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Summary: Summary: On March 23, 2017, the Sylmar Neighborhood Council (SNC) voted to continue to support Council File #15-1252. We support the continued use of a Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Fast Response Vehicle (FRV) in our community, as well as other additional and meaningful LAFD resources in an effort to continue to improve response times in our community. A Basic Life Support (BLS) Rescue Ambulance would be a needed and welcomed addition to our Fire Station #91 as it currently only has one engine and an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance to support our community of nearly 90,000.

We believe that current LAFD resources in our community 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.

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. Our community members have also supported this need with petitions and letter writing campaigns.

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.

Another year has passed with no apparent progress on this matter. We urge the City Council to take the steps necessary to better support the safety of our community by allocating funding in the 2017-2018 City budget for additional LAFD resources in Sylmar.