

## Notes Government Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 19 May 2021  
2:10 pm

**Via Teleconference:**  
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order 2:10 pm and the agenda was read into the record.

**ROLL CALL:**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS				VOTES
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve Notes
David	Bilbe		X	
Sherry	Cannon	X		Yes
Gail	Cavett		X	
Jane	Cooper	X		Yes
Jeremy	DeBlieux	X		Yes
Brian	Furness		X	
Brittany	Mulla McGovern	X		Yes
Christian	Pendleton	X		Yes
Kim	Rosenberg		X	
Frank	Zumbo	X		Yes

**INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:**

GUESTS		
First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Bob	Simms	Commissioner
Sue	Klein	Commissioner
Erin	Holmes	VCPORA Executive Director
Bridget	Neal	Unpaid volunteer for Lt. Governor

2. Public Comment:

No written public comment was received.

3. Approval of previous meeting notes

Ms. Mulla McGovern made a motion to approval of the March and April meeting notes. Ms. Cannon seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

# French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

4. Presentation – Presentation and discussion of the French Quarter Improvement Fund. To Present: City of New Orleans Chief Administrative Office Analyst Eric Smith

Mr. Smith did not attend the meeting. Chair DeBlieux reviewed the attached document from Mr. Smith. This will be presented to the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting.

5. Report – Presentation recap of Security & Enforcement Committee supplemental French Quarter police patrols and the French Quarter Task Force program by Sergeant Jamie Roach. To Present: Executive Director Karley D. Frankic

Ms. Frankic reviewed the attached slide deck.

6. New Business

No new business was discussed.

7. Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm at Brennan's.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Zumbo moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mulla McGovern seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm.



**French Quarter Task Force  
NOPD Summary  
Feb 28, 2021 – May 1, 2021**

# NOPD FQTF Summary

## FQTF is Basically Operating the Same as it has Since May 2020:

- **8 Shifts per Day; 224 Hours per Week**
  - a) **1 Officer from 3am to 7pm**
  - b) **2 Officers from 7pm to 3am**
- **Zone Coverage is Unchanged**
- **Use of the FQTF App Continues**

Shift Time	Shift ID	Officers Per Shift							Total Hours
		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
3am – 7am	FQ-01	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28
7am – 11am	FQ-02	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28
11am – 3pm	FQ-03	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28
3pm – 7pm	FQ-04	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28
7pm – 11pm	FQ-05	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	56
11pm – 3pm	FQ-06	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	56
<b>Shifts per Day</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>Officer Hours</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>224</b>

## A Few Revisions Made:

- **Officer Pool Increased from 26 to 34**
- **Vehicle Equipment Updated**
  - a) **New iPads Purchased**
  - b) **Improved Cell Service thru City Contract**
- **Vehicle Maintenance & Fuel**
  - a) **Performed by 8<sup>th</sup> District Fleet Mgmt**
  - b) **Vehicles Fueled at City Pumps on Broad St**



# FQ Task Force Summary – 2021

	<b>Jan (FQMD)</b>	<b>Feb* (FQMD)</b>	<b>Mar** (NOPD OT)</b>	<b>Apr (NOPD OT)</b>
<b>App Calls</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>Dispatch Calls</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Self Initiated Calls</b>	<b>1353</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>1825</b>	<b>1308</b>
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>1496</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>1536</b>
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Apprehensions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Summons'</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Business Checks</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Citizen Contacts</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Subjects Moved</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Miles Driven</b>	<b>4181</b>	<b>2785</b>	<b>5213</b>	<b>4216</b>

Notes:

\* FQMD Program Stopped on February 21 at 3am

\*\* March was a 5 week Month

# FQ Task Force Finances – 2021

	March	April	May	Total
<b>Patrol Officers</b>	<b>\$32,218.31</b>	<b>\$30,427.91</b>	<b>\$15,845.88</b>	<b>\$78,492.10</b>
<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>\$4,910.64</b>	<b>\$3,175.50</b>	<b>\$2,465.50</b>	<b>\$10,551.64</b>
<b>Equipment</b>				
<b>iPads</b>	<b>\$1,192.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,192.00</b>
<b>Tires</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$95.97</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>	<b>\$280.97</b>
<b>Equip. Sub</b>	<b>\$1,192.00</b>	<b>\$95.97</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>	<b>\$1,472.97</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,320.95</b>	<b>\$33,699.38</b>	<b>\$18,496.38</b>	<b><u>\$90,516.71</u></b>

Notes:

\*Monthly totals are not exact due to 2-week pay periods that do not directly line up with days of the month; aggregate total is correct.

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# French Quarter Improvement Fund

## City of New Orleans



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# Introduction

## Background

The French Quarter Improvement Fund (FQIF) was created by M.C.S., Ord. No. 26074 in 2014 in anticipation of a 2015 CEA between the City and New Orleans & Co. (né New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau). The CEA was revamped in 2017 to increase New Orleans & Co. payments to FQMD to pay for the SPPP. The CEA created a fund to be overseen by the City and funded by a portion of the voluntary hotel self-assessment.

