



FY 2024 BOROUGH LEVEL BUDGET CONSULTATION
Manhattan Community Boards
September 22, 2022

- 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 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 10M. The requested list of planned FY 24 firehouse renovations is the following;

FDNY Capital Projects in Manhattan for FY 24			
Site	Address	Description	Community Board
Ladder 20	253 Lafayette Avenue	Firehouse Renovation	2
Engine 33	42 Great Jones Street	Multi-Component Upgrade	2
Engine 16	234 E 29 Street	Generator	6
Engine 40	131 Amsterdam Avenue	Generator	7
Engine 74	120 W 83 Street	Generator	7
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. 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. What were the staffing requests for Manhattan FDNY and EMS for the FY2023 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	10,606
EMS Personnel	4,637
TOTAL	15,243

The Fire Department’s Expense Budget is \$2.3 billion, excluding fringe benefits that are budgeted centrally along with other City agencies. This is approximately 2.2 percent of the City’s FY 2023 Adopted Budget total of \$103.1 billion. Approximately 87% of the Fire Department’s Expense Budget funds personnel services (salaries and overtime for FDNY employees).

Thirteen classes of Probationary Firefighters have graduated from 2013-2022, 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.

The Department continues to hire and train Paramedics and EMTs. Throughout FY ’22, the Department hired 293 EMTs and 91 Paramedics. The upcoming FY’23 training schedule includes 4 EMT and 2 Paramedic classes.

- 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 apparatus replaced after 11 years, 364 days of service; Pumpers frontline apparatus are replaced after 12 years. Meanwhile, ambulances frontline replaced after 6 years.

4. **What additional funds have been provided to FDNY for the following Fire Safety programs in the FY2023 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?**

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 2021, our safety content received over 26 million views.

Since 2015, the Department in partnership with the American Red Cross has distributed/installed over 278,000 combination smoke/co alarms into the homes of New Yorkers. Emphasis was 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 - August 2022:**

County	Alarms Installed	Homes Visited
Bronx	42,953	15,808
Brooklyn	42,168	15,176
Manhattan	14,894	8,470
Queens	36,431	11,619
Staten Island	11,993	3,628
Total	148,439	54,701

**FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit 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 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.

Since 2007, the Unit has provided free training to over 180,000 New Yorkers in a program which target a mix of communities Citywide, with an emphasis on 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.

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.