



Legislation Text

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Resolution calling for the salaries of New York City emergency medical service personnel to be comparable to New York City's firefighters and police officers.

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Whereas, The brave men and women who serve the Fire Department of New York's ("FDNY") Bureau of Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") respond to life threatening injuries and medical emergencies, helping to ensure the well-being of the residents of New York City, as well as those who work in and visit the City; and

Whereas, EMS is one of the most diverse groups of first responders in the City's workforce, comprised of approximately 30% women and more than 50% minorities; and

Whereas, During Fiscal Year 2018, there were approximately 4,400 EMS personnel on staff which were charged with responding to more than 1.5 million medical emergencies including nearly 569,000 life-threatening incidents; and

Whereas, EMS runs account for more than 80% of the FDNY's annual emergency calls; and

Whereas, These emergency medical service personnel respond to every major life threatening emergency that occurs in the City; and

Whereas, These emergencies include hazardous materials incidents, building collapses, transportation accidents, utility-related emergencies, natural disasters, extensive medical responses and acts of terrorism, throughout the City; and

Whereas, According to the FDNY, EMS Emergency Medical Technicians ("EMT") receive a starting salary of \$35,254, which increases to only \$50,604 after 5 years; and

Whereas, Additionally, EMS Paramedics receive a starting salary \$48,237, which increases to only \$65,226 after five years; and

Whereas, Starting salaries of the City's police officers and firefighters are nearly \$8,000 more than that of EMS; and

Whereas, After five years of service, FDNY firefighters make approximately \$110,000 including fringe benefits; and

Whereas, It is long overdue for the City to ensure that EMTs, Paramedics and EMS Officers are compensated fairly and offered substantial wage increases to ensure they are paid similar to other first responders; and

Whereas, Remediating this long-standing pay disparity would help provide equality among EMS and other emergency medical personnel in the New York City as well as boost moral for our City's Best; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls for the salaries of New York City emergency medical service personnel to be comparable to New York City's firefighters and police officers.

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