

Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services in Connecticut

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INTRODUCTION

Connecticut towns utilize different types of fire departments: career, call, volunteer, and combination departments. Career fire departments employ their personnel on a full-time basis and receive regular compensation. Call fire departments receive nominal benefits and are paid when called out. Volunteer fire departments receive no compensation. A combination department usually has a limited number of personnel as they use full and part-time staff that is augmented with a call force. Generally, career departments will be more expensive than combination departments, which will be more expensive than call departments, which will be more expensive than volunteer departments. Career departments are also known as full-time departments. Some fire departments are full-time by day but call by night and/or on weekends.

There are almost 29,800 fire departments in the United States of which only about 15% are full-time departments¹ but protect almost 2/3rds of the population. Not knowing how many full-time departments there were in Connecticut, I did a little research and put the information in this document. According to the State's Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, there are a total of 315 fire departments in Connecticut which includes local, state, federal, tribal, and industrial fire departments. The State's Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan shows 248 local fire departments and 14 other fire departments (industrial, tribal, and federal), the US Fire Administration lists 246 fire departments, and CFIRS lists 238 fire departments. Based on the research I have done, there appears to be 256 local fire departments but if one includes the fire companies that make up some of the "unified" departments then that number grows to 306 local fire departments. So, that may explain the different totals in the various documents. Of the local fire departments, only about twenty (20) fire departments in Connecticut that are true full-time departments (use full-time personnel exclusively). The other "full-time" fire departments are combination departments.

Connecticut has 169 incorporated municipalities of which 21 are cities.

- Connecticut allows towns to adopt a city form of government without the need to re-incorporate as a city. The city of Groton is such a town though it is not counted as one of the 21 cities by the State.
- There are only three States nationwide with no unincorporated towns and two of the States are in New England: Connecticut and Rhode Island.
- Connecticut has a form of government unique in the New England States and that is a borough. A borough is an incorporated section of a town and is subordinate to the town government to which it belongs. There are eight boroughs in Connecticut: Bantam (Litchfield), Danielson (Killingly), Fenwick (Old Saybrook), Jewett City (Griswold), Litchfield (Litchfield), Newtown (Newtown), Stonington (Stonington), and Woodmont (Milford). Naugatuck is a consolidated town/borough. Five of the eight boroughs (Bantam, Danielson, Litchfield, Newtown, and Stonington) provide fire services to its residents.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) developed a standard, known as NFPA 1710, to guide full-time fire departments on the minimum number of personnel needed for safe and effective firefighting. To provide EMS care (including transport), the State of Connecticut and NFPA 1710 requires at a minimum 2 personnel. With the majority of the call volume increasingly becoming EMS related, I choose two (2) in-house EMTs and/or firefighters to be the minimum staffing level as the requirement for a fire department to be deemed capable of providing immediate coverage.

Two represents the minimum number of personnel to respond to an EMS call not to a structure fire. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR 1910.134(g)(4) defines a "2-in/2-out" rule for fighting interior structure fires. Responding to a structure fire with less than four firefighters prevents the first responding unit from complying with OSHA's "2-in/2-out" standard, and places the lives of those firefighters in jeopardy. Whether the towns listed in this document comply with this regulation is not known nor is that the purpose of this document.

¹ U.S. Fire Department Profile Through 2015. April 2017. Hylton J.G. Haynes and Gary P. Stein.

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The coverage information is provided in three tables. The first table lists those fire departments that provide immediate coverage 24/7. The second table lists those fire departments that provide immediate coverage for some portion of the day. All provide immediate coverage during the weekday because of the difficulty getting call firefighters to respond during the day. The coverage end time varies anywhere from 4PM to midnight. Each table lists the town, its last known population and coverage area for land (excludes water), who dispatches the fire department, the budget numbers for fire and ambulance/EMS, ambulance revenue, staffing information, and call volume.

The third table lists those fire departments that provide 24/7 coverage but it is not immediate coverage as there is no staff in-house when the call first comes in. In other words, it lists the call and volunteer fire departments. NFPA 1720 guides volunteer fire departments on the minimum number of personnel needed for safe and effective firefighting.

While this document will not provide staffing information for the call/volunteer departments, it should be noted that the number of people able to participate as firefighters has dropped significantly in many towns for several reasons: time demands, increased training requirements, increase in call volume requiring more time commitments, changes in sociological conditions, fire leadership problems, and increasing use of combination departments². As a result, many volunteer or on-call fire departments are starting to hire two daytime firefighters (Ashford, Gales Ferry, Hebron, Ledyard, Suffield, and Willington) as this is considered to be the time period of greatest need. This can be seen here in Connecticut as several towns have done this over the last few years. In order to handle the increase in paperwork and inspections, some departments have hired a daytime firefighter (Barkhamstead, Montville, New Hartford, and Winsted).

The State of Connecticut General Statutes (Section 7-301: Establishment of fire department) allow for a municipality to either establish a municipal fire department by ordinance or to enter into agreements with volunteer fire companies. Although a municipality may provide the majority of the fire operations budget, the two are independent legal entities – each free to end their relationship with the other, if desired. As municipalities add career staff to volunteer departments, this gets a little blurred because the career personnel are municipal employees while the fire department may be a private entity. This document describes three “types” of fire departments in Connecticut: municipal fire departments, fire departments in fire districts, and private fire department corporations. The State of Connecticut requires by law that every municipality provide fire and emergency services to its residents. Many of the towns work cooperatively with the volunteer fire and ambulance services to meet the mandates of the law. Keep in mind, though, that all these combinations and permutations have evolved from what was once essentially an all volunteer fire fighting force.

Municipal Fire Departments

A municipal fire department is part of a city or town funded by the city’s or town’s general fund budget which is paid for primarily through property taxes.

This is a list of career municipal fire departments that are assisted by volunteer fire companies:

- Branford has a municipal career fire department assisted by four volunteer fire companies (Indian Neck Pine Orchard Fire Company, M.P. Rice Hose Fire Company, Short Beach Hook & Ladder Company, and Stony Creek Fire Company). The fire department is governed by a Fire Commission and the incident data is reported to CFIRS as one department.
- Danbury is a municipal career fire department assisted by twelve volunteer fire companies. Danbury owns the stations occupied by the following volunteer fire companies but the fire companies own the apparatus: Citizens Hose Company, Independent Hose Company, Phoenix Hose Company, Padanaram Hose Company, Water Witch Hose Company, Wooster Hose Company. The other volunteer fire companies own the stations: Beckerle Hose Company, Beaver Brook Fire Company, Germantown Fire Company, King Street Fire Company, Mill Plain Fire Company, and Miry Brook Fire Company.

² "Retention and Recruitment in the Volunteer Fire Service: Problems and Solutions", December 1998

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- East Haven has a municipal career fire department assisted by four private volunteer fire companies (Foxon Fire Company 3, Bradford Manor Hose Company 4, Riverside Fire Co 6, and East Haven Volunteer Company 1). The volunteer fire companies take their direction from the municipal fire chief and the town funds their operating expenses. The incident data is recorded in CFIRS as one department since it is a “unified” fire department.
- Fairfield as a municipal career fire department assisted by two private volunteer fire departments (Southport fire department and Stratfield VFD). The Stratfield VFD is involved in rescue and EMS activity but not fire suppression. The volunteer fire departments take their direction from the municipal fire chief and the town owns all the fire stations and fire apparatus. The incident data is recorded in CFIRS as one department since it is a “unified” fire department.
- Greenwich has a municipal career fire department assisted by six private volunteer fire companies (Amogerone Fire Company, Byram VFD, Cos Cob VFC, Glenville VFC, Round Hill VFC, and Sound Beach VFD). Only the Round Hill VFC owns their station. All other stations are owned by the town along with most of the fire apparatus. The volunteer fire companies take their direction from the municipal fire chief and the town funds the majority of their operating expenses. The incident data is recorded in CFIRS as one department since it is a “unified” fire department. The fire department provides rescue services but not EMS services as the police provide first responder services.
- The Hamden Fire Department has a municipal career fire department assisted by three volunteer fire companies (Mix District, Mt Carmel, and Dunbar Hill VFC) which own their own fire stations and receive rent for them from the town. There are five other volunteer fire companies that have disbanded (Highwood Hook & Ladder, Whitneyville VFC, Centerville VFC, Merritt Street VFC, and West Woods VFC) and at that time, turned over or sold their fire stations to the town. All fire apparatus is town-owned. One volunteer fire company, Humphrey, is active today but only as a social organization. There is a fire commission but its role was significantly reduced with the charter change back in the 1960s and the fire chief now is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the fire department. The municipal career department and the volunteer departments are seen as one “unified” department and the incident data is reported to CFIRS as one department.
- The Meriden Fire Department has a municipal career fire department assisted by the South Meriden Volunteer Fire Department. The Meriden Fire Department was formed back in 1873 and was organized from the various fire companies that existed at the time: Charter Oak Engine Company #1, Washington Hose Company #2, Parker Hose Engine Company #3, Wilcox Hose Company #4, and Ever Ready Hook & Ladder Company.
- The Milford fire department has a municipal career fire department and five volunteer fire companies (Woodmont, Point Beach, Fort Trumbull Beach, Devon VFD and Myrtle Beach). Four of the five volunteer companies are mostly social organizations today since the volunteer fire companies stopped being called back in 1983.
- The North Haven Fire Department has a municipal career fire department assisted by three volunteer fire companies (Montowese Company #2, West Ridge Company # 3, and Northeast Company # 4). Each Volunteer Fire Company has its own fire station and captain who reports directly to the town fire chief. The operational expenses of the volunteer fire companies are paid for by the town.
- Torrington has a municipal career fire department that provides coverage for the entire city and it is assisted by three private volunteer fire companies (Burrville, Drakeville, and Torrington). The fire companies operate under the direction of the municipal department. Each volunteer fire company is located in a geographic district and each owns their own station and fire apparatus though the city does contribute to the purchases of fire apparatus. Each volunteer fire company also receives a subsidy from the city toward its operational expenses. The fire department and volunteer fire companies provide rescue services to the city. There is on-going discussion on how to combine the municipal and volunteer companies into one department.

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There are municipal fire departments that are not assisted by any volunteer departments:

- Bridgeport, Bristol, East Hartford, Hartford, New Britain, New Canaan, New Haven, New London, Stratford, and Waterbury are career municipal departments with no call or volunteer firefighters.
 - At one time, New London had eight volunteer fire companies (Niagara Engine Co 1, Nameaug Engine Co 2, W B Thomas Hose Co 3, F.L. Allen H&L Co, Konomoc Hose Co 4, C.L. Ockford Hose Co 5. Co, Pequot Engine Co 6, and Northwest Hose Co 7). However, these volunteer companies either disbanded or exist as social organizations today.
- Easton, Guilford, Meriden, Montville, Naugatuck, New Canaan, New Haven, Ridgefield, Southington, Suffield, West Hartford, Westport, and Wilton are combination fire departments with career and call firefighters.
- Colchester and Mansfield are also combination fire departments with career and volunteer firefighters.
- Rocky Hill is a volunteer department with no career firefighters though they have a full-time mechanic, administrative assistant, and fire marshal.

There have been a few fire departments which became municipal fire departments, primarily due to the merging of the volunteer fire departments into one municipal fire department.

- In 2005, the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Company and the Eagleville Fire Department merged into the Mansfield Fire Department.
- In 2004, the Cheshire Fire Department became a municipal town department.
- In 2003, the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department, the Tunxis Hose Company, and the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department were merged into a town-wide fire department.
- In 1996, the Canton Volunteer Fire Company, Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department, and the North Canton Volunteer Fire Association were merged into a municipal fire department, the Canton Volunteer Fire and EMS Department.
- In 1991, the Hayden Station VFC, Poquonock VFC, Wilson VFC, and Windsor VFC were merged into the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department.
- In 1981, the Ball Pond Fire Company, Fire Company A, and the Squantz Engine Company merged into a municipal fire department, the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department.
- In 1980, the Vernon Fire District and the Rockville Fire Department merged into a municipal fire department, the Vernon Fire Department.
- In 1943, the three independent fire departments (Naubuc Fire Department, the South Glastonbury VFD and the East Glastonbury VFD were merged into a municipal fire department, the Glastonbury Fire Department.
- In 1928, the Hotchkissville fire company and the Orenaug Fire Company merged into a municipal fire department, the Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department.
- In 1897, the West Side Co #1, Center Hose Co #2, Orford Hose Co #3, School St Co #4, and Charter Oak Co #5 were merged into one fire department, the South Manchester Fire Department. It became a town department in 1956 when it became the Manchester Fire-Rescue-EMS Department.

In addition, these fire departments are considered to be municipal departments though they are private volunteer organizations.

- Andover has one volunteer fire department and the majority of its funding comes from the town. The town owns the fire station and fire apparatus and provides insurance on both. There is a private Fire Association but it is a civic/social organization that does fundraisers to benefit the community.

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- The Ansonia fire department is a municipal volunteer fire department consisting of five fire companies: Charter Hose Co., Eagle Hose Co., Fountain Hose Co., Hilltop Hose Co., and Webster Hose Co. Each fire company has their own chief and one becomes the high chief of the Ansonia Fire Department and the other four become the Assistant Chiefs. The position of high chief is a 2 yr. term and it rotates between all five fire companies. The fire department is overseen by a fire commission and the incident data is reported to CFIRS as one department.
- Berlin has four volunteer fire departments, the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department, the East Berlin Volunteer Fire Department, the South Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, and Kensington Fire Rescue. However, based on the town charter, they are viewed as four fire companies under a single fire department and the fire department is treated as a municipal fire department. The fire companies own three of the stations and the town owns the fourth. The town owns the equipment.
- Bethlehem has one volunteer fire department. The Bethlehem Fire Association is a private, non-profit organization which does fundraisers and provides special services to the fire department. While the town has not officially designated the fire department to be the agent for the town for fire services, it is considered to be a municipal department since the town fully funds its operating and capital budgets. The town owns the fire station and fire apparatus. The fire and police departments provide a first responder service.
- Bolton has one fire department and it is a municipal volunteer department. The town owns the fire station and fire apparatus.
- Burlington has one fire department and it is a municipal volunteer department. There is a private, non-profit arm to the fire department but that is a civic/social organization that does fundraisers to benefit the community. The headquarters station is owned by the town but the other three stations are owned by the private corporation. The town owns most of the fire apparatus (brush truck and quads owned by the private corporation).
- The Derby fire department is a municipal volunteer fire department consisting of four companies (East End Hose, Hotchkiss Hose, Paugussett Hook and Ladder, and Storm Engine). Each fire company is a private organization with its own chief. One of the chiefs becomes the high chief of the Fire Department and the other three become the Assistant Chiefs. The position of chief is a 2-year term rotated between all four fire companies. The city of Derby owns the fire stations, fire apparatus, and equipment. While the ambulance is a separate group providing rescue and EMS services, it works under the direction of the Derby fire department.
- East Haddam has one fire department and it is a private corporation but the career fire fighters are municipal employees. The fire department is contracted to provide fire protection to the town in return for the town fully funding the department and providing each fire fighter with a pension. The town owns the fire station and fire apparatus. The fire department provides rescue services but not EMS services as a first responder as that is provided by the private ambulance service.
- East Hampton has one fire department and it is a municipal department through local ordinance though it is an all volunteer fire department governed by a fire commission. The town owns the fire station and fire apparatus. EMS services are provided by the police as first responders and then the ambulance association. However, the fire department just attained first responder status so they too are now providing EMS services.
- East Lyme has two fire departments, Flanders fire department and Niantic fire department. Each resides in their own geographic fire district. They both respond to an incident call so they are viewed as one fire department and the incident data is reported as one department, the East Lyme fire department. The town owns the fire stations and the fire apparatus.
- Easton has a municipal fire department that is assisted by a private, volunteer fire company. The volunteer fire company owns the fire station but the town owns the fire apparatus. The town rents the fire station from the fire company to house the career staff. The fire commission oversees the career fire fighters. The chief and assistant chief are elected by both the volunteers and the career staff.

