

Gainesville Fire Rescue

Staffing for Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) and Automatic Aid Agreement (AAA)

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Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) 2017 - Grant Year

- Established by Act of Congress to assist local government to comply with NFPA 1710/1720 and OSHA standards for firefighter staffing requirement to staff a new:

Ladder truck (Quint 9) in SW



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- 3-Year Grant Period
- \$1.9 Million in Federal Funds
- Year 1 and 2 is for 75% of costs
- Year 3 reduces to 35%

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- Annexation of SW
- Expiration of FSAA
- Automatic Aid Agreement
- Engine 80 Relocation

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2009 SW Annexation

- Calls for service in the SW have increased by 15% in the past two years alone, reaching 4,000 in 2017.
- Annexation flipped responses in the SW from revenue to the City to Expenses paid to the County that exceeded the cost of providing services directly.
- Demand in the SW is approximately 12.5% of the Citywide total responses.

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Expiration of FSAA

- Expiration of the FSAA and the discussions with the County associated with it signaled the need for the City to solidify response capabilities in order to maintain self-sufficiency.
- Although the City is very capable of taking care of its own service demands in most areas, coverage and growth in the SW requires adding a response unit.

Automatic Aid Agreement

- Replaced FSAA and allows City-County to respond to critical, life safety calls for service. It is currently a one year agreement.
- Through August, the AAA has resulted in total of 120 responses or \$98, 520 to be paid by the County
- Early projections indicate the City may receive \$350-400,000 in payments from the County and is revenue to offset SAFER expenses.

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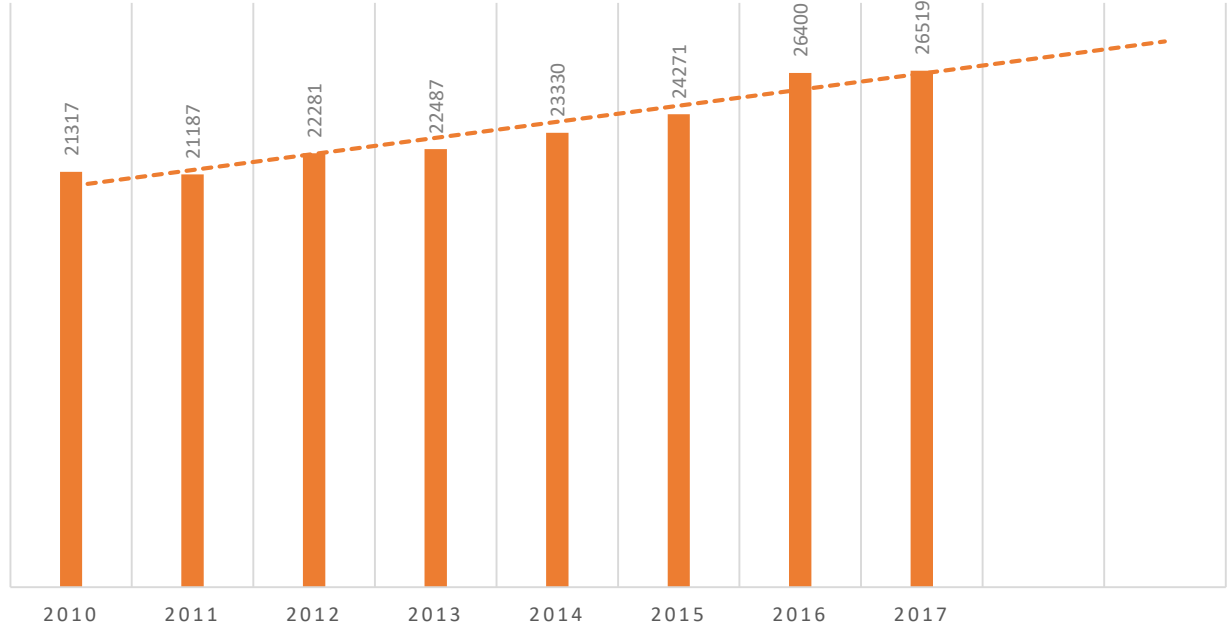
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County Engine 80 Relocation

- Engine 80 runs 600 City responses per year
- Engine 80 moving out of the City to a new County location during this fiscal year.
- Engine 80 will respond to fewer City calls but will become reimbursable under AAA.
- Together Quint 9 and Engine 80 will respond to 250 calls in the City per month, a AAA value of \$2.4 Million.

