

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT




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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 21-100

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES ACTIVITY REPORT

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

SUMMARY

Attached for review by the Board of Fire Commissioners is the City Council and Committees Activity Report, for the period of October 9, 2021 through October 22, 2021, 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 21-100, October 9, 2021, through October 22, 2021

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	FILE NO.	Date	SUBJECT	REPRESENTATIVE	STATUS	ACTIVE WITH CITY ATTORNEY
Public Safety Committee	11-0930-S2	10/23/19	(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 continued the item to a later date. File Expires: 10/23/21.	
Public Safety Committee	19-1467	02/12/20	(Rodriguez) Instruct PD, FD, EMD to report on existing processes for providing emergency notifications and alerts in other languages and on ways the City's ability to provide emergency notice to residents who don't speak English, both via personal notice and existing systems such as NotifyLA.	Calvillo	City Council approved Committee recommendations to direct the Departments to draft a report to be heard back in Public Safety Committee.	
City Council	18-1120	03/06/20	(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	City Council approved both committees recommendations to receive and file the transmittal. Council Instructed CLA, FD, & Mayor's office to report in 60 days regarding Task Force work and directed the FD to report with recommendations to enhance coordination between departments, increase resiliency, and strengthen the City's response to wildfires in the Wildlife Urban Interface. Scheduled for Council approval on 03/06/20.	
Ad Hoc COVID-19 Recovery & Neighborhood Investment Committee	20-0733	06/24/20	(Ryu) Instruct CLA, EMD, FD and other depts. to report on current stock of PPE, acquisition & distribution of PPE, current status of City's COVID testing, plans to respond to a potential resurgence of COVID-19, contact tracing efforts, how current testing protects communities, and provide information, differences, and efficiency and use of PCR and Serological tests.		Council approved. Instructs CLA to draft report.	
Planning & Land Use Management Committee	20-1170	10/29/20	(Ryu) Instruct Planning Dept, DBS, & City Attorney to prepare an Interim Control Ordinance to suspend all ongoing construction which is not necessary for provision of utilities or water supply and prohibit the issuance of demolition, building, grading, hauling, and any other permits for properties located inclusively with the hillsides or VHFHSZ until Nov 30 where the properties are located on streets with a single point of egress and ingress, streets serving as collector streets for multiple streets with single points of ingress and egress, substandard streets, and any property inside the Hillside and VHFHSZ with an average LAFD emergency response time of 7 mins or more.		Committee approved as amended. Heads to Council, date, TBD.	
City Council	15-1380-S12	01/12/21	(Lee) Aliso Canyon Underground Storage facility. LAFD to report back on the feasibility of conducting an annual briefing with SoCalGas on operations and safety and on the feasibility of working with SoCalGas on conducting joint annual fire drills and other safety trainings.	T. Richmond	Report transmitted, 02/07. Waiting for Energy, Climate Change, & Environmental Justice Committee to agendize the item, TBD.	

