

District Manager's Report
September/ October 2007

For the month of September staff had approximately 1,000 contacts (see attached).

Meetings/Events Attended;

September 25th – Meeting with the Mayor's Office of Film
I discussed some of the problems we have had with notification, paralleling the statements to the Council by Chairman Montblanc (see attached).

September 25th – Met with the residents of 690 Riverside Drive, a Pinnacle Building to hear their complaints, with Martin Smith (Councilman Jackson's Office) and Richard Harley (Pinnacle). There is a follow up meeting scheduled for October 30th depending on the responses from Pinnacle.

September 26th – Budget Consults for the Dept. of Aging & Fire Dept. at OMB (see attached)

September 28th – Borough Services Cabinet (June Minutes attached)

October 3rd – Made statement at City Planning Hearing for Board 9's 197A, and Columbia's 197c (see attached)

October 10th – District Services Cabinet Highlights verbally at Executive

October 10th – Budget Consultations at LaGuardia High School. In attendance were Board Members Ernestine Welch, Theodore Kovaleff & Carolyn Kent. Written Comments at General Board.

October 15th – Meeting at the Borough President's Office, details at the General Board.

Submitted By Lawrence T. McClean
District Manager



October 11, 2007

Monthly Log

Month September 2007

Category	Phone	Walk In	Mail	Total
Board Business: @	<u>130</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>565</u>
Permits:	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
Complaints;				
A) Housing	<u>10(2)</u>	<u>12(8)</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>27</u>
B) Traffic	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
C) Police/Fire	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1(1)</u>	<u>5</u>
D) Environmental (noise Sanitation, open hydrant)	<u>15(6)</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19</u>
E) Other	<u>25</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>38</u>
Information	<u>45</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>90</u>
Referral	<u>25</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>125</u>
Employment	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>
Other	<u>40</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>125</u>
Totals	<u>299</u>	<u>485</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>1,016</u>

@ Includes Meetings

Statement to City Planning Commission in Support of the 197A
Wednesday October 3, 2007
Aaron Davis Hall, City College

Good Afternoon, my name is Lawrence T. McClean, and I have served as District Manager for Community Board 9 Manhattan for over fifteen years. I am here to register my support for the Community Board's 197 A Plan.

You have read in the text, and testimony that the Plan has been a Community effort. But that does not TOUCH the essence or the SOUL of these efforts. Through four Mayors, One hundred plus Board Members, seventy- five Community meetings through out the 1990's, with attendance ranging from four to four hundred, the 197A had to be explained, fought over, and nurtured.

Like this country's Articles of Confederation, that became a Constitution this Plan has been through different stages. Even, however as the Community changed, from older to younger, and more bilingual certain principles, and priorities for Board 9's residents were consistent.

In a Community with an ever shrinking manufacturing base, where high paying jobs belong to employees of Institutions who do not reside here EDUCATION & JOB TRAINING has been an IMPERATIVE, if our children and young adults are to have any hope for a better life.

In a Community where when this process stated large amounts of housing stock were in tax arrears, and decay, and with an average income growing at slower rate than the rest of the city, SAFE HOUSING that they can STILL AFFORD, or if not be displaced from really AFFORDABLE Housing has been a KEY.

In a Community of limited resources the importance of OPEN SPACES, and PARKS, where a family or individuals can enjoy a slice of the bounty of this city for FREE is essential.

Many of the Initiatives mentioned in the current 197A Plan focused on the time since 2002, but they crystalized, and came to fruition through those first long twelve years. The dreams and desires that are espoused in the Final Document took literally THOUSANDS

Of mind numbing but determined hours.

I ask that you APPROVE THE 197A because you recognize that their effort is the quintessential example of New York City MOXIE and VISION.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence T. McClean", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Lawrence T. McClean

Cc: Jordi Reyes-Montblanc, Chairman CB9M



SMOKING FIRE SAFETY

More people die in fires started by carelessly discarded or abandoned smoking materials such as cigarettes butts and cigarette ashes than any other type of residential fire. *Fires caused by smoking materials often smolder, sometimes for hours before the first flame.* For most people who died in residential smoking fires, escape was made more difficult because they were asleep. The most common materials to first ignite are mattresses and bedding, followed by trash and upholstered furniture.

The risk of dying in a residential fire caused by smoking materials increases with age.

Over 40 % of fatal smoking material fire victims were age 65 or older, compared to their 13% share of the population.

Smokers are seven times more likely than nonsmokers to have a fire in their home.

If you are a smoker, take extra precautions to ensure the safety of you and your family.

