INTRODUCTION TO THE FY 2017 BUDGET STORY

I am happy to share with you, the citizens of Loudoun County, the County’s Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Story. This document was created to bring greater community accessibility to an otherwise dense and complex budget process. A budget of Loudoun’s size – nearly $2.5 billion for FY 2017 – is hard to get to know unless it’s broken down into more understandable and relatable components. This document’s goal is to use those components to tell the story of Loudoun’s budget.

The FY 2017 budget process kicked off in September 2015 when County departments began considering their customers’ needs for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2016. The economic conditions that the County had to overcome while building the FY 2017 budget were more significant than those in more recent years. Most notably, the lingering effects of federal sequestration – reductions in federal spending and lower rates of employment and income growth – dampened real property values, which only appreciated 0.2% in 2015. The two preceding fiscal years showed 2 to 4% appreciation rates.

Revenue declines aside, the Board of Supervisors felt it imperative to prioritize the continuation of the County’s most valuable service lines, including public safety and social safety net programs. The FY 2017 budget includes enhancements in a number of County programs, some of which are featured in the following pages. Through the Board of Supervisors’ leadership, this year’s budget funds programs that expand interchanges and road segments (p. 4), plan for the future land use of the County (p. 7), provide crucial front-line mental health support (p. 11), deliver meaningful library services to an underserved area (p. 13), and create a more robust and comprehensive emergency medical service program (p. 15).

In the coming year, we look forward to engaging Loudoun County’s citizens in the public budget process, and I hope the County’s first Budget Story provides you with a deeper understanding of the value of your contribution as a taxpayer and how the County strives to serve your community each and every day.

– Tim Hemstreet
  County Administrator

BUDGET CYCLE

1. SUMMER
   • Fiscal year begins July 1
   • Departments evaluate needs and plan for the future
   • Capital Improvement Program process begins

2. FALL
   • Initial revenue forecasts
   • Departments refine base budget needs
   • Additional funding requests analyzed and prioritized

3. WINTER
   • Board gives final guidance for budget preparation
   • County Administrator proposes budget to Board of Supervisors
   • Board and public review Proposed Budget

4. SPRING
   • Board discusses budget proposal at work sessions
   • Board adopts the budget and tax rates

The full FY 2017 Adopted Budget can be found online at www.loudoun.gov/budget
LOUDOUN AT A GLANCE

Loudoun County was founded in 1757 and consists of 520 square miles. Loudoun has been one of the fastest growing counties in the nation; the County’s population grew by 84% between 2000 and 2010. Loudoun’s population is dominated by young families, leading to strong demand for public services. Over 50% of Loudoun’s residents aged 25 and older have college degrees while nearly a quarter have advanced degrees.

COUNTY POPULATION
FY 2017 Projection: 385,114

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COUNTY POPULATION BY AGE

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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY TYPE
Population Age 25+

- No HS Diploma: 7.4%
- HS Diploma: 24.8%
- Associates Degree: 27.4%
- Bachelor’s Degree: 33.9%
- Master’s or Higher Degree: 6.5%

NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION
Permitted Units

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PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
as of September 30

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- 3.6% 2013
- 3.5% 2014
- 3.7% 2015
- 3.1% 2016

SOURCE: 2015 Fiscal Impact Committee Guidelines
SOURCE: Loudoun County Public Schools
The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is the six-year plan for the County’s highest priority capital projects that replace, improve, expand, or develop infrastructure, facilities, or other large County assets. Many of the most visible capital projects are transportation projects like road widenings or interchange constructions as well as new school construction.

**Rt 7 and Belmont Ridge Road (Rt 659) Interchange**

The upcoming interchange at the intersection of Route 7 and Belmont Ridge Road (Route 659) includes widening Belmont Ridge Road from two lanes to four lanes from Route 7 to Gloucester Parkway and is currently in construction. The project is administered by the County and is funded through federal, state, and local funds. Construction updates and project information are available online at [www.loudoun.gov/route7-659](http://www.loudoun.gov/route7-659).

