



Cape Cod Center for Public Safety Training FY 2021 Budget Request

BACKGROUND

Barnstable County has a long-standing history of supporting public safety agencies on Cape Cod. County departments have developed and delivered critical training programs; they have facilitated discussions and devised solutions to regional problems impacting police, fire and EMS agencies; and departments and staff have provided planning, logistical, management and operational support before, during and after large-scale incidents. For decades, the Fire Training Academy provided basic and advanced level firefighting programs and in recent years delivered key programs aimed at continuing education, career advancement, health and safety and cancer awareness. In 2018-2019, Barnstable County took yet another step forward in its efforts to promote the health and safety of first responders through the development of the Cape Cod Municipal Police Academy.

As part of an effort to strengthen and streamline its delivery of public safety programs, Barnstable County is adopting a more efficient and cohesive approach to its organizational structure. The County, through multiple existing departments and staff, currently provides fiscal oversight, management, operational support, administrative functions and program delivery to a multitude of public safety personnel and organizations across Cape Cod. Consolidating these efforts under one umbrella department – the Cape Cod Center for Public Safety Training – creates a clear identity, promotes cost-effective management and provides opportunities for shared resources, space, personnel and programming.

The long-term vision for the Cape Cod Center for Public Safety Training (CCCPST) is the creation of a multi-jurisdictional, multi-discipline training center at Joint Base Cape Cod (JBCC). Ultimately, this facility will be designed to meet the training and educational needs of municipal public safety agencies while simultaneously supporting state and/or federal assets. A joint training center will promote cross-discipline training, strengthen mutual aid agreements, better prepare the region for large-scale multi-hazard events, enhance interoperability, and provide a venue for cross-discipline coordination and discussion. The facility will have immeasurable benefits to Barnstable County and the municipalities of Cape Cod – aligning perfectly with the County's mission to provide beneficial regional services.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET NEEDS / EXPECTATIONS

Costs

Keeping in mind the long-term vision for the Cape Cod Center for Public Safety Training and the ongoing PFAS remediation efforts at the grounds of the former Barnstable County Fire & Rescue Training Academy, the FY2021 budget reflects the expectation that the CCCPST's Fire Training Division will be vacating its location at South Flint Rock Road in Hyannis and moving to a new site at Joint Base Cape Cod. This anticipated move will undoubtedly require new budget items and costs. As best as possible, these costs have been accounted for in the FY21 Budget Request (e.g. appropriate vendors have been contacted to estimate lease costs). In order to help offset these anticipated cost increases to some degree, the Fire Training Division will lower payroll costs through a reduction in classroom and field instruction and streamlining administrative oversight. Some anticipated new FY21 costs include:

- Conceptual diagrams of a new facility
- Lease of modular classroom space
- Lease of modular office space
- Moving fees
- Increased fuel usage for mobile training units
- Increased utilities

Revenues

Prior to the cessation of live-fire training at the close of FY19, the Barnstable County Fire & Rescue Training Academy had multiple contracts with outside agencies for fire training programs. Two of these contracts – the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and Entergy – accounted for over \$200,000 in revenues. The inability to provide live-fire training will result in a drastic reduction in revenues in FY20 and FY21. It is hoped that a move to Joint Base Cape Cod and the addition of new fire training props will enable some of these contracts to be renewed in the future.

The Cape Cod Municipal Police Academy has been incorporated into the structure of the Cape Cod Center for Public Safety Training. However, as this program is in its infancy stages, projecting future program revenues is difficult (e.g. class one had approximately 42 graduates, class 2 has begun with approximately 60 students.)

FUTURE NEEDS

To properly support and meet the training, continuing education, management and logistical needs of police, fire, ems and emergency management agencies around the region, Barnstable County must secure adequate land and develop the following:

- 4 or more classrooms (supporting concurrent programs in fire and rescue training, police career recruit training, paramedic / emt training and refresher programs)
- 4 or more administrative offices
- Technology center

- Conference areas
- Restrooms
- Locker room / shower facilities
- Gear storage rooms
- Gymnasium / fitness center
- EVOG Course
- Shooting Range
- Burn building
- Search & Rescue Station

Ample parking and on-site storage options for fire apparatus, police vehicles, training props, training equipment, emergency management assets and miscellaneous supplies are necessary. To provide live fire training programs and host police recruit programs, a dedicated plot of land (10 or more acres with access to utilities) is necessary.