

FY 2019 Borough Budget Consultations

Manhattan - Fire Department

Meeting Date 9/6/2017

AGENDA ITEM 1 : General Agency Funding Discussion

The purpose of holding the Borough Budget Consultations is to provide Community Boards with important information to assist in drafting their statement of District Needs and Budget Priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. As you know, Community Board Members are volunteers who may not be familiar with the budget process and how agencies' programs are funded. At the same time, Community Board members are very knowledgeable about local service needs.

This year's Manhattan agendas have Agencies begin the consultation with a presentation of their goals, funding decision process, and highlights of their funding needs.

Then, the agenda continues with Community Boards asking about specific program funding.

Lastly, the agendas include Boards' requests on district-specific budget questions. We request that the agency respond in writing, but have any further discussions on these items with the Community Boards outside of the consultation.

For the General Agency Funding Discussion, please provide written responses and please be prepared to present on the following topics for 10-15 minutes at the beginning of our Consultation:

1. Explain the process the agency uses to formulate goals and budget priorities.
2. What are the current proposed FY18 and FY19 service and operational goals and proposed funding?
3. Which programs is the agency adding, dropping, or changing for FY18 and projected for FY19?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

See attachment

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

- 1.
 2. attachment
- * received additional funding for educators who train on CPR

FOLLOW-UP:

AGENDA ITEM 2 : Fire House Repairs

How much of the \$63.5 million allocated in FY18 for FDNY house repairs will be dedicated to Manhattan houses?

What is fire houses renovation plan for FY18 and has the funding been secured? How much funding is needed for complete renovation of all Manhattan Houses by districts?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

see attachment

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

- don't have percentage allocated specifically to Manhattan
- done on a priority list, depending on how it impacts response

FOLLOW-UP:

AGENDA ITEM 3 : Larger Tow Trucks and Grapples

Last year FDNY stated the need for larger equipment instead of having to borrowing from other City agencies. In particular, Larger tow trucks and Grapplers. Did Manhattan receive funding for these vehicles in FY18? Are there other vehicles or equipment Manhattan FDY is in need of?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

see attachment

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

- grapples - only when needed, still on list
 - Grapplers can grab heavy items from a distance
- tow trucks purchased

FOLLOW-UP:

AGENDA ITEM 4 : EMS Vehicle Charging Stations

Last year FDNY stated they will be working towards a program to provide EMS vehicles charging stations on certain Manhattan locations. What is the status of this program and what funding is currently allocated to it in FY18 and projected FY19?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

see attachment

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

988 EMS - staffing is good

FOLLOW-UP:

AGENDA ITEM 5 : Staffing

What were the staffing requests for Manhattan FY18 and will they be met? What are the projected staffing requests for Manhattan for FY19?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

see attachment

MEETING NOTES:**COMMENTS:**

- not meaningful question - remove

FOLLOW-UP:**AGENDA ITEM 6 : Division with the Largest Staffing Challenges**

What division has the largest staffing challenges to achieve its mandate?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

see attachment

MEETING NOTES:**COMMENTS:****FOLLOW-UP:****AGENDA ITEM 7 : Upgraded Gas Detection**

Have all Manhattan Fire response companies been provided the upgraded gas detection devices?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

see attachment

MEETING NOTES:**COMMENTS:****FOLLOW-UP:****AGENDA ITEM 8 : Safety Education Outreacg**

Has there been any change in funding between FY17 and FY18 for the FDNY safety education outreach program? What is the projected budget for FY19? In your opinion what is the most significant challenge to this program?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

see attachment

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

FOLLOW-UP:

AGENDA ITEM 9 : Ambulance Tour Replacement

FDNY will be or already has added nine replacement ambulance tours previously run by Montefiore Medical Center, at a cost of \$2.2 million. Please elaborate how this will impact the Manhattan budget and service.

AGENCY RESPONSE:

see attachment

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

- has not affected Manhattan
- "not sure why this is in here"

FOLLOW-UP:



FY 2019 BOROUGH LEVEL BUDGET CONSULTATION
September 6, 2017

Manhattan Community Boards
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- 1) **How much of the \$63.5 million allocated in FY 18 for FDNY house repairs will be dedicated to Manhattan houses? What is fire house renovation plan for FY18 and has the funding been secured? How much funding is needed for complete renovation of all Manhattan Houses by districts?**

The Department is assessing and creating a priority list of firehouse renovations throughout the City. OMB has increased our capital funding for routine and larger renovation projects. After the assessment is completed, new needs will be requested as required of the January plan through budget submissions. 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	FUNDING YEAR	CB
F175EMS4M	EMS4 Façades Restoration & Waterproofing	FY17	3
F175RFEC5	ROOF/WATERPROOFING - EC5	FY17	3
F175RFE16	ROOF/WATERPROOFING - EC16	FY17	6
F175E16DR	APPARATUS DOOR - EC16	FY17	6
F175TOI24	Female Firefighter Bathroom Upgrade - EC24	FY18	2
FD175DE15	DOOR REPLACEMENT - EC15	FY18	3
FD175DE21	DOOR REPLACEMENT - EC21	FY18	6
FD175DE39	DOOR REPLACEMENT - EC39	FY18	8
FD175DE74	DOOR REPLACEMENT - EC74	FY18	7
FM175WN76	WINDOW REPLACEMENT - EC76	FY18	7

DDC FUNDED	
PROJECT ID	DESCRIPTION
F175LC8	Firehouse Renovation-LC8
F175MCE23	Firehouse Renovation- EC23

2) Last year FDNY stated the need for larger equipment instead of having to borrowing from other City agencies. In particular, Larger tow trucks and Grapplers. Did Manhattan receive funding for these vehicles in FY18? Are there other vehicles or equipment Manhattan FDNY is in need of?