Managed as separate projects, Belmont Ridge Road will be further widened from two lanes to four lanes in two additional segments, the first between Gloucester Parkway and Hay Road, which includes a grade-separated bridge over the W&OD Trail, and the second between Truro Parish Drive and Croson Lane. These segments are funded by a combination of sources including County funding, proffers, and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority funding.

You can review current capital projects, an interactive map of active and planned projects, as well as project updates by visiting [www.loudoun.gov/underconstruction](http://www.loudoun.gov/underconstruction).

**Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project – the Silver Line**

Phase 1 of the 23 mile Silver Line opened in 2014 and extended Metro service from East Falls Church in Arlington County to Wiehle-Reston East via Tysons Corner. Phase 2 of the project, scheduled to begin operation in 2020, will further extend Metro service through Reston and Herndon into Loudoun County. The extension will be along the Greenway from Dulles Airport to the Loudoun Gateway Station (Route 606) and to Ashburn Station (Route 772), serving as the permanent Silver Line west terminus station.

**Loudoun County Stations:**
- Dulles International Airport
- Loudoun Gateway (Route 606)
- Ashburn (Route 772)

Capital funding for Phase 2 of the project is provided by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Project funding includes the issuance of a TIFIA loan by US DOT providing MWAA, Fairfax and Loudoun Counties with a major source of low-interest, long-term debt funding.

You can view construction updates and alerts online at [www.dullesmetro.com](http://www.dullesmetro.com) and learn about the Metrorail Service Districts at [www.loudoun.gov/metrailservicedistricts](http://www.loudoun.gov/metrailservicedistricts).
Loudoun’s General Government Administration departments are the County’s primary administrative and internal service agencies. These agencies are responsible for ensuring the County’s other agencies can do their jobs effectively; they make sure staff is hired, offices are properly equipped with furniture and technology, and that County funds are managed properly.

**Landfill**

Loudoun County’s 300-acre landfill has safely and responsibly managed solid waste for 45 years. Loudoun’s landfill is part of the County’s Solid Waste Management Facility that also offers many different waste-management solutions in addition to landfill waste disposal, including a recycling center and a free mulch depot. The Department of General Services staff regularly provides once weekly, on-site, educational group tours of the facility March through November.

The landfill uses a large amount of heavy equipment to handle the County’s solid waste. Starting in FY 2017, General Services will be able to perform more heavy equipment maintenance on-site, which will reduce costs related to outsourcing preventative maintenance responsibilities for equipment.

The facility accepts:

- Automotive (lead acid) batteries (no charge)
- Antifreeze: ethylene glycol and propylene glycol (no charge)
- Motor oil, automatic transmission fluid, power steering fluid, diesel fuel, gear oil, turbine engine oil, hydraulic oil, and kerosene (no charge)
- Oil filters (no charge)
- Automotive tires (fee assessed)
- Scrap metal (fee assessed)
- Yard waste, arboreal waste (fee assessed)
- Mixed bottles and cans (no charge if using Recycling Drop-off Center)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum and steel cans, foil, disposable pans
- #1 – #7 Plastic containers (beverage bottles, caps, soap and shampoo bottles, other bottles, milk jugs, plastic jars, laundry detergent jugs, microwave food trays, yogurt cups, wide-mouth tubs, lids, buckets, etc.)
- Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, office paper, junk mail, paperback books, hard cover books, cardboard boxes, and paperboard (i.e. cereal and cracker boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.)
- Latex paints (fee assessed)

**TOTAL BUDGET**

- Board of Supervisors: $2,308,841
- Commissioner of the Revenue: $6,809,413
- County Administration: $3,786,823
- County Attorney: $3,040,530
- Elections and Voter Registration: $1,787,747
- Finance and Procurement: $5,223,110
- General Services: $37,777,561
- Human Resources: $6,495,687
- Information Technology: $28,702,432
- Management & Budget: $2,035,636
- Treasurer: $5,024,839

You can **ARRANGE A GROUP TOUR** of Loudoun’s Solid Waste Management Facility by calling (703) 771-5514.

