

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD. FIRE / EMS DEPARTMENT



## TIPsheet

# FAST FACTS



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- The Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department responded to 126,967 calls for service in 2007. That equates to almost 348 calls per day for all hazards and emergency medical service calls.
- The Fire/EMS Department responded to 96,019 calls for basic life and advanced life support care in 2007.
- It is estimated that approximately 70 percent or more of jurisdictions across the country charge for EMS transport services.
- The Fire/EMS Department provides EMS through 40 basic life support ambulances, 12 advanced life support/paramedic units, 3 paramedic engine companies, 2 paramedic ambulances, as well as a cadre of advanced life support/paramedic supervisors.
- The Fire/EMS Department has nearly 2000 members that have training in providing some level of emergency medical care.
- The Fire/EMS Department has been billing for Paramedic Transports for over 20 years.
- Nine Volunteer Fire/EMS Departments within the County have already been billing for EMS transport services.
- The District of Columbia, Arlington County, the City of Alexandria, and Anne Arundel County currently charge for EMS transport services.