

Public Safety and Corrections Other Summary

	Actual FY 17	Original Budget FY 18	Adjusted Budget FY 18	Budget FY 19	% Change From Orig. FY 18	% Change From Adj. FY 18
Animal Control	\$1,125,800	\$992,680	\$992,680	\$990,410	-0.23%	-0.23%
EMS 24/7 Services	4,224,690	4,351,430	4,351,430	4,521,530	3.91%	3.91%
Length of Service Award Program	0	166,000	166,000	1,282,000	672.29%	672.29%
Volunteer Emergency Services Association	8,421,456	8,349,100	8,349,100	8,731,080	4.58%	4.58%
Volunteer Recruitment and Retention	0	300,000	300,000	0	-100.00%	-100.00%
Total Public Safety and Corrections Other	\$13,771,946	\$14,159,210	\$14,159,210	\$15,525,020	9.65%	9.65%
Total Without Benefits	\$13,476,584	\$13,749,210	\$13,749,210	\$15,405,660	12.05%	12.05%

Mission and Goals

Public Safety and Corrections Other is a functional grouping of agencies that provide 24/7 emergency medical services, fire protection, and animal control throughout Carroll County in an efficient and timely manner.

Highlights, Changes, and Useful Information

- The organizations in Public Safety and Corrections Other operate independently of the Board of Carroll County Commissioners' authority. Animal Control is provided by the Humane Society. Fire and Ambulance services are provided by Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (VESA).
- In addition to direct funding, the County also provides varying levels of in-kind support to these organizations. All of the organizations benefit from the County's emergency communication system. For Animal Control, the County provides health benefits, building maintenance, and insurance. VESA receives radios and access to capital financing from the County's bonding authority.
- Thirteen fire companies have at least one 24/7 paid medic unit. Sykesville-Freedom and Westminster each have two 24/7 paid medic units.

Budget Changes

- Animal Control decreases due to a vehicle replacement in FY 18.
- Length of Service Award Program increases due to a 5-year plan approved by the Board of Commissioners to increase the base benefit by \$10/month for each of the next 5 years, or from \$125 per month in FY 17 to \$175 per month in FY 22. The base payout in FY 19 increases from \$135 to \$145 per month. FY 19 includes \$1.0M one-time funding to reduce the unfunded liability.
- Volunteer Emergency Services Association includes a 2.5% increase on base funding, as well as \$478,000 one-time funding for self-contained breathing apparatus for three fire companies.
- Volunteer Recruitment and Retention included one-time funding in FY 18 to provide incentives for volunteer firefighters and emergency services personnel.

Animal Control

Description	Actual FY 17	Original Budget FY 18	Adjusted Budget FY 18	Budget FY 19	% Change From Orig. FY 18	% Change From Adj. FY 18
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Benefits	295,362	110,000	110,000	119,360	8.51%	8.51%
Operating	830,438	882,680	882,680	871,050	-1.32%	-1.32%
Capital	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	\$1,125,800	\$992,680	\$992,680	\$990,410	-0.23%	-0.23%
Employees FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----	-----

Note: Actuals include a health and fringe allocation and other operating expenditures. Adjusted Budget includes budget changes made during the year. Ongoing mid-year changes have been annualized for comparison purposes.

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Mission and Goals

Dedicated to compassionate treatment of animals through adoption, population control, education, and protection

Goals include:

- To protect both people and animals
- To resolve conflict and enforce the animal codes and laws
- To reduce euthanasia of animals

Description

Carroll County has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Humane Society of Carroll County to provide animal control for the safety of its citizens. The Carroll County Animal Control/Humane Society is located at 2517 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD.

Hours of operation are 11-6 Monday through Friday and 9-2 Saturdays. However, citizens are encouraged to bring their animals to the shelter by appointment to provide pertinent information for the staff. There is no charge to bring an animal to the shelter. Pictures of stray animals and adoptable animals are available on the Humane Society's website for the public's convenience.

Animal Control Officers investigate all complaints of cruelty and neglect of animals. Additionally, the staff coordinates lost and found animal efforts in the County, and enforces County and State animal-related laws. Follow-up is done to ensure all adopted pets from the facility are spayed or neutered and vaccinated for rabies, as required by law. There are 28 animal licensing outlets throughout the County, including most County veterinarians.

Animal Control Officers are on call 24 hours a day for emergencies involving:

- Life-threatening animal situations
- Injured domestic stray animals (owners unavailable)
- Wild animals within a home (including bats)
- Police, Fire, and Health Department need for assistance

Program Highlights

During calendar year 2017:

- Maintained over 95% alive rate
- Implemented new youth outreach programs, including a summer day camp
- Sprayed/neutered over 1,000 Carroll County farm cats through CatSnip program
- Partnered with Metro Ferals to increase spay/neuter services, offering free and low cost services to the public

Budget Changes

- Benefits increase due to OPEB allocations.
- Operating decreases due to a replacement vehicle in FY 18.

