

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 25-071

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: **RV** Ronnie R. Villanueva, Interim Fire Chief

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC AID BETWEEN
THE LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE LONG
BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 Withdrawn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

The Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) maintains thirteen automatic aid agreements with neighboring fire agencies. These agreements exist to enhance emergency services 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 jurisdiction 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 Memorandum of Agreement between the Long Beach Fire Department and the Los Angeles City Fire Department. This is the first agreement between these two agencies. The portion of Los Angeles affected by this agreement is in the Harbor to include multiple Battalion 6 fire stations. Attached to this report is the response agreement to include map pages showing service areas.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement for automatic aid between the Los Angeles City Fire Department and the Long Beach Fire Department for a period of five years, beginning the date of signing, and ending June 30, 2030.

2. Authorize the Fire Chief to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement for automatic aid with the Long Beach Fire Department.
3. Authorize the Fire Chief sole discretion to execute amendments during the five-year term of the Memorandum of Agreement for automatic aid.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

Board report prepared by Adam Knabe, Battalion Chief, Response Committee Chair.

Attachment

Long Beach Agreement No. _____

Los Angeles Agreement No. _____

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC AID AND
EXCHANGE OF FIRE PROTECTION, SPECIALIZED, RESCUE AND
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS
ANGELES AND THE CITY OF LONG BEACH**



**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC AID AND EXCHANGE OF
FIRE PROTECTION, SPECIALIZED, RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH**

WITNESSETH

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

WHEREAS, fire and rescue resources for the City of Long Beach are dispatched through a central dispatch center known as "FIRE"; 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 Long Beach and Los Angeles to provide the most expeditious response to suppress fires and to 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 Memorandum of Agreement may be revised or amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Fire Chief of the Long Beach Fire Department (LOB) and the Fire Chief of the Los Angeles City 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 **the date of execution** and shall remain operative and effective through **June 30, 2030**. Parties shall meet on or about **October 1, 2029** to begin 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

The parties intend that this Agreement will provide mutual benefits to both parties. The parties will meet annually to ensure that the intent of mutual benefit is being met. Should the exchange of assistance not be equally distributed, this Agreement may be amended in accordance with Section 1 above.

4. Incident Command

In those instances where resources from the assisting department arrive before those of the jurisdictional department, the highest-ranking member from the first arriving resource will establish incident command and take the necessary action dictated by the situation. Command of the incident will be assumed by the jurisdictional department upon its arrival at the scene. The highest-ranking officer of the assisting department 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 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.

5. Commitment of Resources

This agreement does not relieve either party from the necessity and obligation of using its own resources for furnishing fire and rescue services within any part of its own jurisdiction. The assisting agency'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. Timeliness of Request

Upon receiving a request from either agency, the respective dispatcher who determines the need for automatic aid, shall make the request as soon as possible to minimize the delay in call processing and response times.

If either party has limited resources due to drawdown or degraded dispatching, a notification shall be made to the respective dispatch center's Duty Officer as soon as possible.

8. 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 requesting agency is able to relieve the assisting agency with its own resources and/or obtain the appropriate emergency resources, not to exceed a 4-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.

9. 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.

10. Training

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 LOB Battalion Commanders.

11. Services by Los Angeles City Fire Department

Upon request by LOB, LFD agrees to provide the designated resources described in Section 15.A. below, to those designated areas located within the jurisdiction of Long Beach as defined on the attached maps.

12. Dispatch by Los Angeles City Fire Department

Upon receipt by LFD of an alarm within the designated areas of the jurisdiction of Los Angeles, as designated on the attached maps, LFD will dispatch its resources to that alarm in accordance with the dispatch algorithms then in effect and notify Long Beach Dispatch which will dispatch the agreed-upon LOB response.

13. Services by the City of Long Beach

Upon request by LFD, LOB agrees to provide the designated resources described in Section 15.B. below, to those designated areas located within the jurisdiction of Los Angeles as defined on the attached maps.

