

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: RMT Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: COVID TESTING ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections
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SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) manages the operation of the Mayor's Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public testing program. Working in collaboration with the Mayor's Office, Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE), Curative Labs, and Healthvana, the public testing program grew from one drive-through site offering up to 300 tests per day to multiple sites and multiple access methods offering up to 20,000 tests per day. The tests are provided at no cost to the patient. To date, the program conducted over one million tests.

This report examines the impact on LAFD staffing related to our response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and specifically the LAFD's role in testing.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

Receive and file.

FINDINGS

The LAFD began COVID-19 testing on March 20, 2020. The initial request by the Mayor's Office was for the development of one drive through testing site at Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center (FHMTC). To staff the site, the Department detailed Special Duty members, Fire Inspectors, and on-duty field resources. Within the first week of testing, the operation expanded from 300 tests per day at the FHMTC site, to over 1600 tests per day at four sites. Our expansion increased to eight sites by the first week of May, facilitating over 8,000 tests per day.

Along with the expansion of the drive-through testing sites, the non-profit organization CORE provided volunteers to augment staffing at the testing sites, allowing the Department to return many of the LAFD members back to their regular assignments and eliminate the use of on duty field resources. Today, CORE is providing over 500

workers to staff the City's testing sites. The current deployment model for testing consists of the following activities, organized under the COVID-19 Testing Branch:

- 6 Drive-through sites
- 3 Walkup test sites
- 5 Mobile testing teams
- Fire Department/Police Department testing group, serving Los Angeles World Airports Police; Los Angeles Port Police, Metropolitan Fire Communications, LAFD recruits and training staff, and Los Angeles Police Department recruits and training staff
- Special Projects testing group, including; Recreation and Parks, Los Angeles Dodgers, Critical City workers, and a Serology pilot program for the LAFD.
- Logistics group that provides Base Camp Managers at all testing sites, food, water, personal protective equipment, generators, etc.
- Ground Support Unit to assist with deliveries, test kits, trailers for mobile testing, repairs, manufacturing, and technical specialists
- Planning Group which produces all the records, reports, statistics, and handles the appointment scheduler

The COVID-19 Testing Branch has the capacity to provide tests for over 20,000 individuals per day within the City of Los Angeles. The LAFD's role is limited to oversight, logistical support, liaison, and technical support.

Current LAFD staffing:

- 79 total sworn members
- 37 detailed from special duty assignments
- 10 detailed from platoon duty assignments
- 25 are part time and hired by Variable Staffing Hours ("V" hours) on their days off
- 4 light duty members (this number fluctuates based on available light duty members)
- 3 members assigned while remaining in their current position

CONCLUSION

The COVID-19 Testing Branch is fully operational and conducts from 10,000-17,000 tests per day and works collaboratively with the Mayor's Office, CORE, and Curative Labs. In addition to COVID-19 testing, the Testing Branch is also assisting with flu vaccinations in partnership with the Mayor's Office, LA County Public Health, and the University of Southern California at the mobile test sites to offer both flu vaccinations and COVID testing. The presumed phase to follow will include offering COVID vaccinations at the testing sites.

Board Report prepared by Assistant Chief Ellsworth Fortman.

Attachments

DUTY STATUS	NAME	RANK	ASSIGNMENT
1 SPECIAL DUTY	ELLSWORTH FORTMAN	ASSISTANT CHIEF	TEST BRANCH DIRECTOR
2 SPECIAL DUTY	ANTONY HARDAWAY	BATTALION CHIEF	MOBILE TESTING GROUP SUPERVISOR
3 SPECIAL DUTY	RICHARD MOODY	CAPTAIN II	DEPUTY LOGISTICS SECTION CHIEF
4 SPECIAL DUTY	CHAD ROLISH	CAPTAIN I	FD/PD TEST GROUP SUPERVISOR
5 SPECIAL DUTY	JASON POWELL	CAPTAIN I	GROUND SUPPORT
6 SPECIAL DUTY	JOHN MARASCO	CAPTAIN I	SEROLOGY GROUP SUPERVISOR
7 SPECIAL DUTY	MATT BONAFODE	CAPTAIN I	CRENSHAW GROUP SUPERVISOR
8 SPECIAL DUTY	MILTON QUINTANA	CAPTAIN I	GROUND SUPPORT
9 SPECIAL DUTY	RICK NAJERA	CAPTAIN I	BASE CAMP MANAGER DODGER
10 SPECIAL DUTY	ERIC GARCIA	A/O	GROUND SUPPORT
11 SPECIAL DUTY	ART RODRIGUEZ	INSPECTOR	ASSISTANT SEROLOGY
12 SPECIAL DUTY	DANNY ELIZARRARRAS	INSPECTOR	BASE CAMP MANAGER
13 SPECIAL DUTY	GAGE MARTINEZ	INSPECTOR	BASE CAMP MANAGER
14 SPECIAL DUTY	MELISSA KELLEY	FF/PM	BASE CAMP MANAGER LINCOLN
15 SPECIAL DUTY	JOHNATHAN VALENZUELA	FF/PM	BASE CAMP MANAGER
16 SPECIAL DUTY	KRISHAN VADUKUL	FF/PM	BASE CAMP MANAGER HANSEN
17 SPECIAL DUTY	KURT HOWARD	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER DODGER
18 SPECIAL DUTY	CLIFFORD TAITT	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER CRENSHAW
19 SPECIAL DUTY	JOE SANTA MARIA	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER (TRAINEE)
20 SPECIAL DUTY	MARCUS WILLIAMS	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER LINCOLN
21 SPECIAL DUTY	MICHAEL MARQUEZ	FIREFIGHTER	COVID19 SUPPLY
22 SPECIAL DUTY	MICHAEL PEREZ	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER (TRAINEE)
23 SPECIAL DUTY	RANDALL OPPERMAN	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER DODGER
24 SPECIAL DUTY	SAMANTHA PRADO	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER DODGER
25 SPECIAL DUTY	THEODORE DEBS	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER (TRAINEE)
29 SPECIAL DUTY	MATTHEW PETERSEN	FF/PM	EMS TRAINING UNIT
30 SPECIAL DUTY	BEN ROSELL	FF/PM	EMS TRAINING UNIT
31 SPECIAL DUTY	RICHARD SENNEFF	FF/PM	EMS TRAINING UNIT
32 SPECIAL DUTY	NELSON QUAN	FF/PM	EMS TRAINING UNIT
33 VACANT	VACANT	CAPTAIN I	NOTIFICATION GROUP SUPERVISOR

