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# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FILE NO. **14-052**

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: James G. Featherstone, Interim Fire Chief

SUBJECT: LAFD PROJECT STATUS REPORT

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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 Withdrawn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

## SUMMARY

Attached for the Board of Fire Commissioners review is the LAFD project status report dated May 22, 2014 from the Planning Section. This report was prepared for the Fire Commission Meeting on June 3, 2014.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:  
Receive and file.

Board report prepared by Steve Hissong, Battalion Chief, Planning Section.

Attachment

Topic of Information Requested	LAFD Contact	Requested From Date	Due Date	Written or Verbal	Status	Discussion Date(s)
False Alarms Prevention System plan	Chief Frazeur Chief Stormes ASB (Gibson)	Dec 2013 (Glazier)	6/3/14	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now: Ordinance is being reviewed by the City Attorney and revisions are currently in progress. Cost comparisons to LAPD false alarms are being conducted as well as percentages of commercial vs. residential false alarms.</li> <li>Upcoming: A project timeline will be submitted on 5/20/14.</li> </ul>	4/23/14
Vacancies Report	ASB June Gibson	5/6/14 (Glazier)	6/3/14	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written report requested to Commission regarding staffing vacancies and status of examinations.</li> </ul>	5/6/14
Standards of Cover	Planning Section (Chief Hissong)	5/6/14 (Glazier)	6/3/14	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now: The Department is in the process of writing up an RFQ and is on track to present a verbal update to the Fire Commission on 6/3/14.</li> <li>Should include an explanation of what a Standards of Cover study is, as well as an explanation of NFPA standards and how those relate to a Standards of Cover study.</li> </ul>	5/6/14
LAFD Response to LAX Shooting Report	Chief Castro	5/12/14 (Glazier)	7/1/14	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written Report regarding LAFD response to the LAX Shooting Blue Ribbon Report and any changes to be undertaken.</li> </ul>	5/6/14
Community Risk Reduction Program	Chief Rueda, Chief Cooper	10/15/13 (Glazier)	6/17/14	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now: The program is currently being restructured and an implementation plan, including a timeline, is being developed.</li> <li>Upcoming: Ultimately, the goal will be to connect the information gathered with the FireSTAT program.</li> </ul>	4/1/14
Monthly Updates on status of AVL project	Chief Richmond, Capt. Gikas	1/21/14 (Glazier, Commissioners)	Monthly; Next report due 6/17/14	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now: Phase I (GPS) is 100% complete. Phase II (Dispatch Floor Map Replacement) Adashi has completed testing and is running a BETA working model – software to be delivered on 5/19/14. Phase III (Mobile Field Mapping) is performing successfully in the test bed at MFC and test dispatches are successfully being sent to the mobile map.</li> <li>Upcoming: Phase IV (Incident Location Quick Find) Adashi will provide the first phase of Quick Find on 7/7/14. Project remains on course to be completed March 2015.</li> </ul>	4/23/14
FireStat	Chief Rueda, Chief Wordin	3/4/14 (Glazier, Commissioners)	6/17/14	Verbal with written materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now: The FireStat meeting scheduled for 5/15/14 for Battalion 4-C and 18-C was cancelled due high fire danger and pre-deployed staffing. This meeting has not yet been re-scheduled. The next scheduled meeting is on 5/29/14 for Battalions 12, 15, and 17 "B" platoon at Fire Station 87.</li> <li>Upcoming: Relevant materials from each FireSTAT meeting will be provided at upcoming Commission meetings. The development of future FireSTAT meetings is ongoing.</li> </ul>	4/23/14
"Super Users" Partnership with LA County Health,	EMS Division (Dr. Eckstein, Chief Reynar)	12/03/13 (Ibarra)	7/1/14	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now: The LA County District Attorney's Task Force is chaired by District Attorney Lacey. The Department has engaged in several meetings with the LA County EMS Agency and LAPD Crisis Response Support Section focusing on available options to assist in reducing the number of "Super User" patient contacts.</li> <li>Upcoming: Additional meetings will be scheduled with above agencies – tentative dates are being discussed.</li> </ul>	4/23/14