14. Dispatch by the City of Long Beach

Upon receipt by LOB of an alarm within the jurisdiction of Long Beach, as designated on the attached maps, LOB will dispatch its resources to that alarm in accordance with the dispatch algorithms then in effect and notify MFC which will dispatch the agreed-upon LFD response.

15. Amount and Type of Assistance

The maximum number and type of assistance available under this Agreement is listed in Sections 15.A. and 15.B, below.

Resources supplied to the requesting agency under this Agreement shall be without charge for four (4) hours from the time the assisting agency's resources are dispatched, after which time the assisting agency resources shall be bills to the requesting agency as "Assistance by Hire." The assisting agency may choose to waive the charge for additional resources or additional time, at the sole discretion of the Fire Chief of the assisting agency, or that Fire Chief's designee. The waiver of charges shall not extend beyond twelve (12) hours from the time the initial resources were dispatched.

A. LFD to LOB (Land)

1. Structure Fire Response (SFAA): (Upon request of LOB)

- Initial Dispatch: The closest available:
 - One Task Force (may be a Light Force and an Engine Company)
 - One Battalion Chief
- Additional resources that may be requested under this Agreement by the on-scene Incident Commander:
 - One Task Force (may be a Light Force and an Engine Company)
 - One Engine
 - One Battalion Chief
 - Two Paramedic Ambulances

2. Jumper Response (JUMPERAA):

- One Task Force equipped with rescue air cushion
- One Battalion Chief

3. Freeway/Highway Incidents: (Map #4)

- One Engine

4. Hazardous Materials Incidents (HAZMATAA):
 - o One Hazardous Materials Task Force
 - o One Hazardous Materials Squad
 - o One Battalion Chief
5. Specialized and Technical Rescue

Any request by LOB for specialized and technical resources (e.g. USAR, Heavy Rescue, Air Operations etc.) shall be subject to approval by the LFD Deputy Department Commander.

6. Move-up Coverage

If requested by LOB, LFD may provide up to one Task Force for move-up coverage during extended emergency incidents where LOB has over half of their stations uncovered.

NOTE: An ALS ambulance response request from LOB for a LFD RA may be granted only after Area F resources have been exhausted and/or an estimated on-scene arrival time exceeds 20 minutes.

B. LOB to LFD (Land)

- 1) Structure Fire: (Map #2)
 - a) Initial Dispatch:
 - One Engine (Request LOB E24)
 - One Battalion Chief
 - a) Additional resources that may be requested under this Agreement by the on-scene Incident Commander:
 - One Truck
 - One Engine
- 2) Hazardous Materials Incident: (Map #3)
 - a) Initial Dispatch:
 - Haz Mat 24
 - One Battalion Commander (AREP)

- 3) Foam 12
 - If requested by LFD, LOB may provide Foam 12 accompanied by an Engine company to an incident within the City of Los Angeles upon approval of the AC Operations, DC Operations or the On-call Chief.

C. LFD to LOB (Maritime)

- 1) Any type of fire: (Map #1)
 - One Large Boat
 - One Small Boat
 - One Battalion Commander (AREP)
- 2) Structure fire and/or wharf fire along Cerritos Channel west of the Commodore Schuyler F. Heim Bridge
 - One Large Boat
 - One Small Boat
 - One Battalion Commander (AREP)
- 3) **Upon request** by LOB to any incident in the Long Beach Harbor area
 - One Large Boat
 - One Small Boat
 - One Battalion Commander (AREP)

D. LOB to LFD (Maritime)

- 1) **Upon request** for any incident in the Los Angeles Harbor area
 - One Large Boat
 - One Battalion Commander (AREP)
- 2) CBRNE Incidents within the Los Angeles Harbor area
 - One Large Boat with CBRNE monitoring capability
 - One Battalion Commander (AREP)

Note: All Maritime incidents separate of 911 generated calls will follow the mutual aid response laid out in the Marine Response Zone Plan. Excerpts from corresponding agency zones are attached. These resources will be coordinated by USCG Sector with notifications to agency dispatch centers.

