

Mayor's Committee for Public Safety Dec, 2025.

Request for review and update on the issue of P.G. Fire/Rescue and the response plans for overdose and medical calls to offset the short falls on E.H.S. response to the downtown core. The Committee did broach this topic in early March, and we would like to know what avenues have been investigated in regards to addressing the increased call loading of P.G. Fire/Rescue. Several topics were discussed, changing our dispatch model, to using a smaller response vehicle, to reduce the staffing needed for Medical Emergency (ME) response and cutting excessive wasted man power.

What protocols need to be investigated to allow for a specialized two man response unit within the frame work of the Union and Municipality?

How will making a change to this response protocol allow us to see a cost savings over time and call volume?

What work, if any, has been done to flush out possible savings and efficiencies by changing the current policies?

Where are we at with discussions between E.H.S. and the Province to reimburse the City for the support services we are currently providing within our jurisdiction?

Has the Emergency Services division of the City done any work on apparatus configuration that would best serve in this multiple response roll moving forward?

Has a cost analysis been done to flush out the possible economic savings of having a specialized response unit over the current model being used?

What would the costs and benefits be of having a specialized Fire/Rescue ME unit be to the Municipality?

What would this change do for recruiting and staffing levels for our Fire/Rescue teams, the opportunity to allow for progressive career training enhancements, continued education and career development?

What would our rolling stock maintenance look like by reducing the need to roll more expensive equipment to ME calls over rolling a full compliment pumper?

These are questions I know the committee would like answers to, in order to round out our work and response to the Council as a whole before the end of our term.

Sincerely,

John Zukowski, Public Committee Member

CC: Committee Members