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	Subject	City Council PSGO Request for Information Regarding Take Home Vehicles: BCFD Support Services/ Community Risk Reduction Division Response		

TO: The Honorable Nick J. Mosby, President
And All Members of the Baltimore City Council
City Hall, Room 408

DATE: October 19, 2021

The below information was requested at the September 1, 2021 Public Safety and Government Operations (PSGO) committee meeting in reference to Baltimore City Fire Department (BCFD) take-home vehicles:

- A list to include dates, times, and emergency incident type that each current individual with a take-home vehicle has had to report back to work to respond to while they were off-duty over the last 24-months.¹

BCFD submitted an initial response on October 12, 2021 which included information for employees with take-home vehicles who serve in BCFD’s Operations Division. This supplementary response includes information for employees with take-home vehicles who serve in BCFD’s Support Services / Community Risk Reduction Division.

Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal

Emergency response and non-emergency activities include:

- Responds to 3rd alarm fires or greater to support operations.
- Responds to all fires involving severe injuries or fatalities to civilians.
- Responds to after hours fire code violation issues.
- Attends community meetings and public education events regarding fire prevention.
- Conducts surveillance when numerous arson fires are suspected in target areas.
- This position responded to 78 off-duty incidents.

Fire Commander of Fire Marshal’s Office

Emergency response and non-emergency activities include:

- Responsible for afterhours construction site visits for fire code compliance.
- Responsible for afterhours building fire systems testing.
- Responds to fire code violation issues 24 hours daily.
- Responds to any event that the Fire Marshal deems necessary.
- This position responded to 96 off-duty incidents.

¹ The time period used for this data is approximately September of 2019 to September of 2021 with the exception of the 911 Director which is March of 2020 to October 2021. This period was used because the employee in question (Tenea Reddick) first began acting as 911 Director in March 2020.

Captain Fire Investigation

Emergency response and non-emergency activities include:

- Responds to all 3rd alarm fires.
- Responds to all incidents when the on-duty fire investigator is involved in another investigation.
- Responds to all fires involving severe injuries or fatalities to civilians.
- Conducts surveillance when numerous arson fires are suspected in target areas.
- Responds to any event that the Fire Marshal deems necessary.
- This position responded to 74 off-duty incidents.

Deputy Chief Logistics

Emergency response and non-emergency activities include:

- Responds to 3rd alarm fires or greater to support operations.
- There are 5 areas of responsibility under the purview of Logistics: Fire Supply, Medical Supply, Apparatus, Building Maintenance, and; Breathing Apparatus. Anytime there is a significant issue with any of these sections, it may warrant a response from the Logistics Chief.
- This position responded to 21 off-duty incidents.

Lieutenant Facilities Maintenance

Emergency response and non-emergency activities include:

- Responds to 3rd alarm fires or greater to support operations.
- Responsible for maintenance and repair of all Fire Department stations and other fire department buildings. Because the average age of our stations is approximately 79 years old, we frequently incur maintenance issues that disrupt our operations. This includes HVAC, plumbing, and utility issues. This position requires after hours response to coordinate sub-contractor and other city agency response to mitigate the problem and keep the station in service.
- This position responded to 44 off-duty incidents.

Fire Apparatus Officer

Emergency response and non-emergency activities include:

- Responds to 3rd alarm fires or greater to support operations.
- Responsible for all vehicle maintenance and repair. When a significant issue arises with vehicle breakdowns, tow issues, reports of apparatus not functioning correctly, and significant accidents involving FD Vehicles, the Fire Apparatus Coordinator may respond as requested by an Incident Commander, Safety Office, Shift Commanders Office, or Logistics Battalion or Deputy Chief.
- Responsible to staff fuel truck to support large scale and prolonged incidents.
- This position responded to 33 off-duty incidents.

Lieutenant Information Technology/Fire Systems Analyst

Emergency response and non-emergency activities include:

- Responds to 3rd alarm fires or greater and any time the Fire Department's Mobile Command Unit must be placed in service for major or prolonged events.

- Any incident or planned event that requires technical or computer aided dispatch support.
- Any incident or planned event that requires issuing of radios or related equipment. This includes both fire, other city agencies, and mutual aid partners.
- Supporting the technology needs of the Incident Management Team.
- Any unanticipated issues regarding the radio system or the computer aided dispatch system.
- This position responded to 19 off-duty incidents.

Director of 911 Center

Emergency Response and non-emergency activities include:

- Responds to all 911 Center infrastructure failures.
- Responds on major emergencies to staff 911 Center.
- Reports to the 911 Center for staffing shortages.
- This position responded to 50 off-duty incidents.

Respectfully submitted,

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