

Response to Questions on the FY 2013 Budget

Request By: Supervisor Cook

Question: What is the average number of paramedics on duty during each shift? How does that number compare with each of the five prior fiscal years?

Response: The average number of paramedics on shift has remained consistent over the previous five fiscal years with the exception of an increase when the EMS Redesign was implemented starting in FY 2009. The previous EMS delivery model required 94 paramedics to staff 70 units while the current system requires 101 paramedics daily to staff 87 units.

It should be noted that a commensurate decrease in other firefighting personnel accompanied the increase in the number of paramedics in FY 2009 and FY 2010 based on the redefinition of the EMS model.

FRD Daily Average of Paramedics on Duty*

FY 2012	FY2011	FY2010	FY2009	FY2008	FY2007
101	101	101	97	94	94

**Paramedic figures are included in the Daily Field Staffing Levels chart included in the response to the question on the previous page.*