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City Council	19-1124	01/12/21	(Bonin) Instruct City Planning, LAFD, DBS, & Petroleum Administrator to investigate & report on the oil, natural gas, & gas storage field operations. The investigation should include a thorough site review for all equipment and wells onsite and to ensure all complies with state and local regulations.	Royce Long	Council referred the item to the Energy, Climate Change, & Environmental Justice Committee, date, TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	12-0122	02/03/21	(Krekorian) Instruct the FD to report on the details of implementing a False fire Alarm program that includes full cost recovery of sworn responses and required staff resources for successful program administration.	Fields	Item was continued.	
City Council	20-1312	03/03/21	(Rodriguez) FD report with detail regarding CalTrans parcels located in the City's VHFHSZ, the number of brush clearance violations, and delinquent cases with CalTrans in the last 3 years, and any outstanding costs to the City. FD to report on the number of fires responded to on CalTrans property in the last 3 years.	Saunders	Council approved with recommendations, instructing the FD & City Attorney to work out an MOU with Cal-Trans.	
Public Safety Committee	20-1478	04/07/21	(Rodriguez) CLA directed to report on Prop 19's projections to generate increased revenues for City Fire Services and on the steps necessary to ensure the City receives its share of any additional tax revenue resulting from the passage of this measure. Instruct the FD to report on available funding sources to expand fire facilities and resources, including a plan to expand staffing and facilities in Sylmar and restore the engine company at FS 74, projected need of any additional drill tower classes, and prioritize the restoration and expansion of fire resources in similar fire prone and disenfranchised communities across the City.		Committee approved the item.	
City Council	21-0318	05/05/21	(MRodriguez) Instruct the FD and PD with the assistance of the City Attorney, be directed to report on the establishment of a "fireworks buy back program" modeled after the City's gun buyback programs.	Nelson	Council adopted, instructing departments to report to Committee.	
City Council	21-0158	05/06/21	(Buscaino) Instruct DBS, Bureau of Engineering, Planning Department, and Fire Department to provide a presentation update to the Council on its BuildLA Program, which provides land use and development customers a one-stop virtual platform for development services by providing real time information such as project status and timelines, that also includes a discussion on the work program for this year, and additional benchmarks for its continued rollout and program evaluation.	Hani Malki	Council adopted.	
Public Safety Committee	19-0603	06/02/21	(Blumenfield) City Building Code Fire District 1 Expansion/Cal Department of Forestry/Fire Protection Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone/City High Wind Velocity Zone/ Ordinance. AMENDING MOTION (MRod): To include all areas within the City covered by the Cal Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's VHSZ and the City's High Wind Velocity Zone, including high density population centers. (Bonin) Instruct FD & DBS & City Planning to include in the report an analysis of the viability of heavy/mass timber and light wood frame, and to explore options to allow Type IV construction. Departments will have 30 days to report to PS Committee.	Crowley	PSC approved with recommendations. Heads to PLUM Committee.	
City Council	20-1225	06/16/21	(Koretz) LAs Green New Deal / Healthy Soil Strategy / Urban Agriculture / Carbon Sequestration / Water Capture / Composting and Mulching Operations / Development. Instruct FD to report back on best practices to protect soil health during necessary brush clearance activities.	Crowley	Council approved, directing Departments to report back.	

