



Fire Department

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Alderman Michael J. Murphy  
Chair, Finance and Personnel Committee  
200 East Wells Street, Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alderman Murphy:

During the 2005 Milwaukee Fire Department Budget Review at the Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting on October 21, 2004, you requested additional information regarding the current inventory of non-fire apparatus vehicles and also data on apparatus out of service time. Attached you will find the current inventory of non-fire apparatus vehicles utilized by the department. Those highlighted are scheduled for disposal.

Additionally, the question of out of service time of fire department units was discussed. Attached is Deputy Chief Miller's (Bureau of Instruction and Training) report, which summarizes the activity of units as assigned to emergency and non-emergency events.

Also, a review of non-emergency computer aided dispatch (CAD) data for the first four months of 2004 compared to the same time frame from 2000 through 2003 indicates an average of 3,438 non-emergency incidents per month. In 2004, the average number of non-emergency incidents for the same period was 3,518, about a 1% increase. This period was evaluated due to the current transfer of data from the previous CAD to the new CAD. As additional data is transferred, a continued assessment of non-emergency incident time will be conducted.

Please contact me directly if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM WENTLANDT  
Chief

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cc: Alderman Michael D'Amato  
Alderman Robert Donovan  
Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.  
Alderman James Witkowiak

Milwaukee Fire Department Vehicle Mileage Report October 2004

Bureau	Year	Make	Model	Code	Mileage	Station	Assigned
Construction & Maintenance	1996	Chevrolet	4x4Pickup	482	150294	Shop	Service Truck
Administration	1991	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	526	134328	23	Dept Mail car
Firefighting	1993	Chevrolet	Caprice Sedan	500	130513	Shop	Reserve Staff/Battalion Chief
Construction & Maintenance	1998	Ford	Van	473	128974	Shop	Service Truck
Construction & Maintenance	1991	GMC	Van	486	123373	Shop	Service Truck
Special Operations	1992	Chevrolet	Sedan	502	118393	32	Captain Mary Horsman
Instruction & Training	1992	Dodge	Window Van	470	116300	BIT	Staff Vehicle AVS
Special Operations	1995	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	531	112810	28	Captain Joseph Kluck
Construction & Maintenance	1993	GMC	Van	468	110300	Shop	Service Truck
Technical Services	1990	Chevrolet	Caprice Sedan	540	110069	Comm Center	Utility Vehicle
Special Operations	1995	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	503	109886	4	Battalion Chief Pepe DuDeVoire
Technical Services	1994	Chevrolet	Caprice Sedan	542	107379	32	Battalion Chief Anthony Stanford
Construction & Maintenance	1990	GMC	Van	471	102426	Shop	Service Truck
Instruction & Training	1996	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	529	98500	10	Vehicle Operations Mark Lorge
Technical Services	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	517		***	Totaled in Accident
Construction & Maintenance	1987	Chevrolet	Stake Truck	476	147329	Shop	Delivery/FF
Construction & Maintenance	1989	GMC	4x4Pickup	489	192240	Shop	Service Truck
Instruction & Training	1993	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	504	95600	16	Vehicle Operations Ricky Ertl
Instruction & Training	1994	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	544	95202	16	Lieutenant Brian Smith
Firefighting	1993	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	527	94539	16	Battalion 6 EMT Car
Special Operations	1997	Ford	Crown Vic	509	90425	14	Battalion Chief Michael Labinski
Administration	1998	Ford	Crown Vic	506	89381	16	Deputy Chief Andrew Smerz
Technical Services	1996	Chevrolet	Caprice Sedan	505	86271	29	Lieutenant Deborah Kerner
Technical Services	1996	Ford	Crown Vic	513	85157	38	Deputy Chief Jerry Dillard
Firefighting	1991	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	518	84500	33	Battalion 3 EMT Car
Administration	1994	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	545	83942	Shop	Staff Spare Car
Construction & Maintenance	1997	Ford	Crown Vic	501	81670	11	Fire Equipment Manager Bruce Rahlf
Instruction & Training	1994	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	543	81357	35	Battalion Chief Michael Romas
Firefighting	1993	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	535	79582	2	Battalion 1 EMT Car
Instruction & Training	1995	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	528	79240	35	Lieutenant David Anderson
Instruction & Training	1996	Ford	Crown Vic	512	79126	34	Deputy Chief Gary Miller
Firefighting	1998	Ford	Crown Vic	507	78606	2	Reserve Battalion Chief
Instruction & Training	1991	GMC	Van	488	78592	BIT	Fire Ed/Recruit Transport
Firefighting	1991	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	521	78533	5	Battalion 2 EMT Car
Firefighting	1992	Chevrolet	Caprice Wagon	522	78140	24	Battalion 5 EMT Car
Construction & Maintenance	1996	Ford	Crown Vic	511	77930	37	Fire Equipment Supervisor Charles Stone
Construction & Maintenance	1988	GMC	Van	479	77242	Shop	Service Truck
Instruction & Training	1996	GMC	Window Van	474	73975	14	Lieutenant David Schultz
Instruction & Training	1994	GMC	Window Van	485	73142	BIT	Staff Vehicle Pub-Ed
Firefighting	1989	GMC	Suburban	499	70150	3	Dive 2
Construction & Maintenance	1999	Dodge	Van	481	66422	Shop	Service Truck
Firefighting	1997	Ford	Crown Vic	519	61980	3	Reserve Battalion Chief
Firefighting	1987	GMC	Window Van	487	59002	2	Chem Supply
Firefighting	2000	Dodge	Durango	523	58787	24	5th Battalion
Firefighting	1997	Ford	Crown Vic	508	57281	3	Reserve Battalion Chief
Special Operations	2000	Ford	Crown Vic	515	52682	11	Deputy Chief Gloria Murawsky
Firefighting	2000	GMC	Pickup	498	51177	25	Haz-Mat Team C-25
Instruction & Training	1998	GMC	Pickup	477	44349	34	Captain Mark Zeliner
Construction & Maintenance	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	530	38208	29	Deputy Chief Peter Putchinski
Firefighting	2001	Chevrolet	Suburban	437	35090	7	4th Battalion
Firefighting	2001	Chevrolet	Suburban	436	33166	18	2nd Battalion
Instruction & Training	2000	Dodge	Window Van	467	27538	38	Lieutenant Gerard Washington
Firefighting	2002	Chevrolet	Suburban	438	25819	33	3rd Battalion
Firefighting	2001	Chevrolet	Suburban	435	24002	2	1st Battalion
Instruction & Training	1998	Chevrolet	Pickup	480	18443	36	Survive-Alive
Firefighting	2003	Chevrolet	Suburban	434	17587	16	6th Battalion
Administration	2003	Chevrolet	Suburban	431	16162	25	Chief William Wentlandt
Firefighting	2003	Chevrolet	Suburban	432	10782	3	Firefighting Deputy Chief
Instruction & Training	2001	Chevrolet	Pickup	490	10707	23	Survive-Alive
Administration	2003	Chevrolet	Suburban	433	10574	16	Assistant Chief Mark Sain
Special Operations	1996	GMC	Pickup	478	8292	12	HURT 2
Construction & Maintenance	2004	Chevrolet	Van	469	2381	Shop	Service Van
Construction & Maintenance	2004	Chevrolet	Van	491	1666	Shop	Service Van
Construction & Maintenance	2004	Cube	Van	492	1603	Shop	Carpenters
Technical Services	2004	GMC	Mini-Van	475	1342	Comm Center	Service/Delivery

