



THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

OUR MISSION

To preserve life, protect property, and safeguard our communities through relentless commitment to emergency preparedness, prevention, response, and recovery.

LAFD Vision

The LAFD will be the premier, all-risk public safety and emergency service provider that exceeds the expectations of the diverse communities we serve.

LAFD Core Values

Service – Prioritizing our citizens, residents, and communities

Character – Aligning personal values with organizational values

Competency – Committing to the continual pursuit of performance excellence

Contribution – Immersing ourselves in the advancement of our services and standards

Collaboration – Embracing the widespread value of diversity, equity, and inclusion

Safety – Always—in every operation; at every incident

Knowledge – Informed, experienced leaders with qualifications, certifications, and formal education

Operating Principles

1. Operate through Teamwork.
2. Operate to Position the Department for the Future.
3. Operate Ethically and with Integrity.

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) is a full-spectrum life safety agency protecting more than four million people who live, work and play in America's second largest city.

The men and women of your Los Angeles Fire Department are proud to serve you. Every day, the LAFD responds to approximately 1,368 emergency incidents. Department Rescue Ambulances (RAs) transport about 591 people to area hospitals each day. The firefighters in all 106 fire stations within the City respond to traffic accidents, strokes, heart attacks, and without question - fire. We are dedicated to your safety. And every day we come to work, we consider it a privilege to protect and serve you.

The LAFD's 3,510 uniformed fire personnel protect life, property and the environment through their direct involvement in fire prevention, firefighting, emergency medical care, technical rescue, hazardous materials mitigation, disaster response, public education and community service. An equally committed non-sworn cadre of 392 professional support personnel provide technical and administrative expertise in their corresponding pursuit of the department's mission.

A total of 1,018 uniformed firefighters are always on duty at fire department facilities citywide, including our 106 neighborhood fire stations strategically located across the Department's 468.74 square-mile jurisdiction.

2021 Sampling of Statistics for the Los Angeles Fire Department

- The Los Angeles Fire Department continued to see a rise in Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responses.
- The total number of incidents or individual calls for service in 2021, was 470,274; an increase of 7.0% from 2020.
- 81% or 382,113 of those calls were for EMS incidents.
- The Los Angeles Fire Department transported 211,924 patients to area hospitals; a 14% increase from 2020
- The Department responded to 88,161 fire and non-EMS incidents.
- Tragically, 16 civilians lost their lives in accidental residential structure fires last year.