



BERKLEY FIRE & RESCUE

FY 2025

BUDGET REQUEST



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BERKLEY, MA 02779

TOWN OF BERKLEY MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE



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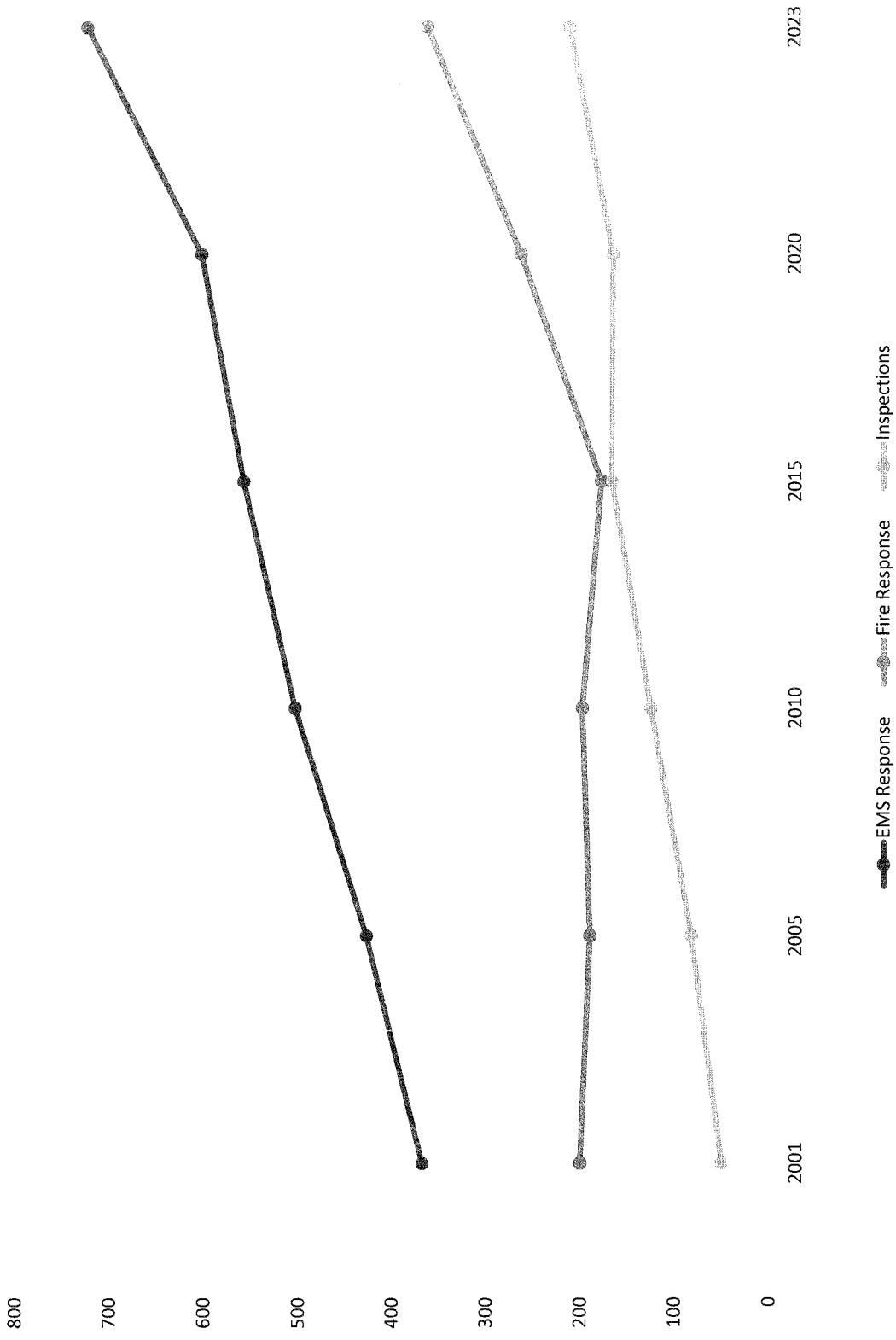
Mr. Town Administrator; provided within is the proposed FY 2025 budgets for Fire, EMS & Public Safety. Increases have been held to the bare minimum. As you know we are asking for 2 more Fulltime FF's to the tune of \$100,000 and change.

