



FY26 BUDGET HEARING

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2024 OVERVIEW

FY26 BUDGET













Alternative Response Model Pt Encounters



Uniformed Personnel

Personnel FY26 Budget Hearing



IMPROVED RETENTION

35%

Drop in Non-Retirement Uniformed Attrition 2024



AVERAGE YEARS OF SERVICE FOR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP BY RANK

EMT	8
LIEUTENANT	21
PARAMEDIC	19
CAPTAIN	25
COMMAND RANKS	25+
NON-UNIFORMED	14

We make Emergency Medical Service a Career

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ENHANCED RECRUITMENT

98

Uniformed Cadets & EMTs hired in 2024;

36% increase in new hires from 2023

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

- Mobile Integrated Healthcare ED Avoidance
- 9-1-1 Call transfer to TeleBEST
 - Offered 24/7
 - 106 transfers in 2024
- Alternative Response Model
 - Expanded from 2 to 4 units in December 2024
 - 1,158 Patient Encounters in 2024

MITIGATING IMPACT OF CARNEY CLOSURE

- Added 24-hr ambulance to Dorchester with approved FY25 FTEs
- Ensured response times did not increase

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SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

 Community Assistance Team (Squad 80), two EMT squad, can now administer Suboxone and transport patients to substance use disorder urgent care sites

LANGUAGE ACCESS

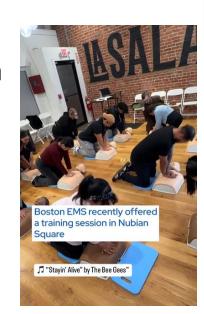
- All patient care report tablets now able to connect with live translator by video or phone.
- 100 members provided Duolingo accounts

ROADWAY SAFETY

 Boston EMS roadway crash data is used to inform improvement & validate impact

COMMUNITY CPR

 Expanding CPR education in partnership with schools & community groups.





OPERATIONS FY26 BUDGET HEARING



FACILITIES

South Boston Seaport Station

COMMUNICATIONS

Radio Infrastructure

SYSTEMS

Investing in systems to improve compliance & efficiencies

AMBULANCES

Modifications based on crew input



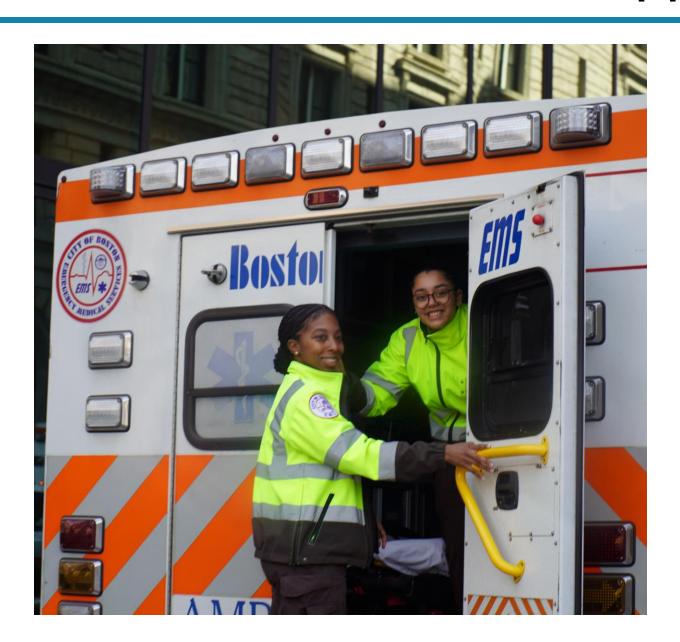
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	FY25 Budget	FY26 Budget	Delta	Percentage
REVENUE	\$41,208,575	\$41,208,575		0.0%
Personnel	\$73,411,489	\$74,966,145	\$1,554,656	2.1%
Non-Personnel	\$11,403,329	\$11,839,610	\$436,281	3.8%
TOTAL	\$84,814,818	\$86,805,755	\$1,990,937	2.3%
CITY Subsidy	\$43,606,243	\$45,597,180	\$1,990,937	4.6%

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Thank you to the members of Boston EMS who continue to rise to the challenge and meet the needs of the City of Boston and its residents every day.