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- Glastonbury has a municipal volunteer fire department consisting of four fire companies. However, there is just one fire chief and the fire companies are simply located in different geographic districts but are not independent entities. The town owns the fire stations and the fire apparatus.
- Lisbon has one fire department. It is a volunteer department but the town considers it to be a municipal department since it funds the fire operations. The ambulance operations are self funded through the ambulance fees collected. The town owns the fire station and the majority of the fire apparatus.
- Middlefield has one fire department and it is a municipal volunteer department. The town owns the fire station and fire apparatus. While the fire department is a private, non-profit corporation, it is a civic/social organization that does fundraisers to benefit the community.
- Oxford has one “unified” fire department that is really three fire companies. The Oxford Center Fire Company, Quaker Farms Fire Company, and Riverside Fire Company are semi-autonomous fire departments but the town owns the fire stations and fire apparatus. Each has their own chief but each chief is part of the Board of Fire Chiefs and the Board then elects the chief of the fire department with the other two becoming the Asst Chiefs. Therefore, they function collectively as one department, the incident data is recorded in CFIRS as one department.
- Plainville has one fire department and it is a municipal department. The Plainville Fire company is a private, non-profit group that is a social organization that does fundraisers to benefit the community through scholarships and sponsoring sport teams. The fire department provides rescue services but not EMS services as the police provide first responder services.
- Seymour has one fire department that is comprised two fire companies that is overseen by a fire commission. Each fire company elects their own officers but the fire commission appoints two fire chiefs to each fire company. One becomes the high chief of the Seymour Fire Department and the other three become the Assistant Chiefs. The position of high chief is a 1 yr. term and it rotates between the two fire companies. The incident data is reported to CFIRS as one department. The town owns the fire stations, fire apparatus, and equipment. The fire commission is composed of two members from each fire company and one member appointed by the BOS. The private fire companies are a civic/social organization as they are not involved in the running of the fire department.
- The Shelton fire department is a municipal volunteer fire department consisting of four fire companies: Echo Hose Hook & Ladder Co., Huntington Fire Co., Pine Rock Park Fire Co., and White Hills Fire Co. They are overseen by a Fire Commission with one member of the commission coming from each fire company plus one from the town.
- Somers has one fire department in which the volunteer fire department is considered a private corporation but the career fire fighters are municipal employees. The town owns the fire station and the fire apparatus.
- South Windsor has a municipal volunteer fire department as the town funds its operating and capital expenses. The town owns the fire station and fire apparatus. The fire department provides rescue services but not EMS services.
- Tolland has one fire department in which the volunteer fire department is considered a private corporation but the career fire fighters are municipal employees. The town owns the fire stations and the town owns the majority of the fire apparatus and equipment.
- Vernon has a municipal volunteer fire department. They have six stations which are owned by the town.
- Wallingford has a municipal career fire department which is assisted by three private volunteer fire companies (North Farms VFC, Yalesville VFC, and East Wallingford Fire Department). The volunteer fire companies take their direction from the municipal fire chief and the town funds the majority of their operating expenses. The incident data is recorded in CFIRS as one department since it is a “unified” fire department

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- The Waterford fire department is comprised of five private fire companies: Cohanzie Fire Company, Goshen Fire Company, Jordan Fire Company, Oswegatchie Fire Company, and Quaker Hill Fire Company. Each fire company has its own chief and function together as the “unified” Waterford fire department under the direction of the fire commission. Therefore, the incident data is recorded in CFIRS as if they were one department. The town provides the majority of the funding to each of the fire companies and owns the fire stations and fire apparatus.
- Wethersfield has a municipal volunteer fire department. The town owns the fire stations and fire apparatus. There is a private Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Association but it is a civic/social organization that does fundraisers to benefit the community.
- Windsor Locks has a municipal volunteer fire department. The fire department provides EMS services as it has supplemental first responder status. The police department is the designated first responder.
- Winsted is a city within the town of Winchester. There is one municipal fire department comprised of five fire companies, Union Hose Co., Deluge Hose Co., Niagara Engine Co, Cascade Engine Co, and Tower Ladder Co.
- Woodbridge has one volunteer fire department and it is considered to be a town department. As such, the town owns the fire station and the fire apparatus.

For a list of the fire departments described above and when they were established, please refer to Appendix B.

Fire Districts

A district is a quasi-municipal corporation. It is an independent governmental entity that exists separately from the municipality in which it resides. They are usually created for specific purposes such as fire, water, lighting, sewer, etc. As such, they have their own taxing authority. Usually, district taxes are included in the property tax bill put out by the municipality and the municipality passes the district taxes on to the district. However, some districts have their own tax collector and those district residents receive two property tax bills, one from the town and one from the district.

There are several municipalities that do not have a fire department. Instead, they have one or more fire districts with each district providing its own fire service. While the other New England States have fire districts, they are far more prevalent in Connecticut and Rhode Island. However, not all fire districts exist to provide fire services. For example, Windsor has two fire districts but they exist to provide trash collection not fire services and Berlin has two fire districts but they provide water not fire services.

Towns with a single fire district providing fire services to the entire town are Barkhamsted, Cromwell, Pomfret, Simsbury, and Sterling. Note that these fire districts may provide more than just fire services. For example, Cromwell and Simsbury fire district provide water services in addition to fire services.

- The Barkhamsted fire district operates three fire departments: Barkhamsted East, Pleasant Valley, and Riverton.
- The Cromwell fire district operates one fire department, the Cromwell Fire Department
- The Pomfret fire district operates one fire department, the Pomfret Fire Department
- The Lakeville fire district in Salisbury was dissolved at the end of fiscal year 2008.
- The Simsbury fire district operates one fire department, the Simsbury VFD.
- The Sterling fire district operates two fire departments: the Oneco and Sterling VFD

Ellington and East Windsor have a fire district providing fire services but they do not raise taxes to pay for their fire department. Instead, the town pays for the fire department.

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Towns with multiple fire districts providing fire services to the town include Bloomfield, Enfield, Groton, Killingly, Manchester, Middletown, New Hartford, Plainfield, Putnam, Redding, Stamford, Stonington, Trumbull, and West Haven.

- Bloomfield has two fire districts – Bloomfield and Blue Hills.
- Enfield has five fire districts – Enfield, Hazardville, North Thompsonville, Shaker Pine, Thompsonville.
- Groton has nine fire districts of which seven provide fire services – Center Groton, Groton City, Mystic, Long Point, Noank, Old Mystic, and Poquonnock. Groton City provides fire services to the West Pleasant Valley fire district and Noank provides fire services to the Mumford Cove fire district. In addition, a portion of Groton is served by a Department of Defense Fire Department, (Navy Sub Base), while two businesses, Pfizer Pharmaceutical and the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics, maintain their own fire departments. The Navy Sub Base, Pfizer and Electric Boat Fire Departments are mutual aid response agencies for Groton's nine fire districts
- Killingly has eight fire districts of which six provide fire services – Attawaugan, Danielson, Dayville, East Killingly, South Killingly, and Willamsville. Danielson provides fire service to the Orient Heights fire district and Atwood Hose (Plainfield) provides fire service to Dyer Manor.
- Manchester has two fire districts – Manchester and Manchester 8th. The Manchester fire department is a town department and services 2/3rds of the town. Manchester 8th fire district covers the north and northwestern parts of the town. Each district has taxing authority to pay for their fire department.
- Middletown has three fire districts – Middletown, South, and Westfield. The Middletown Fire Department has the authority under the town charter to maintain the Fire Service for the whole town. The Westfield and South fire districts have their own taxing authority for their districts. The Middletown Fire department only taxes people within the area that is not covered by the two other districts.
- New Hartford has three fire districts: New Hartford Village fire district (District 1), South End fire district (District 4), and Pine Meadow fire district (District 3), each with their own taxing authority.
- Plainfield has four fire districts – Moosup, Plainfield, Plainfield Central Village, and Wauregan with the latter operating the Atwood fire department and the other three operating departments of the same name.
- Putnam has three fire districts – East Putnam, West Putnam, and a Special Service District which is covered by the Putnam Fire Department. The Putnam Fire department is also contracted to provide fire service to the West Putnam Fire District.
- Redding has three fire districts: Georgetown, Redding #1, and Redding #2.
- Stamford has six fire districts: Belltown, Glenbrook, Long Ridge, Springdale, Stamford, and Turn of the River. The Stamford (or City) fire district contains the career fire department and is city operated. The other five are volunteer fire departments. There is currently a proposal to merge the volunteer departments into one volunteer department and a single taxing district.
- Stonington has nine fire districts of which six have their own fire department: Mystic, Pawcatuck, Borough of Stonington, Quiambaug, Old Mystic, and Wequetequock. The Stonington, Wamphassuc and Lord's Point fire districts contract with the Borough of Stonington fire district to provide fire service to their districts. The Mason's Island Fire District contracts with the Mystic Fire District to provide fire services to its district.
- Trumbull has three fire districts – Long Hill, Nichols, and Trumbull Center. The Trumbull Center Fire District contracts fire services to a private fire company, namely the Trumbull Volunteer fire Company who elects a chief. The District owns the buildings (with a special caveat since the land was previously owned by the Fire Company) and the District pays for the apparatus, insurance and equipment. Similarly, the Long Hill Fire District contracts with the Long Hill Volunteer Fire Company who elects a chief. The Nichols Fire District is its own fire service entity and they appoint the Chief and officers.

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- West Haven has three fire districts – Allingtown, West Haven, and West Shore.

Note that Mystic and Old Mystic are fire districts within villages of the same name. Parts of each fire district lie within both Groton and Stonington which is why they show up as fire districts in both towns.

The City of Norwalk was formed in 1913 by the consolidation of Norwalk, South Norwalk, East Norwalk, and Rowayton. In forming the consolidated City of Norwalk, vestiges of the old municipalities were kept around in the form of taxing districts. The Norwalk fire department services all of Norwalk except Rowayton (the 6th Taxing District). The Norwalk fire department exists in its own fire district and funds just the fire department. The Rowayton fire department is funded out of the 6th taxing district which funds all services provided in that district.

The city of Norwich has a career fire department in a city district which levies a tax to pay for the career fire department. Norwich also has five volunteer fire departments in a town district which levies a tax to pay for the volunteer fire departments. Each department operates cooperatively but independently. The city owns the career fire station and two of the fire volunteer fire stations. While three stations are owned by the volunteer fire departments, the town funds the operational and maintenance of these stations. The city owns all functional fire apparatus of all the fire departments. The city of Norwich was consolidated with the town of Norwich in 1952 which is why the municipal department is in the consolidated city district.

Windham has two districts but they are not considered fire districts per se. The Willimantic Fire Department is a full-time department and is part of the Business Service District which was created to provide police and fire services to a geographic area. The three volunteer fire departments (North Windham, South Windham, and Windham Center) are part of the 1st taxing district which was created to fund the three volunteer departments plus the libraries. Each department has its own fire chief.

Private Fire Department Organizations

Connecticut has many municipalities that get their fire services from private fire departments, many of which are non-profit volunteer organizations. Nationally, 75% of all municipalities rely on volunteer fire fighters as the first line of defense in an emergency. While the fire department may be a private organization, money is usually requested from the town to help defray its operating expenses. Many of these fire departments have contractual obligations with the town requiring them to submit budget requests to the Town Manager, Town Council, Board of Finance, Board of Selectman or Fire Commission. Therefore, they are considered by the State to be municipal departments and shows up as such in the State's SCIP.

Some of the private fire departments are part of a fire district just mentioned. However, this section will discuss only those private departments that are not part of a fire district. Generally, these private organizations have volunteer departments each with their own chief. Unless otherwise indicated, the town provides the majority of the funding of the fire department.

Towns owning the fire station(s) and most, if not all, of the fire apparatus are: Ashford, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Bethel, Canaan (Falls Village), Colebrook, Columbia, Cornwall, Deep River, Durham, East Granby, Ellington, Franklin, Hampton, Hebron, Kent, Killingsworth, Lebanon, Litchfield, Lyme, Middlebury, Morris, Norfolk, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Prospect, Roxbury, Salem, Sherman, Thomaston, Washington, Watertown, Westbrook, Woodstock.

- Ashford, Bethany, Lebanon, Middlebury do not fund the ambulance service as that is self funded by the ambulance fees and donations. The Bethany Fire Association owns the ambulances and fly-car.
- Bethel has two fire departments, Bethel and Stony Hill. They are in geographic districts not in a fire district with taxing authority. Each has its own chief and reports their own incident data. The town funds the fire operations but the ambulance operations are self-funded through ambulance fees.
- Canaan has one fire department, Falls Village Fire Dept) and it is a private, non-profit corporation.

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- Colebrook has two fire departments (Colebrook Center Fire Dept. and Forge Fire Company) and both are private, non-profit volunteer corporations. While the town owns the two fire stations, both the town and the fire departments each own some of the fire apparatus. The town insures the stations and fire apparatus.
- Cornwall has one fire department that is comprised of two fire houses, the Cornwall VFD and Cornwall Bridge VFD. The ambulance is purchased by the fire department through fundraisers and then sold to the town so it is covered through its vehicle insurance fleet.
- The Ellington VFD is a private, non-profit corporation while the Crystal Lake Fire Department is part of a Fire District. Though the fire district has taxing authority, it does not do so. Therefore, both departments receive a subsidy from the town that covers the majority of their operational expenses.
- Litchfield has four fire departments but the incident data is reported as one fire department.
- The Salem Fire company turned over all its assets to the town around 2000 and in return, the town leases the station to the Salem Fire company. The Gardner Lake Fire company owns its fire station.. Both departments respond to all incidents together and train together so the CFIRS is reported as if they are one department.
- Woodstock has three fire departments (Bungay, Muddy Brook, and Woodstock) with each located in a geographic fire district not a taxing fire district. Bungay Fire Brigade provides dive team staff and equipment, extrication, tactical rescue (ropes, swift water, etc) and non-transport EMS response (also known as R1). Muddy Brook provides heavy rescue, extrication, and non-transport EMS response.

Fire department owning the fire station(s) and the fire apparatus are: Bridgewater, Brookfield, Brooklyn, Chester, Eastford, Granby, Hartland, North Canaan, Sharon, and Thompson.

- The Bridgewater fire department's fire and EMS operations are not funded by the town due to the fire department's very successful county fair.
- Brookfield has one fire department comprised of two fire companies, the Brookfield Volunteer Fire Company and the Candlewood Fire Company. They each own their own station and equipment.
- Brooklyn has two independent fire departments, the East Brooklyn Fire Department and the Mortlake Fire Company. They each own their own station and fire apparatus. They submit their budgets to the Fire Commission.
- Chester contracts with the Chester Hose Company to provide fire protection and ambulance service to the town.
- In Granby, everything is deeded over to the town if the fire department discontinues its operations.
- Hartland has two fire departments, East Hartland Fire Department and West Hartland Fire Department, which are private organizations. Each has their own chief and owns their own station and fire apparatus.
- North Canaan has one volunteer fire department, the Canaan fire department. (not to be confused with Canaan CT which has the Falls Village Fire Department). Each year the town "donates" monies to the fire department toward their equipment fund and this is how the department is able to purchase fire apparatus.
- Thompson has five volunteer fire departments that are in geographic districts (but not a fire district). Each owns their own fire station and fire apparatus.

Fire department owning the fire station(s) but the town owning the fire apparatus are: Baltic, Bozrah, Canterbury, Darien, Easton, Goshen, Griswold, Harwinton, Madison, Montville, North Branford, North Stonington, Preston, Warren, Willington, and Wolcott.

