

VDFP

Virginia Department of Fire Programs

Providing fire and emergency services support
to communities throughout Virginia.



Funding – Professional Development – Public Fire and Life Safety Education
Research – Operational Support – Advocacy – Technical Assistance

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OUR VISION

To be the internationally recognized and trusted leader in providing fire and emergency services support to communities throughout Virginia.

OUR MISSION

In cooperation with our public and private partners—as one team, with one voice—achieve excellence in everything we do through effective communication, coordination and resource management.

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VDFP Provides Services in 7 Crucial Disciplines

- **Funding** – Financial assistance to communities and other organizations
- **Professional Development**
 - **Comprehensive**, nationally–accredited training programs for career and volunteer emergency responders
 - **Higher education opportunities**
- **Public Fire and Life Safety Education**
- **Research** – Data collection, analysis, and information reporting
- **Operational Support** – To communities in need during emergencies of all types
- **Advocacy** – Information, identification and promotion of best practices
- **Technical Assistance** – Subject matter expertise and consultation

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Funding

The Virginia Department of Fire Programs is a non-general or special revenue fund state agency. The Virginia Fire Programs Fund (§ 38.2-401) is derived from one percent of fire-related insurance coverage. Seventy-five percent of the fund goes directly to the 324 counties, cities and incorporated towns within the Commonwealth as Aid to Localities. The remaining funds are dedicated to mini-grants, providing training and administrative costs.



