# RALPH M. TERRAZAS

May 20, 2019

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FILE NO. 19-063

TO:

**Board of Fire Commissioners** 

FROM:

Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT:

AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES FIRE

DEPARTMENT AND THE EL SEGUNDO FIRE DEPARTMENT

FINAL ACTION: Approved Denied	Approved w/Corrections Received & Filed	Withdrawn Other

### **SUMMARY**

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) maintains thirteen automatic aid agreements with neighboring fire agencies. These agreements exist to enhance emergency service in those areas that are not easily accessed by existing fire stations within the affected jurisdiction. When an emergency arises, the neighboring city may have response resources closer to the incident than the city in which the incident occurs. To maintain a high level of service to the citizens within these areas, the LAFD enters into automatic aid agreements which allow the city with the closest resources to respond first and handle the situation until the jurisdictional agency's resources arrive and assume command. Per the agreement, the response by a neighboring agency is without cost to the jurisdictional agency.

This is the agreement by and between the El Segundo Fire Department and the Los Angeles Fire Department. This agreement was previously renewed in June 1984. Since then, there have been changes to each jurisdiction's population distribution and resource deployment. The areas providing and receiving augmented services are in the areas surrounding the Los Angeles International Airport.

The City Attorney reviewed and approved the Agreement as to legal form.

# **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

1. Approve the Automatic Aid Agreement between the LAFD and the El Segundo Fire Department for a period of three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2022.

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- 2. Authorize the Fire Chief to execute the attached Automatic Aid Agreement with the El Segundo Fire Department.
- 3. Authorize the Fire Chief sole discretion to execute amendments during the three (3) year term of the Automatic Aid Agreement.

# **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact.

Board report prepared by Rick Crawford, Captain II, Planning Section (Detailed).

Attachments

# AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT & EL SEGUNDO FIRE DEPARTMENT





# AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF FIRE PROTECTION, SPECIALIZED, RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

## WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement provide fire protection, medical services, specialized and rescue services within their respective jurisdictional limits; and

WHEREAS, fire and rescue resources for the City of El Segundo are dispatched through a central dispatch center known as South Bay Regional Communications Center (RCC); and

WHEREAS, fire and rescue resources for the City of Los Angeles are dispatched through a central dispatch center known as Metropolitan Fire Communications (MFC); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of El Segundo and Los Angeles to provide the most expeditious response to suppress fires and render other emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS, each party is desirous of providing to the other a reasonable and reciprocal exchange of emergency services on a day-to-day basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these mutual covenants, the parties hereto agree as follows:

# 1. Revisions

This Letter of Agreement may be revised or amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Fire Chiefs of the El Segundo Fire Department (ELS) and the Los Angeles Fire Department (LFD). All amendments to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by the Fire Chiefs or their duly designated Acting Fire Chiefs.

It is agreed that substantial reductions or modifications of services by any of the agencies shall be cause for reconsideration of the Agreement.

### 2. Term

This Agreement shall commence, once executed by all parties hereto, on <u>July 1, 2019</u> and shall remain operative and effective through <u>June 30, 2022</u>. Parties shall meet on or about <u>October 1, 2021</u> to begin review and revision meetings. Any of the parties may terminate the Agreement at any time by giving written notice to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of withdrawal.

### 3. Mutual Benefits

ELS and LFD intend that this Agreement will provide mutual benefits to each party. The Fire Chiefs of ELS and LFD are hereby authorized to identify and revise as they deem necessary any designated areas or types of response periodically as may be dictated by changing conditions and the requirements of mutual benefits to each party.

### 4. Incident Command

In those instances where the assisting Department arrives before the jurisdictional Department, the assisting Department will take the necessary action dictated by the situation. However, it is assumed that the jurisdictional Department will arrive shortly after the arrival of the assisting Department. Overall command of the incident will be assumed by the jurisdictional Department upon its arrival at the scene. The highest-ranking officer of the assisting Fire Department at the incident will become the Agency Representative (AREP). The resources of the assisting Department will be released from the scene as soon as practical by the jurisdictional Fire Department.

When it is deemed appropriate, the AREP may enter into Unified Command with the jurisdictional Department's Incident Commander. It is understood that such a decision may require approval from an Agency Administrator of the assisting and/or jurisdictional Department.

A common and agreed upon communications plan shall be established and utilized by all resources and Incident Commanders.