- LFD = Zone 4
- LOB = Zone 5

16. Communications

A. Radio Communications Plan

The Parties will share the use of communication systems, radios and radio frequencies for the execution of this Agreement. The requesting dispatch center shall develop and provide an incident radio communications plan to the assisting agency dispatch center at the time the request is made. The incident radio communications plan shall include, but not be limited to, one channel for communications between field units and the requesting dispatch center, and one channel for tactical communications. If the resource request includes a Chief Officer, a common command channel of the requesting agency shall be included in the incident radio communications plan.

If the assisting agency adds radio channels for its resources, those additional channels shall be made known to the requesting dispatch center and approved by the Incident Commander. No agency's resources shall communicate on radio frequencies that are not included in the incident radio communications plan.

The incident radio communications plan may be documented informally on a dispatch log and/or a field-generated tactical worksheet. If the incident radio communications plan is formalized, it shall be documented on a regionally-accepted ICS Form 205.

In the absence of a common communications plan, assisting and jurisdictional units shall communicate face to face.

B. Command Center Interface

Communications between Long Beach Dispatch and MFC shall be by radio communications, direct phone line, MDC or other more efficient means.

It is the intent of both agencies that their command centers shall maintain a successful working relationship so that each other's processes and protocols are understood and communication between the centers is efficient.

Public service telephones, MDC, or state recognized VHF channels shall be used to transmit requests for assistance between LFD Metro and Long Beach Dispatch.

Each dispatch center will provide the other dispatch center with the appropriate telephone numbers.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. Hold Harmless

Nothing in the provisions of this Agreement is intended to affect the legal liability of either party by imposing any standard of care different from the standard of care imposed by law. Each party shall bear its own exposure for Worker's compensation on its own personnel while furnished to the other party or likewise.

It is understood and agreed that neither LOB nor any officer or employee thereof, shall be responsible for any damage or liability incurred by reason of any act of omission by LFD, its officers or employees under or in connection with any work, authority, or jurisdiction delegated to LFD under this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that pursuant to Government Code Section 895.4, LFD shall fully indemnify and hold harmless LOB from any damage or liability incurred by reason of any act or omission by LFD, its officers or employees, under or in connection with any work, authority, or jurisdiction delegated to LFD under this Agreement.

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20. No Effect on Master Mutual Aid Agreement

This Agreement will in no way affect or have a bearing on the existing California Master Mutual Aid Agreement.

21. 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 _____, 2025 and is effective and operative as to each of the parties as herein provided.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____
RONNIE R. VILLANUEVA
Fire Chief

Approved as to form and legality:

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO
City Attorney

Attest:

PETTY F. SANTOS
Interim City Clerk

By: _____
STEPHANIE CAO
Deputy City Attorney

By: _____
Deputy City Clerk

CITY OF LONG BEACH

By: _____
DENNIS BUCHANAN
Fire Chief

Approved as to form:

By: _____
DAWN MCINTOSH
City Attorney

Approved as to content:

By: _____
TOM MODICA
City Manager

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-  LOB Fire Stations
-  LOB Jurisdiction
-  LFD Jurisdiction
-  LA City Boundary