The 20-year response graph which we update yearly shows that our volume is ever increasing. As material things & maintenance cost grow, it is increasingly harder to operate departments such as these with constraining budgets. A closer look at these will show you the line items that need to be increased and the ones that do not.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Scott Fournier, Chief of Department

Berkley Fire & Rescue 20 Year Response Total



EMS Explanation

- Salaries- Permanent \$450,000 up about \$150,000 from last year. This is an estimate as Union negotiations are underway as we speak and includes 2 New Fulltime.
- Salaries- Executive Assistant \$43,800 up as follows the 2024 Non-Union pay grid.
- Salaries- Call EMT, this will be level funded but when we hire the 2 new EMT's, we can cut perhaps as much as 20% of this line item.
- Salaries- Overtime- Up \$6,000 as the new hires are using up more & more of their education hours.
- Clothing Allowance- This includes the 2 new hires.
- Con-ED- Same
- R&M- Equipment- New monitors up \$3,700 maintenance and care \$4,000.
- R&M- Vehicles- Up \$2,000 cost are up.
- Safety-Same
- Cell Phones- Up \$1,200 to include 2 new fulltime.
- Training & Testing- Same
- Liability- Same
- Office Supplies-Same
- Outside Services- Same
- Data processing- Up about \$3,000 to include Prodigy Educational Platform.
- Medical Surgical Supplies- Up \$2,000 because of cost, not sure it's enough.
- Dues/Subscription/Membership- Same
- Additional Equipment- Same

ORG CODE/ID AND OBJECT CO		DESCRIPTION	Request		Budget		Budget		Request		Budget		Request		Budget		Request	
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT																	
220	5105112	SALARIES - FIRE CHIEF	\$	49,750	\$	103,500	\$	108,500		15.21%		\$16,500	\$					125,000
220		SALARIES- PERMANENT POSITIONS	\$	-	\$	-						\$0						
220	5105120	SALARIES-TEMPORARY-CALLMEN	\$	42,388	\$	43,888	\$	58,888		1.89%		\$1,112	\$					60,000
220	5105150	SALARIES-HOLIDAY	\$	3,847	\$	4,060	\$	4,362		32.28%		\$1,408	\$					5,770
220	5105156	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$	4,000	\$	3,500	\$	3,500		0.00%		\$0	\$					3,500
220	5705244	R. & M.- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	11,000		9.09%		\$1,000	\$					12,000
220	5705243	INSPECTIONS	\$	2,500	\$	-	\$	-				\$0						
220	5705242	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	5,000		0.00%		\$0	\$					5,000
220	5705243	R. & M. VEHICLES	\$	16,000	\$	22,500	\$	25,500		1.96%		\$500	\$					26,000
220	5705240	R. & M.- EQUIPMENT/RADIOS	\$	2,000	\$	2,500	\$	2,500		0.00%		\$0	\$					2,500
220	5705275	DATA PROCESSING	\$	1,500	\$	2,000	\$	2,000		600.00%		\$12,000	\$					14,000
220	5705240	RADIO LICENSING	\$	560	\$	560	\$	560		0.00%		\$0	\$					560
220	5705423	MEDICAL EXAMS	\$	2,850	\$	2,850	\$	2,850		5.26%		\$150	\$					3,000
220	5705715	TRAINING/CPR/1ST-AID	\$	500	\$	500	\$	800		25.00%		\$200	\$					1,000
220	5705491	OUTSIDE SERVICES	\$	12,123	\$	13,000	\$	13,000		0.00%		\$0	\$					13,000
220	5705420	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	3,200	\$	3,200	\$	3,200		0.00%		\$0	\$					3,200
220	5705731	E.M.A. DEPARTMENT	\$	1,500	\$	2,000	\$	2,500		0.00%		\$0	\$					2,500
220	5705731	DUES/SUBSCRIPTION/MEMBERSHIP	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,500		20.00%		\$500	\$					3,000
220	5705855	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	\$	9,000	\$	9,000	\$	9,000		22.22%		\$2,000	\$					11,000
220		BOX ALARM MAINTENANCE	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000		0.00%		\$0	\$					1,000
		Self Contained Breathing Apparatus					\$	100,000		-100.00%		-\$100,000						
TOTAL	FIRE DEPARTMENT		\$	169,718	\$	231,058	\$	356,660		-18.12%		-\$64,630	\$					292,030

