

Office of Emergency Services



Current Department Highlights

- Fleet Modernization – Five new Braun Liberty ambulances placed in service in January, three more due in late June. Fourteen additional units on order arriving in FY26, 27, and 28. Two new EMS SUVs and two new Fire Marshal SUVs arrived in March.
- Fleet Facility – working to re-locate current facility due to re-location of railroad



Current Department Highlights

- Communications Modernization Project
 - Replacing all portable radios for OES, Sheriff's Office, Public Health, Durham Public Schools, and Durham Technical Community College
 - Allows for continued interoperability and meets the state-mandate for Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) capability.
 - New technology allows radios to also operate off cell towers
 - Radios can be updated via wireless technology





Current Department Highlights

- OES Workload Continues to Increase
 - Business Operations – fleet expense, increased costs at dealers, financial reporting, impact of Medicaid tailored plan
 - Emergency Management – potential threats increasing to Durham, additional planning, building resources for resiliency
 - EMS – 2-3% increase in call volume annually (16% FY21 to FY24). Low priority calls are being held daily (5% of overall call volume)
 - Fire Prevention - building inspections have increased, schools are being inspected per statute schedule, blasting remains a work in progress.

FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget Highlights

- Staffing
 - Business Operations – one Senior Auto Mechanic
 - Emergency Management – one deputy chief of emergency management
 - EMS – six paramedics and six emergency medical technicians



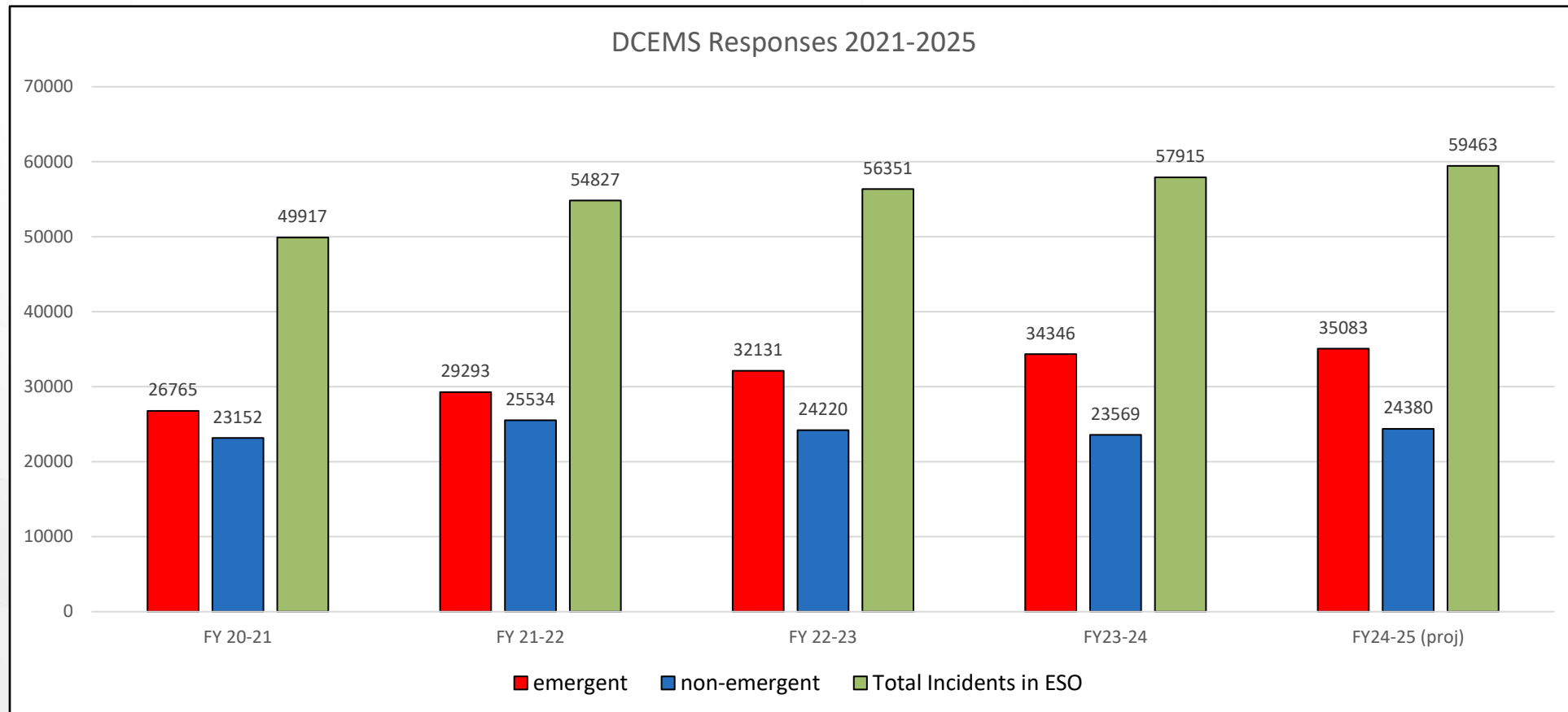
FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget Highlights

