



**FY 2025 BOROUGH LEVEL BUDGET CONSULTATION
Manhattan Community Boards
September 26, 2024**

- 1. How much of FDNY’s capital budget is dedicated for upgrades and repairs to Manhattan FDNY/EMS houses and stations? Please provide the list of the houses/stations, the Community Districts they are located in, and a description of the projects. Are these projects on budget and on time? Are there any Manhattan houses/stations capital projects not included in FDNY’s capital budget plans, 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. The requested list of planned FY 25 firehouse renovations is the following;

FDNY Capital Projects in Manhattan for FY 26			
Site	Address	Description	Community Board
Marine 1	200 Bloomfield Street	Wave attenuator reconstruction	2
EMS Station 4	299 South Street	Multi-component Renovation	3
EMS Station 7	512 W 23 Street	New Building	4
Randall’s Island	242 E 111 Street	Fire and EMS Training Facility	11

- 2. What were the staffing requests for Manhattan FDNY and EMS for the FY2025 budget and have they been fully funded? 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 for FY 2026?**

Position	Headcount
Firefighters and Officers	10,888
EMS Personnel	4,677
Total	15,397

Fifteen classes of Probationary Firefighters have graduated from 2013-2024. We are pleased that, with each incoming class, we move closer to our budgeted firefighter headcount. We recently graduated a class of probationary firefighters from our academy on September 13, 2024. We are in regular communication with OMB about our funding needs throughout the year. As such, we received OMB approval to add one additional class per year, which will bring our total annual hiring to approximately 900 firefighters per year. While FDNY would always welcome additional resources, our focus remains on utilizing our current workforce as optimally as possible. We also continue to hire aggressively to fill remaining vacancies in our Fire, EMS and civilian ranks.

Within Fire Operations, we generally plan to hire 2 classes of up to 320-330 Firefighters each fiscal year. This is to offset attrition as well as promotions into other uniform titles (Lieutenant, Captain, etc). On the EMS side, we generally hire 3 classes of up to 180 EMTs each fiscal year. This is to offset attrition as well as promotions into other titles (Paramedic, Lieutenant, Captain, etc). We also hire Fire Alarm Dispatchers and Fire Protection Inspectors in classes.

Our Overtime budget for FY25 (~\$427M) largely consists of uniform (Fire) overtime (~\$381M). Much of our overtime spending is non-discretionary i.e. tied to staffing field posts and overtime mandated via collective bargaining agreements. FDNY staffs field posts on a 24x7x365 basis, meaning it will utilize overtime to staff engine/ladder companies when employees aren't available on straight-time. There is also contractually mandated overtime (washup, travel when detailed to another firehouse, etc) as well. FDNY is currently under budgeted headcount for Firefighters – as we hire up, that will result in more Firefighters available on straight-time.

In fire operations there were 649 Probationary firefighters hired in FY23. We project to hire 2 classes of 320- 300 firefighters each in both FY24 and FY 25 (approximately 1,200 total). In EMS operations, 370 EMTs were hired in FY23. We project to hire 3 classes of up to 180 EMTs in FY24.

In EMS operations there were 354 EMTs hired in FY24. We project to hire three classes in the upcoming fiscal year totaling 540 EMTs for the coming year. We expect to graduate a new class from the EMS Academy in early fall 2024.

We continue to hire up to budgeted headcount for civilian fire prevention inspectors. The last class started in October 2023. Timing for future classes will be based on attrition.

We are working closely with City Hall and agency partners to ensure adequate EMS resources are in place. Staffing is predicated by call volume, need of the community and other operational considerations.

3. Did FDNY request funding for vehicles or large equipment for Manhattan in FY 25, and have those requests been fully funded? Has FDNY requested that funding for FY 26?

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 ladder apparatus are replaced at 11 years, 364 days of service; Pumpers frontline apparatus are replaced at 12 years, 364 days of service. Meanwhile, ambulances frontline replaced after 7 years

- 4. What funds have been provided to FDNY for the following Fire Safety programs in the FY 2026 budget? a) E-Bike battery safety? Is this an increase from FY 25? Please describe these programs and if FDNY collaborates with any other agencies on e-bike safety programming? What is the budgetary impact on increased necessary inspections relating to these batteries? b) Distribution and installation of smoke alarms? c) Upgraded gas detection devices?**

Through support of approximately \$1.2 Million from the FDNY Foundation, our Fire Safety Education Unit plays an integral part in achieving the mission of the agency which is to continually educate the public with critical lifesaving strategies that focus on fire prevention, with a special focus on the City's most vulnerable populations and at-risk communities. 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. 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 FY '23, our safety content received over 21.1 million views.

In July 2024, the FDNY launched a \$1 million education campaign, with support from the Mayor's Office, to further raise public awareness about the historic increase in lithium-ion battery fires in New York City and the dangers that uncertified batteries pose — even when they are not charging. Of the \$1 million, \$750,000 supports ads online, on subways and buses, on digital kiosks, in targeted newspapers, and on the radio. Translated into 10 languages, these ads highlight the destructive potential of battery fires and have been strategically placed in neighborhoods that have a high incidence of lithium-ion battery fires. Ads feature imagery promoting proper battery usage and include QR codes linked to fire safety education tips, including best practices for usage. Ads were developed include input and safety messaging from agency partners citywide, and incorporated feedback from delivery workers. The final \$250,000 supported educational materials and advanced firefighting equipment, including technology that allows firefighters to safely extinguish fires without opening lithium-ion battery packs.

FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS
(January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023)

Borough	CY23 FSE Presentations	# of Audience	CY23 School Events	# of Youth Audience
Bronx	461	64,376	181	26,562
Brooklyn	736	131,820	294	36,620
Manhattan	395	85,920	90	14,960
Queens	564	117,324	279	46,307
Staten Island	139	23,408	66	10,840
TOTAL	2,299	422,848	910	135,549

*Fire Safety total audience increased by 50%

SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATIONS WITH ARC
(January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023)

County	Alarms Installed	Homes Visited
Bronx	11,997	4,255
Brooklyn	4,075	1,411
Manhattan	750	320
Queens	4,758	1,572
Staten Island	12	3
Total	21,592	7,561

*FDNY FSEU has distributed over 95,000 alarms

*FDNY FSEU has distributed/installed over 215,000 alarms
(since program inception May 2015)

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 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), retired Emergency Medical Technicians and one officer from our Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The existing budget is \$200,000 from the FDNY Foundation.

Throughout 2023 Mobile CPR Trainings were held both in person and virtually. The program equips New Yorkers with the skills to act in the event of cardiac arrest by offering free instruction across the five boroughs. The program, taught by certified FDNY EMS personnel, has successfully trained more than 50,000 New Yorkers in compressions-only CPR. The unit surpassed its CY23 annual goal of training over 2,500 New Yorkers in bystander CPR. In CY23, the following activities were carried out in support of the program:

**Mobile CPR Training
(January 1 – December 31, 2023)**

Borough	Total Trained	Number of High School Students (From Total Trained)
Bronx	10,597	4,053
Brooklyn	18,994	6,142
Manhattan	15,483	5,600
Queens	17,994	7,447
Staten Island	4,002	2,090
TOTAL	67,070	26,204

**39% of trainees were High school students*

With regards to gas detection devices, the department issued new altar gas meters to all engine and ladder companies to assist in conducting operations at gas leaks safely and effectively. 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.

5. What budget priorities would FDNY recommend that the Community Boards support or request as part of our FY 2025 Budget Priorities Statements?

Please see attached policy statement