

Subject: CPHD- Code Enforcement Public Safety Measures

**FY 2019 Proposed Budget
Budget Work Session Follow-up**

4/4/2018

The following information is provided in response to a request made by Erik Gutshall at the work session on 3/6/2018, regarding the following question:
Could you provide code enforcement measures for public safety?

Arlington uses the [Safe Structures Initiative](#) to guide performance and compliance expectations at existing structures. The initiative emphasizes the use of community education and outreach, periodic inspections, complaint inspections and incidental inspections to ensure that the public safety, health and welfare of the community are preserved.

Below is a summary of all code enforcement inspection activity that occurred in FY 2017. Code enforcement does not currently track “public safety” inspections as its own category as each of these types of cases has an impact on public safety. These cases were handled by a total of 8.0 FTEs assigned to field inspection activity:

Enforcement Agency Services	Inspections
Proactive Community Survey Investigations	1,320
Multiple Dwelling Common Area Investigations	1,010
Complaint Investigations	644
Post Fire Investigations	56
Noise Exemption Requests Processing	44
Noise Complaint Investigation	31
Hoarding Task Force Investigations	27
Elevator Enforcement Investigations	6
Miscellaneous Investigations	40
TOTAL CASES REPORTED	3,178

The table does not include snow enforcement cases (47 cases) as the number of cases are inconsistent between fiscal years and the staff workload for these cases is minimal. The table also does not include periodic inspections of elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters and other personnel conveyance devices administered and managed by code enforcement and regulated by the Virginia Maintenance Code (there are 2,700 systems in the County). These inspections are currently performed by an outside contractor.