



VFOIA Annual Report

FY21

“...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

12,840



Fairfax County tracks FOIA requests received by all Fairfax County agencies with the VFOIA Tracker application.

Records Released in Full

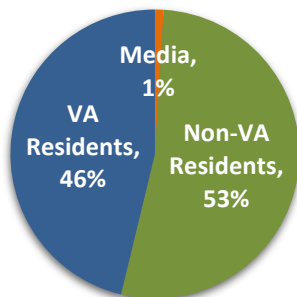
59%

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

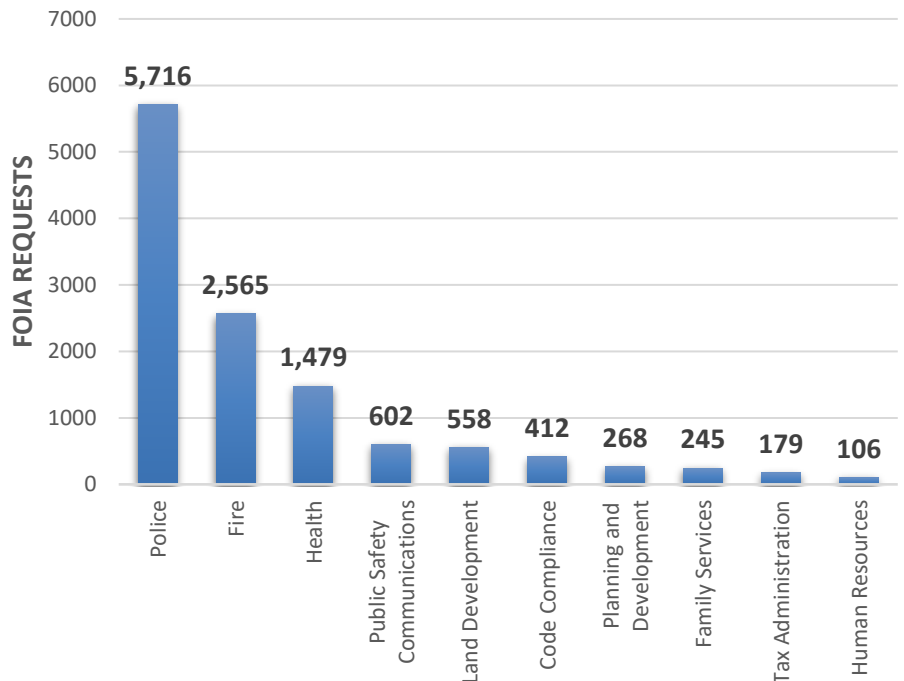
Request Examples

Police Reports	Fire/EMS Incident Reports	Building Permits
Records on Social and Racial Equity Matters	COVID Data	Resident Input on zMOD Project
911 Call Records	Emails and Text Messages	Voter Registration Information

Requesters



Top Ten Agencies



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FOIA FEES

FOIA Fees Assessed

\$86,758.33

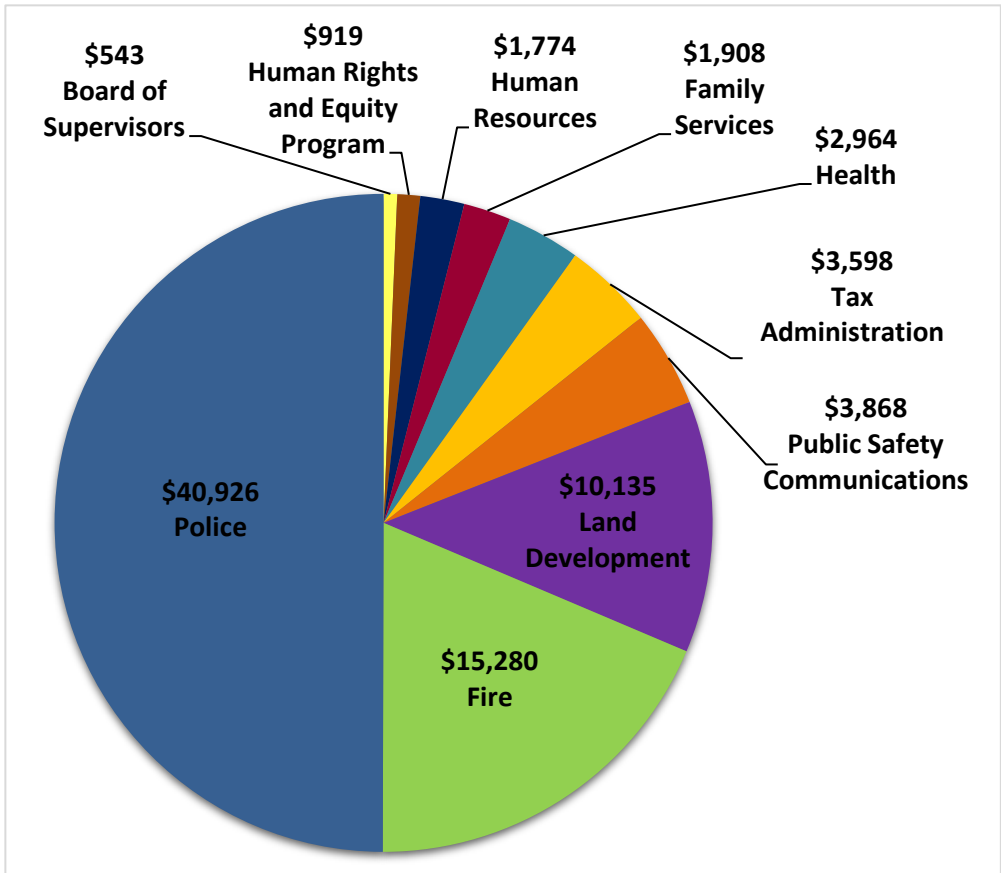
VFOIA allows Fairfax County to assess reasonable, actual costs related to processing FOIA requests.

FOIA Fee Waivers

7,934

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, the County received **48** requests per working day.

The Office of Public Affairs managed **766** FOIA requests.

Fairfax County agencies processed **8%** more FOIA requests in FY21 than in FY20.

11,529 FOIA responses were sent via e-mail, and **1,125** were distributed in-person, over the phone, via fax or by letter.

More FOIAs were received in **March** (1,283) than in any other month.

\$1,822.06 was the highest paid FOIA fee.

The Office of Public Affairs conducted **21** FOIA training sessions.

