



History

The program was established by Chief Buddy Brooks in 1963 at the Georgia Industrial Institute, which is now Lee Arrendale State Prison. The program consisted of one fire station, eight inmate firefighters and one part-time staff person assigned to the station.

Today

The Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) operates:

- 19 Fire Stations in State facilities, six in county facilities
- Seven boot camps and probation detention centers have trained wildfire teams who assist the Georgia Forestry Commission on wildfires in the North Georgia Mountains.

More than 220 offenders participate in the offender firefighter program. GDC fire stations respond to more than 3,000 calls annually. Responses have increased over 600% since 1993.

MISSION

The fire services program provides fire protection to state property and the community surrounding the prisons.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Georgia legislature amended the firefighter certification requirements in O.C.G.A. Title 25 to be hired and certified as career firefighters.

TRAINING

Offenders receive certification through the Georgia Standards and Training to become firefighters. Certification includes: Introduction to Fire Science, Fire Fighting Strategy and Tactics, Fire Prevention and Inspection, EMT/First Responder and Hazardous Materials.

Stations

LEE ARRENDALE STATE PRISON, Station No. 1

- Established in 1963; transitioned to a female facility in 2005
- Only all female firefighter station in the nation
- Responds to an average of 100 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1, First Aid, Hazardous Materials, Crash Victim Extrication, Liquid Propane Gas Burns, High Angle Rescue, Medical First Responder and Emergency, Response to Railroad Incidents
- Serves Banks, Habersham and White counties and has an automatic aid contract with the City of Baldwin

GEORGIA DIAGNOSTIC & CLASSIFICATION PRISON, Station No. 2

- Established early 1970s
- Responds to an average of 350-400 calls per year

- Certifications: Firefighter 1 and First Aid
- Serves Butts, Monroe, Lamar, Spalding and Henry counties

DODGE STATE PRISON, Station No. 3

- Established in 1985 and renamed Melvin Alfonso Stephens Memorial Fire Station in 2004
- Responds to an average of 125 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1, First Aid, Hazardous Materials, Crash Victim Extrication, and Emergency Medical Responder
- Serves Bleckley, Dodge and Laurens counties

GEORGIA STATE PRISON, Station No. 4

- Established in 1965
- Responds to an average of 115 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1 and First Aid
- Serves Tattnall, Toombs, Long and Candler counties

LEE STATE PRISON, Station No. 5

- Established in 1986
- Responds to an average of 230 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1, First Aid and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations
- Serves Lee county

MONTGOMERY STATE PRISON, Station No. 6

- Established early 1994
- Responds to an average of 200 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1, First Aid, Rescue Specialist, Crash Victim Extrication and Hazardous Materials Operations
- Serves Montgomery County and the Cedar Crossing area of Toombs County

HAYS STATE PRISON, Station No. 7

- Established early 1992
- Responds to an average of 420 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1, First Aid, Crash Vehicle Extrication, Wildland Firefighter, Confined Space Rescue, Rope Rescue and Ladder Tower Operations
- Serves Chattooga and Walker counties

LONG STATE PRISON, Station No. 8

- Established early 1987, fire house build in 1990
- Responds to an average of 100-125 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1 and 2, First Aid, Crash Vehicle Extrication, Wildland Firefighter, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Rescue Specialists, Wildland Fire Behavior, Pressurized Container, Rescue Specialist and Emergency Response to Railroad Incidents, Firefighter Evaluator, Structural Fire Control, Emergency Vehicle Driver Training and Vehicle Rollover Prevention
- Serves Appling, Long and Wayne counties

WALKER STATE PRISON, Station No. 9

- Established early 1980, fire house opened December 3, 1992
- Responds to an average of 140 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1, First Aid and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations
- Serves Catoosa and Walker counties and cities of LaFayette, Rossville and Fort Oglethorpe

TELFAIR STATE PRISON, Station No. 10

- Established early 1992
- Responds to an average of 125 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1, First Aid, Crash Victim and Bus Extrication, Pressurized Container, Hazardous Materials, Rescue Specialist and Emergency Response to Railroad Incidents
- Serves Telfair county and cities of Helena, Milan and McRae

HANCOCK STATE PRISON, Station No. 11

- Established early 1991
- Responds to an average of 30 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1 and First Aid
- Serves Hancock county

WARE STATE PRISON, Station No. 12

- Established March 31, 2008
- Responds to an average of 400 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1 and First Aid
- Serves Ware County and has mutual aid agreements with Brantley, Clinch, Charlton and Pierce counties

JOHNSON STATE PRISON, Station No. 14

- Established in March 1993
- Responds to an average of 125 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1, First Aid, Crash Victim Extrication, Hazardous Materials and Medical First Responder
- Has automatic aid agreements with Laurens, Washington, Emanuel counties and all of Johnson County including the cities of Wrightsville, Kite and Adrian

CALHOUN STATE PRISON, Station No. 15

- Established August 1, 1994
- Responds to an average of 125 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1, Rescue Specialist, Crash Victim Extrication, First Aid and Hazardous Materials
- Serves Calhoun, Early, Randolph, Baker, Clay counties and the cities of Morgan, Edison, Arlington, Leary, Shellman, Blakely, Fort Gaines and Cuthbert

MACON STATE PRISON, Station No. 16

- Established June 1994
- Responds to an average of 200 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1 and 2, First Aid, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, Fire Instructor, Firefighter Evaluator, Wildland Firefighter and Fire and Life Safety Educator

- Serves Macon County and has mutual aid agreements with Macon, Dooly, Sumter, Schley, Taylor, Talbot, Marion, Webster counties

WILCOX STATE PRISON, Station No. 17

- Established in October 1994
- Responds to an average of 100 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1, First Aid, Pressurized Container, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Bomb Awareness, Rescue Specialist and Vehicle Extrication
- Serves Wilcox and Dodge counties and has automatic aid agreements with three departments and mutual aid with four departments in those areas

AUTRY STATE PRISON, Station No. 18

- Established in September 1993
- Responds to an average of 300-350 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1 and 2, First Aid, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, Structural Fire Control, Vehicle Extrication, Pressurized Container, Emergency Vehicle Driver Training, Highway Safety Training, Vehicle Rollover Prevention, Accountability Training
- Serves Mitchell, Baker and Thomas counties

DOOLY STATE PRISON, Station No. 19

- Established in 1995
- Responds to an average of 260 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1, First Aid, Hazardous Materials, Rescue Specialist, Crash Victim Extrication, Structural Fire Fighting, Pressurized Container, First Responder and Emergency Response to Railroad Incidents
- Has automatic aid agreements with Unadilla Fire/Rescue and mutual aid agreements with six other departments within Dooly County. Also, provide mutual aid for the southern portion of Houston County

TELFAIR SP MILAN UNIT, Station No. 20

- Established in 1996
- Responds to an average of 150 calls per year
- Certifications: Firefighter 1, First Aid, Hazardous Materials, Rescue Specialist, Crash Victim Extrication, Structural Fire, Pressurized Container, First Responder and Wild land Fire.
- Has automatic aid agreements with Milan Fire/Rescue and mutual aid agreements with five other departments within Dodge and Telfair County. Also, provides mutual aid Wheeler County.