



**FY 2017 BOROUGH LEVEL BUDGET CONSULTATION
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**Manhattan Community Boards
255 Greenwich St.
New York, NY**

Capital

- 1. What is the budget allocation for firefighter safety gear and equipment for the actual FY 16?
Does the FDNY need more funding to upgrade the firefighter safety gear and equipment for FY 17?**

The Fire Department does not need additional funding to upgrade Firefighter safety gear and equipment for FY17. The projected Quartermaster cost for FY16 is \$10.4M, which includes all protective gear and equipment for all Firefighter ranks. These items include: bunker coat with name, bunker pants with suspenders, helmet with front piece, bunker boots, gloves, and hood.

- 2. Please provide a list of how many fire houses were renovated last fiscal year and the type of renovation performed. What is fire houses renovation plan for the next year? How much funding is needed for the renovations by districts?**

Funding is in place for multi component and component projects. The requested list of firehouse renovations are below:

FDNY Capital Projects Manhattan		
PROJECT ID	DESCRIPTION	CONSTRUCTION DURATION
F175E40AC	HVAC- EC40 construction procurement	Oct 2015-Aug 2016
F175TEC54	Toilet Replacement-EC54 in construction	Jun 2015-Mar 2016
F175TEC59	Toilet Replacement - EC59 in construction	Jun 2015-Mar 2016
F175TOIE5	Toilet - EC5 in construction	Jul 2015-Mar 2016
F175KITE5	Kitchen Replacement- EC5 in construction	Jul 2015-Mar 2016
F2042RAND	Randall's Island Building #2 design phase	FY17 construction
F175TOE53	Toilet Renovation- EC53 in construction	Jan 2016-Aug 2016

F175TOE55	Toilet Renovation -EC55 construction procurement	Jan 2016-Aug 2016
F175TOE74	Toilet Renovation- EC74 construction procurement	Jan 2016-Aug 2016
F175MCE44	Multi Component Renovations - E44	
F175EXREN	Exterior Renovations- EC55 in design	Apr 2016-Dec 2016
F204RIBL3	Randall's Island Bldg #3 Renovations design procurement	Apr 2016-Dec 2016
F204RIBL4	Randall's Island Bldg # 4 Renovations design procurement	Apr 2016-Dec 2016
F175TOE16	Toilet Replacement - EC16 design	Apr 2016-Dec 2016
F175TOE21	Toilet Replacement - EC21	Apr 2016-Dec 2016
F175TOE22	Toilet Replacement- EC22 design procurement	Apr 2016-Dec 2016
F175TOE40	Toilet Replacement - EC40 design	Sep 2015-Apr 2016
F175TRES1	Toilet Replacement - RESCUE 1 design	Apr 2016-Dec 2016
F204-PIER	Randall's Island Pier- reconstruction design	Apr 2016-Dec 2016
Grant Funded	Squad 18 and E5 generators construction	Oct 2015- Apr 2016

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PROJECT ID	DESCRIPTION
F175LC8	Firehouse Renovation-LC8 Construction kick off the week of 11/23
F175MCE23	Firehouse Renovation- EC23 Construction kick off the week of 12/7

**3. What initiatives are funded to replace EMS units with environmental friendly engines units?
How much funding is needed?**

Presently the Fire Department's ambulance fleet totals 540 vehicles. These vehicles serve a front line service life of five years, 364 days and therefore the agency looks to replace approximately 90 ambulances annually. The agency also continuously updates our vehicle specifications to ensure we purchase the most energy efficient ambulances possible. Moreover both the Department's fire apparatus and ambulance fleets must conform to must stricter Federal emission control standards than regular commercial (diesel) vehicles and presently both fleets operate several times cleaner than they were a mere ten years ago.

Meanwhile we continue work on a project to place charging stations at the street-corner locations Citywide where ambulances are normally dispatched to medical emergencies from (allowing ambulance crews to turn off their motors but be able to maintain ambient temperatures within the crew / patient compartments and power to all Department radio and computer systems). As part of this program all new ambulances are being purchased with an auxiliary power unit. This unit will also allow the motor to be turned off while keeping critical systems active. Additionally ambulance crews will be able to use the proposed charging stations to re-energize the auxiliary power unit to ensure the auxiliary unit remains viable and that engine idling may be reduced as much as possible. We estimate use of these auxiliary power units, in conjunction with the charging stations, may significantly reduce ambulance idling time.