Fire Explanation

- Fire Chief Salary- Up as negotiated this number is estimated.
- Salary Call fire- Up to cover necessary increases.
- Salary Holiday- To match anticipated contract negotiation.
- Clothing Allowance- Same
- R&M Building & Grounds- Up \$1,000 just to cover added price cost increase.
- R&M Vehicles- Up only \$500 as we will be good unless something catastrophic happens.
- R&M Equipment/Radios- Same.
- Data Processing- Up to \$12,000 as this will allow Fire to combine our data with the Police system.
- Radio Licensing- Same.
- Medical Exams- HRD & Preemployment physicals have gone up to over \$500 per person.
- Training/CPR/First Aid- Up \$200 to cover necessary cost increases.
- Outside Services- Same.
- Office Supplies- Same.
- EMA- Up \$500 for necessary price increases.
- Dues- Up \$500 due to the current cost increase in this world.
- Additional Equipment- Up \$2,000 as material things are up 20-40% today. Currently the \$11,000 will only replace 3 sets of our gear.

	250	PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING												
	250	5705211	TMLP		\$	20,769	\$	22,561	\$	23,000	13.04%	\$	26,000	
	250	5705700	WATER		\$	585	\$	977	\$	1,000	0.00%	\$	1,000	
	250	5705700	R. & M.- BUILDINGS & GR		\$	8,500	\$	10,000	\$	12,000	16.67%	\$	14,000	
	250	5705700	BOILER INSPECTION		\$	50	\$	50	\$	100	0.00%	\$	100	
	250	5705700	R. & M.- GARAGE DOORS		\$	2,500	\$	2,500	\$	2,500	60.00%	\$	4,000	
	250	5705700	R. & M. EMERGENCY REP		\$	2,500	\$	2,500	\$	2,500	20.00%	\$	3,000	
	250	5705700	R. & M.- GENERATOR		\$	1,274	\$	1,274	\$	1,500	0.00%	\$	1,500	
	250	5705700	HEATING SYSTEM		\$	350	\$	350	\$	1,000	0.00%	\$	1,000	
	250	5705700	SNOW & ICE		\$	650	\$	650	\$	1,000	0.00%	\$	1,000	
	250	5705700	R. & M.- FIRE EXTINGUISH		\$	390	\$	322	\$	1,000	0.00%	\$	1,000	
	250	5705207	CLEANING & MAINT.		\$	18,400	\$	18,400	\$	10,500	4.76%	\$	11,000	
	250	5705700	SEPTIC		\$	465	\$	465	\$	1,000	0.00%	\$	1,000	
	250	5705700	WATER INSPECTION		\$	150	\$	150	\$	250	0.00%	\$	250	
	250	5705342	TELEPHONE & INTERNET		\$	5,856	\$	5,906	\$	6,500	7.69%	\$	7,000	
	250	5705700	Shared Resources						\$	3,000	116.67%	\$	6,500	
	250	5705700	PROPANE		\$	150	\$	150	\$	300	0.00%	\$	300	
	250	5705700	PHONE BACK-UP		\$	396	\$	396	\$	500	0.00%	\$	500	
	250	5705700	OTHER SUPPLIES		\$	588	\$	588	\$	750	0.00%	\$	750	
			Station Renovation and Repair						\$	200,000	-100.00%			
	250	5705850	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT		\$	6,000	\$	6,000	\$	6,000	0.00%	\$	6,000	
Public S	TOTAL	PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING				\$	69,573	\$	73,239	\$	274,400	-68.70%	\$	85,900

Public Safety Explanation

- TMLP- Up \$3,000 this is just a guess as of Jan 1st we have spent \$14,5000.
- Water- Same.
- R&M Building & Grounds- Up a little for necessary cost increases.
- Boiler- Same.
- R&M Garage Doors- Up in order to cover necessary cost increases. We have recently spent \$4,500 on 1 door.
- R&M Emergency Repair- Slight increase.
- R&M Generator- Same.
- Heating- Same.
- Snow & Ice- Same.
- R&M Fire Ext-Same.
- Cleaning & Maintenance- As you know, we decreased this budget by \$8,000 last year. We need another \$500 to make this budget work properly.
- Septic- Same.
- Water Inspection- Same.
- Telephone & Internet- Slight increase.
- Shared Resources- This budget pays for the items that both Police & Fire use jointly. This was started last year as was the shared Marine division. The actual cost of the boat is what this increase is.
- Propane- Same.
- Phone Backup- Same.
- Other Supplies- Same.
- Additional Equipment- Same.