EMS 24/7 Services

Description	Actual FY 17	Original Budget FY 18	Adjusted Budget FY 18	Budget FY 19	% Change From Orig. FY 18	% Change From Adj. FY 18
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Benefits	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Operating	4,224,690	4,351,430	4,351,430	4,521,530	3.91%	3.91%
Capital	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	\$4,224,690	\$4,351,430	\$4,351,430	\$4,521,530	3.91%	3.91%
Employees FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----	-----

Note: The Adjusted Budget includes budget changes made during the year. Ongoing mid-year changes have been annualized for comparison purposes.

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Mission and Goals

To ensure the availability of 24/7 emergency services operations in the County, and provide timely responses and quality emergency care.

Description

The Carroll County Board of Commissioners established this budget in FY 04 to fund paid staff for medic units operated by 13 of the 14 member volunteer fire departments of the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (VESA). The County funds the staffing of one paid medic unit at eleven of the fire companies, and two each at both the Sykesville-Freedom and Westminster companies.

Budget Changes

A 3.9% increase is included for FY 19, offset by a corresponding decrease in VESA funding.

Length of Service Award Program

Description	Actual FY 17	Original Budget FY 18	Adjusted Budget FY 18	Budget FY 19	% Change From Orig. FY 18	% Change From Adj. FY 18
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Benefits	0	166,000	166,000	1,282,000	672.29%	672.29%
Operating	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Capital	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	0	166,000	166,000	1,282,000	672.29%	672.29%
Employees FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----	-----

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Description

The Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Pension Trust Fund, a defined benefit pension plan, was implemented July 1, 2004. The Plan covers all volunteer firemen meeting eligibility requirements and provides a monthly payment to retirees beginning at age 60.

Budget Changes

- The Board of Commissioners approved a 5-year plan to increase the base benefit by \$10/month for each of the next 5 years, or from \$125 per month in FY 17 to \$175 per month in FY 22. The base payout in FY 19 increases from \$135 to \$145 per month.
- FY 19 includes \$1.0M one-time funding to reduce the unfunded liability.

Volunteer Emergency Services Association

Description	Actual FY 17	Original Budget FY 18	Adjusted Budget FY 18	Budget FY 19	% Change From Orig. FY 18	% Change From Adj. FY 18
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Benefits	373,456	312,500	312,500	315,000	0.80%	0.80%
Operating	8,048,000	8,036,600	8,036,600	8,416,080	4.72%	4.72%
Capital	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	\$8,421,456	\$8,349,100	\$8,349,100	\$8,731,080	4.58%	4.58%
Employees FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----	-----

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Budget Changes

Operating increases due to a 2.5% increase on base funding and one-time funding of \$478,000 in FY 19 for self-contained breathing apparatus for three fire companies.

Mission and Goals

The Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (VESA) represents the 14 community volunteer fire companies in Carroll County. Over 1,000 men and women volunteer at the Gamber, Hampstead, Harney, Lineboro, Manchester, Mt. Airy, New Windsor, Pleasant Valley, Reese, Sykesville-Freedom, Taneytown, Union Bridge, Westminster, and Winfield fire companies.

Total County Funding

Department	Estimated Cost
VESA	\$8,731,080
Public Safety	232,700
Total	\$8,963,780

Description

VESA is the hub of all the County fire departments' administration. Two representatives from each of the 14 fire companies meet on a monthly basis. County funding provided to VESA is allocated to the 14 fire companies and the following administrative budgets:

- Advanced Tactical Rescue (ATR) Team
- VESA Administration
- EMS Operations and Training
- Haz-Mat Program
- Information Technology
- Public Information
- Training Facility Management Committee (TFMC)

The County provides funding for the VESA physical program, which provides physicals to active members within the service.

Program Highlights

The 14 companies respond to fire calls, emergency medical services calls, rescue calls, and mutual aid calls. The following chart compares the number of calls by type over the past three years.

	CY 15	CY 16	CY 17
Fire	2,456	2,241	2,348
EMS	14,827	14,737	15,159
Rescue	1,081	1,113	1,128
Mutual Aid	2,164	2,244	2,127
Total	20,528	20,335	20,762

Volunteer Recruitment and Retention

Description	Actual FY 17	Original Budget FY 18	Adjusted Budget FY 18	Budget FY 19	% Change From Orig. FY 18	% Change From Adj. FY 18
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Benefits	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Operating	0	300,000	300,000	0	-100.00%	-100.00%
Capital	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	-100.00%	-100.00%
Employees FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----	-----

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Description

The Volunteer Recruitment and Retention program was established to provide incentives for volunteer firefighters and emergency services personnel. Program details are being recommended by the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Work Group, which consists of members from CCVESA and Carroll County Government staff. The Board of Commissioners will make final decisions about program details and distributions.

Budget Changes

The Board of Commissioners included one-time funding in FY 18 to address recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency services personnel.