In 2017, the department purchased two large tow trucks (30 ton and a 50 ton) for citywide use. The Fire Department, due to the size of our fleet and the requirements of front-line service life, is constantly purchasing new emergency response vehicles. All FDNY vehicles receive regularly scheduled preventative maintenance based on usage. In addition, FDNY provides around the clock repair services for all vehicles in the fleet as necessary. By contract, all frontline apparatus replaced after 11 years, 364 days of service; Pumpers frontline apparatus are replaced after 12 years. Meanwhile, ambulances frontline replaced after 6 years.

3) Last year FDNY stated they will be working towards a program to provide EMS vehicles charging stations on certain Manhattan locations. What is the status of this program and what funding is currently allocate to it FY18 and projected FY19?

The project is currently ongoing and ambulance charging station pedestals are due to arrive in September. Once received, they will begin to be installed throughout the five (5) boroughs. The Pedestals are funded through a State Grant and the installation work is already allocated for Expense funding.

4) What were what were the staffing requests for Manhattan FY18 and will they be met? What are the projected staffing requests for Manhattan for FY19?

Eight classes of Probationary Firefighters have graduated from 2013-2017, with another class presently in our academy. Due to a Federal lawsuit, the Department was prohibited from hiring any new firefighters for almost five years, and thus incurred a significant amount of overtime.

So, we are pleased that, with each incoming class, we are closer to our budgeted firefighter headcount, which is sufficient to meet our current and ongoing needs. 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.

The FDNY's Recruitment Office launched a robust Firefighter recruitment campaign in an effort to increase the ranks of people of color, women and veteran interests for the open competitive exam filing period which opened on April 5, 2017. The exam is scheduled for September through October of this year. The FDNY has implemented several initiatives to increase and track its recruitment efforts. Throughout the campaign, the FDNY attended over 9,000 events and collected nearly 279,788 age-eligible EOIs for the new Firefighter exam since January 1, 2016.

The FDNY increased advertisements on cable, public transportation billboards, outdoor billboards, radio and social media. During the filing period that began on April 5, 2017, the FDNY has expanded its filing sites throughout the city, targeting key neighborhoods. The filing period was extended to June 9, 2017. Further, the FDNY has rolled out its citywide Firefighter Exam Tutorial Program designed to help applicants prepare for the exam. The Tutorial Program will run through the duration of the exam.

5) What division has the largest staffing challenges to achieve its mandate?

Please refer to question 5 for our response.

6) Have all Manhattan Fire response companies been provided the upgraded gas detection devises?

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 issued 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 was funded by donations from Con Edison and National Grid.

7) What has there been any change in funding between FY17 and FY18 for the FDNY safety education outreach program? What is the projected budget for FY19? In your opinion what is the most significant challenge to this program?

In 2016, the FDNY reported the fewest fire related deaths in history. There were 48 fire fatalities in comparison to 59 in 2015. Our Fire Safety Education Unit continues to educate more New Yorkers on how to reduce safety risks. Fire safety education is an essential mission of the 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 700,000 New Yorkers and visitors annually.

Notably in 2016, the Department completed its goal of distributing/installing 100,000 photoelectric combination smoke/co alarms into the homes of New Yorkers. Emphasis was been placed on neighborhoods that our Bureau of Fire Investigation reported having high rates of fire deaths and injuries. The #GetAlarmedNYC initiative was a partnership with the Mayor's Office, NYC Council, FDNY Foundation, and Kidde - a corporate partner.

In regards to Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training, the agency's 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 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and one officer from our Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The unit has morning and afternoon shifts, working with classes of between 15 and 30 people. For large events, we assign EMTs on overtime. Classes usually last no longer than 45 minutes, but can take up to an hour.

The existing budget is \$400,000 (\$200,000 from NYCService and \$200,000 from the FDNY Foundation).

In Fiscal 2016, the Department's CPR Unit trained a total of 24,563 people (a new record), with limited resources. Since 2007, the Unit has provided free training to over 100,000 New Yorkers in a program which target a mix of communities Citywide, 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 New York City. Also with additional funding, we can increase the number of people trained annually and add onto this record of success.

8) FDNY will be or already has added nine replacement ambulance tours previously run by Montefiore Medical Center, at a cost of \$2.2 million. Please elaborate how this will impact the Manhattan budget and service.

The FY18 Executive Plan includes baseline funding to support nine basic life support (BLS) EMS ambulance tours. The budget includes \$2.3 million and a headcount increase of 38 positions beginning in Fiscal 2017, and \$2.2 million in Fiscal 2018. FDNY absorbed nine tours after service was lost when TransCare EMS filed for bankruptcy in 2016 and Montefiore Medical Center decided to not replace BLS tours. The OTPS budget is to procure medical supplies that are typically needed for BLS tours.

The replacement of the nine BLS tours has no operational or budget impact on Manhattan.



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August 23, 2017

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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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