

December 4, 2012

# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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November 27, 2012

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FILE NO. BFC 12-186R2

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Brian L. Cummings, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 WITH INPUT FROM THE  
BUDGET AD HOC COMMITTEE AND REVISED SUBMITTAL DATE OF  
DECEMBER 7, 2012

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 Withdrawn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. Approve the Proposed Budget for FY 2013-14 and authorize the Department's Financial Management Division to make technical adjustments, as necessary, to implement the Board's intention.
2. Authorize the Department to transmit the Proposed Budget to the Mayor and the Office of the City Administrative Officer, with a final copy submitted to the Board.

**Summary:** The Department's Proposed Budget for FY 2013-14 was developed, to the fullest extent possible, based on the guidelines provided by the Mayor's Office and CAO. Although the Proposed Budget was due November 15, 2012, the Department requested, and received, an extension until December 7, 2012, since this item is scheduled for the Fire Commission's meeting on December 4, 2012. A few days are needed to finalize the budget once the Commission provides final approval.

The Proposed Budget (BFC 12-186R) was discussed at the Fire Commission's meeting of November 20, 2012. Subsequently, the Budget Ad Hoc Committee met on November 21, 2012 and provided further instructions to add one more Fire Engine and staff as part of the Restoration of Fire Services request. This brings the total number of Fire Engines Companies requested to three. The estimate for the Proposed Budget submitted for your review totals \$564 million for the operating budget and \$27.2 million for fleet replacement (including communication equipment) with MICLA funds. Our Proposed Operating Budget for FY 2013-14 is estimated at \$50.5 million above the current fiscal year. This is primarily for our obligatory packages which include salary increases due to cost of living increases and constant staffing overtime costs (for Platoon Duty positions) which total \$27.3 million and priority packages which total \$23.2 million.

Careful evaluation has been made in submitting new priority requests for consideration and discussion as part of the proposed budget. These requests include the following:

- 1) Recruit Training – Request funds for drill tower staff and two classes for a total of 140 recruits. As a result of members exiting the DROP, we will have an average of 117 vacancies in FY 2013-14.
- 2) Dispatch – Request funds for additional call takers, Fire Dispatch Cards, and additional staff for the Dispatch Quality Improvement Unit.
- 3) Restoration of Fire Services – Should the economy improve and additional funds are available, four packages are included. This request is based on a Five-Year Restoration Plan and includes 60 Platoon Duty positions and the upgrade of 25 Fire Companies to Advanced Life Support Assessment Companies.
- 4) International Urban Search and Rescue – Request funds to provide the City with the ability to respond internationally to major catastrophes and enhance our ability to be even better prepared within the City. The Department is seeking grant funds to offset a portion of this cost.

As part of the Mayor's budget instructions, Police and Fire have to submit a prioritized position reduction list of authorized and funded positions (filled or vacant: regular, resolution, part-time) to equal 10% of the Department's non-sworn FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget. This amount equals \$3.1 million or approximately 40-50 civilian positions. There are only 315 regularized civilian authorities; therefore, reductions of these positions would negatively impact Department operations. The Department's intent is to provide other offsets, such as additional revenue initiatives, and reduce contractual services and other operation costs. Revenue generating positions cannot be submitted for reductions as they will directly impact General Fund receipts.

Our Proposed Budget identifies only the most critical Department needs to maintain operations, and ensure that Department programs provide both the City of Los Angeles and its citizens with an acceptable level of public service. The Department continues to review and evaluate its various programs for preserving life and property, providing public education, and fostering economic growth.

**Conclusion:** This item is scheduled for the Fire Commission's meeting on December 4, 2012, and the approved proposed budget is to be submitted to the Mayor and CAO by December 7, 2012.

Board report prepared by Sandra Ocon, Senior Management Analyst II, Administrative Services Bureau.

Attachment

DRAFT - ESTIMATES 11/26/12

2013-14 BUDGET REQUEST - PACKAGE RANKING

DEPARTMENT/BUREAU:

FIRE

APPROVED BY:

