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Technological advances offer police departments and a variety of methods useful for combating criminal activity. The technology behind tools such as communication systems, biometrics, and crime mapping has advanced significantly over recent years, and the utilization of technological equipment such as GPS, advanced communication systems and body worn video cameras has allowed for more effective policing, as well as improved the safety of both the public and its police officers. In addition, in an increasingly high-tech world, a growing number of crimes involve the use of technology, which police departments need special tools to address. New technologies are regularly introduced on the market that enable police officers to track and respond to crime in their jurisdictions more effectively.

Technological advances offer similar benefits to fire departments. Whether it is computer aided-dispatch, communication, thermal imaging or live GPS-mapping. Fire service technology can add a higher level of protection for Fire Fighting personnel, which enhances safety for all City of Los Angeles residents.

The City must ensure its Police Department (LAPD) and Fire Department (LAFD) can meet the challenges of the modern era by providing it with the essential technologies that are needed to effectively serve a large city like Los Angeles in the 21st Century. To ensure this, the Information Technology Agency (ITA) with the assistance of the LAPD and LAFD, should conduct a comprehensive survey of each department's technology needs. Priorities for technological advancements should be based on the needs of the respective department, and identify what outdated technology should be updated or replaced completely. This assessment should be a detailed roadmap that will ensure the City can provide the LAPD and LAFD with the technological tools necessary to effectively carry out their duties and responsibilities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Information Technology Agency, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Fire Department, conduct a comprehensive technology assessment of the needs of the Police and Fire Departments. This assessment should detail and prioritize the upgrades, tools and equipment necessary to ensure that the departments can effectively and efficiently address the public safety needs of the residents of the City of Los Angeles.

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