



VFOIA Annual Report

FY23

“...balance the County’s commitment to transparency and openness, while ensuring the protection of the County’s privacy and security interests. . .” – Countywide FOIA Policy

FOIA REQUESTS

Average Response Time

2 business days

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) requires public bodies to respond to FOIA requests within 5 business days.

Total Requests

17,349



Fairfax County tracks FOIA requests received by all Fairfax County agencies and Board of Supervisors’ offices with the VFOIA Tracker application.

Records Released in Full

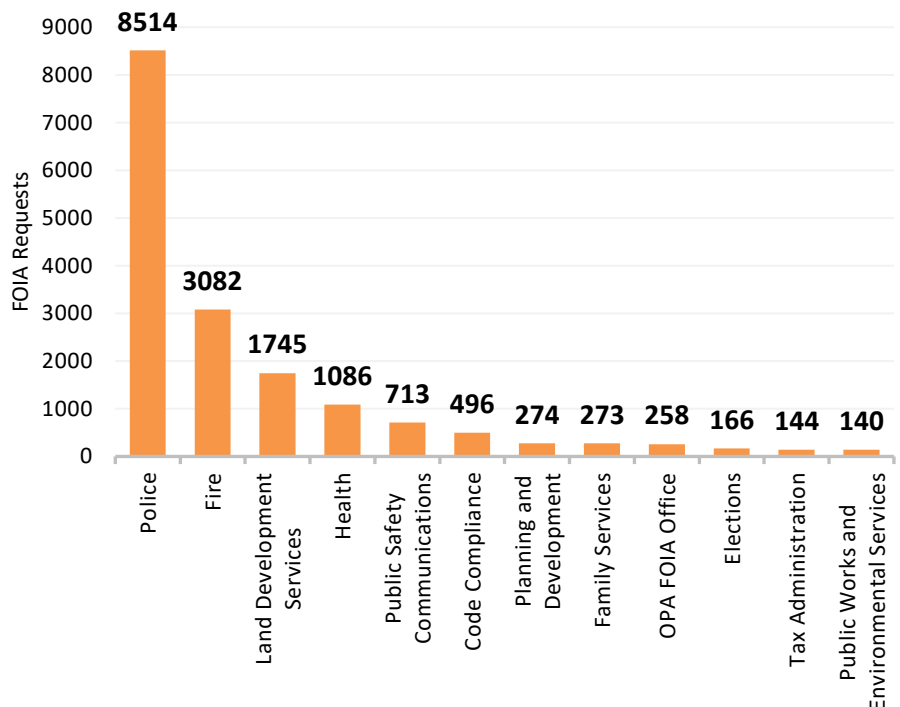
56%

VFOIA contains exemptions that *allow* agencies to withhold exempt information. Other laws *require* that Fairfax County withhold certain information.

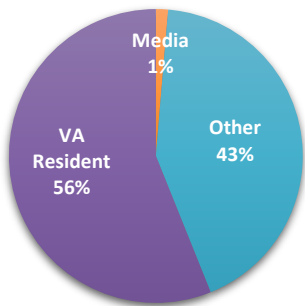
Request Examples

911 Calls and Police Reports	Fire/EMS Incident Reports	Contractor Bids and Proposals
Environmental Inspections	County Employee Salary Information	Delinquent Real Estate Tax List
Traffic Calming Study Tally Results	Emails and Text Messages	Voter Registration Information

High Volume Agencies



Requesters



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FOIA FEES

FOIA Fees Assessed

\$109,173.39

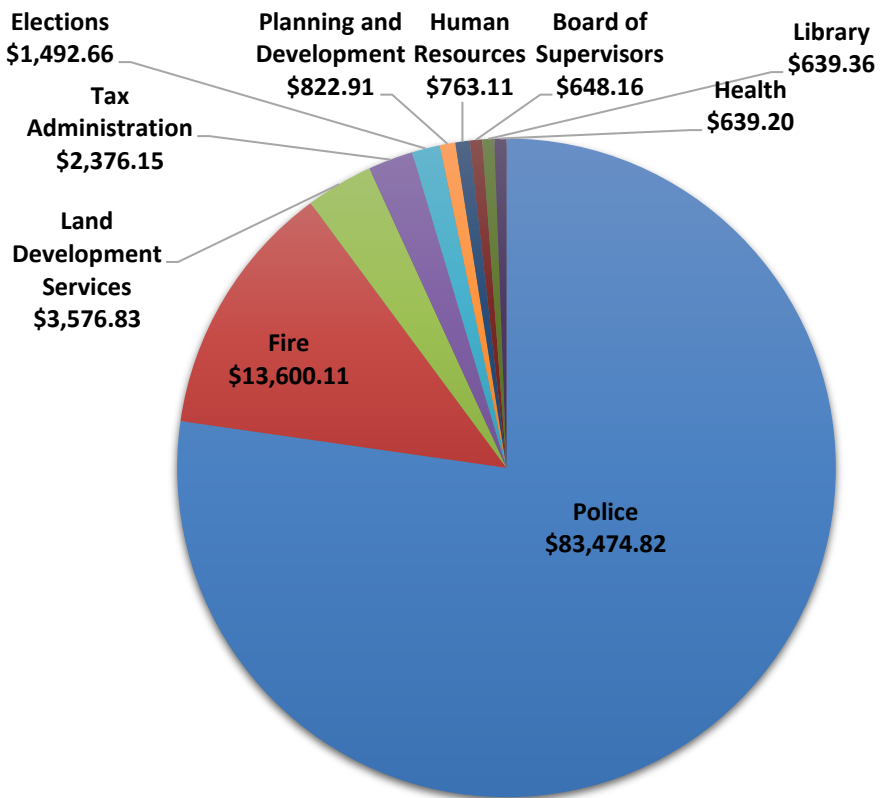
VFOIA allows Fairfax County to assess reasonable, actual costs related to processing FOIA requests.

FOIA Fee Waivers

12,243

Per County policy, waivers should be considered when the total cost of the FOIA request is less than \$50.

Top Ten Agencies



INTERESTING DATA

- On average, Fairfax County received **67 requests** per working day.
- The Office of Public Affairs managed **1,114** FOIA requests.
- **\$1,262.00** was the highest paid FOIA fee.
- Fairfax County agencies processed **7%** more FOIA requests in FY 23 than in FY 22.
- **89%** of FOIA responses were sent via e-mail, and **11%** were distributed in-person, over the phone, via fax or by letter.
- More FOIA requests were received in **March** (1,770) than in any other month.
- The Office of Public Affairs conducted **25** FOIA trainings to **over 500 attendees**.