BRIAN L. CUMMINGS, FIRE CHIEF

PRTY		PROGRAM	PACKAGE TITLE	SALARIES	EXPENSE	EQUIPMENT	SPECIAL	SUB-TOTAL	INTER-DEPARTMM (ITA/GSD)	LAFD PROPOSED CHANGE *DIRECT COSTS	RELATED COSTS		TOTAL COSTS	POS
											BENEFITS	PENSION		
2012-13 ADOPTED BUDGET				\$ 489,862,952	\$ 23,581,821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 513,444,773	\$ -	\$ 513,444,773			\$513,444,773	3,537
MICLA FUNDED ITEMS						\$ 36,075,000		\$ 36,075,000		\$ 36,075,000			\$ 36,075,000	
TOTAL				\$ 489,862,952	\$ 23,581,821	\$ 36,075,000	\$ -	\$ 549,519,773	\$ -	\$ 549,519,773	\$ -	\$ -	\$549,519,773	3,537
BUR OBLIGATORY REQUESTS:														
VAR	OB01	Various	Salary Account Adjustments	\$ 25,226,423				\$ 25,226,423		\$ 25,226,423	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,226,423	
VAR	OB02	Various	Expense Account Adjustments		\$ 1,477,880			\$ 1,477,880		\$ 1,477,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,477,880	
ADM	OB03	AG - 3850 General Admin & Support	Staffing for Fire Stat Unit	\$ 194,414	\$ 4,500			\$ 198,914		\$ 198,914	\$ 52,471	\$ 21,194	\$ 272,579	2
ASB	OB04	AG - 3850 General Admin & Support	Restoration of Civilian Positions	\$ (27,155)				\$ (27,155)		\$ (27,155)	\$ 10,597	\$ (7,329)	\$ (23,887)	1
ESB	OB05	Various	Continuation of Resolution Authorities	\$ 413,260				\$ 413,260		\$ 413,260	\$ 26,568	\$ 164,139	\$ 603,967	
SUB-TOTAL CURRENT LEVEL				\$ 25,806,942	\$ 1,482,380	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,289,322	\$ -	\$ 27,289,322	\$ 89,636	\$ 178,004	\$ 27,556,962	3
NEW FUNDING REQUESTS:														
BUR PRIORITY REQUESTS:														
TSB	PR01	AG - 3847 Training	Recruit Training	\$ 5,225,187	\$ 1,347,495	\$ 348,000		\$ 6,920,682	\$ 37,450	\$ 6,958,132	\$ 1,089,288	\$ 1,095,498	\$ 9,142,918	12
EOP	PR02	AF - 3804 Operations Control and Dispatch	Dispatch Center	\$ 1,038,727	\$ 539,304			\$ 1,578,031		\$ 1,578,031	\$ 193,584	\$ 302,267	\$ 2,073,882	17
EOP	PR03	AF - 3804 Operations Control and Dispatch	Dispatch Quality Improvement Unit	\$ 460,195	\$ 218,270			\$ 678,465		\$ 678,465	\$ 53,136	\$ 182,385	\$ 913,986	4
ESB	PR4a	AH - 3808 Emergency Ambulance Services	Restoration of Fire Services a: 2 BLS Ambulances	\$ 1,886,041				\$ 1,886,041		\$ 1,886,041	\$ 159,408	\$ 511,478	\$ 2,556,927	12
ESB	PR4b	AF - 3803 Fire Suppression	Restoration of Fire Services b: A/O for - HazMat Squad_Engineer for Truck 9_EIT	\$ 1,852,396				\$ 1,852,396		\$ 1,852,396	\$ 159,408	\$ 502,291	\$ 2,514,095	12
ESB	PR4c	AH - 3808 Emergency Ambulance Services	Restoration of Fire Services c: Upgrade 25 Companies	\$ 767,202	\$ 750,000			\$ 1,517,202		\$ 1,517,202			\$ 1,517,202	
ESB	PR4d	AF - 3803 Fire Suppression	Restoration of Fire Services d: 3 Engine Companies	\$ 5,658,216				\$ 5,658,216		\$ 5,658,216	\$ 478,224	\$ 1,534,459	\$ 7,670,899	36
ESB	PR05	AF - 3803 Fire Suppression	International Urban Search and Rescue	\$ 136,301	\$ 2,662,357			\$ 2,798,658		\$ 2,798,658	\$ 21,194	\$ 36,787	\$ 2,856,639	2
VAR	PR06	Various	10% General Reduction (\$3.1 million)					\$ -		\$ -			\$ -	
VAR	PR07		10% General Reduction Offsets					\$ -		\$ -			\$ -	
ADM	PR08	AG - 3850 General Admin & Support	Staffing for Employee Relations Office	\$ 299,773	\$ 4,500			\$ 304,273		\$ 304,273	\$ 23,881	\$ 98,718	\$ 426,872	2
SUB-TOTAL PRIORITY				\$ 17,324,038	\$ 5,521,926	\$ 348,000	\$ -	\$ 23,193,964	\$ 37,450	\$ 23,231,414	\$ 2,178,123	\$ 4,263,883	\$ 29,673,420	97
DELETE ONE-TIME PURCHASE 2012-13 BUDGET (MICLA)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ (36,075,000)		\$ (36,075,000)	\$ -	\$ (36,075,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (36,075,000)	0
SUB-TOTAL										\$ 563,965,509	\$ 2,267,759	\$ 4,441,887	\$570,675,155	3,637
BUR ALTERATIONS & IMPROVEMENT														
				\$ -				\$ -		\$ -			\$ -	0
SUB-TOTAL ALTERATION & IMPROVEMENT				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
BUR MICLA														
TSB	M01	AG-3849 Support of Fire Department	Fleet Replacement Program			\$ 27,227,867		\$ 27,227,867		\$ 27,227,867			\$ 27,227,867	0
SUB-TOTAL MICLA				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,227,867	\$ -	\$ 27,227,867	\$ -	\$ 27,227,867	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,227,867	0
BUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS														
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
2013-14 BUDGET REQUEST														
2013-14 BUDGET REQUEST				\$ 532,993,932	\$ 30,586,127	\$ 27,575,867	\$ -	\$ 591,155,926	\$ 37,450	\$ 591,193,376	\$ 2,267,759	\$ 4,441,887	\$597,903,022	3,637
CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR				\$ 43,130,980	\$ 7,004,306	\$ (8,499,133)	\$ -	\$ 41,636,153	\$ 37,450	\$ 41,673,603	\$ 2,267,759	\$ 4,441,887	\$ 48,383,249	100
PERCENT CHANGE				8.80%	29.70%	-23.56%	100.00%	7.58%	100.00%	7.58%	100.00%	100.00%	8.80%	2.83%