

Raleigh Fire Department Budget Notes, 1949-1961

Introduction

These are excerpts from City of Raleigh budget documents for fiscal years ending June 30 for their respective years. Some annotations are included, to provide context or explanation, and even ask a couple questions. Notable findings from the documents:

- **Apparatus.** New and replacement rigs were often requested, and subsequently cut. The need to replace the 1939/1916 aerial ladder was recognized years before its replacement arrived in 1958. Same for a second aerial ladder, for Station 5. Plus either expanding or rebuilding Station 5 to accommodate two companies. Second service trucks and squad trucks were requested, but never approved.
- **Assistant Chief, Second.** That position was approved in the 1952-53 budget. The fire department previously had a second Assistant Chief from the 1920s through the late 1940s.
- **Black firefighters.** They are mentioned by the City Manager in the 1952-53 budget, and in the context of adding a company of black firefighters. This likely followed the lead of Winston-Salem, which added such a company in 1951. Another ten years passed before Raleigh hired its first black firefighters in 1963. Other cities adding black firefighters at that time included Durham in 1958, and Greensboro in 1961.
- **Bunker suits.** They were approved in the 1949-50 budget year. Don't know if these were the first for the department, as "globe suits" were earlier purchased for personnel.
- **Fire Prevention Bureau.** It was formed in 1949, but wasn't established as a separate city department in the budget until the 1950-51 budget year.
- **Helmets.** They were approved in the 1950-51 budget year, and are likely the first helmets for the modern department. Until that time, personnel wore dress caps on scene.
- **Junior Captains.** That was a rank listed in the 1949-50 budget year. Need to research that rank, and when it ended.
- **Pick-up truck.** It was approved in the 1953-54 budget year. Previously, materials and equipment were hauled using either a chief's car or on apparatus. Photos from a prior decade show beds moved in the back of pumpers, for example.
- **Uniforms.** They were changed to gray washable wear following purchase approval in the 1951-52 budget year. Personnel previously wore dress blues, which were retained for formal occasion.

Context

Calendar Year	City Population	City Size	Fire Calls	Fire Stations	Fire Chief	Personnel	Budget
1949			698	5	Lloyd	67	\$192,095
1950	65,679	10.88	911	6	Lloyd	63	\$213,689
1951			940	6	Lloyd	82	\$319,340
1952			1,154	6	Lloyd	80	\$296,770
1953			1,036	6	Lloyd	89	\$373,405
1954			1,050	6	Lloyd	102	\$388,110
1955			956	6	L / K	102	\$402,455
1956			1,033	6	Keeter	112	\$456,668
1957			1,129	6	Keeter	123	\$501,226
1958			1,260	6	Keeter	123	\$535,896
1959			1,443	6	Keeter	123	\$576,055
1960	93,931	33.67	1,608	7	Keeter	123	\$573,923

1949-50

Budget Message:

We have been forced to reduce the recommendation of the Chief of the Fire Department by the amount of almost \$60,000. The Chief has asked for eighteen new men, but we have reduced this number to eight, which will be sufficient to operate a new pumper to be purchased to be put into operation later on.

[The eight personnel perhaps subsequently staffed the second engine company at Station 1, when the Dawson Street station opened in 1953?]

We have increased the appropriate for uniforms, for fire hose and nozzles as you can see, but have been forced to eliminate the amount requested for a new truck as included by the Chief of the Department. We do this, because under a bill approved by the Legislature, we will be permitted to purchase a new truck out of bond funds and put that into service this year. It is our hope that one piece of equipment can be purchased each year for five years until our firefighter equipment is brought up near to the standards that are being maintained by our neighboring cities.