### 5. Commitment of Resources

It is mutually understood and agreed that this agreement does not relieve either party from the necessity and obligation of using its own resources for furnishing fire and rescue service within any part of its own jurisdiction, and that the assisting party's response to a request for aid will be dependent upon the existing emergency conditions within its own jurisdiction and the status of its resources.

# 6. Method of Requesting Aid

All requests for aid shall be via the respective dispatch center. Persons assigned to the dispatch center for each Department are authorized to send and receive such requests as per their respective operational procedures.

# 7. Intent of Agreement

The intent of this Agreement is to provide the jurisdictional agency with a more efficient and/or effective initial response to an emergency incident. The agreed upon resources should only be utilized until the jurisdictional agency is able to relieve the assisting agency with their own resources and/or obtain the appropriate emergency resources, not to exceed a 12-hour period of time. If the agreed upon resources are not available from the assisting agency at the time of the request from the jurisdictional agency, the assisting agency need not respond.

# 8. Fire Incident Reporting

Each agency shall be responsible for obtaining needed information to complete fire reports for incidents within their respective jurisdiction. Assisting units shall contact jurisdictional units to provide appropriate information for completion of fire reports.

# 9. <u>Training</u>

Joint training exercises will be conducted periodically upon agreement by the parties (minimum of one per year). These training exercises shall be coordinated with LFD and ELS Battalion Commanders.

# 10. Services by Los Angeles Fire Department

LFD agrees to provide a designated fire, EMS and/or technical rescue response, as jointly agreed upon by the Fire Chiefs of LFD and ELS, upon request by ELS to designated areas located within the jurisdiction of El Segundo.

# 11. Dispatch by Los Angeles Fire Department

Upon receipt by Los Angeles of an alarm within a designated area located within the jurisdiction of Los Angeles, LFD, as the jurisdictional Department, will dispatch its nearest available and appropriately designated fire response to that alarm and also notify the ELS fire dispatcher who will, in turn, dispatch the agreed-upon ELS response.

# 12. <u>Services by El Segundo Fire Department</u>

ELS agrees to provide a designated fire and EMS response, as jointly agreed upon by the Fire Chiefs of ELS and LFD, upon request by LFD to designated areas located within the jurisdiction of Los Angeles.

# 13. <u>Dispatch by El Segundo Fire Department</u>

Upon receipt by the ELS of an alarm within a designated area located within the jurisdiction of El Segundo, ELS (as the jurisdictional Department) will dispatch its nearest available and appropriately designated fire, EMS, or rescue response to that alarm and also notify an LFD fire dispatcher who will, in turn, dispatch the agreed-upon LFD response.

# 14. Amount and Type of Assistance

## A. LFD to ELS

When requested by ELS, LFD agrees to provide the following resources to combat emergency incidents which are within the defined areas identified on the attached map. (See map #1) Additional resources may be authorized by the Fire Chief or Deputy Department Commander of LFD upon request.

# Structure Fire Response

- Initial Dispatch: The closest available light force and one Battalion Chief into the city of El Segundo designated on the attached map.
- Additional resources: After the initial dispatch of one light force, ELS may request
  up to the remaining balance of a category "B" assignment (one light force, three
  engines, one Battalion Chief, and (if necessary) an additional Chief Officer to
  serve as an agency representative. Additional resources above a category "B"
  assignment may be authorized by the Fire Chief or Deputy Department
  Commander of the LFD upon request.

### EMS Response

One ALS ambulance into the city of El Segundo designated on the attached map.
 See Map#1A

# Specialized and Technical Rescue resources

 Any request by ELS for specialized and technical resources (e.g. Hazmat, USAR, Heavy Rescue etc.) shall be approved by the LFD Deputy Department Commander (through the MFC Dispatch Center)

### B. ELS to LFD

When requested by LFD, ELS agrees to provide the following resources to combat emergency incidents which are within the defined areas identified on the attached map.

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Additional resources may be authorized by the ELS Operations Chief/Duty Chief or Fire Chief upon request.

### Fire Response

- One Engine on Vista Del Mar from one-half mile north of Imperial Highway on the north to the El Segundo city boundary on the south. (See Map#2)
- One Engine on northbound Sepulveda Blvd from Imperial Hwy to Century Blvd. (See Map#3)
- One Engine on Aviation Blvd from Imperial to one-half mile north of Imperial Hwy. (See Map#4)
- One Engine on eastbound I-105 freeway from Sepulveda Blvd. to I-405 freeway.
   (See Map #5)

# **EMS Responses**

 One Engine with one ALS/BLS ambulance on Vista Del Mar from one-half mile north of Imperial Highway on the north to the El Segundo city boundary on the south. (See Map#2A)

# Freeway Incidents: Fire, EMS, and Technical Rescue

 One engine eastbound on the I-105 Freeway between the Sepulveda Blvd. and the I-405 Freeway. (See Map#5)

# 15. <u>Communications System</u>

The Parties agree to share the use of communication systems, radios and radio frequencies for the execution of this Agreement. Sharing of the frequencies must be approved only by authorized personnel for each party and documented in the Incident Action Plan (IAP). The communications plan will be reviewed annually and included in the recurrent joint training exercise.

