

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT  
**EMS DEPLOYMENT PLAN**  
**APRIL 2009 UPDATE**

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JOINT COMMITTEE

The EMS Deployment Plan, approved by the Fire Commission on October 3, 2006, has addressed the Fire Chief's goals to increase paramedic coverage, improve overall EMS service delivery, and provide a better working environment by providing more rotational paramedic assignments.

The six objectives of the current five-year EMS Deployment Plan are:

- Deploy a Paramedic Ambulance at every fire station
- Provide full Paramedic rotation with Paramedic Assessment fire companies at every station
- Reduce Paramedic Response Times
- Create a Paramedic Field Training Officer Program
- Establish a LAFD Paramedic Training Academy
- Improve EMS Management and Supervision

Nearly one year ago, on April 27, 2008, 15 BLS fire companies were upgraded to Paramedic Assessment status at 15 fire stations in Battalions 3, 13, 14 and 18. This increase in paramedic resources, along with the ability of Firefighter-Paramedics to rotate between the Paramedic Ambulances and the Assessment fire companies, was evaluated for its impact on response times, resource workload, and meeting the desired objectives.

During the first six months following deployment of these 15 additional Paramedic Assessment resources, paramedic response times were reduced in all of these 15 fire station first-in districts. The fire station districts in the San Fernando Valley had paramedic response time improvements from 6% to 13%. The fire station districts in South Los Angeles had paramedic response time improvements from 12% to 26%.

This year's budget provided resolution authority, without funding, for 18 EMS Battalion Captain positions that were deleted in the budget. All 16 EMS Battalion offices remained open and staffed with regularly assigned EMS Battalion Captains. Together, labor and management were able to identify funding and obtain City Council approval to staff the 18 positions for the rest of this year.

The EMS Deployment Plan was not funded for 2008-2009. There are no funds to implement any more resources. There are no plans to increase the number of rotational paramedic assignments or the number of paramedic resources during the next year. There is no funding to establish an LAFD Paramedic Training Academy, or create a Paramedic Field Training Officer Program during the next year. There is funding to send up to 45 Firefighters to Paramedic School this year.

In 2007-2008, the Department hired 62 new Firefighters that were already licensed paramedics, and 37 Firefighters completed Paramedic School. Since July 2008, the Department has hired 48 new Firefighters with paramedic licenses, and 27 seasoned Firefighters have started Paramedic School.

Since July 29, 2008, the LAFD has 106 fire stations and these resources:

- 130 Ambulances – 89 Paramedic and 41 BLS
- 101 Engine Companies – 45 Paramedic and 56 BLS
- 49 Light Forces – 16 Paramedic and 33 BLS
- 5 Fireboats – 1 Paramedic and 4 BLS
- 5 Helicopters – 1 Paramedic Air Ambulance
- 86 Fire Stations have a Paramedic Ambulance
- 61 Fire Stations have a Paramedic Fire Company
- 49 Fire Stations provide rotation for the Firefighter-Paramedics
- 46 Fire Stations have two Paramedic resources
- 24 Fire Stations have two Rescue Ambulances

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**AVERAGE  
PARAMEDIC RESPONSE TIMES  
TO ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS) EMS INCIDENTS IN  
THE 15 FIRST-IN DISTRICTS  
WITH NEW PARAMEDIC ASSESSMENT FIRE COMPANIES  
DEPLOYED ON APRIL 27, 2008**

		<b><u>2008 JAN – MAR</u></b>	<b><u>2008 JUL – SEPT</u></b>	<b><u>Improvements</u></b>
Station 14	South L.A.	6.5 minutes	5.7 minutes	12% reduction
Station 15	USC Area	6.8 minutes	5.7 minutes	16% reduction
Station 21	South L.A.	6.5 minutes	5.5 minutes	15% reduction
Station 26	West Adams	6.8 minutes	6.0 minutes	12% reduction
Station 34	Jefferson Park	7.6 minutes	5.6 minutes	26% reduction
Station 46	Coliseum Area	6.9 minutes	5.9 minutes	14% reduction
Station 33	South L.A.	7.3 minutes	6.2 minutes	15% reduction
Station 57*	Vermont Knolls	7.4 minutes	6.1 minutes	18% reduction
Station 64	Southeast L.A.	7.9 minutes	6.7 minutes	15% reduction
Station 65*	Watts	7.7 minutes	6.3 minutes	18% reduction
Station 66	Hyde Park	8.2 minutes	7.0 minutes	15% reduction
Station 94	Crenshaw Area	8.0 minutes	6.5 minutes	19% reduction
Station 60	No. Hollywood	7.0 minutes	6.3 minutes	10% reduction
Station 89	No. Hollywood	7.2 minutes	6.8 minutes	6% reduction
Station 102	Valley Village	6.7 minutes	5.8 minutes	13% reduction

These 13 fire station districts each received a second paramedic resource on April 27, 2008. \*These 2 fire stations districts received a third paramedic unit.