

To: The Honorable Pat Dowell

Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

From: Richard C. Ford II

Fire Commissioner

Chicago Fire Department

CC: Manuel Perez

Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Date: October 28, 2020

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 59-01 Diversity

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Austin and Alderman Curtis asked for the racial/ethnicity breakdown of each Firefighter class since 2015 and more specifically the number of African Americans in each Firefighter class.

Below, please find the racial breakdown in each Firefighter class since 2015:

	CFD DIVERSITY TOTALS 2015-2020								
Class Date	Asian	American Indian	African American	Hispanic	White	Pacific Islander	Multi Race	Unknown	CLASS TOTALS
11/16/2015	2		22	22	26				72
4/4/2016	4		8	40	83				135
8/1/2016	2		23	33	67		2	6	133
5/16/2018	4		13	16	56			1	90
12/3/2018			10	19	36			1	66
3/1/2019	2		15	29	66			1	113
7/1/2019	2		12	37	64		2		117
11/18/2019			13	30	49	1			93
2/18/2020	6		13	38	62				119
7/22/2020	3		19	21	55			1	99
TOTALS	25		148	285	564	1	4	10	



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ID#: 59-02 Diversity

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Hairston asked for a list of Account 0140 contracts and their corresponding MBE/WBE data.

Below is the breakdown of the 014-Professional and Technical Services line for 2019 YTD and the MBE/WBE status of each vendor.

TA	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL AMOUNT	MBE CERT	WBE CERT	DBE CERT
41213	ACORN GARAGE INC	SAFETY LANE INSPECTIONS FOR IDOT	\$4,750	NO	NO	NO
54815	ADVANCED DATA PROCESSING, INC.	EPCR PROGRAM EQUIPMENT	\$639,525	NO	NO	NO
58539	AGAE CONTRACTING INC	CFD RANK CHANGE NAME PLATE	\$51	NO	NO	NO
131964	ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT, INC	LEASING OF AUTOMOBILES	\$25,766	NO	NO	NO
24249	GUILDHAUS	LABOR AGREEMENT - EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE FACILITIES	\$25,000	NO	NO	NO

24250	LABOR ASSISTANCE PROFESSIONALS	LABOR AGREEMENT - EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE FACILITIES	\$10,000	NO	NO	NO
26910	LION APPAREL INC DBA LION TOTALCARE INC	CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OF BUNKER GEAR	\$861,447	NO	NO	NO
95166	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CENTERS	COMPREHENSIVE PHYSICAL EXAMS/RANDOM DRUG TESTING	\$92,036	NO	NO	NO
24248	ROSECRANCE, INC.	EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PER LABOR AGREEMENT	\$30,000	NO	NO	NO
30042	SILK SCREEN EXPRESS, INC.	CFD COMMISSARY RELATED ITEMS	\$1,197,997	NO	YES	NO
40336	SILK SCREEN EXPRESS, INC.	OTHER CFD UNIFORM RELATED ITEMS	\$15,075	NO	YES	NO
12687	SKYTECH ENTERPRISES, LTD	SECURITY SERVICES	\$70,801	YES	NO	NO
20293	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELLULAR & WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$45,170	NO	NO	NO



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ID#: 59-03 Spending

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Hairston asked how much was budgeted and spent on the overdose assistance program on the West Side in 2019

The Overdose Assistance Program is a program initiated by the Chicago Department of Public Health. The Chicago Fire Department does not have any budget details regarding this program.



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ID#: 59-04 Mental Health Response

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Rodriguez asked what the percentage of CFD calls that are mental health related.

The year to date number of metal health related calls and percentage of total calls has been provided, below:

Mental Health Calls in 2020	% of Total Calls
14,717	2%



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ID#: 59-05 Fire Prevention

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Rodriguez asked how many FTEs in the Fire Prevention Bureau in the 2020 and 2021 budget.

In 2020 and 2021, the following positions were budgeted for CFD's Fire Prevention Bureau:

FIRE PREVETION BUDGETED POSITONS						
TITLE DESCRIPTION	2021 BUDGET	2020 BUDGET				
Administrative Assistant III	2	3				
Associate Fire Prevention Engineer	4					
Battalion Chief - EMT	1	1				
Battalion Chief - Paramedic		1				
Captain		1				
Captain - EMT	6	5				
Chief Fire Prevention Engineer	1	1				

Commander - EMT	1	1
Deputy Commissioner	1	1
Deputy Fire Commissioner	1	1
District Chief	1	1
Fire Engineer	1	1
Fire Engineer - EMT	19	14
Fire Prevention Engineer	1	1
Firefighter	7	12
Firefighter - Paramedic	1	1
Lieutenant	6	7
Lieutenant - EMT	28	32
Lieutenant - Paramedic	6	7
Staff Assistant	2	2
TOTAL POSITONS	89	93



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ID#: 59-06 Fire Prevention

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Rodriguez asked how many bilingual members are in the Fire Prevention Bureau.