When a Battalion Chief is assigned to the incident from the assisting agency (i.e. structure fire, swift water and freeway physical rescue), a common command channel of the jurisdictional agency shall be used by all assigned Officers, while each agency's line personnel may operate on their agency's tactical radio channel(s) as specified in the communications plan.

For incidents where there is **NO** Battalion Chief assigned from the agency providing assistance (i.e. auto and other fires on the freeway, EMS incidents, etc.) agencies' Company Commanders will communicate with each other using the tactical radio channel assigned to the agency having jurisdiction.

## 16. No Third-Party Benefit

This Agreement shall not be construed as, or deemed to be, an Agreement for the benefit of anyone not a party hereto, and anyone who is not a party hereto shall not have a right of action hereunder for any cause whatsoever.

# 17. Consideration

No party furnishing aid pursuant to this Agreement shall be entitled to compensation for services rendered to the requesting agency, it being understood that the respective covenants contained in this Agreement shall constitute the sole consideration for such services.

## 18. Hold Harmless

It is mutually understood and agreed that the party requesting assistance is not required to indemnify the party furnishing assistance as to liability or damage imposed by law upon the assisting party for any act or omission of the assisting party or its employees occurring in the performance of the services.

## 19. No Effect on Master Mutual Aid Agreement

It is mutually understood that this Agreement will in no way affect or have a bearing on the existing California Master Mutual Aid Agreement.

### 20. Previous Agreements Canceled

This agreement supersedes and cancels any previous Automatic Aid Agreement between the parties.

(Signature Page Follows)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed on the day of , 2019 and is effective and operative as to each of the parties as herein provided. **CITY OF LOS ANGELES** By RALPH M. TERRAZAS Fire Chief Approved as to form and legality: MICHAEL N. FEUER City Attorney By \_\_\_\_ KIMBERLY MIERA Deputy City Attorney **CITY OF EL SEGUNDO** Ву \_\_\_\_\_ By **CHRIS DONOVAN** DREW BOYLES Fire Chief Mayor Approved as to form: Approved as to content:

Ву

City Manager

**GREG CARPENTER** 

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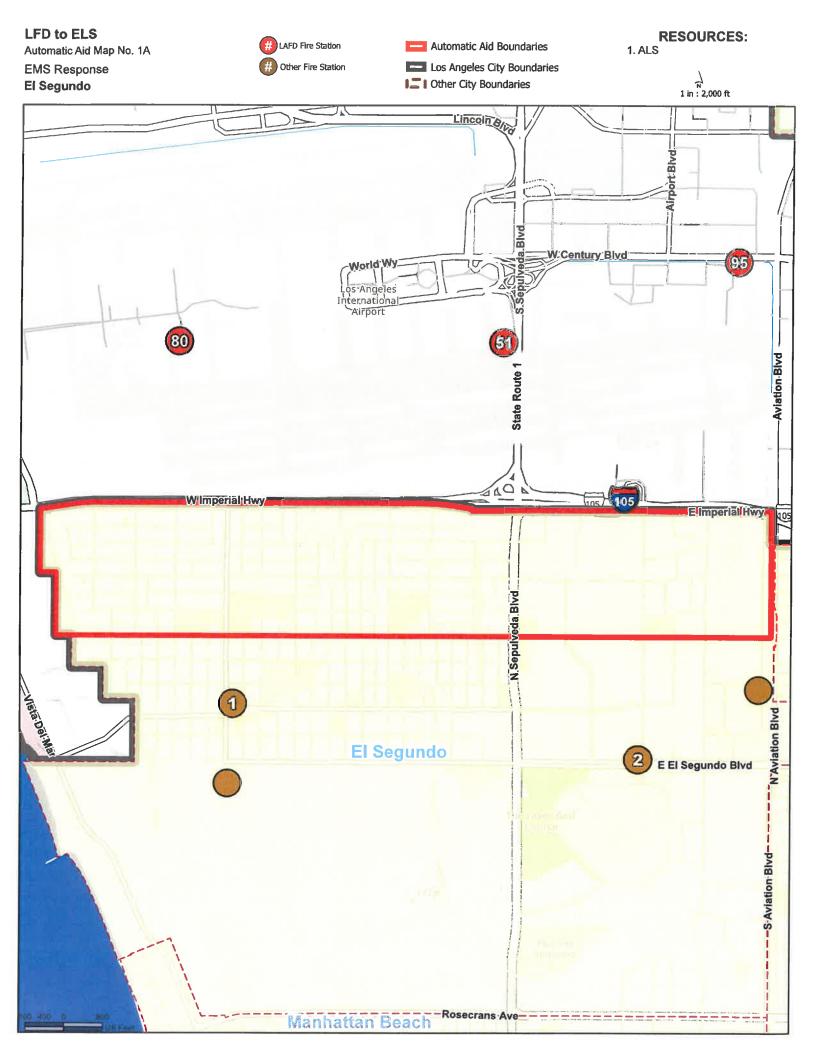
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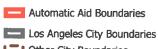
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LFD to ELS **RESOURCES:** # LAFD Fire Station Automatic Aid Boundaries Initial: Light Force Additional: Up to B Assignment Automatic Aid Map No. 1 (#) Other Fire Station Los Angeles City Boundaries Fire Response (A) 1 in : 2,000 ft **I** Other City Boundaries El Segundo Lincoln Blvo port:Blvd veda.Blvd W:Century Blvd World Wy 95 Los Angeles International Airport Aviation-Blvd 10 E imperial Hwy N Sepulveda Blvd N'Aviation Blvd El Segundo E El Segundo Blvd -S-Aviation Blvd--Rosecrans Ave Manhattan Beach



