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# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FILE NO. 14-011

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners  
FROM: James G. Featherstone, Interim Fire Chief  
SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT LAFD PROJECTS

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## SUMMARY

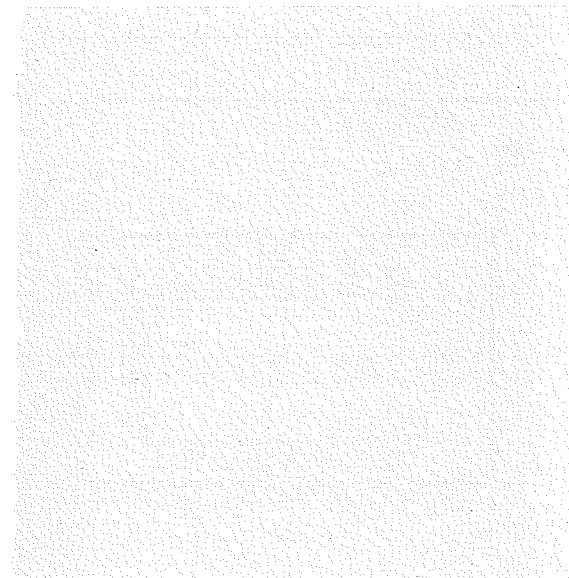
Attached for the Board of Fire Commissioners review is the LAFD project status report dated January 27, 2014 from the Planning Section.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:  
Receive and file.

Board report prepared by Battalion Chief John Drake, Planning Section

Attachment



| Topic of Information Requested  | LAFD Contact                        | Request Date                     | Due Date                          | Status   | Discussion Date(s)  |
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| Modifications to Disciplinary Process                                   | Professional Standards Division     | 1/21/14( Glazier, Commissioners) | 3/21/14                           | Researching and evaluating alternatives to the formal disciplinary process; with input from the Independent Assessor.  | 1/21/14             |
| Monthly Updates on status of AVL project                                | Chief Richmond                      | 1/21/14 (Glazier, Commissioners) | Monthly; First report due 2/18/14 | Pending the outcome of a "needs assessment" currently being completed by an outside consultant regarding MFC technology upgrades. Chief Richmond to provide an update after the report is back.  | 9/17/13<br>10/01/13 |
| Community Risk Reduction Program  | Chief Rueda, Cooper                 | 10/15/13 (Glazier)               | ?                                 | Fire Station 25, 65 Risk Reduction Pilot Program (2012). Public Fire Education Planning for Urban Communities Five-step process:<br>1) <i>Community Analysis</i> –fire, life safety problems, demographic characteristics of those at risk, 2) <i>Develop Partnerships in the Community</i> , 3) <i>Create a Strategy to Solve the Problem</i> , 4) <i>Implement the Strategy in the Community</i> , 5) <i>Evaluate the Results</i>  | 10/15/13            |
| Budget Request / Biannual Medical Evaluations                           | ASB (Gibson)                        | 10/15/13 (Wood-Gray)             | ?                                 | ASB "Medical Assessment Program"<br>Department looking into potential alternatives (e.g. USC, UCLA partnerships)   | 10/15/13            |
| Recruitment   | ASB (Gibson)<br>TSB (Bercik)        | 12/03/13                         | 12/12/13                          | June Gibson, Chief Bercik. Budget information, HR Consulting   | 12/03/13            |
| "Super Users" Partnership with LA County Health/ Community Paramedicine | EMS Division (Dr. Eckstein, Reynar) | 12/03/13 (Ibarra)                | 12/12/13                          | <p>"Super Users" – A joint effort between the Department and the LA County EMS Agency is reviewing available options to address "Super Users." This multi-factorial issue is not specific to our City. The workgroup includes: Dr. Eckstein, Chief Reynar, Dr. Koenig (LA County Medical Director) and Cathy Chidester, (Director, LA County EMS Agency). On January 21, 2014, the group met with leaders of LAPD's Mental Evaluation Unit. Similar to other law enforcement agencies, the LAPD has formed two-member teams comprised of a police officer and a mental health professional. These teams provide 24/7 support within the City and have proven effective in dealing with persons who regularly access emergency services including the mentally ill.</p> <p>Community Paramedicine – The Department did not submit an application to the State to participate as a primary sponsor of a Community Paramedicine Pilot Program in 2013. This state pilot program is limited to thirteen applicants, requires a minimum three year commitment by each provider, that all associated costs are covered by the applicant agency and that applicants comply with additional state requirements including a training mandate which may exceed 200 hours per paramedic. The Department is maintaining membership within the LA County EMS Agency's Community Paramedic Committee and is monitoring the progress of the pilot process. If the Community Paramedicine Pilot Program proves successful within the state the LAFD will have the ability to join the program at a later date.</p> | 12/03/13            |

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| Ability to Accelerate installations of replacement MDCs | Chief Richmond             | 1/21/14 (Glazier) | 2/18/14 | Submitted order for 200 MDC units covered by the Mayors AVL/GPS project budget. The remaining 310 units will be ordered through the FCCS budget, which is specific to radio and MDC replacement over the course of a 3 year period.<br>Solutions for expediting the installation of equipment: 1) We have been granted permission to hire installers who are already budgeted for through the Hiring hall without going through Managed Hiring Process. This option will allow for us to take on as many installers as necessary until the earmarked money from the Mayors AVL/GPS budget runs out<br>2) Ordering equipment could be expedited by circumventing some of the City of Los Angeles bid process for vendors 3) Placing apparatus out of service when necessary. There will be potential challenges with the above solutions that are out of our hands. | 1/21/14 |
| False Alarms prevention system plan                     | Chief Frazeur ASB (Gibson) | Dec 2013          | 3/4/14  | Ordinance is being reviewed by the City Attorney. Meeting was held with the Office of Finance/ Mayor's office/ Palantir & ASB to determine proof of concept on the collections methodology.  | None    |
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