

Memorandum



Date: September 10, 2013

To: Honorable Vice Chairwoman Lynda Bell
Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Fire Prevention Staffing and Revenue

The following information is provided in response to your question during the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 26, 2013, regarding the positions in the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department's Fire Prevention Division:

- There are twelve (12) Fire Lieutenants that are responsible for New Construction (New Permit Inspections life safety/fire alarm/sprinkler).
- There are three (3) Fire Lieutenants responsible for plans review.
- There are sixty (60) civilian Fire Support Specialist 1's (FSS1's) responsible for existing construction inspections, annual inspections, and life safety permits issued for occupancy.
- There are five (5) civilian Fire Support Specialist 2's (FSSII's) who supervise the FSSI's (12 each).
- There are twelve (12) civilian Fire Support Specialist 2's (FSSII's) who are responsible for code enforcement and who issue citations to existing construction.

As requested, we are also providing you with the following table listing the revenue generated for the last three fiscal years:

| | FY 09-10 | FY 10-11 | FY 11-12 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Inspection Fees | \$5,203,756 | \$5,666,335 | \$5,865,366 |
| Plans Review/Permit Fees | \$3,652,778 | \$4,099,566 | \$4,274,120 |
| Fire Prevention Zoning Fees | \$ 38,432 | \$ 31,124 | \$ 26,882 |
| Team Metro Collected Revenues | \$ 127,500 | \$ 77,929 | \$ 76,562 |
| Other Fire Prevention Fees | \$1,154,935 | \$2,058,392 | \$2,299,748 |

The Department has recognized the issue of different inspectors citing different violations and the difficulties it creates for our business community. The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department is working closely with the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department to improve the manner in which these essential inspections are conducted.

If you have any further questions, please contact Fire Chief David Downey, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, at 786-331-5109.

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