The Chicago Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau has four (4) members who are bilingual, including one (1) member who is fluent in Italian and one (1) member fluent in Tagalog. In addition, CFD's Public Education Department has two (2) members who are bilingual and one (1) signer of American Sign Language.



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ID#: 59-07 Reimbursements

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Moore and Alderman Thompson asked for an update on the reimbursable dollar amount from O'Hare screeners and regular operations.

The Chicago Fire Department regular operations for O'Hare is fully funded under Fund 0740 and is not reimbursed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The department has submitted a reimbursement request to recover 100% of COVID-19 operational costs for the O'Hare Screeners for federal reimbursement. The total reimbursement request is approximately \$3,000,000.



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ID#: 59-08 EMT

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Smith asked for a breakdown of members who are EMT certified compared to members who are not EMT certified.

The Chicago Fire Department has 4,256 members who are certified EMT and 500 who are not. Below, please find a detailed list of EMT certified members organized by rank and title, in comparison to members who are not certified.

	UNIFORM EMPLOYEES EMT CERTIFIED					
	Firefighter Rank					
8728	Firefighter - Paramedic	246				
8741	Firefighter - EMT Assigned as Training Instructor	1				
8801	Firefighter - EMT	1425				
8802	Firefighter - EMT - Recruit	588				
8819	Firefighter - Per Arbitrators Award - Paramedic	39				
8820	Firefighter - Per Arbitrators Award - EMT	39				
	Engineer Rank					
8807	Fire Engineer - EMT	371				
8808	Fire Engineer - Paramedic	22				

	Lieutenant Rank				
8811	Lieutenant - EMT	402			
8812	Lieutenant - Paramedic	51			
8814	Lieutenant - Paramedic - Assigned as Training Instructor	1			
	Captain Rank				
8817	Captain - EMT	168			
8818	Captain - Paramedic	6			
	Battalion Chief Rank				
8701	Battalion Chief - EMT	78			
8702	Battalion Chief - Paramedic	11			
	Commander Rank				
8726	Commander - EMT	3			
	Fire Marshal Rank				
8787	Assistant Commanding Fire Marshal - EMT	0			
8794	Fire Marshal - EMT	17			
8795	Supervising Fire Marshal - EMT	3			
8796	Supervising Fire Marshal - Paramedic	0			
	Other				
8659	Chief Helicopter Pilot - EMT	1			
	Paramedic Rank				
8703	Fire Paramedic - Assigned as Instructor	1			
8750	Paramedic	370			
8751	Paramedic - Per Judgement	3			
	Paramedic-In-Charge Rank				
8749	Paramedic-In-Charge	281			
8707	Paramedic-In-Charge - Assigned as Training Instructor	9			
	Ambulance Commander Rank				
8745	Ambulance Commander	84			
	Paramedic Field Chief Rank				
8748	Paramedic Field Chief	36			
	TOTAL MEMBERS EMT CERTIFIED 4256				

UNIFORM EMPLOYEES NOT EMT CERTIFIED					
Firefighter Rank					
8731	Firefighter	279			

8771	Firefighter - Per Arbitrators Award	2			
	Engineer Rank				
8733	Fire Engineer	70			
	Lieutenant Rank				
8735	Lieutenant	113			
Captain Rank					
8737	Captain	19			
Battalion Chief Rank					
8739	Battalion Chief	10			
Commander Rank					
8725	Commander	1			
	Fire Marshal Rank				
8790	Commanding Fire Marshal	1			
8793	Fire Marshal	3			
Other					
8761	FAA Fire Training Specialist	2			
	TOTAL MEMBERS NOT EMT CERTIFIED	500			



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ID#: 59-09 Call Volume

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Smith asked how many emergency EMT and Fire calls CFD had in 2019.

Below, please find the number of calls for 2019 and 2020 as of October 28, 2020.

CFD Events from 2019-2020						
	2019 2020 TOTAL					
Class	Total Calls	Total Calls	Total Calls			
Fire	438,970	340,063	779,033			
EMS	336,600	276,295	612,895			
Total	775,570	616,358	1,391,928			



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ID#: 59-10 Additional Dwelling Ordinance

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Quinn asked the Commissioner's perspective on the Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance which allows coach houses and conversion units in basement and attics conversions in existing residential buildings.

The Fire Commissioner will work with the Department of Housing to ensure that any ADU's are fire safe and accessible to the Fire Department.



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ID#: 59-11 Personnel

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28th to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Mitts asked for the total number of firefighters entering 2021 after retirements and promotions.

There is an anticipated 2,579 firefighters on January 1, 2021. Please see below for a more detailed response to your request.

