



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Fire/EMS Department Headquarters

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County Executive

Office of the Fire Chief

December 11, 2024

The Honorable Celina R. Benitez
Mayor, City of Mount Rainier
1 Municipal Place
Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712

Dear Mayor Benitez,

As discussed in our previous meetings, I am providing you with an update on the staffing reallocation plan for the first due area of Station 855 (Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc.).

The Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) remains critically short-staffed and continues to implement overtime mitigation strategies accordingly. On December 29, 2024, 34 probationary firefighters are expected to be deployed from the Training & Leadership Academy into minimum staffing positions in the Emergency Services Command. Additionally, two recruit classes will be starting at the Training and Leadership Academy in December 2024 and March 2025. While we continue to work towards increasing our current staffing complement, we are also monitoring response times and service delivery and addressing any identified gaps in resources.

After a thorough analysis of our staffing and response capabilities using 2024 data, career staffing will return to Station 855 effective December 29, 2024, with six (6) personnel per shift, totaling 24 personnel across all four (4) shifts. This station will host a Paramedic Engine with four (4) personnel and a Paramedic Ambulance with two (2) personnel per shift. The Advanced Life Support capabilities of these units are an enhancement from the Engine and Ambulance that were assigned to Station 855 prior to the staffing reallocation.

The Fire/EMS Department will continue to monitor and assess our staffing and emergency response performance to identify resource gaps and response vulnerabilities. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that our Department can continue to provide efficient and effective service while simultaneously prioritizing the health and safety of our members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tiffany D. Green".

Tiffany D. Green
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