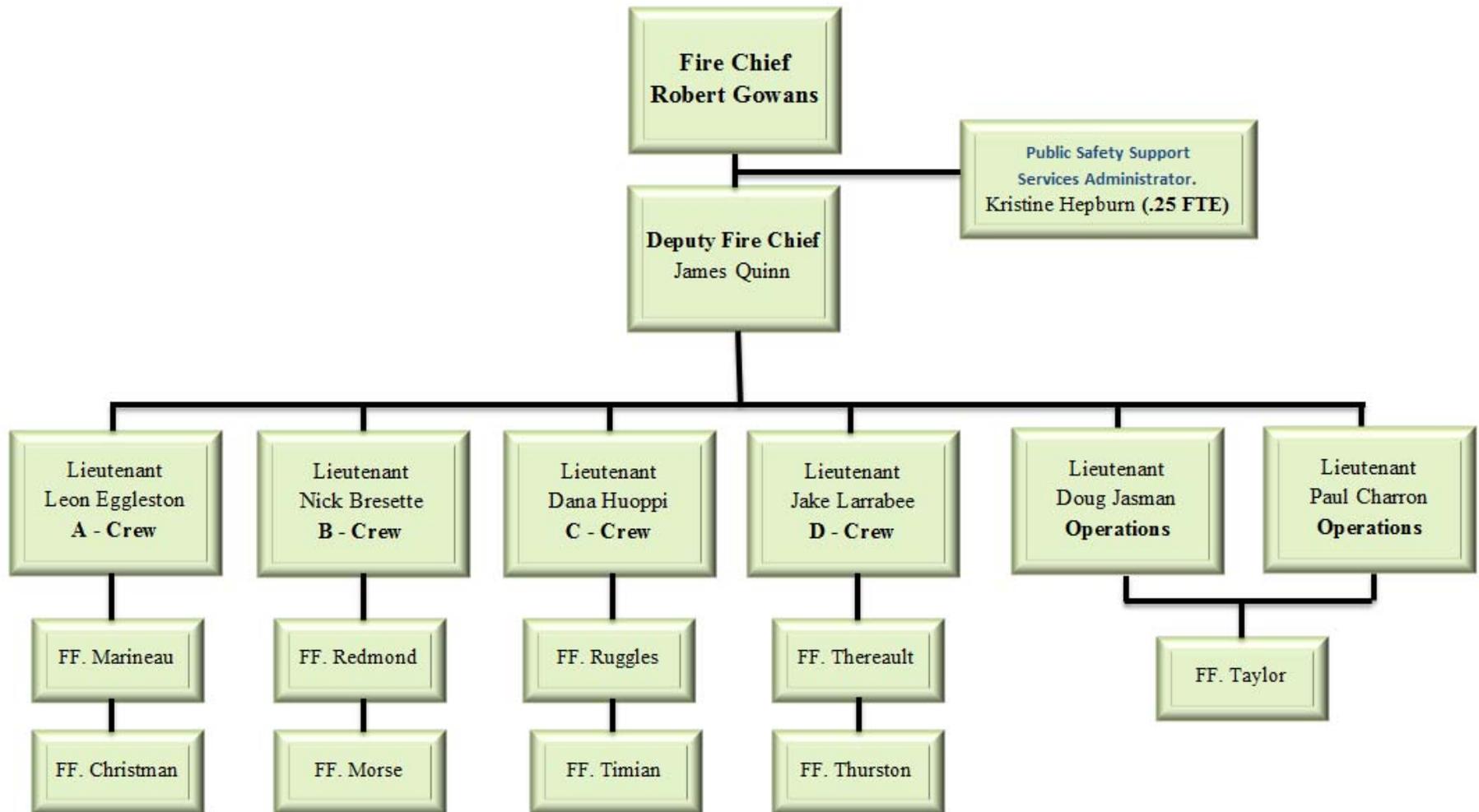




FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FY18 Update

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Organizational Chart



Budget Summary

Fire Service

FY16 Budget *\$1,840,860.00*

FY17 Budget *\$1,926,041.00*

- Maintain current staffing levels
- Continue to build a successful paramedic program
- Maintain level of training and recertification
- Able to maintain staffing levels, training, and equipment maintenance within budget expectations

Budget Summary

Ambulance Revenue

FY16

Call charges	\$389,825.70
Contracts	\$106,545.00

FY17 (budgeted)

Call charges	\$410,000.00
Contracts	\$110,000.00

Budget Summary

Emergency Management

FY16 Budget \$6,500.00

FY17 Budget \$6,500.00

- \$6,000 for annual flood river gauge monitoring
- \$500.00 for miscellaneous supplies

Proposed FY18 Budget

- \$6,000 for annual flood river gauge monitoring
- **\$2,000** for miscellaneous

What are we doing?

- Moved ambulance billing in-house
- Continue to evaluate ambulance revenue
- Developing a new performance based employee evaluation system
- Working with our new HR manager to complete updated job descriptions for firefighter and fire lieutenant
- Develop a physical fitness program to reduce job related injuries
- Received a \$25,000 grant to upgrade physical fitness equipment
- Continue to review and evaluate the sprinkler ordinance
- Participating in the Regional Public Safety Authority

How well are we doing?

- 100% of our firefighters are certified at Firefighter Level I or above
- 15 of our firefighters are EMT advanced
- 1 EMT basic
- 1 paramedic
- Average response time within the City of Montpelier is 3 minutes and 30 seconds
- Number of fire calls 640
- Number of ambulance calls 1380
- 365 day coverage of river gauge flood monitoring
- In 2016 crews performed building preplan inspections 83% of shift days
- 2017 goal: at least 75% of working days, firefighters will participate in a physical fitness program

Budget Successes/Challenges

- Paramedic program
- Meeting training needs including state and federal recertification requirements
- Replacement of aging equipment
- Maintaining an aging fleet of vehicles

Emerging Issues

Fire Service

- Tower truck needs to be replaced 2018
- Continue to build paramedic program
- Support Public Safety Authority
- Water system and hydrants
- Weather related events
- Equipment fund request
 - \$5000 Hose replacement
 - \$5000 Paramedic equipment
 - \$5000 Radio upgrade

Emerging Issues

Emergency Management

- Montpelier has been selected by the National Weather Service for a flood inundation mapping project on the Winooski River. The flood inundation mapping project will result in maps of flood areas. This project will be paid for and conducted by the US Army Corps of Engineers along with state and local officials.
- On December 7, 2016, the Fire Chief will be attending the Vermont Emergency Management directors' training and also, presenting a workshop on Flood Preparedness focusing on Montpelier's flood preparation planning.

Health Officer

- In 2016, we created the City of Montpelier Dog Control Ordinance.
- Busy year with dog bites, animal complaints, and mold investigations.