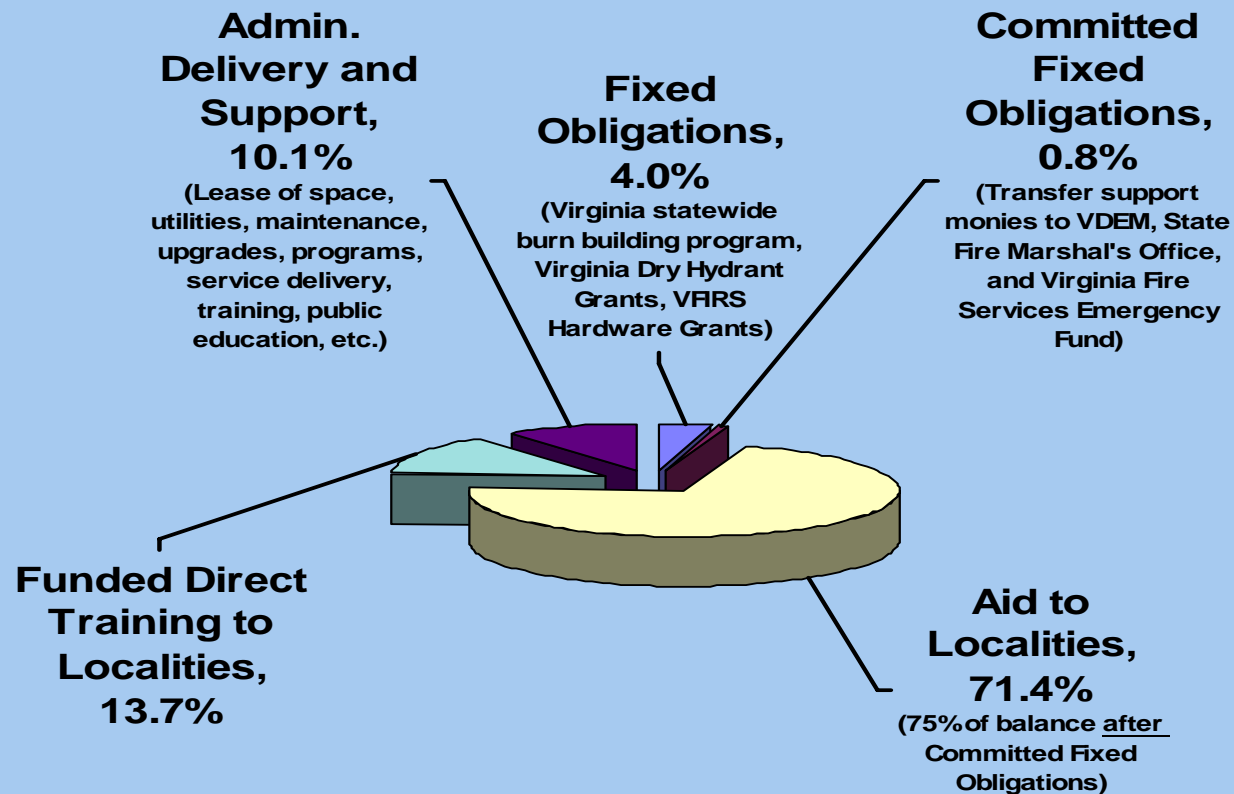
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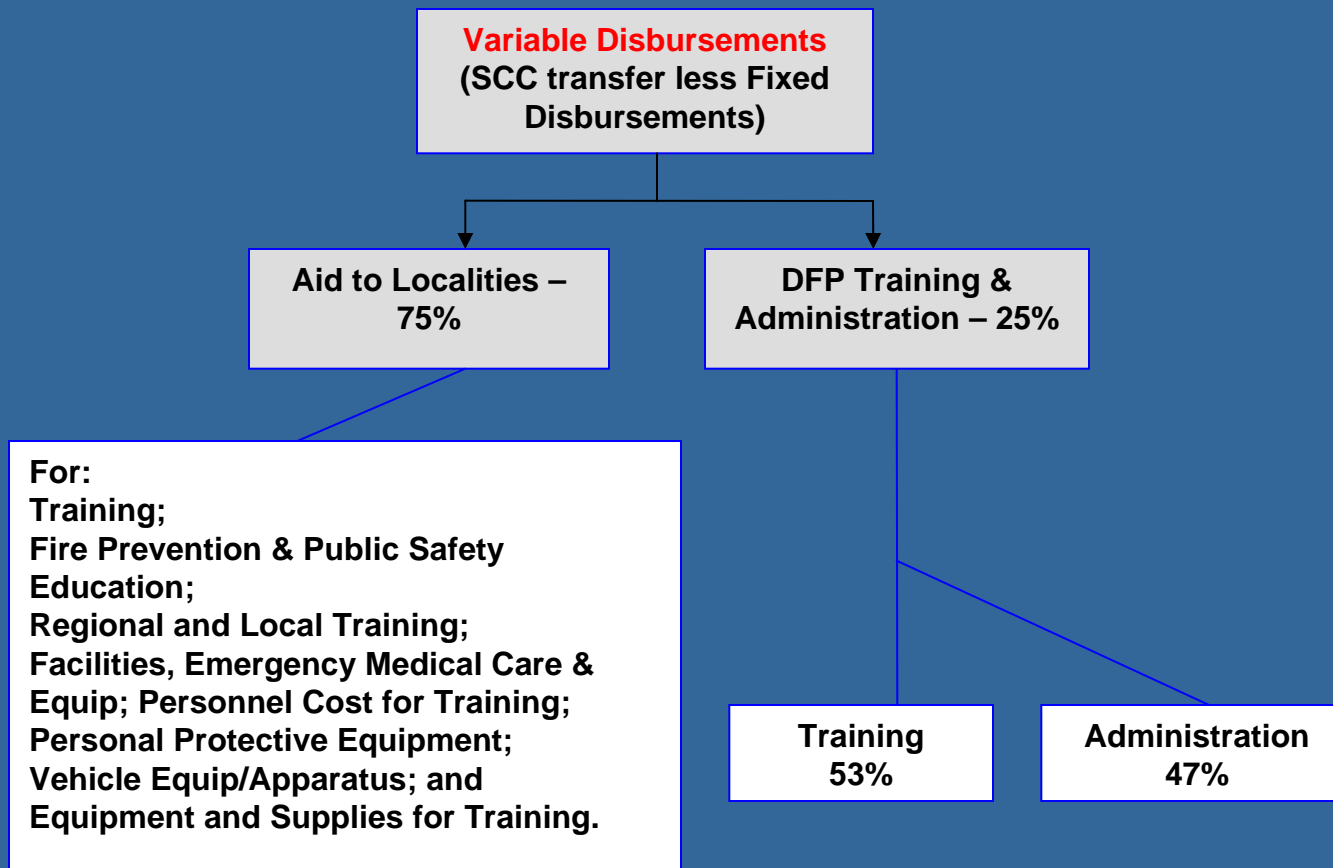
Fire Programs Fund (FPF)

Virginia Code 38.2-401

SCC Transfer Allocations



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Fire Programs Fund (FPF)
Virginia Code 38.2-401
Flow of Revenues and Disbursements



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Virginia Fire Service Profile

- Virginia's fire service personnel, both career and volunteer, equals approximately 68,408.
 - Career = 12,661 (18.5%)
 - Volunteer = 25,475 (37.2%)
 - Combination (both Career and Volunteer) = 1,733 (2.5%)
 - Brigade/Federal/Military = 4,873 (7.1%)
 - Undetermined, EMS, Not reported = 23,665 (34.5%)
- Number of fire departments in Virginia:
 - 786 total fire departments
- Local Volunteer Fire Departments comprise approximately **73.5%** of Virginia Fire Departments (578 departments).
- Local Combination, career & volunteer, Fire Departments make up approximately **9.9%** of Virginia Fire Departments (78 departments).
- Local Career Fire Departments comprise approximately **7.5%** of Virginia Fire Departments (59 Total Career Departments, 31 of which are either Military, Federal or Airport).