The ordinance that created the fund limited it as follows:

“All revenues collected by the Department of Finance from the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau via cooperative endeavor agreement shall be used only for the repairs, improvements and services within the boundaries of the French Quarter Management District in any of the following categories: public safety and law enforcement; quality of life enforcement measures, code enforcement measures, and violation identification, ticketing and court measures relative to ordinance compliance; sanitation; infrastructure repair or improvements; and lighting.”

In addition to the above, the City was obligated to annually transfer \$500,000 from the FQIF to the FQEDD Trust Fund to partially fund the Louisiana State Police Troop N deployment.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Collections	\$1,925,972	\$1,708,957	\$1,605,755	\$1,674,824	\$0	\$0	\$0
Budget			\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,952,945	\$1,420,205	\$1,635,533
Expenditures	\$739,145	\$2,579,095	\$822,055	\$500,000	\$1,034,446	\$713,403	\$19,187
Ending Balance	<b>\$1,747,706</b>	<b>\$1,109,247</b>	<b>\$1,987,772</b>	<b>\$3,307,813</b>	<b>\$2,273,367</b>	<b>\$1,559,963</b>	

For several years the fund had a minimal amount appropriated in the annual budget, \$500,000 for Louisiana State Police, and \$600,000 for Department of Public Works. In 2019 the City created a budget, passed in May of 2019, to better ensure the fund was expended to meet the needs of the French Quarter. As part of the new budget the CAO office hired a full-time analyst to work with all departments and involved constituent groups to create subsequent years' budgets and monitor and report on fund use.

The process of drafting a 2020 budget began in September of 2019 and through multiple rounds of negotiations with the French Quarter Management District (FQMD), a final budget was agreed upon in February of 2020, and a budget amendment ordinance was introduced to Council as M.C.S., Cal. Ord. 32,926 in March of 2020. As the COVID-19 pandemic spread, New Orleans & Co. requested that the budget ordinance be put on hold as they assessed the financial impact and whether the FQIF dollars would need to be redirected towards other needs within the Quarter.

New Orleans & Co. cancelled the governing CEA on June 29, 2020. The City responded to the cancellation notice via letter in August of 2020. Due to the CEA cancellation as well as a City-wide spending freeze resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, no further budget amendment ordinance was put forth for the 2020 operating year.

In the regular 2021 fiscal budget, Council appropriated \$1,635,533 of the FQIF to the New Orleans Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Health, Public Works, and CAO's office. These appropriations were the same budget items that were in the approved 2020 budget negotiated between the City and FQMD.

As of May 5, 2021 the FQIF has a fund balance of approximately \$1,540,775.

## Spending

### Prior Years Spending

2015		
Item	Detail	Expense
LSP	Transfer to FQEDD Fund to pay for a portion of LSP Troop N	\$500,000
Hard Rock Const.	Adjustment from prior year sidewalk repair	\$446
All Star Electric	Conduit work for sidewalk repairs	\$191,205
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$691,651</b>

2016		
Item	Detail	Expense
LSP	Transfer to FQEDD Fund to pay for a portion of LSP Troop N	\$500,000
Hard Rock Const.	Sidewalk repairs Decatur	\$1,447,428
All Star Electric	Conduit work for sidewalk repairs	\$399,988
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,347,416</b>

2017		
Item	Detail	Expense
LSP	Transfer to FQEDD Fund to pay for a portion of LSP Troop N	\$500,000
Hard Rock Const.	Remainder of Decatur sidewalk repairs	\$322,055
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$822,055</b>

2018		
Item	Detail	Expense
LSP	Transfer to FQEDD Fund to pay for a portion of LSP Troop N	\$500,000
		<b>Total \$500,000</b>

2019		
Item	Detail	Expense
LSP	Transfer to FQEDD Fund to pay for a portion of LSP Troop N	\$500,000
CAO	Salary and benefits portion dedicated FQIF Analyst	\$11,181
Sanitation	Empire – Graffiti removal crew, 2 full-time	\$97,872
Sanitation	Empire – Expanded pressure washing	\$49,339
DPW	Bourbon phase II conduits	\$375,957
		<b>Total \$1,034,446</b>

2020		
Item	Detail	Expense
LSP	Transfer to FQEDD Fund to pay for a portion of LSP Troop N	\$500,000
CAO	Salary and benefits portion dedicated FQIF Analyst	\$69,718
Health	Portion of salary LEAD	\$29,192
Health	Cell phone service LEAD and Sobering Center	\$1,051
Health	Contract labor LEAD and Sobering Center	\$113,439
		<b>Total \$713,409</b>

