The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 9:05 a.m. in the Fire Commission Meeting Room, City Hall East, 200 N. Main Street, Los Angeles.

Present: President Genethia Hudley-Hayes, Vice President Casimiro Tolentino, Commissioners Andrew Friedman, Jill Furillo and Diana Bontá, Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson.

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence in honor of past and present members of the Los Angeles Fire Department who devote their lives to the protection of the community.

PRESENTATION – LAFD Chaplains - Captains Rick Godinez, Jesus Pasos and Mark Woolf.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT – Non-agenda items within jurisdiction of the Board. Dr. Clyde Williams, L.A. Audubon Conservation commented on the brush clearance program.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

   A. Announcements/Meetings/Events. Considered jointly with Item 3.B.

   B. Board of Fire Commissioners Committee verbal status report:

      1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee

         Commissioners Furillo and Friedman provided a summary on the issues considered by the Joint EMS/Technology Committee. The reported on the EMS Captain job description that is currently being developed and the EMS technology project status.

      2. Technology Committee.

         President Hudley-Hayes reported on the Department’s technology and funding issues considered by the Joint EMS/Technology Committees.

3. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

   A. Announcements/Meetings/Events. Considered jointly with Item 3.B.

   B. [BFC 09-049] – Calendar of Events.

      Recommendation: Receive and File

      Items 2.A., 3.A. and 3.B. considered jointly. Chief Barry reported having attended the President’s town hall meeting on March 19th, Paramedic of the Year Luncheon Award Ceremony on March 24th and on March 28th the Stentorian Promotional Luncheon. He extended an invitation to the April 9th Recruit Graduation at Drill Tower 81 and May 9th Fire Service Day.
C. Significant Incidents/Activities:
   1. Verbal report - Significant Incidents/Activities for the period of April 3 through April 7, 2009.
      Deputy Chief Rueda, Bureau of Emergency Services, reported on deployment activities to handle special events throughout the city.

      Recommendation: Receive and File
      The report was received and filed.

D. Verbal report on the disposition of LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committees during the period of March 18 through April 7, 2009.
   Recommendation: That the Board provides instruction to staff and adopts any necessary action relative to the LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committee during the reporting period.

   Assistant Chief Yamahata indicated that the Fire Department’s report regarding sworn special duty positions to be considered under the managed hiring system was forwarded to Council. He said that the Kaiser Permanente $90,000 donation to purchase defibrillators for the City’s recreational centers was adopted by Council. Commissioner Bontá was acknowledged for her assistance in obtaining the donation. It was reported that City Council adopted an ordinance revising the ambulance uncollectible accounts process; delinquent accounts will be referred to Office of Finance. Discussion on the council matters followed. President Hudley-Hayes requested that a follow up report be provided on the ambulance billing process.

4. OLD BUSINESS

      President Hudley-Hayes thanked the department staff for their response to the Board. She requested a strategic implementation plan report with more specificity and cohesiveness be forwarded to the Board. Commissioner Friedman requested an update on the Inspector Assessor position for the meeting of May.
      PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat McOsker, President, United Firefighters of Los Angeles City.

      (Taken out of order) Deputy Chief Fox and Battalion Chief Graft, In-Service Training Section, provided an overview of In-Service Leadership Programs. The presentation was followed by discussion and questions from the Board. The item was continued to April 21st.
      PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat McOsker, President, United Firefighters of Los Angeles City.

   C. Supplemental Agenda Items:
      2. Verbal update on funding and staffing of EMS Captain positions.
      Commissioner Furillo reported on the Joint EMS/Technology Committee’s concerns relative to the budget impact on the Five-Year EMS Plan. Captain Wells, Planning Section, provided an overview of the EMS Plan issues. The Board discussed the matter.
      PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat McOsker, President, United Firefighters of Los Angeles City.
MOTION: (Friedman/Tolentino): That the Board adopts the EMS/Technology Committee’s recommendation to forward a letter to the Mayor outlining the Board’s support for preserving the 18 EMS Captain positions. ADOPTED: AYES - 5 NAYS - 0. President Hudley-Hayes will sign the letter on behalf of the Board.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. [BFC 09-036] - Los Angeles Fire Department Arson Counter Terrorism Section Audit conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department, Audit Division (January 2009).

Recommendation: That the Board provides instruction to staff and adopts necessary action relative to the audit.

Postponed to April 21, 2009.

6. NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION (Furillo/Bontá): That the Board adopts the Consent Items as recommended. ADOPTED: AYES - 5 NAYS - 0

A. [BFC 09-039] - Acceptance of equipment donation from FIREMAN’S FUND HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM on behalf of WORLDWIDE FACILITIES OF LOS ANGELES. Donation consists of wellness equipment for Fire Station 11, valued at $24,300.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

B. [BFC 09-040] – Approval of First Amendment to Contract No. C-111921 with ERICKSON AIR-CRANE INC. for helitanker services in the amount of Two Million Six Hundred One Thousand Dollars ($2,601,000.00). The agreement term is one-year with a 170-day performance period.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

C. [BFC 09-041] — Approval of First Amendment to Contract No. C-113521 with TRACSTAR SYSTEMS, INC. for satellite communication services. The amendment increases the contract limit to Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00).

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.


Recommendation: Receive and File.

E. [BFC 09-045] - Corrective Action Summary - Notice of Discharge, Suspension, or Probationary Termination reports filed with the Board of Fire Commissioners during the period of March 10 through March 31, 2009.

Recommendation: Receive and File

F. [BFC 09-046] – Acceptance of equipment donation from NORTHRIDGE HOSPITAL. Donation consists of four Multi-Tech Modems valued at $150 each, total value $600.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.
G. [BFC 09-047] - Acceptance of equipment donation from Mr. F. E. PARK, WINTER AND BAIN MANUFACTURING COMPANY. Donation consists of one exterior elevator door assembly with frame and hardware value of $2,000. 
Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

7. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL
None.

8. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Commissioner Friedman indicated that Passover would commence on Thursday and suggested that sufficient resources be available to the Jewish community for any necessary emergencies that may arise.
- Ambulance billing process
- Status of the Independent Assessor Classification

9. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. (Bontá//Tolentino)

ATTEST BY:

GENETHIA HUDLEY-HAYES          BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
President                        Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: May 19, 2009

Note: Actions of the Board shall become final at the expiration of the next five meeting days of the City Council during which the Council has convened in regular session, unless the Council acts within that time by two-thirds vote to bring the action before it or to waive review of the action.