

## Agenda Report

September 28, 2015

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Fire Department

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE VERDUGO COMMUNICATION CONTRACTS WITH THE CITIES OF ALHAMBRA, ARCADIA, MONROVIA, MONTEBELLO, MONTEREY PARK, SAN GABRIEL AND SIERRA MADRE FOR VERDUGO FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISPATCH**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061, (b) (3), the general rule; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts with the cities of Alhambra (18,982), Arcadia (18,793), Monrovia (18,792), Montebello (19,825), Monterey Park (18,791), San Gabriel (19,004) and Sierra Madre (18,794) for Verdugo dispatching services for a period of three years with two optional three year extensions at the discretion of the City Manager. Neither competitive bidding nor competitive selection are required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H) and Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049.A3.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Verdugo Fire Communications Center (Verdugo) was established in August 1979 by the cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena to provide fire and emergency medical service dispatch services for each city. Verdugo is staffed by Glendale City employees and Glendale provides administrative support services for Verdugo. The operation is located at a Glendale Fire facility. The cities of Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena are "owner" agencies and contribute to the governance and annual operational funding of Verdugo.

Additionally, Verdugo provides contract services to several other cities, including Alhambra, Arcadia, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, San Marino,

Sierra Madre and South Pasadena, plus the Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena Airport Authority. Verdugo provides dispatching services to the contracting agencies for a set fee. This fee provides revenue that supplements Verdugo's operational costs. All prior agreements remain in place and no contracts have lapsed. Contract pricing is established each year at separate meetings that include the City Manager, Fire Chief and the Director of Finance for each owner city. The agreement between contract cities must be approved by each owner city pursuant to the agreement between Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank. This action will authorize one three-year term plus two, optional, three-year terms. Pasadena's annual fee for FY 2016 is \$714,846. The per-call fee for the contract cities for FY 2016 are shown below. The annual budget for the Verdugo Fire Communication System is \$3,823,476.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY 2016 Fee</u>	<u>Annual Revenue</u>
Alhambra	\$65.28	\$347,159
Arcadia	\$65.28	\$305,249
Monrovia	\$67.00	\$227,536
Montebello	\$65.28	\$335,931
Monterey Park	\$65.00	\$260,759
San Gabriel	\$67.00	\$164,798
<u>Sierra Madre</u>	<u>\$72.00</u>	<u>\$ 64,136</u>
Total Contract City Revenue		\$1,705,568

In FY2015, the center dispatched for a population of 837,643 over an area of 134.38 square miles. There were 72,457 incidents with 17,368 (24%) occurring in the city of Pasadena. This partnership has helped Pasadena contain costs for dispatching and share future costs for upgrading and improving critical infrastructure necessary to support daily emergencies and major disasters. For example, Verdugo will replace its Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and intends to do so with a Next-Generation 9-1-1(NG911), which will ready the Center to accept and process Text-to-9-1-1 and other forms of multi-media. The plan will allow it to support operations between Verdugo and seven law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County, as well as support Continuity of Operations (CoOp) should any of these centers need to vacate their primary operations and operate at secondary locations.

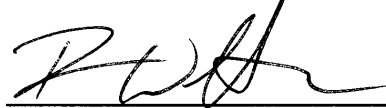
**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

This action supports the City Council's strategic goal to ensure public safety.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action and will not have any indirect or support cost requirements. The anticipated impact to other operational programs or capital projects as a result of this action will be none.

Respectfully submitted,



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