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Professional Development Training

VDFP offers comprehensive, nationally-accredited training programs for career and volunteer emergency responders as well as Higher Education Opportunities.



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National Board on Fire Services Professional Qualifications

(PRO BOARD) Certified Courses

NFPA Standard	No.	Levels Agency is Accredited
Firefighter	1001	Firefighter I, II
Driver/Operator	1002	Engine, & Aerial
Airport Firefighter	1003	Airport Firefighter
Rescue Technician	1006	Rope, Vehicle, Confined Space & Trench Rescue Technician
Fire Officer	1021	Fire Officer I, II, III, IV
Fire Inspector	1031	Fire Inspector I, II
Fire Investigator	1033	Fire Investigator
Public Educator	1035	Public Fire & Life Safety Educator
Fire Instructor	1041	Fire Instructor I, II, III
Haz Mat	472	Responder Awareness & Operat



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NBFSPQ Registration

VDFP registers all VDFP Certification courses with the NBFSPQ (PRO-BOARD) National Registry. To date, VDFP has registered approximately 37,000 certifications. Additionally, any VDFP Certification course take on or after June 1, 2005 now has the PRO-BOARD seal on the VDFP Certification certificate.



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American Council on Education

VDFP currently has 28 (20 VDFP & 8 NFA courses) Certification courses registered with the American Council on Education (ACE). VDFP students that have taken one of these courses on or after the effective ACE date can register for ACE accreditation using the ACE website:
www.acenet.edu/transcripts/register/register.



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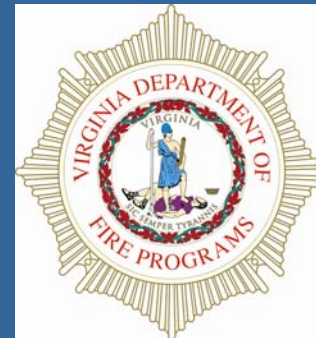
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VDFP & VCCS – Joint Crosswalk

VDFP and representatives from Virginia's Community College System (VCCS) have recently completed an initiative to develop a common curriculum for the Associate of Applied Science degrees in Fire Science Technology at Virginia's community colleges. Community colleges with related Associate of Science degrees and certificate programs will also align their programs with the common curriculum. Through this initiative, VDFP and VCCS has developed a joint crosswalk for those participating in the program.

For additional information, please visit:

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Professional Development

Operations – Certificate of Attendance Courses

- BASIC PUMP OPERATIONS
- COMMUNICATING W/ CHILDREN
- CONFINED SPACE ENTRY AWARENESS
- CONFINED SPACE OPERATIONS
- EMERGENCY VEH. OPER. COURSE
- FARM MACH. SAFETY & EXTRICATION
- FIRE ATTACK IFG OPERATIONS
- FIRE ATTACK ESSENTIALS
- FIRE ATTACK INTERMEDIATE
- FIRE ATTACK EVOLUTIONS
- INCIPIENT FIRE BRIGADE
- L.P. GAS EMERGENCIES
- MAYDAY! FIRE FIGHTER DOWN
- MOTORSPORTS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING
- MARINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING
- ROPE RESCUE OPERATIONS PHASE 1
- ROPE RESCUE OPERATIONS PHASE 2
- RURAL WATER SUPPLY
- SCBA MAZE
- STRUCTURAL FIRE BRIGADE
- TRENCH RESCUE
- VEHICLE EXTRICATION