**OVER 135,778 TONS OF WASTE** were buried at the landfill in FY 2015 while **3,339 TONS OF YARD WASTE** were converted into compost or mulch.

In FY 2015, the Department of Information Technology **BLOCKED OVER 1 MILLION** internet-based network attacks on County networks.

**Landfill Contact Information:**

21101 Evergreen Mills Rd.
Leesburg, VA 20175
(703) 771-5500
Open Monday – Saturday: 8AM – 4PM
www.loudoun.gov/landfill
Community Development agencies plan for the County’s future and develop the local economy to ensure Loudoun remains a great place to live, work, and play.

Did you know that 48% OF LOUDOUN RESIDENTS also work in the County?

Loudoun currently boasts the LARGEST HOP YARD in Virginia and more breweries than any other county in Virginia.

The growth of our local craft beverage industry not only directly contributes to the commercial tax base, it also gives our farmers more opportunities to diversify with new categories of high value crops that can be utilized right here in Loudoun.

― BUDDY RIZER, Director
Economic Development

Rural Economy

The Department of Economic Development’s Rural Business Development Team is focused on attracting, retaining, and expanding businesses within Loudoun’s rural areas that are deeply rooted in agriculture. The craft beverage industry serves as just one example of the strategic efforts the Department is making within the agriculture sector. The team started laying a foundation three years ago to diversify agricultural production to provide additional inputs to the craft beverage industry. Loudoun has a thriving farm winery industry, with more wineries and more new acreage planted in wine grapes than any other county in Virginia. Year over year, farmers are investing in Loudoun’s wine industry, which speaks to the private sector’s confidence in the local market.

Loudoun also hopes to become a leader in Virginia’s brewed and distilled beverage industry. Infrastructure is critically important for Loudoun’s farmers to expand production of high value crops such as hops and malting grains. Economic Development works to attract businesses to create crucial infrastructure like hops processing and commercial malting facilities. The Department is constantly focusing on strategies to attract and retain agricultural based businesses on our rural lands.

CRAFT BEVERAGES GROWTH IN LOUDOUN COUNTY
Department: Economic Development

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New Comprehensive Plan

There are an abundance of reasons why individuals and citizens choose to make Loudoun County their home. So many reasons, in fact, that Loudoun has been one of the fastest-growing counties in the country. With this kind of growth comes many challenges for both policymakers and citizens. Where do we want to be as a community in five years? Ten years? Thirty years?

Addressing this central question requires a plan. For FY 2017, the Board of Supervisors allocated $400,000 to begin the challenging and vital process of updating the County’s Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a collection of several documents adopted by the Board of Supervisors intended to serve as a guide for development, resource management, capital facility planning, and resource allocation over a 20-year time frame. It is also the fundamental foundation for the Zoning Ordinance. This new Comprehensive Plan will entail creating a new General Plan and substantially revising the Countywide Transportation Plan, the two prominent and companion components of the County’s Comprehensive Plan.

As the scope of this huge undertaking is better defined, County staff will update the Board in late 2016 with an updated estimated cost and request additional funding. Many County departments will be involved with this process, with the Department of Planning and Zoning leading the effort in close collaboration with the Departments of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure and Economic Development.

The County’s current Revised General Plan has served the County well; however, the time has come to assess the current conditions and collaboratively develop a new vision for the future. The Revised General Plan, a major focus for this new planning effort, was adopted in 2001; over the last 15 years, only moderate changes have been made. The last time such a revision to this document was initiated there were 169,699 residents in Loudoun County; today there are an estimated 385,114 residents!

The planning process will be open, inclusive, and accessible to citizens throughout the County with in-person, electronic, and on-demand opportunities for participation. A Stakeholders Committee, made up of 26 members, will provide feedback and help provide direction throughout the process. You can learn more at www.loudoun.gov/newcompplan.

