

Department of Emergency Services

2025 Executive Proposed Budget



Core Programs & Functions

Communications

- 24/7 Emergency Dispatch Center for the majority of local Fire and EMS agencies
- Specialty response for interoperable communications

Fire

- Coordinate training programs for career and volunteer departments, from entry to officer levels and specialty classes:
 - Host two Career Fire Academies per year as well as the Yonkers Academy
 - Offer Firefighter I Programs through several schedules to meet the needs of volunteers
- Mutual aid coordination
- Specialty response - hazardous materials, technical rescue, Grasslands Brigade, Arson Task Force

EMS

- Basic Life Support – First Responder Program: provide EMS for County facilities and events
- Mutual aid coordination
- Coordinate a variety of continuing education and training programs for EMS

Emergency Management

- Manage the County's Emergency Operations Center - disaster coordination, response and municipal support
- Facilitate/support county-wide emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, and response – including resources, equipment, supplies, training and exercises

Budget Summary

ITEM	2024	2025
Operating Positions	65	67
Trust Positions	5	5
TOTAL POSITIONS	70	72
Personal Service	3,315,639	7,338,754*
Equipment	543,130	116,700
Materials & Supplies	942,272	772,056
Contractual Expenses	5,928,006	5,334,367
Inter-Departmental Charges	5,180,792	5,375,052
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	15,909,839	18,936,929

*60 Control (911) Dispatcher salaries have been moved from DOIT to DES budget

Budget Summary

ITEM	2024	2025
Inter-Departmental Revenue	637,524	708,456
Departmental Revenue	416,389	992,865
State & Federal Aid	358,600	358,600
TOTAL REVENUE	1,412,513	2,059,921
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	14,497,326	16,877,008

New Initiatives/Program Highlights

- Coordinating efforts of county departments to develop Continuity of Operations Plans
- Providing resources to municipalities regarding proposed Battery Energy Storage Systems
- Develop and offer new training classes for fire fighters based on changing county needs (i.e. high-rise fires, hazmat), leading causes (i.e. kitchen fires) and advanced incident command, significantly reduced class waitlists for new recruits



New Initiatives/Program Highlights

- Partnered with the Westchester Council for the Blind to hold Stop the Bleed Training
- Assisted County Depts in recovering over \$8 million from FEMA for disaster related damages from Hurricane Ida and Tropical Storm Ophelia, with an additional \$5+ million expected



New Initiatives/Program Highlights

- Continue to administer HERRO tuition and student loan reimbursement program to assist fire depts and EMS agencies recruit and retain volunteers
- Phoenix achieved national certification as a First Responder Therapy Dog! He is hard at work making important friends.

