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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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October 9, 2014

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. **14-109**

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 Withdrawn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 October 9, 2014 from the Planning Section. This report was prepared for the Fire Commission Meeting on October 21, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:
Receive and file.

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

Attachment

Topic of Information Requested	LAFD Primary Contact	Assisting Staff	Date Requested	Requested By	Fire Commission Due Date	Written or Verbal	Update
Monthly Updates on status of AVL project	Trevor Richmond	CI Gikas	01/21/14	Andrew Glazier	Monthly; Next report due 10/07/14	Verbal with written materials	-Current: Updated AVL software is currently being tested and should be ready for deployment in the near future. Mobile map software should be delivered by November 11, 2014. AVL vendor visited LAFD last week and made significant progress on solutions to AVL based dispatching. -Upcoming: Project remains on course to be completed March 2015.
"Super Users" Partnership with LA County Health	Marc Eckstein Dr.	AC Reynar	12/03/13	Delia Ibarra	10/21/14	Verbal	-Current: On 9/16/14 Dr Eckstein and Chief Reynar met with officials at the San Diego FD regarding their "Resource Access Program", to address EMS Super Users. On 9/8/14 the Department participated in the District Attorneys Mental Health Task Force meeting (the next meeting for this group is scheduled for 10/6/14). 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 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: Development of a proposal for a pilot program to address Department EMS "Super Users" is in progress.
FireStat	M.D. Rueda	BC Wordin	03/04/14	Andrew Glazier	Monthly; Next report due 10/21/14	Verbal	-Current: The next FireStat Meetings are scheduled as follows: 11/6 /14 - Battalions 13 and 18 "A" Platoon at Fire Station 94; 11/20/14 - Fire Prevention Bureau, Supply and Maintenance and Metro Fire Communications at FHMTc. -Upcoming: Make ups
Response to the Independent Assessor's Report Relative to the Firefighter Selection Process	Daren Palacios	Rich Rideout Jenny Park	09/16/14	Delia Ibarra	11/04/14	Written	Written Report on the LAFD's response to the Independent Assessors recommendations relative to the Firefighter selection process.
Overview of LAFD Cadet Program/Magnet Program	Daren Palacios	Rich Rideout	07/01/14	Jimmie Woods-Gray	10/21/14	Written	Discussion of our current Cadet program and identifying ways to create a more robust program comparable to LAPD. Report will include information from the meeting with LAPD in joining their magnet program at LAUSD.
Revision of Chief Officer Positions Minimum Requirements	Graham Everett	Norma Gutierrez	06/18/14	Andrew Glazier	10/21/14	Written	On 10/7/14 Commissioners requested additional information on this subject and want to consider the minimum requirements for Chief Officer positions as a package to vote on at the same time. The phase-in of the requirements is proposed to occur in 3 cycles.
Report on Quarterly Budget Updates	Salvador Martinez	BC Hissong	02/18/14	Jimmie Woods-Gray	Quarterly; 10/21/14	Written	Verbal update with written report will be submitted to the Fire Commission quarterly.
Vacancies Report	June Gibson	Norma Gutierrez	06/03/14	Andrew Glazier	Quarterly; 10/21/14	Written	Written report requested to Commission pertaining to current LAFD vacancies.
Briefing on "Wall Time": Resource Kits and Wait Time Statistics	Marc Eckstein Dr.	AC Reynar	02/18/14	Andrew Glazier	11/04/14	Written	-Current: On September 18, 2014, the State EMS Authority, in partnership with the California Hospital Association (CHA), released a draft document: "Toolkit to Reduce Ambulance Patient Offload Delays in the Emergency Department." The EMS Authority and CHA plan to further discuss this document during a scheduled meeting with stakeholders being held in Sacramento on 10/23/14. The Department is evaluating the contents of this document and plans to participate in the October meeting. -Upcoming: According to the CHA, the tool kit is expected to be released later this year.

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Smoke Alarm Campaign: Department's response to Council motion and to increased fire fatalities	M.D. Rueda	BC Welch / BC Harvey	02/18/14	Delia Ibarra	01/20/15	Verbal	-Current: Fire Chief announced three initiatives at a Press Conference on 9/8/14: (1) A three-month pilot program in Fire Station 65's district expanding the SAFE Program to include regular neighborhood fire safety education and free smoke alarms; (2) The formation of the LAFD Fire Casualty Reduction Task Force which will identify trends or circumstances around residential fire fatalities in an attempt to prevent future tragedies; (3) Continued collaboration with MySafe: LA and new collaboration with American Red Cross in large-scale neighborhood smoke alarm canvassing events. -Upcoming: First Alert continues to donate 500 smoke alarms each month
Increasing the LAFD Minimum Age Requirement	Daren Palacios	BC Rideout	05/20/14	Steve Fazio	After RAND Report	Verbal	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.
Facilitating the CPAT	Daren Palacios	BC Rideout	05/20/14	Steve Fazio	After RAND Report	Verbal	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.
Modifications to Disciplinary Process	Emile W Mack	Paul Hayashida	01/21/14	Andrew Glazier	TBD	Verbal	-Current: Professional Standards Division is working on a report to present to the Fire Chief. -Upcoming: Discussions with the Independent Assessor are continuing based on her time and availability.
Community Risk Reduction Program	M.D. Rueda	AC Cooper	10/15/13	Andrew Glazier	TBD	Written	-Current: 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.
False Alarm Prevention System Plan	John Vidovich	DC Vidovich / ASB Gibson	12/03/13	Andrew Glazier	12/02/14	Written	-Current: 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.
Action Plan for the Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB)	John Vidovich		08/19/14	Andrew Glazier	TBD	Written	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.
Study on the Necessity of Answer-Back Panels in Fire Stations	M.D. Rueda	AC Richmond	09/16/14	Andrew Glazier	TBD	Written	Report requested on the necessity of answer back panels in Fire Stations relevant to FireStat response times.
Standards of Cover	Steve Hissong		10/07/14	Andrew Glazier	TBD	Written	Commissioners requested copies of revisions to the RFQ.