Message from Chief:

You will note that I have recommended that the members of the Fire Department be given a increase in salary, which, after careful investigation, I find to be in keeping with other cities of like size, and which I feel to be well deserved. I have recommended that there be a 2nd Assistant Chief appointed. I also rec-

ommend that in order to induce the better class of men to apply for positions with this department that their first 90 days pay be \$180 per month, with \$200 per month for the following nine months, provided that the applicant qualifies. For the second year he will receive \$210 per month and the third year \$220, which will be top pay for privates until they qualify for drivers or officers. I have recommended that 18 additional men be employed, this is in order to bring the companies up to better fire fighting standards. This is not full companies as recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Personnel:

- A. B. Lloyd, Chief
- R. L. Matthews, 1st Asst. Chief
- To Be Appointed, 2nd Asst. Chief
- J. M. Burnette, Capt.
- R. C. Lassiter, Capt.
- J. P. Blake, Capt.
- C. L. Hayes, Capt.
- H. N. Sadler, Capt.
- J. G. Harrison, Capt.
- E. G. McGhee, Capt.
- J. B. Keeter, Capt.
- J. T. White, Capt.
- U. M. Ennis, Capt.
- D. L. Brannan, Capt.
- J. A. Poole, Capt.
- M. T. Parker, Mechanic
- T. D. Hall, Asst. Mechanic
- J. W. Godwin Jr., Jr. Capt.
- J. T. Honeycutt, Jr. Capt.
- J. C. Crabtree, Jr. Capt.
- O. Summers, Jr. Capt.
- V. G. Mims, Jr. Capt.
- J. R. Marshall, Private
- D. D. Collins, Driver
- J. S. Allen, Drive
- J. M. Hobby, Private
- B. A. Edwards, Driver
- C. E. Nunn, Driver
- M. E. Perry, Private
- W. E. Pollard, Driver
- L. Q. Godwin, Private
- V. J. Smith, Driver
- F. T. Pipkin, Driver
- J. W. Holmes, Private
- C. L. Wall, Driver
- E. C. Emory, Private
- J. E. Emory, Private
- C. R. Puryear, Driver
- H. S. Stephenson, Driver
- A. W. Watkins, Driver
- W. L. Mitchell, Private
- E. J. Alford, Private
- G. S. Harrison, Private
- J. E. Carroll, Private
- A. E. O'Neal, Driver
- H. B. Williams, Private
- R. T. Hamlet, Driver
- J. R. Foy, Private
- T. P. Clemens, Private
- W. L. Durden, Private
- W. B. Hamilton, Private
- J. W. Kirk, Private
- W. R. Mabrey, Private
- L. H. Reaves, Private
- J. C. Strickland, Private
- J. A. House, Private
- J. R. Shannon, Private
- V. H. Marshburn, Private
- F. H. Lee, Private
- R. R. High, Chief Te. Opr.
- Mrs. Celia Isaacs, Tel. Opr.
- Miss Irene Young, Tel. Opr.

Budget Notes:

Fire - 3160 - Clothing, Dry Goods - \$6,000 - Uniforms, shirts, bunker suits, books etc. for men already employed. [Approved]

Fire - 3160 - Clothing, Dry Goods - \$1,638 - Uniforms, shirts, bunker suits, boots, etc. for 18 new men. [Not approved]

Fire - 3160 - Clothing, Dry Goods - \$1,320 - Firemen's helmets. [Not approved]

Fire - 3190 - Chemicals & Drugs - \$150 - Fire foam, CO2, etc. [Approved]

Fire - Other equipment - 6180 - One windshield for No. Two engine - \$225. [Unknown if approved. The 1920s America LaFrance pumpers will still in service at this time, and windshields were added as they were not originally equipped with same.]

Fire - 6150 - \$1,500 - One 1/2 ton pickup truck (for mechanic use in hauling hose, batteries and gasoline)
[Not approved]

1950-51

Budget Message, Public Safety:

This is the one department of the City Government in which we have provided for quite an increase over the current year. You will notice that the estimates include about \$120,000 in these two departments. I think there is a real justification for the increase because we find that especially in the Fire Department that the underwriters are asking for a great many additional men. We have provided for a total of about eleven all together in this year and I think that by so doing the Insurance Rating Bureau will realize that we're making a real effort to comply with the result of their survey a year ago. We did not include additional pumpers because the City Council has indicated that they will ask for an additional piece of equipment in a later bond issue. If the requests submitted here are approved by the council and an extra piece of equipment is purchased and two new fire stations are provided during the year, we will have our Fire Department in very good condition.