2021 YTD 5/1/2021		
Item	Detail	Expense
CAO	Salary and benefits portion dedicated FQIF Analyst	\$19,187
		<b>Total \$19,187</b>

**Original 2020/2021 Budget**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Expense</b>
CAO	Salary and benefits portion dedicated FQIF Analyst	\$59,481
Health	LEAD Transport Van	\$25,000
Health	LEAD Coordinator	\$77,000
Health	PIT Patrol Van	\$85,000
Health	Contract Staff LEAD/Sobering Center	\$63,000
Health	Pedestrian Safety Measures in FQ	\$25,600
DPW	New streetlights in FQ (54)	\$725,000
NOHSEP	Grounds Patrol Startup Costs	\$575,452
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,635,533</b>

**Proposed Changes in MCS Calendar No. 32,296**

**NOPD French Quarter Overtime Vehicles - \$200,000**

In March of 2021, in response to the uptick in crime in the French Quarter coinciding with the rapid return of tourism, the NOPD implemented an expansion of overtime availability to be used for additional pro-active vehicular and pedestrian officer patrols. This expansion amounted to an additional 576 hours of available overtime per week exclusive to the 8<sup>th</sup> district. These patrols were largely to be limited to the French Quarter, including expanded patrols along the Bourbon corridor during peak hours.

The expansion has created a shortage of vehicles to be used for these patrols. In consultation with NOHSEP, Bob Simms of the French Quarter Task Force, Captain Caprera on the 8<sup>th</sup> District, and NOPD brass, it was suggested that a portion of the FQIF appropriation that previously intended to fund startup costs for an anticipated NOHSEP Grounds Patrol program, be re-used to fund the purchase of 6 vehicles to exclusively be utilized within the boundaries of the French Quarter for the purposes of supporting the expanded overtime patrols through the end of 2021.

All parties were made aware of the restrictions that would be placed on the vehicles such as exclusive use within the boundaries of the French Quarter and that they would not be able to be transferred outside of that use. Additionally, as the overtime expansion is a temporary program intended to run through the end of 2021, it was considered that the vehicles purchased for its support could be repurposed to be utilized as part of the anticipated expanded Supplement Police Patrol Program.

We believe this request supports essential public safety and law enforcement within the boundaries of the district. An amendment to directly include these restrictions in M.C.S. Calendar No. 32,296 is agreeable to all parties.

### **NOPD French Quarter Overtime Coordinating Sergeant - \$93,500**

The NOPD is presently using overtime dollars both from the general fund and the French Quarter Economic Development District Trust Fund to fund a sergeant to coordinate scheduling and oversight for both the overtime Supplemental Police Patrol Program and the expanded NOPD French Quarter Overtime. Converting this to a regular full-time position will both allow this person to dedicate their time solely to ensuring the success of both programs, but also enable the 8<sup>th</sup> district to add an additional sergeant to take over the prior's regular duties ensuring a strong 8<sup>th</sup> district command. While a small number of shifts being supervised will include patrols outside of the French Quarter, the overwhelming majority of the duties of this sergeant will be limited to officers performing overtime patrols strictly within the geographic boundaries of the French Quarter.

These funds would be re-purposed from the existing \$575,452 appropriation to NOHSEP originally intended to fund the startup of an expanded Grounds Patrol program that is presently on hold.

We believe this request supports essential public safety and law enforcement within the boundaries of the district.

### **NOPD Homeless Assistance Unit - \$85,000**

The NOPD Homeless Assistance Unit does essential work within the French Quarter in providing services and transportation for our homeless. The unit has been in need of a new van with a wheelchair lift for some time. Additionally, as we have seen an uptick in the homeless population within the French Quarter, it has been proposed to add an additional full-time civilian position enabling the Homeless Assistance Unit to operate longer hours, being further available to respond to calls for service involving the homeless and freeing up regular NOPD officers to regular duties. The van would serve double-duty being able to answer calls for service for public intoxication transport as well.

The Department of Health has requested that NOPD be the procurement agency for the van and as a result we have requested that \$60,000 of the existing \$275,600 appropriation to Health be repurposed to NOPD for this purpose. We believe the van and expanded Homeless Assistance Unit will have a substantial impact on public safety and law enforcement as well as quality of life enforcement measures within the boundaries of the French Quarter.

## **2020 Reporting**

Prior to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, regular quarterly updates on the receipts and expenditures from the French Quarter Improvement Fund were provided to both New Orleans and Co. and FQMD as per section 6 of the K-17-789 CEA. The City has consistently made its FQIF analyst available to the FQMD at all board and committee meetings to provide any information regarding the FQIF requested.

The combination of the emergency spending freeze, general issues around the pandemic response, and subsequent cancellation of the K-17-789 CEA by New Orleans and Co. were

responsible for a lack of further timely reporting on the fund through the remainder of 2020. Further, City staff has remained available to address questions, and provide regular updates and requested information to all stakeholders.