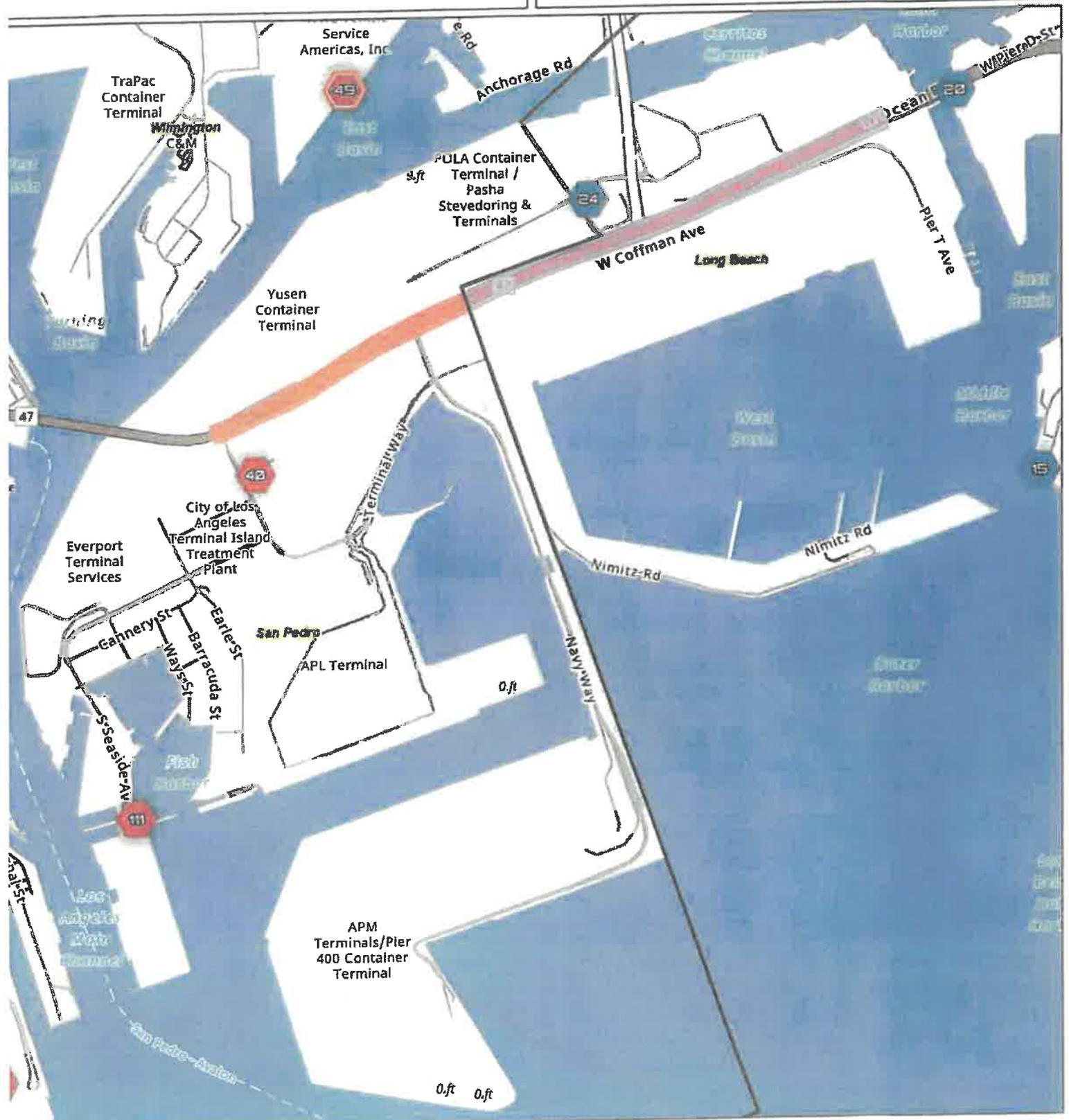
LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
AUTOMATIC AID:
LFD & LOB
Freeway Incidents