Traffic Engineer

Loudoun’s Traffic Engineering Team is a part of the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure and completes projects in response to community needs and concerns. A large portion of the team’s efforts is focused on developing traffic calming measures for the County’s busy roadways. Many of these measures are driven by community requests, be it from individuals or groups of residents like homeowners associations. To help the Department keep pace with Loudoun’s growing population, a new Senior Traffic Engineer position was added as a part of the FY 2017 budget process. This position will reduce the amount of time it takes to complete projects and allow for more proactive management of the entire Traffic Engineering program.

Types of traffic calming measures include:

- Traffic signals and signs
- Speed humps and pavement markings
- Intersection improvements

Stone Tower Winery
The majority of the County’s general fund revenue comes from property taxes on real and personal property. The personal property tax, which taxes property such as vehicles, is $4.20 per $100 of assessed value. The real property tax, which is the tax homeowners and businesses pay on their land and buildings, is calculated at $1.145 per $100 of assessed value.

*NOTE: All numbers are in the $ millions.
SUM MAY NOT EQUAL TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.
FY 2017 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

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HEALTH & WELFARE

The County’s Health and Welfare agencies ensure that a wide range of important social, health, and educational services are available to residents who need them. Staff in these agencies often work closely to help families in financial need and residents facing mental health crises.

NUMBER OF INTAKES COMPLETED
Department: Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Developmental Services

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APPROVED ENERGY ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS BY TYPE
Department: Family Services, Federal FY 2015

- Fuel (Heating): 245
- Crisis (Heating): 15
- Cooling: 118

* The United States federal government’s fiscal year is the 12-month period ending on 30 September of that year, having begun on 1 October of the previous calendar year.

Through our programs, the County and Commonwealth have demonstrated a commitment to the health and welfare of Loudoun’s most disadvantaged and vulnerable residents.”

– ELLEN GRUNEWALD, Director
Family Services
CLEAR Program*

The Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Developmental Services works to provide and facilitate county-wide access to mental, behavioral, and developmental health services. One program that helps people access services they need is the Community Liaison Education Access and Recovery Program, or CLEAR Program.

**COMMUNITY:** The program is community focused – it emphasizes the needs of the community’s residents and features community-oriented services and partnerships

**LIAISON:** The program links clients to other state, regional, and local agencies and organizations and works in coalition groups to increase access to services

**EDUCATION:** County staff conduct and participate in regular educational outreach activities and programs to increase awareness of and provide information about community health issues like drug abuse, suicide prevention, and homelessness

**ACCESS:** People who need information or services can call the access line to receive general information or a professional referral or to schedule an intake to receive services that the department offers

**RECOVERY:** Helps forge clients community partnerships and engage in productive and meaningful activities in their communities

If you’d like more information about Loudoun’s mental health, substance abuse, or development services you can visit the department online at [www.loudoun.gov/mhsads](http://www.loudoun.gov/mhsads) or call (703) 771-5155. If you or someone you know is currently experiencing a mental health emergency please call (703) 777-0320.

*This program’s name is changing to ACCESS during FY 2017*

Commercial Horticulture Program

Loudoun County Extension Services (or the Virginia Cooperative Extension) works to extend university research from Virginia Tech and Virginia State University to real practice in the community. Extension Services is funded by both the universities and Loudoun County.

Extension Services provides technical information and educational services to agricultural and horticultural producers, landscape managers, and County residents about a wide-range of topics including animal health, food production, and environmental conservation. Simply put, Extension Services helps farmers create products for the types of agricultural markets emerging in the County, including the developing beverage cluster consisting of grapes and hops.

Extension Services’ Commercial Horticulture Program offers educational and technical support for the production and management of local crops. Western Loudoun has a strong agricultural tradition that is currently undergoing a beverage-plant renaissance. Extension Services works with budding vintners and other growers to evaluate soil conditions for plant and variety suitability, teaches farm-working skills, and assists and troubleshoots once a farm is up and running. New crops are still coming to Loudoun’s agricultural sector – a new pilot study examining the viability of different green tea plants is being conducted by Extension Services’ university partners.

