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Office of Management and Budget
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Dear Mr. Siegel:

This letter confirms that the Fire Department of the City of New York will participate in the upcoming FY2019 budget consultations scheduled in September and October 2017. As requested, enclosed is the FDNY Budget and Policy Statement along with a list of attendees who will represent the Agency at the Borough Consultations. Scheduled attendees include:

Manhattan

- Manhattan Borough Commander, Assistant Chief Roger Sakowich
- EMS Division 1 Commander, Division Chief Nancy Gilligan
- Citywide North Commander, Deputy Chief Fire Marshal Randall Wilson
- Director of FDNY Community Affairs, Fabricio Caro
- FDNY Community Affairs, Assistant Director Clement James Jr.

Bronx

- Bronx Borough Commander, Assistant Chief Joseph Woznica
- EMS Division 2 Commander, Division Chief Alvin Suriel
- Citywide North Commander, Deputy Chief Fire Marshal Randall Wilson
- Director of FDNY Community Affairs, Fabricio Caro
- FDNY Community Affairs, Assistant Director Clement James Jr.

Brooklyn

- Brooklyn Borough Commander, Deputy Assistant Chief Wayne Cartwright
- EMS Division 3 Commander, Division Chief Steven Morelli
- Citywide South Commander, Deputy Chief Fire Marshal Salvatore Rignola
- Director of FDNY Community Affairs, Fabricio Caro
- Brooklyn Borough Manager, FDNY Community Affairs, Sandra Sanchez

Queens

- Manhattan Borough Commander, Assistant Chief Edward Baggott
- EMS Division 4 Commander, Division Chief Christine Mazzola
- Citywide North Commander, Deputy Chief Fire Marshal Randall Wilson
- Director of FDNY Community Affairs, Fabricio Caro
- Queens Borough Manager, FDNY Community Affairs, Le-Tis Williams

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Staten Island

- Staten Island Borough Commander, Deputy Assistant Chief Richard Howe
- EMS Division 5 Commander, Division Chief Roberto Colon
- Citywide South Commander, Deputy Chief Fire Marshal Salvatore Rignola
- Director of FDNY Community Affairs, Fabricio Caro
- FDNY Community Affairs, Assistant Director Clement James Jr.

Fire Department of the City of New York Fiscal Year 2019 Policy Statement for Community Board Budget Consultations

Mission Statement

As first responders to fires, public safety and medical emergencies, disasters and terrorist acts, FDNY protects the lives and property of New York City residents and visitors. The Department advances public safety through its fire prevention, investigation and education programs. The timely delivery of these services enables the FDNY to make significant contributions to the safety of New York City and homeland security efforts.

Key Indicators for FY 2017

Over the past year, the FDNY continued to provide a consistently high level of service to communities throughout the City. Key indications of this include:

- In FY 2017 end-to-end average response time to structural fires called into 911 remained at 4:55; the same as in FY 2016 and four seconds higher than 4:51 in FY 2015.
- In FY 2017 average response time to structural fires (FDNY dispatch and travel time only) increased two seconds to 4:13, compared to 4:11 in FY 2015 and FY 2016.
- In FY 2017 average response time to all emergencies by fire companies (FDNY dispatch and travel time only) increased one percent in FY 2017 to 4:56 from 4:52 in FY 2016. In FY 2015 it was 4:50.
- Structural fires decreased three percent to 26,075 in FY 2017, from 26,922 in FY 2016. There were 27,189 structural fires in FY 2015.
- Fire-related civilian fatalities decreased thirty-three percent to 43 fatalities in FY 2017, compared to 64 fatalities in FY 2016. There were 55 civilian fatalities in FY 2015.
- In FY 2017 end-to-end combined response time by ambulances and fire companies to life-threatening medical emergencies was 8:09, eight seconds faster compared to 8:17 in FY 2016. It was 8:18 in FY 2015.
- In FY 2017, combined response time to life-threatening medical emergencies by ambulances and fire companies (FDNY dispatch and travel time only) decreased 13 seconds to 5:52, compared to 6:05 during FY 2015 and FY 2016.

In FY 2017 average response time (FDNY dispatch and travel time only) by ambulances to life-threatening medical emergencies decreased 17 seconds to 6:46, compared to 7:03 during FY 2016 and 7:04 in FY 2015.

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FDNY Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Overview

In the current year (FY2018), the Fire Department has a workforce of more than 17,000 full-time employees. More than 10,500 uniformed employees work in Fire Units throughout the City, and more than 3,300 EMS employees are assigned to ambulance tours. Greater than 1,900 civilian positions are budgeted throughout the Department.

The Fire Department's Expense Budget is \$4.2 billion (includes fringe benefits). This is approximately 5 percent of the City's total budget of \$85.2 billion in FY'18. The majority of the Fire Department's Expense Budget funds personnel services (salaries, overtime and fringe benefits for FDNY's employees).