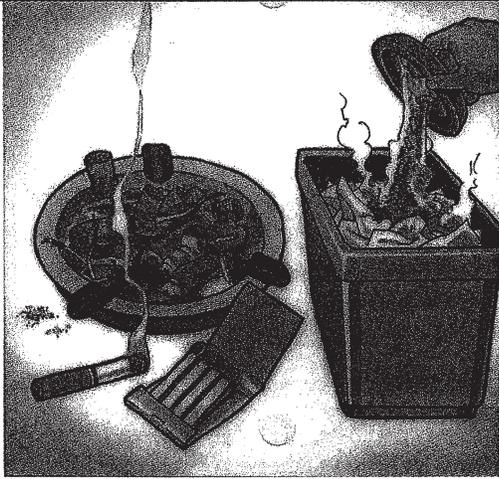
Smoking Safety Check List



If you or anyone in your home smokes, make your home safer:

- ✓ Use large deep ashtrays and check them frequently.
- ✓ After entertaining in your home always check on, between and under upholstery and cushions and inside trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.
- ✓ Completely douse cigarette butts with water before discarding.
- ✓ Don't smoke in bed or lying down, especially if you are drowsy, medicated or have been drinking alcohol.
- ✓ Consider additional smoke alarms in your home, specifically a *photoelectric type*, which is the most reliable for smoldering type fires.

UNATTENDED SMOKING = FIRE DANGER



MATCHES, LIGHTERS AND CHILDREN

Children are attracted to matches and lighters, making them a special fire risk.

- Keep matches and lighters up high and out of sight and reach of children.
- When smokers visit your home ask them to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.



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Public Fire Safety Message From The New York City Fire Department

**FD
NY** YOUR SAFETY
IS OUR MISSION
WWW.NYC.GOV/FDNY

Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor
Nicholas Scoppetta, Fire Commissioner



Department for the Aging

FY 2009 BOROUGH BUDGET CONSULTATION AGENDA

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EXPENSE

NUTRITION SERVICES:

CONSTRUCTION &

- Congregate Meals,
- SENIOR**
- Home Delivered Meals,

USED

- Nutrition & Education/Counseling
- Shopping Assistance/Chores

ACCESS SERVICES:

- Case Assistance/Counseling,
- Case Management,
- Information & Referral,
- Transportation/Escort

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT:

- Respite, Information & Outreach
- Caregiver Services

EXPENSE

OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES:

- Education & Recreation,
- Health Promotion/Screening

- Intergenerational services,
- Minor Residential Repair

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

SENIOR EMPLOYMENT

NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT

COMMUNITIES (NORCS)

IN-HOME & CARE SERVICES:

- Homemaking/personal care,
- Housekeeper/chores,
- Social Adult Day Care/Respite,
- Social Adult Day Services, Friendly Visiting

CAPITAL

BUILDING-WIDE

RENOVATIONS TO

COMMUNITY CENTERS

BY THE AGENCY

**THE AGENCY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS VISITING THEIR WEBSITE
BEFORE COMPOSING AGENDA ITEMS**

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- 1) In a letter dated September 18, 2006, Commissioner Mendez-Santiago supports the Boards request for a Lifelong Learning Center for Midtown. It is vital that senior centers are supplied with internet access computers so today's more active senior may access much needed information on various senior services and where to get the best values for their dollar. The Board would like to see this type of center placed in the mid portion (E.30's) of the district. What is DFTA doing to address the need for this type of center, in Manhattan CB6 and throughout the City?

