

Public Safety and Corrections Other Summary

	Actual FY 15	Original Budget FY 16	Adjusted Budget FY 16	Budget FY 17	% Change From Orig. FY 16	% Change From Adj. FY 16
Animal Control	\$1,095,791	\$893,990	\$893,990	\$914,900	2.34%	2.34%
EMS 24/7 Services	4,021,120	4,121,650	4,121,650	4,224,690	2.50%	2.50%
Volunteer Emergency Services Association	7,682,968	7,801,450	7,801,450	8,336,460	6.86%	6.86%
Length of Service Award Program	250,000	50,000	50,000	100,000	100.00%	100.00%
Total Public Safety and Corrections Other	\$13,049,880	\$12,867,090	\$12,867,090	\$13,576,050	5.51%	5.51%

Mission and Goals

Public Safety 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 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 maintaining the 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

Volunteer Emergency Services Association increases due to additional funding of \$247,800 above the 2.5% planned, and one-time funding for a reserve ambulance. Included in FY 17 is the third, and final, year for replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus for eight fire companies.

Animal Control

Description	Actual FY 15	Original Budget FY 16	Adjusted Budget FY 16	Budget FY 17	% Change From Orig. FY 16	% Change From Adj. FY 16
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Benefits	269,679	86,690	86,690	87,300	0.70%	0.70%
Operating	826,112	807,300	807,300	827,600	2.51%	2.51%
Capital	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	\$1,095,791	\$893,990	\$893,990	\$914,900	2.34%	2.34%
Employees FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----	-----

Note: FY 15 Actuals include a health and fringe allocation. The Adjusted Budget includes budget changes made during the year. Ongoing mid-year changes have been annualized for comparison purposes.

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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

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 care and 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 to 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.

Program Highlights

During calendar year 2015:

- 3,639 animals were received.
- Animal Control Officers responded to more than 1,400 original calls for assistance from the public. They also inspected 60 kennels, 8 catteries, 43 grooming shops, and 10 pet stores resulting in \$18,250 in revenue for the County.
- 68,923 dog licenses were sold.
- In FY 16 adoption hours were changed to better reflect the times people are available to come to the shelter.
- Bi-monthly meetings with all animal welfare stakeholders are held to work together on animal issues.
- Euthanasia rates have dramatically decreased.

EMS 24/7 Services

Description	Actual FY 15	Original Budget FY 16	Adjusted Budget FY 16	Budget FY 17	% Change From Orig. FY 16	% Change From Adj. FY 16
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Benefits	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Operating	4,021,120	4,121,650	4,121,650	4,224,690	2.50%	2.50%
Capital	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	\$4,021,120	\$4,121,650	\$4,121,650	\$4,224,690	2.50%	2.50%
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 separated this budget from the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (VESA) in FY 04. In FY 04, the Commissioners were presented with a request prepared by VESA for the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in the County. Since FY 08, 13 of 14 stations have at least one 24/7 paid medic unit. Sykesville-Freedom and Westminster each have two 24/7 paid medic units.

Budget Changes

A 2.5% increase is included for FY 17.

Volunteer Emergency Services Association

Description	Actual FY 15	Original Budget FY 16	Adjusted Budget FY 16	Budget FY 17	% Change From Orig. FY 16	% Change From Adj. FY 16
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
Benefits	507,500	296,000	296,000	303,400	2.50%	2.50%
Operating	7,175,468	7,505,450	7,505,450	8,033,060	7.03%	7.03%
Capital	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	\$7,682,968	\$7,801,450	\$7,801,450	\$8,336,460	6.86%	6.86%
Employees FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----	-----

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Mission and Goals

The Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (VESA) represents the fourteen community volunteer fire departments 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.

Description

VESA is the hub of all the County fire department's administrations. Two representatives from each of the 14 fire departments 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 fourteen 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 13	CY 14	CY 15
Fire	2,612	2,875	2,456
EMS	13,259	13,267	14,827
Rescue	1,066	1,054	1,081
Mutual Aid	1,849	2,054	2,164
Total	18,786	19,250	20,528

Budget Changes

- The increase in FY 17 is due to additional funding of \$247,800 above the 2.5% planned, and one-time funding for a reserve ambulance.
- Included in FY 17 is the third, and final, year grant match for replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus for eight fire companies.

	Budget FY 16	Budget FY 17
EVODs	\$625,838	\$625,838
Malpractice Insurance	15,435	15,435
SCBA Grant	313,000	313,000
Wellness (Physicals)	331,000	344,882
Workers Compensation	296,000	303,400
Total Special Items	\$1,581,273	\$1,602,555

Total County Funding

Department	Estimated Cost
VESA	\$8,336,460
Public Safety	161,210
Total	\$8,497,670

Length of Service Award Program

Description	Actual FY 15	Original Budget FY 16	Adjusted Budget FY 16	Budget FY 17	% Change From Orig. FY 16	% Change From Adj. FY 16
Personnel	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Benefits	250,000	50,000	50,000	100,000	100.00%	100.00%
Operating	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Capital	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	250,000	50,000	50,000	100,000	100.00%	100.00%
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

- Prior to FY 16, funding for LOSAP was included in the CCVESA budget.
- In FY 17, the Board of County Commissioners increased annual funding by \$50,000.