HOPS SUITABILITY MODEL ➔

The Loudoun County Hops Suitability Model was produced through a collaborative effort between the Loudoun County Office of Mapping and Geographic Information and the Virginia Cooperative Extension. Taking the requirements for growing hops including the preferred soils, slope, and slope direction (aspect), a Geographic Information System (GIS) was used to produce the suitability model showing where hops are best suited to grow. [www.loudoun.gov/hopsmapi](http://www.loudoun.gov/hopsmapi)

- Best Suitable
- 2nd Best
- 3rd Best
- Not Suitable

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The Department of Family Services’ Benefits Division assists Loudoun residents apply for a number of programs designed to help people in need. Many of the applications for these programs interlink – if you apply and qualify for one program, you may also be qualified to participate in others. Family Services can help individuals and families in need apply for a number of different programs including:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Cooling Assistance (Cooling Bills and Equipment)
- Fuel Assistance (Heating Bills and Equipment)
- Crisis Assistance (Heating Emergencies)

LIHEAP is a federally mandated program to provide home heating and cooling assistance and is administered at the state and local level. Virginia’s LIHEAP and other assistance programs are administered by the Virginia Department of Social Services.

Starting in July with the new fiscal year, Family Services will have a staff member fully dedicated to helping residents apply for the various energy assistance programs currently available. This staff member will provide highly personalized service and act as a point of contact for many of the County’s poorest and most vulnerable residents, often including senior citizens on fixed incomes.

Applicant windows for heating and cooling assistance:

- **Cooling:** June 15 – August 15
- **Fuel (Heating):** Second Tuesday in October – second Friday in November
- **Crisis (Emergency Heating):**
  - Equipment Assistance: November 1 – March 15
  - Financial Assistance: First workday in January – March 15

More information about applying for heating and cooling assistance can be found online at [www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea/](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea/) or by calling Family Services at (703) 777-0353.

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Parks, Recreation, and Culture agencies provide a wide variety of recreational, educational, and cultural activities and facilities for County residents year-round.

The Adaptive Recreation Program recently PARTNERED WITH THE WASHINGTON REDSKINS to support a Special Olympics flag football team for youth.

In one year, 1.7 MILLION PEOPLE visited public library branches to find answers to questions, attend programs, and check out materials.

In one year, 1.3 MILLION ONLINE VISITS were made to Loudoun County Public Library’s webpages.

Loudoun County Public Library’s mission is building community by cultivating the joy of reading and learning. Makers in Loudoun Libraries and the development of the new Sterling Library greatly enhance our ability to serve our diverse community and help people develop lifelong learning skills.

“...”

– CHANG LIU, Director, Library Services

LIBRARY SERVICES PARTICIPATION

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ADAPTIVE RECREATION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION HOURS

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TOTAL BUDGET

| Parks, Recreation, & Community Services | $40,810,359 |
| Library Services                       | $15,776,303 |
Adaptive Recreation Program

The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS) provides recreational, educational, wellness, cultural, and supportive opportunities to Loudoun's residents. Facilities are located throughout the County and include a recreation center, community centers, athletic fields, swimming pools, senior centers, adult day care centers, parks, trails, and historic properties. PRCS offers many programs, including sports activities for youth and adults, instructional and interpretive classes, programs for senior citizens, as well as programs for individuals with disabilities.

The Adaptive Recreation Program houses several activities, including the Adaptive Recreation Camp, which was established to provide accessible programs for residents with disabilities. Adaptive Recreation's philosophy is that individuals with disabilities have the right and should be given the opportunity to participate in recreation and leisure activities of their own choosing to enhance their quality of life; participation in this programming is meant to also foster respect for diversity in the community. The camp's programs serve children and adults from 2 to 21 years of age. The FY 2017 budget expands funding for the program so more County residents can participate in activities.

