accomack County Public Safety | 24 |
| | EVOC- S1-S3 | Accomack County Public Safety | 16 |
| | Retention & recruitment | E.S. EMS Council | 8 |
| | EMS: Continuing Education | E.S EMS Council | 3 |
| | Meeting | Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee | 2 |
| April 2011 | Meeting | Fire Training Committee | 2 |
| | Firefighter I & II | Accomack County Public Safety | |
| | Hunter Safety Class | E.S. Hunter Safety | 10 |
| | EMS: Continuing Education | E.S EMS Council | 3 |
| May 2011 | Meeting | Fire Training Committee | 2 |
| | Firefighter I & II | Accomack County Public Safety | |
| | EMS: Continuing Education | E.S EMS Council | 3 |
| June 2011 | Meeting | Fire Training Committee | 2 |
| | Firefighter I & II | Accomack County Public Safety | |
| | EMS: Continuing Education | E.S EMS Council | 3 |
| | Hazardous Materials Ops | Accomack County Public Safety | 32 |
| | AIR-CARE Extrication Demo | Accomack County Public Safety | 8 |

Training Delivery: Funding

FUNDING:

To assist with both training delivery and capital projects at the Eastern Shore Regional Fire Training Center, the Fire Commissions of Northampton County and Accomack County have approved to request from each department the sum total of \$1,000 to be paid to the Fire Training Center Committee for use on annual training costs, with the sum of unspent funds to be used as capital funds in the following year.

- Funds to be used to support training delivery programs across the Eastern Shore region.
- Funds to be used for capital improvements and fund balance at the ESRFTC.
- Funds to be used and budgeted for training delivery programs and operational costs with any unbudgeted or remaining funds be used for capital ventures.



Training Delivery: Sponsored Training Classes

| Month | Classes | Students |
|-----------------------|--|----------|
| July 2010 | | |
| August 2010 | | |
| September 2010 | L.P. Gas Emergencies | 19 |
| October 2010 | Rapid Intervention Team | 17 |
| November 2010 | VD FP Fire attack: Essentials | 14 |
| December 2010 | NFA: Incident Safety Officer | 28 |
| | Fire Instructor T-n-T: FF1 & 2 | 9 |
| January 2011 | Fire Instructor T-n-T: LP Gas Emergencies | 7 |
| | Lecture Seminar: Chief John Sullivan Safety & Survival | 350 |
| February 2011 | Fire Instructor I | 17 |
| March 2011 | Farm Machinery Extrication | 15 |
| | Strategy & Tactics for the Initial Company Officer | 22 |
| April 2011 | Driver Pump Operator | 10 |
| May 2011 | DPO: Aerial Operations (cancelled) | N/A |
| | Vehicle Extrication: Operations | 11 |
| June 2011 | AIR CARE–Demo Day | 15 |