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 California Zone 5

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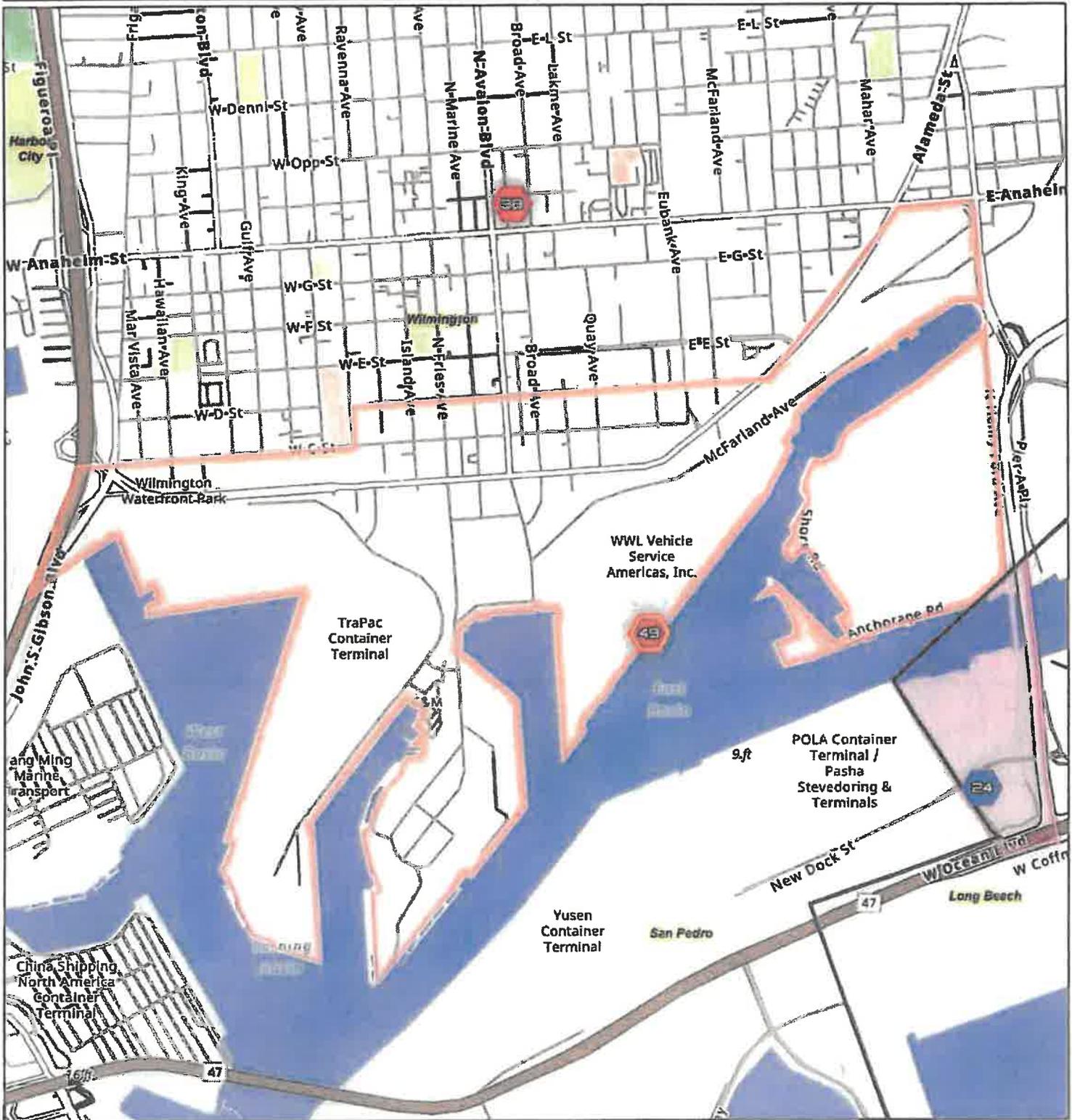
LFD to LOB
 1. Engine

LOB to LFD
 1. Engine



LFD to LOB
 1. Large Boat
 1. Small Boat

LOB to LFD
 N/A



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 State Plane Coordinate System
 NAD 1983
 California Zone 5