You will note that we have set the Fire Department Budget up under three classifications: 1. The Administration, 2. The Inspection and Fire Prevention section, 3. The Fire Fighters section.

Three three sections each have their own work to do and I believe they will make our department more efficient and get more results. Our Fire Department losses for this year were less than for last year and I think a great deal of this can be attributed to the fact that we have building to building inspection and a regular course of training during the year. We hope for a better result in the future.

We need two new fire stations to replace No. 1 and No. 3. We already have the lots and council is working toward the construction of these buildings. I hope that they can be taken care of during the coming year.

We have quite a lot of money available for this purpose and the sale of the present two stations added to what we already have would go a long way toward helping us get these buildings.

The council during the past year has done a great deal in adding equipment to the fire department, but we must continue this for another two or three years before we have adequate equipment to take care of our needs.

Budget Comments:

At the present time the Fire Department is operating with 69 privates and supervisory officers. The underwriters specifically recommend 14 men for aerial truck, 14 men for No. 1 station, 12 men for No. 2 station, 12 men for No. 3 station, 10 men for No. 4 station, 10 men for No. 5 station and 20 men for No. 6

station; giving us a total of 92 men exclusive of the Fire Prevention Bureau composed of 3 men; a dispatcher, operator and clerk. There have been occasions where we have operated with three men to a pumper, which is absolutely inadequate and it has definitely been proven by concrete examples that they cannot operate as efficiently or as quickly if the pumpers were manned with at least five men.

We are now planning a new organization chart calling for three separate divisions in the Fire Department. Namely: Administration, Fire Fighting, and Fire Prevention. In as much as the duties of some of these men overlap, certainly for the present time the division of training cannot be set up as a separate function until some later date. However, we do feel that within the next six or eight months a separate division of training can be set up and function as it should. With these four anticipated divisions, administrative control and proper supervision will naturally make a more efficient department.

Under Administration you will note that we have asked for a second Assistant Chief. It is my opinion and of others who are experienced in fire fighting that in departments where there are over sixty men a second Assistant Chief is necessary. It should not be the required duties of the Chief of the Fire Department to actually fight fires. His duties are of an administrative and supervisory nature. At the present time, he is spending every day and every other night at the fire department, responding to all calls while on duty and to most of them when at home on his supposed to be 24 hours off duty. With a first and second Assistant Chief, their time could be divided into 24 hours on and 24 hours off, in order that the chief could be at home at night where he is supposed to be. In addition, this would give the chief more time to actually supervise from the standpoint of administrative control. At the present he has little or no time for this work or any time to devote to selling his department, meeting civic clubs, organizations, etc. and handling complaints of public relations and public service nature.

[The second Assistant Chief was not approved]

This [Fire Prevention] Bureau is very necessary to any fire department regardless of its size or the size of the city to be protected, of the number of citizens living in the city. This is especially true here in Raleigh where there has been previously a definite lack of concentrated efforts along the line of fire prevention and follow through on complaints and recommend a change in existing fire hazards so as to conform with both the local fire ordinance and the Underwriters Bureau. An ounce of prevention is worth 50 pounds of cure in so far as a fire is concerned. We confidently feel that we should be able to reduce our insurance rates, reduce the number of calls actually answered and reduce quite a few of the existing fire hazards in the city within the next six months.

This bureau with properly selected personnel is a big public relations gesture on our part. There have been several men trained in this work, forms printed and an office space allocated for this division. Inspections have been made previously but not regularly and no records kept with no follow-up, which, of course, will be required of this division. This division will be composed of a chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau with two junior captains as assistants, and will require the purchase of one additional car for routine inspection work.

The Fire Fighting Division is composed of 17 supervisors, one mechanic, one assistant mechanic, 19 drivers, 39 privates which will include 10 new men, one chief dispatcher and one telephone operator.

This number of men in fire fighting is divided between eight companies and the crash truck, and two shifts at each company, which will average approximately 4 men per company on each shift at the present time. This is not up to requirements of the Underwriters for cities of 50,000 and over. The crash truck will have two men to each shift.

I understand that a new fire truck will be bought with bond money, therefore it is not entered in the budget.

