

December 2, 2014

# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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FIRE CHIEF

December 20, 2014

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FILE NO. **14-130**

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

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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 Withdrawn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 November 20, 2014 from the Planning Section. This report was prepared for the Fire Commission Meeting on December 2, 2014.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:  
Receive and file.

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

Attachment

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Topic of Information Requested	LAFD Primary Contact	Assisting Staff	Date Requested	Requested By:	Fire Commission Due Date	Written or Verbal	Update
Revision of Chief Officer Positions - Minimum Requirements	Fred Mathis	Graham Everett	06/18/14	Andrew Glazier	12/16/14	Written	On 11/17/14, ERO met with COA to discuss proposed changes to minimum requirements for AC/BC promotional exams. COA provided a counter proposal.
Monthly Updates on status of AVL/CAD Project	Trevor Richmond	CI Gikas/Maggie Goodrich	01/21/14	Andrew Glazier	12/16/14	Verbal	A Public Safety Technology Team is currently being formed to review additional features of AVL and user functionality. Maggie Goodrich will head up the team and will report back on progress of moving the project forward. Report back will include the personnel infrastructure necessary to build a robust I.T. Department.
FireStat	M.D. Rueda	BC Poirier	03/04/14	Andrew Glazier	12/16/14	Verbal	-Current: The next FireStat Meetings are scheduled as follows: 12/4/14 - Special Duty (Supply and Maintenance, Fire Prevention Bureau & Metro Fire Communications) at FHMTTC; 12/11/14 - Final make up day for Battalions 4, 6, 13, and 18, B Platoon at Fire Station 5 Community Room in Westchester. -Upcoming: The 2015 schedule is currently being re-designed to accommodate the Four Bureau ESB reorganization
False Alarm Prevention System Plan	John Vidovich	DC Vidovich / ASB Gibson	12/03/13	Andrew Glazier	12/16/14	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 Steve Fazio	12/16/14	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, which includes addressing the impact of the seven Inspector vacancies.
Briefing on "Wall Time": Resource Kits and Wait Time Statistics	Marc Eckstein Dr.	AC Reynar	02/18/14	Andrew Glazier Steve Fazio	12/16/14	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.
Overview of LAFD Cadet Program/Magnet Program	Daren Palacios	Rich Rideout	07/01/14	Jimmie Woods-Gray Steve Fazio	01/20/15	Written	Written report requested to the Fire Commission that will focus on applying predictability, structure and functionality to the Cadet program.
"Super Users" Partnership with LA County Health	Marc Eckstein Dr.	AC Reynar	12/03/13	Delia Ibarra	01/20/15	Verbal	-Current: LAFD partnering in Pilot Program with the Department of Aging's Emergency Alert Response (EARS) program to assist the elderly with creating personalized health management plans in an effort to reduce 911 calls. -Upcoming: Goal to have the Pilot Program to address Department EMS "Super Users" in place and appoint a designated staff person by July 2015.
Report on Quarterly Budget Updates	Salvador Martinez	BC Hissong	02/18/14	Jimmie Woods-Gray	01/20/15	Written	Verbal update with written report will be submitted to the Fire Commission quarterly.
Recall to Active Duty of Retired members			10/21/14	Jimmie Woods-Gray	01/20/15	Written	Report requested on policies with respect to hiring back retired sworn members.

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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.
Presentation of Recruitment Plan	Daren Palacios	BC Rideout	10/21/14	Andrew Glazier	TBD	Verbal	Verbal report requested on the Department's Recruitment Plan pending budget request outcome.
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.
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.