

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to establishing emergency preparedness training programs geared toward specific segments of the population, including teens/youth, seniors, disabled, and homeless persons.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE Motion (Blumenfield – Englander) instructing the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and the Emergency Management Department (EMD) to report relative to establishing emergency preparedness training programs geared toward specific segments of the population, including teens/youth, seniors, disabled, and homeless persons.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable

Community Impact Statement: Not applicable

SUMMARY

On July 26, 2013, Council considered Motion (Blumenfield– Englander) relative to establishing emergency preparedness training programs geared toward specific segments of the population. Motion states the City already has successful emergency preparedness training programs that have proven their value for increasing community preparedness. Motion movers believe that it is important to identify new, and potentially underserved, segments of the population that can benefit from emergency preparedness training. Building upon past successes will ensure that the population citywide is able to adequately prepare for and respond to disasters and emergencies. Council referred Motion to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held August 23, 2013, Council discussed this matter with representatives of the LAFD, EMD, and the Third Council District Office. The EMD representative stated that the Department offers special training programs for different segments of the population, and conducts various types of outreach campaigns, including the use of social media. All Department information is available to the disabled and to persons with special needs. The Council Office discussed outreach to community access teams. The LAFD representative stated that the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is conducted in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Over 4,000 citizens receive CERT training each year. Committee recommended that Council note and file Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

ENGLANDER: YES

BUSCAINO: YES
BONIN: ABSENT
O'FARRELL: ABSENT
MARTINEZ: YES

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