

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution List

FROM: Nicholas Scoppetta, Commissioner  
Salvatore Cassano, Chief of Department

SUBJECT FY 2010 Preliminary Budget

DATE: January 30, 2009

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Today the Mayor unveiled his preliminary budget for FY2010 designed to deal with the fall out from the fiscal crisis that now grips the country in a recession.

The news for the Fire Department is not good:

- 4 fire company night closings will become full time closings effective 7-1-09.
- 7 additional fire companies will be disbanded effective 7-1-09.
- 5 additional fire companies will be disbanded effective 1-1-10.
- 30 BLS ambulance tours and 9 supervisory lines in conditions cars will be eliminated effective 7-1-09.
- 27 Fire Marshal lines and 5 Supervising Fire Marshal lines will be eliminated based on attrition.
- 32 EMS administrative lines in units through out the Department will be eliminated, which will require those members on full duty in the designated units to return to ambulance duty and those members with Reasonable Accommodations to seek other accommodations if available, otherwise they will need to retire.
- All civilian vacancies that have not been approved by OMB have now been eliminated.
- There is a complete freeze on all new civilian attrition that occurs until June 30, 2010. This does not include Fire Prevention, Dispatchers, Grant funded positions, Deutsche Bank Task Force positions or ECTP related lines. The Bureau of Personnel Resources will be issuing new civilian guidelines to address critical vacancies.
- Security Services for Randall's Island, Fort Totten and Maspeth will be discontinued by March 1, 2009.

Clearly, we are being required to make significant reductions in our operation. Despite these obstacles we all still have operations to manage and we must continue to do so to the best of our abilities. I realize it will not be easy, but this Department has always managed to provide superior services despite the challenges.

Now more than ever I am counting on each of you to provide leadership to effectively and efficiently manage to ensure that we continue service as best we can.

Thank you for you support during these most difficult of times.