

CNMI DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT 2025

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Mission Statement



The mission of the CNMI Department of Fire and EMS is to preserve life, property, and the environment through decisive action, strong leadership, teamwork, and faithful community partnership. Encouragement and collaboration with other government and private agencies, incorporating activities, and making sure that the quality of public services through innovative training, education, and equipment, to the vision of our department.

We inspire everyone to foster collaboration and create a team spirit. As a team, we must involve others and understand what sustains extraordinary efforts. "Mutual respect." We must continue to strive to create a good working environment of trust, strengthening one another and making each person feel capable and valued. Our personnel are the most valued public servants for their determination and courage to serve others; the community, elected leaders, and visitors, and we appreciate each other's contributions.

Loyalty to the department is to practice safe behavior, for yourself, your family, neighbors, and visitors who share the same hopes of a brighter future. Knowledgeable leaders, team spirit, and commitment to achieving our mission. It takes a team to make a difference with a strong character of Enthusiasm, Loyalty, Honesty, and Cooperation.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services was created by Public Law 18-73 on January 25, 2015, to do the following:

- Engage in the prevention, control, and extinguishment of fire and respond to emergencies where life, property, or the environment is at risk;
- Provide emergency and non-emergency services;
- Conduct special operations that include search & rescue (land, air, sea), hazardous materials response (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives), wildland and marine firefighting;
- Conduct fire code enforcement, arson investigations, and extinguishment;
- Conduct National Fire Protection Association training guidelines and certification through the National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications;
- Conduct National EMS Education training standards and certification through the National Registry of EMTs;
- Reduce the risk of fire injuries or death and the need for EMS through effective public education and injury prevention programs;



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The Department of Fire and EMS are organized as follows:

DIVISION	SERVICES
Administration	Payroll, HR, Ambulance Billing and Collection, Administrative Support, Public and Private Outreach Programs
Emergency Services	Ambulance, Fire Suppressions, Vehicle Extrication, Search & Rescue, CBRNE, Wildland Firefighting, Public and Private Outreach Programs
Emergency Medical Services	EMT and BLS certifications, Quality Improvement, Assurance, Grants: State Fire Capacity, Cooperative, NHTSA
Fire Prevention & Arson Investigation	Fire Safety Code, Fireworks Control Act, Designated Fire Lane Enforcement, Fire Arson Investigation, Public and Private Outreach Programs
Logistics & Support	Fleet, Fire Station Maintenance, Apparatus, and Equipment purchasing and inventory, CDBG, Public and Private Outreach Programs

PERSONNEL

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GOALS

1. **Enhance Emergency Response Capabilities:** by investing in advanced firefighting equipment and technology, implementing a comprehensive training program that focuses on current best practices and emerging technologies, and fostering partnerships with neighboring departments for coordinated responses during major incidents.
2. **Increase community awareness and education:** by continuing with community outreach programs focused on fire safety and prevention, developing educational materials and workshops for schools and community groups, and utilizing social media and digital platforms to disseminate fire safety information effectively.
3. **Strengthen workforce development:** by continuing ongoing professional development and certification for all personnel, establishing a mentorship program to develop future leaders within the department, and focusing on recruitment and retention practices.

Highlights

- Public and Private Career Week presentation
- Saipan Edu Tourism fire station site visitation education
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation CPR training and certification
- Emergency Medical Technician-Basic certification and recertification
- Fire Alarm installation for the community collaboration with the CNMI American Red Cross Chapter
- Fire Extinguisher Awareness training
- Community Emergency Response Team certification
- NMC CREES Disaster Preparedness and Response My Preparedness Initiatives (MyPI)
- Disaster Response Advanced First Aid (DRAFA) training
- Man Amko Take Over Day
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS, EMS for Children) Week Annual campaign
- Fire Prevention and Arson Investigation Month annual campaign
- September 11th We Will Never Forget Annual Campaign
- Domestic and Sexual Violence campaign annually
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month Campaign annually
- CHCC Health Care Coalition
- March Against cancer
- Operation Professional Development Day

FIRE SUPPRESSION RESPONSE

Working Structure Fire	18
Automotive Fire	9
Wildland Fire	28
Suppression Assist Medics	300
Rescue Unit Assist Medics	289
Search & Rescue Mission	6
Hazardous Material	4
All Others	623
Total Emergency Response	827
Total Non-emergency Response	295
Total	2399

ENFORCEMENT

Number of Inspections	821
Inspections Disposition	
Pass	75
Fail	12
Warning	24
Conditional	30
Permit Data	
Operational	95
New Applicant	179
Renewal Applicant	642

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AMBULANCE RESPONSE

A medical emergency is an acute injury or illness that poses an immediate risk to a person's life or long-term health, sometimes referred to as a situation risking "life or limb".