**ELS to LFD** Automatic Aid Map No. 2 Fire Response El Segundo Area





**RESOURCES:** 

1. Engine

1 in : 1,000 ft



**ELS to LFD RESOURCES:** (#) LAFD Fire Station Automatic Aid Boundaries Automatic Aid Map No. 2A 1. Engine 1. ALS or BLS (#) Other Fire Station **EMS Response** Los Angeles City Boundaries 1 in : 1,000 ft **I** Other City Boundaries El Segundo Area BU 162 ft 183 ft W<sub>i</sub>Imperial<sub>i</sub>Hwy W Imperial Ave E Imperial Ave Cedar St W Acacia Ave Dune St W Walnut Ave **E Walnut Ave** Hillcrest St Pepper St Concord PI W Sycamore Ave Yucca St W Maple Ave E Maple Ave Virginia St Bayonne ? Loma Vista St W Oak Ave E Oak Ave W Palm Ave S Main E Elm Ave W Mariposa Ave E Mariposa Ave El Segundo W Pine Ave E Pine Ave Valley St Standard St W Holly Ave Richmond St Whiting St Concord St E Grand Ave W Grand Ave W Franklin Ave E Franklin Ave -Grand Ave Binder Pl W El Segundo Bivd

**ELS to LFD RESOURCES:** # LAFD Fire Station Automatic Aid Boundaries 1. Engine Automatic Aid Map No. 3 Other Fire Station Los Angeles City Boundaries Fire Response 1 in : 1,200 ft El Segundo Area City Boundaries Lincoln Blvd 108 ft-State Route 1 W:Century Blvd Los Angeles International World: Wy **61** 114 ft Wilmperial Hwy N Sepuiveda Bivd El Segundo

