



**FY 2023 BOROUGH LEVEL BUDGET CONSULTATION**  
**Manhattan Community Boards**  
**September 23, 2021**

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- 1. How much of FDNY 2020-2023 plan capital budget is dedicated for upgrades and repairs to Manhattan FDNY/EMS houses and stations? Please provide the list of the Houses\Station, The Community Districts they are located in, and the projects. Are there any Manhattan houses\station capital projects not included in the 2020-2023 plan, and why?**

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 that are approximately 43M. The requested list of planned FY 21 firehouse renovations is the following;

<b>FDNY Capital Projects in Manhattan</b>			
<b>Site</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Board</b>
Ladder 20	253 Lafayette Avenue	Multi-Component Upgrade	2
Engine 33	42 Great Jones Street	Multi-Component Upgrade	2
EMS Station 4	Pier 36, 271 Marginal Street	Multi-Component Upgrade	3
Engine 54	782 8 Avenue	Roofing and Waterproofing	5
Engine 74	120 W 83 Street	Multi-Component Upgrade	7
Engine 22	159 E 85 Street	Kitchen and Window Renovation	8
Engine 91	242 E 111 Street	Multi-Component Upgrade	11

All Manhattan firehouses and EMS station capital projects are included in the 2020-2023 plan. Manhattan firehouses contribute to 20% of the capital budget. Please note- All the projects listed above with their associated funding are pending approval based on the city's current financial standings.

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

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 stealth powered battery program for its EMS vehicles so to reduce the amount of idling. What is the status of this program and what funding is currently allocated to it in FY2022 budget and the 2020-2023 plan?**

Currently, more than 440 FDNY ambulances are equipped with stealth-powered battery technology. The Department continues to receive new ambulance apparatus from a five-year contract awarded in FY '20 to build up to, three hundred and thirty-nine, Type I, Wheeled Coach ambulances. The Department's new fleet of ambulances includes an auxiliary power unit to support the FDNY Green initiative that enables the ambulances to operate without the need to engage the vehicle's engine in idle mode. Additional enhancements include high-visibility reflective safety-graphics, and a Vista brake lock to prevent vehicle theft.

- 4. What were the staffing requests for Manhattan FDNY and EMS for the FY2021 budget and will they be fully funded? Are any of those houses in Manhattan? What would the cost be to the staffing budget to make every firehouse in Manhattan a five-firefighter crew house? Does FDNY have plans to request additional staffing to increase this number?**

Position	Headcount
Firefighters and Officers	10,709
EMS Personnel	4,746
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,455</b>

The Fire Department's Expense Budget is \$2.1 billion, excluding fringe benefits that are budgeted centrally along with other City agencies. This is approximately 2.1 percent of the City's total budget of

\$100.6 billion as of the FY 2022 Adopted Budget. Approximately 88% of the Fire Department's Expense Budget funds personnel services (salaries and overtime for FDNY employees).

11 classes of Probationary Firefighters have graduated from 2013-2020, with another class presently in our academy. We are pleased that, with each incoming class, we are at our budgeted firefighter headcount, which is sufficient to meet our current and ongoing needs. A collective bargaining agreement between the UFA and City determined this increase in staffing for 20 Engine Companies.

In regards to EMS, the Department continues to hire and train Paramedics and EMTs. Throughout FY '21, the Department hired 346 EMTs and 59 Paramedics. For FY'22 the training schedule includes 4 EMT and 2 Paramedic classes. EMS (Field) Staffing for FY' 22 has been funded, with additional staffing to support the Behavioral Health Emergency Assistance Response Division (B-Heard). The Behavioral Health Emergency Assistance Response Division, or B-HEARD, is a new health-centered response to 911 mental health calls. Beginning with a pilot in East Harlem and parts of Central and North Harlem, 911 call operators will dispatch new B-HEARD Teams —FDNY Emergency Medical Technicians(EMTs)/paramedics teamed with a mental health professional from NYC Health + Hospitals —as the default first responders to people experiencing a mental health emergency.

- 5. What additional funds have been provided to FDNY for the following Fire Safety programs in the FY2021 budget? Distribution and installation of smoke alarms? Upgraded gas detection devices? 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? Do all Manhattan FDNY houses have gas detection devices?**

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. However, as of March 13, 2020, all public events were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Events included all classroom/group presentations, alarm installation efforts and public tabling with the exception of fatal fire outreach. These cancellations resulted in a 28% reduction in educational events. Fire Safety Education has now transitioned to developing digital curriculum for school-aged and adult populations that highlight all aspects of residential fire safety. All digital content has been made public through [www.fdnysmart.org/connect](http://www.fdnysmart.org/connect). As of March 13, 2020 all public in-person events were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With COVID restrictions now easing in New York City, the Fire Safety Education unit aims to coordinate robust safety campaigns targeting vulnerable communities impacted by fire injury/death. Through partnerships with the Department of Youth and Community Development, Department for the Aging, Department of Education and several Community based organizations, FDNY plans to bolster safety trainings and alarm installation efforts citywide.

In addition to this outreach, the Department utilizes the #FDNYSmart hashtag to systematically share safety messaging across our @FDNY social media platforms. Content is posted to social media year-round, with messaging tailored to seasonal safety risks, current and historical fire trends, and ongoing safety initiatives. In FY21, our safety content received over 34 million views.

Since 2015, the Department in partnership with the American Red Cross has distributed/installed over 200,000 combination smoke/co alarms into the homes of New Yorkers. Emphasis has been placed on neighborhoods that our Bureau of Fire Investigation reported having high rates of fire deaths and injuries.

**Smoke Alarm Installations with Red Cross  
Installations b/t May, 2015 and September 2021:**

County	Alarms Installed	Homes Visited
Bronx	34,301	12,695
Brooklyn	35,180	12,953
Manhattan	13,962	8,103
Queens	26,537	7,906
Staten Island	11,161	3,438
<b>Total</b>	<b>121,141</b>	<b>45,095</b>

*\*FDNY FSEU has distributed over 130,000 alarms*

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 \$200,000 from the FDNY Foundation.

In Fiscal 2021, the Department’s CPR Unit trained a total of over 2,500 New Yorkers. As of March 13, 2020, all public trainings were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Cancellations resulted in a 22% reduction of New Yorkers trained. The unit developed content to continue educating New Yorkers remotely through digital training modules that can be viewed on [www.fdnysmart.org/connect](http://www.fdnysmart.org/connect).

Since 2007, the Unit has provided free training to over 150,000 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

In regards to gas detection devices, 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.