Budget Notes:

Fire Fighters - 2140 - Traveling Expenses - \$300 - Four men to N. C. Fireman Assoc. Conv. Four men to drill school. [\$150 approved]

Fire Fighters - 3160 - \$5312 - Uniforms, shirts, bunker suits, boots etc. for men already employed. [Approved]

Fire Fighters - 3160 - \$1205 - 73 helmets for men already employed. These helmets are considered essential for the men to give them as much protection as possible when combating fire and being in dangerous places. [Approved]

1951-52

Budget Message:

The total fire personnel with the exception of the secretary, switchboard operator amounts to 85. This provides for an addition of three men in this department.

The Fire Department has made noticeable strides in the last few years, both in equipment, personnel, and housing facilities. We are on the way towards the development of this central headquarters station. I feel that there is yet one item in the way of housing facilities which should be provided and which I had hoped to have an initial appropriation included in this budget. This is for the addition of a one company space to the No. 5 station. This initial appropriation had to be withdrawn in view of the insufficient funds. No provision has been made this year for the addition or replacement of equipment in so much as we now have two new fire pumpers on order.

I wish to state also that we are going to the gray washable uniforms for our fireman instead of the woolen blues, which will not only be a noticeable savings to the firemen for cleaning purposes, but will be a noticeable savings to the city in uniform cost. The firemen will continue to use the blues for dress occasions. In the light of the Fire Underwriter's Survey of a few years back, we still have some little distance to go in personnel and equipment before we are considered up to standard. I believe this process will be handled on a gradual basis and in the next few years accomplished.

The Bureau of Fire Prevention which was set up in the past year's budget is just now reaching its full range of operation. Already this new department has proven its value and we believe will be of even greater value in the prevention of fires as the property owners are fully informed as to their part in maintaining clean non-fire hazard premises.

Budget Notes:

Fire Fighters - 6150 - Motor Vehicles - \$4,600 - One rescue truck and equipment. [Approved]

Fire Fighters - 6180 - Other Equipment - \$6,000 - Hose dryer for 3-4-5-6 stations. [Approved]

1952-53**Budget Message:**

The Fire Fighting Personnel has been increased to 89 uniformed men and one secretary. This is an increase of 4 men over the previous year. In addition to this, provisions have been made for a pumping engine to be located at the new No. 1 Station. This will round off the equipment needs at the new No. 1 station that will enable it to respond to all fire district fires with a minimum of equipment movement from other stations and less traffic hazards. This fits in with the plan that we have been following. There are also provisions made for funds to provide furniture for the Central Station. An additional Assistant Chief has been provided as a need for this office is pronounced.

We have had under consideration the setting up of Negro Company and believe that this should be considered and kept in mind as the department develops. I could find no way in this budget to make the changeover at this time. I believe after the new Central Station is set up and the equipment is rearranged that such a company could very well fit into the department.

The Bureau of Fire Prevention will have an additional inspector added. This department is filling in need in the community and the addition is justified.

Budget Notes:

Fire Administration - 1000 - Asst. Chief & Drill Master - \$4,560 - This man is working to many hours. [\$4,440 approved]

Fire Administration - 1000 - Asst. Chief - \$4,260 - This Assistant Chief is badly needed. [\$4,440 approved]

Fire Fighters - 3140 - Fuels - \$3,000 - This will include the new #1 station. [Approved.]

Fire Fighters - 3270 - Other Materials - \$7,000 - Hose & nozzles. [\$6,000 approved.]

Fire Fighters - 6110 - Furniture & Fixtures - \$5,000 - This includes furniture fixtures for anticipated new No. 1 station. [Approved]

Fire Fighters - 6150 - Motor Vehicles - \$33,600 - \$4,600 carried over for rescue truck. This is for new aerial truck. [\$26,600 indicated as perhaps initially approved, but later removed. A replacement aerial apparatus was not purchased until 1958.]

Fire Fighters - 6180 - Other Equipment - \$3,930 - Two hose dryers and fire alarm equip. [Approved.]

Fire Fighters - 6210 - Bldgs. & Fixed Equip. - \$5,000 - Drill field (ext.) [Approved]

History Notes:

The fire department previously had a second Assistant Chief from at least 1926 to at least 1947. City directories list the position for those years.