Adaptive Recreation employees work across all areas of PRCS to help with inclusion, disability information, and sensitivity training to ensure that participants are in an inclusive setting and receive continuous support. Program specialists adapt or modify programs to meet the needs of participants with all abilities (including those who require complete care).

Adaptive Recreation offers a wide range of activities throughout the year to accommodate a variety of lifestyles, schedules, and abilities, including:

- An annual white water rafting trip
- Skiing and snow tubing
- Summer beach vacations
- Teen travel camps
- Concerts
- Sports programs through the Special Olympics
- Visual and performing arts through Very Special Arts Loudoun County

More information about Adaptive Recreation can be found at www.loudoun.gov/adaptiverec.

Makers in Loudoun Libraries (MILL) & The New Sterling Library

The Department of Library Services, also known as the Loudoun County Public Library (LCPL), provides free access to a full variety of library resources and innovative technologies to enhance the quality of life and meet the informational, educational, and cultural interests of the community.

To help develop creativity, imagination, and 21st century technology skills, LCPL is bringing the “maker movement” to County residents through a new initiative: Makers in Loudoun Libraries. At the Gum Spring Library’s MILL Studio – the first dedicated “maker space” in the County’s library system – technology, curiosity, and expertise come together. Residents of all ages explore robotics and 3-D printing, record and produce their own music and videos, and learn computer science. Throughout the County, portable “maker kits” circulate among libraries, providing all with access to creative technology.

The MILL initiative is just one innovative way in which the Library is meeting the County’s increasing demand for library services. The Sterling Library is relocating to a new and expanded storefront location as a key anchor of a Sterling Park shopping center. As a result of the FY 2017 budget process, the new Sterling Library will also feature longer operating hours, allowing more people to use the new library, which will be almost three times the size of the existing facility. Expanded space and hours will allow library staff to provide more services and learning opportunities for children, teens, and adults, including computer and job skills training, enhanced early literacy programs, English for Speakers of Other Languages, and citizenship classes. Along with a MILL Studio, the Sterling Library will include dedicated areas for teens and children, study rooms, community meeting rooms, and public computers.

More information about the library’s resources can be found at library.loudoun.gov.
PUBLIC SAFETY & JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Public Safety and Judicial Administration agencies focus on keeping Loudoun safe and stable.

Fire Marshal’s Canine Program

The Fire Marshal’s Office in the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management is responsible for investigating the origin and cause of fire and explosive-related incidents as well as the release of hazardous materials. To help fire marshals with these responsibilities, the Office employs three canine units, all of whom receive extensive training before being qualified to work. The newest canine, Aurora, assists with the identification of explosives, explosive residues, and post-blast evidence. Another canine, Dolley, is trained to detect material equivalent to the volume of an eye dropper of ignitable fluids. This accelerant detection team is highly respected and sought after for not only fire scene assistance but also for teaching locally and at special trainings. The third canine is a bloodhound named Grace who is used to detect and follow human scent. Grace, once given an article containing the scent of a person to look for, follows that person’s trail until there is no more scent or she becomes exhausted. Fire and explosive investigation is highly time-sensitive. Aurora, Dolley, and Grace allow fire marshals to quickly clear sites as well as trail victims and/or suspects in an effort to reduce the chance of harm or injury to Loudoun’s citizens.

Did you know that 98% OF RESIDENTS said they felt safe or very safe in their neighborhoods in a recent survey of residents?

OVER 60% OF ANIMAL SERVICES’ CALLS for service related to wildlife were resolved through education provided by dispatchers or animal control officers to residents by phone or on scene.

During FY 2015, the Clerk’s Office recorded 63,854 DEEDS and deeds of trust.

*This department’s name is changing to Fire and Rescue during FY 2017

While these hard-working canines usually live at home with their handlers, they must report to work like any other employee.
Fire, Rescue & Emergency Management
Operational Medical Director

Emergency medical service (EMS) providers may only provide services under the authority of an Operational Medical Director (OMD). The County currently has an OMD whose medical license under which both County and volunteer companies operate.

