



Proposed Fire Department Staffing Additions

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2016 City Council Goal

Prepare a fiscal year-end report on the status of and plans for staffing in the Fire Department

Cathedral City F.D. has 30 Firefighters (F.F.'s)

[3 stations] 10 on-duty each day

- 4 are F.F./EMT's
- 26 are F.F./Paramedics

Cathedral City F.D. provides ambulance services
(2 F.F./Paramedics on each ambulance)



Comparison of Neighboring F.D.'s

Palm Springs F.D. has 48 Firefighters [5 stations]

16 on-duty each day

- 25 are F.F./EMT's
- 23 are F.F./Paramedics
- AMR provides ambulance services
(1 Paramedic and 1 EMT on each ambulance)



Comparison of Neighboring F.D.'s

Rancho Mirage F.D. has 27 Firefighters [2 stations]
9 on-duty each day

- 9 are F.F./EMT's
- 18 are F.F./Paramedics
- Rancho Mirage F.D. provides ambulance services (2 F.F./Paramedics on each ambulance)



Revenues from Medical Cannabis Industry

- Enough businesses have now been permitted to be able to prepare a conservative revenue estimate
- Staff estimates that within three years revenues will exceed \$3.0 million annually



Fire Staffing Proposal

- Three Firefighter/EMT positions are proposed to provide a three person response unit at our busiest station (Ramon Rd. & Desert Vista Rd.)
- Cost is \$157,532. for the remainder of FY17
- Total full-year cost is \$315,063.



Fire Staffing Option

- Option: Three Firefighter/Paramedic positions
- Cost is \$175,251. for the remainder of FY17
- Total full-year cost is \$350,502.
- The annual cost is \$35,439. LESS for Three (3) F.F. / EMT positions



Recommendation Summary

<u>Positions Recommended</u>	<u>FY 16-17 Half-year Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Full-year Cost</u>
F.F. / EMT (3 FTE)	\$157,532.	\$315,063.

Option:

F.F. / Paramedic (3 FTE)	\$175,251.	\$350,502.
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Total FY 16-17 Budget Amendment

\$157,532. or \$175,251.