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City Council	21-0531	07/07/21	(Mark Ridley-Thomas) FD & PD work with ITA and City Attorney to report on the County of San Bernardino's model of tracking and responding to fireworks complaints received through a mobile application, and on the feasibility of implementing a similar program in the City of LA.	Nelson	Council approved directs Departments to draft a report back to PS Committee.	
Public Safety Committee	20-0146	08/04/21	(Bonin/Koretz/Blumenfield) City Attorney, LAFD, DBS draft an ordinance to require the retrofit of all previously exempt non-sprinklered residential high-rises to conform to current fire code requirements. And LAFD with City Attorney and DBS recommend additional actions outlined in the Fire Commission's report to be required by the City that would require changes to the city laws and regulations. And the CLA and CAO report back on the feasibility of utilizing federal HUD or FHA loans, state or local funds and financial tools to assist building owners in the cost of these upgrades.	Saunders	PSC approved item with recommendations and will keep the item in Committee and have departments report back in 60 days.	
City Council	21-0844	08/17/21	(MRod) Instruct the FD and the City Attorney to report with a review of the grievance and disciplinary process within the FD for behavioral, discriminatory and retaliatory complaints, including record keeping of complaints as categorized by gender or ethnicity.	Everett/Kepner	Council approved, instructing the FD & CA to report back to Committee.	
Public Safety Committee	21-0949	10/20/21	(Krekorian) Instruct the LAFD to report on its readiness to deal with a multiyear drought event and related implications for wildfire risk in Los Angeles communities. Additionally, the LAFD should report on best practices and citizens' responsibility to mitigate wildfire risk on private property.		PSC approved on consent, heads to full council, date, TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	20-0621		(Rodriguez) FD, PD, City Attorney, DBS analyze the City's current investigative and enforcement practices as it pertains to the storage, use, and sale of combustible chemicals, and provide recommendations to enhance public safety and prevent volatile chemical explosions and fires in the City. Also, instruct LAFD to provide an AAR following the conclusion of the Boyd Street incident.	Richmond/Crowley/Rose	Committee date, TBD	
Budget & Finance Committee	20-0684		(Blumenfield) Four resolution authority positions in the LAFD for illegal cannabis enforcement, consisting of two Inspector II's and two Fire Inspector I's which were deleted in the Mayor's 2020-2021 Proposed Budget, be restored without funding.	Crowley	Committee date, TBD	
Public Safety Committee	20-0769-S1		(Blumenfield) Instruct the LAFD and the CAO to present a plan to expand the Advanced Provider Response Units from four to 11, in order to cover more areas of the City and to respond to non-violent, non-criminal calls that would previously be responded to by PD. Also, instruct the LAFD and CAO, the County Mental Health, LAHSA and any other City or County Departments to report on the resources needed to integrate mental health and social work professionals into the LAFD's APRUs, to respond to a greater volume and type of non-violent and non-criminal calls.		Committee date, TBD	
Econ Development Committee	20-1467		(Blumenfield) Instruct Public Works, PD, FD, City Attorney, and FilmLA to report on the current penalties and fines for unpermitted filming, as well as recommended adjustments to them to appropriately disincentive unpermitted filming in the City.	Crowley	Committee date, TBD.	
Personnel, Audits, & Animal Welfare Committee & Public Safety Committee	21-0051		(MRodriguez) Instruct the Personnel Department, PD, FD and all city Departments be directed to conduct investigations into any employees' involvement in the recent insurrection at the Capitol and report on its plan to investigate, any findings, and disciplinary actions to any offenses. And be directed to report on the existing social media policy for employees, as it relates to hate speech guidelines and First Amendment rights.	Everett	Committee date, TBD	

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Energy, Climate Change, & Environmental Justice Committee & Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery & Neighborhood Investment	20-0147		(Koretz) FD be instructed to investigate the hazards presented by the illegal structures located at 130 N Croft Avenue in CD5 and that the Council Action of March 17, 2020 (CF 20-0147 be amended by motion 72-P and motion 72-P-A), relative to suspending comprehensive CARE+cleanups, be amended to authorize LA Sanitation to resume CARE+ cleanups and remove this illegal structure.	Crowley	Committee date, TBD	
Budget & Finance Committee	20-1178-S1		(Rodriguez/Bonin-Buscaino/Blumenfield) Direct the CAO to identify funding sources and report back with recommendations and controller instructions to fund the City's cost for the LAFD Therapeutic Van Pilot Program in order to implement the program immediately.	Everett	Committee date, TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	21-0465		(MRodriguez) Instruct FD and City Attorney with assistance of the CLA and CAO to report to the City Council on the number of patient transports provided for persons incarcerated in County jail, the length of average deployment, the rescue impact on standards of cover, and dollars spent on an annual basis for the past 5 years of deployment. Furthermore, instruct the FD and City Attorney with the CLA and CAO to report to the City Council on how the City can pursue full cost recovery for transport services rendered to the County.	Everett	Committee date, TBD.	
Housing Committee	21-0776		(Cedillo) Instruct FD, City Attorney to report with recommendations/proposed resolutions, to the Housing Committee on the disconnect between state and local code and the LA Fire Code as it relates to the definition of residential zoning classifications for transitional and supportive housing occupancy type, as further detailed in the text of the Motion.		Committee date, TBD.	
Public Safety Committee	21-1209		(Buscaino) Instruct the CAO & LAFD to report with recommendations on the establishment of a volunteer emergency medical corps for the City of LA, to provide medical services to persons experiencing homelessness.	Everett/Sanko	Committee date, TBD.	