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- Canterbury partially funds the EMS operations with the rest coming from ambulance fees.
- Darien has three (3) fire companies that are in geographic districts (no fire districts). When there is a fire during the day, all three departments respond due to a shortage in volunteers.
- The town of Griswold took over the funding of the AA Young fire department from the Borough of Jewett City when it went into receivership in 1995. While the town now funds both the Griswold VFD and the AA Young VFD, each department is still a separate entity from the town. The town owns the fire apparatus in both fire departments. However, the borough of Jewett City still owns the AA Young fire station and the Griswold VFD owns the fire station.
- Harwinton has two fire departments which operate as a single unit because both departments respond to an emergency call under a single incident commander.
- Madison has two semi-autonomous fire companies with each fire company owning their own fire station.
- Montville has four fire companies: Montville Fire Company, Mohegan Fire Company, Oakdale Fire Company, and Chesterfield Fire Company. The town funds the fire operations but the ambulance operations are self-funded through fundraisers and ambulance fees.
- North Branford has three private fire companies and each fire company owns their station which then rents it back to the town. The ambulance is separate from the fire department and is a municipal service.
- Stonington Borough Fire department was comprised of three fire companies: Neptune Engine Company, Steamers Engine Company, and Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company. In 2014, the Stonington Borough Volunteer Fire Department as formed from the merge of the Neptune Fire Company, Steamers Fire Company, and the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company.
- Preston has two private, non-profit fire departments: Preston City fire department and the Poquetanuck fire department. The Poquetanuck fire department also provides ambulance service to the entire town.
- Warren has one private, non-profit fire department. The town owns the fire apparatus and leases them to the fire department for a nominal fee and pays for the insurance on the station and vehicles. The fire department pays for all other expenses associated with the fire station.
- Willington has two private fire departments. Each fire department owns their own stations but the town pays the mortgage. In return for the funding of the fire departments, the town receives the revenues from the ambulance service which is provided by the Willington Fire Department. The CFIRS incident data is reported as if they are one “unified” department since both departments respond to all incidents.
- Wolcott has three non-profit volunteer fire companies but the incident data is recorded as if they are one department. Each fire company owns their own station but the town holds the mortgage and each fire company pays the mortgage back to the town.

Towns owning the fire station(s) but the fire department owning the fire apparatus are: Chaplin, Essex, Orange and Scotland.

- Chaplin owns the fire station but insures the fire station and the fire apparatus as part of their vehicle fleet insurance.
- Essex owns and insures the fire apparatus while the town owns and insures the fire station.

Towns and fire department owning some of the fire stations but the town owning the fire apparatus are: Avon, Ledyard, Marlborough, Monroe, Newtown, and Weston.

- Avon owns three of the fire stations and the fire department owns the fourth fire station. The police department provides first responder services and the fire department provides supplemental first responder service.

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- Ledyard has two fire departments (Gales Ferry Fire Company and Ledyard Fire Company) each residing in their own village or geographic district. Gales Ferry owns its own fire station and leases it back to the town so they can store fire apparatus in the station. The town owns the Ledyard Emergency Services Building housing both the Ledyard Fire Company and Ledyard EMS. Both fire departments are supplemental first responders.
- Marlborough has two fire departments. The town owns the fire apparatus and one of the fire stations with the fire department owning the other fire station.
- Monroe has three fire departments (Monroe, Stepney, and Stevenson) that are located in geographic districts. There are six stations of which the town owns three. All three departments respond to fires in the town of Monroe from 0600-1800 hours Monday-Friday due to manpower requirements.
- Newtown has five (5) fire companies (Dodgingtown, Botsford, Hawleyville, Newtown Hook & Ladder, and Sandy Hook) in geographic districts and all are overseen by a Fire Commission. While the town owns half the equipment in all the fire departments, the stations are owned by the individual fire departments with the exception of Newtown Hook and Ladder station which is owned by the town.
- Weston owns and maintains the headquarters fire station while the fire department owns station 2. The town funds only the fire operations as the EMS operation is self-funded through ambulance fees and donations.

Towns and fire department owning some of the fire stations but the fire department owning the fire apparatus are: Clinton, East Windsor, and Stafford.

- Clinton shares ownership of the stations with the fire department.
- East Windsor has two fire departments. The Warehouse Point Fire District has its own fire department and while it has taxing authority, it does not do so and so, the town funds the fire department. The Broad Brook Fire department is a quasi municipal fire department funded by the town. The Broad Brook fire department station and fire apparatus is owned by the town while the Warehouse Point fire station and equipment is owned by the fire district.
- Stafford has two private, volunteer fire departments – the Staffordville and West Stafford fire departments. The town owns the West Stafford and Stafford Springs fire stations but the Staffordville Fire Department owns its fire station. While the fire departments own their own fire apparatus, they get transferred to the town if the fire department were to fold. This happened a few years ago when the Stafford Springs fire department ceased to exist.

Bethany, East Hampton, Killingsworth, Middlefield, North Branford, North Canaan (fire only), Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Sharon, Sherman, and Westbrook fund a pension for its fire department volunteers. Note that this is by no means a complete list.

The State allows municipalities to provide a tax abatement program up to \$1000 for fire and EMS volunteers based on meeting certain criteria. The following towns have adopted this tax abatement program but it is by no means a complete list:

- Bloomfield, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Columbia, East Hampton, Middlefield, North Branford, North Canaan (EMS only), Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Seymour, Sherman, Suffield, Westbrook, and Windsor.

Get more info on these volunteer fire companies...

- New Milford has three (3) fire companies with each fire company owning their own fire station. The New Milford Fire Association is in its own taxing district.
- Plymouth, Salisbury, Union. Plymouth has three fire companies: Terryville, Fall Mountain, and Plymouth Fire Company.

Fire Budgets

Connecticut does not have a uniform chart of accounts for budgeting. Therefore, municipalities are free to use any format for internal financial reporting such as for budgeting or cost accounting. As such, most municipalities employ it as an accounting based budget rather than a full-cost budget based on department. For example, a municipality may roll up life insurance, disability insurance, workers comp, unemployment insurance, and property & liability insurance as well as employee benefits (medical insurance – health and dental) into a fringe benefits account and legal fees can be rolled up into the legal services account which are all part of the General Government budget

Full-cost budgeting has all costs allocated to each department so it is clear what it costs to run that department. As such, a full-cost budget for the fire department has wages, benefits, insurance, legal fees, utilities, fuel, and equipment repairs in its departmental operating budget. I am keeping capital budget (including debt service) separate.

All municipalities (but not fire districts) are required to file a copy of their Adopted budget with the State. Most municipalities do not include employee benefits, insurance costs, and pension costs in a departmental budget but in separate accounts. In fact, the only municipalities that I am aware of that do a full-cost operating budget are Berlin, Bridgeport, and the various fire districts. Some fire departments include hydrant costs in their budget, most do not.

Ambulance Service

In Connecticut, EMS services are coordinated through the State's Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services. The Public Health Code section "Office of Emergency Medical Services" (19a-179) defines BLS and ALS staffing and ambulance transport requirements.

Fire departments in Connecticut that provide EMS transport services do so mostly at the basic life support (BLS) level. Hospitals and commercial carriers play a big role in providing paramedic services. It is difficult for a small town to provide paramedic service on its own because it cannot provide enough on-the-job training for their skills to stay "fresh". Therefore, several towns and/or hospitals have banded together to provide regional paramedic intercepts.

- Housatonic Valley Paramedic Intercept Program has seven towns (Bridgewater, Kent, New Milford, Roxbury, Sherman, Warren, and Washington) in the New Milford area contracting with Campion to provide a paramedic intercept.
- Johnson Hospital provides a regional paramedic intercept service to the towns of Somers, Stafford, and Union. The hospital contracts this service to Ambulance Service of Manchester.
- Lawrence and Memorial Hospital provides a regional paramedic intercept service to the towns of East Lyme, Groton, Ledyard, New London, North Stonington, Stonington, and Waterford.
- Middlesex Hospital provides a regional paramedic intercept services to the towns of Colchester, East Haddam, East Hampton, Hebron, and Marlborough out of the Marlborough Medical Center; another regional paramedic service to the towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Killingworth, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook out of Shoreline Medical Center; and a regional paramedic intercept service to the towns of Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield, and Middletown out of Middlesex Hospital in Middletown.
- Northeastern Connecticut Council of Government contracts with American Ambulance to provide a 24/7 paramedic intercept service to the towns it services: Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Eastford, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Sterling, Thompson, Union, and Woodstock through Day Kimball Hospital.
- Rockville Hospital provides a regional paramedic intercept service to the towns of Ellington, Tolland, and Vernon. The hospital contracts this service to AMR.

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- UCONN fire department contracts with the towns of Avon, Canton, and Farmington to provide a regional paramedic intercept program.
- Valley EMS provides paramedic intercepts to Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Seymour, and Shelton.
- Windham Council of Government negotiated an agreement with Windham Hospital where the hospital provides a paramedic to the surrounding towns of Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Hampton, Lebanon, Scotland, Willington, and Windham.
- Winsted Health Center Regional Paramedic Intercept Program has six towns (Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland, New Hartford, Norfolk, and Winchester) in the Winsted area contracting with Campion to provide a paramedic intercept.

Other towns provide paramedic services by hiring in-house paramedics from hospitals or EMS agencies. The advantage is that the town simply pays the ambulance service for the paramedic and the ambulance service deals with the payroll, benefits, and liability.

- Bethel and Redding have hired an in-house paramedic for their regional paramedic service from Western Connecticut Health System with costs shared between Bethel and Redding but licensed through the police department.
- Bloomfield has hired in-house paramedics from AMR.
- Brookfield has hired an in-house paramedic from Vintech.
- Burlington has hired an in-house paramedic from Bristol EMS.
- Naugatuck, Southbury, and Wolcott have hired in-house paramedics from Campion Ambulance.
- Mansfield serves as a satellite location for the Windham Hospital regional paramedic program. This means that there is an in-house paramedic in the Mansfield central station who responds to calls in Mansfield or the participating regional towns.
- New Canaan and Westport have hired an in-house paramedic from Norwalk Hospital. Wilton and Weston have created the Wilton-Weston ALS Association by which the two towns have funded an in-house paramedic to provide ALS services. This in-house paramedic was hired from Norwalk Hospital.
- Newtown and Trumbull have hired an in-house paramedic from Danbury Ambulance Service.

Just as volunteer fire departments have experienced significant decreases in volunteers, volunteer ambulance services have had similar experiences. The NY Times ran an article “Sounding the Siren for Volunteer Drivers” in October 2001 indicating that the lack of volunteers is due to (1) significant training time; (2) yearly recertification; (3) fewer employers being willing to let employees leave; and (4) increases in call volume requiring more time commitments. As a result, many volunteer ambulance service providers are starting to hire daytime personnel as this is considered to be the time period of greatest need. This staffing is provided through temporary agencies or by hiring an in-house person from a private firm.

- Campion ambulance provides staffing to Southbury.
- Danbury Hospital provides staffing to New Fairfield.
- Emergency Resource Management provides staffing to Granby, Haddam, Monroe, New Hartford, Seymour, Southbury, and Stony Hill.
- Vintech provides staffing to Canton, Derby, Georgetown, Glastonbury, Harwinton, Litchfield, Morris, Mortlake Fire Company, New Milford, North Branford, North Canaan, Thomaston, and Winsted.
 - Woodstock ambulance has a paid ambulance crew from Vintech 6AM to 6PM during the weekday. The rest of the time, the ambulance is staffed by volunteers responding from their home.

This model is gaining popularity because the agency takes care of scheduling and training, and has its own insurance which is very appealing to a volunteer ambulance service provider.

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There are quite a few non-profit ambulance providers. They rely on volunteers who put in hundreds of hours to get certified and retraining. The ambulances have equipment laden with mandated safety gear and must be meticulously maintained. When they respond to a call, they may receive a small stipend. It is clear that these volunteers do not do what they do for money but have a passion for providing this service to their community.

The ambulance member fees, patient receipts, and paramedic intercepts are a significant revenue source. The fees and patient receipts are revenue deposited in either the General Fund or into a special reserve fund. Ultimately, both mechanisms are used to reduce taxes in some form. For example, ambulance fees for Manchester go into a special reserve fund, which is then used to fund the ambulance/EMS budget for the following year.

- The Cornwall VFD provides a free BLS service to its residents. There are no patient fees charged.
- In 1978, the Wallington municipal ambulance service was merged into the Wallington fire department.

Estimating Ambulance Service Costs

For towns that don't break out the cost of their ambulance and fire services separately due to having cross-trained personnel, how can one estimate the cost of the ambulance service? A generally accepted costing model on how to estimate the cost of EMS services for such a fire department has the following formula:

- A. Personnel Costs = average on-call time x average hourly labor rate x average number of personnel on the call x number of incidents prior year. (Hourly rate includes benefits)
- B. Vehicle = (Operating cost per mile x annual call miles) + annual cost for ambulance replacement.
- C. Supplies = Actual Cost of Medical Supplies per year + costs of billing service.
- D. Indirect Costs = 25% (A+B+C). 25% is used as a factor to address other benefits and training costs.

Several fire departments in the state use this formula in determining the fee to charge towns contracting for ambulance service. There is some merit to taking the formula in part A and multiplying it by the number of shifts but that is not considered part of the formula at this time.

Staffing Levels

The National Institute of Standards and Technology published a report in 2010 entitled "Report on Residential Fireground Field Experiments". This report found that a four person crew completed all tasks on the fireground 30% faster than a two person crew and 25% faster than a three person crew. Similar results were seen with laddering and ventilation. Interestingly, four person crews completed primary search and rescue operations 6% faster than three person crews but 30% faster than two person crews. Two person crews took almost a minute longer than three person crews to stretch a hose line and almost 90 seconds longer than four person crews. With this in mind, it might be interesting to see what the staffing levels are in Connecticut fire departments.

The first line in the staffing levels column shows full-time and on-call. Full-time personnel are career firefighters, chief officers, and any full-time civilians (i.e., executive secretary). The initial staffing levels in 2006/FY07 are shown and if there has been any change in staffing levels, it will be followed by an arrow ('=>') and then the new levels. The second line in the staffing levels column reflects the number of shifts using full-time personnel with the following exceptions:

The fourth line is the number of fire stations in the municipality or district.

Many career firefighters are trained for firefighting and for EMT duties. Emergency response has been consolidated into many fire departments such that the majority of the call volume for a fire department today is EMS-related not fire. In fact, over the last 20 years, the number of EMS responses has more than tripled while fires have decreased by almost 50%³. It is estimated that 66% of all fire department calls in 2011 were EMS-

³ Effective Fire Protection: A National Concern. A Study by the Insurance Service Office (ISO).

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related⁴. As we have seen with the floods that Connecticut experienced a few years ago, fire departments are expected to respond to natural disasters. With the advent of 9/11, fire departments also are expected to respond to acts of terrorism. So, the role of a firefighter has changed dramatically from years ago. The fire department is also involved in fire prevention activities (such as public education and property inspections) and on-going training of its personnel which does not show up in the call volume data.

- The Barkhamsted fire district has one full-time firefighter providing weekday coverage. Nights and weekends are still on-call.
- Burlington has one EMT/paramedic in the station at all times for ambulance service.
- Colchester VFD provides weekday coverage and relies on volunteers to provide night time and weekend coverage.
- East Haddam has three career fire fighters providing weekday coverage only with nights and weekends covered by volunteers.
- The Enfield fire department staffs 2 stations with four career personnel at each station on weekdays. They staff the headquarters station weekends with a mix of career and part-time firefighters until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, and during the day on Sunday.
- Gales Ferry fire department and the Ledyard fire department (both in Ledyard) are each staffed by two career personnel during the day and by volunteers nights and weekends.
- The Hazardville fire department staffs its station during the weekday with career firefighters. It staffs the station on Friday and Saturday night until midnight with career and part-time firefighters.
- The Hebron fire department staffs its station with two career fire firefighters during the weekday with nights/weekends being on-call/volunteer personnel.
- Montville has at least one career firefighter at each of their four stations to provide 24-hour coverage.
- The New Hartford Fire Department has one career firefighter during the weekday with nights and weekends being on-call personnel.
- The North Thompsonville fire department provides weekday coverage with career personnel and coverage Friday and Saturday evenings with part-time personnel.
- The Shaker Pines fire department staffs its station during weekdays only.
- Waterford has two career fire fighters at two stations and one career fire fighter at each of the other three stations during the day shift.
- The Willington fire department staffs its station with two career personnel during the weekdays and one during the weeknights.
- Winsted has one career firefighter during the day with nights and weekends being on-call.

