

FY 2020 Borough Budget Consultations

Manhattan - Fire Department

Meeting Date 9/7/2018

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 three sections:

I. Agencies begin the consultation with a presentation of their goals, funding decision process, and highlights of their funding needs.

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

III. 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 first section, please present on the four topics below for 10-15 minutes at the beginning of our Consultation. Also, please provide written responses or even a PowerPoint presentation that we can use to fully and accurately educate our Board Members.

1. What are your priorities and operational goals for FY19 and projected priorities and operational goals for FY20?
2. What are the current proposed FY19 and FY20 service and operational goals and proposed funding?
3. Which programs is the agency adding, dropping, or changing for FY19 and projected for FY20?
4. What are your benchmarks for new and existing programs and what are your benchmarks/key performance indicators for measuring success?

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

FOLLOW-UP:

Should CB advocate for DDC? @ Fabricio Caro to CB4

AGENDA ITEM 2 : Fire House Repairs

How much of the budget in FY19 for FDNY house repairs will be dedicated to Manhattan houses?

What is fire houses renovation plan for FY19 and has the funding been secured? How much funding is needed for complete renovation of all Manhattan Houses by districts?

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

Roger S.- Multicompartiment- renovates, ladder company. Chief department has stated they're close to saturation

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 FY19? Are there other vehicles or equipment Manhattan FDNY is in need of?

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

Large tow trucks not based in Manhattan

Still in need of Grappler funding

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. What is the status of this program and what funding is currently allocated to it in FY19 and projected FY20?

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

FDNY Green Ambulance- Ambulance with battery packs, more ambulance to stop idling. Cycle time roughly 6 years. Battery packs charge quickly, self-controlling

FOLLOW-UP:

Cost comparison of FDNY Green Ambulance vs. Current Ambulance? - Fabricio Caro said to get back to CB with cost.

Any next steps to use ambulance as a solar energy panel FDNY will propose with team.

AGENDA ITEM 5 : Staffing

What were the staffing requests for Manhattan FY19 and will they be met? What are the projected staffing requests for Manhattan for FY20?

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

21 responses in a 24 hour period

1 additional person on each engine by adding one you need to add 4 firefighters.

34 engine companies in Manhattan

FOLLOW-UP:

Cost analysis of adding the one extra person? - Fabricio Caro will get back to Chair of meeting

AGENDA ITEM 6 : Division with the Largest Staffing Challenges

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

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

FOLLOW-UP:

AGENDA ITEM 7 : Upgraded Gas Detection

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

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

Trying to hire more fire inspectors however, pay is too low. Advocacy for higher pay would increase well qualified inspectors.

FOLLOW-UP:

New gas meter outside possibility next year - Roger S.

AGENDA ITEM 8 : Safety Education Outreach

Has there been any change in funding between FY18 and FY19 for the FDNY safety education outreach program? What is the projected budget for FY20? In your opinion what is the most significant challenge to this program?

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

Fire Department ask Community Board to advocate for #GetAlarmedNYC typically \$1million funding needed

FOLLOW-UP:



FY 2019 BOROUGH LEVEL BUDGET CONSULTATION
September 7, 2018

Manhattan Community Boards
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- 1) How much of the budget in FY19 for FDNY house repairs will be dedicated to Manhattan houses? What firehouse renovations are planned for FY19 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, and 33% has been allocated for capital renovations in Manhattan. The requested list of planned FY 19 firehouse renovations are below

FDNY Capital Projects Manhattan		
DESCRIPTION	FUNDING YEAR	CB
Engine 91- Multi Component	FY19	11
Engine 22- Kitchen	FY19	8
Engine 74- Multi Component	FY19	7
Engine 54- Exterior Renovation	FY19	5
Engine 33- Interior Renovation	FY19	2

- 2) Last year FDNY stated the need for larger equipment instead of having to borrow 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 FDNY is in need of within Manhattan?**

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 no longer ongoing. The FDNY has moved away from the charging stations and instead begun to install stealth powered batteries in our ambulances that do the exact same thing as the charging stations. The allocation for this was placed under capital funding.

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

Nine classes of Probationary Firefighters have graduated from 2013-2018, 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 to report that we are at 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.

In 2018, an additional firefighter per tour was added to five Engine companies throughout the City (one in each Borough Command). In February 2019, an additional five Engine companies will receive an additional firefighter. A few weeks prior to implementation, the Department will analyze the current data and a determination will be made as to which units will receive the additional firefighter.

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

Please refer to question 4 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) 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?**

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.

The Department completed its goal of distributing/installing over 100,000 combination smoke/co alarms into the homes of New Yorkers. Emphasis was 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, American Red Cross, and Kidde - a corporate partner.

County	# of alarms installed	# of homes visited
New York	12,047	7,937
Queens	15,017	4,480
Kings	23,434	9,336
Richmond	8,668	2,658
Bronx	11,914	5,066
Total:	71,080	28,937

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), four retired Emergency Medical Technicians 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 2018, the Department's CPR Unit trained a total of 26,231 people (a new record). 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.



