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The physical and emotional scars of domestic violence can cast a long shadow. Too many individuals, regardless of age, ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, circumstance, or race, face the pain and fear of domestic violence. During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we shine a light on this violation of the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse, pledge to ensure every victim of domestic violence knows they are not alone, and foster supportive communities that help survivors seek justice and enjoy full and healthy lives.

Over the past two decades, rates of domestic violence against females have dropped by nearly three-quarters -- but there is still much work to do to build on the progress we have made. Nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have suffered from domestic violence by an intimate partner.

As part of Mayor Garcetti's Executive Directive #12, all departments were called to employ strategic approaches to ensure that every resident is free to live, learn and thrive in safety and security. As part of the Mayor's Working Group Against Domestic Violence, departments are called to coordinate, implement and evaluate efforts to prevent domestic violence, as well as ensuring that the City's policies and programs support the most robust domestic violence prevention and intervention services possible.

Our Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) personnel act as the first responders to many field calls for assistance. When a call comes in to 911 Dispatchers requesting assistance with an injury, often LAFD Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) personnel may arrive alone to provide emergency medical support. Because they are there to provide medical support, without proper training, they may not know what signs to look for to determine how the individual received their injury. Our first responders should be equipped with the proper training and protocol to not only identify incidents of domestic violence, but to also direct the victim to the appropriate resources.

I THEREFORE MOVE that LAFD report on the types of training 911 Dispatchers, EMT and Firefighters receive to learn how to identify, track and respond to domestic violence incidents while in the field along with a financial analysis of the required resources needed to comply with Executive Directive #12 within 60 days.

I FURTHER MOVE that LAFD work with the CAO and CLA to identify funds in an upcoming Financial Status Report to support any training necessary for LAFD personnel on how to properly handle incidents of domestic violence while on calls in the field.

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