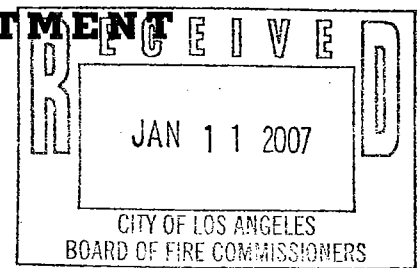


LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 07-004

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Douglas L. Barry, Acting Fire Chief *DLB*

SUBJECT: LAFD EXPLORER AND CANDIDATE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

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 Withdrawn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

Recommendations: That the Board:

1. Support the attached V-hours expenditure sheet for the Los Angeles Fire Department Explorer and Youth Development Programs. These hours also support existing programs with outside colleges, organizations, and other Fire Departments. We have established partnerships with Community Colleges, High Schools, and Fire Departments throughout the state to provide personnel, equipment, and apparatus.
2. Support the attached budget for purchasing equipment for the Explorer Program, the F.I.R.E. Programs, and High School programs. Purchasing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment reduces potential injuries, encourages responsibility, and allows for identification of programs, which manifests pride.
3. Approve the Fire Department's goal to expand relationships between the LAFD and all local High Schools to mirror programs like the ones that exist at Banning High School and Monroe High School.
4. Approve providing permanent full-time positions to manage the Youth Development Programs, and the Explorer Program.
5. Approve the development of an Explorer Post that will provide a separate meeting time and place for young women. This will promote an environment for young women to share ideas and experiences. The meetings will also make available time to create relationships and camaraderie with fellow female Explorers. It has been found that an Explorer Post may intimidate some of the young women initially and to have a separate time will reduce the intimidation.

Summary.

The Youth Development Programs of the Los Angeles Fire Department provide for early education of a career as a Los Angeles Firefighter. Additionally, these programs teach life skills, and promote community service by the participants for the residents of Los Angeles.

The Explorer program has over 460 members, in 16 different posts throughout various locations of the city. Explorers traditionally provide about 15% of all new hires of each recruit class. It has proven out that Explorers are more prepared and have a higher success rate than other recruits without the explorer background. The 16 Explorer Posts are located in every battalion in the city making it truly available to all young men and women in every community.

The Fire Instruction Recruitment and Education Program (F.I.R.E.) was originally developed at Roosevelt High School and was quickly identified by Valley College as a way to motivate and prepare high school students for a career in public service and of equal importance, to continue on to college after completing high school. Programs have been conducted at LA Harbor College, Valley College, West LA College, Pierce College, and East Los Angeles College. Each college program is fed from 5 to 8 high schools. A Drill Tower F.I.R.E. class has been held over the last few years where top participants from each of the colleges are invited to the LAFD Training Center for an advanced 6-week course.

Monroe and Banning High School have programs that provide students with structure and how to handle life's situations. These programs also encourage physical fitness, leadership, and escape techniques for difficult situations.

Fiscal Impact: HRDC has supported the youth development programs by providing V-hours and equipment. This year the requested budget for V-hours is \$122,388 (2,914 hours) from account 0907. The requested budget for equipment is \$93,592.65. The total amount requested is \$215,980.65.

Board report prepared by Daren Palacios, Battalion Chief, Bureau of Emergency Services.

DP:bcbExplorerprogram

Attachments

EXPLORER 2006/07 V-HOUR BUDGET					
Attachment B					
Program Name	Times per Year	No. of Hours	Total		
Dave Russon Explorer Exercise	1	140	140.00		
California State Explorer Academy	1	200	200.00		
L. A. County Explorer Muster	1	60	60.00		
Post Advisor Meetings	3	50	150.00		
Wildland Explorer Post	52	24	1248.00		
Banning High School Program	26	8	208.00		
F.I.R.E. Cadet Program	3	200	600.00		
Mccomg Fire Academy (Monroe H.S.)	26	8	208.00		
Explorer Manual and Administration	1	100	100.00		
			2914.00	Total for V-Hours	

EXPLORER 2006/07 BUDGET					
Attachment A					
Required PPE for Crew 3:	Price Per Unit	No. of Units	Total		
Brush Overpants*	85.15	25	2128.75		
Brush Jacket*	119.90	25	2997.50		
Brush Firefighting Gloves*	14.35	25	358.75		
Brush Face/Neck Shroud*	15.55	25	388.75		
Brush Goggles*	14.70	25	367.50		
Fire Shelter*	310.00	25	7750.00		
Work Gloves*	3.52	100	352.00		
Chin Strap*	16.90	25	422.50		
Canteens*	5.55	25	138.75		
Bee Hood*	15.00	25	375.00		
Brush Helmet (Bullard)	36.95	25	923.75		
Helmet Head Lamp	24.95	25	623.75		
Eagle Gear Field Pack	225.00	50	11250.00		
Helmet, Firecraft	99.00	75	7425.00		
Safety Boots	120.90	50	6045.00		
Turnout Coat	924.32	25	23108.00		
Uniform Shirt	15.00	300	4500.00		
Patches	3.00	400	1200.00		
BDU Pants	110.00	50	5500.00		
			75855.00	Total for PPE	
*Items from SRS					
Required Tools and Equipment for Crew 3:					
Chainsaws**	500.00	6	3000.00		
800 mhz Radios**	3000.00	3	9000.00		
Pulaski	56.50	12	678.00		
Shovel	41.50	24	996.00		
Safety Chaps**	100.00	6	600.00		
Stainless Steel Bug Eyes**	17.75	10	177.50		
Sleeping Bag	44.95	25	1123.75		
Tent (2 person)	89.95	13	1169.35		
Fuel Zigs	11.95	50	597.50		
Chainsaw Bar Cover	45.95	6	275.70		
Radio Holders	39.95	3	119.85		
			17737.65	Total for Equipment	
**Items estimated					
			93592.65	GRAND TOTAL	