The OMD is responsible for:

- Providing clinical leadership and medical oversight for the EMS system and serving as a physician course director
- Granting local authorization to EMS providers
- Developing and implementing new and existing medical protocols, policies, and procedures
- Working with the quality assurance / quality improvement office to ensure efficient delivery of EMS

The number of emergency medical incidents within the County increased by 5.8% from FY 2014 to FY 2015 with increases expected through FY 2017. Additionally, the number of incidents requiring on-scene EMS supervision is also expected to increase. As the number of incidents in the County increase, the need for OMD services is a top priority for the Department. In the past, Loudoun’s OMD was a part-time contract, but in response to the County’s continued growth, the OMD will become a full-time contract starting in FY 2017 to provide Loudoun with more comprehensive emergency medical service.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court’s Historic Records Program

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is charged with a large number of duties including the issuance of marriage licenses, recording of deeds, the coordination of juror services for jury trials, and the maintenance of historical court records. Loudoun’s current Clerk first took office in 2000. In Virginia, Clerks are elected to serve 8 year terms.

Before the first battles of the Civil War were fought in Virginia, Loudoun County justices and Clerk of the Circuit Court George K. Fox passed a court resolution to move the court records to safety. Prior to the occupation of Leesburg in March 1862, Fox had all the court records moved to Campbell County, Virginia, for the duration of the war. When the records returned in the summer of 1865, all the records, except for an 1829 order book, survived. Loudoun is the only county in Northern Virginia that did not lose its records during the Civil War.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court’s Historic Records Division retains and preserves almost every legal document ever issued by and submitted to the Court.

Included in its collection are:

- A deed signed by George Washington
- Documents signed by four Presidents from Virginia: George Washington, James Madison, James Monroe, and John Tyler
- Large collection of slave and free black papers
- All County deeds and wills from 1757 to the present
- Original plats that established the Loudoun-Fairfax line and the Loudoun-Fauquier line
- Large collection of military papers of Loudoun veterans in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars
- Court Order Books that list all the court and legislative activities of the County
- More at loudoun.gov/clerk/archive

Original plan for Leesburg, 1759

Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office Citizen’s Police Academy

The Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office is the Commonwealth’s largest full service sheriff’s office. The Sheriff is elected by residents at large to a four-year term. Loudoun’s current sheriff was first elected to the position in 2011 and re-elected in 2015. The Sheriff’s Office has a large number of diverse responsibilities including criminal investigations, corrections, court security and process service, and 911 communications.

Beyond the Office’s law enforcement responsibilities is community outreach and education. The Sheriff’s Office conducts a biannual citizen education and community outreach program called the Citizen’s Police Academy. In this multi-week program, participants learn about the history of the Sheriff’s Office and its wide-ranging daily operations and can even apply for a ride-along with a deputy during a tour of duty after completing the program. This multi-week program is open to Loudoun County residents over the age of 18. Participants graduate from the program with a greatly enhanced understanding of law enforcement activities in the County; over the past few years, the program has graduated more than 138 participants.

In addition to long-term programs like the Citizen’s Police Academy, the Sheriff’s Office regularly holds crime-prevention classes on topics including:

- Burglary Prevention
- Business Crime Prevention
- Child Safety
- Home Security
- Identity Theft
- Internet Safety for Parents
- Introduction to Policing

Additional information about these programs and the Sheriff’s Office can be found at sheriff.loudoun.gov or by contacting your local station.
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LOUDOUN COUNTY
ELECTION DISTRICTS

1. Algonkian – George Washington University
2. Ashburn – Ashburn Library
3. Blue Ridge – Salamander Resort
4. Broad Run – One Loudoun
5. Catoctin – Lucketts Community Center
6. Dulles – Dulles Airport
7. Leesburg – Historic Downtown
8. Sterling – Claude Moore Recreation Center

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