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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 14-093

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief *RMT*
SUBJECT: LAFD PROJECT STATUS REPORT

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 Withdrawn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 September 4, 2014 from the Planning Section. This report was prepared for the Fire Commission Meeting on September 16, 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)
FireStat	Chief Rueda, Chief Wordin	3/4/14 (Glazier, Commissioners)	Monthly; Next report due 9/16/14	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now: Trends are being identified and discussions for follow-up strategies are underway. The next FireStat meetings are scheduled as follows: 9/18/14 - Battalions 4, 6, 9 and 10 "A" Platoon at Fire Station 5; 10/2/14 – Battalions 4, 6, 13 and 18 "B" Platoon at Fire Station 87. Upcoming: Relevant materials from each FireStat meeting will be provided at upcoming Commission meetings. 	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	9/16/14	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now: The Smoke Alarm Field Education (SAFE) Program was conducted after the last 2 significant fires with fatalities and 30 smoke alarms were distributed after each incident. First Alert continues to donate 500 smoke alarms each month. SAFE Program Press Conference was held on 9/8/14. Upcoming: Positive results from the SAFE program have led to discussions of expanding the program. 	4/1/14
EMS Deployment Model Overview	EMS Division (Dr. Eckstein, Chief Reynar)	7/15/14 (Fazio)	9/16/14	Verbal with PowerPoint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of various EMS Deployment Models as compared with the LAFD. 	7/15/14
Monthly Updates on status of AVL project	Chief Richmond, Capt. Gikas	1/21/14 (Glazier, Commissioners)	Monthly; Next report due 10/7/14	Verbal with written materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now: Project I (GPS) and Project II (Dispatch Floor Map Replacement) are 100% complete. Project III (Mobile Field Mapping) is 85% complete and performing successfully in the test bed at MFC. Expecting delivery of mobile mapping software October 1st to begin acceptance testing. Project IV (Incident Location Quick Find) is 75% complete. Upcoming: Project remains on course to be completed March 2015. 	4/23/14
Mutual Aid/ Automatic Aid and Budget Impact	Chief Rueda	5/20/14 (Ibarra, Fazio)	10/7/14	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written report requested on Mutual Aid/ Automatic Aid and how it affects the budget considering the upcoming fire season. 	5/20/14
"Super Users" Partnership with LA County Health,	EMS Division (Dr. Eckstein, Chief Reynar)	12/03/13 (Ibarra)	10/7/14	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now: On 5/28/14 Dr. Eckstein was a keynote speaker at the L.A. County Mental Health Summit for a discussion of "Super Users." The Department of Aging in partner with Los Angeles County implemented an Emergency Alert Response (EARS) program to assist the elderly with creating personalized health management plans in an effort to reduce 911 calls. Upcoming: Proposal of a pilot program for "Super Users" is in progress with a tentative presentation date in October 2014. 	4/23/14
Report on Quarterly Budget Updates	ASB (Martinez) Chief Hissong	2/18/14 (Woods-Gray, Ibarra)	Quarterly 10/21/14	Verbal with written materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal update with written report will be submitted to the Fire Commission quarterly. 	4/23/14
FPB Vacancies Report	Chief Stormes	6/3/14 (Glazier)	Quarterly; 10/21/14	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written report requested to Commission pertaining to current Inspector vacancies and inspection performance records (including back logs). 	6/18/14
Facilitating the CPAT	Chief Palacios	5/20/14 (Fazio)	After Receipt of RAND Report	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	5/20/14
Increasing the LAFD Minimum Age/ Education Requirements	Chief Palacios	5/20/14 Fazio	After Receipt of RAND Report	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up discussion in regards to increasing the LAFD minimum age and education 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. 	5/20/14
Overview of LAFD Cadet Program	Chief Palacios	Glazier, Woods-Gray)	TBD	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of our current Cadet program and identifying ways to create a more robust program comparable to LAPD. 	7/1/14

Briefing on "Wall Time": Resource Kits and Wait Time Statistics	EMS Division (Dr. Eckstein, Chief Reynar)	2/18/14 (Glazier)	TBD	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now: In April/May the Department met with hospital leadership at hospitals having the largest number of wait time hours. Dr Eckstein attended each of the meetings; the meetings were constructive and provided an opportunity for attendees to discuss the impact and factors creating delays in hospital patient transfers. On June 3, 2014, the California Hospital Association (CHA) provided a presentation to the Hospital Association of Southern California regarding development and release of a resource tool kit to address ambulance offload delays at hospitals. Upcoming: According to the CHA, the tool kit is expected to be released later this year. 	4/23/14
False Alarms Prevention System plan	Chief Frazeur Chief Stormes ASB (Gibson)	Dec 2013 (Glazier)	TBD	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now: Request for \$500,000 to put the current proposed plan in motion was denied by Council. Two alternative programs will be prepared as possible options to reduce false alarms: a fee based program and a non-fee based program. Proposed plans will include analysis and regulations. Upcoming: Analysis of the newly proposed alternative programs. 	6/3/14
Action Plan for the Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB)	Chief Stormes	8/19/14 (Glazier)	TBD	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on IOD/NIOD percentages as compared to Building and Safety and field members; Expectations and accountability of inspectors (performance management); Solutions/options for improving numbers of inspections completed (including technological advancements); Alternatives for filling staffing vacancies in the FPB. 	8/19/14
Modifications to Disciplinary Process	Professional Standards Division	1/21/14 (Glazier, Commissioners)	TBD	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now: On 2/12/14, Professional Standards Division met with the newly appointed Independent Assessor to begin discussions regarding alternatives to the disciplinary process. Upcoming: Discussions with the Independent Assessor are continuing based on her time and availability. 	1/21/14
Technical Certifications in Promotions	Chief Frazeur	6/18/14 (Fazio)	TBD	Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of any training certifications/ programs that may satisfy a portion of the required experience for promotional requirements. Upcoming: Discussions with the Personnel Department are in progress. 	6/18/14
Community Risk Reduction Program	Chief Rueda,	10/15/13 (Glazier)	TBD	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now: The program is currently being restructured and an implementation plan, including a timeline, is being developed. Upcoming: Ultimately, the goal will be to connect the information gathered with the FireSTAT program. 	4/1/14
Cost of Civilian Dispatch Staffing Model	ASB (Gibson) Chief Frazeur	4/1/14 (Glazier)	TBD	Written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written report requested to Commission before going to City Council. 	4/1/14