

Response to Questions on the FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan

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Question: For the four stations that we have proposed eliminating the BLS units – what is the call volume for the period from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the call volume from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Response: The transport units identified for reduction respond to over 7,000 calls annually. Removal of these units will accelerate an already declining response time and negatively impact the ability to provide pre-hospital medical services. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards require Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to provide an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) within five minutes, so that at least 20 percent of patients in cardiac arrest arrive at the hospital with a pulse. Under the current configuration FRD only meets this standard 59.5 percent of the time.

Transport Unit	Time 0700 - 1900	Time 1900 - 0700	Total Number of Calls	Positions
A408 – Annandale	1,359	707	2,066	6
A409 – Mount Vernon	1,106	618	1,724	6
A410 – Bailey’s Crossroads	1,138	629	1,767	6
A411 – Penn Daw	1,015	638	1,653	6
TOTAL			7,210	24