The personnel and number of stations initially came from the Fire Department Census Survey found on the US Fire Administration website and were cross-referenced with information from the town web sites and/or town reports. The population numbers were taken from the US Census Bureau web site.

Shifts

The third line is the shift schedule (for those departments that provide 24/7 immediate coverage). A department with three shifts typically employs a 24/48 shift. This means one day (24-hour) on followed by two days off with one Kelly day every third week. A department with four shifts typically works 42 hours per week and the work shift is employed in a variety of ways. A 24/72 shift means one day (24-hour) on followed by three days off. A 10/14 shift is employed in several ways:

⁴ Fire Loss in the United States During 2011. September 2012. Michael J. Karter, Jr.

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- Two 10-hour days followed by two 14-hour nights followed by 4 days off. This is a normal 10/14 shift and is called 10/14 shift in the document.
- Two 10-hour days followed by 1 day off followed by two 14-hour nights followed by 3 days off. This is called a mod 10/14 shift in the document.
- Three 10-hour days followed by three days off followed by three nights on followed by three days off. This is called a 10/14, 3on/3off shift.
- One 10-hour day, one 14-hour night, one day off, one 10-hour day, one 14-hour night, 3 days off.

A 12-hour rotating shift employed as 2 days on followed by 2 days off then 3 days on followed by 2 days off then 2 days on followed by 3 days off. This is also known as a 12-hour modified 3-on/3-off shift. This allows a three-day weekend every two weeks and averages out to a 42-hour workweek.

Call Volume

The calls for service (CFS) were taken from town reports, CAFR, town web sites, budget documents, and/or from the State Fire Marshal's office. Some of the EMS call volume numbers will be in green to indicate that these represent the private, non-profit ambulance service not the fire department.

- Litchfield County Dispatch, Tolland County Dispatch, and Quinebaug Valley Emergency Communications graciously provided dispatch information to fill in the information that was not obtainable through the State Fire Marshal reports and town reports.
- The Norwich fire departments incident data is taken from the budget document.
- The Glastonbury, Granby, Hartford, North Haven, Plymouth, Ridgefield, Stamford, Waterford, and Wilton fire department incident data is taken from the CAFR document and is fiscal year based.
- The West Hartford incident data is taken from the CAFR document but is calendar year based.
- The East Granby, Greenwich, Hampton, Pomfret, Salisbury, Scotland, and Tolland fire department incident data is taken from the town reports. Greenwich and Tolland are fiscal year based while the rest are calendar year based.

When the fire department also provides ambulance service, I have taken the response data from the Office of Emergency Medical Services and added that to the incident data from CFIRS since the latter does not include ambulance responses in Connecticut.

- South Coventry responds to North Coventry for BLS transport. North Coventry responds to the same call as first responders. So, the EMS numbers for North and South Coventry combined will include the same calls.

The EMS call volume will be that of the fire department unless the numbers are in green. Any numbers in green represent the call volume of the ambulance provider not the fire department.

Keep in mind that the call volume does not reflect the call response time. For example, the call volume may go down by a few calls but the call response time may actually be higher. So, call volume alone is not necessarily the only indicator of measuring the "busyness" of a fire department. Another example is the number of EMS calls. While the number of EMS calls may represent 66% of all calls, it is important to remember that an EMS call typically requires on average about 45 minutes and two or three personnel. Fire calls frequently require most, if not all, on-duty personnel and take many hours to mitigate. When looking at it from this perspective, the number of hours spent performing EMS functions versus fire functions is more like 50% each.

Unfortunately, in at least one municipality, the officials looked at the call percentage and concluded that if the EMS service was privatized, it would reduce workload by 62% and hence, the fire department would not need as many personnel. Therefore, it cannot be stressed enough that call volume alone is not necessarily the only indicator of measuring the "busyness" of a fire department.

The EMS level options are Rescue services, First Responder (FR), and BLS ambulance transport (BLS).

Mutual Aid

An issue of growing concern for some fire departments is the increase in the number of simultaneous calls. This is not an area that much attention has been paid to but it puts additional stresses on a department. When an incident or multiple simultaneous incidents occur such that the available local fire department resources are overwhelmed, then additional help is summoned from other nearby fire departments. When fire departments help each other in this fashion, it is called Mutual Aid. In fact, a recent survey conducted for ISO⁵ indicates that over 50% of fire departments call on mutual aid to respond to initial alarms for a structure fire due to lack of responders.

In some communities, a fire department in an adjacent municipality can provide a quicker response than the local fire department. Typically, these fire departments enter into an Automatic Mutual Aid agreement. Automatic Aid provides for a fire department in another municipality to immediately respond to reported fires because it is closer, thus providing the quickest response of manpower and equipment to incidents, and allowing more of the municipality to remain protected at all times. In the same ISO Survey, over 60% indicated that neighboring departments responded due to Automatic Aid agreements.

Automatic Mutual Aid is set up as agreements between participating fire departments. Mutual Aid is set up as Run cards and clearly defines which fire departments are to respond to a fire when requested at different fire alarm levels.

Mutual Aid is covered under Title 28, Chapter 517a for fire in the General Statutes of Connecticut.

Fire Dispatch

One of the keys to limiting damage caused by fire is the response time. NFPA 1710 sets a goal for all fire departments to respond to a fire within 6 minutes. Response time is defined as the time from when a 911 call is first received to the time a fire truck arrives on scene. Part of this 6-minute window is 1 minute for dispatch time. Fire and ambulance agencies are dispatched from a dispatch center. Some people believe that all 911 calls go directly to their local dispatch center rather than to a central location. Basic 911 Service is an emergency telephone system that automatically connects 911 callers to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Enhanced-911 service does the same plus shows the caller's name, street address, and telephone number to the PSAP. This allows the PSAP to identify the caller's location automatically if the caller is unable to communicate this information verbally to the PSAP call taker.

All calls to 911 in Connecticut are routed to one of 107 PSAPs. Police and fire calls are immediately transferred to the appropriate local dispatch center. For medical emergencies, the appropriate EMS responder is called but the PSAP dispatcher stays on the line to provide appropriate emergency medical instructions while waiting for the responder to arrive.

A table showing the municipal call volume across the New England States can be found in Appendix A to see if there are any trends in EMS and/or fire calls across New England.

Of the 107 PSAP centers, six are fire-only regional dispatch centers: Colchester Emergency Communications, Litchfield County Dispatch, Northwest Public Safety, Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service, Quinebaug Valley Emergency Communications, and Valley Shore Emergency Communications. Groton operates the only consolidated (police-fire-EMS) Regional Dispatch Center in Connecticut. While Willimantic Fire Switchboard is primarily a fire-only regional dispatch center but it also dispatches for the Willimantic police department.

The remaining PSAP Centers may serve one or two communities, may or may not serve multiple emergency services (police-fire-EMS) and may or may not dispatch all of the emergency services within a given municipality. For example, Ledyard provides fire and EMS dispatch for the towns of Ledyard and Preston while police dispatch for both communities is the responsibility of the Connecticut State Police. Stonington

⁵ Fire Chief's Opinion 2008. ISO, September 2008

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provides dispatch services for the town's police department but fire and EMS dispatch are split between three dispatch centers – Stonington PD, Groton Emergency Communications and Westerly RI Dispatch.

The State of Connecticut is divided into 13 Coordinated Medical Emergency Dispatch (CMED) centers, which establishes radio contact between the ambulance and the hospital. This allows the EMT to talk with emergency personnel at the hospital to coordinate care (somewhat similar to what we saw with the TV show "Emergency" back in the early 1970s). The various CMEDs are connected together using MEDNET (a repeaterized radio system) and this is used to coordinate emergency medical resources for Mass Casualty Incidents. The CMED Centers also operate a satellite network MEDSAT, which is coordinated through the Connecticut Department of Public Health. This system links all of the hospitals, ambulance transport, the State Office of Emergency Management, all the CMED centers, and the Department of Public Health together.

Insurance Services Office (ISO)

The Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) has a system called the ISO Public Protection Classification program that rates a community's fire protection on a scale from 1 to 10 based on a department's fire suppression capability. This rating is used by insurance companies in part to set insurance premiums for property insurance.

A low ISO rating number means that the fire suppression capability is high. The rating is based on five factors: Proximity of hydrants, type of fire department (how many firefighters are available for the initial response and how quickly they can respond), and equipment, training, and dispatch time. For example, if there are no hydrants then the ISO rating number will likely fall toward the 8 to 10 range. Some insurance companies also take into account the distance a residence or business is from a fire station.

Generally, a homeowner will see a drop in homeowners insurance when the ISO class rating drops below 8 because having a larger water supply does not help fight a residential fire. A business will see a drop in commercial insurance for each drop in the ISO class rating.

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The information in this document came from various sources (town plans, town officials, and fire personnel) and the information was verified to the extent it was possible. Incident data came from town reports, CAFR documents, budget documents, State Fire Marshal CFIRS reports, Litchfield County Dispatch, Tolland County Dispatch, and Quinebaug Valley Emergency Communications. While I tried to be as accurate as possible, there is the possibility for errors. Hopefully, if there are any errors, someone will be kind enough to point them out to me.

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Change Summary**

FY07:

Easton hires four firefighters to provide 24/7 immediate coverage year round.
New Britain hires ten firefighters.

FY08:

New Britain hires two firefighters
Waterbury hires training officer

FY09:

New Britain hires two firefighters
New Haven lays off two civilian full-time personnel

FY10:

Hartford closes five firefighter, one fire prevention, and one special services position.

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Fire Departments Providing 24/7 Immediate Coverage

Town	Pop/ Cover Area	Dispatch	Staffing FT/Call	EMS Calls (13-16)	FD Calls (13-16)	BLS Transport	ALS
Branford	27,988 over 28.0 sq mi	Branford PD	29/45 4 groups of 6 24/72 shift 5 stations	4024 4181 4420 4413	5648 5747 6004 5902	Branford FD	Branford FD
Bridgeport	147,216 over 19.4 sq mi	Self- Dispatch	368/0 => 366/0 4 groups of 39 10/14, 3on/3off shift 9 stations	8784 9370 10,525 11,489	15,319 14,540 16,432 17,085	AMR	AMR
Bristol	60,568 over 26.8 sq mi	Bristol PD	92/0 => 88/0 4 groups of 20 10/14 shift 5 stations	No EMS Svc	2053 2090 2152 2381	Bristol Hospital EMS	Bristol Hospital EMS
Danbury	83,654 over 44.3 sq mi	Self- Dispatch	129/100 4 groups of 26 10/14, 3on/3off shift 16 stations*	4771 5344 4887 4483	8709 9437 9027 9731	Danbury EMS	Danbury EMS
East Hartford	51,199 over 18.7 sq mi	East Hartford PD	136/0 4 groups of 30 24/72 shift 5 stations	7431 7418 7402 8249	10,476 10,072 10,625 10,946	ASM	ASM
East Haven	29,121 over 13.4 sq mi	Self- Dispatch	48/35 4 groups of 11 10/14, 3on/3off shift 4 stations	3905 4369 4582 4392	6504 5688 5729 5459	AMR	AMR
Easton	7,616 over 28.6 sq mi	Easton PD	8/58 4 groups of 2 24/72 shift 1 station	444 474 394 420	387 551 539 578	Easton Vol EMS	Easton Vol EMS
Enfield - Thompsonville Fire District ⁶	8,580 over 2 sq mi	Enfield ECC	24/0 4 groups of 4 10/14 shift 1 station	6250 6070 6520 6588	1561 1701 1720 1929	Enfield EMS	Enfield EMS
Fairfield	60,855 over 31.3 sq mi	Fairfield ECC	96/0 => 98/0 4 groups of 23 10/14, 3on/3off shift 5 stations	4936 4980 4771 5088	8561 8466 7953 8301	AMR	AMR
Greenwich	62,396 over 67.2 sq mi	Greenwich PD	107/40 4 groups of 20 24/72 shift 1 station	6204 6388 6185 6454	4095 3719 4439 4112	Greenwich EMS	Greenwich EMS
Groton - Groton City Fire District	10,369 over 3.8 sq mi	Groton ECC	17/20 3 groups of 5 24/48 shift 2 stations	4953 4940 5132 4974	1167 1104 1054 1127	Groton Ambulance	L&M Hosp Paramedic
Groton - Poquonnock Bridge Fire District	14,000 over 12.2 sq mi	Groton ECC	29/44 4 groups of 6 24/72 shift 1 station	1203 1167 1256 1302	1887 1746 1792 1959	Groton amb, Mystic River Amb	L&M Hosp Paramedic
Guilford	22,417 over 49.7 sq mi	Guilford ECC	26/110 => 34/110 4 groups of 8 24/72 shift 5 stations	2122 2133 2104 2171	3659 3387 3849 3851	Guildford FD	Guildford FD
Hamden	61,607 over 33.3 sq mi	Hamden Central Comm	103/50 4 groups of 23 10/14, 3on/3off shift 7 stations	6084 6248 6507 6727	9603 8929 9406 9538	AMR	AMR

⁶ The call numbers for decreased from 2008 to 2009 because way the provided First Responder service was changed.