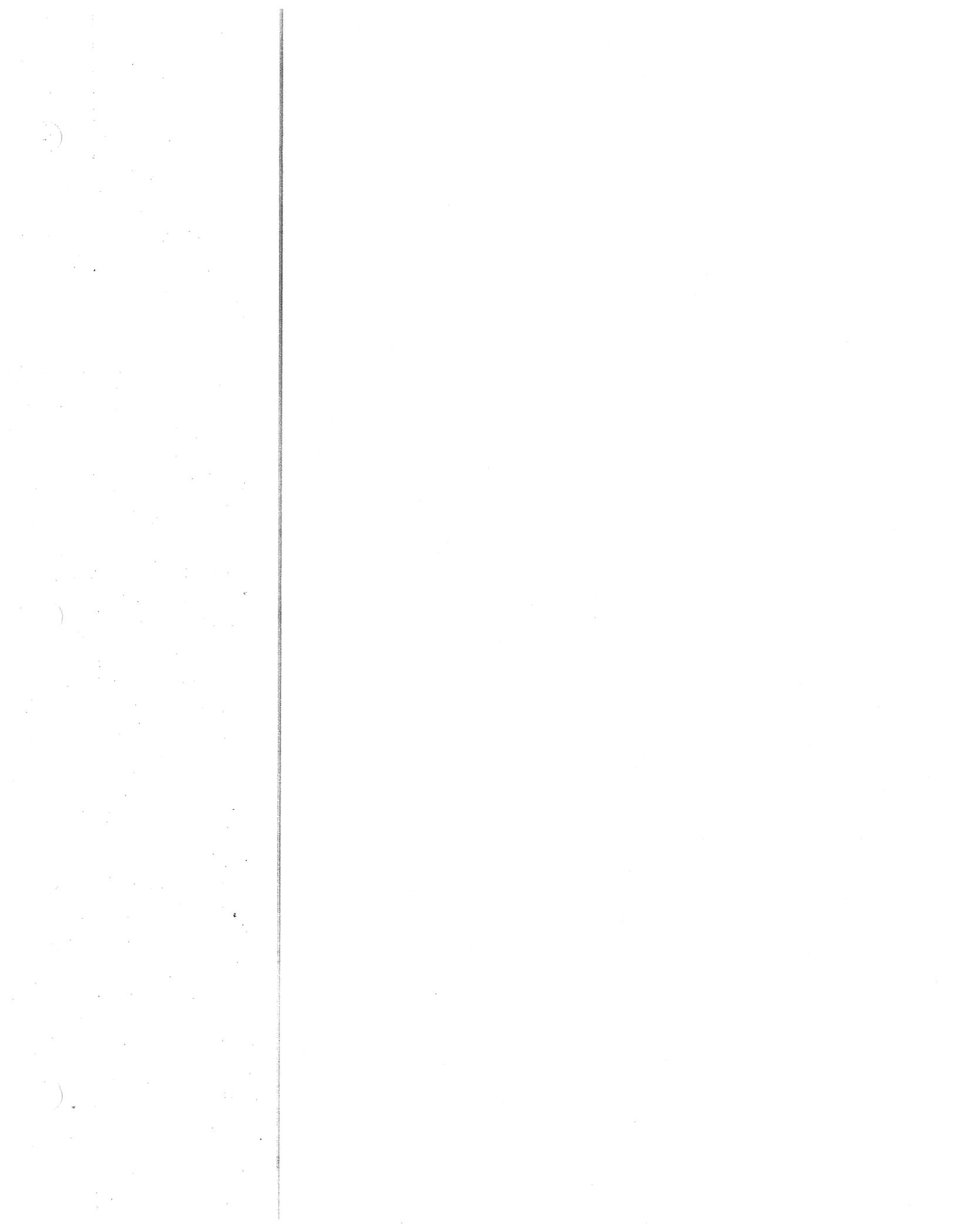
The Department has not received any new funds to establish new senior centers. However, forty four DFTA-funded senior centers located in Manhattan now have computer labs with high speed internet access. In Community Board 6, there are two senior centers with computer labs and high speed internet access. They are Stein Senior Center located at 340 East 24th Street, and the Lenox Hill Senior Center located at 343 East 70th Street. A listing of all senior centers with computer labs can be found on DFTA's website at www.nyc.gov/aging (click on senior services).

- 2) What is DFTA doing to acquire additional State and Federal funding for "Home Assistance Programs" for the existing and growing elderly population serviced by senior agencies?

The Department's budget for Fiscal Year 2008 for in-home services are as follows:

- Homemaking/personal Care: \$21.8 million
- Housekeeping/Chore \$5.3 million
- Home Delivered Meals: \$31.9 million
- Case Management: \$17 million

At the Federal and State level, the Department continues its efforts to advocate for increased funding for all aging programs. The Department will be investing an additional \$5.7 million in EISEP and city tax levy funds into case management services, bringing the total budget for case management to over \$22 million. DFTA will be releasing the RFP for case management in October with a contract start date of April 1, 2008.