1953-54**Budget Message:**

The fire fighting personnel is proposed to be increased in this budget by a pumper company. This means twelve men and will man the new pumper to be installed at the Central Fire Station. This division has, at times, been unable to find satisfactory employees due to the pay scale. The Council is urged to weigh the conditions and comparative costs in providing fire service in order to see that there is a need for adjustment in this operation.

I would like to point out that this division strongly recommends the replacement of the old aerial ladder with a new modern hydraulic operated aerial. They further indicate a need for an increase in manpower assignments to the various companies in order to bring us somewhere near acceptable manpower standards. Except for the basic necessities of maintaining this department, I unable to find funds at the amount to do other than that proposed.

Budget Notes:

Fire Administration - 6150 - Motor Vehicles - \$1,800 - Three new chiefs cars has been requested because of age and depreciation of present cars. These cars are in the stage that upkeep will be expensive. Cars are not as safe mechanically as should be under conditions a car has to be driven in this department. This will enable assistant chief to have a car in his possession at all times. [Approved]

Fire Prevention - 6150 - Motor Vehicles - \$1,800 - New car is requested because present car is 1946 model Plymouth which has depreciated to extent that cost of upkeep not very economical. This car is also a "hand me down" from police department. [Same total as above, approved as above item.]

Fire Administration - 6180 - Other Equipment - \$300 - The requested adding machine is essential due to figures we deal with ranging into millions. Present machine inadequate for such figures because of seven column capacity. [Approved]

Fire Prevention - 6180 - Other Equipment - \$300 - New typewriter is essential for [Fire Prevention] Bureau office due to extensive correspondence done by this office. One typewriter for two divisions is not very practical. [Not approved]

Fire Prevention - Personnel - \$6,984 - Two additional men needed for [Fire Prevention] Bureau. Present men overworked. Present number of men cannot possibly do job sufficient with the increased activities since Fire Prevention Bureau was organized. [Not approved.]

Fire Fighters - Personnel - \$381,480 - The fire division request[s] the following number of men as a minimum on each shift, total of 116 personnel:

- Station 1, first out - 6 men
- Station 2, second out - 6
- Station 2 - 6
- Station 3 - 6
- Station 4 - 5
- Station 5 - 5
- Station 6 - 6
- Aerial - 5
- Service Truck - 6
- Squad 1 - 2
- Squad 2 - 3 [Requested as new equipment, not approved]
- Rescue - 2

[\$306,400 approved, total of 88 personnel.]

Fire Fighters - 2520 - Building and Structures - \$775 - The floor at No. 2 station has deteriorated to extent it must be replaced (rotten and termites). This floor has been patched several times. Wooden floors exist in dormitory and locker room other floors cement. [Approved]

Fire Fighters - 6110 - Furniture & Fixtures - \$5,000 - Requested to purchase additional furniture for new Central Station. Present appropriations will purchase only beds. [\$1,000 approved.]

Fire Fighters - 6150 - Motor Vehicles - \$7,800

- The new squad truck is needed for expanded area of Raleigh in which we are required to give service. We have only one auxiliary truck at present. By the fact the territory has expanded it is necessary to divided it into two sections, with an auxiliary truck in each section.
- One half-ton pickup truck is necessary for use by mechanics to eliminate chiefs having to run errands for them, securing parts and other necessary material for repairs. Often it necessitates the movement of a valuable pumper when a small truck would do the same job. In case of major fires this truck would be used for transporting as, oil, and other equipment that might be necessary to acquire. This truck would also be used to pick up hose after a fire, thus enabling the pumpers to get back in service.
- Rescue squad - Radio unit - Equip.
- [\$4,500 approved for pick up truck and rescue squad.]

