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# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FILE NO. 19-100

FROM: *RMT* Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES ACTIVITY REPORT

FINAL ACTION: ☐ Approved  
☐ Denied

☐ Approved w/Corrections  
☐ Received & Filed

☐ Withdrawn  
☐ Other

## SUMMARY

Attached for review by the Board of Fire Commissioners is the City Council and Committees Activity Report, for the period of August 14, 2019 through August 22, 2019, from the Office of the Chief of Staff.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:  
Receive and file the attached report.

The Board report was prepared by Deputy Chief Graham Everett, Chief of Staff.

Attachment

# Council / Committee Activity Report



COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT BFC 19-100 August 14, 2019, through August 22, 2019

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	FILE NO.	Date	SUBJECT	REPRESENTATIVE	STATUS	ACTIVE WITH CITY ATTORNEY
City Council	16-0881	05/08/18	Preparing an ordinance requiring all gated communities to install universal emergency access systems.			City Attorney's office is drafting.
City Council	12-0122	05/23/18	(Englander) False Alarm Program	Crowley/Souter		City Attorney drafted ordinance
City Council	18-0064	06/08/18	Motion (Englander - Koretz) relative to increased support for children of members of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) lost in Line of Duty Deaths (LODD) to become LAPD and/or LAFD members.		Council approved on consent. Will head back to PS for report back from CLA with options.	
Public Safety Committee	18-0095	06/13/18	Motion (Buscaino - Englander - Bonin) relative to a request to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to conduct a thorough investigation of the incident that occurred on West 25th Street in San Pedro on January 30, 2018 and present their findings to the Council; and a report on the cost incurred by the City in response to the call for service. (motion) -instructing CAO, with LAPD & LAFD to present cost incurred by City in response to call for service.	Everett	Committee approved with recommendations - heads to City Council. Date TBD.	
City Council	18-0786	11/02/18	Instruct LAFD report on their CERT supply cache pilot and the necessary maintenance and replenishment of supplies within 60 days. I FURTHER MOVE that the Fire Department, Emergency Management Department and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with the assistance of the General Services Department and Recreation and Parks, report within 60 days on the creation of a pilot program to place cache units at City facilities within the boundaries of each Neighborhood Council in Council District 3. This report should provide options for Neighborhood Councils to purchase the caches, and possible metrics on determining the success of a pilot	Ignatczyk	Council approved. Item heads back to Committee for full report, TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	19-0050	03/27/19	(Blumenfield-Rodriguez) Requesting the City Attorney to draft an amendment to the LAMC to allow for personal notice to an individual who is within a portion of the VHFSZ that's not open to the public. And instruct the LAFD, EMD, and LAPD to report in 30 days on what measure are currently implemented to address and mitigate risk of wildfires in the VHFSZ and on what other means might be employed and policies or laws adopted to improve the City's ability to prevent trespassing in the zone and other means to address dangerous activities in the zone.		Committee continued the item to another date, TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	19-0283	04/10/19	(Buscaino/Rodriguez) Direct the LAFD to report on the behavioral health resources, including awareness, prevention, intervention, and post-crisis strategies, provided to firefighters and other LAFD first-responders.	Cessor	Committee continued the item - waiting for UCLA study to be completed. LAFD requested to return to report findings. PAW approved on consent on 04/02.	
City Council	16-1433-S1	04/17/19	(Martinez/Buscaino, Dawson/Wesson) Utilization of Special Event Spaces on City Owned warehouses and hangars/ safety requirements/review system.	Hani Malki/Crowley	Council approved. Instructed City Attorney/CLA to make recommendations to change city municipal code and changes to state code.	