**ELS to LFD** Automatic Aid Map No. 4 Fire Response

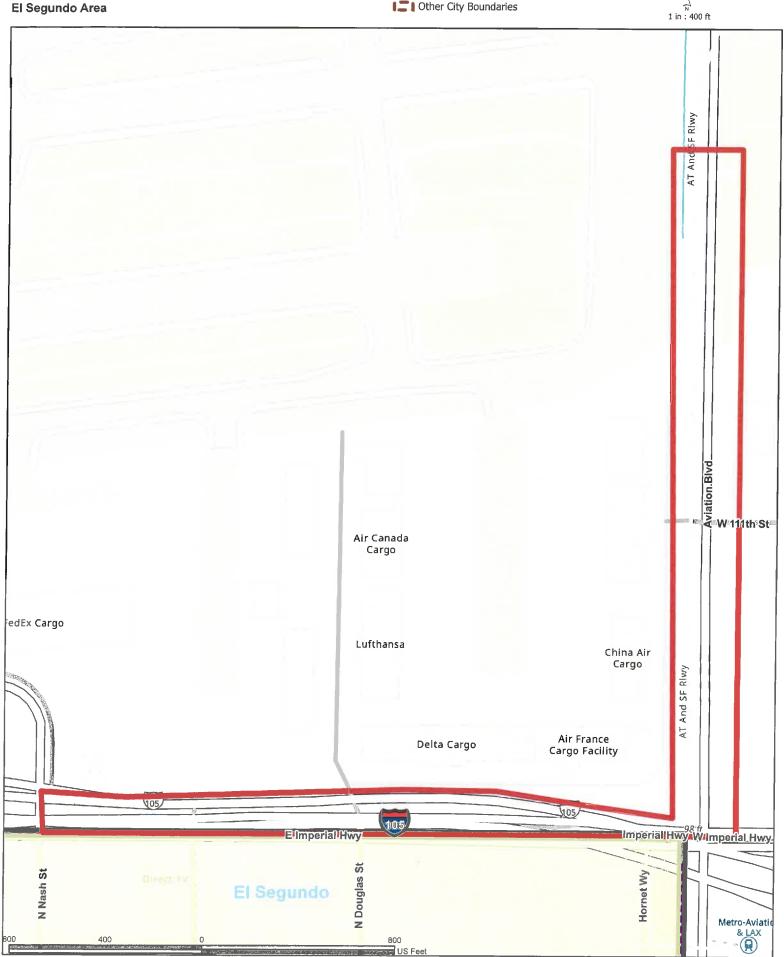
# LAFD Fire Station (#) Other Fire Station

Automatic Aid Boundaries Los Angeles City Boundaries City Boundaries

**RESOURCES:** 

1. Engine

1 in : 400 ft



**ELS to LFD RESOURCES:** # LAFD Fire Station Automatic Aid Boundaries Automatic Aid Map No. 5 1. Engine (#) Other Fire Station Los Angeles City Boundaries Fire Response 1 in : 400 ft City Boundaries El Segundo Area W 111th St AT And SF Riwy -W:Imperial:Hwy 105 Aviation Blv Metro-Aviation & LAX W\_116th;St S.La Clenega Blvd1 W 117th St 118th St W 118th St Judah Ave Pacific Concourse Dr Isis Ave W 118th PI

W 119th St

800

400

# AUTOMATIC AID RESOURCE MATRIX

EL SEGUNDO FIRE DE AREA "G"	SEGUNDO FIRE DEPARTMENT AREA "G"
RESOURCES FROM LFD TO ELS	RESOURCES FROM ELS TO LFD
STRUCTURE FIRE INCIDENTS	STRUCTURE FIRE INCIDENTS
The resources listed below will be dispatched into the city of El Segundo according to Map #1.	NO RESOURCES PROVIDED
Initial Dispatch:     1 Light Force     1 Battalion Chief	
Additional Resources  1 Light Force 2 Engines 1 Battalion Chief	
FIRE RESPONSES/NON-STRUCTURE FIRE	FIRE RESPONSES/NON STRUCTURE FIRE
NO RESOURCES PROVIDED	<ul> <li>One Engine on Vista Del Mar from one-half mile north of Imperial Highway on the north to the El Segundo city boundary on the south. (See Map#2)</li> <li>One Engine on northbound Sepulveda Blvd from Imperial Hwy to Century Blvd. (See Map#3)</li> <li>One Engine on Aviation Blvd from Imperial to one-half mile north of Imperial Hwy. (See Map#4)</li> </ul>
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	EL SEGUNDO FIRE DE AREA "G"	SEGUNDO FIRE DEPARTMENT  AREA "G"
	RESOURCES FROM LFD TO ELS	RESOURCES FROM ELS TO LFD
	FREEWAY INCIDENTS: Fire, EMS and Technical Rescue	FREEWAY INCIDENTS; Fire, EMS, and Technical Rescue
	NO RESOURCES PROVIDED	One engine eastbound on the I-105 Freeway between the Sepulveda Blvd. and the I-405 Freeway. (See Map#5)
	Specialized and Technical Rescue resources	Specialized and Technical Rescue resources
	Any request by ELS for specialized and technical resources (e.g. Hazmat, USAR, Heavy Rescue etc.) shall be approved by the LFD Deputy Department Commander (through the MFC Dispatch Center).	NO RESOURCES PROVIDED
·	Additional Resources may be authorized by the Fire Chief or Deputy Department Commander of the LAFD upon request.	