

January 20, 2015


LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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FIRE CHIEF

January 8, 2015

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. **15-003**

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief 
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 Withdrawn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 January 8, 2015 from the Planning Section. This report was prepared for the Fire Commission Meeting on January 20, 2015.

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
Action Plan for the Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB)	John Vidovich		08/19/14	Steve Fazio Andrew Glazier	01/20/15	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.
Monthly Updates on status of AVL	Trevor Richmond	CI Gikas/Maggie Goodrich	01/21/14	Andrew Glazier	01/20/15	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.
Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Upgrade	Trevor Richmond	CI Gikas/Maggie Goodrich	11/18/14	Andrew Glazier	01/20/15	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.
"Super Users" Partnership with LA County Health	Marc Eckstein Dr.	AC Reynar	12/03/13	Delia Ibarra Steve Fazio	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.
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	Smoke alarm awareness events are being conducted throughout the local communities and alarms continue to be distributed and tracked through the use of pledge cards. The FireStat Unit will use the data for measurement of progress. Upcoming: Events in both Battalions 11 and 12, which are among the top nine neighborhoods in the City for fire fatalities, injuries, and property loss are scheduled for April.
Da Vinci Fire Overview	Joseph Castro		12/16/14	Jimmie Woods-Gray	01/20/15	Verbal	Report on tactical operations and lessons learned from the incident.
Report on Quarterly Budget Updates	Salvador Martinez	BC Hissong	02/18/14	Jimmie Woods-Gray	02/03/15	Written	Written report will be submitted to the Fire Commission quarterly.
Recall to Active Duty of Retired Members	June Gibson	BC Hissong	10/21/14	Jimmie Woods-Gray	02/03/15	Verbal	Report requested on policies with respect to hiring back retired sworn members.
Overview of LAFD Cadet Program/Magnet Program	Daren Palacios	Rich Rideout	07/01/14	Jimmie Woods-Gray Steve Fazio Andrew Glazier	02/03/15	Written	Written report requested to the Fire Commission that will focus on applying predictability, structure and functionality to the Cadet program.
Presentation of Recruitment Plan	Daren Palacios	BC Rideout	10/21/14	Andrew Glazier	02/03/15	Written	Written report requested on the Department's Recruitment Plan pending budget request outcome.
Study on the Necessity of Answer-Back Panels in Fire Stations	M.D. Rueda	AC Richmond	09/16/14	Andrew Glazier	03/03/15	Written	Report requested on the necessity of answer back panels in Fire Stations relevant to FireStat response times.
Tiered Dispatch System (TDS)	Trevor Richmond	CI Gikas	12/16/14	Andrew Glazier	03/03/15	Written	Tiered Dispatch System was implemented November 2014 to reduce call processing time. Data comparison to be completed.
Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Evaluation	John Vidovich		12/16/14	Delia Ibarra Andrew Glazier	03/03/15	Written	Discussion on action plan for CUPA inspections and contingency plan if the Department cannot adequately improve unsatisfactory rating.

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Briefing on "Wall Time": Resource Kits and Wait Time Statistics	Marc Eckstein Dr.	AC Reynar	02/18/14	Steve Fazio Andrew Glazier	03/17/15	Written	Quarterly comparison report requested on the amount of time spent at hospitals waiting for transfer of care; feedback from implementation of "tool-kit" recommendations.
FireStat-Trend Analysis	Alfred Poirier		03/04/14	Andrew Glazier	03/17/15	Verbal	Tiered Dispatch System was implemented 11/20/14 to reduce call processing time. Report on trends resulting from data analysis and FireStat Meetings. Quarterly reports to include response time data.
Professional Development Plan	Daren Palacios	BC Rideout	12/02/14	Steve Fazio Andrew Glazier	03/17/15	Written	Commissioners requested a comprehensive report to include a catalog of courses available to members that provide college credit and an overview of the options provided by the Department to further their education. In addition, they would like the report to explore the feasibility of a non-sworn position that could provide career guidance.
Fire Facilities Plan	Curt Klafta		12/16/14	Andrew Glazier	03/17/15	Written	Review of current and long term Fire Facilities Plan.
Arson/Counter Terrorism Section (ACTS)	Michael Little		12/16/14	Delia Ibarra Andrew Glazier	03/17/15	Written	Response to the Independent Assessor's report/audit regarding policies/procedures that will be adopted by the Department based on the the audit recommendations including timelines and interim reports.
Community Risk Reduction Program	AC Cooper		10/15/13	Andrew Glazier	04/21/15	Written	Current: A 5-step pilot program is currently being developed with collaboration between FPB, EOPS and FireStat. Available data is being gathered in high risk areas for fires in the home and senior falls. Upcoming: Project time-line being established; implementation scheduled in April 2015.
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.
False Alarm Prevention System Plan	John Vidovich	DC Vidovich / ASB Gibson	12/03/13	Andrew Glazier	TBD	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.
Battalion Chief Minimum Educational Requirements	Fred Mathis	Graham Everett	06/18/14	Andrew Glazier	TBD	Written	Motion was accepted to update the minimum education requirements for Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief promotional exams. Battalion Chief minimum education requirements to be brought back to Fire Commission after discussions with UFLAC.
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.
Standards of Cover	Steve Hissong		10/07/14	Andrew Glazier	TBD	Written	Commissioners requested copies of revisions to the RFQ.
Tuition Assistance Program	Richard Rideout		12/16/14	Andrew Glazier	TBD	Verbal	Research a revolving tuition remission program to offer financial assistance to members seeking educational opportunities.