

# City of Stamford

## Stamford EMS

### FY 2019-20

### BOR Fiscal Committee

### Budget Presentation





# Introduction

**Mission: To provide the residents of the City of Stamford with high quality professional emergency medical services, including advanced life support services, and to promote the general awareness of the services available to them. To treat each patient, co-worker and volunteer in a professional, courteous and compassionate manner. To render treatment to all patients as prescribed and directed by the Medical Control Authority and the State of Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services. To never deny any person treatment because of their inability to pay for services rendered. To promote volunteering as an important source of community contact and service. To provide interested volunteers a place of training and development for entering the EMS profession. To operate its business in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation and any governing laws of the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services.**

| Programs            | Services Provided  |
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| Critical & Mandated | Providing Emergency Medical Services including Advanced and Basic Life Support to community members experiencing medical emergencies.  |
| Other               | As an American Heart Association training center we provide instruction to designated health care providers and the general public in CPR, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support and other related classes. |



# ***Department Management***

## ***Key Program/Department Challenges***

- Dramatic increase in insurance costs, including healthcare, worker's compensation and general liability.
- State of Connecticut changes to paramedic licensing and EMT certification.

## ***Budget Scenarios***

- Line items within our control are negligible. Most of our costs are fixed and we negotiate with a union for wages and benefits.
- Additional funding sustains our current operations including staffing and response levels. Any additional funding beyond our request would be used for expanded training.
- A decrease in funding would require cutting staff. This would negatively impact our ability to respond.



# ***This is what is coming***

## ***Major changes planned for the department***

- Medicare is creating a pilot program (ET3) to allow for reimbursement to EMS services for alternative care. That care includes Telehealth and transportation to alternative health care providers.
- Look for ways to reduce insurance costs.
- Increased fundraising efforts to allow us to purchase and maintain state of the art medical equipment.