



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Fire

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 1, 2024

Re: FY24 Fire Budget Amendment

Executive Summary

The ordinance adopts an amendment to the FY24 Budget. The Fire Department is requesting to add one (1) Public Information Specialist position.

Discussion

The FY24 changes to the Budget for the Fire Department reflect the following FTE requested:

(1) FTE Public Information Specialist - Pay Grade 107, Job Code 4801

Over the past 2 years, the fire department has seen an approximate three hundred (300) percent increase in the number of requests for data and other records we retain as a result of our services. We are also experiencing a significant increase in the number of requests generated from our media partners for emergency incident information, scene interviews and similar information. We also recognize the need to improve our communications with fire department members and city staff as well as enhance our presence on internet and social media platforms in order to better connect with our community by increasing our communications capabilities.

In order to meet the significantly increasing demand for information and to provide enhanced communications capabilities for our department and the community, the fire department is requesting to add one (1) FTE Public Information Specialist position.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: FY2024 \$40,500 for position changes through the end of the budget year.

Long-Term Impact: FY2025 will need to have the full positions budgeted.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Public Safety, Secondary Impact: Operational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Legislative History

Date	Action
9/2023	FY24 Budget

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to authorize the amendment.