

**Subject: FIR- Incident Responses**

**FY 2022 Proposed Budget  
Budget Work Session Follow-up**

**4/1/2021**

The following information is provided in response to a request made by Mr. Karantonis at the work session on 3/2/2021, regarding the following question:

On the proposed budget page 379, why is the Fire Department estimating less fire incident responses in FY 2021 and FY 2022 when compared to previous years?

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Fire incidents are computer aided dispatch (CAD) call types that indicate a specific type of response including structure fires, outside fires, vehicle fires, carbon monoxide incidents, gas leaks, fire alarms, and fire investigations. The Fire Department takes many measures to reduce fire incidents including:

- Operation Fire Safe – voluntary residential inspection program with smoke/fire alarm checks and installation;
- Fire code inspection and enforcement;
- Commercial building fire system testing;
- Public education; and
- Fire investigations – arson mitigation and juvenile fire setting diversions.

As shown in the table on [budget page 379](#) and pasted below, fire incident responses increased in 2018 involved dispatches for fire alarms sounding, structure fires, wires down, and outside natural gas leaks. The preceding and following years were consistently lower.

The Fire Department aims to have a reduction in fire incident responses by continuing effective commercial inspections and residential education initiatives. The estimates for FY 2021 and FY 2022 (6,600) are consistent with the Department’s goal to reduce these incidents. The Fire Department will continue to monitor and report any emergency service trends and actions to mitigate risk.

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| <b>Supporting Measures</b> | <b>FY 2017<br/>Actual</b> | <b>FY 2018<br/>Actual</b> | <b>FY 2019<br/>Actual</b> | <b>FY 2020<br/>Actual</b> | <b>FY 2021<br/>Estimate</b> | <b>FY 2022<br/>Estimate</b> |
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| Fire incident responses    | 6,842                     | 7,107                     | 6,929                     | 6,974                     | 6,600                       | 6,600                       |