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## **Boston City Council Committee on Ways and Means**

*Dockets #0524-0531 FY21 Budget*

*Boston Emergency Medical Services*

***Working Session: Friday, May 14 2021, 10:00 a.m.***

***Hearing: Thursday, May 27, 2021, 2:00 p.m.***

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The following is a collection of questions that were asked by the Committee regarding the FY22 budget for Boston Emergency Medical Services at the Working Session on Friday, May 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Recording here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNkRo2Yo8kc>

The Administration is requested to respond to all questions in one of three ways:

1. Verbally at the hearing on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2PM.
2. For factual questions, through written responses supplied prior to May 27<sup>th</sup>, including budget book page numbers or other references where appropriate.
3. By deferring to a specific scheduled departmental budget hearing.

Please annotate and return this information request before May 27<sup>th</sup>, indicating how each question will be answered.

### **BEMS Budget Questions**

#### **Councilor Kenzie Bok, Chair asked:**

- Please explain any impact the decrease in your budget will have.
- What will your involvement be in shaping the Alternative 911 response?
- How often does EMS answer calls without police accompaniment?
- What is your current training for mental health response?
- What is your progress towards increasing diversity at EMS?

#### **Councilor Ed Flynn asked:**

- What is the status and timeline for a new EMS station in the South Boston Waterfront?

#### **Councilor Matt O'Malley asked:**

- The City is in need of a centralized EMS garage bay. Are there plans to examine the possibility of a garage bay located at Franklin Park near Shattuck Hospital?

#### **Councilor Liz Breadon asked:**

- What are the plans for a new EMS facility in Allston-Brighton?
- What is the status for an advanced life support ambulance in Allston-Brighton?



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- Can you provide a breakdown of the type of calls EMS has received particularly calls involving substance abuse?

### **Councilor Ricardo Arroyo asked:**

- Why is Boston EMS's FY22 budget set to decrease by 2.5% from FY21? What does this decrease represent?
- How is EMS working to ensure that its employees are representative of the diversity of the City of Boston? And what efforts were made over the past year given that the breakdown looks almost identical to the information provided last year?
- What percentage of BEMS staff is fully vaccinated? How is BEMS working to ensure that its staff is fully vaccinated?