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Hartford	125,017 over 17.3 sq mi	Hartford PD	369/0 => 381/0 4 groups of 86 24/72 shift 12 stations	16,036 16,153 15,696 18,110	22,451 22,839 22,422 25,539	Aetna Amb, AMR (n)	Aetna Amb, AMR (n)
Manchester Fire District	58,211 over 6.4 sq mi	Manchester PD	83/0 => 82/0 4 groups of 18 10/14 shift 5 stations	5896 5381 5514 6567	7788 7371 7566 8457	ASM	ASM
Mansfield	25,744 over 45.5 sq mi	Tolland County Dispatch	20/60 => 19/60 4 groups of 4 12/12, 3on/3off shift 3 stations	1532 1268 1620 1778	1956 1920 2191 2182	Mansfield FD	Windham Hosp Paramedic
Meriden	60,456 over 24.1 sq mi	Self- Dispatch	98/32 4 groups of 21 10/14 shift 5 stations	5926 6261 6346 6462	9112 9218 9483 10,091	Hunters Ambulance	Hunters Ambulance
Middletown – Middletown Central Fire District	18,000 over 5.3 sq mi	Middletown CCC	60/0 => 65/0 4 groups of 13 24/72 shift 1 station	2815 2824 2979 2935	4087 4082 4180 4157	Hunters Ambulance	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
Middletown - South Fire District	14,000 over 21 sq mi	Middletown CCC	33/0 4 groups of 7 10/14, 3on/3off shift 1 station	1887 1583 1583 1364	2487 2165 2197 1965	Hunters Ambulance	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
Milford	53,137 over 26.1 sq mi	Self- Dispatch	133/0 4 groups of 27 10/14, 3on/3off shift 5 stations	4881 4804 4257 4515	7643 7388 6375 6828	Milford FD, AMR	AMR
Montville	19,713 over 44.2 sq mi	Montville Dispatch	9/100 3 groups of 3 24/48 shift 4 stations	1724 1719 1859 1810	2176 2167 2337 2190	Provided by all 4 fire companies	Provided by all 4 fire companies
Naugatuck	31,707 over 16.5 sq mi	Naugatuck PD	41/5 4 groups of 8 9/15, 3on/3off shift 2 stations	No EMS Svc	1148 1135 1206 1320	Naugatuck Ambulance Corp	Naugatuck Ambulance Corp
New Britain	72,939 over 13.4 sq mi	New Britain ERC	135/0 => 159/0 4 groups of 36 6 stations	13,368 13,607 13,848 14,013	6542 6097 6200 6093	New Britain EMS	New Britain EMS
New Canaan	20,194 over 22.5 sq mi	New Canaan PD	25/35 4 groups of 6 24/72 shift 1 station	1547 1712 1759 1886	903 1038 1008 1017	New Canaan Ambulance Corps	In-house from Norwalk Hosp
New Haven	130,660 over 20.1 sq mi	Self- Dispatch	337/0 4 groups of 75 10/14, 3on/3off 10 stations	16,597 18,805 18,806 20,356	27,143 26,992 24,704 25,176	AMR	AMR
New London	27,545 over 10.8 sq mi	New London PD	81/0 4 groups of 18 Mod 10/14 shift 3 stations	5539 5489 5947 6044	6683 6554 7058 7194	New London FD	L&M Hosp Paramedic
North Haven	23,939 over 21.1 sq mi	N Haven ECC	34/80 4 groups of 8 10/14, 3on/3off shift 4 stations	2758 2773 2847 2750	3936 3913 4058 4216	AMR	AMR
Norwalk FD	87,776 over 36.3 sq mi	Norwalk PD	147/0 4 groups of 33 Mod 10/14 shift 6 stations	12,703 12,911 12,967 13,527	6503 6446 6685 6546	Norwalk Hospital Assoc	Norwalk Hospital Assoc

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Norwich FD	40,347 over 29.5 sq mi	Norwich PD	59/0 4 groups of 13 10/14, 3on/3off shift 2 stations	1633 2195 1580 1616	2460 2418 2222 2307	American Ambulance	American Ambulance
Ridgefield	25,164 over 35.0 sq mi	Ridgefield PD	33/50 4 groups of 8/9 24h, 3on/3off shift 2 stations	2094 2044 2200 2045	3374 3052 3305 3337	Ridgefield FD	Danbury EMS
Southington	43,661 over 36.6 sq mi	Southington PD	33/80 4 groups of 7 24/72 shift 4 stations	393 508 462 505	1841 2132 2097 2083	AMR	AMR
Stamford FD	126,456 over 52.1 sq mi	Stamford ECC	290/0 => 269/0 4 groups of 63 24/72 shift 6 stations	12,778 12,894 13,678 14,074	11,398 11,475 10,315 10,300	Stamford EMS	Stamford EMS
Stratford	52,112 over 19.9 sq mi	Stratford ECC	99/0 4 groups of 23 Mod. 10/14 shift 4 stations	6245 6339 6982 7017	# 5488 5790 5543	Stratford EMS	Stratford EMS
Torrington	35,611 over 40.4 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	62/36 4 groups of 13 10/14, 3on/3off shift 2 stations	827 800 843 889	2258 2259 2353 2340	Campion Ambulance	Campion Ambulance
Wallingford	45,141 over 39.9 sq mi	Wallingford PD	68/70 4 groups of 15 10/14 shift 6 stations	4917 5040 5140 5026	6042 6141 6246 6484	Wallingford FD	Wallingford FD
Waterbury ⁷	109,676 over 29.0 sq mi	Waterbury ECC	252/0 => 263/0 4 groups of 52 24/72 shift 10 stations	12,618 12,561 12,077 13,027	18,027 17,948 17,186 17,899	AMR, Campion Ambulance	AMR, Campion Ambulance
West Hartford	63,371 over 22.3 sq mi	West Hartford PD	93/0 4 groups of 21 12/12, 3on/3off shift 5 stations	1453 1738 5623 5634	3466 3868 8178 8183	AMR	AMR
West Haven - West Haven Fire District	17,000 over 3.1 sq mi	W. Haven ERS Center	56/85 4 groups of 12 10/14, 3on/3off shift 4 stations	4209 4387 4415 4770	6019 6406 6453 6662	AMR	AMR
West Haven – Allingtown Fire District	15,000 over 3.3 sq mi	W. Haven ERS Center	25/? 4 groups of 5 24/72 shift 2 stations	1248 1296 1373 1336	2035 2262 2340 2220	AMR	AMR
West Haven - West Shore Fire District	21,000 over 4.6 sq mi	W. Haven ERS Center	36/13 4 groups of 8 24/72 shift 2 stations	1603 1014 1566 1556	2372 1490 2629 2462	AMR	AMR, West Shore FD Medics
Westport	27,308 over 33.3 sq mi	Westport PD	73/9 4 groups of 16 24/48/24/96 shift 4 stations	2110 2947 2850 2989	3995 3310 3170 3096	Westport EMS	In-house via Norwalk Hosp
Wilton	18,657 over 27.4 sq mi	Wilton PD	30/8 4 groups of 6 24/72 shift 2 stations	1289 1329 1346 1394	1490 1583 1642 1670	Wilton Ambulance Corps	In-house via Norwalk Hosp

⁷ Waterbury took over first responder services in FY10 which is why there is a jump in total incidents and total EMS incidents starting in calendar 2009.

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Windham – Willimantic Fire District	17,000 over 4.5 sq mi	Willimantic Switchboard	30/0 4 groups of 7 10/14, 3on/3off shift 1 station	3759 3751 3818 3289	4708 4752 4844 4160	Willimantic FD	Windham Hospital Paramedic

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Combination Departments Providing Immediate Coverage by Day/On-call Nights (and/or Weekends)

Department	Pop/ Cover Area	Dispatch	EMS Calls (14-16)	FD Calls (14-16)	Staffing FT/Call	FD EMS Level	BLS Transport	ALS
Ashford	4,281 in 38.8 sq mi	Tolland County Dispatch	338 311 285	549 503 476	2/42 1 group of 2 2 stations	Rescue, Amb	Ashford VFD	Day Kimball Hospital Medic
Bloomfield - Blue Hills Fire District	7000 in 8.7 sq mi	Bloomfield PD	1862 1677 1500	506 525 473	5/40 1 group of 5 3 stations	Rescue	Bloomfield Ambulance	Bloomfield Ambulance
Cheshire	29,150 in 33.1 sq mi	Cheshire PD	No EMS Svc	699 755 772	5/124 1 group of 5 3 stations	Rescue	Campion Ambulance	Campion Ambulance
Colchester	16,210 in 49.1 sq mi	Colchester ECC	1393 1427 1223	1794 1849 1703	9/120 2 groups of 5/4 2 stations*	Rescue, FR, Amb	Colchester VFD	American Ambulance
East Haddam	9,147 in 54.3 sq mi	Colchester ECC	620 564 657	248 219 297	3/54 1 group of 3 3 stations	Rescue	East Haddam Amb Assn	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
East Lyme – Flanders FD Niantic FD	18,937 over 34 sq mi	East Lyme ECC	1571 1679 2105	# 2481 2046	7/50 1 group of 7 2 stations	Rescue, FR	East Lyme Ambulance	L&M Hosp Paramedic
Enfield - Enfield Fire District	20,000 over 16 sq mi	Enfield ECC		1053 # 1238	8/10 1 group of 8 2 stations	Rescue, FR	Enfield EMS	Enfield EMS
Enfield – Hazardville Fire District	8000 over 3.3 sq mi	Enfield ECC		986 896 1121	4/35 1 group of 4 1 station	Rescue, FR	Enfield EMS	Enfield EMS
Enfield – N. Thompsonville Fire District	9000 over 6.0 sq mi	Enfield ECC		533 417 521	4/40 1 group of 4 1 station	Rescue, FR	Enfield EMS	Enfield EMS
Enfield - Shaker Pines Fire District	5000 over 6.0 sq mi	Enfield ECC		764 665 815	3/20 1 group of 3 1 station	Rescue	Enfield EMS	Enfield EMS
Farmington	25,613 over 28 sq mi	Farmington PD	2505 2774 2850	3412 3642 3889	8/147 1 group of 8 5 stations	Rescue, FR	AMR	Uconn Health Center
Hebron	9,588 in 36.9 sq mi	Colchester ECC	582 518 511	790 789 761	2/60 1 group of 2 3 stations	Rescue, FR, Amb	Hebron VFD	Windham Hospital Paramedic
Ledyard – Ledyard Fire Co	15,094 in 27.3 sq mi	Ledyard ECC		746 # 717	2/30 1 group of 2 1 station	Rescue, FR	Ledyard EMS	L&M Hosp American Ambulance
Ledyard – Gales Ferry Fire District	6,800 in 10.8 sq mi	Ledyard ECC	810 796 738	664 749 758	2/35 1 group of 2 1 station	Rescue, FR	Ledyard EMS	L&M Hosp American Ambulance
Manchester - 8 th District	58,211 in 27.7 sq mi	Manchester PD	1686 1580 1815	2421 2211 2647	2/95 1 group of 2 1 station	Rescue, FR	ASM	ASM
Middletown – Westfield Fire District	15,000 over 14 sq mi	Middletown CCC	740 776 764	1108 1096 1178	6/50 1 group of 6 1 station	Rescue, FR	Hunters Ambulance	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
Mystic Fire District	10,500 over 8.2 sq mi	Groton ECC	2500 2601 2381	610 613 643	2/40 1 group of 2 2 stations	Rescue, FR	Mystic River Ambulance	L&M Hosp Paramedic
Old Mystic Fire District	3855 over 4.6 sq mi	Groton ECC	850 871 832	1211 1178 1187	4/20 1 group of 4 2 stations	Rescue, FR	Mystic River Ambulance	L&M Hosp Paramedic

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Department	Pop/ Cover Area	Dispatch	EMS Calls (14-16)	FD Calls (14-16)	Staffing FT/Call	FD EMS Level	BLS Transport	ALS
Somers	11,320 in 28.3 sq mi	Tolland County Dispatch	732 771 944	969 1123 1216	5/60 1 group of 5 1 station	Rescue, FR, Amb	Somers FD Ambulance	Johnson Hospital Medic
Suffield	15,788 in 42.3 sq mi	Suffield PD	1462 1505 1592	486 502 493	5/65 2 groups of 2 4 stations	Rescue	Suffield Ambulance	Suffield Ambulance
Tolland	14,915 in 39.7 sq mi	Tolland County Dispatch	1235 1320 1339	2152 2320	8/55 1 group of 7 4 stations	Rescue, FR, Amb	Tolland FD	Rockville Hospital Medic
Waterford	19,505 in 32.8 sq mi	Waterford ECC	3100 2708 2804	3579 3668 3896	9/60 1 group of 9 5 stations	Rescue, FR	Waterford Ambulance	L&M Hosp Paramedic
Willington ⁸ Willington FD Willington Hill	5,965 in 33.3 sq mi	Tolland County Dispatch	631 567 657	800 864 866	4/35 2 groups of 2 2 stations	Rescue, FR, Amb	Willington FD	Windham Hospital Paramedic

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⁸ Willington uses 4 full-time personnel and 8 per diem personnel to provide 24/7 coverage with 2 shifts of 2
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Call/Volunteer Departments

Department	Pop/ Cover Area	Dispatch	EMS Calls (14-16)	FD Calls (14-16)	FD EMS Level	BLS Transport	ALS
Andover	3,273 in 15.5 sq mi	Tolland County Dispatch	250 257 277	340 394 383	Rescue, Amb	Andover VFD	ASM
Ansonia	19,020 over 6.0 sq mi	Northwest PS CC	2588 2788 3200	548 637 568	Rescue	Ansonia Rescue Medical Svc	Valley EMS
Avon	18,386 in 23.1 sq mi	Avon PD	No EMS Svc	602 593 588	Rescue, FR	AMR	UConn Health Center
Barkhamsted – Barkhamsted East	3,745 in 36.2 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	No EMS Svc	95 102 104	Rescue	New Hartford Ambulance	Winsted Health Ctr Medic
Barkhamsted – Pleasant Valley		Litchfield County Dispatch		148 142 141	Rescue	New Hartford Ambulance	Winsted Health Ctr Medic
Barkhamsted – Riverton VFD		Litchfield County Dispatch		114 123 134	Rescue	Winsted Amb Assn	Winsted Health Ctr Medic
Beacon Falls	6,052 over 9.8 sq mi	Northwest PS CC	# # 586	# 169 791	Rescue, Amb	Beacon Falls VFD	AMR
Berlin	20,590 in 26.3 sq mi	Berlin PD	143 133	576 511	Rescue, FR?	Hunters Ambulance	Hunters Ambulance
Bethany	5,540 in 21.0 sq mi	Northwest PS CC	311 332 329	437 434 496	Rescue, FR, Amb	Bethany VFD	AMR
Bethel - Bethel Fire District	11,500	Bethel PD	1091 1062 1268	1529 1390 1662	Rescue, FR, Amb	Bethel VFD	Western CT Health System
Bethel - Stony Hill Fire District	7,100	Bethel PD	744 825 1014	1096 1181 1355	Rescue, FR, Amb	Stony Hill FD	Western CT Health System
Bethlehem	3,553 in 19.4 sq mi	Northwest PS CC	246 293 286	375 353 456	Rescue, FR?	Bethlehem Amb Assn	Campion Ambulance
Bloomfield – Bloomfield Center Fire District	13,000	Bloomfield PD	1862 1677 1500	516 533 509	Rescue	Bloomfield Ambulance	Bloomfield Ambulance
Bolton	4,948 in 14.4 sq mi	Tolland County Dispatch	313 309 387	475 484 571	Rescue, FR	ASM	ASM
Bozrah	2,639 in 20.0 sq mi	Colchester ECC	214 257 204	342 360 321	Rescue, FR, Amb	Bozrah VFD	American Ambulance
Bridgewater	1,696 in 16.2 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	162 166 176	286 256 268	Rescue, Amb	Bridgewater VFD	New Milford Hosp Medic
Brookfield	16,860 in 19.8 sq mi	Brookfield PD	1293 1388 1544	1722 2010 2107	Rescue, Amb	Brookfield VFD	In-house via Vintech
Burlington	9,494 in 29.7 sq mi	Farmington PD	469 488 555	678 644 779	Rescue, FR, Amb	Burlington VFD	Burlington VFD
Brooklyn - East Brooklyn FD	8,260	Quinebaug Valley ECC	186 322 324	376 433 441	Rescue, FR	Mortlake Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic

