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To: Council Member Latisha Johnson
District 4 Council Member

From:  Charles Simms, Executive Fire Commissioner
Detroit Fire Department

Date: April 5, 2024

Re: Responses to Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget

Please find below responses to your questions dated March 14, 2024 regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget for the Fire Department.

- 1. Please provide a breakdown of how the proposed \$19.4M will be used to support EMT ambulance service. What oversight does the Fire Department have over contracted ambulance services?**

The majority of the \$19.4M is allotted for 92 EMS FTE (\$12M) and Professional & Contractual Services (\$7M), which includes a \$1.7M contract for emergency ambulance services. The Fire Department has complete oversight of the contracted ambulances including dispatching to incidents and ensuring they adhere to all DFD's protocols, procedures and expectations.

- 2. Please describe the health and wellness programs provided to employees. What services are provided to support them?**

The Department provides multiple health and wellness programs for its employees. The Personal Guidance Unit has three clinical therapists who provide mental health counseling services. The Peer Support volunteers offer peer-to-peer support. The DFD chaplains provide spiritual support. Employee Well-being Services offers 24-hour, confidential support through Health Management Systems of America (HMSA). Employee Well-being Services can provide support with the following concerns: emotional, family, relationships, workplace conflict, substance abuse, financial and legal services. DFD provides monthly newsletters and webinars that focus on various well-being topics.

- 3. District 4 residents have expressed that many of the fire hydrants are in disrepair. What is the plan to ensure that all of the fire hydrants in the City of Detroit are functional?**

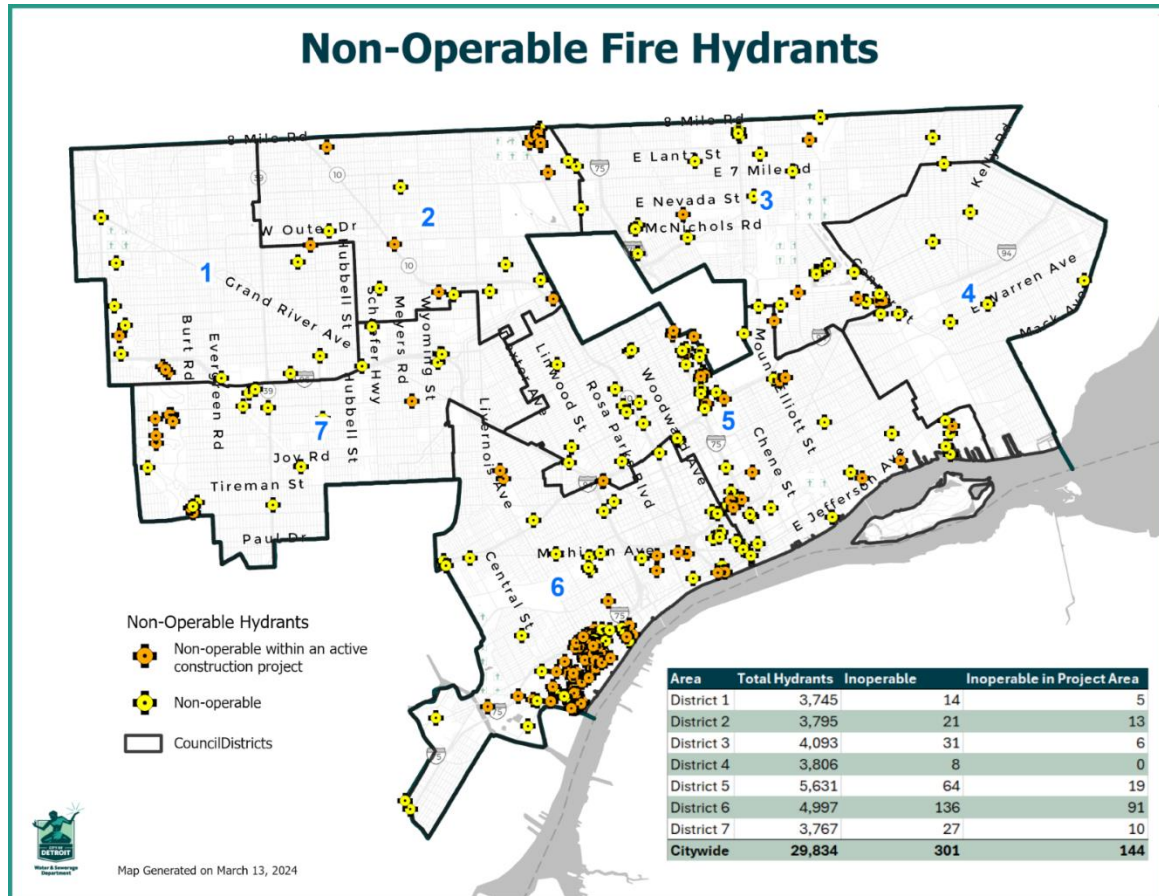
The Department works collaboratively with Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) to ensure fire hydrants are operable. We notify DWSD when one is inoperable, via the hydrant mobile app.

Once DWSD receives the notification, they expeditiously repair the hydrant.



Currently, there are 29,836 hydrants in Detroit with roughly 155 (0.52%) of them being inoperable. Specifically, in District 4, there are 8 (0.21%) inoperable hydrants out of 3,806 hydrants.

Map of inoperable fire hydrants in the city:



4. When repairs/work is being made on firehouses/stations, what considerations are being given to implementing GSI? Is GSI something the department is willing to consider/implement going forward where possible?

We don't believe considerations were given to implement Green Storm Infrastructure (GSI) in past repairs/work. However, the Department will consider implementing it going forward, where possible.

Approved:

CHARLES SIMMS
Executive Fire Commissioner
Detroit Fire Department