Fire Fighters - 6210 - Bldgs. & Fixed Equip. - \$6,000

- Storage compartment is necessary at No. 2 station to house parts and equipment for mechanics. It would also give them a work shop. At present majority of tools are in the open with no suitable storage place for them.
- Addition to No. 5 station.
- [\$4,000 approved]

1954-55

Budget Notes:

Fire Administration - 6140 - New automobiles - \$3,600 - These new cars are very essential because we think each Asst. Chief should have one since they answer calls off duty and come in for various meetings as well as other business pertaining to Fire Department. Present Asst. Chief's car is a 1948 model and badly worn. [\$1,400 approved. Trade one car for one car.]

Fire Administration - 3191 - Tires & Tubes - \$150 - 1 set of tires for Asst. Chief's car provided car not traded. [Approved]

Fire Administration - 6180 - Other equipment - \$300 - Ditto machine. [Approved]

Fire Fighting - 6150 - New Motor Trucks - \$70,000 - 65-foot aerial, 100-foot aerial, squad truck. Necessary because of the age of the [1922 American LaFrance] service truck and [1939/1916 American LaFrance] aerial truck and also need another aerial truck.[Not approved.]

Fire Fighting - 6160 - Radio - \$14,000 - To complete radio equip. for fire dept. [\$2,000 approved]

Fire Fighting - 3191 - Tires & Tubes - \$1,200 - New tires for aerial, service, Ford [squad], Old No. 1, No. 4 & [No.] 6. [Approved]

Fire Fighting - 6181 - Cutting torch - \$300 - Please encumber [Removed]

1955-56

City Manager Message:

The need for a full time training officer was again pointed by the Chief. Due to adding new company and allowing some salary adjustment, I found it necessary to remove this item.

Two additional men for Fire Prevention Bureau are necessary because of increased area of Raleigh and future expansion of Raleigh. [Not approved.]

A pumper company is proposed at No. 3 station to meet Fire Rating requirement. The whole south and eastern portion of the City can be better protected than at the old No. 2 location. [This perhaps suggests

that an additional engine company was being considered for downtown, perhaps first at Old Station 2 on South Salisbury Street, but instead at Station 3.]

Budget Notes:

Fire Fighters - 6210 - Bldg. & Fixed Equipment - \$52,000 - \$25,000 future expansion for No. 5 station. Balance needed for heating plant at No. 4 station, oil burner heating plant at No. 5 station and to finish drill tower. [Not approved.]

Capital Expenses:

New Fire Station No. 3 - Bond - \$2,564.90 [This probably represents post-construction payments on Station 3, completed in 1951.]

New Fire Fighting Equipment - Bond - \$1,863.20

Fire Drill Tower - Bond - \$3,917.17

1956-57

City Manager Message:

The Fire Department is becoming a big operation. The job of administering and supervising is requiring the full time of the Chief and two assistants. The job of a full and continuous work and training program needs the direction of a training officer. Such a place is included in the budget. [The requested position is titled "Drill Captain"]

Chief Keeter has laid out his requests some items to which I earnestly direct you attention. It is time the Fire Department is in better shape in every way according to best advice I can get. Yet to keep from slipping back, the weak spots have to be constantly strengthened. A few weak spots are:

1. The need to replace the old wood ladder aerial truck - \$45,000. A failure of this equipment could easily cost this amount. [The ladder truck is replaced in the following budget year.]
2. There is a need to house an aerial company in the western part of the city (Station 5) due to the tall building and hospital in that area. This would be reconstructing #5 station to house such a company. Estimate - \$50,000. [Station 5 is expanded to a two-company station and with a new building in 1961]
3. The 20 year old [1936 American LaFrance] 1000 GPM pumper truck is costing quite a bit and should be replaced both for economy and safety sake - \$17,500. These items are not provided for, due to insufficient funds. Included is manpower for new #7 company to be located in Lockwood. The station and truck (budgeted in Capital Improvement Fund) will require some months to develop, so personnel is budgeted for 8 months of the year because of finances.

Budget Notes:

Fire Administration - 2140 - Traveling Expense - \$250 - This [four-fold] increase is badly needed so we may be able to attend additional schools and conferences in order to keep abreast of times.