Firefighter Rank						
Current Vacancies	72					
+						
Anticipated Separations	95					
+						
Firefighters Promoted to						
Engineers	30					
+						
FF Promoted to LT	25					
=	222	vacancies				
Paramedics changed to						
Firefighters	25					
+						
December 1 Firefighter Class	100					
=	97	vacancies				

= TOTAL FF entering 2021	2579	
Anticipated Vacancies	97	
Total Budgeted Positions	2676	



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ID#: 59-12 Overdoses

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Mitts asked for the number of Narcan administrations for opioid overdoses in 2020.

The number of opioid related responses have been provided below for 2019 and 2020.

Opioid-Related EMS responses 2019-2020			
Year EMS Responses			
2019	10,490		
YTD 2020	12,036		
TOTALS	22526		



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ID#: 59-13 Lakefront Incidents

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Osterman asked the number of lakefront incidents during the winter between 2018 and 2020.

The number of annual lakefront incidents for 2018 through October 28, 2020 are listed below:

Annual Lakefront Incidents (<i>Person In the Water)</i> 2018-2020		
Year Events		
2018 143		
2019 169		
YTD 2020 176		
TOTALS 345		

A formal request has been submitted to Northrop Grumman obtain a monthly breakdown for the data requested.



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ID#: 59-14 Fire Incidents

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Ramirez-Rosa asked for a list of incendiary events at homeless encampments throughout the City.

As of September 2020, please find below a list of incendiary events at homeless encampments throughout the City:

Date Time	Ward	Address	Zip Code	Incident Type	Highest Alarm Level	Property Type	Narrative
2020-01- 03 14:01:20	39	CENTRAL AVE	60646	150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	0 - Still Alarm Response	960 - Street, other	САМР
2020-03- 19 13:23:50	12	3141 CERMAK RD	60623	111 - Building fire	0 - Still Alarm Response	564 - Laundry, dry cleaning	HOMELESS
2020-04- 12 00:25:20	10	10354 103RD ST	60617	111 - Building fire	0 - Still Alarm Response	881 - Parking garage, (detached residential garage)	САМР

2020-05- 02 02:41:56	16	5115 PAULINA ST	60609	111 - Building fire	0 - Still Alarm Response	419 - One or two family dwelling	HOMELESS
2020-05- 03 05:32:14	26	DIVISION ST	60651	122 - Fire in motor home, camper, RV used as a fixed residence	0 - Still Alarm Response	960 - Street, other	САМР
2020-06- 24 22:24:30	14	5252 ARCHER AVE	60632	in motor home, camper, RV used as a fixed residence	0 - Still Alarm Response	936 - Vacant lot	САМР
2020-09- 22 01:37:02	33	ROCKWELL ST	60618	142 - Brush or brush- and- grass mixture fire	0 - Still Alarm Response	931 - Open land or field	САМР



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ID#: 59-15 PSA

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Tunney asked for the personnel dollar amount that was transferred from CFD to PSA.

Below, please find the list of Public Safety Administration (PSA) positions that were formerly in the Fire Department. All position moves were made in the 2020 Budget.

CFD TO PSA POSITION AND SALARY MOVEMENT					
TITLE (FULL TIME)	SALARY	DIVISION			
Director of Research and Planning	\$ 105,756	Office of Fire Commissioner			
Senior Programmer/Analyst	\$ 80,628	Office of Fire Commissioner			
Chief Voucher Expediter	\$ 72,372	Finance/Payroll			
Clerk IV	\$ 60,744	Finance/Payroll			
Contracts Coordinator	\$ 72,024	Finance/Payroll			
Administrative Assistant II	\$ 73,104	Finance/Payroll			
Accounting Technician II	\$ 73,104	Finance/Payroll			

Field Payroll Auditor	\$ 60,108	Finance/Payroll
Field Payroll Auditor	\$ 69,780	Finance/Payroll
Field Payroll Auditor	\$ 73,068	Finance/Payroll
Field Payroll Auditor	\$ 80,196	Finance/Payroll
Field Payroll Auditor	\$ 83,988	Finance/Payroll
Field Payroll Auditor	\$ 88,008	Finance/Payroll
Finance Officer	\$ 105,108	Finance/Payroll
Payroll Administrator - Excluded	\$ 115,656	Finance/Payroll
Director of Finance	\$ 122,772	Finance/Payroll
Assistant Director of Finance	\$ 96,696	Finance/Payroll
Assistant Payroll Administrator	\$ 67,800	Finance/Payroll
Accountant IV	\$ 105,108	Finance/Payroll
Deputy Commissioner	\$ 145,428	Personnel
Assistant Director of Personnel Services	\$ 110,052	Personnel
Nurse Practitioner	\$ 83,196	Personnel
Nurse Practitioner	\$ 96,384	Personnel
Nurse Practitioner	\$ 96,384	Personnel
Occupational Health Nurse	\$ 92,736	Personnel
Medical Director	\$ 152,736	Personnel
Administrative Services Officer II	\$ 63,660	Personnel
Administrative Services Officer I	\$ 80,232	Personnel
Administrative Services Officer I	\$ 80,232	Personnel
Principal Programmer/Analyst	\$ 113,652	Personnel

