



Date: October 2, 2015

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.H.W.*

From: Michael A. DuRee, Fire Chief *MA*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Weekly Update -- Termination of Rapid Medic Deployment Program

On August 26, 2015, the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMS Agency) notified the Long Beach Fire Department that they were terminating the Rapid Medic Deployment (RMD) Pilot Project and that, by October 3, 2015, the Department must return to the previous staffing model of two Paramedics on all Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances. On September 1, 2015, the City Council directed the Fire Department to provide weekly updates on the status of returning to our pre-RMD staffing configuration. This memorandum represents the fifth of these weekly updates.

During the week beginning September 28, 2015, the Fire Department made the following progress toward returning to our pre-RMD staffing configuration:

- Fire Operations management reassigned Firefighters, Paramedics, and Ambulance Operators, based on seniority, to different apparatus under the pre-RMD staffing configuration, as a result of the "rebidding" process completed last week;
- Continued to evaluate the future need to send Firefighters to Paramedic School;
- Completed reconfiguration of the Fire Communications Center's dispatch systems and processes to correlate with new apparatus locations;
- Completed the planning process for moving apparatus and equipment beginning October 2 and concluding the morning of October 3, when we return to the previous staffing model; and,
- Completed the meet and confer process, coordinated by the Department of Human Resources, with the International Association of Machinists and the Firefighters Association to discuss the impacts of returning to pre-RMD staffing.

The Fire Department will return to a pre-RMD staffing configuration and will be completed with the process on October 3, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at 570-2505.

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