



# VFOIA Annual Report

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“...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

**3 calendar days**

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

Total Requests

**9,329**



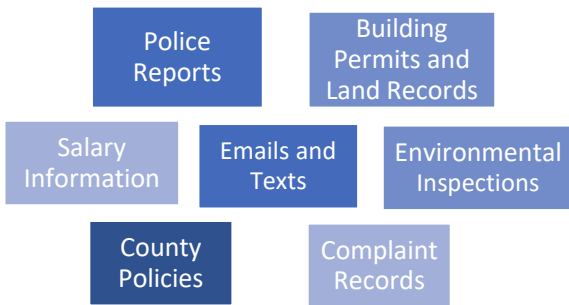
Over 40 Fairfax County agencies responded to FOIA requests. Fairfax County implemented the VFOIA Tracker, which tracks all FOIA requests received by Fairfax County agencies, on January 1, 2018.

Records Released in Full

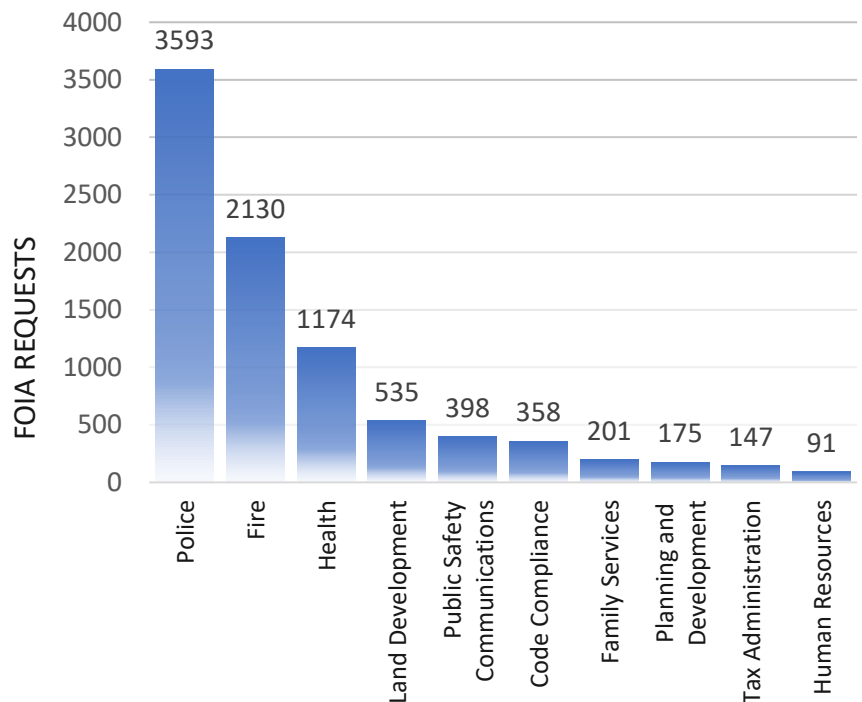
**46%**

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

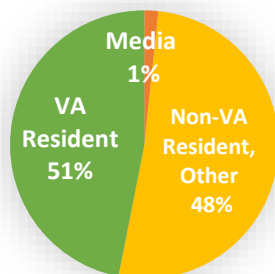
## Top Requested Records



## Top Ten Agencies



## Requesters



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# FOIA FEES

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# \$109,710.45

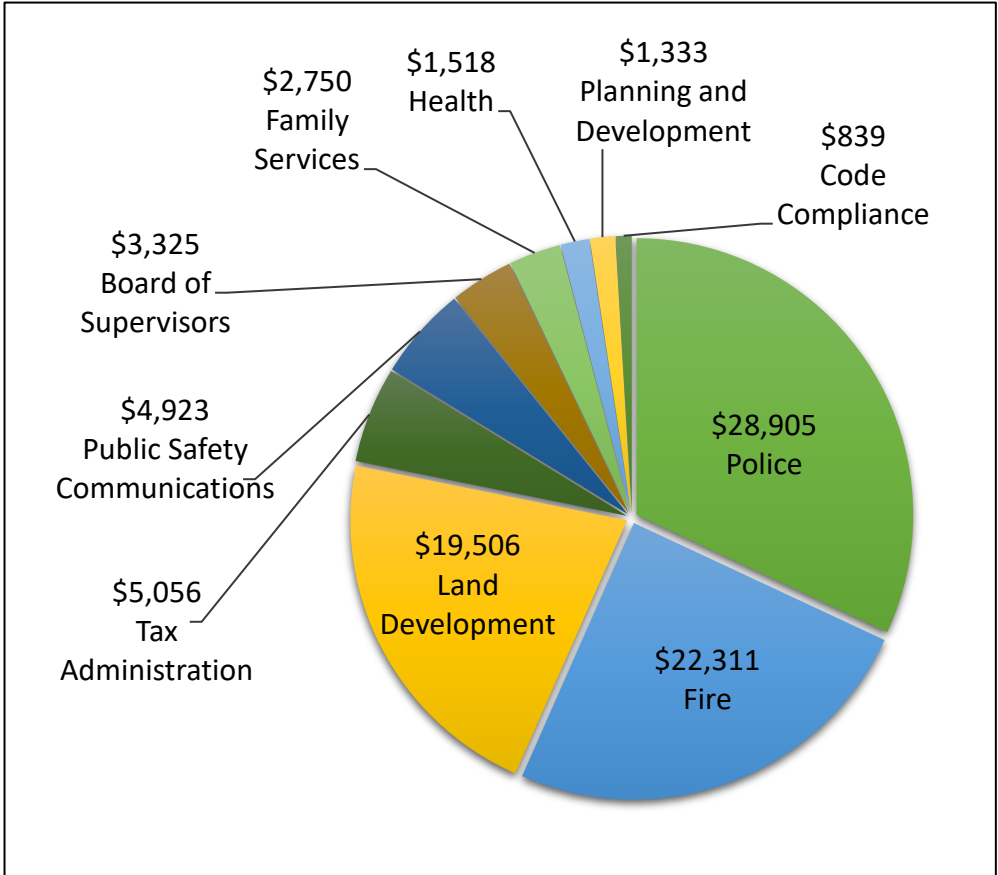
VFOIA allows Fairfax County to assess reasonable, actual costs incurred to process FOIA requests.

## FOIA Fee Waivers

# 5,384

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

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# INTERESTING DATA

On average, the County received **32** requests per working day.

**131** was the highest number of FOIA requests submitted by one requester.

More FOIAs were received in **April** than any other month.

**\$15,821.03** was the highest paid FOIA fee.

**\$11.95** was the average FOIA request fee.

The Office of Public Affairs responded to or provided agency support on **845** FOIA requests, and conducted **15** FOIA trainings attended by **488** individuals.

At least **506** FOIA requests sought e-mail records.

Only **151** responses were provided in hard copy.

**5,659** FOIA responses were delivered via e-mail; **1,455** in-person, over the phone, fax, or letter.