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CAPITAL

- COMMUNICATION AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
- FIRE APPARATUS, AMBULANCES, VEHICLES, AND EQUIPMENT
- RECONSTRUCTION OF FIREHOUSES, AMBULANCE OUTPOSTS AND FACILITIES
- CONSTRUCTION OF NEW/REPLACEMENT FACILITIES
- FIREBOAT PURCHASES/REFURBISHMENTS

EXPENSE

- EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND SUPPORT SERVICES
- FIRE EXTINGUISHMENT
- FIRE INVESTIGATION
- FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION
- FIRE COMMUNICATIONS
- FIRE PREVENTION
- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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- CAPITAL:**
- 1C. What is the FDNY's projected FY09 capital budget? Which capital projects does the FDNY want the Community Boards to support?
 - 2C. Are there significant changes (increases or decreases) in the Agency's budget for FY09? What are these? Amounts? Impacts on services?
 - 3C. What are Manhattan's fire houses' needs for capital repairs/upgrades (Please provide written list.) Which houses are in the FY08 budget? Projected in the FY08 budget? Estimated cost per house?
 - 4C. Are any Manhattan houses going to be closed in FY08 or FY09?
 - 5C. Within the past fiscal year, FDNY reported that installation of needed emergency generators could be accommodated within existing resources. Have there been contracts to install these generators? Does FDNY continue to believe that this can be accommodated within existing resources? Will all fire houses receive emergency generators in FY08 or FY09? Which still need them? What is the projected cost?
 - 6C. What is the status of budget in FY08 and FY09 for a fully equipped mobile command unit for the FDNY in Manhattan?
 - 7C. The FDNY recently contracted with the Hudson River park Trust to construct a new marine facility. Please describe the how new facility will upgrade marine operation capabilities. When will construction commence and when will it be completed?
 - 8C. What is current funding for the acquisition new fireboats? Please describe their capabilities. Will they replace existing fireboats or be added to the fleet?
 - 9C. What is the need for the replacement vehicles, and the schedule and budget in FY08? Projected for FY09?
 - 10C. What is the status of funding to upgrade mobile technology (such as personal digital assistants) for all firefighters?

- EXPENSE:**
- 1E. What is the FDNY's projected FY09 expense budget? Which expense needs does the FDNY want the Community Boards to support?
 - 2E. What is the house staffing level in FY08? What is anticipated in FY09?
 - 3E. What is the status of funding to upgrade radio communication? Projected costs in FY08 and FY09?
 - 4E. What is the status of funding to upgrade the personal protective equipment worn by firefighters? What is the FDNY's policy regarding the replacement of different types of bunker gear?
 - 5E. What is the status of funding for FDNY's Community Affairs office? Is the staff being reduced/increased in FY09? Will the office have bi-lingual and/or multi-lingual personnel?
 - 6E. What funds are committed in FY09 to provide additional multi-lingual educational materials around fire safety and prevention? Which languages? Is more needed?
 - 7E. What is the status of funding in FY09 for Fire Marshals? How many marshals? Is this an increase or decrease?
 - 8E. What is the status of funding to hire additional Fire Safety Inspectors in FY09? How many are there? What is the status of the FDNY's various fire prevention and fire safety programs?

FIRE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CITY FISCAL YEAR 2009
POLICY STATEMENT FOR COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET CONSULTATIONS

Mission Statement

The New York City Fire Department (FDNY or the Department) protects the lives and property of New York City residents and visitors as first responders to fires, public safety and medical emergencies, natural disasters, and terrorist acts. The Department advances fire 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 to homeland security efforts.

FDNY Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Overview

In the current fiscal year (FY 2008), the Fire Department has a workforce of more than 16,000 full-time employees. More than 11,200 work in Fire Operations, and more than 3,000 work in Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Operations.

For FY 2008, the Department has an Expense Budget of \$1.5 billion (approximately 2.5 percent of the City's total budget of \$59 billion). As in previous years, the majority of the Department's Expense Budget pays for personnel services (e.g., salaries and overtime) for FDNY employees.

The FY 2008 Expense Budget includes funding for initiatives that will enhance the Department's ability to prevent or respond to a diverse array of emergencies. With a \$12.5 million allocation, we have increased training for our newest Firefighters, expanding their time at the Fire Academy from 13 weeks to 23 weeks. We are also pleased to report that we have \$1.4 million in additional funding to hire 32 new Fire Marshals and to establish a base for them at Fort Totten in Queens.

Other notable allocations include \$2 million for 35 new EMS positions (including five new officer positions); \$732,000 in funding for 20 new Firefighter positions; \$2.8 million for ongoing maintenance in our more than 300 facilities; \$700,000 to hire 21 new staff in our Bureau of Fire Prevention; \$2.7 million for 19 new Buildings Unit staff; and \$250,000 for a joint program with John Jay College for Fire and Criminal Justice to provide higher education opportunities for Fire and EMS personnel.

The FDNY's FY 2008 Capital Budget includes \$16 million for firehouse renovations, \$10 million for a new fireboat to complement the two new boats being purchased with Federal grants, and an allocation of more than \$50 million for new EMS station development in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx.

