

# CMFD losing workers

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percent lower than other departments' top step," Zebrowski said.

The \$12.36 per hour is calculated before deductions for health insurance and pensions, he said.

Paid personnel levels increased in the fire department as members of the volunteer fire department increased in age. An extra firefighter per shift was added in 2016.

"Those were certainly

steps in the right direction but we still have a ways to go before we become fully capable as a career department," Zebrowski said.

Following Lower Township signing an agreement with Inspira for emergency medical services, there is concern in the fire department that Cape May will privatize EMS, he said.

"I think we all agree that would be a terrible move overall," Zebrowski said. "That privatization model of EMS has proven

not to be effective; it has failed in plenty of other places in South Jersey."

He noted the value of Cape May firefighters trained in technical rescue and EMS as in the case of a vehicle rollover call recently. Under a split model, the outcome would not have been as positive, Zebrowski said.

A number of Cape May firefighters work second and third jobs to make ends meet, Durstewitz said.

# Revenue

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from one of its higher-paid staffers.

Parking meter revenue was up \$154,000 in May over 2020 when meters were shut off in April and May due to the pandemic, he said.

Construction fee revenue was up \$195,000, which includes Cape May, Cape May Point and West Cape May due to an interlocal service agreement.

Room tax collections are up \$260,000 to date, Young said. Compared to 2019 — which was a booming year for business — room tax collections are up \$50,000, he said.

Young said spending and revenue was status quo in the water/sewer utility.

He said beach tag sales as of the end of May were up \$142,000 from 2020.

"Through June of 2021, we're actually up nearly \$300,000 compared to last year," Young said.

Beach tag revenue for June was up \$140,000 from the same time in 2019, he said.

For June, the tourism utility was down \$155,000 in expenses. He said the

utility's expenses would soar as programs resume. Tickets are being sold for August concerts in Convention Hall, Young said. Fewer weddings have been scheduled in the hall.

June parking meter revenue was up \$320,000 from 2020 and \$67,000 higher than 2019, he said.

TIDES: July 28-Aug. 4, 2021				
DATE	HIGH		LOW	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
28		12:11	5:50	6:03
29	12:22	12:59	6:34	6:56
30	1:09	1:49	7:18	7:52
31	1:59	2:40	8:02	8:50
1	2:53	3:33	8:49	9:50
2	3:51	4:27	9:38	10:49
3	4:49	5:18	10:27	11:42
4	5:44	6:07	11:17	

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