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Deputy Comm. from LAFD

Cooperation Agreement

This Cooperation Agreement is entered into between the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), and the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (Housing), collectively the Departments, for the purpose of ensuring their continued collaboration in inspecting structures for excessive storage conditions that would pose a threat to public safety.

Excessive storage not only poses a safety risk to the occupants of structures that contain the excessive storage, but also to any emergency responders to those structures, as well as neighboring structures and their occupants. Excessive storage poses a serious fire hazard. Due to the often high concentration of combustible materials, fires caused by excessive storage can be robust and present a significant threat to the safety of emergency responders, as well as neighboring structures. Further, occupants of structures containing excessive storage may be unable to exit a structure during an emergency, fire or otherwise, and emergency responders may not be able to reach them or may be injured in attempting to reach them.

It is the goal of the Departments to eliminate the threat to public safety posed by excessive storage. To that end, the Departments agree to coordinate their inspection efforts to help ensure that all types of structures are inspected for excessive storage. Specifically, the Departments agree to continue the division of responsibilities that they have developed as follows:

LAFD will inspect occupied single-family homes and condominiums;

LADBS will inspect unsecured and vacant single-family homes; and

Housing will inspect multi-unit apartment buildings.

In addition, the Departments agree to maintain open communication between their personnel who are chiefly responsible for inspecting structures for excessive storage. Those personnel are as follows:

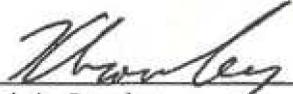
LAFD, Fire Inspector II, Compliance Unit, Excessive Storage;

LADBS, Chief Inspector, Vacant Building Abatement Division; and

Housing, the Senior Housing Inspector responsible for excessive storage.

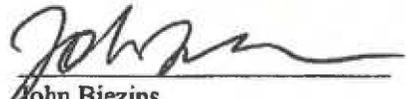
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As authorized representatives of the Los Angeles Fire Department, the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, and the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department, we, the undersigned, do hereby approve this agreement.



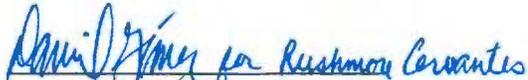
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