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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners convened at 9:11 a.m. in the Fire Commission Meeting Room, City Hall East, 200 N. Main Street, Los Angeles.

Present: President Genethia Hudley-Hayes, Vice President Casimiro Tolentino, Commissioners Diana Bontá and Andrew Friedman. Fire Chief Millage Peaks and Deputy City Attorney Janet Jackson. Absent: Commissioner Jill Furillo

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence in honor of past and present members of the Los Angeles Fire Department who devote their lives to the protection of the community.

PRESENTATION – Assistant Chief Garcia and Battalion Chief Kawai were acknowledged for their assistance with funeral services of Los Angeles County Firefighters Arnaldo "Arnie" Quinones and Tedmund "Ted" Hall. The firefighters tragically lost their lives in the line of duty on Sunday, August 30, 2009, fighting the Station Fire.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT– Non-agenda items within jurisdiction of the Board.
Darian Bojeaux, Attorney, representing Family Trust and Lee Pasternak, property owner of 2816 Sunset Place, Los Angeles CA 9005 commented on building code violations they received.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes - regular meeting of September 1, 2009 [BFC 09-136].
MOTION (Bontá /Tolentino): That the Board approves the minutes as submitted. **ADOPTED**: AYES – 4 (Absent: Furillo)

B. Announcements/Meetings/Events
Considered jointly with Item 3.B.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Announcements/Meetings/Events.
Considered jointly with Item 3.B.

B. [BFC 09-119] – Calendar of Events.
Recommendation: Receive and File
Items 3.A. and 3.B. considered jointly. Fire Chief Peaks reported on past and future events including an executive staff meeting held at the Getty Museum on November 10th and Fire Station 80 Groundbreaking attended by Commissioner Friedman. Deputy Chief Rueda, Emergency Services Bureau, reported on predeployment activity in anticipation of mudslide related emergencies.

D. Verbal report on the disposition of LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committees during the period of October 7 through November 3, 2009.
Recommendation: That the Board provides instruction to staff and adopts any necessary action relative to the LAFD matters considered by or referred to City Council/Committee during the reporting period.
Assistant Chief Frazier reported that there had been 21 LAFD items before City Council and provided a summary.

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4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Verbal update on Fire Department Budget Fiscal Year 2009-10.
Considered jointly with item 5.A.

B. Verbal update on the Fire Department Modified Coverage Plan.
Battalion Chief Butler, Planning Section, provided an overview of the Modified Coverage Plan including impact on services, resources and employee welfare.

C. [BFC 09-130 revised] - Fire Department implementation plan for the Los Angeles Arson Counter Terrorism Section Audit recommendations (BFC 09-036 audit conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department, Audit Division, January 2009).
Recommendation: That the Board provides instruction to staff and adopts any action necessary relative to the report.
Deputy Chief Rueda provided an overview and introduced the Guiding Coalition Members that assisted in drafting the implementation plan. The Board discussed the areas of concern. **MOTION** (Tolentino/Bonta): That the Board receive and file the report with instruction to the Department to revise Goal No. 7 for further review by the Board at the January meeting. **ADOPTED**: AYES – 4 (Absent Furillo)

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. [BFC 09-142] - Proposed Fire Department Budget Fiscal Year 2010-11.
Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.
Items 4.A. and 5.A. considered jointly.
Georgia Mattera, Fire Administrator, provided an overview of the Department's budget. The matter was opened for discussion.
PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike McOsker, United Firefighters Local 112, commented on sworn staff reduction concerns.
MOTION (Friedman/Bonta): That the Board adopts the report as recommended. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 4 (Absent: Furillo)

B. [BFC 09-117-R1] – Policies and Authority of the Independent Assessor.
Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.
President Hudley-Hayes thanked Commissioners Friedman and Tolentino for their valuable input and developing the framework for the new position of Independent Assessor. Ms. Jackson noted that the City Attorney's office had not yet reviewed the document.
MOTION (Tolentino/Friedman): That the Board adopts the Policies and Authority of the Independent Assessor as included in the report. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 4 (Absent: Furillo)

C. Verbal report on the operational and responsibility functions of the Workforce Excellence Unit, Professioal Standards Division.
Chief Terrazas provided an overview and indicated that an operational manual is being developed. President Hudley-Hayes recommended that the manual go to Chief Peaks for review.

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6. NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION (Tolentino/Bonta): That the Board adopts the Consent Items as recommended. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 4 (Absent: Furillo)

A. [BFC 09-141] – Consideration of a contract with My Safe:LA for fire and life safety education programs including a proposed Trademark License Agreement. No financial impact submitted.
Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.
ACTION: CONSIDERED SPECIAL.

B. [BFC 09-140] – Acceptance of equipment donation from Mr. Ron Azarkman. Donation consists of one 52" Sony LCD and one 40" Sony LCD televisions valued at a total of $3,299.98. Equipment will be assigned to Fire Station 83.
Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.
ACTION: APPROVED.

C. [BFC 09-139] – Acceptance of equipment donation from Toyota, U.S.A. Donation consists of ice machine valued at $3,500.00. Equipment will be assigned to Fire Station 11.
Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.
ACTION: APPROVED.

D. [BFC 09-138] - Acceptance of donation totaling $61,973.00 from Allianz Life and Firemen' Fund to be used for community outreach and training. Donation consists of equipment totaling $41,432.38 and monetary amount of $20,540.62. Equipment will be assigned to Disaster Preparedness Section.
Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.
ACTION: APPROVED.

E. [BFC 09-137] – Acceptance of donation in the amount of $1,000.00 from Mrs. Carol McCarty to the Community Liaison Office for the printing of public safety materials.
Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.
ACTION: APPROVED.

F. [BFC 09-135] - Corrective Action Summary - Notice of Discharge, Suspension, or Probationary Termination reports filed with the Board of Fire Commissioners during the period of October 28 through December 3, 2009.
Recommendation: Receive and File.
ACTION: RECEIVED AND FILED

6. ITEMS CALLED SPECIAL

[BFC 09-141] – Consideration of a contract with My Safe:LA for fire and life safety education programs including a proposed Trademark License Agreement. No financial impact submitted.
Recommendation: That the Board approves the report and recommendations.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Christopher Moody, EAA Representative, commented on concerns with the contracting of work that can be completed with City employees and that no financial impact report was provided.

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Vice President Tolentino noted that there were errors and inconsistencies in the template. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** (Friedman/Tolentino): That the Board approves the Memorandum of Understanding and that the Department address the Board's concerns relative to the Trademark Licensing Agreement and that a revised document be brought back to the Board for their approval. **ADOPTED**: AYES - 4 (Absent: Furillo)

7. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m. (Tolentino/Bontá)

ATTEST BY:

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GENETHIA HUDLEY-HAYES
President

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BLANCA GOMEZ-REVELLES
Commission Executive Assistant II

Date: May 4, 2010

Note: Actions of the Board shall become final at the expiration of the next five meeting days of the City Council during which the Council has convened in regular session, unless the Council acts within that time by two-thirds vote to bring the action before it or to waive review of the action.