Clerk IV	\$ 40,020	Personnel
Clerk IV	\$ 73,104	Personnel
Staff Assistant	\$ 52,848	Personnel
Staff Assistant	\$ 52,848	Personnel
Administrative Assistant III	\$ 48,168	Personnel
Administrative Assistant III	\$ 63,828	Personnel
Programmer/Analyst	\$ 96,360	Administration
Administrative Assistant III	\$ 76,584	Administration
TOTAL POSITONS	\$ 3,373,668	
TITLE (PART-TIME)	WAGE	DIVISION
Stores Laborer	\$42.72H	Equipment/Supplies
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ID#: 59-16 Fire Incidents

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Taylor and Alderman La Spata asked how many fires to date in 2020.

As of October 28, 2020, a total of 10,090 fire incidents have occurred. Details of the incidents are listed below:

Type of Incident	Total Fires
100 - Fire, other	1030
111 - Building fire	929
112 - Fires in structure other than in a building	149
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1482
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	31
115 - Incinerator overload or malfunction, fire confined	13
116 - Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	28
117 - Commercial Compactor fire, confined to rubbish	13
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	2255
120 - Fire in mobile prop. used as a fixed struc., other	4
122 - Fire in motor home, camper, RV used as a fixed	
residence	2
123 - Fire in portable building, fixed location	4

130 - Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	352
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1446
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	56
133 - Rail vehicle fire	8
134 - Water vehicle fire	2
136 - Self-propelled motor home or recreational vehicle fire	1
138 - Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	3
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	35
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	8
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	112
143 - Grass fire	69
150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	632
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1188
152 - Garbage dump or sanitary landfill fire	6
153 - Construction or demolition landfill fire	2
154 - Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	142
155 - Outside stationary compactor/compacted trash fire	3
160 - Special outside fire, other	44
161 - Outside storage fire	4
162 - Outside equipment fire	31
163 - Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion	3
170 - Cultivated vegetation, crop fire, other	2
173 - Cultivated trees or nursery stock fire	1
Grand Total	10,090



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ID#: 59-17 Personnel

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Taylor asked for a breakdown in firefighter and paramedic positions in the 2021 budget.

The breakdown for all firefighter and paramedic titles budget for 2021 are shown below:

Firefighter Rank				
8728	Firefighter - Paramedic	257		
8730	Firefighter - Assigned as Training Instructor	1		
8731	Firefighter	305		
8741	Firefighter - EMT Assigned as Training Instructor	1		
8771	Firefighter - Per Arbitrators Award	2		
8801	Firefighter - EMT	1433		
8802	Firefighter - EMT - Recruit	595		
8819	Firefighter - Per Arbitrators Award - Paramedic	42		
8820	Firefighter - Per Arbitrators Award - EMT	40		
7	TOTAL BUDGETED FIREFIGHTERS 2021	2676		
	Paramedic Rank			
8703	Fire Paramedic - Assigned as Instructor	1		
8750	Paramedic	399		
8751	Paramedic - Per Judgement	3		

TOTAL BUDGETED PARAMEDICS 2021

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ID#: 59-18 Therapy Response

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Chairwoman Dowell asked about CFD's outsource therapy for their members.

The Chicago Fire Department provides the Employee Assistance Program, administered by the Personnel Division, to support CFD personnel and their families. The program provides CFD personnel and their families with a confidential means of finding solutions to a variety of work-related problems.

The staff consists of the following licensed clinical professional counselors:

- Director
- Clinical Professional Counselor
- Social Worker (volunteer)
 - Provides in-office support 2 days per week

The department also provides the following services:

- Short-term counseling for members and their household family
- Referrals for substance abuse treatments, both in-patient and all other levels of care
- Psychiatric assessments
- Professional therapy
- Training from our Department with each promotional and candidate classes
- Peer support training
- Outreach to members after difficult incidents

In addition, the following vendors are utilized to outsources additional support:

- Guildhaus
- Labor Assistance Professionals
- Rosecrance, Inc.



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ID#: 59-19 Firefighters

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2020 to discuss the proposed 2021 budget.

Alderman Ervin asked for total cost of a firefighter in his or her first year of employment.

Salary	\$62,160
Duty Availability	\$3,800
Holiday Pay	\$2,287
Physical Fitness	\$450
Uniform Allowance	\$1,400
Bunker Gear Cost (2 Sets)	\$3,660
Personal Protective Equipment	\$623
Bunker Gear and PPE Cleaning	\$1,066
Total	\$75,446
Fringe	\$93,675
Total with Fringe	\$169,121