34	WORKING FROM ASSIGNMENT	JAMIE LESINSKI	BATTALION CHIEF	TEST BRANCH LIAISON OFFICER LAFD
35	WORKING FROM ASSIGNMENT	SCOTT QUINN	BATTALION CHIEF	TEST BRANCH SAFETY OFFICER
36	WORKING FROM ASSIGNMENT	BRYAN HAMMOND	CAPTAIN I	TESTING BRANCH DEPUTY SAFETY OFFICER
37	PLATOON DUTY AD	SHAWN LENSKE	FF/PM	ASSISTANT BRANCH DIRECTOR
38	PLATOON DUTY AD	KADY KEPNER	ASSISTANT CHIEF	FIXED SITE TESTING GROUP SUPERVISOR
39	PLATOON DUTY AD	CATHLEEN GILBERT	CAPTAIN I	DODGERS SITE MANAGER
40	PLATOON DUTY AD	TOMMY KITAHATA	CAPTAIN II	FACILITIES UNIT LEADER DODGER
41	PLATOON DUTY AD	GABRIEL LOPEZ	ENGINEER	GROUND SUPPORT
42	PLATOON DUTY AD	WARREN WORCESTER	ENGINEER	GROUND SUPPORT
43	PLATOON DUTY AD	SHANE HIRSH	ENGINEER	GROUND SUPPORT
44	PLATOON DUTY AD	BRIAN LABRIE	A/O	LOGISTICS SECTION CHIEF
45	PLATOON DUTY AD	AFARA LALAIND	FF/PM	DEPUTY MOBILE TESTING GROUP SUPERVISOR
46	PLATOON DUTY AD	DAVID LEMMOND	FIREFIGHTER	GROUND SUPPORT
47	PLATOON DUTY, LIGHT DUTY	MALLORY RISS	FF/PM	ASST MOBIL TESTING
48	SPECIAL DUTY, LIGHT DUTY	FRANK HURTADO	CAPTAIN I	BASE CAMP MANAGER LINCOLN
49	SPECIAL DUTY, LIGHT DUTY	ARTURO GALLARDO	FF/PM	BASE CAMP MANAGER
50	SPECIAL DUTY, LIGHT DUTY	JOHN BOWERS	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER HANSEN
51	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	RYAN KENDALL	CAPTAIN I	BASE CAMP MANAGER
52	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	KESTON ABE	CAPTAIN I	BASE CAMP MANAGER HANSEN
53	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	CHRIS POHL	ENGINEER	BASE CAMP MANAGER
54	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	JARRED KOZAKI	ENGINEER	BASE CAMP MANAGER
55	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	LUIS OCHOA	ENGINEER	BASE CAMP MANAGER
56	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	MIKE MUELLER	ENGINEER	BASE CAMP MANAGER
57	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	STEVE FINCH	ENGINEER	BASE CAMP MANAGER
58	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	AUSTIN HAJAR	ENGINEER	BASE CAMP MANAGER
59	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	DAVE KOHL	A/O	BASE CAMP MANAGER
60	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	RAY TOPETE	A/O	BASE CAMP MANAGER
61	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	WARREN QUACH	FF/PM	BASE CAMP MANAGER
62	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	JESS CARBAJAL	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER
63	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	CALVIN NGO	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER
64	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	RAUL MATA	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER
65	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	BRANDON BLUE	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER

66	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	ZAC COUGHLIN	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER
67	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	GREG BALANDRAN	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER
68	VHIRE ONLY OFF DAYS	JACK ALBERT	FIREFIGHTER	BASE CAMP MANAGER
69	VHIRE ADDITIONAL	JEREMIE BELLENDIR	CAPTAIN I / DT81	FD TEST
70	VHIRE ADDITIONAL	ROBERT DANIELS	CAPTAIN I / 13B	FD TEST
71	VHIRE ADDITIONAL	LEON DUNN	CAPTAIN I / DT81	FD TEST
72	VHIRE ADDITIONAL	KAIRI BROWN	CAPTAIN II /PLANNING	FD TEST
73	VHIRE ADDITIONAL	VINCENT HAMILTON	CAPTAIN II /PLANNING	FD TEST
74	VHIRE ADDITIONAL	AMILCAR AGUILAR	FF/PM / 13B	FD TEST
75	VHIRE ADDITIONAL	LAWRENCE BONNER	FFII / 51 B	HACLA

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