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Professional Development

Operations – National Fire Academy Regional Delivery Courses

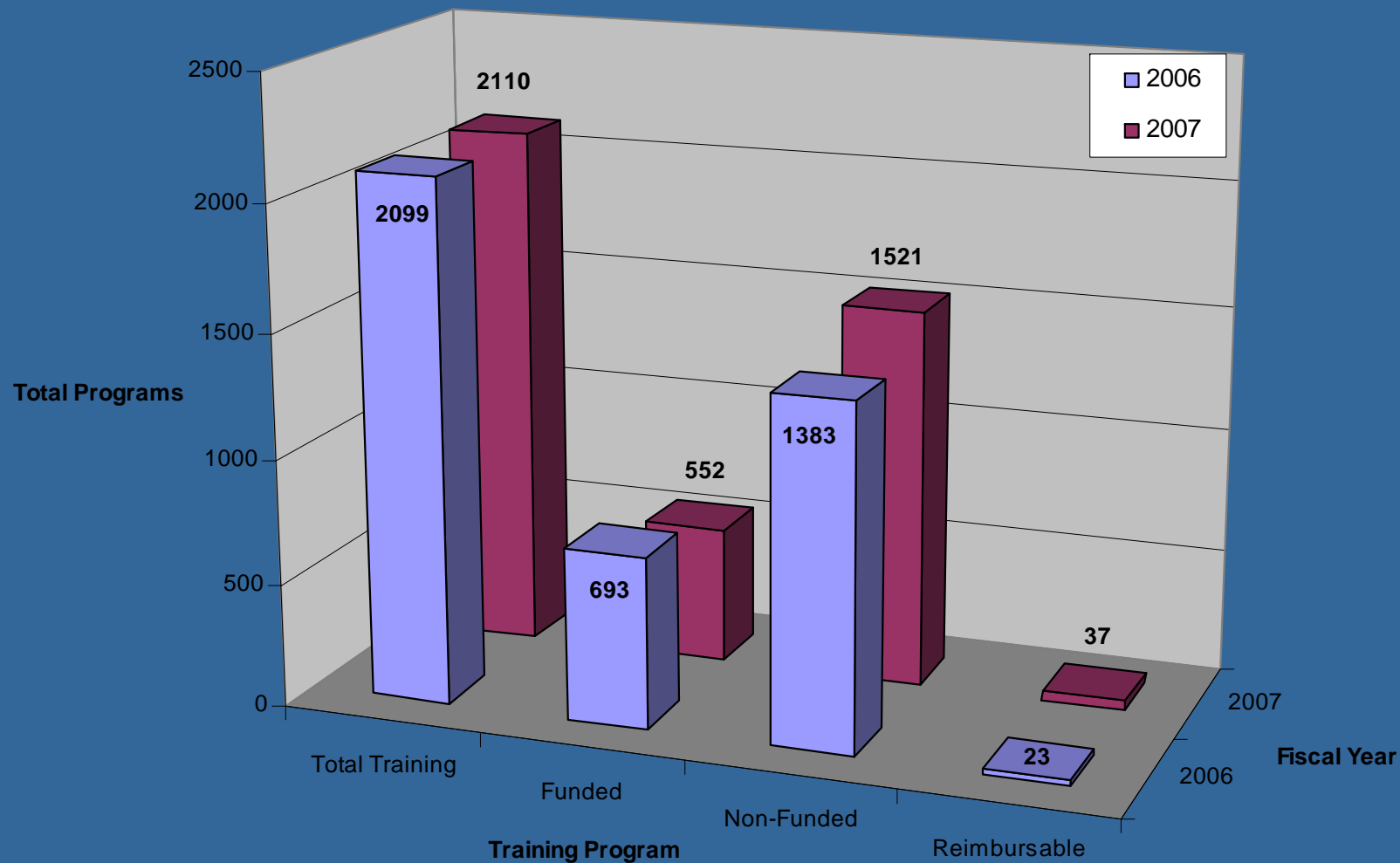


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NFA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
NFA LEADERSHIP I - STRAT. COMPANY
NFA LEADERSHIP II - PERSONAL SUC.
NFA LEADERSHIP III - SUPERVISORY
NFA NIMS - ICS for Fire Service
NFA Health and Safety Officer
NFA INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER
NFA MCTO - PREPARATION
NFA Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations (STICO)