**AUTOMATIC AID:
 LFD & LOB
 STRUCTURE FIRE RESPONSE**



- LFD Fire Stations
- LFD Jurisdiction
- LOB Fire Stations
- LA City Boundary

LFD to LOB
 N/A

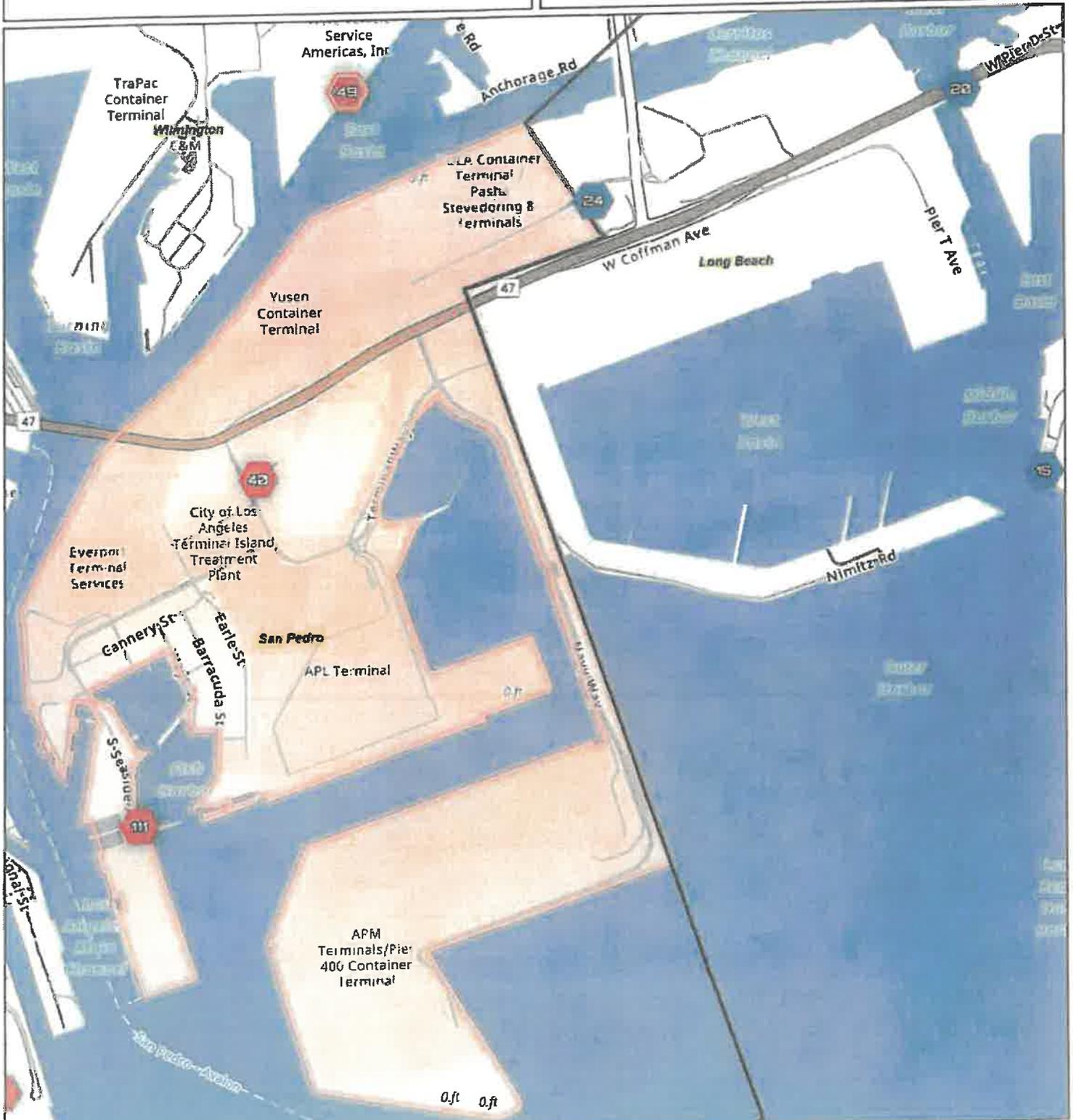
Initial -

LOB to LFD

- 1. Engine (E24)
- 1. Battalion Chief

Additional (Upon Request) -

- 1. Truck
- 1. Engine



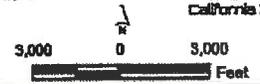
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-  LRC Fire Stations

-  LFD Jurisdiction
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LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

**AUTOMATIC AID:
LFD & LOB
HAZ MAT**

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05/2015



State Plane Coordinate System
NAD 1983
California Zone 6

LFD to LOB
N/A

Initial -
LOB to LFD
1. Haz Mat 24

