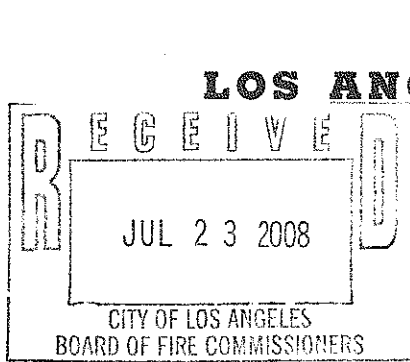


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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 08-111

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Douglas L. Barry, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS *DLB*

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 Withdrawn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 approve the following Department members to serve as Sworn Chaplains:

- Captain Rick A. Godinez, Tactical Training Section
- Captain Mark R. Wolf, Medical Liaison Unit
- Captain Jesus S. Pasos, Fire Station 105, "B" Platoon

Summary: The Department's Chaplain Corps provides spiritual guidance to active and retired Department Members and their families as well as serving community needs at major Fire Department incidents. The Corps consists of Sworn Chaplains and Non-Sworn Chaplains of diverse faiths to meet the needs of members. According to Section 4-1h of the Department's Rules and Regulations, approval to serve as a Department Chaplain is granted by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Findings: In 2007 the Department transmitted a teletype notice seeking volunteers interested in serving as Chaplains. The above-listed members submitted the required letter of intent. In accordance with the Chaplain Guidelines the Chaplain Corps initially interviews prospective Chaplains. The second and final interview is with the Chaplain Certification Board consisting of two members selected by the Fire Chief and a member selected by the President of the Firemen's Relief Association.

On April 14 and April 18, 2008, the Chaplain Certification Board members Battalion Chief Greg W. Gibson, Retired Engineer George Negrete, Apparatus Operator Danny Leon, and Retired Inspector Deron Jones, interviewed the prospective Chaplains and recommended that they be approved to serve Department members as Chaplains.

Fiscal Impact: None

Conclusion: Approval of the above listed prospective chaplains will increase the size and diversity of the Chaplain Corps to more adequately meet the needs of Department members and their families.

Board report prepared by Dacia Gonzalez, Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of the Fire Chief.