

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) contract with Harris and Harris, Ltd., for collection services associated with delinquent Emergency Medical Services (EMS) billing accounts.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAFD, or designee, to execute the contract between the LAFD and Harris and Harris, Ltd., for collection services associated with delinquent EMS billing accounts, effective the date of execution through March 30, 2016, with up to two additional one-year extensions, on a contingency fee basis, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. DIRECT the LAFD to report to the Budget and Finance Committee on a quarterly basis as part of the Department's Financial Status Reports relative to the collection of EMS delinquent billings.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LAFD estimates annual net revenue between \$1.0 million and \$2.0 million from delinquent EMS billing accounts through the use of this contractual agreement. This action is in compliance with City financial policies in that all fees charged for collection services will be paid to the contractor on a contingency basis, subject to the delinquent accounts collected and recovered.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor dated June 18, 2014 (attached to the Council file), the CAO recommends that Council authorize LAFD to execute a contract with Harris and Harris, Ltd., for collection services associated with delinquent EMS billing accounts. The Department intends to execute a piggyback agreement with this contractor, as initially procured by the Office of Finance. On April 1, 2014, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the proposed contract agreement.

At its meeting held August 8, 2014, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with representatives of the CAO and LAFD. LAFD staff explained that anticipated revenue from the collection of delinquent accounts is already factored into the Department's budget. Committee recommended that Council authorize LAFD to execute the proposed contract with Harris and Harris, Ltd. Committee further recommended that LAFD report to the Budget and Finance Committee on a quarterly basis as part of the Department's Financial Status Reports relative to the collection of delinquent billings.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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