Report on Quarterly Budget Updates	ASB (Martinez) Chief Hissong	2/18/14 (Woods-Gray, Ibarra)	Quarterly 8/19/14	Verbal with written report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbal update with written report will be submitted to the Fire Commission quarterly.</li> </ul>	4/23/14
Briefing on "Wall Time": Resource Kits and Wait Time Statistics	EMS Division (Dr. Eckstein, Chief Reynar)	2/18/14 (Glazier)	8/19/14	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now: The Department has initiated efforts to educate hospital partners and other stakeholders to help mitigate the incidence of hospital offload delays. The Department will continue to monitor the impact of hospital offload delays, will continue to meet with local hospital officials, and continue to support the efforts of the coalition created by the State EMS Authority and California Hospital Association.</li> <li>Upcoming: Joint efforts by the State EMS Authority and California Hospital Association to develop a best practice "Tool Kit" for hospitals and providers to address "wall time" is expected to be completed and distributed in the next several months.</li> </ul>	4/23/14
Smoke Alarm Campaign: Department's response to Council motion and to increased fire fatalities	Chief Rueda, Chief Welch, Chief Harvey	2/18/14 Commissioners	8/19/14	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now: 100 smoke alarms were delivered to each of the 11 focal sites for Fire Service Day (May 10, 2014) and every Battalion office received 75 alarms to distribute within their respective Battalions. Smoke alarm educational materials both in English and Spanish were also delivered to each Fire Station for Fire Service Day. Over 100 completed pledge cards were collected and delivered to MySafe LA for entry into their database. On 5/20/14, ABC World News did a segment on the Smoke Alarm Campaign. Several companies, including Battalion Chiefs continue to conduct Smoke Alarm Field Education (SAFE) following fatality fires and near miss incidents.</li> <li>Upcoming: 3 cases of smoke alarms, installation instructions and pledge cards will be distributed at the Harbor Youth Fire Academy graduation on 5/24/14.</li> </ul>	4/1/14
Modifications to Disciplinary Process	Professional Standards Division	1/21/14 (Glazier, Commissioners)	TBD	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now: On 2/12/14, Professional Standards Division met with the newly appointed Independent Assessor to begin discussions regarding alternatives to the disciplinary process.</li> <li>Upcoming: Discussions with the Independent Assessor are continuing based on her time and availability.</li> </ul>	1/21/14
Proposed Recruitment Plan	ASB (Gibson) TSB (Palacios)	12/03/13 2/18/14 (Woods-Gray)	TBD	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June Gibson, Chief Palacios, Budget information, HR Consulting.</li> </ul>	12/03/13
Cost of Civilian Dispatch Staffing Model	ASB (Gibson) Chief Richmond	4/1/14 (Glazier)	TBD	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written report requested to Commission before going to City Council.</li> </ul>	4/1/14
Mutual Aid/ Automatic Aid and Budget Impact	Chief Castro	5/20/14 (Ibarra, Fazio)	TBD	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written report requested on Mutual Aid/ Automatic Aid and how it affects the budget considering the upcoming fire season.</li> </ul>	5/20/14
Facilitating the CPAT	Chief Palacios	5/20/14 Fazio	TBD	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbal report requested regarding localized CPAT testing sites; less distant CPAT locations; possible collaboration with Los Angeles County Fire Department; additional possibilities for testing of candidates.</li> </ul>	5/20/14
Increasing the LAFD Minimum Age Requirement	Chief Palacios	5/20/14 Fazio	TBD	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow-up discussion in regards to increasing the LAFD minimum age requirement from 18 to 21 years. Verbal report to include possible adverse impact of demographics, comparison of requirements to other Fire Departments, and further research of the Santa Monica and Beverly Hills Fire Department's which both increased their age requirements.</li> </ul>	5/20/14