These vehicles have a per-unit cost of approximately \$232,000 (which includes the vehicle (four wheel drive on half the order), radios, and the auxiliary power unit on all models) with an additional \$50,849 for equipment needed for Basic Life Support (BLS) units; \$93,300 for Advanced Life Support (ALS) units, and \$106,151 for our Rescue-HazTac units.

Expense

4. What fund has been allocated to expand the FDNY safety education outreach program for FY 17? Is there any change from the prior FY 16?

June 2015 marked the first month on record in 150 years that the FDNY reported no fire fatalities, and it is because of our Fire Safety Education Unit that we continue educating more New Yorkers on how to reduce safety risks. Fire safety education is an essential mission of the Fire Department as it is our mission to prevent fires as well as fight them. On a daily basis we work to educate the public about safeguarding themselves, their family, homes, property, friends, and neighbors from fire and other hazards. The agency has an extremely dedicated Fire Safety Education Unit, comprised of active and retired firefighters who conduct thousands of community-based outreach programs to provide fire safety education to more than 600,000 New Yorkers and visitors annually.

Notably, our FDNY Foundation recently received \$700,000 from Federal DHS to support a home-safety program for senior citizens. We have selected several Community Boards throughout the City to participate (including Community Boards 11 and 12 in Manhattan). Our criteria for selection included low-income, high fire risk and large elderly populations. Uniformed Firefighters and Fire Officers (retired and current) will conduct programs at senior centers and in conjunction with community groups in these

CBs to identify program participants. Our two-person teams will then visit their homes, conduct a home safety check and install 10-year dual CO/smoke detector devices.

In regards to CPR training, the FDNY CPR program provides compressions-only bystander CPR training to community groups, students, health professionals and corporate employees upon request throughout the five boroughs, free of charge. The unit is supported by funding from the FDNY Foundation and NYC Service and is staffed by four EMTs and one EMS officer. The unit has morning and afternoon shifts, working with classes of between 15 and 30 people. For large events, FDNY EMS assigns EMTs on overtime. The classes usually last no longer than 45 minutes, but can take up to an hour.

The existing budget is \$380,000 (\$330,000 from NYCService and \$50,000 from the FDNY Foundation).

In Fiscal 2015, the Department's CPR Unit trained a total of 17,163 people (a new record for the unit), with limited resources. Since 2007, the Unit has provided free training to over 100,000 New Yorkers in a program that targets a mix of communities in New York City, with an emphasis on minority communities where the death rate from cardiac arrest is highest. The overall goal is to increase the number of City residents trained in bystander CPR and improve cardiac survival rates in NYC. With new funding, we can increase the number of people trained annually.

5. Are the firehouses fully staffed? Is there a need for additional personnel?

Currently, (including the 300 new probationary firefighters in the Fire Academy, scheduled to graduate in November of this year) the department is below its firefighter headcount by 364 firefighters citywide.

As per department staffing guidelines, all units are fully staffed at the start of each tour. Members are hired on overtime to ensure all units start each tour with the requisite number of firefighters.

6. What plans does FDNY have to respond to the increasing number gas leak complaints? Is there a need for increasing the funds? Is there any funding for proactive inspections?

The Department is currently absorbing the increased response to reported gas leaks utilizing existing resources.

To assist in conducting operations at gas leaks safely and effectively, the department is in the process of issuing new altar gas meters to all engine companies. Ladder Companies, and units assigned to the Special Operations Command, already possess gas metering capabilities. The new gas meter distribution is being funded by donations from Con Edison and National Grid.

7. Does the FDNY have a plan to increase the numbers of inspectors, fire marshals and code inspectors? How much funding is needed?

The Department is considering adding additional fire marshal staffing. This would be subject to OMB approval.

The Department has been increasingly involved in several multi city agency task forces that affect public safety, including: 3/4 homes, homeless shelters, Pre-K for All facilities, and charter schools. As more public safety initiatives are being introduced in New York City, we will review our staffing and request additional resources as needed.

8. Is there any expense priorities that the FDNY would like that the CBs to advocate for the FY 17 budget process?

Fire Commissioner Nigro has continuously prioritized the expansion of fire and life safety education outreach. As part of the Department's 150th Anniversary, a citywide Open House and a series of Summer Block Parties were held at more than 200 firehouse and EMS stations. These events were used as community-based venues to promote fire and life safety practices, provide tips and literature in several key languages, provide free smoke/carbon monoxide alarms, and promote healthy living. These events strengthened community relations, and the Department seeks to continue similar events throughout our neighborhoods in the upcoming year.