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Department	Pop/ Cover Area	Dispatch	EMS Calls (14-16)	FD Calls (14-16)	FD EMS Level	BLS Transport	ALS
Brooklyn - Mortlake FD		Quinebaug Valley ECC	923 897 1015	1098 1240 1275	Rescue, FR, Amb	Mortlake Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Canaan – Falls Village	1,214 in 32.9 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	175 170 176	254 260 242	Rescue, FR, Amb	Falls Village FD	Northern Duchess Paramedics
Canterbury	5,096 in 39.9 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	198 164	464 513 496	Rescue, FR, Amb	Canterbury VFD	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Canton	10,357 in 24.6 sq mi	Canton PD	642 930 901	857 1162 1386	Rescue, FR, Amb	Canton VFD	UConn Health Center
Chaplin	2,276 in 19.4 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	395 481 397	254 270 241	Rescue	H-C Ambulance	Windham Hospital Paramedic
Chester	4,343 in 16.0 sq mi	Valley Shore ECI	472 528 #	571 621 619	Rescue, FR, Amb	Chester FD	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
Clinton	13,180 in 16.3 sq mi	Clinton ECC	944 1254 1430	1378 1817 2078	Rescue, FR, Amb	Clinton VFD	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
Colebrook	1,457 in 31.5 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	115 121 125	205 197 218	Rescue, FR	Norfolk LC Amb, Winsted FD	Winsted Health Ctr Medic
Columbia	5,460 in 21.4 sq mi	Tolland County Dispatch	455 453 445	582 638 589	Rescue, FR, Amb	Columbia VFD	Windham Hospital Paramedic
Cornwall	1,412 in 46.0 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	282 268 289	434 397 446	Rescue, FR, Amb	Cornwall VFD	Northern Duchess Paramedics
Coventry – South Coventry FD	12,411 in 37.7 sq mi	Tolland County Dispatch	862 824 940	1120 1088 1292	Rescue, FR, Amb	South Coventry FD	Windham Hospital Paramedic
Coventry - North Coventry FD		Tolland County Dispatch	680 499 #	1057 921 922	Rescue, FR	South Coventry FD	ASM
Cromwell Fire District	14,178 in 12.4 sq mi	Cromwell PD	1924 1881 1686	2510 2501 2427	Rescue, FR, Amb	Cromwell FD	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
Darien - Darien FD	7,400 in 5.6 sq mi	Darien PD		529 422 521	Rescue	Darien EMS	Stamford EMS
Darien - Noroton Heights FD	8,500 in 5.0 sq mi	Darien PD	1502 1490 1560	413 322 455	Rescue	Darien EMS	Stamford EMS
Darien - Noroton FD	4,800 in 2.2 sq mi	Darien PD		286 126 282	Rescue	Darien EMS	Stamford EMS
Deep River	4,589 in 13.6 sq mi	Valley Shore ECI	356 396 501	148 149 182	Rescue	Deep River Amb Assn	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
Derby	12,801 in 5.0 sq mi	Northwest PS CC	1102 1253 1728	444 497 529	Rescue, FR, Amb	Storm Engine Co. Ambulance	Valley EMS
Durham	7,361 in 23.6 sq mi	Valley Shore ECI	441 404 463	229 171 249	Rescue	Durham Ambulance Corps	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
East Granby	5,212 in 17.6 sq mi	Granby PD	No EMS Svc	215 205 203	Rescue	Granby Amb Assn	Granby Amb Assn

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East Hampton	12,912 in 35.6 sq mi	Colchester ECC	1054 919 891	351 295 305	Rescue	East Hampton Amb Assn	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
East Windsor – Broad Brook FD	5,500	Tolland County Dispatch	2485 2578 2604	516 576 599	Rescue, FR	East Windsor Amb Assn	East Windsor Amb Assn
East Windsor – Warehouse Point Fire District	5,900	Tolland County Dispatch		437 443 405	Rescue, FR	East Windsor Amb Assn	East Windsor Amb Assn
Eastford	1,736 in 28.9 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	118 92 115	194 157 206	Rescue, FR	Ashford FD	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Ellington – Ellington FD	15,786	Tolland County Dispatch	968 1136 1061	711 703 715	Rescue, FR	Ellington Ambulance Corps	Rockville Hospital Medic
Ellington - Crystal Lake FD		Tolland County Dispatch		251 276 278	Rescue, FR	Ellington Ambulance Corps	Rockville Hospital Medic
Essex	6,633 in 10.4 sq mi	Valley Shore ECI	676 829 880	800 100 127	Rescue	Essex Ambulance Assn	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
Franklin	1,987 in 19.5 sq mi	WSFCA	148 167 159	241 222 244	Rescue, FR, Amb	Franklin VFD	American Amb, WCMH
Glastonbury	34,748 in 51.3 sq mi	Glastonbury PD	2700 3467 3149	858 851 870	Rescue	Glastonbury Amb, AMR	ASM
Goshen	2,945 in 53.7 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	215 219 240	330 350 364	Rescue, FR, Amb	Goshen VFD	Campion Ambulance
Granby – Lost Acres	11,323 in 40.7 sq mi	Granby PD	970 1643 1820	210 216 224	Rescue	Granby Ambulance Assn	Granby Ambulance Assn
Griswold - Griswold VFD AA Young VFD	11,959 in 34.7 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	1252 1374 1820	1078 1197 1361	Rescue, FR	Griswold Ambulance	American Ambulance
Groton - Center Groton Fire District	??? over 4.2 sq mi	Groton ECC	4940 5132 4974	178 145 155	Rescue, FR	Groton Ambulance	L&M Hosp Paramedic
Groton - Groton Long Pt Fire District	692 over 0.4 sq mi	Groton ECC	2500 2601 2381	352 356 286	Rescue, FR	Mystic River Ambulance	L&M Hosp Paramedic
Groton – Noank Fire District	??? over 1.6 sq mi	Groton ECC		381 393 316	Rescue, FR	Mystic River Ambulance	L&M Hosp Paramedic
Haddam	8,363 in 44.0 sq mi	Valley Shore ECI	678 655 664	530 446 482	Rescue, FR	Haddam Ambulance	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
Hampton	1,868 in 25.0 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	395 481 397	107 228 189	Rescue, FR	H-C Ambulance	Windham Hospital Paramedic
Hartland - East Hartland	1,428 in 16.5 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	No EMS Svc	143 168 175	Rescue, FR	Granby or Granville Ambulance	Granby Ambulance
Hartland - West Hartland	703 in 16.5 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	No EMS Svc	117 111 100	Rescue, FR	Winsted Amb Assn	Winsted Health Ctr Medic
Kent	2,939 in 48.5 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	505 478 415	737 674 622	Rescue, FR, Amb	Kent VFD	New Milford Hosp Medic

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Harwinton – Harwinton VFD	5,593 in 30.7 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	489	169 185 196	Rescue, FR	Harwinton Ambulance Assn	Campion Ambulance	
Harwinton – Harwinton West		Litchfield County Dispatch	470 496	163 171 184	Rescue, FR	Harwinton Ambulance Assn	Campion Ambulance	
Killingly - Attawaugan Fire District	2,300 in 7.0 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	2923 3393 3294	184 220 223	Rescue, FR	K-B Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic	
Killingly - Danielson FD	4,050 in 1.6 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC		576 681 753	Rescue, FR	K-B Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic	
Killingly – Dayville Fire District	3,300 in 9.0 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC		621 750 696	Rescue, FR	K-B Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic	
Killingly - East Killingly Fire District	1,700 in 13.0 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC		133 180 177	Rescue, FR	K-B Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic	
Killingly - South Killingly Fire District	3,700 in 15.5 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC		392 398 435	Rescue, FR	K-B Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic	
Killingly – Williamsville Fire District	1,420 in 2.8 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC		150 196 179	Rescue, FR	K-B Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic	
Killingworth	6,490 in 35.3 sq mi	Valley Shore ECI		308 328	347 336 375	Rescue, FR	Killingworth Ambulance Assn	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
Lebanon	7,319 in 54.1 sq mi	WSFCA		425 483 461	546 635 646	Rescue, FR, Amb	Lebanon VFD	Windham Hospital Paramedics
Lisbon	4,348 in 16.3 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	461 # 532	678 673 707	Rescue, FR, Amb	Lisbon VFD	American Ambulance	
Litchfield – Litchfield FD East Litchfield FD	8,333	Litchfield County Dispatch	1136 1201 1199	271 353 324	Rescue	Litchfield Amb	Campion Ambulance	
Litchfield – Bantam FD	8,333	Litchfield County Dispatch	400 353 377	612 641 588	Rescue, FR, Amb	Bantam FD	Campion Ambulance	
Lyme	2,401 in 31.9 sq mi	Valley Shore ECI	216 183 186	94 43 100	Rescue	Lyme Ambulance Assn	L&M Hosp Paramedic	
Madison – Madison Hose Co	18,297 in 13.2 sq mi	Madison PD	1886 1904 1867	509 437 578	Rescue, FR	Madison Ambulance Assn	Madison Ambulance Assn	
Madison – N Madison VFD	??? in 23.0 sq mi	Madison PD		126 377 425	Rescue, FR	Madison Ambulance Assn	Madison Ambulance Assn	
Marlborough	6,431 in 23.4 sq mi	Colchester ECC	No Data Avail	153 147 271	Rescue	Pettingill Ambulance Assn	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic	
Meriden – South Meriden VFD		Meriden PD	590 609 599	918 883 924	Rescue, FR	Hunters Ambulance	Hunters Ambulance	
Middlebury	7,571 in 17.8 sq mi	Northwest PS CC	# # 163	# # 586	Rescue, FR, Amb	Middlebury VFD	AMR	
Middlefield	4,425 in 12.7 sq mi	Valley Shore ECI	180 190 174	269 265 273	Rescue, FR	Hunters Ambulance	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic	

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Department	Pop/ Cover Area	Dispatch	EMS Calls (14-16)	FD Calls (14-16)	FD EMS Level	BLS Transport	ALS
Monroe - Monroe FD	9,000 in 11.9 sq nu	Monroe PD	1842 1201 1154	429 # 445	Rescue	Monroe EMS	AMR
Monroe – Stepney FD	7,000 in 8.1 sq mi	Monroe PD		378 398 326	Rescue, FR	Monroe EMS	AMR
Monroe - Stevenson FD	3,500 in 6.2 sq mi	Monroe PD		# # 177	Rescue	Monroe EMS	AMR
Morris	2,345 in 17.2 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	231 229 284	334 455 374	Rescue, FR, Amb	Morris VFD	AMR or Campion
New Fairfield	14,145 in 20.5 sq mi	New Fairfield ECC	789 849	1189 1380	Rescue, FR, Amb	New Fairfield VFD	In-house Danbury EMS
New Hartford - New Hartford	6,886 in 37.0 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	842 810 872	213 201 255	Rescue, FR, Amb	New Hartford Ambulance	Winsted Health Ctr Medic
New Hartford - Pine Meadow	500	Litchfield County Dispatch		36 31 35	Rescue	New Hartford Ambulance	Winsted Health Ctr Medic
New Milford – Gaylorsville FD	2500 in 15.0 sq mi	New Milford PD	2027 2125 2175	73 81 104	Rescue	New Milford Comm Amb	New Milford Hosp Medic
New Milford – Northville FD		New Milford PD		90 94 133	Rescue	New Milford Comm Amb	New Milford Hosp Medic
New Milford – Waterwitch Hose		New Milford PD		600 650 603	Rescue	New Milford Comm Amb	New Milford Hosp Medic
New Milford (combined dispatch)	27,767 in 61.6 sq mi	New Milford PD	2027 2125 2175	810 825 840	Rescue, FR	New Milford Comm Amb	New Milford Hosp Medic
Newington	30,756 in 13.1 sq mi	Newington PD	1648 1574 1400	613 598 617	Rescue	Newington Amb Corps, AMR	AMR
Newtown - Newtown FD		Newtown PD	2332 2482 2478	522 458 572	Rescue, FR	Newtown Ambulance Corps	In-house Danbury EMS
Newtown - United FD		Newtown PD		300 261 302	Rescue, FR	Newtown Ambulance Corps	In-house Danbury EMS
Newtown – Dodgingtown VFD		Newtown PD		179 # 163	Rescue, FR	Newtown Ambulance Corps	In-house Danbury EMS
Newtown – Hawleyville VFD		Newtown PD		103 151 219	Rescue, FR	Newtown Ambulance Corps	In-house Danbury EMS
Newtown – Sandy Hook VFD		Newtown PD		431 454 487	Rescue, FR	Newtown Ambulance Corps	In-house Danbury EMS
Newtown (combined dispatch)	28,113 in 57.8 sq mi	Newtown PD		2332 2482 2478	1048 1137 1202	Rescue, FR	Newtown Ambulance Corps
Norfolk	1,678 in 45.3 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	226 209 206	141 135 135	Rescue	Norfolk Lions Club Ambulance	Winsted Health Ctr Medic
North Branford	14,353 in 24.9 sq mi	North Branford PD	1392 1464 1510	1768 1844 1887	Rescue, FR, Amb	North Branford FD	Branford FD

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North Canaan	3,241 in 19.5 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	910 1024 1043	189 189 233	None	North Canaan Amb Corps	Northern Duchess Paramedics
North Stonington	5,291 in 54.3 sq mi	Groton ECC	567 571 634	234 180 188	Rescue	North Stonington Ambulance	American Amb, L&M Hosp
Norwalk – Rowayton FD		Norwalk PD	No EMS Svc	# 135 113	Rescue	Norwalk Hospital Assoc	Norwalk Hospital Assoc
Norwich - East Great Plain	40,347 in 28.3 sq mi	Norwich PD	645 589 639	936 882 955	Rescue, FR	American Ambulance	American Ambulance
Norwich - Laurel Hill VFD		Norwich PD	39 36 43	118 103 118	Rescue, FR	American Ambulance	American Ambulance
Norwich - Occum VFD		Norwich PD	120 174 170	240 302 311	Rescue, FR	American Ambulance	American Ambulance
Norwich – Taftville VFD		Norwich PD	506 490 506	730 705 801	Rescue, FR	American Ambulance	American Ambulance
Norwich - Yantic FD		Norwich PD	350 363 350	622 638 705	Rescue, FR	American Ambulance	American Ambulance
Old Lyme	7,592 in 23.1 sq mi	Valley Shore ECI	742 568 508	252 #	Rescue	Old Lyme Ambulance Assn	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
Old Saybrook	10,246 in 15.0 sq mi	Old Saybrook PD	1268 1364 1465	431 496 453	Rescue, FR	Old Saybrook Amb Assn	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
Orange	13,953 in 17.2 sq mi	Orange PD	No EMS Svc	461 485 479	Rescue	AMR	AMR
Oxford	12,874 in 32.7 sq mi	Northwest PS CC	# 876 810	422 386 470	Rescue	Oxford Ambulance Assoc	Valley EMS
Plainfield – Plainfield FD	15,228 in 42.3 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	2094 2070 1894	699 721 725	Rescue, FR	Plainfield Amb, Moosup FD	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Plainfield - Central Village		Quinebaug Valley ECC		243 275 274	Rescue, FR	American Legion Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Plainfield - Moosup FD		Quinebaug Valley ECC		543 660 656	Rescue, FR	American Legion Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Plainfield - Atwood Hose		Quinebaug Valley ECC		282 307 260	Rescue, FR	American Legion Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Plainville	17,820 in 9.7 sq mi	Plainville PD	No EMS Svc	481 473 497	Rescue	AMR	AMR
Plymouth - Terryville	12,047 in 21.7 sq mi	Plymouth PD	1105 1262 1257	227 344 421	Rescue	Plymouth Ambulance Corps	Bristol EMS
Pomfret	4,198 in 40.3 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	182 215 211	328 315 392	Rescue, FR, Amb	Pomfret FD	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Portland	9,456 in 23.4 sq mi	Middletown CCC	710 793 744	987 1045 994	Rescue, FR	Hunters Ambulance	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic

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Department	Pop/ Cover Area	Dispatch	EMS Calls (14-16)	FD Calls (14-16)	FD EMS Level	BLS Transport	ALS
Preston - Preston City FD	4,755 in 30.9 sq mi	Ledyard ECC	483 # 400	638 # 567	Rescue, FR	Poquetanuck VFD	American Ambulance
Preston – Poquetanuck FD		Ledyard ECC	496 381 409	656 721 576	Rescue, FR, Amb	Poquetanuck VFD	American Ambulance
Prospect	9,671 in 14.3 sq mi	Northwest PS CC	480 501 481	728 752 758	Rescue, FR	Campion Ambulance	Campion Ambulance
Putnam - Putnam Fire District	7,500 in ?? sq mi	Putnam EDC	1161 1259 1207	167 136 162	Rescue	Putnam EMS	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Putnam - East Putnam Fire District	2,000 in ?? sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC		252 293 312	Rescue, FR	Putnam EMS	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Redding - Georgetown Fire District	4,500 in 8.3 sq mi	Redding ECC	527 552 586	684 654 759	Rescue, FR, Amb	Georgetown FD	Norwalk Hosp Assn
Redding - Redding Fire District #1	9,312 in 31.5 sq mi	Redding ECC	255 189 148	431 286 234	Rescue, FR, Amb	Redding FD #1	Bethel- Redding Paramedics
Redding - West Redding Fire District		Redding ECC	No Data Avail	144 80 183	Rescue, FR, Amb	Redding FD #2	Bethel- Redding Paramedics
Rocky Hill	19,915 in 13.4 sq mi	Rocky Hill PD	759 891 695	551 646 626	Rescue, FR, Amb	Aetna Amb Rocky Hill Amb (nite),	Aetna Ambulance
Roxbury	2,229 in 26.2 sq mi	Northwest PS CC	146 153 144	154 131 125	Rescue	Roxbury Ambulance Assn	New Milford Hosp Medic
Salem – Gardner Lake VFD	4,201 in 29.0 sq mi	Colchester ECC	335 366 290	495 497 477	Rescue, FR, Amb	Gardner Lake VFD Ambulance	Amer. Amb,
Salem – Salem VFC		Colchester ECC	208 192 #	302 550 568	Rescue, FR	Gardner Lake VFD Ambulance	Amer. Amb,
Salisbury – Lakeville Hose	3,693 in 57.3 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	389 440 476	235 220 232	Rescue	Salisbury Ambulance	Northern Duchess Paramedics
Scotland	1,699 in 18.6 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	103 78 80	206 165 152	Rescue, BLS	Scotland VFD	Windham Hospital Paramedic
Seymour Citizens Engine Co Great Hill Hose Co	16,571 in 14.6 sq mi	Northwest PS CC	# # 1972	397 506 456	Rescue	Seymour Ambulance Assn	Valley EMS
Sharon	2,74 in 58.7 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	396 248 326	607 401 487	Rescue, FR, Amb	Sharon FD Amb Squad	Northern Duchess Paramedics
Shelton	40,999 in 30.6 sq mi	Town PD (f) SCCECS(a)	4230 4293 4484	856 1183 926	Rescue, FR, Amb	Echo Hose Ambulance	Valley EMS
Sherman	3,670 in 21..8 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	261 205 129	332 295 241	Rescue, FR, Amb	Sherman VFD	New Milford Hosp Medic
Simsbury Fire District	23,824 in 33.9 sq mi	Simsbury PD	1703 1833 1870	523 544 651	Rescue	Simsbury Ambulance Assn	Simsbury Ambulance Assn
South Windsor	25,846 in 28.1 sq mi	South Windsor PD	# 2771	449 767 906	Rescue	South Windsor Ambulance	ASM

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Department	Pop/ Cover Area	Dispatch	EMS Calls (14-16)	FD Calls (14-16)	FD EMS Level	BLS Transport	ALS	
Southbury	19,859 in 39.0 sq mi	Southbury EDC	1985 2020 1950	619 656 702	Rescue	Southbury Amb & heritage amb	Campion Ambulance	
Sprague – Baltic	2,979 in 13.2 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	239 231 257	343 346 347	Rescue, FR, Amb	Baltic FD	American Ambulance	
Stafford – Staffordville FD	6950 in 30.8 sq mi	Tolland County Dispatch	1305 1415 1350	675 788 710	Rescue, FR	Stafford Ambulance Assn	Johnson Hospital Medic	
Stafford - West Stafford	5200 in 28.0 sq mi	Tolland County Dispatch		806 940 862	Rescue, FR	Stafford Ambulance Assn	Johnson Hospital Medic	
Sterling – Sterling FD	3,780 in 27.2 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	127 106 145	176 206 197	Rescue, FR	American Legion Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic	
Sterling - Oneco FD		Quinebaug Valley ECC	135 94 124	188 197 173	Rescue, FR	American Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic	
Stonington - Stonington Fire District	18,541 in 38/7 sq mi	Town PD (f) GECC (a)	339 471 476	84 109 #	Rescue	Stonington Ambulance Corps	L&M Hosp Paramedic	
Stonington - Pawcatuck Fire District	11,000 in 5.0 sq mi	Westerly Dispatch Center		No Data Avail	Rescue	Westerly Ambulance	Westerly Ambulance	
Stonington - Quiambaug Fire District		Town PD (f) GECC (a)		151 109 149	Rescue	Stonington Ambulance Corps	L&M Hosp Paramedic	
Stonington - Wequetquoock Fire District		Town PD (f) GECC (a)		No Data Avail	Rescue	Stonington Ambulance Corps	L&M Hosp Paramedic	
Thomaston	7,761 in 12.0 sq mi	Thomaston PD		936 1021 998	239 269 270	Rescue	Thomaston Ambulance Corps	AMR
Thompson – Community FD	9,394 in 46.9 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC		698 772 802	963 1004 1079	Rescue, FR, Amb	Community Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Thompson – East Thompson		Quinebaug Valley ECC			188 264 269	Rescue, FR	Community Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Thompson – Quinbaug VFD		Quinebaug Valley ECC	133 161 #		Rescue, FR	Community Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic	
Thompson – Thompson Hill	2,400	Quinebaug Valley ECC	210 211 224		Rescue, FR	Community Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic	
Thompson - West Thompson FD		Quinebaug Valley ECC	231 231 281		Rescue, FR	Community Ambulance	Day Kimball Hosp Medic	
Trumbull – Trumbull Center Fire District		Trumbull ECC	4052 4349 4507		624 427 619	Rescue	Trumbull EMS	Trumbull EMS
Trumbull – Long Hill Fire District		Trumbull ECC		625 517 739	Rescue	Trumbull EMS	Trumbull EMS	
Trumbull – Nichols Fire District		Trumbull ECC		412 420 428	Rescue	Trumbull EMS	Trumbull EMS	
Union	848 in 28.7 sq mi	Tolland County Dispatch		67 77 91	98 105 138	Rescue, FR	Willington FD	Johnson Hospital Medic

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Vernon	29,161 in 17.7 sq mi	Tolland County Dispatch	3855 3778 3765	4406 4627 4643	Rescue, FR, Amb	Vernon FD	Rockville Hospital Medic
Voluntown	2,611 in 38.9 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	192 198 180	305 365 332	Rescue, FR Amb	Voluntown VFC	American Ambulance
Warren	1,447 in 26.3 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	168 129 156	233 204 241	Rescue, FR, Amb	Warren VFC	New Milford Hosp Medic
Washington	3,526 in 38.2 sq mi	Litchfield County Dispatch	327 341 371	244 213 289	Rescue	Washington Ambulance Assn	New Milford Hosp Medic
Watertown	22,228 in 29.2 sq mi	Watertown PD	1951 2052 1950	2384 2482 2437	Rescue, FR	AMR	AMR
Westbrook	6,906 in 15.7 sq mi	Valley Shore ECI	818 795 730	676 693 706	Rescue, FR	Westbrook Ambulance Assn	Middlesex Hospital Paramedic
Weston	10,372 in 19.8 sq mi	Weston ECC	478 483 516	942 949 1063	Rescue, FR	Weston EMS	In-house Norwalk Hosp
Wethersfield	26,510 in 12.3 sq mi	Wethersfield PD	1426 1641	530 523 583	Rescue	Wethersfield Ambulance	Aetna Ambulance
Winchester – Winsted FD	11,013 in 4.7 sq mi	Winsted PD	1607 1600 1713	529 479 494	Rescue	Winsted Ambulance Assn	Winsted Health Ctr Medic
Windham Center	25,213 in 27.1 sq mi	WSFCA	# 502 418	# 549 573	Rescue, FR	Willimantic FD	Windham Hospital Paramedic
Windham - North Windham FD		WSFCA	387 421 408	505 567 583	Rescue, FR	Willimantic FD	Windham Hospital Paramedic
Windham - South Windham FD		WSFCA	# # 342	794 821 480	Rescue, FR	Willimantic FD	Windham Hospital Paramedic
Windsor	29,142 in 29.5 sq mi	Windsor PD	2535 3479 3672	1341 1390 1131	Rescue	Windsor Vol Ambulance	In-house via AMR
Windsor Locks	12,573 in 9.0 sq mi	Windsor Locks PD	1488 1460 1438	369 345 335	Rescue	Windsor Locks LC Ambulance	Windsor Locks LC Ambulance
Wolcott	16,725 in 20/4 sq mi	Wolcott PD	1297 1367 1473	# 449 397	Rescue	Wolcott Ambulance Assn	Wolcott Ambulance Assn
Woodbridge	8,955 in 18.8 sq mi	Woodbridge PD	No EMS Svc	329 326 480	Rescue	AMR	AMR
Woodbury	9,822 in 36.5 sq mi	Northwest PS CC	711 814 789	345 322 352	Rescue	Woodbury Ambulance Assn	Campion Ambulance
Woodstock – Woodstock VFA	7,897 in 60.5 sq mi	Quinebaug Valley ECC	462 491 523	608 634 661	Rescue, FR	Woodstock EMS	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Woodstock - Bungay FD		Quinebaug Valley ECC		194 198 233	Rescue, FR	Woodstock EMS	Day Kimball Hosp Medic
Woodstock - Muddy Brook FD		Quinebaug Valley ECC		146 157 166	Rescue, FR	Woodstock EMS	Day Kimball Hosp Medic

Appendix A - EMS and Fire Emergency Calls across New England

Using information from the State Fire Marshal Office Annual Reports for Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts; and NFIRS for Connecticut and New Hampshire, we can look at the number of municipal fire and EMS calls to determine if any trends can be observed. Since all the data (including that in the FMO Annual Report) is taken from NFIRS, it is dependent on the number of fire departments entering their data into the system and there is not 100% compliance.

New England State	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	5yr Avg
Connecticut								
Muni EMS calls	193,191	173,638	185,832	205,487	185,890	203,422	222,609	190,854
Fire calls	15,596	12,450	11,997	13,069	11,956	11,740	11,884	12,242
Non-fire calls	122,145	135,781	108,047	113,139	106,845	107,797	113,860	114,322
Total Muni Calls	330,932	321,869	305,876	331,695	304,691	322,959	348,353	317,418
% Muni EMS calls	58.4%	53.9%	60.8%	62.0%	61.0%	63.0%	63.9%	60.1%
% Muni Fire Calls	4.7%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.6%	3.4%	3.9%
Maine								
Muni EMS calls	49,693	54,001	60,490	55,573	70,076	81,750	78,887	64,378
Fire calls	4,609	4,420	4,983	4,595	5,112	5,653	6,011	4,953
Non-fire calls	22,814	24,800	26,589	26,017	32,289	33,930	34,387	28,725
Total Muni Calls	77,116	83,221	92,062	86,185	107,477	121,333	119,285	98,056
% Muni EMS calls	64.4%	64.9%	65.7%	64.5%	65.2%	67.4%	66.1%	65.7%
% Muni Fire Calls	6.0%	5.3%	5.4%	5.3%	4.8%	4.7%	5.0%	5.1%
New Hampshire								
Muni EMS calls	75,540	81,403	82,456	87,534	99,124	98,746	111,147	89,853
Fire Calls	6,614	5,755	6,397	6,071	5,844	6,793	7,375	6,172
Non-fire calls	50,318	54,254	49,302	52,407	58,378	55,260	58,261	53,920
Total Muni Calls	132,472	141,412	138,155	146,012	163,346	160,799	176,783	149,945
% Muni EMS calls	57.0%	57.6%	59.7%	59.9%	60.7%	61.4%	62.9%	59.9%
% Muni Fire Calls	5.0%	4.1%	4.6%	4.2%	3.6%	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%
Vermont								
Muni EMS calls	19,577	22,819	21,396	22,225	22,513	23,535	23,208	22,498
Fire Calls	3,089	3,235	3,031	4,076	5,431	3,575	3,269	3,870
Non-fire calls	16,657	21,071	18,702	20,119	16,332	16,332	16,332	18,511
Total Muni Calls	41,969	48,326	45,677	46,420	45,569	45,763	44,085	46,351
% Muni EMS calls	46.6%	47.2%	46.8%	47.9%	49.4%	51.4%	52.6%	48.5%
% Muni Fire Calls	7.4%	6.7%	6.6%	8.8%	11.9%	7.8%	7.4%	8.3%
Massachusetts								
Muni EMS calls	406,253	429,488	442,310	443,486	472,447	510,956		450,823
Fire calls	32,680	29,110	31,229	29,828	28,989	31,302	31,889	30,367
Non-fire calls	288,693	309,746	285,297	298,686	306,611	327,928		297,807
Total Muni Calls	727,626	768,344	758,836	772,000	808,047	870,186		784,173
% Muni EMS calls	55.8%	55.9%	58.3%	57.4%	58.5%	58.7%		57.5%
% Muni Fire Calls	4.5%	3.8%	4.1%	3.9%	3.6%	3.6%		3.9%
Rhode Island								
Muni EMS calls	134,983	144,353	149,703	148,105	156,579	161,022	154,820	151,952
Total Muni Calls	207,298	199,866	198,786	199,541	195,623	207,763	204,023	200,316
% Muni EMS calls	65.1%	72.2%	75.3%	74.2%	80.0%	77.5%	75.9%	75.9%
% Muni Fire Calls	34.9%	27.8%	24.7%	25.8%	20.0%	22.5%	24.1%	24.1%

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In looking at Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, the percentage of fire and EMS calls relative to the total calls are similar. Of the non-fire calls, false alarms and service calls account for between 25% and 30% of the total emergency calls for the five States in the table above.

- Maine's percentage of fire and EMS calls relative to the total calls are higher than these three States. This may be partly due to the fact that slightly less than half the fire departments report incident data.
- Vermont's percentage of fire calls is higher and the percentage of EMS calls is lower relative to the total calls. The lower EMS percentage may be due to Vermont's reliance on non-profits for ambulance service (although many towns have a first responder squad) and its higher fire call percentage may be due to its small population and smaller density (population per square mile).

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Appendix B – When Fire Departments Established

Town	Fire Department(s)	Est	Department	Fire Department(s)	Est
Andover	Andover VFD	1938	Bridgewater	Bridgewater FD	1938
Ansonia	Charter Hose Co	1909	Brookfield	Brookfield VFC (consolidation)	1961
	Eagle Hose & H & L Co	1871		Brookfield VFC	1934
	Fountain Hose Co	1876		South Brookfield VFD	1949
	Hilltop Hose Co	1956		Brookfield Candlewood (rename)	1961
	Webster Hose Co	1894		New Fairfield VFC B	1949
Ashford	Ashford VFD	1951	Bristol	Bristol FD	1853
Avon	Avon VFD	1943		Bristol Engine & Hose Co 1	1853
Barkhamsted	Barkhamsted East VFC	1970		Uncas Co 2	1870
	Pleasant Valley VFD	1956		Zealots H&L Co 1	1872
	Riverton VFC	1945		Welch Co 3	1881
Beacon Falls	Beacon Hose Co #1 (rename)	1930	Engine Co 5	1908	
	Beacon Falls FD	1899	East Brooklyn FD	1937	
Berlin	Berlin VFD	1943	Brooklyn	Mortlake FD (merger)	1994
	East Berlin VFD	1932		West Wauregan Fire Company	1949
	South Kensington VFD	1961		Mortlake FD	1927
	Kensington Fire-Rescue	1938		Burlington	Burlington VFD
Bethany	Bethany FD	1934	Canaan	Falls Village FD	1924
Bethel	Bethel Fire District		Canterbury	Canterbury VFD	1948
	Bethel VFD (merger)	1934	Canton	Canton FD (merger)	1996
	Bethel Fire Co	1831		Canton VFD	1943
	Alert Hose Co	1889		Collinsville VFD	1846
	Eureka H&L Co	1886		North Canton VFA	1944
	Stony Hill Fire District	1949	Chaplin	Chaplin VFD	1949
Bethlehem	Bethlehem FD	1940	Cheshire	Cheshire FD	1912
Bloomfield	Bloomfield Center	1926	Chester	Chester FD	1912
	Blue Hills Fire District	1927	Clinton	Clinton VFD (reorg)	1913
Bolton	Bolton FD	1941		Clinton Hose Company	1912
Bozrah	Bozrah VFC	1950	Colchester	Colchester Hayward FD	1854
Branford	Branford City FD	1899	Colebrook	Colebrook FD	1938
	L.A. Fisk Hose Co #1	1899	Columbia	Columbia VFD	1947
	Martin Burke H&L Co #1	1899	Cornwall	Cornwall FD	1928
	HQ Engine Co 8	1910	Coventry	North Coventry FD	1947
	Indian Neck Pine Orchard (ren)	1934		Coventry VFA	1936
	Pine Orchard Company #6	1902	Cromwell	Cromwell Fire District	1928
	Stony Creek Fire Co	1900	Darien	Darien FD (name change)	1912
	MP Rice Hose Fire Co (rename)	1900		Eagle H&L Co #1	1895
	Hose Company #2	1899		Noroton FD	1896
Short Beach HHL Co	1911	Noroton Heights FD		1903	
Bridgeport	Bridgeport FD	1796	Deep River	Deep River VFD	1896

