

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL January 30, 2012

THROUGH: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (January 30, 2012)

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA'S UPDATED
STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
(SEMS) / NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)
EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve the City of Pasadena's SEMS/NIMS Emergency Response Plan.

BACKGROUND

The State of California through the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) and the federal government through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) require that the City Council review and approve a SEMS/NIMS Emergency Response Plan specific to Pasadena. This Plan, if approved, meets these requirements as it addresses the City's planned response to extraordinary emergency/disaster situations associated with natural disasters, technological incidents and national security emergencies. It should be noted that this Plan does not address day-to-day emergencies or the well established, routine procedures used in coping with such emergencies.

As part of the phased implementation of NIMS throughout the nation, the federal government has mandated that city disaster plans incorporate standardized organization, training, resource management, terminology, communication, action plans, response and recovery strategies for large-scale emergencies and disasters.

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This SEMS/NIMS Emergency Response Plan is an extension of the California Emergency Plan. As such, this Plan is required to be reviewed and exercised periodically and revised as necessary to meet the ever-changing conditions facing local governments. In Pasadena, the Director of Disaster Emergency Services (City Manager) and Assistant Director of Disaster Emergency Services (Fire Chief) may make changes to this Plan based on "phased implementation" of state and federal requirements and local need.

This Plan is designed to incorporate and coordinate personnel and facilities into an efficient organization, capable of responding to any large-scale emergency or disaster.

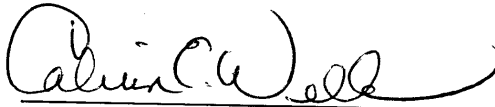
COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION

The development of a standardized Emergency Management System and National Incident Management System Plan is consistent with the City Council's strategic plan goal to ensure public safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact as a result of approving the proposed Plan; however, such approval and subsequent submittal to OES is requisite to receive future disaster relief from the state and federal governments.

Respectfully Submitted,



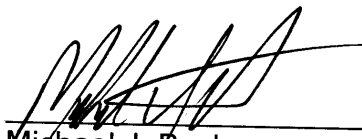
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