

**Update to Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF)  
2015-2016 Use of Student Services Fee**

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Department Name: **Student Fire Fighter Program**

**HISTORY**

1. How many years has the department been receiving the **Student Services Fee**?

The UC Davis Fire Department has been receiving the Student Services Fee in support of the Student Resident Firefighter Program since FY 2010-2011.

2. What was the historical context in which the department started receiving a portion of SSF?

The loss of DCA funds, coupled with significant general fund reductions during the recession, led the UC Davis Fire Department to request Student Services Fees to continue one of only 3 such programs in the county.

**BUDGET**

3. What percent of your budget comes from the **Student Services Fee**? Does the program have other fund sources (ex. Recipient of other student fee money)?

The total Fire Department base budget is about \$4.8M, and is comprised of General, Overhead, Opportunity, and Recharge/CGA funds (for EMT services and Shared Management). Student Fees account for about 1.2% of the total base amount.

4. How does the department use the income generated by the **Student Services Fee**? Does the department have any source(s) of revenue or fundraising (ex. Selling tickets)?

Per their employment contracts, Resident Student Fire Fighters work 80 hours per month to receive a perquisite for their housing at the Fire Department. Hours worked beyond the required amount are paid. This is the primary use of the base funds. The funds also cover 9.3% salary and benefits of a career Fire Fighter for supervision of this program.

In past years, we have submitted one-time funding requests for RSFF "academies," held biannually, to select to new RSFFs. Candidates are paid on TC 4919 until they are selected or released. Academy costs in FY 2016 were \$44,508: \$37,305 (Salary, Benefits, CGA/GAEL), plus \$7,203 for uniform items, training materials, and meals/refreshments. A portion of these costs that were on the ledger by June 2016 were funded by Student Affairs at year-end. *Remaining academy costs on the FY17 ledger total \$34,502.*

In addition, one-time funding has been requested as needed for safety equipment for the selected RSFFs. Per OSHA, personal protective equipment (PPE) must be fitted to each employee, and cannot be transferred between employees, so new PPE must be purchased. *These costs in FY17 are estimated to be about \$8,000.*

All student fire fighters received a salary increase in January 2016 due to compaction issues caused by the rise in the state minimum wage. The base funding has not been adjusted to cover these increases. *Based on prior years, additional base costs are estimated at about \$5,300.*

A portion of RSFF salaries are transferred by year-end to the EMT rate account or EMT CGA account based on actual hours reported. *FY17 amounts have not been determined.*

5. How does the department allocate the SSF *within* the department?

All Student Fire Fighter costs are run through a single account (3-FDRFSFF) which is base budgeted as follows:

SUBS:	\$8,930	Career Supervisor
SUBG:	\$32,785	RSFF REG Salary Cost
SUB3:	\$10,541	OEE – including PPE, uniform items, GAEL/CGA, misc. supplies
SUB6:	\$5,181	Benefits (All)
Total:	\$57,437	

**IMPACT**

6. In general, tell the council about the department's role/function on campus. (What impact does it have on students? The UC Davis campus community? The wider Davis community?)

The UC Davis Fire Department was established in 1917 as a student/faculty fire brigade in support of what at the time was the Berkley Farm. The Department was formalized in the 1950s, for a then stand-alone UC Davis campus, with the hiring of the first full-time career fire chief and career daytime staffing.

Student firefighters continued to provide night staffing until the University transitioned to 24-hour career firefighter staffing in 1977. Since then, the Student Resident Firefighter program has continued to supplement the career staff year-round.

The Fire Department is co-located with the UC Davis Police Department in a single public safety building in the Pavilion District campus. The Department staffs one engine and one aerial ladder truck daily with a minimum of six career personnel, and Student Resident Firefighters providing augmented staffing.

This uniqueness and diversity of population and risk, as well as education and research, compels the Fire Department to provide an all-hazard, all-risk approach to its service delivery and take extra precautions to prevent the loss of critical research data. The loss of any of these due to a fire or other disaster could take years or decades to replicate, and could have serious consequences for the affected discipline's research for many years.

There is one consistent thread that spans the entire 100 year history of UCDFD and that is having students as employees, protecting and serving, other students.

7. Please list the department's programs, services, or facilities funded by the **Student Services Fee**:

Student Salaries, protective equipment for students, and a portion of the program coordinator.

8. How many students participate or benefit from the programs funded by the SSF? How many unique students?

15 students every 2 years. Well over a thousand students have served the campus while they attended school as UC Davis Student Firefighters.