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City Council	18-1120	08/07/19	(Bonin- Koretz-O'Farrell-Ryu) Request the LAFD and the CLA to assemble and lead a Wildland-Urban Interface Hazard Mitigation Task Force (Task Force), consisting of representatives from the Police Department, Emergency Management Department, Department of Transportation, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Animal Services, Information Technology Agency, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Department of Building & Safety, Department of City Planning, Department of Water & Power, and any other internal and external partners deemed necessary, to discuss the issues described in the above-mentioned text, along with any related matters.	Poirier/Everett	LAFD/CLA report transmitted.	
Public Safety Committee	11-0930-S2		(Bonin) Notify LA/EMD Emergency Mass Notification System Failure. Instruct the LAFD, LAPD, EMD to prepare "after action" report on the Mandeville Canyon evacuation drill, soliciting public and agency feedback, and reporting to the City Council, Brentwood Community Council, and relevant neighborhood organizations on strengths and vulnerabilities learned from the drill, problems encountered during the drill, and recommended steps for corrective action.	Hogan	Committee dates, TBD.	
Public Safety & Budget/Finance Committees	12-1693-S1		(Bonin) Instruct the Fire Department to take the appropriate steps to negotiate an amendment to the Los Angeles City/County Automatic Aid Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to add the provision of an Advanced Life Support unit from the Los Angeles County Fire Department for Emergency Medical Service incidents occurring in the community of Ladera (AKA: Ladera Heights Median), and report to the City Council with a description of any reciprocal services that may need to be provided by the LAFD to L.A. County Fire. And instruct the Fire Department to report on the status of the proposal to construct and staff a new L.A. City Fire Station 54, including: the required parcel size, an assessment of suitable properties, anticipated land acquisition and construction costs, potential funding sources in lieu of a Citywide fire facility bond measure, and the recommended resource types for assignment to this new fire station, based on geographic coverage needs and current service demands		Committee dates TBD.	
Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee	17-0940		(Englander-Bonin) The regulation and inspection of below-ground storage facilities for natural gas and other hazardous materials. Instruct the LAFD to report on what ability and authority the City should have to regulate and inspect below-ground storage facilities or natural gas and other hazardous materials, and on what actions the City can take to ensure that it has the authority for permitting and inspecting these facilities with said regulations to be formed under the franchise agreement structure.	Royce Long	Committee date TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	19-0044		(Blumenfield) EMD, LAFD, & LAPD have a role with the assistance of any other City Departments that would have role in emergency evacuations, create and implement a coordinated emergency preparedness training program and drill for relevant City employees focused on emergency evacuation of vulnerable populations during a disaster.		Committee date, TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	19-0183		(Rodriguez) LAFD report comprehensively on youth programs and long-term recruitment efforts.	Kepner/Larson	Committee date, TBD, LAFD report transmitted.	
Rules, Elections, & Intergovernmental Relations	19-0414		(Smith/Rodriguez-Krekorian, Buscaino) Fire facilities Bond Measure/ LAFD/Fire Station upgrades.		Committee date, TBD.	

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Public Safety Committee	19-0564		(Wesson) Fire Department to report on steps needed to require perspective Regulation 4 testers & inspectors to have a current State Fire Marshal Automated Extinguishing System certificate.	Gatewood	Committee date, TBD.	
Budget & Finance Committee	19-0613		(Martinez-Rodriguez) FD & CAO report on a source for funding and the steps necessary to provide \$50,000 to the Women's Fire Alliance (WFA) so that the WFA can retain a consultant to assess the needs of female firefighters in the LA region.		Committee date, TBD.	
Public Safety Committee & Planning and Land Use Management Committee	19-0603		(Blumenfield) City Building Code Fire District 1 Expansion/Cal Department of Forestry/Fire Protection Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone/City High Wind Veolicty Zone/ Ordinance		Committee's dates, TBD.	
Housing Committee	19-0723		(Price) Instruct DBS, FD, PD, DWP, City Attorney to report on how we can better coordinate efforts to expedite the shutdown of nuisance properties that are being used for housing purposes.	Hayden	Committee, date, TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	19-0859		(Ryu) Instruct DOT, LAFD, LAPD report on the existing policy framework that governs aviation in LA airspace and report on recommended regulatory framework to ensure public safety for the city of LA.	Combs/Fields	Committee date, TBD.	