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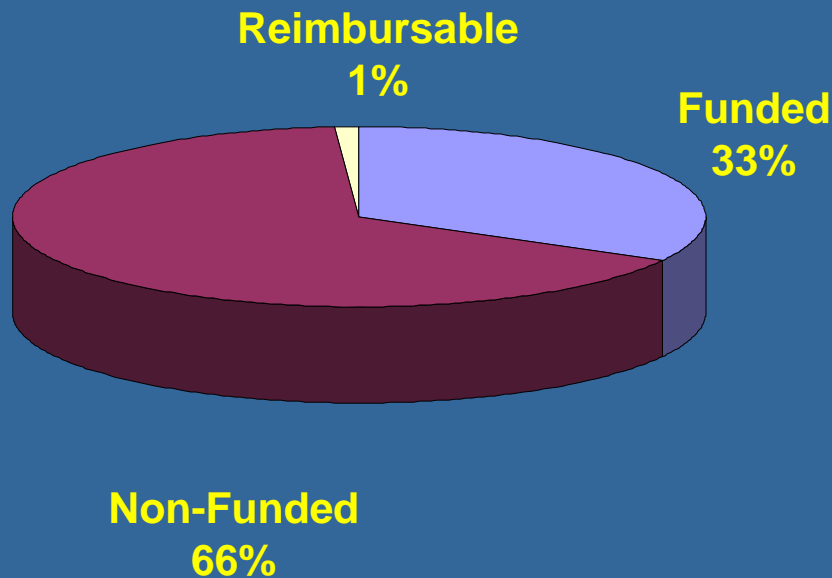


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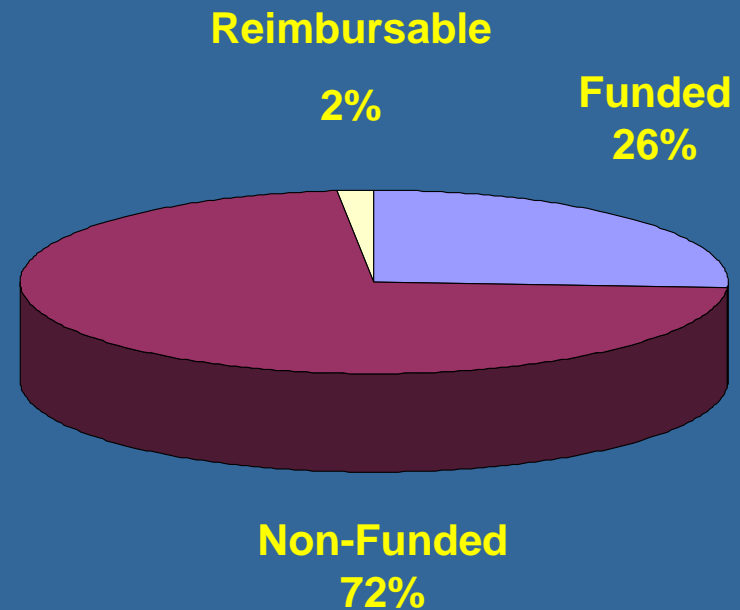
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2006 Training Programs