System-wide Demand

GFR RESPONSES



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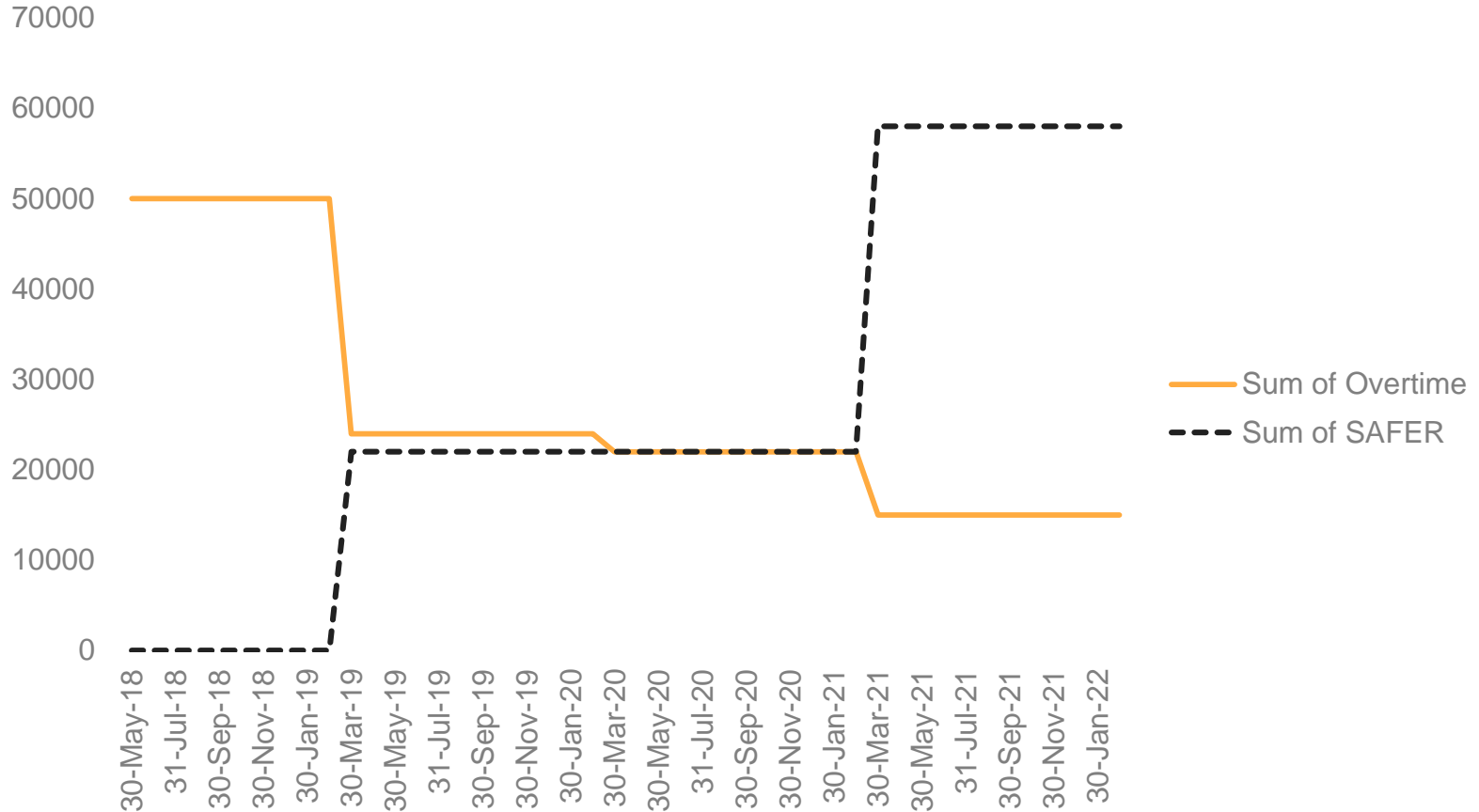
Quint 9

- Requires 4 Firefighter positions
- Meets OSHA and NFPA
- Meets ISO requirements
- Improves ISO Scores

Fleet

- Retired Ladder put in Service
- Fleet Fund Purchase Adjustment Needed
- Additional Reserve Apparatus

Overtime vs. SAFER Match



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Implementation Plan

- Hire firefighters by Feb. 2019
- Place order for new Quint
- Monitor AAA, Fire Assessment revenue projections

Fiscal Impact

- FY19 grant is 75% and the match is \$277,000 that will be covered by existing FY18-19 Budget
- FY20-21 Grant funding decreases to 35%
- FY22 Budget will require consideration of the full cost of \$1.1 million

Recommendations

- Hear the presentation; and
- Provide any additional guidance prior to formal acceptance of the grant.



Discussion