While the Fire Department was spared from any major budget reductions, civilian trade titles' overtime was reduced by \$1.1 million a year. Three supervisory lines in the Facilities Unit (\$0.3 million) were funded in order to achieve this overtime reduction.

In addition to the expense savings, the Fire Department increased EMS revenue by \$4.8 million; Bureau of Fire Prevention revenue by \$4.1 million; 2% Tax revenue by \$2.0 million, and ECB Revenue by \$1.8 million.

Highlights of the FY'2018 Expense Budget New Needs:

- Nine EMS ambulance tours to replace ambulance tours previously fielded by Montefiore Hospital: 38 positions (\$2.2 million).
- Staffing for the EMS Academy: 10 positions (\$0.6 million).
- Additional staffing for the Bureau of Fire Prevention to enhance revenue collections: 21 positions (\$1.6 million).
- Additional staffing for FDCAD and temporary employees in the Bureau of Technology Development and Systems: 10 positions (\$3.4 million).
- Funding for Portable Radios (\$7.9 million) and Hardware and Software Contracts in the Bureau of Technology Development and Systems (\$8.5 million).
- Additional staffing for auto trade titles: 15 positions (\$1.1 million) and additional funding for auto parts (\$3.0 million).
- Staffing for the Fire Cadet Program: 8 positions (\$0.7 million).
- Lease Cost for One Pierrepont Plaza (\$2.0 million).
- Facilities Contract Needs (\$1.0 million).
- Collective Bargaining for EMS, Fire Alarm Dispatchers and Fire Protection Inspectors (\$26.2 million).
- Additional Funding for Uniformed Overtime (\$21.8 million).
- Bunker Gear Replacement (\$3.8 million).
- Firefighting Equipment (\$3.0 million).
- EMS Pharmaceuticals (\$0.8 million).

Highlights of the FY'2018 Capital Budget New Needs:

- Replacement Facility for the Telemetry Unit (\$6.3 million).
- Firehouse and Randalls Island Pier Renovations (\$6.2 million).
- New and Replacement Vehicles (\$3.4 million).

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Federal Grants and Other Funding

Grant Program	City Fiscal Year/Years	Award Amount	Funder	Description
Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Urban Areas Security Initiative	2017, 2018	\$47,237,507	FEMA	Supports terrorism and disaster preparedness planning, training, equipment, exercises, and administration.
Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Port Security Grant Program	2017,2018	\$2,718,447	FEMA	Supports the purchase of watercraft to address response gaps; and marine response and mitigation equipment and training. Grant funds also support a cybersecurity proposal to protect computer-based navigation and domain awareness systems aboard the boats.
Hospital Preparedness Program Ebola Preparedness and Response Activities	2018, 2019, 2020	\$600,000	US Dept. of Health and Human Services	Grant funds support training and exercises to enhance preparedness for cases involving Ebola and Special Pathogens.
NYC Service: Be 911 CPR Program	2018	\$200,000	NYC Service	The requested funds will support the Be:911 Teens Take Heart program. Through this program, New York City high school students will be prepared to act as citizen responders, stepping in and helping to save a life in response to a victim of cardiac arrest. Funds support PS costs.
NYS Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant	2018	\$132,800	FEMA	Grant funds support the purchase of four (4) ACU-5000 units – one for each Field Communications Unit (FCU) vehicle. FCU responds to fires and emergencies involving below-grade subway or railroad facilities, confined space incidents, and on all second alarms.
Urban Search and Rescue Grant	2018	\$50,000	FEMA	Grant funds will support helmets and battery-powered extrication tools for rescue and recovery operations.
Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Urban Areas Security Initiative	2018,2019	\$47,000,000	FEMA	Estimated Award.
Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Port Security Grant Program	2018,2019	\$5,000,000	FEMA	Estimated Award.

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Highlights

The FDNY made significant strides in FY 2017 toward enhancing our capabilities while continuing to fulfill our core mission of protecting the lives and property of all New Yorkers. Highlights include:

Some of the many Completed projects;

- Completed 15 Female Firefighter bathrooms which required major renovations within the firehouses on all floors. E16, 21, 22, 40, 154, 202, 207, 264, 273, 321, 323, Sq41, Sq270, Rescue1 & Marine6.
- Energy savings LED lighting up-grades at 17 sites (E260, 263, 299, 325, 295, 251, 262, 304, 289, 305, 291, 306, 313, 308, 329, Sq288 & site lighting at Randall's Island).
- Generator back-up in 13 site (E5, 65, 151, 162, 164, 271, 245, 280, 305, 316, 331, Sq18 & EMS Sta35)

In construction;

- A new Rescue 2 firehouse in Brooklyn
- Major renovations at E293, L8, E23, E237, E285, E44
- Replacement of 20 aging overhead doors
- LED lighting up-grades 14
- Randall's Island pier reconstruction
- Randall's Island Building 2 (burn building)
- Randall's Island water reclamation

In design for major renovations;

- EMS Sta39
- EMS Sta20
- E227
- E253
- E224

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