City of Stamford Fire Department

FY 2019-20 BOR Fiscal Committee Budget Presentation



Introduction



Mission: To protect the lives and property of all citizens and guests of Stamford in regards to Fire, Emergency Medical, Rescue & Disasters, Natural or manmade, through education, code enforcement & the response of highly trained Fire personnel.

Programs	Services Provided
Critical & Mandated	Respond to fire, medical, rescue incidents and natural or manmade disasters. Life safety code inspection and enforcement.
	Respond to events such as ice storms, snow storms, major electrical outages, floods, and other emergency needs of our citizens and guests.
Other	Public education initiatives; smoke & carbon monoxide detector installations, CPR & defibrillator training; lock-outs/lock-ins; any other instance where we can assist citizens and guests.
	Assist with neighborhood and community events.
	Participation in the Safe Place for children program.



Department Management



Key Program/Department Challenges

- Aging fleet requires high maintenance costs; Emission Standards
- Training challenges
- Necessary Personnel for Administrative, IT functions and Suppression
- Difficulties meeting state inspection statute
- New leadership in the Fire Marshal division

Budget Scenarios

- With Additional Funding we would seek to:
 - Expand the Fire Marshal division
 - Add an IT and Administrative position
 - Replace aging vehicles
 - Expand Fire hydrant replacement
 - Add a second Incident Commander
- Budget reductions will negatively impact training, vehicle/equipment maintenance and Life Safety Inspections.





This is what is coming

Major changes planned for the department:

- Improve Life Safety Inspections
- Combined Active Assailant Training
- Expand Firefighter training throughout Stamford
- Change the method for EMT training.
- Expand the ways in which technology is used
- Review responses throughout the City
- Make adjustments for growth
- Create a career path for Deputy Fire Marshals that will shorten the time needed to certify Deputy Fire Marshals, increasing the number of residential inspections performed