**TOWN OF BERKLEY
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST FORM**

Department	Dept Priority Ranking	Tracking Number (Optional)	Brief Description of Item	Initial Fiscal Year of Request	F-Y 24	F-Y 25	F-Y 26	F-Y 27	F-Y 28	Total
Fire	1	Received	Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	FY2016	350,000					\$350,000
Fire	2	Received	Pickup Paramedic Unit	FY2021	\$75,000					\$75,000
Fire	3	1	Fire Alarm Station #2	FY2020	\$22,000					\$22,000
Fire	2	2	Replace Tanker #2	FY2018		\$500,000				\$500,000
Fire	3	Received	Command Vehicle	FY2025		\$72,000				\$72,000
Fire	4	4	Hazardous Gas Meters	FY2019		\$20,000				\$20,000
Fire	1	1	Extrication Equipment (Jaws of Life)	FY2018			\$75,000			\$75,000
Fire	2	2	2nd Set of Gear- For all Firefighters	FY2021			\$160,000			\$160,000
Fire	3	3	Replace Squad #1	FY2026			\$85,000			\$85,000
Fire	4	Received	Update Hoses & Nozzles	FY2026			\$30,000			\$30,000
Fire	1	1	Replace Engine #3	FY2027				\$850,000		\$850,000
Fire	2	2	New Computer Network	FY2027				\$50,000		\$50,000
Fire	1	1	Replace Existing Mobile (Truck) &	FY2028					\$450,000	\$450,000
Fire	2	2	Mini Pumper/Forestry Unit Combo	FY2028					\$350,000	\$350,000
					\$447,000	\$592,000	\$350,000	\$900,000	\$800,000	\$3,159,000

Fire/EMS Capital Explanation

- SCBA- We received a grant backed up by \$100,000 from the town grants.
- Purchased Pick Up- Purchased with grants funds.
- Station 2 Fire Alarm- \$25,000- We have several million dollars in that building, it should be protected. It has been on the list for several years now.
- Replace Tanker 2- It has been on the list for several years. We have applied for the AFG grant again. Hope we get it. Tanker 2 is a 1983.
- Command Vehicle- Got through grants.
- Gas Meters- Need to be updated.
- Extrication Equipment (Jaws of Life)- \$100,000- Ours are from 1980.
- Second Set of Gear for FF'S- It's a big problem in our industry. All of our members have 1 set of complaint gear. Its recommended each have two sets to facilitate proper rotation and cleaning.
- Replace Squad 1- It is a 2011 and we use it for snow plowing, equipment pickup, delivery, fire academy inspections etc.
- Update Hose & Nozzles- Applied for a grant and we are hopeful.
- Replace E-3- It's a 1989 Model. We use it daily for still alarms and on duty staff.
- New Computer Network- Ours is years of hodge podge.
- Replace Existing Mobile & Portable Radio's- We got a grant for dispatch and antennas and stationary radios. Now we need to update the small stuff, its mostly 30 years old + or -. Again, we have applied for a grant.
- Mini Pumper/Forestry Unit Combo- This unit will replace an 1995 vehicle that was donated to Berkley from the Town of Medway.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST FORM

Department	Dept Priority Ranking	Tracking Number (optional)	Brief Description of Item	Initial Fiscal Year of Request	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Total
Public Safety Bldg	1		Municipal Alarm Upgrade	FY2017	\$110,000				\$110,000
Public Safety Bldg	2		Kitchen Refurb	FY2018	\$50,000				\$50,000
					\$160,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$160,000

Public Safety Capital Explanation

- Municipal Alarm Upgrade- \$110,000. We monitor the fire alarms for all town properties and many town businesses. The unit in dispatch has served the Town for 26 years and no longer is serviceable (parts are no longer available).
- Kitchen Refurb- \$50,000. The Public Safety Kitchen is in use 24/7/365 by Police/Fire/EMS/EMA. It is from 1997 and needs love.