Vehicles with a name associated are used for call back to emergencies. If the person is not available the vehicle is kept at the listed engine house.

\*\*\* disposition pending - Severely damaged

Milwaukee Fire Department  
Bureau of Instruction and Training

October 23, 2004

The Milwaukee Fire Department operates based on a daily minimum-staffing requirement. Special duty is utilized to maintain 266 members on duty at all time. The Milwaukee Fire Department does not "close down companies." To close down a company suggests the MFD did not hire adequate staffing to provide the necessary protection to the City on that given day.

Each day fire department units are assigned to emergency and non-emergency incidents, as service is required. Emergency incidents require the immediate dispatch of a unit based upon a pre-determined matrix. An emergency incident may require only one unit, or multiple units based upon the event. Non-emergency incidents include assignments such as training, inspections, pre-fire planning, and fire prevention education.

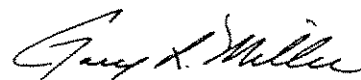
When a unit is dispatched and working at an incident such as a fire or a medical emergency, that company is not available to respond to another emergency until it has completed its assignment. The company is not closed, it is working. When a unit is dispatched to a non-emergency incident, the dispatcher monitors service requests throughout the city, and if needed, will contact the unit assigned to a non-emergency incident and assign that unit to an emergency incident.

When a unit is dispatched to an emergency or non-emergency incident in excess of 30 minutes, the dispatcher may relocate or "transfer" another unit to the firehouse vacated by the unit originally dispatched. This protocol allows for a consistent level of resources throughout the community, as service needs change at any time. Unit resource availability in the department is assessed by examining data that identifies daily averages for number of incidents, length of incidents, number of units used at incidents, and potential service needs in the community.

Units such as engine and ladder companies have regularly been assigned to non-emergency incidents such as training. These units are available for emergency assignments if needed. This method of resource management is not new or unique to the Milwaukee Fire Department. This method of resource management has been used for public education, such as project FOCUS, for over 10 years. This method has been commonly used for battalion and departmental training for over 25 years. This same methodology has also been employed to serve community educational events.

Most training and educational programs are company based; however, personnel are also assigned individually to training or to deliver educational or outreach programs.

Respectfully submitted;



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