- Vehicles
 - 5 Replacement Ambulances – \$475,000 each, 30 - 36-month delivery
 - 3 EMS Replacement SUVs/Quick Response Vehicles
 - 1 Fire Prevention/Fire Marshal Replacement SUV



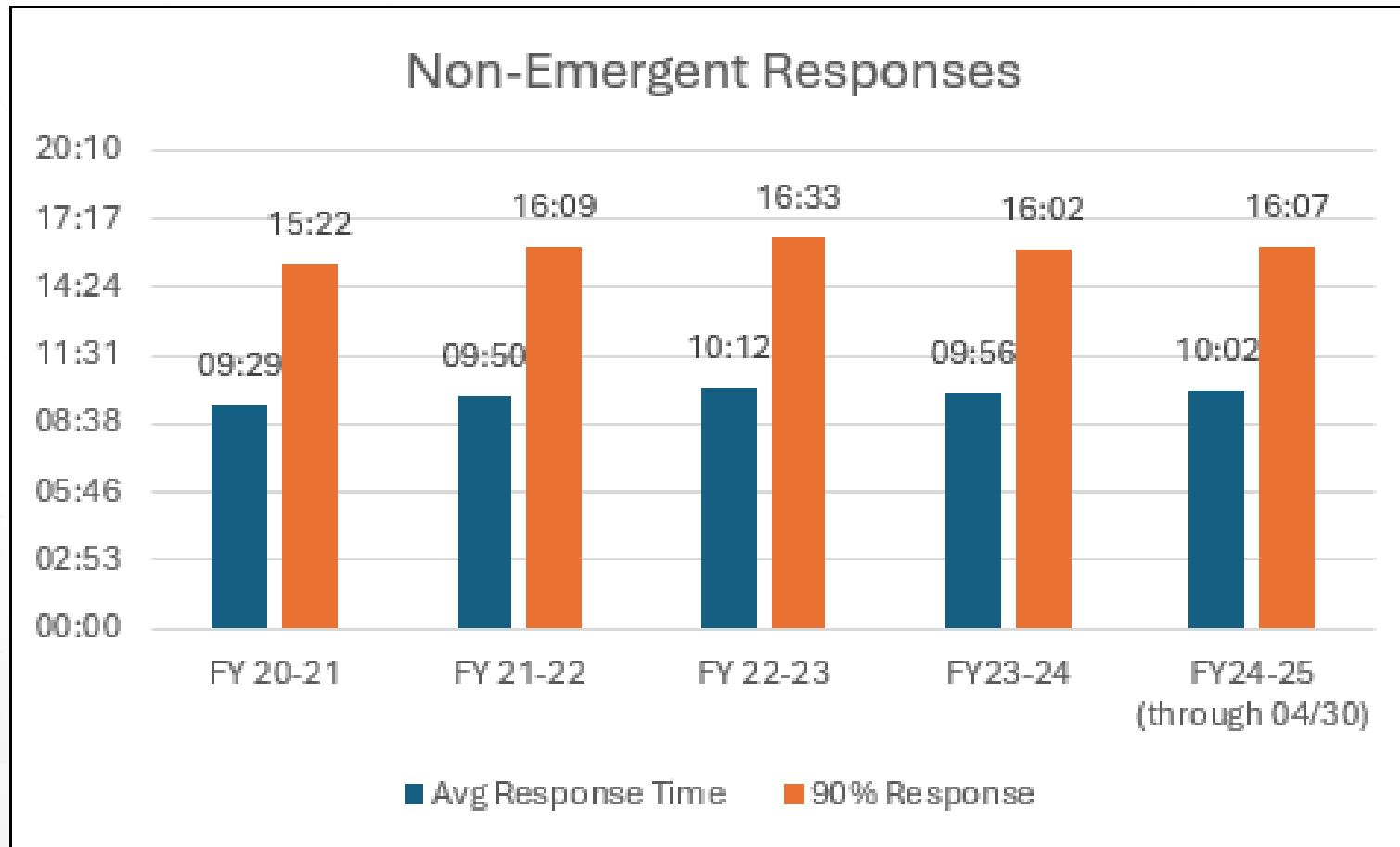
Additional Issues or Topics for Discussion

