



**FY 2025 BOROUGH LEVEL BUDGET CONSULTATION**  
**Manhattan Community Boards**  
**September 28, 2023**

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- 1. How much of FDNY 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 these projects on time? Are there any Manhattan houses\station capital projects not included in the 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. Funding is in place for multi component and component projects that are approximately 110M. The requested list of planned FY 25 firehouse renovations is the following;

<b>FDNY Capital Projects in Manhattan for FY 25</b>			
<b>Site</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Community Board</b>
Ladder 20	253 Lafayette Avenue	Firehouse Renovation	2
EMS Station 4	299 South Street	Multi-component Renovation	3
EMS Station 7	512 W 23 Street	New Building	4
Engine 74	120 W 83 Street	Generator	7
Engine 22	159 East 85 Street	Multi-component renovation	8
Engine 91	242 E 111 Street	Multi-component Upgrade	11

All Manhattan firehouses and EMS station capital projects are included in the Department's capital budget plans. Please note- All the projects listed above with their associated funding are pending approval based on the city’s current financial standings.

2. What were the staffing requests for Manhattan FDNY and EMS for the FY2024 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	10,720
EMS Personnel	4,516
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,236</b>

Fourteen classes of Probationary Firefighters have graduated from 2013-2023. 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 1, 2023 with a class size of 303. We are in regular communication with OMB about our funding needs throughout the 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 after COVID pauses/delays. FDNY's uniformed and EMS budgeted headcount has not been impacted by budget reductions. The estimated annual cost to the staffing budget to make every firehouse in Manhattan a five-firefighter crew house would be \$22M (excluding fringe) .

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. Overall attrition for Fire in FY23 was approximately 5.6%, this is down from FY22. Overall attrition for EMS in FY23 was approximately 9%, consistent with last year (FY22).

Our Overtime budget for FY24 (~\$273M) largely consists of uniform (Fire) overtime (~\$251M). 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 EMS operations there were 502 EMTs hired in FY23. We project to hire three classes in the upcoming fiscal year totaling 540 EMTs for the coming year. This week, we graduated 153 EMTs from our EMS Academy.

- 3. 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 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 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 additional funds have been provided to FDNY for the following Fire Safety programs in the FY2025 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?**

**In addition, please provide details on budgeting for programs to monitor and educate the public on safety risks associated with rechargeable lithium ion and similar batteries. What is the budgetary impact on increased necessary inspections relating to these batteries? Is there funding for developing best practices for storing and charging these batteries?**

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 31.5 million views.

Community investment and education is the foremost fire prevention strategy. With this precept in mind, Community Affairs continued to strategize new methods of engagement to ensure a continuity in outreach. FDNY Community Affairs was able to adjust all unit operations to utilize digital platforms (Fire Safety Education, Mobile CPR and Community Engagement).

All community initiatives undertaken by the FDNY are aimed at reducing fire, enhancing public safety, and improving the quality of life for NYC residents.

Events included all classroom/group presentations, alarm installation efforts and public tabling with the exception of fatal fire outreach campaigns. However, the unit continued developing digital curriculum for school aged and adult populations that highlights all aspects of residential fire safety, and participated in various virtual presentations coordinated by educators, intergovernmental and community based organizations.

From January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, the following activities were carried out:

**FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS**  
(January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022)

<b>Borough</b>	<b>CY22 FSE Presentations</b>	<b># of Audience</b>	<b>CY22 School Events</b>	<b># of Audience</b>
Brooklyn	694	75,692	211	44,768
Bronx	574	58,672	160	32,181
Manhattan	402	53,141	54	22,634
Queens	572	71,365	232	44,126
Staten Island	159	22,168	40	12,088
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>281,038</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>155,797</b>

**SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATIONS WITH ARC**  
(January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022)

<b>County</b>	<b>Alarms Installed</b>	<b>Homes Visited</b>
Bronx	3,337	1,332
Brooklyn	2,175	620
Manhattan	120	49
Queens	8,383	3,232
Staten Island	375	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,390</b>	<b>5,325</b>

\*FDNY FSEU has distributed over 90,000 alarms

\*FDNY FSEU has distributed/installed over 198,000 alarms since program inception

Similar to Fire Safety Education, throughout 2022 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 CY20 annual goal of training over 2,500 New Yorkers in bystander CPR. In CY22, the following activities were carried out in support of the program:

**Mobile CPR Training  
(January 1 – December 31, 2022)**

<b>Borough</b>	<b>Total Trained</b>	<b>Number of High School Students (From Total Trained)</b>
<b>Brooklyn</b>	6,601	912
<b>Bronx</b>	4,491	1,158
<b>Manhattan</b>	5,690	1,893
<b>Queens</b>	10,808	4,342
<b>Staten Island</b>	1,454	799
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,544</b>	<b>9,104</b>

*\*31% 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.

Through the joint Bureaus of Fire Investigation and Fire Prevention, the agency diligently investigates lithium-ion battery related complaints. Fire Safety education incorporates lithium-ion battery component as standard practice in all community trainings. In the future we look to do more with funds received from Mayor's Office.

**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