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Town	Fire Department(s)	Est	Department	Fire Department(s)	Est	
Danbury	Danbury Fire Dept	1829	Eastford	Eastford Independent Fire Co	1942	
	Danbury Fire Company #1	1829	Easton	Easton VFC	1921	
	Danbury Fire Company #2	1829	Ellington	Crystal Lake VFD	1934	
	Danbury Hook & Ladder Co	1850		Ellington VFD	1928	
	Padanaram Hose Co #3	1868	Enfield	Enfield Fire District (merger)	1915	
	Independent Hose Co #4	1887		South End Hose Co	1896	
	Wooster Hose Co #5	1889		North End Hose Co	1899	
	Citizens Hose Co #6	1888		Hazardville Fire District	1892	
	Water Witch Hose Co #7	1889		N. Thompsonville FD	1914	
	Phoenix Hose Co #8			Shaker Pines Fire District	1942	
	Beckerle Hose Com #9	1880		Thompsonville FD	1839	
	Germantown Hose Co #10	1912		Steam Fire Engine Co 1	1839	
	Beaver Brook Fire Co #11	1912		Hose Co 1	1839	
	Mill Plain Independent Hose #12	1945		Hose Co 2	1887	
Miry Brook Fire Co #13	1946	Hose Co 3		1890		
King St VFC #14	1951	Hook & Ladder Co 1		1902		
Derby	Hotchkiss Hose #1 (name change)	1872		Essex	Essex Fire Engine Co	1833
	Birmingham Fire Company	1830		Fairfield	Fairfield FD	1920
	Storm Engine #2	1851	Southport VFD		1895	
	Paugassett H & L #4	1903	Stratfield VFD		1920	
	East End Hose #3	1950	Franklin	Franklin FD	1959	
Durham	Durham FD	1931	Farmington	Farmington FD (merger)	2003	
East Granby	East Granby VFD	1929		East Farmington VFD	1944	
East Haddam	East Haddam VFD	1931		Farmington VFD	1803	
East Hampton	East Hampton VFD	1923		Tunxis Hose FD	1893	
East Hartford	East Hartford FD (merger)	1929	Glastonbury	Glastonbury FD (merger)	1943	
	East Hartford Fire District	1891		East Glastonbury VFD	1942	
	Center Hose Co 1	1891		Naubuc FD	1926	
	Vol Hose Co 2	1891		South Glastonbury VFD	1927	
	Vol Hose Co 3	1891		Buckingham FD	1965	
	Engine Co 5	1931	Goshen	Goshen FD	1943	
	Engine Co 6	1963	Granby	Lost Acres FD	1936	
East Haven	East Haven FD	1900	Greenwich	Greenwich FD	1876	
	East Haven Vol Fire Co 1	1900		Byram VFD	1891	
	Foxon Co 3	1941		Cos Cob VFC	1922	
	Bradford Manor Co 4	1924		Glenville VFC	1903	
	Riverside Co 6	1927		Round Hill VFC	1948	
East Lyme	Flanders FD	1946		Sound Beach VFD	1904	
	Niantic FD	1923	Griswold	Jewitt City Fire Department		
East Windsor	Broad Brook VFD	1896		AA Young Hose & Ladder Co	1895	
	Warehouse Point FD	1910		Griswold VFD	1947	

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Groton	Center Groton Fire District	1960	Ledyard	Gales Ferry VFC	1942	
	Center Groton VFD	1946		Ledyard Fire Company	1951	
	Groton City FD (name change)	1964	Lisbon	Lisbon FD	1941	
	Groton Fire District #1	1901	Litchfield	Litchfield Fire Co	1890	
	Groton Long Point Fire District	1921		Bantam Fire Co	1916	
	Groton Long Point VFD	1951		Northfield VFC	1938	
	Poquonnock Fire District	1943		East Litchfield VFC	1963	
	Poquonnock Bridge FD	1934	Lyme	Lyme FD	1949	
	Mystic Fire District	1879	Madison	Madison Hose Company	1907	
	B.F. Hoxie Fire Engine Co	1875		North Madison VFD	1925	
	Mystic H & L Co	1883	Manchester	Manchester Fire-Rescue-EMS (c)	1956	
	Noank Fire District	1929		South Manchester FD		
	Noank VFC	1895		West Side Co 1	1898	
	Old Mystic Fire District	1961		Center Hose Co 2	1898	
	Reliance Fire Co (rename)	1859		Orford Hose Co 3	1898	
	Mystic Fire Engine Co	1837		School St Co 4	1898	
Guilford	Guilford FD			Charter Oak Co 5	1898	
	Eagle Hose Co 2	1853		Eighth District FD	1888	
	Washington Engine Co 1	1852		Mansfield	Mansfield FD (merger)	2005
	FC Spencer H&L Co 1	1893			Mansfield VFC	unk
	North Guilford Co 4	1947	Eagleville FD		1934	
	North Guilford Co 5	1952	Marlborough	Marlborough FD	1935	
Haddam	Haddam VFC	1930	Meriden	Meriden 1st District	1851	
Hamden	Hamden FD	1926		Charter Oak Engine Co #1	1863	
	Mt Carmel Co #5	1911		Washington Hose Co #2	1867	
	Mix District VFD #7	1924		Parker Hose Engine Co #3	1869	
	Dunbar Hill VFC #8	1928		Wilcox Hose Co #4	1871	
Hampton	Hampton FD	1929		Ever Ready H&L Co	1868	
Hartford	Hartford FD	1788	South Meriden VFD	1908		
	Hartland	East Hartland VFD	1946	Middlebury	Middlebury VFD	1941
West Hartland VFD		1948	Middlefield	Middlefield VFC	1934	
Harwinton	Harwinton VFD	1944	Milford	Milford FD	1838	
	Harwinton Westside VFD	1955	Middletown	Middletown Central		
Hebron	Hebron VFD	1935		O.V. Coffin H&L Co #1	1785	
Killingly	Kent VFD	1911		Douglas Hose Co #1	1785	
	Attawaugan Fire District	1943		Hubbard Hose Co #2	1785	
	Danielson Fire District	1854		Hotchkiss Hose Co #3	1785	
	Dayville Fire District	1937		South Fire District (name change)	1930	
	East Killingly Fire District	1939	Russell Fire Brigade	1915		
	South Killingly Fire District	1956	Monroe	Monroe VFD	1923	
Williamsville Fire District	1833	Stepney VFD		1917		
Lebanon	Lebanon VFD	1943		Stevenson VFC	1950	

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Montville	Montville Fire Co	1931
	Oakdale Fire Co	1962
	Chesterfield Fire Co	1947
	Mohegan Tribal Fire Co	1946
Morris	Morris VFD	1942
Naugatuck	Naugatuck FD	1844
New Britain	New Britain FD	1871
New Canaan	New Canaan Fire Co #1	1881
New Haven	New Haven FD	1789
New London	New London FD	1805
New Fairfield	New Fairfield FD (merger)	1981
	Ball Pond Fire Co	1959
	Fire Co A	1934
	Squantz Engine Co	1958
New Hartford	New Hartford Fire-Rescue	1832
	Pine Meadow VFC	1911
	South End Volunteer VFD	
New London	New London FD	1805
New Milford	Gaylorville VFD	1946
	Northville VFD	
	Waterwitch Hose Co #2	1863
Newington	Newington FD	1929
Newtown	Dodgingtown VFD	1911
	Hawleyville VFD	1925
	Newtown FD	1883
	Sandy Hook VFD	1938
	Botsford Fire Rescue	1949
Norfolk	Norfolk FD	1902
No Branford	North Branford FD	1938
North Canaan	Canaan Fire Co	1911
North Haven	North Haven FD	1912
	Montowese VFC #2	1933
	West Ridge VFC # 3	1951
	Northeast VFC # 4	1960
No Stonington	North Stonington FD	1945
Old Lyme	Old Lyme VFD	1923
Old Saybrook	Old Saybrook FD	1924
Orange	Orange VFD	1925
Oxford	Oxford Center FC	1940
	Quaker Farms Fire Co	1949
	Riverside Fire Co	1942

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Norwalk	Norwalk City FD (merger)	1913
	Norwalk FD	
	Phoenix Hose #1	1858
	Pioneer H&L	1861
	Hope Hose Co #2	1865
	South Norwalk FD	
	Old Well H&L	1874
	Putnam Hose Co	1875
	East Norwalk Fire District	1894
	Mayflower H&L	1887
	Rowayton Hose Fire Company	1902
	Norwich	Norwich Consolidated District
Norwich City FD		1845
Greeneville FD		1862
Greeneville Hook & Ladder		1888
Shetucket Steam Eng Co		1876
East Great Plain		1943
Laurel Hill VFD		1947
Occum VFD		1943
Taftville VFD		1915
Yantic FD		1847
Plainfield	Atwood Hose	1896
	Central Village	1913
	Moosup FD	1921
	Plainfield Fire Co #1	1925
Plainville	Plainville FD	1885
Plymouth	Terryville VFD	1911
Pomfret	Pomfret FD	1934
Portland	Portland VFD	1884
	Portland Fire Company #1	1870
Preston	Preston City FD	1942
	Poquetanuck FD	1942
Prospect	Prospect VFD	1945
Putnam	East Putnam Fire District	1958
	Putnam Fire District	1875
Redding	Georgetown Fire District	1928
	Redding Fire District #1	1915
	West Redding Fire District	1915
Ridgefield	Ridgefield FD	1897
Rocky Hill	Rocky Hill FD	1927
Roxbury	Roxbury VFD	1948

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Salem	Salem VFD	1943
	Gardner Lake VFD	1956
Salisbury	Lakeville Hose Co	1906
Seymour	Citizens Engine Co	1884
	Great Hill Hose Co	1947
Scotland	Scotland VFD	1947
Sharon	Sharon FD	1889
Shelton	Echo Hose H&L Co	1882
	Huntington Fire Co	1918
	Pine Rock Park VFC	1933
	White Hills VFC	1947
Sherman	Sherman VFD	1942
Simsbury	Simsbury Fire District	1944
	Simsbury VFC (consolidation)	1983
	Simsbury VFC	1944
	Tariffville VFC	1939
Somers	Somers FD	1937
South Windsor	South Windsor VFD	1938
Southbury	Southbury VFA	1932
Southington	Southington FD	1952
	Engine Company 1	1884
	Engine Company 2	
	Engine Company 3	
	Engine Company 5	
Sprague	Baltic FD	1867
Stafford	Staffordville FD	1934
	West Stafford FD	1946
Sterling	Oneco FD	1942
	Sterling FD	1942
Stamford	Stamford City Fire District (cons)	1885
	Gulf Stream Hose Co #2	1862
	Atlantic Hose Co #1	1867
	Pacific Hose Co #3	1883
	Belltown Fire District	1928
	Glenbrook Fire District	1917
	Long Ridge Fire District	1928
	Springdale Fire District	1908
Turn of River Fire District	1928	
Stratford	Stratford FD	1909
Suffield	Suffield FD	1912
Thomaston	Thomaston FD	1881
Tolland	Tolland FD	1926

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Stonington	Pawcatuck Fire District	1887
	Pawcatuck Fire Co #1	1928
	P.S. Barber Hose Co (disband)	1887
	Quiambaug Fire District	1961
	Stonington Borough FD (merger)	2014
	Neptune Engine Company	1866
	Wadawanuck Engine Co	1850
	Fire Engine Co #1	1837
	Steamers Engine Co #1 (renam)	
	Stonington Steam Fire Eng #1	1879
	Pioneer Hook & Ladder Co	1880
	Stonington Fire Police	
	Wequetequock Fire District	1949
Thomaston	Thomaston FD	1881
Tolland	Tolland FD	1926
Thompson	Community Fire Company	1939
	East Thompson VFC	1939
	Quinebaug VFC	1939
	Thompson Hill FD	
	Thompson Fire Engine Co	1832
West Thompson Independent FA	1936	
Torrington	Burrville VFD	1942
	Drakeville VFD	1949
	Torrington VFD	1957
	Torrington FD	1888
Trumbull	Long Hill Fire District	1921
	Nichols Fire District	1917
	Trumbull Center Fire District	1925
Union	Union VFD	1938
Vernon	Vernon FD (merger)	1980
	Rockville FD (name change)	1844
	Vernon Fire Company	1834
	Fire King Company	1852
	Hockanum Fire Company	1855
	Fitton Hose Company #2	1882
	Fitch Hose Company #3	1894
	Snipsic H&L company	1913
	Rockville Rescue Co	1974
	Vernon Fire District	
	Dobsonville Fire Company	1943
	Talcottville Fire Company	
	Vernon Center Fire Co	

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Voluntown	Voluntown VFC	1939	Weston	Weston VFD	1931
Wallingford	Wallingford FD	1868	Wethersfield	Wethersfield VFD	1803
	Tibbets Hose Co (rename)	1868	Willington	Willington FD #1	1945
	Hubbard Hose Co	1854		Willington Hill FD	1952
	Simpson Hook and Ladder Co	1881	Wilton	Wilton FD	1928
	North Farms VFC	1946	Winchester	Winsted FD	1862
	Yalesville VFC	1923		Union Hose Co 1	1862
	East Wallingford FD	1944		Deluge Hose Co 2	1862
Warren	Warren VFC	1942		Niagara Engine Co 3	1862
Washington	Washington VFD	1926		Cascade Engine Co 4	1862
Waterbury	Waterbury FD	1839		Tower Ladder Co 1	1879
Waterford	Jordan Fire Co #1	1921	Windham	Willimantic Fire District (merger)	1926
	Goshen Fire Co #3	1927		Willimantic Fire Engine Co	1832
	Oswegatchie Fire co #4	1932		Alert Hose Co 1	1872
	Cohanzie fire Co #5	1941		Montgomery Hose Co 2	1872
Watertown	Watertown FD	1894		Excelsior H&L Co	1872
West Hartford	West Hartford FD (merger)	1937		Hilltop Hose Co 3	1897
	West Hartford Hose Co	1879		North Windham FD	1935
	East Side Fire District	1909		South Windham FD	1911
	Center Fire District	1914		Windham Center FD	1942
	South Side Fire District	1919		Windsor	Windsor (consolidation)
	Quaker Hose Co	1914	Hayden Station VFC		1950
West Haven	Allington Fire District	1908	Poquonock VFC		1928
	West Haven Fire District	1888	Wilson VFC		1908
	West Haven H&L Co	1888	Windsor VFC	1830	
	West Haven Engine & Hose Co	1888	Windsor Locks	Windsor Locks FD	1890
	North End Hose Co #3	1895	Wolcott	Wolcott VFD	1934
	Savin Rock Hose Co #4 (rename)	1910	Woodbridge	Woodbridge FD	1936
	Seaside Hose Co #4	1895	Woodbury	Woodbury FD (merger)	1928
West Shore Fire District	1919	Hotchkissville Fire Co		1924	
Westbrook	Westbrook FD	1921		Oreanaug Fire Co	1896
Westport	Westport FD (merger)	1929	Woodstock	Bungay FD	1938
	Saugatuck Fire Engine Co	1832		Muddy Brook FD	1934
	Vigilant Fire Engine Co	1874		Woodstock VFA	1934

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