

Contact Information

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Summary: On November 19, 2015, the Sylmar Neighborhood Council (SNC) voted unanimously (14/0/0) to support Council File #15-1252. The SNC supports the continued use of a Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Fast Response Vehicle (FRV), as well as an analysis of how the FRV has impacted response times in our community. We also support the identification of additional and meaningful LAFD resources in an effort to continue to improve response times in our community.

On September 24, 2015, during a community presentation, the SNC and its Stakeholders had the opportunity to become more educated regarding the limited LAFD resources that are available to our community. By unanimous vote of our Board on September 24, 2015, The SNC declared a state of emergency in Sylmar related to current LAFD resources in our community.

- Since 1956, LAFD Fire Station 91 has served Sylmar.
- The population in Sylmar has grown significantly over the years, from approximately 40,349 in 1970 to approximately 79,000 in 2014, with little expansion in LAFD resources or staffing in our community during that time.
- Station 91's district is one of the largest geographic areas in the City of Los Angeles at 12.6 square miles. The geographic area served by Station 91 is even larger with shared support for the City of San Fernando, mutual/automatic aid with the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the need to respond to incidents in the Newhall Pass.
- We believe that current LAFD resources are not aligned with our population and geography. Response times are well over those experienced in other communities and are not aligned with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards.