

# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FILE NO. 09-037

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

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

SUBJECT: REVISED BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 732

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**Recommendation:** That the Board:

Adopt the attached revised Board of Fire Commissioners Resolution No. 732.

**Summary.**

At its meeting of April 15, 2008, the Board approved the revised Fire Commission Resolution No. 732 to reflect the changes approved by the Board to the application process for Fire Line Passes. The Department now seeks to make minor revisions to the Fire Line Pass procedure.

The Board previously authorized the LAFD to require that all Fire Line Pass applicants be fingerprinted at a Live Scan service location of their choice for Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation clearance as part of the processing procedure.

Additional investigation by the LAFD into the Live Scan process has revealed that it is expensive, impractical and unnecessary. The LAFD is able to maintain and assure necessary security checks through the standard criminal background checks.

The Department also suggests revising the categories of Fire Line Passes to include both a one-year pass and a four-year pass.

**Conclusion:**

Once the Board approves revised Resolution No. 732, the CLO will proceed with recalling all currently issued Fire Line Passes and will require each Pass Holder to reapply and comply with the new process.

Board report prepared by Blanca E. Perez, Sr. Management Analyst, Community Liaison Office.

Attachment: Resolution No. 732  
FireLinePass.appl

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION NO. 732**

**FIRE LINE PASSES**

Section 57.01.37 of the Los Angeles Fire Code provides the Board of Fire Commissioners with the authority to issue passes which entitle the holders thereof to pass by barriers established at the scene of emergencies, which are under the control of Fire Department Officers. The Board of Fire Commissioners hereby establishes a Fire Line Pass Program within which the methods and requirements of application, issuance and control of such passes are defined.

Fire Line Passes shall be issued by the Community Liaison Office for the following purposes:

1. To recognize and identify Fire Line Pass holders as members of the Los Angeles community who have demonstrated an active and constructive interest toward the Department's aims, programs and operations.
2. To provide Fire Line Pass holders a first-hand opportunity to observe and learn of the Department's emergency operations and programs.
3. To provide Fire and Police personnel at the scene of ongoing incidents with an official means of identifying Fire Line Pass holders as members of the community who merit the Department's recognition and cooperation.

**Categories of Fire Line Passes**

There shall be two categories of Fire Line Passes as described below:

1. One-Year Fire Line Pass -

The initial Fire Line Pass issued to a person shall have a duration of one year from date of issuance.

2. Four-Year Fire Line Pass -

Upon expiration of the one-year Fire Line Pass, each person may apply for a four-year Fire Line Pass. In order to receive a four-year Fire Line Pass, an individual must have demonstrated a definitive and active interest in the Department's goals, programs and activities.

**Application Procedures**

The Board of Fire Commissioners hereby authorizes the Los Angeles Fire Department's Community Liaison Office to process and approve Fire Line Pass applications on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, with notification of such approvals to be made to the Board in the form of a quarterly report, for their information.

1. Persons interested in becoming Fire Line Pass holders must submit a written request to the Community Liaison Office (CLO) and complete an application for Fire Line Pass.
2. Each applicant shall, upon request, submit to a criminal background check.

3. Applicant must schedule an interview with the Fire Captain in charge of the CLO's Community Service Unit as part of the approval process.
4. Applicant must agree to voluntarily forfeit his/her Fire Line Pass in the event that the Department serves a written request for revocation of the Fire Line Pass on the Fire Line Pass Holder.
5. Should the CLO disapprove an application for a Fire Line Pass, a written statement of such decision shall be forwarded to the applicant, with a copy to the Board.
6. All Fire Line Passes shall be signed by the Fire Chief and will be issued by the Community Liaison Office. All files shall be maintained at the Community Liaison Office.

#### Conditions of Issuance

No person shall be issued a new Fire Line Pass without having conformed to the application procedures as described herein.

Replacement of lost passes shall not be made until a report stating the date and circumstances of loss has been filed with the CLO. Replacement of worn or mutilated passes shall not be made until such passes have been turned in to the CLO.

The CLO retains the authority to revoke, recall and demand forfeiture of Fire Line Passes, both individually and collectively, at any time the CLO determines such action to be in the best interest of the Department.

Fire Line Pass holders shall acquaint themselves with the requirements of the Los Angeles City Charter Sections 131 and 132 and be aware that possession of a Fire Line Pass does not relieve Fire Line Pass holders of the responsibility to avoid interference with operations at the scene of emergencies.

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2008

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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Genethia Hudley-Hayes, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Blanca Gomez-Revelles, Executive Assistant

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT  
APPLICATION FOR FIRE LINE PASS

New Application \_\_\_\_\_  
Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Middle

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address Zip Phone No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address Zip Phone No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation Position

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair: \_\_\_\_\_ Eyes: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

State the reason for your request for a Fire Line Pass: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned has requested permission of the Los Angeles Fire Department to act as an observer at the scene of fires or other emergencies under the control of Fire Department personnel. In consideration of the granting of such permission, I hereby waive all claims of liability against the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Fire Department, or any individual member thereof, for personal injuries I might incur while observing such emergencies.

Applicant acknowledges and agrees that access to fire scenes is granted subject to the discretion of the Los Angeles Fire Department, and such permission may be revoked at any time. Applicant agrees to voluntarily forfeit and/or return Fire Line Pass at the request of the Los Angeles Fire Department.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Community Liaison Office Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE

Community Liaison Battalion Chief: \_\_\_\_\_

PASS NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_