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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 2018

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:

- During the first four months of Fiscal 2018 the number of structural fires increased one percent and the number of non-structural fires decreased eight percent compared to the same period of Fiscal 2017.
- Completed fire prevention inspections, performed by FDNY civilian inspectors who visit sites to ensure compliance with the City's Fire Code, and decreased 10 percent during the reporting period. At the same time firefighters and fire officers carried out five percent more risk-based inspections and 11 percent fewer mandatory inspections.
- Investigations by fire marshals into the causes and origins of fires and other fire-related offenses decreased 16 percent during the reporting period and arson fire investigations decreased nine percent.
- FDNY fire safety education presentations increased seven percent during the reporting period.
- During the reporting period end-to-end average response time to structural fires called into 911, representing 55 percent of all structural fire incidents, was 16 seconds faster. The average response time for the FDNY dispatch and travel time to all structural fire incidents increased two seconds.
- Serious fires per 1,000 structural fires decreased 18 percent during the reporting period. Serious fires reaching second alarm or higher increased slightly from six percent to seven percent.
- Civilian fire fatalities increased from five to 16 deaths during the reporting period. In Calendar 2018 FDNY and NYC Emergency Management began working with the American Red Cross and the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit to develop a series of fire preparedness events throughout the year, starting in the Bronx. The events will include a combination of resource fairs and training sessions held throughout the year, where residents can receive information about fire safety awareness, emergency preparedness and careers with FDNY, as well as training sessions on "compression-only" bystander CPR and sign-ups for smoke alarm installations. FDNY is also utilizing its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram platforms to release videos in 16 languages that instruct the public with the lifesaving message "Close the Door" to your home or apartment when leaving the scene of a fire. Closing the door isolates and prevents the rapid spread of fire, smoke and heat and, therefore, may save lives.
- During the reporting period firefighter burns increased 27 percent, while firefighter injuries other than burns decreased three percent.
- End-to-end combined average response time to life-threatening medical emergencies by ambulances and fire companies was four seconds faster during the reporting period. FDNY responded to approximately one percent more life-threatening medical incidents during the period.
- During the reporting period the percentage of all cardiac arrest patients successfully resuscitated increased from 18 percent to 28 percent. The percentage of cardiac arrest victims with arrests due to heart disease who were resuscitated after a bystander witnessed the arrest decreased from 48 percent to 43 percent. At the same time FDNY responded to an 11 percent decrease in reported cardiac arrest incidents.

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FDNY Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Overview

In the current year (FY2019), the Fire Department is budgeted for 17,242 total full-time employees. The breakdown is as follows: 10,946 uniformed personnel, 4,274 EMS personnel and 2,022 civilian personnel.

The Fire Department's Expense Budget is **\$4.3 billion** (includes fringe benefits). This is approximately 5 percent of the City's total budget of **\$89.2 billion** in FY'19. The majority of the Fire Department's Expense Budget funds personnel services (salaries, overtime and fringe benefits for FDNY's employees).

Highlights of the FY'2019 Expense Budget New Needs:

- Three EMS ambulance tours to replace ambulance tours previously fielded by Community Hospital: 15 positions (**\$0.9 million**).
- Staffing for the Joint Operations Center: 36 positions (**\$2.0 million**).
- Additional staffing for the Bureau of Fire Prevention to enhance revenue collections: 6 positions (**\$0.5 million**).
- Fire Prevention OTPS funding for decals and for the FIRES Project (**\$1.1 million**).
- OTPS funding for Technology Development and Systems (**\$1.3 million**). Additional staffing for the Facilities Unit: 5 positions (**\$0.2 million**).
- OTPS funding for Pierrepont Plaza (**\$0.1 million**).
- Collective Bargaining for Communication Electricians (**\$0.9 million**).
- Additional set of Firefighters boots (**\$0.2 million**).
- Radio Training (**\$ 0.4 million**).
- Two positions for Diversity/Recruitment and MBWE (**\$0.2 million**).

Highlights of the FY'2019 Capital Budget New Needs:

- Site Acquisition for EMS Station 49 (**\$5.0 million**)

Expense Budget Reductions:

- Civilianization of the Emergency Crew (**\$1.4 million**)
- Civilianization of FDOC (**\$0.6 million**)
- Agency-Wide Civilianization Program (**\$0.9 million**)
- Conversion of Fleet titles for savings (**\$0.2 million**)
- Civilian Overtime Waivers (**\$0.3 million**)

○ Revenue Budget Changes:

- Bureau of Fire Prevention (**+\$3.1 million**)



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FY'18 Completed Accomplishments –

- Engine 237 (Brooklyn) completed
- Ladder 8 (Manhattan) completed
- EMS 50 (Queens) completed
- Engine 44 (Manhattan) completed
- Randall's Island Pier (Manhattan) completed
- Randall's Island Water Reclamation (Manhattan) completed

FY'19 Major Upcoming Milestones –

- Engine 293 (Queens) will be completed
- Engine 227 (Brooklyn) will be completed
- EMS-39 (Brooklyn) will be completed
- Engine 23 (Manhattan) will be completed
- Randall's Island Building 2 (Manhattan) will be completed
- Engine 253 (Brooklyn) will be started
- Engine 224 (Brooklyn) will be started
- EMS-20 (Bronx) will be started
- EMS-4 (Manhattan) will be started
- Rescue 2 (Brooklyn) will be started
- Engine 268 (Queens) – New Firehouse will be started