## Corpus Christi Fire Department Update



December 12, 2017



# Background

- The Corpus Christi Fire Department is currently staffed at 414.
- Additional staffing is currently not supported in the existing budget.
- The proposed Fiscal 2018 budget discussion centered around adding an additional 15 firefighters for staffing the newly constructed Fire Station #18.



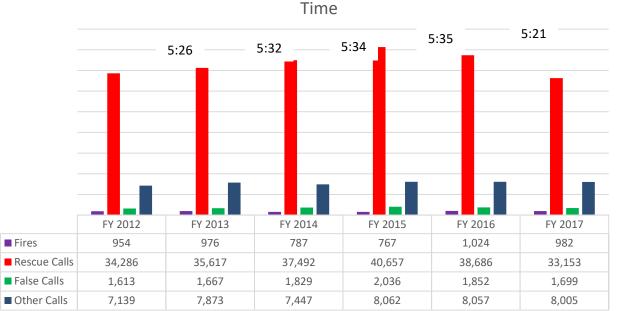
# Background

- In 2008, the voters of Corpus Christi approved a bond package of \$1.8M that included the construction of a new fire station on Ayers Road between Holly and Saratoga
  - The operational costs were not part of the bond package, however, the operational impact called for 15 additional fire fighters, plus costs for contractual services, supplies, and station utilities.
- On November 16, 2017 a grand opening was held for fire station #18 with the use of existing fire staff in compliance with the Council direction during the a council meeting in 2015.



#### Service Levels

### Total Calls For Service by Type 2012-2017\* with Average Response



\*Projected



### **Current Revenues**

|  | Р  | rojected FY 18 | Curi | ent Revenue as of |     |               |             |
|--|----|----------------|------|-------------------|-----|---------------|-------------|
| Acct. Description                      |    | Revenue        |      | 12/06/17          |     | Variance      | % Collected |
| Fire prevention permits                | \$ | 175,000.00     | \$   | 14,476.53         | \$  | (160,523.47)  | 8.3%        |
| Hazmat response calls-3rd party billed | \$ | 5,000.00       | \$   | 5,348.00          | \$  | 348.00        | 107.0%      |
| Safety Education Revenues              | \$ | 500.00         | \$   | 50.00             | \$  | (450.00)      | 10.0%       |
| Fire hydrant maintenance               | \$ | 327,472.00     | \$   | 81,867.99         | \$  | (245,604.01)  | 25.0%       |
| Honor Guard                            | \$ | 300.00         | \$   | -                 | \$  | (300.00)      | 0.0%        |
| Pipeline reporting administrat         | \$ | 50,000.00      | \$   | 125.00            | \$  | (49,875.00)   | 0.3%        |
| Ambulance permits                      | \$ | 2,500.00       | \$   | 625.00            | \$  | (1,875.00)    | 25.0%       |
| Emergency calls                        | \$ | 6,000,000.00   | \$   | 805,306.04        | \$( | 5,194,693.96) | 13.4%       |
| Recovery on damage claims              | \$ | -              | \$   | 8,255.25          | \$  | 8,255.25      | n/a         |
| Miscellaneous                          | \$ | 31,968.00      | \$   | 14,703.36         | \$  | (17,264.64)   | 46.0%       |
|  | \$ | 6,592,740.00   | \$   | 930,757.17        | \$( | 5,661,982.83) | 14.1%       |



# Proposed Revenues\*

| Revenue  | Fiscal 2018                    | Fiscal 2019                    |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Texas Ambulance<br>Supplemental<br>Payment Program | \$1,677,383 (for 10<br>months) | \$2,012,860 (for 12<br>months) |
| Increased User Fees                                | \$3,298,117.34 (for 10 months) | \$3,429,903.16 (for 12 months) |

<sup>\*</sup> As per Fire Department Administration. Current revenue projections include improved efficiency of Intermedix, the new billing company.



#### Fiscal 2017-2018

- Budget \$55,406,108
  - Firefighters 414
  - Stations 18
  - Lease Purchase of Equipment totaling \$938,411
    - 8 Ambulances
    - 7 Fire Pumpers
    - 1 Aerial Platform Truck
- **Plus** New Fire Truck \$650,000
- Plus Replacement of 3 Ambulances \$850,000
- Total Lease Purchases Costs thru FY24 = \$4,822,600



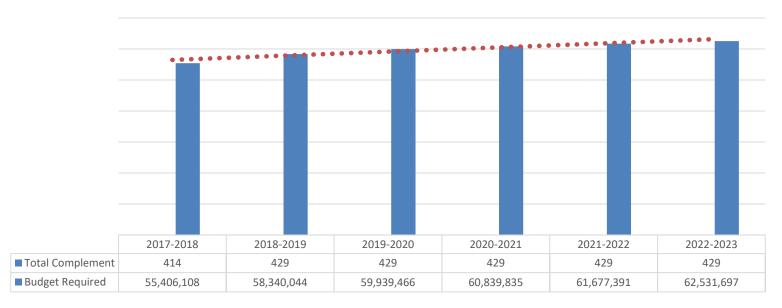
# **Existing Obligations**

- Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)
  - 3% wage increase & \$300 per year increase for Certified Paramedic in Fiscal 2018-2019 per current Agreement
  - 4% wage increase in Fiscal 2019-2020 per current Agreement
  - Assumed 2% wage increase in Fiscal 2020-2021 & Fiscal 2021-2022
    & FY 2022-2023



# **Budgetary Impacts**

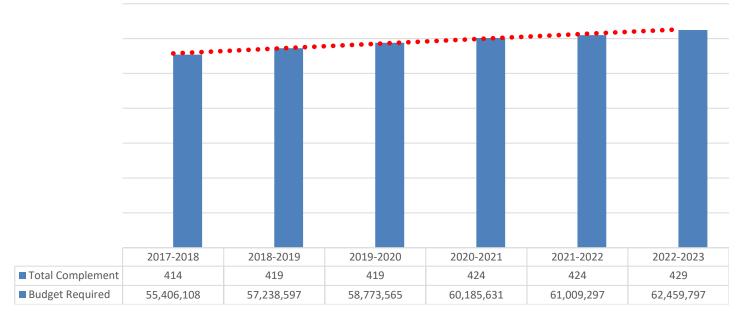
Budgetary Impact of 15 Additional Firefighters beginning in Fiscal 2018-2019





# **Budgetary Impacts**

#### Budgetary Impact of 5 Additional Firefighters Every 2 Year Cycle





#### Conclusion

Some of the additional revenues received should be used to support
 Public Safety current expenses to relieve the General Fund

 Some of the additional revenue sources should be used for the purchase of one-time capital needs