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REPORT NO. 04-237

ATTENTION: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee  
Agenda of November 17, 2004

SUBJECT: Public Safety Review

#### SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE COMMITTEE OR THE CITY COUNCIL.

#### BACKGROUND

San Diego Fire-Rescue would like to acknowledge the proactive approach taken by the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services (PS&NS) Committee over the past two years to begin reviewing and understanding the complex needs of our Department. The review that began January 2003 helped us create a Department Needs Assessment that was beneficial to all of us following the unexpected Cedar Fire Incident in October 2003. Through this Committee's efforts, a plan was established to begin resolving the under funding issues and basic equipment needs critical for the operations of our Department.

- Fire & Life Safety Services Reorganization Proposal – January 10, 2003
- San Diego Regional Fire and Rescue Helicopter Status Report – January 31, 2003
- Fire and Lifeguard Facility Improvements Project Update – May 9, 2003
- Establishment of the Seasonal San Diego Regional Fire and Rescue Helicopter Program – June 11, 2003
- Fire and Lifeguard Facility Improvement Project Update (Revised) – June 18, 2003
- Regional Public Safety Training Institute (RPSTI) Lease and Consultant Agreement – July 23, 2003
- Fire & Lifeguard Department Fleet Status – July 23, 2003

- Public Safety Communications Status Report – September 5 2003
- Fire-Rescue Deferred Maintenance Update – September 17, 2003
- Homeland Security Funding Strategy – September 17, 2003
- Fire-Rescue Department Reorganization Update – October 23, 2003
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program:
  - Change in Average Patient Charge – October 31, 2003
- Fire-Rescue Department Funding Needs – December 4, 2003
- Acceptable Standards of Emergency Response Coverage – January 26, 2004
- Fire-Rescue Department RFP for Leasing Fire Apparatus – February 5, 2004
- Fire Station 29 and South Pacific Beach Lifeguard Tower: Awarding of Construction Contracts – February 5, 2004
- Public Safety Action Plan – February 6, 2004
- Comprehensive Public Safety Needs Assessment – March 12, 2004
- Fire Stations 12 and 31: Awarding Construction Contracts – March 24, 2004
- Public Safety Funding Plan – May 7, 2004
- Extension of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agreements – July 9, 2004
- San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Grants Update – July 9, 2004
- Issuance of Request for Proposal for Acquisition of a Fire and Rescue Helicopter – July 22, 2004
- Issuance of Request for Proposal for Acquisition of a Fire and Rescue Helicopter (Revised) – August 6, 2004
- Cedar Fire After Action Report – August 6, 2004
- Extension of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agreements – October 4, 2004
- Office of Homeland Security Update – October 4, 2004
- San Diego Regional Fire Prevention and Emergency Preparedness Task Force Report – October 7, 2004

## CONCLUSION

The Fire-Rescue Department looks forward to a continued collaborative approach to address the ongoing issues that help all of us improve preparedness, emergency response and recovery efforts for the citizens we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

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