Ambulance Response	7,258
Motor Vehicle Crashes	216
Field Patient	7,003
Refuse Transport MVC	187
Total Transport to Hospital	6,623
Immediate Transport Code-1	165
Moderate Measures Code-3	5528



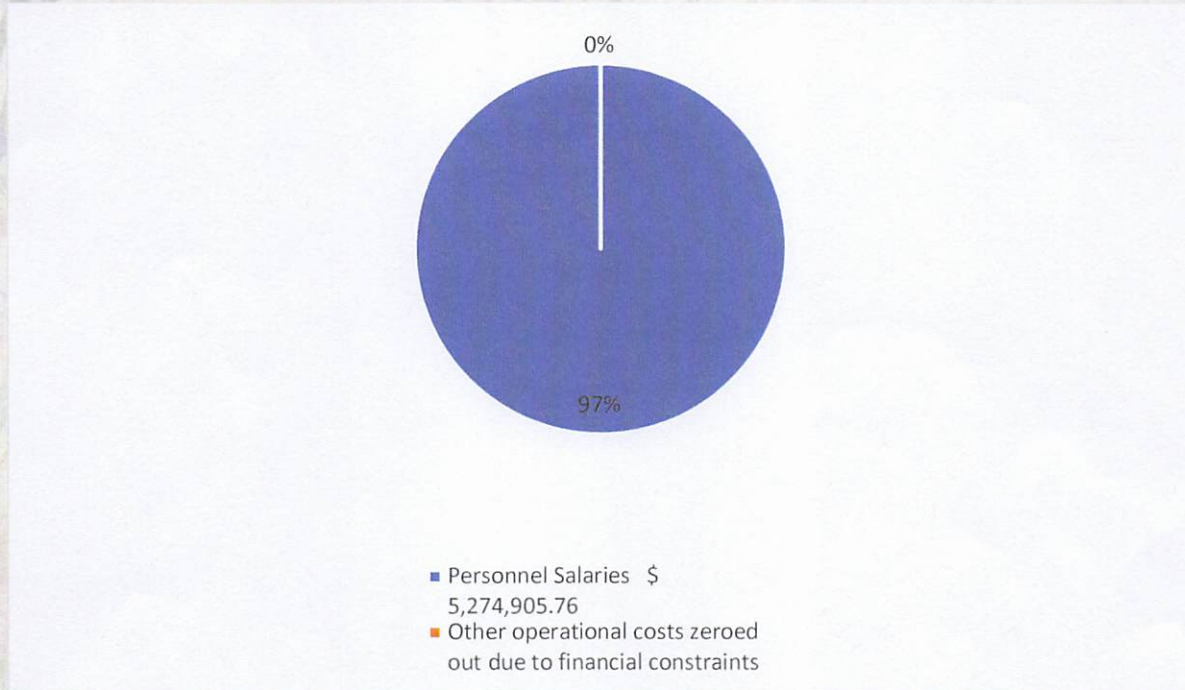
FIRE INVESTIGATION DATA

TYPE	#	CLOSED	PENDING
Structure	13	13	
Vehicle	1	1	
Illegal Burning	2	2	
Trash	6	6	



Revenue and Expenses

(Fiscal Year 2026 - \$5,274,905.00)



The department relies mainly on two revolving accounts to support operations beyond personnel salaries.

- **Ambulance Revolving Account (estimated annual revenue):** \$900,000.00
- **Fire Code Enforcement Revolving Account (estimated annual revenue):** \$360,000.00

The revolving accounts expenditures:

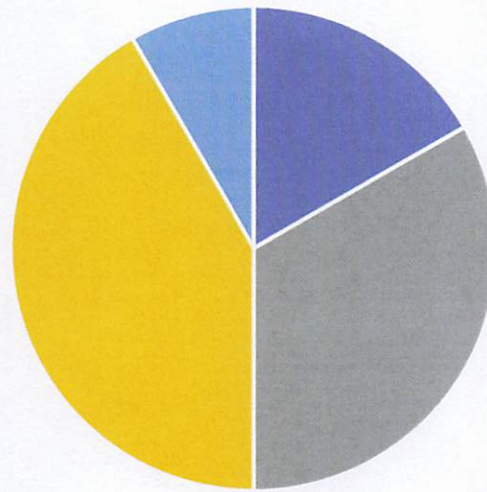
- Fuel for emergency apparatus and vehicles: \$168,000.00
- Communications: \$56,000.00
- Utility: \$203,029.00
- Water & Sewer: \$89,633.52
- Repairs & maintenance: \$659,981.00
- Operations supplies: \$389,675.42
- A certain percentage of personnel relocation salary: \$100,000.00
- Personnel overtime Ambulance account: \$44,698.03
- Code Enforcement: \$68,597.91

Insights

- The personnel salaries budget increased by about \$537,329.96 from FY 2025 to FY 2026.
- Operational costs outside of personnel salaries were initially zeroed out in the FY 2026 budget, but are still being funded with revenues from the revolving accounts.
- The department faces financial constrains requiring revenue generation from revolving accounts to cover critical operational expenditures.

This financial snapshot reflects the department's need to carefully balance personnel costs with critical operating expenses, relying heavily on dedicated revenue streams amid overall budget limitations.

Grants 2025



■ SFA, \$ 100,000.00 ■ EMSC, \$ 132,685.00 ■ CDBG, \$ 1,677,299.89 ■ NHSTA, Not yet reward

