

FY 2021 Borough Budget Consultations

Manhattan - Fire Department

Meeting Date 9/18/2019

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?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

Introductions: FDNY - Mauricio Carb, Mike Agelo, Steven Rizzo, ?? Director Community Affairs. CB members et al Slightly different format according to FDNY "spin".

FDNY - FY 2019 overview and FY 2020. Expanding EMS academy goal 2020. Emergency service apparatus requesting rumpers (high bass sirens). IT maintency and public safety infrastructure upgrades.

Roughly 33% dedicated for renovations

Mobile operations Centers: Use at special events/long duration. Manh doesn't have dedicated vehicle, requested.

Only 3 exist in city.

NOTES:

Get back on exact price for Mobile Operations Center (north of 1 million)

AGENDA ITEM 2 : Fire House Repairs

1. How much of FDNY 2020-2023 plan capital budget is dedicated for upgrades and repairs to Manhattan FDNY/EMS houses and stations?

1A. Please provide the list of the Houses\Station, The Community Districts they are located in, and the projects.

2. Are there any Manhattan houses\station capital projects not included in the 2020-2023 plan, and why?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

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TRV, Gator discussed.

Baryatric ambulance requested. (current has 500 lbs weight limit for stretcher)

NOTES:

Exact cost of a Mobile Operation Center.

AGENDA ITEM 3 : Vehicle\Equipment Needs

1. In past years FDNY stated the need for various large equipment and or vehicles so not to have to borrow them from other City agencies.

2. Did FDNY request funding for vehicles or large equipment for Manhattan in the 2020-2023 plan and have those requests been fully funded?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

Stealth Powered Batteries being brought in with each new ambulance. Old ones phased out. Only FDNY ambulances have stealth powered batteries.

Batteries charged via DOT charging stations? -No, the internal battery charges. Main battery charged by use and at station.

NOTES:

Number of Stealth Powered Batteries going online.

Shelf life of SPB

AGENDA ITEM 4 : EMS Vehicle Charging Stations

Last year FDNY stated they will be working towards a stealth powered battery program for it's EMS vehicles so to reduce the amount of idling.

1. What is the status of this program and what funding is currently allocated to it in FY2020 budget and the 2020-2023 plan?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

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AGENDA ITEM 5 : Staffing

1. What were the staffing requests for Manhattan FDNY and EMS for the FY2020 budget and will they be fully funded?

As reported in previous borough budget consultations, an increase from 4 firefighters to 5 firefighters per truck would drastically reduce unnecessary redundancies and wastefully use of manpower. It is our understanding that only 20 FDNY houses have 5 firefighter crews.

2. Are any of those houses in Manhattan?

3. What would the cost be to the staffing budget to make every firehouse in Manhattan a five firefighter crew house?
3A. Does FDNY have plans to request additional staffing to increase this number?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

-Above headcount. (11000)

-Collective Bargaining - 20 fire fighting engines with added 5th fire fighter, 4 in Manh. CB 10/12 covered by Bronx Borough Command.

FDNY is not sure if there will be further expansion of the "5th fire fighter" program. Engine 84/93 received 5th fire fighters.

Down in staffing, down in EMS. Training bottleneck issue.

Loss of EMS promotion to firefighter, loss to paramedic training, other city agencies because pay is better.

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AGENDA ITEM 7 : Fire Safety

1. What additional funds have been provided to FDNY for the following Fire Safety programs in the FY2020 budget?
1A. Distribution and installation of smoke alarms?
1B. Upgraded gas detection devices?

2. Please provide a list of the Manhattan based community organizations and stakeholder groups that FDNY partners with to distribute and install smoke detectors in Manhattan?

3. Do all Manhattan FDNY houses have gas detection devices?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

New program for alarm installations, fluid partnerships with CBOs, nothing comprehensive now.

Fire safety education essential. FSNY Smart #FSNYSmart. Communication, over 200,000 combo smoke/CO alarms installed. 1 million to install additional 60,000. 12,835 installed in Manh. Over 5000 homes visited. Mobile CPR. FY 2019 training 28000 NYers. Over 130,000 trained over life of the program since 2007. Upcoming initiatives: Oct 5/6, Open house event. Fire prevention week, change clock/change batteries events. Calls on CB to promote and provide spaces for events. Flyers will be disseminated to CBs.

All engines/EMS Haz-Tac have gas detectors. (Natural gas leaks)

FDNY has new method of evaluating impact. Data/analytics/GIS --> CB-specific profiles of fire incidents, fire safety education, CBOs worked with. -->Establish 2-year plan for education specific to the CB.

Fire safety education revamped now falls under CAU. "Boots on the Ground" component and institution component. ODS - NarCan program. Delays in subway responses due in part to lack of exact location. Every fire truck/EMS in city has NarCan. There are bariatric chairs available.

Hudson Yards - Want an EMS station on 29th st development. There is an ASAP unit at Hudson Yards, always two EMTs. The vehicle is budgeted, not a strain. WOuld need to evaluate potential of adding more resources to that location.

Street fires? - Non-fire emergencies are going up while building fires are going down. But don't have the exact numbers on that.

Capital funding - Prioritization efficiency?

NOTES:

CBO partner list (with understanding that the list is fluid)

Stats for utility emergencies.