Fire Administration - 3191 - \$250 - We will need a new set of tires on Chief and Asst. Chiefs auto this year. [Only \$100 approved]

Fire Prevention - 3110 - \$50 - Office supplies - [Fire Prevention] Bureau needs own stationery. [Approved]

Fire Fighting - 6150 - \$62,000 - New aerial [and] pumper replacement - This new aerial in our opinion (and the underwriters also tell us to get one) is badly needed the one we have was last be built in 1939 and is the only one we have. This old 1000 gallon pumper is 20 years old and we lose points after 20 years, when we took this truck out of reserve, we lost those points because we do not have but the one truck in reserve. We have spent approximately \$5,000 on this truck for repairs in the last year. [Neither approved]

Fire Fighting - 6210 - \$50,000 - Bldg. & Fixed Equipment - 2nd Aerial #5 Station - We would like to have this money appropriated to build us a new #5 station. We think it very wise to build a new station rather than spend \$30,000 to remodel old #5 this should be done so we can add a ladder truck there. [Not approved]

Fire Fighting - 6220 - Gas Mask - \$1,350 - We need three Scott Air Pacs so we can have 2 to each truck, since we have not bought any lately. We would also like to have a M.S.A. mask for each officer to have so he can get into a building quicker. [Approved]

1957-58

Budget document not available.

1958-59**Budget Notes:**

Fire Fighting - 2420 – Lighting Service - \$2,000 - This increase is asked in anticipation of paying the light bill on our new Station #7. [Approved]

Fire Fighting – 2520 – Repairs, Bldg. & Stru. - \$2,000 - This increase is necessary due to the fact that we have to replace two (2) and possibly (3) electric stoves in our stations, plus general repair work that we did not do this year, and a considerable of the cement apron at #6 station has to be replaced. [Approved]

Fire Fighting - 2600 – Laundry - \$1,500 - This increase is necessary due to the fact that we anticipate one more company of me and the price of laundry has increased in the past year, necessitating overdraft in this account for this budget year. [Approved]

1959-60

Budget Message:

Fire Administration - The fire chief, two assistant chiefs, training officer and stenographer-clerk make up the personnel in this division. A request is included in the department budget for an additional assistant chief, however, it is not included in the budget total. Basic operating costs are essential the same as last year except for two minor changes in operating needs. There are no capital items provided even though an additional car and air-conditioning unit was requested for the dispatching office.

Fire Prevention Bureau - The personnel in this office is made up of the chief fire inspector and three inspectors. We can readily justify the need for two additional inspectors, yet at this time, the finance situation does not allow it. Basic operating costs are about the same as last year. No capital items are included although the bureau requested an air-conditioning unit for the second floor office and a movie projector with screen.

Fire Fighters - The Fire Department personnel is assigned directly to the Fire Fighting Division, for the various companies and stations are made up of

- 20 captains
- 2 equipment mechanics who are also fire fighters
- 26 firemen II or equipment operators
- 4 dispatchers
- 60 firemen I
- 1 fire radio technician
- 1 fire alarm technician

for a total of 144. The Chief is requesting 4 additional fire captains, 6 equipment fire operators and 17 firemen. These are not provided for in the budget. [And thus were not approved.]

The program of station relocation and expansion will have to be worked out before we are really ready for personnel to man these stations. These men were set up for the personnel needed in the new stations. Basic operating costs for this division is \$2950 in excess of last year's budget and is due almost entirely to the new fire station #7 which will go into service before long. Capital item section provides for equipment to equip the new fire station and for the replacement of furniture worn out in the other stations. Also, it provides for funds to begin the modification of the fire department radio system because of the FCC requirements.

Budget Notes

Fire Administration - 6180 - \$200 - Other Equipment - One 1-ton air-conditioning [unit] - Dispatching office [Station] No. 1. [Not approved]

Fire Prevention - 6180 - \$650 - Other Equipment - 1 ton air-conditioner 2nd floor [Station] No. 1, 16mm movie projector & screen [Neither approved]

Fire Fighting - 6150 - \$21,500 - New Cars - Additional pumper for [Station] No. 6. [Not approved. No other information is provided about this request. Unknown if a replacement for older apparatus, or additional engine company.]

1960-61

Budget Notes:

Fire Fighting - 6150 - New Cars - \$30,000. [\$7,360 approved, which was the amount already obligated for payment on two GMC tankers.]