- EMS Call Volume



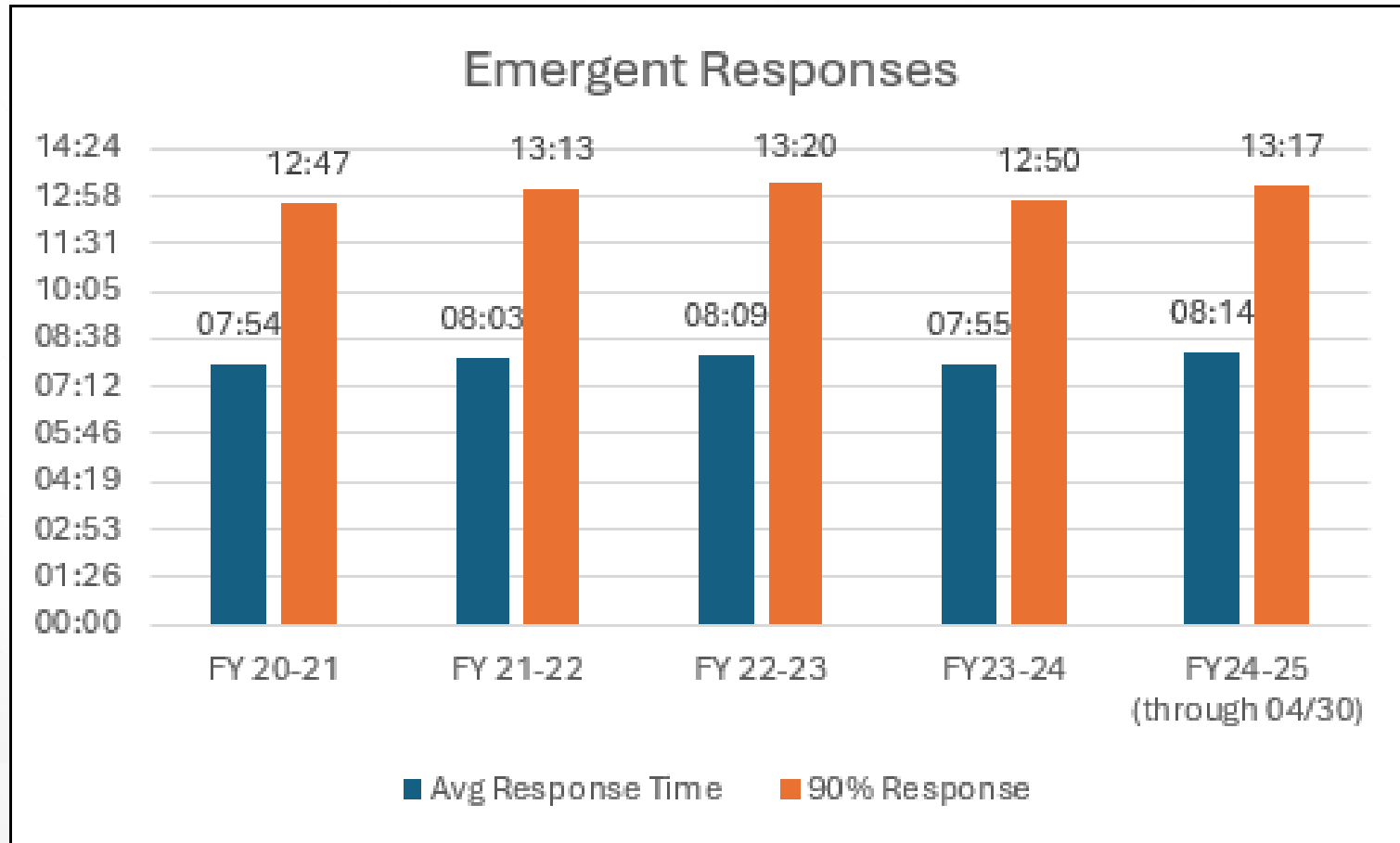
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FY 2025-2026 Recommended Budget

Questions?