2007 Training Programs

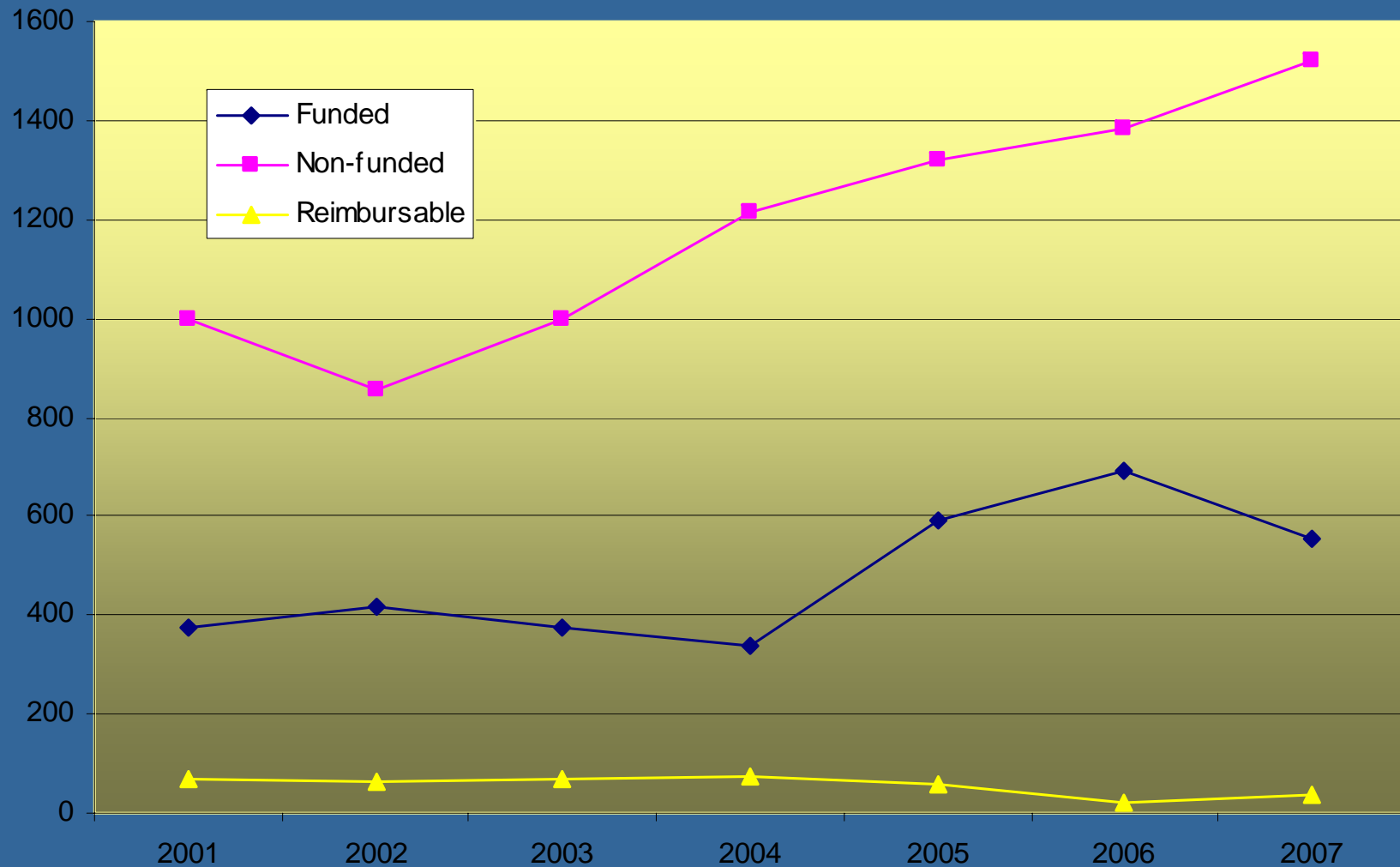


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Professional Development

7-Year Training Course Delivery Trend



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Fire/EMS Statistics in Virginia

Calendar Year 2006

- 63% Rescue & EMS calls (352,548)
- 5% Fire calls (30,943)
- Total Fire/EMS calls in 2006 totaled: 602,215

Calendar Year 2007
(1/1/07 – 6/30/7)

- 63% Rescue & EMS calls (136,480)
- 6.25% Fire calls (13,518)
- Total Fire/EMS calls in 2007 totaled: 216,422

Currently 81% of the eligible departments (461 out of 569) are participating in the Virginia Fire Incident Reporting System (VFIRS).

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SAFER

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Services Response

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Services Response (SAFER) Matching Grant Fund provides grants to help volunteer, career and combination fire departments increase their active firefighting membership in accordance with NFPA 1710 & 1720.

The SAFER grants may be used for:

Hiring of Firefighters

– or –

Recruitment of volunteer firefighters

Information from:

<http://www.firegrantsupport.com/safer/>

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Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Services Response

- Congress appropriated:
 - \$65M – FY 05
 - \$115M – FY 06
 - \$115M – FY 07
- VDFP was responsible for developing grant application and policy for FY05 funding.
- The 2005 Virginia Acts of Assembly , Chapter 951, created a SAFER Matching Grant fund of \$250,000 for FY06. The funding was provided from the General Fund.
 - State sponsored funding was provided for first year at 10% of total grant award
 - Localities required to fund remaining life cycle of grant (20, 50, 70 and 100 percent)
 - FY06 total grant funding awarded: \$32,000 to 4 VA localities (for Federal FY05 program).
 - General fund allocation was reverting and state funding (\$250,000) was discontinued after FY06.

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Possible Improvements to previous SAFER program:

- Reallocate \$250,000 from General fund, however, it should be non-reverting for a specified time period.
- SAFER grant program now has an improved Federal marketing program so it is more well known at locality levels.
- Increase publication of SAFER grant by VDFP.

Note: The SAFER Grant program runs on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY), which impacts state level implementation.

Limitations of the SAFER program:

- Localities required to fund life cycle of grant (10, 20, 50, 70 and 100 percent).

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Potential Incentive Ideas

- **Free city/county decal for 1 vehicle**
(some localities have done away with vehicle decals)
- **Free Personal Property tax exemption for one owned vehicle** (implemented in some localities)
- **VOLSAP – retirement incentives for volunteer fire and EMS**
- **State Tax incentives for volunteers**