



# Public Safety & Transportation Committee Agenda

## City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

7:00 PM

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### Items Scheduled for Discussion:

- Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees**
- #408-24 Authorization to appropriate and expend \$1,000,000 to purchase PFAS-free Firefighter Gear**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to purchase one set of PFAS-free firefighter gear for each Firefighter of the Newton Fire Department.
- Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees**
- #414-24 Authorization to appropriate and expend \$75,000 for Fire Shift Commander's Vehicle Replacement**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash for the purchase of a new Shift Commander Vehicle (C-2) in the Fire Department.
- Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees**
- #415-24 Authorization to appropriate and expend \$1,800,000 for Fire Ladder Truck 3 Replacement**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one-million eight-hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) from June 30, 2024

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Certified Free Cash for the purpose of funding the purchase of a new Fire Ladder Truck 3 for the Newton Fire Department.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Becky Grossman, Chair**



Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

City of Newton, Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor

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October 28, 2024

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Honorable Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$1,000,000 from June 30, 2024, Certified Free Cash to purchase one set of PFAS-free firefighter gear for each Firefighter of the Newton Fire Department.

Firefighting gear has traditionally been made with products that contain PFAS or produced using processes that use PFAS. For the first time, gear that does not contain PFAS is becoming available.

Please see the attached letter from Fire Chief Greg Gentile on the matter. Chief Gentile and/or Assistant Chief Michael Bianchi will be available at the appropriate committee meeting(s) on this docket item.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor



Gregory J. Gentile  
Chief

*CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS*  
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#408-24



Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

October 17, 2024

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor  
City of Newton  
1000 Commonwealth Ave  
Newton, MA 02459

Mayor Fuller,

I respectfully request to docket funding of \$1,000,000.00 to purchase one set of PFAS free firefighter gear for each Firefighter of the Newton Fire Department.

Firefighting gear has traditionally been made with products that contain PFAS or produced using processes that use PFAS. For the first time, gear that does not contain PFAS is becoming available.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this request.

Respectfully,

Greg Gentile  
Chief of Department



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October 28, 2024

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Honorable Councilors:

I respectfully request authorization to appropriate and expend seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash for the purchase of a new Shift Commander Vehicle (C-2) in the Fire Department. This will replace the current Shift Commander's vehicle which will remain in our fleet as a backup vehicle.

This vehicle is one of the busiest vehicles in the Fire Department's fleet, as it responds to all emergency situations in the City, from fires to car accidents to large scale responses. The current C-2 vehicle has 53,400 miles on it and will become the C-2 backup, replacing an older vehicle that will then be used for secondary purposes such as trailing a boat. The chain of vehicle moves ends with the retirement of a 2009 Ford Taurus with 104,229 miles.

A member of Fire Department leadership will be present to answer any questions you may have on this docket item.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor





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#414-24



Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

October 23, 2024

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller  
City of Newton  
1000 Commonwealth Ave  
Newton, MA 02459

Mayor Fuller,

I respectfully request to docket funding of \$75,000.00 for the purchase of a new Shift Commander Vehicle (C-2). This will replace the current Shift Commanders vehicle which will remain in our fleet as a backup vehicle.

This vehicle is one of the busiest vehicles in our fleet, as it responds to all emergency situations in the City, from fires to car accidents to large scale responses.

Thank you for your consideration to this request.

Respectfully,

Greg Gentile  
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October 25, 2024

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
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Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Honorable Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$1,800,000 from June 30, 2024 Certified Free for the purpose of funding the purchase of a new Fire Ladder Truck 3 for the Newton Fire Department.

The new fire ladder would replace our current Ladder 3, which is approximately 15 years old. NFPA standards require all in line apparatus to be replaced every 15 years. The older Ladder 3 will become a spare in our fleet.

Please see the attached letter from Fire Chief Greg Gentile. He or a member of his leadership team will be available to speak at the appropriate council committee meetings.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor



Gregory J. Gentile  
Chief

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October 17, 2024

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Mayor Fuller,

I respectfully request to docket funding of \$1,800,000 dollars to purchase a new Fire Ladder Truck 3 for the Newton Fire Department.

The new fire ladder would replace our current Ladder 3, which is approximately 15 years old. NFPA standards require all in line apparatus to be replaced every 15 years. Older Ladder 3 will become a spare in our fleet.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Greg Gentile  
Chief of Department