



Alachua County

December 9, 2013

Fire Rescue Department



Station 19

- Constructed 1990
- Accommodate two apparatus
- 5-7 personnel/shift



Apparatus

- ❑ Engine 19
 - Busiest County Engine Company
 - FY12: 2,704 Responses
 - ❑ 1,604 (59%) into City
 - ❑ 1,100 (41%) Unincorporated
- ❑ Rescue 19
 - 3rd busiest rescue unit
 - 4,071 responses in FY12

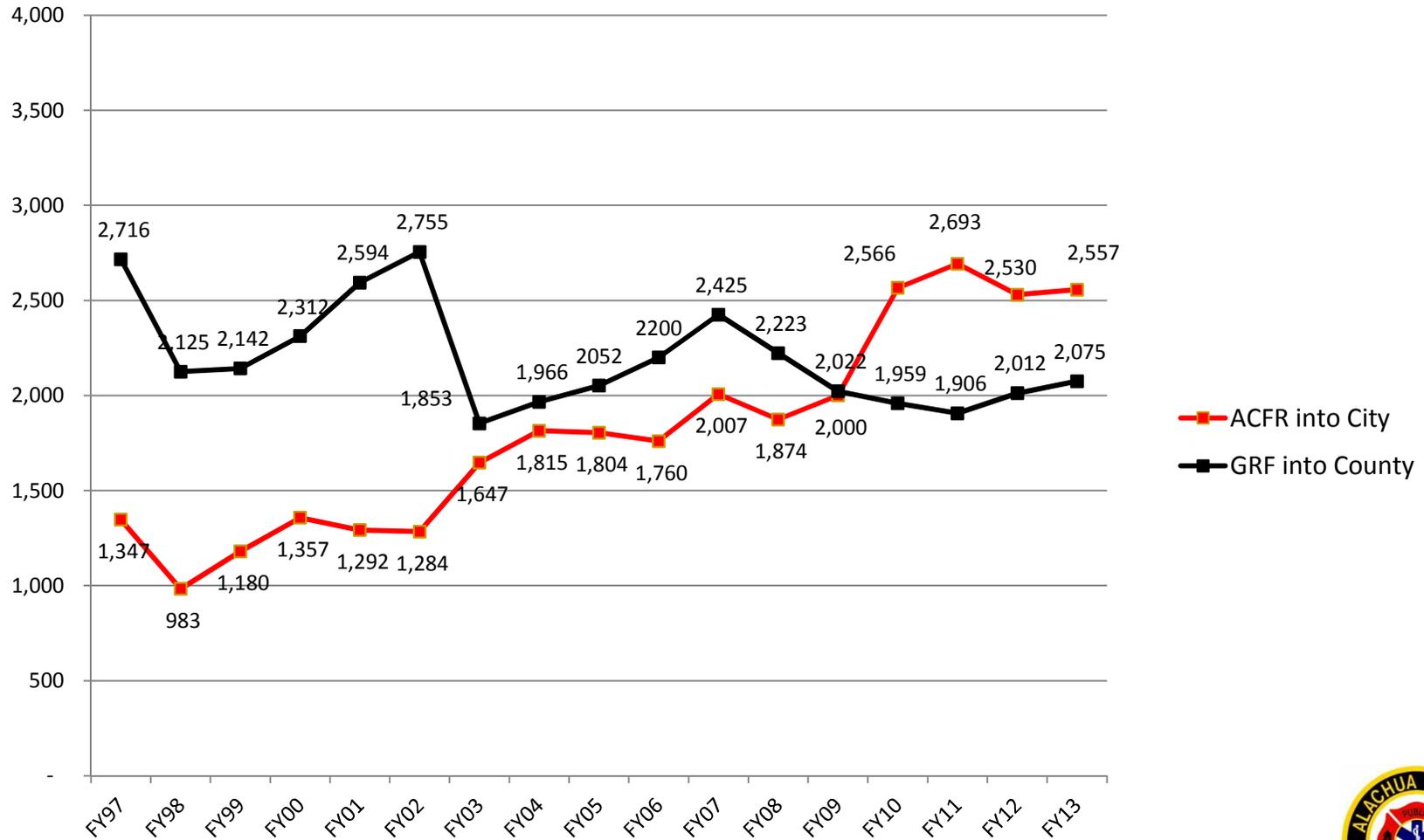


Response Agreements

- Fire & Emergency Medical Services Agreement; 1989 – 1996
- Designated Assistance Agreement (DAA); 1996 - 2006
- Fire Services Assistance Agreement (FSAA)
 - October 2006 – present
 - Ensures closest unit response
 - Eliminates duplication of services
 - Reciprocal compensation for emergency response



History of Compensable Responses



History of Fiscal Reciprocity

- County Payments to City

- 1992 - 2009
 - \$8,519,838

- City Payments to County

- 2010 - 2012
 - \$1,418,256
- FY13 \$387,461



Annexation Transition Agreement

- Annexation Transition Agreement (ATA)
 - March 2007 – September 2010
 - 1st Amendment – September 2014
 - Fire Rescue Services:
 - Section XI *“Ownership and Location or Transfer of Fire Rescue Stations and Employment of Fire Rescue Personnel:”*



Annexation Transition Agreement

- *“In the event that a County fire rescue station is annexed by the City, the County may, at its discretion, continue to own and operate the station. The County may also elect to retain ownership, in whole or in part, of the station for emergency medical services or any other County purposes.”*
- *“Capital items assigned to the affected fire rescue station will remain County property.”*
- *“If the County desires to own and/or operate the station, the City may, negotiate an agreement with the County for the appropriate timing, terms and conditions of the transfer and/or purchase of the station.”*



Discussion Points

- Engine 19 responses into County (41%)
- FSAA working as negotiated
 - Fire/EMS response is seamless
- ATA
 - *“...the County may, at its discretion, continue to own and operate the station.”*
- Financial swing
 - First Response Fire/EMS Services to City with no change to FSAA
 - \$1.9 million increase to County (loss revenue + new expense of City responses from Sta.19 into County)



Recommendations

- No change in current fiscal year
- FSAA and ATA working as negotiated
 - ATA expires September 2014
- Fund Fire/EMS Services Master Plan recommendations
 - Station located on SW 24th Avenue
- Amend FSAA to non-compensable
 - Two year transition
 - Revenue loss (County), expense loss (City)