The Fire Department's revenue forecast is \$261.9 million for FY 2008, an increase of \$21.2 million from the FY 2007 Adopted Budget. As was the case last year, improved

ambulance fee collections and greater revenue generated in the Bureau of Fire Prevention are major components of this forecast.

Federal Grants and Other Funding

The Fire Department has played a crucial role in the City's efforts to secure homeland security and other grant funding. We continue to incur significant terrorism preparedness expenditures. This severely strains the FDNY's resources and continues to highlight the need for threat-based allocations of Federal terrorism preparedness funding. To date, the FDNY has been awarded just over \$157 million from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to advance our preparedness for terrorism and other large-scale incidents.

The City's grant requests to DHS this year include a number of important initiatives to increase security. Among these are specialized resources for HazMat and rescue responses, training (including large-scale, multi-agency drills), interoperable communications improvements, enhanced protection of critical infrastructure (especially transportation infrastructure), and tiered response capability advances. The Department's leadership will continue to work with the Mayor's Office and other government agencies to obtain the resources needed for response to terrorism and other catastrophic events.

The Federal Department of Health and Human Services' National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health has allocated more than \$45 million in the years since the 9/11 attacks for continued medical monitoring of active and retired FDNY employees who responded to and operated at the World Trade Center on or after 9/11. This remains in place. The American Red Cross also provided a grant of more than \$5 million in 2005. We continue to use this funding to monitor and treat Department members affected by their work on and after 9/11.

Key Indicators

Over the past year, the Department provided a consistently high level of service to the City's residents and visitors. Key indications of this include:

- The Department's average response time to structural fires in FY 2007 was 4:29, a three second improvement over FY 2006.
- The number of structural fires in FY 2007 was 28,231, a decrease of 141 from the previous year.
- There were 92 fire-related fatalities in FY 2007, the same number as in FY 2006.
- The Department's average ambulance unit response time to life-threatening medical emergencies in FY 2007 fell to 6:36, a six-second improvement over last year.

Updates

The FDNY made significant strides in FY 2007 toward meeting its Strategic Plan goals while continuing to fulfill its core mission of protecting the lives and property of all New Yorkers. Highlights include:

- Arson Arrests: FDNY Bureau of Fire Investigation (BFI) Fire Marshals scrutinize fires' causes, and in the case of arson pursue and arrest suspects. BFI made several high-profile arson arrests in Fiscal 2007, including the January arrest of a Bronx man accused of setting fire to a competitor's business (Bx CB 2). In March, a Brooklyn man was convicted of first-degree arson in connection with three 2004 fires at 408 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn (Bk CB 3), and was subsequently sentenced to 35 years to life in prison for the crimes.
- Apparatus and Equipment: In addition to the Marine Division's new apparatus, we have designed and purchased two state-of-the-art Mobile Command Vehicles and an Incident Management Team/Planning Vehicle to assist in response coordination and communications. The Borough Presidents of Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island have each provided funding for our proposed Firefighters Search and Escape Mobile Training Vehicles. These are mobile simulation resources that will expand and improve training by delivering hands-on skills development directly to the field. Among the simulations provided by these vehicles are training on the Personal Safety System and on forcible entry, and full-gear, low visibility maze conditions.
- Diversity and Recruitment: Our successful recruitment campaign for the Firefighter exam given earlier this year more than doubled the number of minority applicants, from 5,569 (23.4 percent of total applicants) in 2002 to 11,918 (40.2 percent of total applicants) this year. The number of female applicants increased by almost 60 percent, from 878 in 2002 to 1,401 this year. Now our Recruitment Unit has shifted its focus to EMS, using print, radio, and Internet resources to inform people about this proud, challenging, and rewarding career. Our message is clear: ten million New York City residents and visitors depend on us every day. We work on every street in the City, providing care wherever and whenever it is needed. Our work is you, your family, your neighbors and your friends. If you would like to learn more, we encourage you to contact our Recruitment Unit at 718-999-FDNY.
- Fire Code Revision: The Fire Department is nearing the completion of the first comprehensive revision of the New York City Fire Prevention Code since the original code's adoption in 1913. The revision – based on the model International Fire Code – parallels the Department of Buildings' Building Code revision project, which the City Council has recently begun reviewing. The FDNY expects legislation on the revised Fire Prevention Code to be proposed in the coming months, and expects the new Code to go into effect alongside the revised Building Code in 2008.

Dated: August 15, 2007