

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the purchase of two rapid response vehicles by the Emergency Management Department (EMD).

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the expenditure of \$123,220 from Fund No. 392- Emergency Operations Fund towards the purchase of two rapid response emergency vehicles by the EMD.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Nothing submitted by the EMD reports. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 26, 2020, your Committee considered a December 30, 2019 EMD report relative to the purchase of two rapid response vehicles by the EMD. According to the EMD, EMD staff, including on-call 24/7 Duty Officers, Duty Team Members, and community based Disaster Management Bureau Representatives, are often required to respond to and work in the field during emergencies and public outreach events. At present, EMD staff have very limited options in terms of available vehicles for such deployment. The EMD has one loaned surplus vehicle from Los Angeles Police Department and in most cases must rely on City Motor Pool fleet vehicles. None of these vehicles are designed or equipped for mobile field response.

The EMD has identified available funding for purchase of two properly equipped rapid response vehicles through the City's Emergency Operations Fund. Both the CAO and the Emergency Operations Board have approved use of this funding. The CAO has advised that the should EMD request approval from Council in order to move forward with procurement. Purchase of the recommended vehicles will ensure that EMD Duty Officers and Duty Team Members are able to respond as needed to events, incidents and emergencies on a twenty- four-hour basis. This includes coordination of City Unified Command Posts, activation of and response to the City's Emergency Operations Center and other field level events that require effective interagency coordination where EMD responders serve as the incident Liaison Officer. The vehicles would also be available as needed by our Disaster Management Bureau representatives for community education and outreach events including the Ready Your LA Neighborhood Program and related town hall meetings. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the purchase as detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
RYU:	YES
LEE:	ABSENT

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